

Turnover Indices in 'Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles' in April and since the beginning of 2010^{1,2}

By preliminary data in April 2010, **the turnover** in the trade sector decreased by 15.5% compared to the same month of the previous year (table 1).

In **Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles** the overall reduction of 11.7% was caused by the negative rates in all composite groups. At the level of April 2009 remained 'Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco' where the drop of 0.1% was registered. Less than average was the decline in 'Dispensing chemist; retail sale of medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores' and 'Retail sale of textiles, clothing, footwear and leather goods in specialized stores' - 6.8% and 7.9% respectively. In the rest groups the negative rates ranged from 14.2% in 'Retail sale of automotive fuel in specialized stores' to 23.9% in 'Retail sale of computers, peripheral units and software; telecommunications equipment, etc. in specialised stores'.

In **Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles** a drop of 14.9% was registered, as a result of the negative rates in all observed composite groups. The decrease was comparatively small in 'Wholesale of household goods' and 'Wholesale of food, beverages and tobacco' - 5.0% and 8.1% respectively. The drop in 'Wholesale of other machinery, equipment and supplies' remained the largest - 30.5%, but the turnover index was determined again by the decline in 'Other specialised wholesale' - 18.9%, as the activity formed about 40% of the turnover volume.

In **Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles** the reduction was still substantial - 33.4%, but there was a trend of gradually reducing the drop.

In April 2010 **the turnover** increased by 3.3% in comparison with the previous month. The trend was positive and observed in all main trade activities, as the index values were closer: in **Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles** - 3.5%, in **Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles** - 2.9% and in **Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles** - 2.5%.

During the period January - April 2010 the **turnover** in the trade sector decreased by 16.5% compared to the same period of the previous year. In the three major trade activities was reported a drop which was still significant in **Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles** - 35.5%. However, the value of the total index was determined by the reduction in **Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles** and **Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles** - 12.0% and 15.9% respectively, as two activities formed about 90% of the trade turnover.

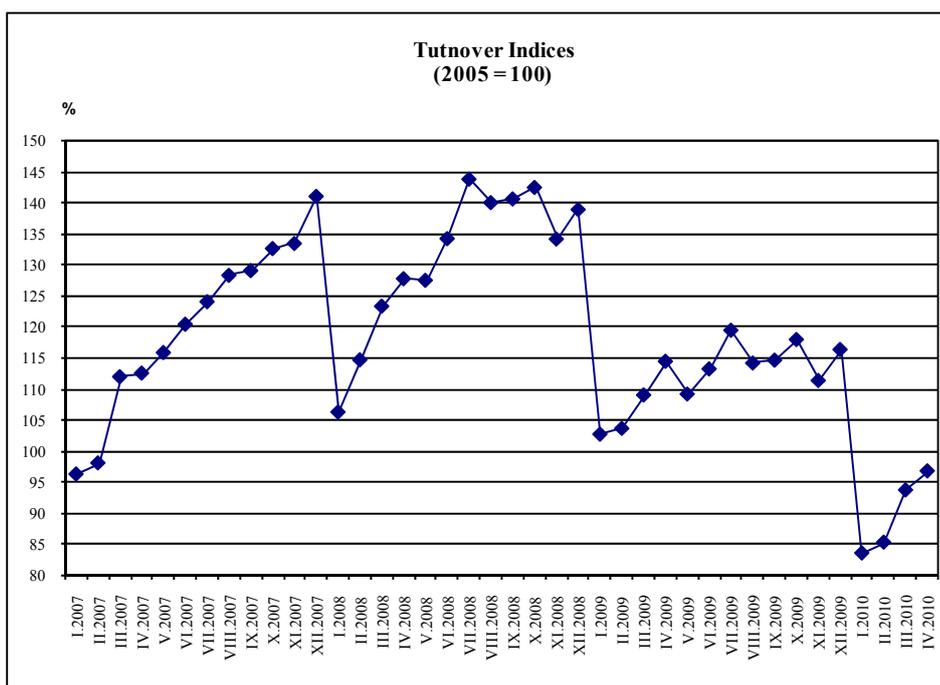


Table 1

**Turnover Indices in 'Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles
and motorcycles' for April and the period January - April 2010³
(Preliminary data)**

Economic activities	April			January - April
	2005 = 100	Previous month = 100	The same month of 2009 = 100	The same period of 2009 = 100
Total	96.8	103.3	84.5	83.5
Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	91.8	102.5	66.6	64.5
Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	91.4	103.5	85.1	84.1
of which:				
Wholesale of agricultural raw materials and live animals	127.6	87.3	88.7	88.5
Wholesale of food, beverages and tobacco	98.4	98.5	91.9	94.4
Wholesale of household goods	98.5	101.9	95.0	93.0
Wholesale of information and communication equipment	104.3	90.4	85.0	88.5
Wholesale of other machinery, equipment and supplies	94.8	108.3	69.5	63.9
Other specialised wholesale	82.6	111.4	81.1	78.3
Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	115.4	102.9	88.3	88.0
of which:				
Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco	124.1	102.0	99.9	99.4
Other retail sale in non-specialised stores	132.5	104.7	83.5	82.3
Retail sale of automotive fuel in specialised stores	103.8	106.0	85.8	86.1
Dispensing chemist; retail sale of medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores	139.0	99.2	93.2	90.7
Retail sale of textiles, clothing, footwear and leather goods in specialised stores	147.0	102.1	92.1	90.5
Retail sale of audio and video equipment; hardware, paints and glass; electrical household appliances, etc. in specialised stores	121.2	102.9	85.1	83.6
Retail sale of computers, peripheral units and software; telecommunications equipment, etc. in specialised stores	99.0	101.9	76.1	77.3



The final data for March 2010 is published on the website of the NSI (<http://www.nsi.bg/otrasalen.php?otr=35>).

¹ The data for April 2010 is preliminary.

² Since January 2009 the Turnover Indices are calculated under new classification of economic activities KID-2008. At the same time the base year (2000) was changed to 2005. Data for the years from 2001 to 2008 has been recalculated under KID-2008 and the new base year (2005) and published on the website of the NSI (<http://www.nsi.bg/otrasalen.php?otr=35>).

The monthly turnover indices reflect the short-term changes in the value of this indicator between two compared periods at constant prices. The information may be used to assess the current situation and the trends in the development of the trade sector as well as for short-term forecasts.

In order to calculate the indices trade enterprises are observed by using a representative sample that forms about 70% of the annual receipts of the observed aggregate.

The monthly turnover indices are calculated with 2005 as a constant base year by comparing the value of the sales at constant prices. The prices impact is eliminated by deflation of the turnover, using the consumer prices' indices and the producer prices' indices.

³ In the table is not included the data that according to the Law on Statistics is confidential and in this way it is statistical secrecy.