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Services and Distribution

- The largest growth in enterprises in percentage terms was in the Real Estate, Renting & Business Services Sector at 11%.
- Retail Sales increased by 7.6% in value during 2007.
- The largest growth in the Retail Sales Volume Index for 2007 was in the Textiles & Clothing Sector at 13.9%.



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Introduction

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

The annual inquiries provide 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 €84.3bn in 2004 to €98.4bn in 2005 – an increase of 16.7%.

Results for hotels and restaurants

Turnover in the Hotels and Restaurants sector increased by 14.7% from just over €7.9bn in 2004 to €9.1bn in 2005.

Results for transport, storage and communications

This sector showed an increase in turnover of 4.5% from €21.2bn in 2004 to €22.2bn in 2005.

Results for real estate, renting and business services sectors

This sector showed an increase in turnover of 29.4% from €27.6bn in 2004 to €34.5bn in 2005.

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 14.1 and 14.2 give value indices and volume indices respectively, for 13 categories of business and combined groups for each of the years 2002 to 2007.

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 9 September 2005.

Table 14.1 Value indices of retail sales

Base year 2000=100

Business	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Motor trades	88.3	89.7	95.4	102.7	110.0	118.7
Non-specialised stores (excluding department stores)	116.4	122.2	128.2	137.6	151.9	165.6
Department stores	117.7	120.4	122.7	127.2	136.5	141.6
<i>of which</i>						
<i>Clothing and footwear</i>	113.3	118.8	127.5	140.5	141.6	137.3
<i>Furniture, soft furnishings etc</i>	106.3	105.6	106.9	107.7	114.8	97.4
<i>Other goods and services</i>	126.1	126.4	121.6	117.4	136.8	159.0
Food, beverages and tobacco	111.4	115.1	118.0	120.3	124.5	126.5
Pharmaceutical, medical and cosmetic articles	121.5	132.3	140.0	151.9	164.7	175.2
Textiles and clothing	112.8	116.5	121.7	129.6	139.8	154.5
Footwear and leather	112.8	115.9	117.3	122.0	128.4	138.3
Furniture and lighting	110.6	107.8	113.8	113.5	120.1	127.9
Electrical goods	123.7	122.6	121.9	118.3	128.6	141.7
Hardware, paints and glass	120.6	125.2	138.6	158.0	173.4	191.8
Books, newspapers and stationery	111.2	117.0	118.4	120.2	123.7	129.0
Other retail sales	111.7	115.3	119.8	126.2	136.4	144.7
Bars - NACE 55.4	108.7	110.8	108.3	109.7	112.6	115.4
All businesses excluding motor trades	114.8	119.2	123.5	130.5	141.1	151.6
All businesses	105.9	109.3	114.1	121.2	130.7	140.6
Combined groups						
Clothing and footwear	112.8	116.4	121.1	128.6	138.3	152.4
Household goods	119.8	121.0	128.0	135.5	147.5	162.0
Books, newspapers, stationery and other goods	111.6	115.6	119.5	125.1	134.1	141.9
Food businesses	115.9	121.5	127.2	135.9	149.2	161.8
All non-food	115.8	119.7	124.9	132.1	142.5	153.5
NACE 52 (All business excluding motor trades and bars)	115.8	120.6	126.1	134.0	145.9	157.6

Source: CSO

Table 14.2 Volume indices of retail sales

Base year 2000=100

Business	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Motor trades	86.0	85.3	89.0	93.9	98.4	105.2
Non-specialised stores (excluding department stores)	106.1	108.3	112.8	121.0	131.5	139.3
Department stores	117.4	121.2	125.4	132.3	142.8	149.2
Food, beverages & tobacco	99.6	100.8	102.9	105.2	106.6	105.5
Pharmaceutical, medical & cosmetic articles	111.1	116.9	122.1	130.8	140.6	149.5
Textiles & clothing	120.8	129.1	138.9	152.0	166.0	189.0
Footwear & leather	120.4	129.3	136.6	148.5	160.5	179.9
Furniture & lighting	104.1	100.1	105.8	105.2	111.4	118.4
Electrical goods	117.4	114.4	116.4	110.9	119.5	131.7
Hardware, paints & glass	111.0	110.9	120.2	134.4	143.9	155.0
Books, newspapers & stationery	101.4	103.1	102.5	103.3	103.4	105.6
Other retail sales	104.5	105.0	107.5	110.9	117.9	123.4
Bars	97.5	93.4	89.4	89.4	90.3	90.3
All businesses excluding motor trades	106.7	107.8	110.9	116.8	124.6	131.5
All businesses	100.0	100.5	103.8	109.2	116.0	122.8
Combined groups						
Clothing and footwear	120.7	129.1	138.6	151.5	165.3	187.9
Household goods	111.9	110.1	115.4	121.1	129.9	140.8
Books, newspapers, stationery & other goods	103.9	104.7	106.6	109.5	115.2	120.1
Food businesses	105.5	107.5	111.8	119.4	129.1	136.0
All non-food	111.3	113.4	118.1	124.3	133.0	142.7
NACE 52 (All business excluding motor trades & bars)	108.3	110.4	114.9	121.8	131.0	139.2

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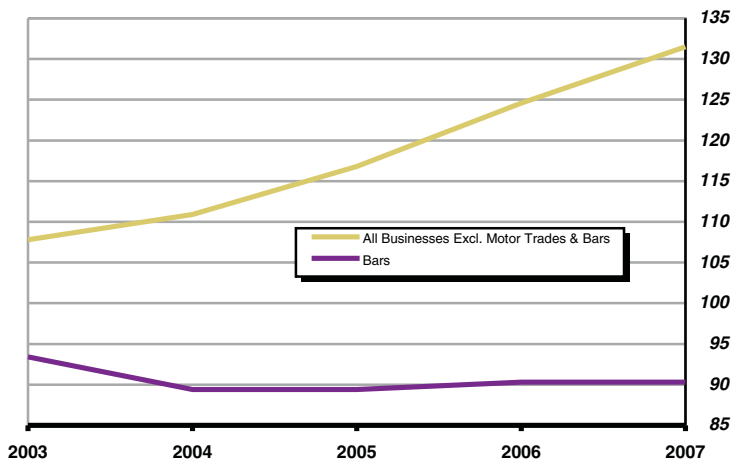


Table 14.3 Principal aggregates for the State, 2005

	NACE2	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	5,341	15,921,434	1,381,007	34,922
Wholesale trade and commission trade except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	51	7,230	57,161,029	8,260,420	80,665
Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motor cycles; repair of personal and household goods	52	16,664	25,353,723	5,103,910	170,236
Hotels and restaurants	55	10,447	9,110,999	3,189,505	129,906
Land transport; transport via pipelines; Water and air transport;	60, 61, 62	4,221	6,334,205	2,512,567	38,078
Supporting and auxiliary transport activities; activities of travel agencies	63	1,112	6,115,470	1,964,013	21,320
Post and telecommunications	64	1,193	9,749,524	5,901,109	28,902
Real estate activities	70	6,388	5,616,010	2,159,881	19,215
Renting of machinery and equipment without operator and of personal and household goods. Computer and related activities	71,72	6,102	11,859,902	5,455,606	39,933
Research and development	73	273	383,881	140,845	2,237
Other business activities	74	18,521	17,075,920	8,182,805	129,121
Recreational, cultural and sporting activities	92	1,787	1,929,903	1,117,153	22,564
Other service activities	93	4,709	950,423	502,113	23,320
Total	All	83,988	167,562,423	45,870,934	740,419

Source: CSO

Table 14.4 Family business principal aggregates for the State, 2005

Family / Non-family business	NACE Section	No. of Enterprises	Turnover excluding VAT €'000	Gross Value Added €'000	Persons engaged
Family business	G	15,763	36,123	5,161	140,250
Non-family Business		13,472	62,313	9,584	145,573
Total Section G		29,235	98,436	14,745	285,823
Family business	H	6,364	3,995	1,486	68,788
Non-family business		4,083	5,116	1,704	61,118
Total Section H		10,447	9,111	3,190	129,906
Family business	I	3,124	3,002	825	17,140
Non-family business		3,402	19,197	9,552	71,161
Total Section I		6,526	22,199	10,378	88,301
Family business	K	11,097	5,470	2,317	50,945
Non-family business		20,186	29,466	13,622	139,560
Total Section K		31,283	34,936	15,939	190,505
Family business	O	2,578	695	375	16,234
Non-family business		3,918	2,185	1,244	29,651
Total Section O		6,496	2,880	1,619	45,885
ALL		83,988	167,562	45,871	740,419

Source: CSO

Table 14.5 Use of ICT by enterprises classified by NACE Rev. 1.1 in the State, 2005

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	5,341	1,701	847	464	15,921,433	1,849,378
Wholesale trade and commission trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	51	7,230	4,443	2,068	1,894	57,161,026	7,564,812
Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles; repair of personal and household goods	52	16,664	4,675	1,984	1,270	25,353,722	381,346
Hotels and restaurants	55	10,447	2,159	1,330	673	9,110,999	306,364
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	6,526	1,895	825	679	22,199,198	4,778,589
Real estate activities Renting of machinery and equipment without operator and of personal and household goods. Computer and related activities	70, 71, 72	12,489	5,820	3,416	1,951	17,475,915	4,601,500
Research and development; Other business activities	73 - 74	18,793	13,190	4,474	3,247	17,459,801	1,777,693
Recreational, cultural and sporting activities Other service activities	92 - 93	6,496	1,658	968	354	2,880,327	97,771
Total		83,988	35,540	15,913	10,532	167,562,420	21,357,452

Source: CSO

Table 14.6 Exports and imports of goods and services for services sectors with 20+ employees classified by NACE Rev. 1.1 in the State, 2005

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	344	10,130,139	732,103	51,784	1,722	2,110,825	128,299
Wholesale trade and commission trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	51	721	41,868,671	5,754,639	8,301,863	399,102	13,458,251	426,176
Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles; repair of personal and household goods	52	913	16,516,679	3,447,956	193,158	3,888	2,100,614	216,055
Hotels and restaurants	55	1,107	3,993,871	1,740,305	2,449	544	21,102	3,474
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	342	17,703,530	8,747,415	4,901,105	4,151,649	2,668,457	1,927,001
Real estate activities Renting of machinery and equipment without operator and of personal and household goods. Computer and related activities	70, 71, 72	300	8,871,214	3,719,735	6,170,170	4,192,132	903,548	520,519
Research and development; Other business activities	73 - 74	745	10,949,728	5,281,332	1,758,715	1,280,717	826,652	158,187
Recreational, cultural and sporting activities Other service activities	92 - 93	315	1,676,415	989,082	157,316	17,985	90,100	6,500
Total		4,789	111,710,246	30,412,565	21,536,561	10,047,739	22,179,549	3,386,212

Source: CSO

