

## **Turnover Indices in 'Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles' in May and since the beginning of 2010<sup>1,2</sup>**

According to the preliminary data **the trade turnover** in May 2010 fell by 12.4% in comparison with the same month of the previous year (table 1).

In **Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles** a drop of 8.7%. 'Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco' increased by 1.4% because of the relatively permanent nature of the consumption. Less than average were decreases in 'Retail sale of automotive fuel in specialized stores' and in 'Dispensing chemist; retail sale of medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores' - 6.8% and 7.2% respectively, as two activities together formed about one third of the turnover volume. The decline was still significant in 'Retail sale of computers, peripheral units and software; telecommunications equipment, etc. in specialised stores' - 19.0% but the decelerated drop was seen.

**Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles** fell by 12.1%, as a result of the negative rates in all observed groups. The indices ranged from -7.3% in 'Wholesale of food, beverages and tobacco' to -34.2% in 'Wholesale of other machinery, equipment and supplies'. However the index value was determined largely by the drop of 10.3% in 'Other specialised wholesale', in view of the fact that this activity formed about 40% of the turnover volume.

The reduction in **Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles** was still large - 28.4%, but continued the deceleration of the observed drop.

In May 2010 **the turnover** decreased negligible compared to the previous month, as the total reduction of 1.4% was caused by the opposite rates in the major trade activities. **Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles** rose by 1.8%, but the negative impact of the index had the reduction in **Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles** - 2.6% and in **Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles** - 1.2%.

During the period January - May 2010 the **turnover** in the trade sector fell by 15.6% compared to the same period of the previous year. The rates in the three main trade activities were negative and ranged from 11.3% in **Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles** to 34.2% in **Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles**. The observed drop of 15.0% in **Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles** had a decisive impact on the total index, as the activity formed about 70% of the trade turnover.

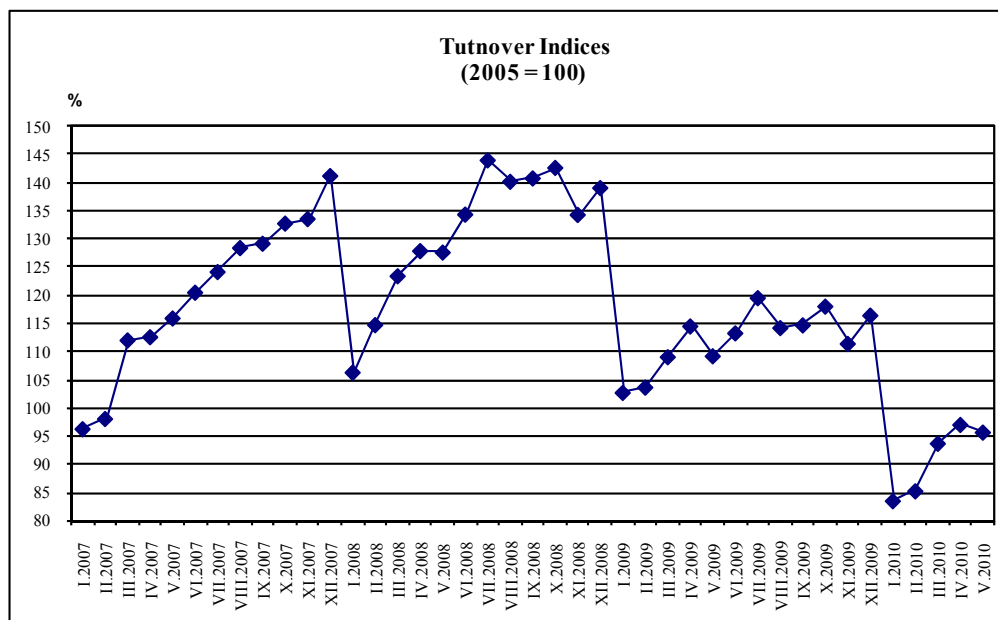


Table 1

**Turnover Indices in 'Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles  
and motorcycles' for May and the period January - May 2010<sup>3</sup>**  
(Preliminary data)

Economic activities	May			January - May
	2005 = 100	Previous month = 100	The same month of 2009 = 100	The same period of 2009 = 100
<b>Total</b>	95.6	98.6	87.6	84.4
<b>Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles</b>	90.7	98.8	71.6	65.8
<b>Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles</b>	89.3	97.4	87.9	85.0
of which:				
Wholesale of agricultural raw materials and live animals	98.6	77.3	82.8	87.6
Wholesale of food, beverages and tobacco	103.9	103.7	92.7	94.3
Wholesale of household goods	94.5	96.1	91.5	92.6
Wholesale of information and communication equipment	101.0	96.8	83.3	87.5
Wholesale of other machinery, equipment and supplies	92.4	97.4	65.8	64.3
Other specialised wholesale	80.2	97.1	89.7	80.5
<b>Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles</b>	117.7	101.8	91.3	88.7
of which:				
Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco	125.1	100.9	101.4	99.8
Other retail sale in non-specialised stores	137.7	103.9	85.2	82.9
Retail sale of automotive fuel in specialised stores	105.1	101.3	93.2	87.5
Dispensing chemist; retail sale of medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores	134.7	97.0	92.8	91.1
Retail sale of textiles, clothing, footwear and leather goods in specialised stores	149.5	101.7	90.4	90.5
Retail sale of audio and video equipment; hardware, paints and glass; electrical household appliances, etc. in specialised stores	127.8	105.5	85.7	84.0
Retail sale of computers, peripheral units and software; telecommunications equipment, etc. in specialised stores	102.5	102.7	81.0	78.2



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

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<sup>1</sup> The data for May 2010 is preliminary.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.