



TURNOVER INDICES IN 'WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE; REPAIR OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTORCYCLES' IN JULY AND SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 2010¹

In July 2010 according to the preliminary data **the turnover** in the trade sector fell by 5.7% compared to the same month of the previous year (table 1).

Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles decreased by 4.6%. High increase was observed in 'Wholesale of agricultural raw materials and live animals' - 32.4% because of the seasonal and irregular nature of the campaign for buying the grain harvest. Decisive impact on the index value had the drop in 'Wholesale of food, beverages and tobacco' and in 'Other specialised wholesale' - 4.4% and 5.0% respectively, as two activities formed about 65% of the turnover volume.

In **Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles** was registered a drop of 4.8%. 'Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco' rose by 1.4% and in 'Retail sale of textiles, clothing, footwear and leather goods in specialised stores' was reported a negligible decline of 2.8%. Significant impact on the index value had the reduction in 'Retail sale of automotive fuel in specialised stores' - 4.7%, in 'Retail sale of audio and video equipment; hardware, paints and glass; electrical household appliances, etc. in specialised stores' - 6.4% and in 'Retail sale of computers, peripheral units and software; telecommunications equipment, etc. in specialised stores' - 9.6% which together formed about 60% of the turnover volume.

In **Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles** the reduction was still large - 20.2%, but the trend of slowing the drop was continued.

In July 2010 **the turnover** increased by 11.4% in comparison with the previous month, as a result of the positive rates in the major trade activities. The increases reached 13.5% in **Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles**, 8.0% in **Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles** and 6.6% in **Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles**.

During the period January - July 2010 **the turnover** in the trade sector fell by 13.3% compared to the same period of 2009. The drop was observed in the main trade activities, but the trend of its slowing was remained. In **Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles** and in **Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles** the negative rates were closer - 9.6% and 12.7% respectively, and in **Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles** a drop reached 31.0%.

¹ The data for July 2010 is preliminary.



**Figure 1. Monthly Turnover Indices in
 'Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles
 and motorcycles'
 (2005 = 100)**

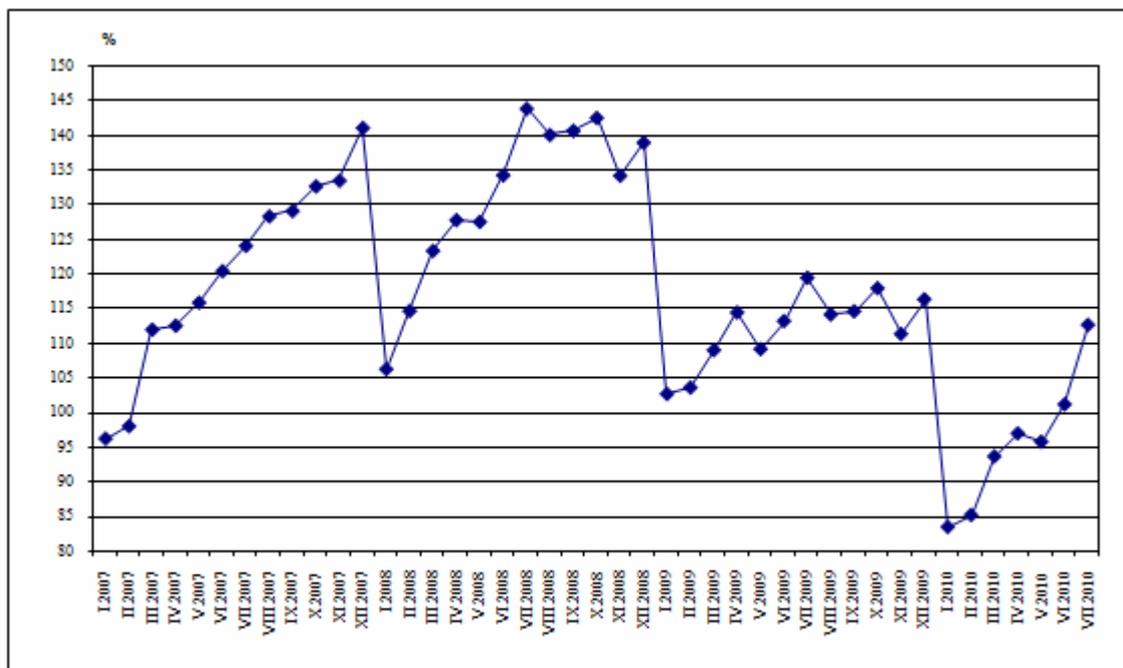


Table 1



Turnover Indices in 'Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles' for July and since the beginning of 2010²
(Preliminary data)

Economic activities	July			January - July
	2005 = 100	Previous month = 100	The same month of 2009 = 100	The same period of 2009 = 100
Total	112.7	111.4	94.3	86.7
Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	103.1	108.0	79.8	69.0
Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	107.8	113.5	95.4	87.3
of which:				
Wholesale of agricultural raw materials and live animals	292.8	290.6	132.4	96.7
Wholesale of food, beverages and tobacco	122.7	107.5	95.6	94.7
Wholesale of household goods	100.2	101.9	93.5	92.6
Wholesale of information and communication equipment	105.1	99.6	84.6	86.8
Wholesale of other machinery, equipment and supplies	107.8	103.5	74.3	67.1
Other specialised wholesale	91.0	107.3	95.0	84.2
Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	131.0	106.6	95.2	90.4
of which:				
Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco	131.6	103.6	101.4	100.2
Other retail sale in non-specialised stores	153.6	106.6	90.1	84.6
Retail sale of automotive fuel in specialised stores	124.7	111.1	95.3	89.8
Dispensing chemist; retail sale of medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores	137.2	100.6	92.4	91.7
Retail sale of textiles, clothing, footwear and leather goods in specialised stores	149.9	101.0	97.2	91.8
Retail sale of audio and video equipment; hardware, paints and glass; electrical household appliances, etc. in specialised stores	147.0	106.9	93.6	86.8
Retail sale of computers, peripheral units and software; telecommunications equipment, etc. in specialised stores	118.1	109.1	90.4	80.6

²In the table is not included the data that according to the Law on Statistics is confidential and in this way it is statistical secrecy.

Methodological notes

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.

The **turnover indices** since 2000 year are recalculated under NACE.BG 2008 and to the new base year (2005) and are published on the website of the NSI (<http://www.nsi.bg//otrasalen.php?otr=35>).