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Services and Distribution

- The largest growth in enterprises in percentage terms was in the Wholesale and Retail Trade Sector at 11%.
- Retail Sales decreased by 6.1% in volume during 2008.
- Motor trade volume decreased by 17.1% in 2008.

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Introduction

This chapter contains information on the services sector. The information sources are the Annual Services Inquiry and the Retail Sales Index series.

The annual inquiry provides information on the structure of the services sectors with principal and supplementary aggregates given in the tables. Short-term indicators of activity in the retail trade sectors are provided by the Retail Sales Index which gives the monthly change in the value and volume of retail sales for various classes of retail businesses.

Annual surveys

The annual surveys provide estimates of the principal trading aggregates for all enterprises in the relevant sectors. The enterprise was the unit used for survey purposes ie one return was sought in respect of each enterprise covering all constituent branches.

Results for the wholesale and retail trade

The turnover of retail, motor trades and wholesale enterprises increased from €98.4bn in 2005 to €110.8bn in 2006 – an increase of 12.6%.

Results for hotels and restaurants

Turnover in the Hotels and Restaurants sector increased by 1% from just over €8.1bn in 2005 to €8.2bn in 2006.

Results for transport, storage and communications

This sector showed an increase in turnover of 8.5% from €20.28bn in 2005 to €22.18bn in 2006.

Results for real estate, renting and business services sectors

This sector showed an increase in turnover of 9.25% from €34.9bn in 2005 to €38.5bn in 2006.

For the activity 'Buying selling or letting of own or leased property', the property activities of private households have been excluded where possible.

Retail Sales Index

Tables 13.1 and 13.2 give value indices and volume indices respectively, for 13 categories of business and combined groups for each of the years 2005 to 2008 to base year 2005=100 and NACE Rev. 2.

Technical Notes

Annual surveys

A combination of a census and a stratified random sample was selected. All enterprises with 20 or more persons engaged in the services and distribution sectors were selected, while decreasing sampling proportions were taken in the following lower persons engaged ranges:

10-19 persons
5-9 persons
1-4 persons.

The business classification used for these inquiries is the Statistical Classification of Economic Activities in the European Community (NACE Rev. 1.1).

All relevant tables

Turnover (excluding VAT) and Purchases of Goods for Direct Resale (excluding VAT) indicated for NACE 50 include Vehicle Registration Tax.

Gross Value Added is Gross Margin minus Purchases of Other Goods and Services (excluding VAT).

Persons Engaged and employment details shown relate to the week ending 8 September 2006.

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Table 13.1 Value indices of retail sales

Base year 2005=100

Business	2005	2006	2007	2008
Motor trades	100.0	107.9	116.5	96.6
Retail sale in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating	100.0	110.4	120.8	125.6
Department stores	100.0	107.1	112.0	106.3
Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores	100.0	103.2	106.1	106.7
Retail sale of automotive fuel	100.0	108.9	115.0	119.3
Retail sale of pharmaceutical, medical and cosmetic articles	100.0	110.3	118.8	121.0
Retail sale of textiles, clothing and footwear	100.0	106.8	114.8	109.4
Retail sale of furniture and lighting	100.0	109.8	115.2	93.9
Retail sale of hardware, paints and glass	100.0	110.9	118.8	108.8
Retail sale of electrical goods	100.0	105.8	115.7	102.6
Retail sale of books, newspapers and stationery	100.0	104.5	107.8	102.1
Other retail sales	100.0	107.8	116.3	112.2
Bars	100.0	103.0	105.0	101.8
All retail businesses, excluding motor trades	100.0	108.1	115.8	114.9
All retail businesses	100.0	108.1	116.0	110.8
Combined groups				
All retail businesses, excluding motor trades and bars	100.0	108.8	117.3	116.7
Motor trades and automotive fuel	100.0	108.1	116.2	101.4
All retail businesses, excluding motor trades, automotive fuel and bars	100.0	108.8	117.5	116.4
Retail sale of food	100.0	109.7	119.5	124.0
Retail sale of non food products, excluding motor trades, automotive fuel and bars	100.0	107.9	115.5	109.0
Retail sale of household equipment	100.0	108.5	116.8	103.3
Retail sale of books, newspapers, stationery and other goods	100.0	107.2	114.8	110.4

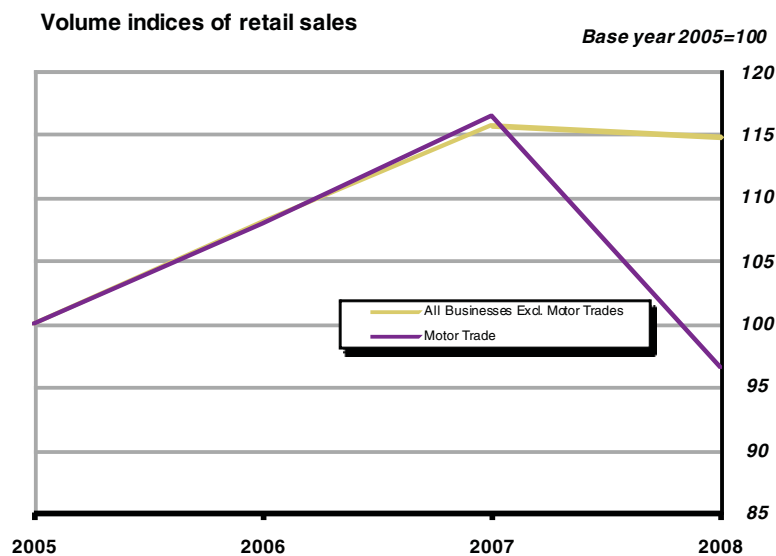
Source: CSO

Table 13.2 Volume indices of retail sales

Base year 2005=100

Business	2005	2006	2007	2008
Motor trades	100.0	106.3	113.6	93.4
Retail sale in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating	100.0	109.6	117.9	117.6
Department stores	100.0	108.5	116.1	113.6
Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialised stores	100.0	101.7	101.9	98.1
Retail sale of automotive fuel	100.0	103.3	107.0	102.3
Retail sale of pharmaceutical, medical and cosmetic articles	100.0	110.0	119.0	119.9
Retail sale of textiles, clothing and footwear	100.0	108.8	120.9	120.7
Retail sale of furniture and lighting	100.0	113.6	123.0	103.9
Retail sale of hardware, paints and glass	100.0	109.7	116.5	106.4
Retail sale of electrical goods	100.0	112.7	136.4	134.2
Retail sale of books, newspapers and stationery	100.0	101.6	102.3	93.5
Other retail sales	100.0	109.0	122.0	118.6
Bars	100.0	100.5	98.9	92.1
All retail businesses, excluding motor trades	100.0	107.6	115.0	111.7
All retail businesses	100.0	107.3	114.7	107.6
Combined groups				
All retail businesses, excluding motor trades and bars	100.0	108.6	117.2	114.5
Motor trades and automotive fuel	100.0	105.6	112.4	95.5
All retail businesses, excluding motor trades, automotive fuel and bars	100.0	109.1	118.4	115.9
Retail sale of food	100.0	108.9	116.5	115.9
Retail sale of non food products, excluding motor trades, automotive fuel and bars	100.0	109.3	120.5	116.1
Retail sale of household equipment	100.0	111.5	125.3	115.9
Retail sale of books, newspapers, stationery and other goods	100.0	101.6	118.1	113.4

Source: CSO



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Table 13.3 Principal aggregates for the State, 2006

	NACE 1.1	No. of enterprises	Turnover excluding VAT €'000	Gross value added €'000	Persons engaged
Sale, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motor cycles; retail sale of automotive fuel	50	5,834	18,555,378	1,759,766	41,977
Wholesale trade and commission trade except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	51	7,936	62,775,693	8,482,625	87,711
Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motor cycles; repair of personal and household goods	52	17,961	29,478,189	6,141,532	188,292
Hotels and restaurants	55	10,635	8,236,081	3,271,430	141,651
Land transport; transport via pipelines; Water and air transport;	60, 61, 62	4,271	7,831,250	2,803,916	41,468
Supporting and auxiliary transport activities; activities of travel agencies	63	1,075	5,329,047	1,526,634	21,603
Post and telecommunications	64	1,494	9,027,916	2,774,577	27,939
Real estate activities	70	1,337	4,436,799	2,187,529	23,879
Renting of machinery and equipment without operator and of personal and household goods. Computer and related activities	71,72	6,537	16,817,972	4,444,830	46,815
Research and development	73	237	287,482	-271,661	2,434
Other business activities	74	20,587	16,993,198	8,767,611	149,011
Recreational, cultural and sporting activities	92	1,882	2,368,993	1,350,085	25,977
Other service activities	93	5,506	1,127,723	611,812	25,146
Total	All	91,292	183,265,721	43,850,686	823,903

Source: CSO

Table 13.4 Family business principal aggregates for the State, 2006

Family/ Non-family business	NACE Section	No. of enterprises	Turnover excluding VAT €'000	Gross value added €'000	Persons engaged
Family business	G	20,689	45,820	7,049	178,260
Non-family business		11,043	64,990	9,335	139,717
Total Section G		31,732	110,810	16,384	317,977
Family business	H	7,243	4,550	1,779	78,904
Non-family business		3,392	3,686	1,493	62,746
Total Section H		10,635	8,236	3,272	141,650
Family business	I	3,784	3,194	902	19,492
Non-family business		3,054	18,994	6,203	71,519
Total Section I		6,838	22,188	7,105	91,011
Family business	K	13,280	4,980	2,885	57,489
Non-family business		21,419	33,555	12,244	164,646
Total Section K		34,699	38,535	15,129	222,135
Family business	O	2,792	941	520	18,686
Non-family business		4,596	2,555	1,442	32,437
Total Section O		7,388	3,496	1,962	51,123
ALL		91,292	183,265	43,852	823,896

Source: CSO

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Table 13.5 Use of ICT by enterprises classified by NACE Rev. 1.1 in the State, 2006

Principal activity	NACE REV.1.1	Total no. of enterprises	No. of enterprises with e-mail	No. of enterprises with website	No. of enterprises with orders via e-mail, EDI or the internet	Total turnover excl. VAT €'000	Turnover resulting from orders submitted using e-mail, EDI or the internet €'000
Sale, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles; retail sale of automotive fuel	50	5,833	2,104	1,074	658	18,555,378	1,583,972
Wholesale trade and commission trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	51	7,937	4,879	2,630	2,228	62,775,692	10,325,361
Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles; repair of personal and household goods	52	17,961	5,445	2,551	1,390	29,478,188	489,176
Hotels and restaurants	55	10,635	2,370	1,572	869	8,236,082	381,150
Land transport; transport via pipelines, water and air transport, supporting and auxiliary transport activities; activities of travel agencies; post and telecommunications	60, 61, 62, 63, 64	6,839	1,991	970	671	22,188,212	4,727,564
Real estate activities Renting of machinery and equipment without operator and of personal and household goods. Computer and related activities	70, 71, 72	13,875	6,343	4,152	2,348	21,254,771	7,638,664
Research and development; Other business activities	73 - 74	20,824	15,121	5,692	3,515	17,280,680	1,291,527
Recreational, cultural and sporting activities Other service activities	92 - 93	7,388	2,139	1,374	662	3,49 6,716	180,232
Total		91,292	40,390	20,015	12,342	183,265,720	26,617,645

Source: CSO

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Table 13.6 Exports and imports of goods and services for services sectors with 20 or more employees by NACE Rev. 1.1 in the State, 2006

Principal activity	NACE REV.1.1	Total no. of enterprises	Turnover excl. VAT €'000	Gross value added €'000	Total exports of goods and services excl. VAT €'000	Total exports of services excl. VAT €'000	Total imports of goods and services excl. VAT €'000	Total imports of services excl. VAT €'000
Sale, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles; retail sale of automotive fuel	50	416	11,167,690	925,280	69,115	10,029	2,128,109	3,425
Wholesale trade and commission trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	51	827	49,230,594	6,385,708	5,699,332	37,364	10,448,359	124,240
Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles; repair of personal and household goods	52	1,082	19,087,780	3,980,646	181,254	79	2,426,197	54,026
Hotels and restaurants	55	1,345	4,686,596	2,062,766	178	177	21,915	6,877
Land transport; transport via pipelines, water and air transport, supporting and auxiliary transport activities; activities of travel agencies; post and telecommunications	60, 61, 62, 63, 64	376	17,839,268	5,776,435	4,502,402	3,692,032	3,328,827	2,003,574
Real estate activities Renting of machinery and equipment without operator and of personal and household goods. Computer and related activities	70, 71, 72	363	15,095,478	4,003,646	3,942,749	1,284,535	540,122	197,302
Research and development; Other business activities	73 - 74	908	10,602,293	5,073,494	945,758	849,233	404,001	175,376
Recreational, cultural and sporting activities Other service activities	92 - 93	361	1,998,781	1,262,440	20,267	20,037	34,542	9,377
Total		5,678	129,708,479	29,470,414	15,361,056	5,893,485	19,332,071	2,574,198

Source: CSO

