

Turnover and employment in services activities fell by 3.8 and 1.9 per cent respectively in the fourth quarter last year when compared to the corresponding quarter in 2008.

Short-term services indicators: Q4/2009

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Turnover

In the fourth quarter of 2009, turnover in the services sector stood at 102.9 points, down by 3.8 per cent when compared to the corresponding quarter of 2008. Underpinning this decline was a drop in turnover in the wholesale and retail sector by 6.1 per cent. Similarly, turnover in the transportation and storage sector fell by 10.6 per cent. On the other hand, turnover in the accommodation and food services activities, and the professional, scientific and technical activities sectors rose by 4.3 and 10.8 per cent respectively.

Employment

Total employment in services fell by 1.9 per cent to 93.0 points when compared to the corresponding quarter of 2008, mainly on account of a decline of 10.4 per cent in employment in the accommodation and food services activities. This decline was partially mitigated by a 0.9 per cent rise in employment in the wholesale and retail sector, on account of a 2.6 per cent rise in employment in retail trade, which in turn was essentially brought about by an 8.5 per cent increase in employment in the food sector. Similarly, employment in the information and communication sector added 2.6 per cent.

Wages and salaries

Gross wages and salaries in the services sector fell by 1.5 per cent mainly on account of a decline in wages and salaries paid in the wholesale and retail trade (-3.0 per cent), the accommodation and food service activities (-4.6 per cent) and the information and communication (-11.5 per cent) sectors respectively. Similarly, gross wages and salaries paid to employees in the transportation and storage and the professional, scientific and technical activities sectors grew by 1.6 and 5.3 per cent respectively.

Hours worked

Total hours worked in the services industry fell by 2.8 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2009, driven by declines of 7.5 and 2.6 per cent in hours worked in the wholesale and retail and in the accommodation and food service activities sectors respectively. On the other hand, hours worked in the transportation and storage and in the information and communication sectors grew by 0.5 and 3.7 per cent respectively ■

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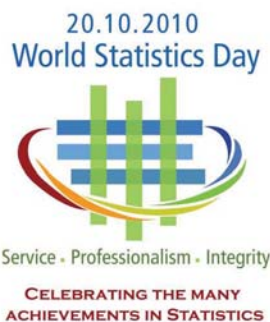


Table 1. Turnover Index

NACE Classification	Oct-Dec 2008	Jan-Mar 2009 ^P	Apr-Jun 2009 ^P	Jul-Sep 2009 ^P	Oct-Dec 2009 ^P	% change year on year	% change quarter on previous quarter
Total services	106.9	94.8	104.5	109.7	102.9	-3.8	-6.2
Wholesale and retail; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	108.1	96.3	101.1	104.8	101.6	-6.1	-3.1
Motor trade	92.4	88.0	91.8	89.6	95.6	3.4	6.6
Wholesale trade	102.5	91.5	93.6	98.5	91.4	-10.8	-7.2
Retail trade	122.8	107.2	117.2	120.4	121.4	-1.1	0.9
Food	81.0	72.5	79.9	74.8	79.2	-2.3	5.8
Non-food	144.4	125.2	136.5	144.0	143.3	-0.8	-0.5
Fuel	151.7	140.7	153.0	167.5	150.3	-0.9	-10.2
Retail sale of non-food products (excluding fuel)	143.0	122.1	133.2	139.3	141.9	-0.8	1.9
Retail sale of textiles, clothing, footwear and leather goods in specialised stores	195.4	135.2	192.5	172.3	211.3	8.1	22.6
Dispensing chemist; retail sale of medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores	129.1	123.4	120.2	135.6	128.2	-0.8	-5.5
Other	129.2	117.9	117.2	129.8	122.8	-4.9	-5.4
Transportation and storage	109.2	91.5	114.8	132.6	97.6	-10.6	-26.3
Accommodation and food services activities	102.1	77.2	106.1	129.3	106.4	4.3	-17.7
Information and communication	115.9	112.9	119.8	118.5	116.3	0.3	-1.9
Professional, Scientific and technical activities	121.5	108.8	134.5	115.5	134.7	10.8	16.6
Administrative and support services activities	55.8	60.4	62.4	63.5	69.8	25.3	10.0

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Table 2. Employment Index

2005=100

NACE Classification	Oct-Dec 2008	Jan-Mar 2009 ^P	Apr-Jun 2009 ^P	Jul-Sep 2009 ^P	Oct-Dec 2009 ^P	% change year on year	% change quarter on previous quarter
Total services	94.8	92.5	92.1	92.8	93.0	-1.9	0.2
Wholesale and retail; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	97.6	96.3	96.8	97.4	98.5	0.9	1.1
Motor trade	96.3	95.8	96.2	92.3	92.1	-4.3	-0.2
Wholesale trade	112.0	109.6	108.2	110.6	112.5	0.4	1.7
Retail trade	87.2	86.6	88.4	88.7	89.4	2.6	0.8
Food	69.8	70.8	74.7	74.6	75.7	8.5	1.4
Non-food	93.1	92.0	93.2	93.5	94.2	1.1	0.7
Fuel	100.5	102.6	102.6	104.9	105.1	4.6	0.3
Retail sale of non-food products (excluding fuel)	92.8	91.6	92.8	93.1	93.7	1.0	0.7
Retail sale of textiles, clothing, footwear and leather goods in specialised stores	82.2	81.0	80.1	80.0	79.7	-3.0	-0.4
Dispensing chemist; retail sale of medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores	97.3	88.3	91.7	91.9	89.1	-8.4	-3.0
Other	95.5	95.1	96.7	97.1	98.5	3.1	1.4
Transportation and storage	89.8	89.9	89.3	89.3	89.2	-0.7	-0.1
Accommodation and food services activities	94.2	88.2	84.7	86.5	84.4	-10.4	-2.3
Information and communication	101.7	100.7	100.7	101.3	104.4	2.6	3.0
Professional, Scientific and technical activities	89.5	87.5	89.1	89.1	89.7	0.3	0.7
Administrative and support services activities	89.8	88.9	91.1	90.9	89.9	0.2	-1.0

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Table 3. Wages and salaries Index

2005=100

NACE Classification	Oct-Dec 2008	Jan-Mar 2009 ^P	Apr-Jun 2009 ^P	Jul-Sep 2009 ^P	Oct-Dec 2009 ^P	% change year on year	% change quarter on previous quarter
Total services	109.9	108.8	110.1	109.8	108.2	-1.5	-1.4
Wholesale and retail; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	107.0	103.8	104.9	102.7	103.7	-3.0	1.0
Motor trade	124.8	120.3	120.4	117.6	117.7	-5.7	0.1
Wholesale trade	127.3	122.2	123.2	116.8	114.3	-10.2	-2.2
Retail trade	82.5	81.5	83.0	85.1	89.7	8.8	5.4
Food	100.3	102.8	108.8	106.1	109.0	8.6	2.7
Non-food	77.9	76.0	76.4	79.8	84.8	8.8	6.3
Fuel	102.6	97.7	105.4	113.6	119.8	16.8	5.5
Retail sale of non-food products (excluding fuel)	77.0	75.1	75.2	78.4	83.4	8.4	6.4
Retail sale of textiles, clothing, footwear and leather goods in specialised stores	83.1	77.9	76.8	74.3	75.6	-9.0	1.8
Dispensing chemist; retail sale of medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores	102.1	95.5	89.1	93.0	106.1	3.9	14.0
Other	73.6	72.9	73.8	78.1	83.3	13.1	6.6
Transportation and storage	107.2	110.6	111.6	113.5	108.9	1.6	-4.0
Accommodation and food services activities	101.7	96.2	96.0	99.4	97.0	-4.6	-2.4
Information and communication	123.9	128.2	125.8	111.3	109.7	-11.5	-1.4
Professional, Scientific and technical activities	122.8	126.1	129.2	138.7	129.4	5.3	-6.7
Administrative and support services activities	113.9	105.8	117.9	122.2	129.6	13.7	6.0

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Table 4. Hours worked Index

2005=100

NACE Classification	Oct-Dec 2008	Jan-Mar 2009 ^P	Apr-Jun 2009 ^P	Jul-Sep 2009 ^P	Oct-Dec 2009 ^P	% change year on year	% change quarter on previous quarter
Total services	94.2	87.6	90.0	91.9	91.5	-2.8	-0.4
Wholesale and retail; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	93.2	84.8	87.2	85.0	86.2	-7.5	1.4
Motor trade	87.6	86.6	86.7	88.0	88.6	1.1	0.6
Wholesale trade	107.4	99.6	101.7	98.2	98.7	-8.1	0.6
Retail trade	83.8	73.4	76.5	74.5	76.3	-8.9	2.4
Food	79.6	76.6	80.9	72.2	81.0	1.8	12.1
Non-food	85.4	72.5	75.2	75.5	75.0	-12.2	-0.7
Fuel	154.8	159.7	158.6	167.1	167.1	8.0	0.1
Retail sale of non-food products (excluding fuel)	82.6	69.0	71.8	71.8	71.2	-13.8	-0.8
Retail sale of textiles, clothing, footwear and leather goods in specialised stores	79.3	72.5	72.5	71.9	72.2	-9.0	0.4
Dispensing chemist; retail sale of medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores	101.8	95.9	90.0	98.3	96.0	-5.7	-2.4
Other	59.4	59.1	63.0	64.1	64.0	7.7	-0.2
Transportation and storage	90.5	86.2	83.6	89.1	90.9	0.5	2.1
Accommodation and food services activities	94.2	84.7	89.4	95.1	91.8	-2.6	-3.5
Information and communication	119.1	117.1	118.4	118.3	123.6	3.7	4.4
Professional, Scientific and technical activities	82.7	80.3	79.7	85.1	78.5	-5.1	-7.8
Administrative and support services activities	91.8	89.1	98.1	100.1	99.3	8.2	-0.8

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METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

OBJECTIVE

The aim of the short-term statistics is to provide users with information on the business cycle, with the wholesale and retail trade statistics. The results are compiled and published according to the statistical classification of economic activities in the European Community, NACE Rev. 2. A breakdown by NACE division is available upon demand.

DATA COLLECTION AND INDEX COMPILATION

Data has been collected by means of a statistical sample survey. For each NACE division (for example NACE Division 45 for motor trade), a sample was selected. The selected enterprises were requested to provide information, including turnover, employment and wages and salaries, on a quarterly basis the indices have been calculated for each division, showing the level of the specified variable (for example employment), relative to the average level throughout the base year 2005. The data presented in the release are not subject to seasonal or working day adjustment.

Both the wholesale trade and retail trade indices exclude motor trade.

STATUS OF THE DATA

The data contained in this release should be considered as provisional and thereby subject to revision. Each release may include revisions of the past quarterly data in respect of a rolling two year period.

The turnover figures for the retail trade indices may differ slightly from the monthly turnover figures transmitted to Eurostat.

SUMMARY DEFINITIONS OF KEY VARIABLES

Turnover: Includes total sales and other income and is expressed net of VAT. Turnover is presented in current prices.

Wages and salaries: covers wages and salaries including bonuses, weekly allowances (cost of living allowances), overtime and national social security contributions by the employee. It does not include employer's social security charges.

Employment: This covers all persons employed, regardless of whether they are part-time or full-time, and includes paid employees as well as working proprietors and unpaid family workers.

Hours worked: Cover total amount of hours actually worked; regular working hours and also during overtime; during nights, Sundays or Public holidays. Hours worked but not paid are also considered.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE AGGREGATION WEIGHTS (%) BY NACE CLASSIFICATION

NACE Classification	Turnover	Employment	Wages and salaries	Hours worked
Total services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Wholesale and retail; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	65.2	38.2	33.9	38.2
Motor trade	6.3	4.3	4.0	4.3
Wholesale trade	37.7	14.5	14.7	14.5
Retail trade	21.2	19.5	15.2	19.5
Food	7.2	5.0	3.1	5.0
Non-food	14.0	14.5	12.1	14.5
Fuel	2.3	0.5	0.5	0.5
Retail sale of non-food products (excluding fuel)	11.7	14.0	11.6	14.0
Retail sale of textiles, clothing, footwear and leather goods in specialised stores	2.4	2.9	2.0	2.9
Dispensing chemist; retail sale of medical and orthopaedic goods, cosmetic and toilet articles in specialised stores	1.2	1.2	0.7	1.2
Other	8.0	9.9	8.9	9.9
Transportation and storage	11.0	12.6	20.3	12.6
Accommodation and food services activities	7.5	23.8	18.5	23.8
Information and communication	7.8	8.3	11.9	8.3
Professional, Scientific and technical activities	4.7	9.1	9.0	9.1
Administrative and support services activities	3.8	7.9	6.5	7.9