

A sample survey among manufacturing enterprises in the third quarter of 2009 revealed that, year-on-year, turnover, investment, and employment declined by 11.6, 54.2, and 5.6 per cent respectively.

## Manufacturing survey: Q3/2009

Cut-off date:  
**23 November 2009**

### Turnover

During the third quarter of 2009, turnover of the sampled manufacturing enterprises fell by 11.6 per cent to €502.3 million when compared to the third quarter last year. This decline was mainly observed in the Radio, TV and Communication Equipment, the Chemicals and Chemical Products, the Food and Beverages and the Rubber and Plastic Products sectors.

During the period under review, higher turnover was registered in the Electrical Machinery and Apparatus and the Other Transport Equipment sectors, which added €25.6 million and €7.8 million respectively.

### Investment

Investment of the sampled enterprises in the third quarter of 2009 fell by 54.2 per cent to €15.0 million, on account of a general decline in the major sectors.

### Employment, Wages and Salaries

At the end of September 2009, employment in the sampled enterprises decreased by 5.6 per cent to 16,268 employees over the corresponding period in 2008.

Lower employment levels were mainly recorded in the Radio, TV and Communication Equipment sector (-585 employees), the Rubber and Plastic Products and the Publishing and Printing sectors, by 248 and 107 employees respectively.

On the other hand, an increase of 316 employees was registered in the Other Transport Equipment sector.

In the third quarter of 2009, €67.5 million was paid out in gross wages and salaries. This represented a decrease of €2.8 million or 4.0 per cent from the corresponding period in 2008, and was mainly due to the drop in employment of the sampled enterprises ■

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Table 1. Total Turnover

		€ '000					
NACE and sector		July-September			January-September		
		2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009
15	Food and Beverages	69,619	80,058	71,221	194,616	219,731	212,316
17	Textiles and textile products	12,182	10,642	11,343	33,059	31,709	28,984
18	Wearing apparel and clothes	6,466	7,970	5,066	33,036	24,946	17,147
19	Leather and leather products	1,173	519	433	3,656	1,731	1,308
20	Wood and wood products	1,348	1,567	1,591	4,232	4,291	4,675
21	Paper and paper products	4,005	4,226	4,313	11,784	12,476	10,762
22	Publishing and printing	28,856	34,786	38,151	100,512	114,179	113,185
24	Chemicals and chemical products	62,710	53,711	38,929	150,100	165,763	122,487
25	Rubber and plastic products	24,937	23,618	18,257	76,648	75,993	49,057
26	Other non-metallic mineral products	12,523	16,254	14,444	36,147	44,644	44,945
28	Fabricated metal products	11,507	12,626	8,549	33,227	41,989	30,197
29	Machinery and equipment n.e.c.	8,153	7,512	6,408	25,439	25,368	18,384
30/31	Electrical machinery and apparatus	35,875	31,289	56,897	112,493	96,584	120,635
32	Radio, TV and Communication equipment	279,879	240,863	180,071	837,830	696,736	488,649
33	Medical, precision and optical instruments	10,592	11,101	7,075	34,017	36,613	23,898
34	Motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers	286	92	127	834	376	482
35	Other transport equipment	6,008	5,646	13,453	20,187	20,411	36,758
36	Furniture and Manufacturing n.e.c.	26,006	25,924	25,996	87,520	75,275	70,495
<b>Total for sampled enterprises</b>		<b>602,125</b>	<b>568,404</b>	<b>502,324</b>	<b>1,795,337</b>	<b>1,688,815</b>	<b>1,394,363</b>

Table 2. Investment

		€ '000					
NACE and sector		July-September			January-September		
		2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009
15	Food and Beverages	11,682	5,734	2,083	31,252	20,399	5,577
17	Textiles and textile products	1,235	3,073	672	4,425	3,397	7,389
18	Wearing apparel and clothes	17	176	0	131	200	9
19	Leather and leather products	0	0	0	112	0	0
20	Wood and wood products	41	107	0	122	208	103
21	Paper and paper products	18	136	125	205	1,396	208
22	Publishing and printing	9,108	4,201	516	26,431	14,846	5,016
24	Chemicals and chemical products	6,659	2,333	1,755	18,419	12,832	4,890
25	Rubber and plastic products	1,183	3,514	504	3,697	6,445	1,277
26	Other non-metallic mineral products	1,123	1,152	595	3,456	5,363	1,134
28	Fabricated metal products	53	2,892	64	721	3,557	490
29	Machinery and equipment n.e.c.	322	48	282	557	390	461
30/31	Electrical machinery and apparatus	2,890	824	1,842	6,078	2,370	3,375
32	Radio, TV and Communication equipment	14,299	6,468	3,596	34,673	29,245	10,814
33	Medical, precision and optical instruments	853	972	756	1,820	2,024	2,215
34	Motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers	1	0	0	3	60	0
35	Other transport equipment	4	103	760	68	1,984	4,978
36	Furniture and Manufacturing n.e.c.	3,416	980	1,418	6,283	7,476	3,868
<b>Total for sampled enterprises</b>		<b>52,905</b>	<b>32,711</b>	<b>14,969</b>	<b>138,454</b>	<b>112,193</b>	<b>51,803</b>

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 3. Employment

NACE and sector		number of employees		
		End of September		
		2007	2008	2009
15	Food and Beverages	2,738	2,739	2,731
17	Textiles and textile products	421	376	351
18	Wearing apparel and clothes	420	316	280
19	Leather and leather products	185	108	85
20	Wood and wood products	168	197	170
21	Paper and paper products	265	251	246
22	Publishing and printing	1,664	1,752	1,645
24	Chemicals and chemical products	1,062	1,115	1,137
25	Rubber and plastic products	1,568	1,560	1,312
26	Other non-metallic mineral products	767	819	861
28	Fabricated metal products	613	622	616
29	Machinery and equipment n.e.c.	452	455	436
30/31	Electrical machinery and apparatus	1,432	1,337	1,262
32	Radio, TV and Communication equipment	3,093	2,815	2,230
33	Medical, precision and optical instruments	884	933	839
34	Motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers	51	23	29
35	Other transport equipment	329	370	686
36	Furniture and Manufacturing n.e.c.	1,522	1,440	1,352
<b>Total for sampled enterprises</b>		<b>17,634</b>	<b>17,228</b>	<b>16,268</b>

Table 4. Wages and Salaries

NACE and sector		€ '000					
		July-September			January-September		
		2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009
15	Food and Beverages	9,429	10,568	10,439	27,727	29,909	30,857
17	Textiles and textile products	1,623	1,030	1,122	4,809	3,521	3,582
18	Wearing apparel and clothes	1,233	1,040	847	7,437	3,127	2,386
19	Leather and leather products	422	254	219	1,272	752	675
20	Wood and wood products	461	577	475	1,396	1,702	1,444
21	Paper and paper products	1,022	1,067	990	3,146	3,217	2,948
22	Publishing and printing	7,186	7,606	8,175	22,035	23,526	24,630
24	Chemicals and chemical products	5,069	6,329	6,377	14,115	17,348	18,123
25	Rubber and plastic products	5,961	5,749	4,921	18,249	18,654	14,498
26	Other non-metallic mineral products	2,325	2,495	2,461	6,924	7,487	7,544
28	Fabricated metal products	2,110	2,065	2,185	6,160	6,397	6,505
29	Machinery and equipment n.e.c.	1,564	1,604	1,602	4,605	4,686	4,806
30/31	Electrical machinery and apparatus	5,946	5,561	4,956	17,516	16,875	14,688
32	Radio, TV and Communication equipment	14,634	13,418	11,038	44,630	42,102	31,867
33	Medical, precision and optical instruments	3,199	3,297	3,048	10,110	10,678	9,441
34	Motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers	134	57	82	389	175	248
35	Other transport equipment	1,635	1,886	3,097	4,802	5,376	9,009
36	Furniture and Manufacturing n.e.c.	6,081	5,679	5,440	18,323	17,225	16,581
<b>Total for sampled enterprises</b>		<b>70,033</b>	<b>70,284</b>	<b>67,475</b>	<b>213,646</b>	<b>212,758</b>	<b>199,831</b>

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

**Methodological Notes:**

This release is compiled by means of a sample survey, covering an average of 389 manufacturing enterprises, requesting employment, wages and salaries, turnover and investment data. The results are compiled in quarterly reports and published in accordance with NACE Rev 1.1 (the statistical classification of economic activities in the European Community).

It is important to note that some enterprises have changed their main economic activity of production and a re-classification of these enterprises according to their new activity was carried out. This resulted in a shift of enterprises to and from different manufacturing sectors, the exclusion of some enterprises from manufacturing activities and even in the amalgamation of sectors.

In Sector 35 (Other Transport Equipment), the Malta Shipyards is excluded from the sample.

**SUMMARY DEFINITIONS OF KEY VARIABLES:**

**Employment** is inclusive of all full-time and part-time employees and outworkers. With regard to Table 3 – Employment – the total employment in manufacturing sectors refers to the end-of-month figures marking the end of every quarter, i.e., March, June, September and December.

**Gross wages and salaries** are inclusive of all basic wages and salaries payable at regular intervals, overtime, night shift and other allowances, bonuses and commissions. Employers' social security contributions are excluded.

**Total Sales** are made up of all local sales which are exclusive of VAT, and exports on an FOB basis.

**Investment** refers to new investment during the reference period. These are tangible capital goods for own company use but not for speculative use. They have a useful life of more than one year. Any additions, alterations, improvements or renovations to prolonging the service life or to increase the productive capacity of capital goods are taken into account. Excluded from the definition are current maintenance costs as well as investment in capital goods used under rental and lease contracts, intangible goods (patents, trade marks), financial assets and goods acquired through mergers. Computer software is regarded as investment if its life is over one year and if it is of a relatively considerable amount.

**STATUS OF THE DATA**

The survey data are not grossed up to the total population, and will therefore differ from National Accounts data. In the case of non-respondents, imputations were carried out.

The data in this release should be considered as provisional and therefore subject to revision.