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Foreword

Kosovo Agency of Statistics (KAS) has prepared publication of the quarterly results of retail trade statistics for the period Q1 2013 to Q4 2014 (2013 = 100).

These statistics are published for the first time and this research is part of KAS statistical program and is based on the statements of enterprises. This survey will be published in regular quarterly basis.

The results of this research show the evolution in retail trade in the quarterly period.

Also these results are used for compiling the national accounts and are important in the compilation of Gross Domestic Product by product and expenditure approach on a quarterly basis.

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Symbols and Abbreviations

KAS	-	Kosovo Agency of Statistics
NEA	-	Nomenclature of Economic Activities
TAK	-	Tax Administration of Kosovo
BRAK	-	Business Registration Agency of Kosovo
SBR	-	Statistical Business Register
STSE	-	Short-term statistics of enterprises

Q1	-	First Quarter
Q2	-	Second Quarter
Q3	-	Third Quarter
Q4	-	Fourth Quarter

Symbols

:	-	Missing data
n/a	-	Not applicable

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1 Objective, methodology and scope of the survey

1.1. Objective

The main objective of the short-term retail trade statistics is the presentation of quarterly trends in the retail sector, through several economic indicators, enabling comparability of data at international level in accordance with the European standards for quarterly statistics. The survey aims to meet the demands for more comprehensive statistical information on the conditions of market economy and provides data on the economic activities of enterprises in the retail sector.

1.2. Methodology and scope of the survey

Short-term statistics of economic enterprises in the retail sector publish the data for the period Q1 2013 to Q4 2014 according to the Nomenclature of Economic Activities NACE Rev. 2.

The survey, in summary, covers the retail sector with the exception of trade (distribution) of energy supply.

The methodology used for compiling the survey instruments, nomenclature and preparation of data for publication is in accordance with the Eurostat rules and recommendations. The questionnaire was developed in collaboration with experts from the International Monetary Fund.

The survey was conducted throughout the territory of Kosovo and includes the retail sector.

1.3. Frame for sample and selection of sample

For creating (determining) the sampling frame, were used the data from the statistical register of businesses. All enterprises that have declared one of the reference to taxes during previous years are considered active. The sampling is done on the basis of criteria which included all enterprises representing 80% of the turnover for the relevant activity of NACE Rev2. The number of enterprises included in the survey was 586 in the retail sector.

1.4. Collection procedures of data

Data collection is performed according to the method of direct interviewing the companies, by interviewers who meet quarterly survey in retail trade enterprises.

Field survey comes 20 days after the end of the quarter and the deadline for collecting data from the field is 40 days after the field work.

2 Definitions and key indicators

2.1. Definitions

Enterprise is the smallest combination of legal entity with the manufacturing unit of products or services which has independence in decision-making, especially for the use of its resources and material flows. An enterprise may carry one or several economic activities.

Active enterprise – is considered the enterprise that declared one of the taxes or any employees for the reference year.

Value of turnover from the production - represents the turnover made by production by excluding value added tax.

Indices - express change in time of a given variable or variables as a whole. Volume index is calculated by the Laspeyres formula.

$$P_L = \frac{\sum(p_{c,t_n} \cdot q_{c,t_0})}{\sum(p_{c,t_0} \cdot q_{c,t_0})}$$

Turnover value index of retail trade - is the difference in a quarterly turnover of retail trade compared with a quarterly average of the base year (2013).

Number of employees - total number of paid employees working in enterprises (excluding family members who work without pay).

Index of number of employees - employment index represents the evolution of employment in the surveyed enterprises.

2.2. Basic indicators

Indicators - are given in index form, the annual change in percentage, quarterly change in percentage in the reference base year, currently 2013 = 100. The data do not represent absolute values.

Quarterly change in percentage - measures the change in percentage of the economic indicator of the current quarter versus the previous quarter of the same year.

Review - indexes can be reviewed for several reasons: additional information, methodological changes or revaluations of coefficients used, etc.

3 Retail trade

3.1. Structure of turnover in retail sector

Fourth Quarter 2014 - Third Quarter 2014

In the fourth quarter of 2014 compared with the third quarter of 2014, growth have: retail sale of parts and accessories of motor vehicles 20.6%, retail sale of other appliances in specialized stores 10.8% and retail not in stores, stall or markets 24.2%.

Decrease have: retail sale in non-specialized stores and retail in IT equipment and communications in specialized stores 3.9%, retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialized stores 6.9%, retail trade in fuel for vehicles in specialized stores 4.8%, retail trade of cultural and recreation goods in specialized stores by 21.2% and retail trade of other goods in specialized stores 0.6%.

Fourth Quarter 2014 - Fourth Quarter 2013

In the fourth quarter of 2014 compared with the fourth quarter of 2013, growth have: retail sale of parts and accessories of motor vehicles 2.9%, retail sale in non-specialized stores 11.7%, retail sale of food products, beverages and tobacco in specialized stores 14.8% and retail sale of other household equipment in specialized stores 31.5%.

Decrease have: retail sale of fuel for vehicles in specialized stores 2.9%, retail sale of IT equipment and communications in specialized stores 2.1%, retail sale of cultural goods and entertainment in specialized stores 5.3%, retail trade of other goods in specialized stores by 16.6% and retail trade not in stores, stall or markets 15.5%.

Fourth Quarter 2014 / Third Quarter 2014

In the fourth quarter of 2014 compared with the third quarter of 2014, increase in the number of employees have: retail sale of parts and accessories of motor vehicles 30.4%, retail sale in non-specialized stores 0.4%, retail sale of fuel for vehicles in specialized stores 0.5% and retail trade of information and communication equipment in specialized stores 2.0%.

The same number of employees with the prior quarter have: retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialized stores and retail trade not in stores, stall or markets.

Decrease have: retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialized stores by 0.7%, retail sale of other appliances in specialized stores 2.8% and retail sale of other goods in specialized stores 1.3% .

Fourth Quarter 2014 / Fourth Quarter 2013

In the fourth quarter of 2014 compared to the same quarter of 2013, increase in the number of employees have: retail sale of parts and accessories of motor vehicles 55.8%, retail sale in non-specialized stores 28.6%, retail sale of food products, beverages and tobacco in specialized stores 2.9%, retail sale of fuel for vehicles in specialized stores 3.1%, retail sale of other appliances in specialized stores 23.4%, retail sale of cultural goods and entertainment in specialized stores 2.9%, retail trade of other goods in specialized stores by 10.5% and retail trade not in stores, stall or markets 11.3%

Decrease have: retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialized stores 8.8%.

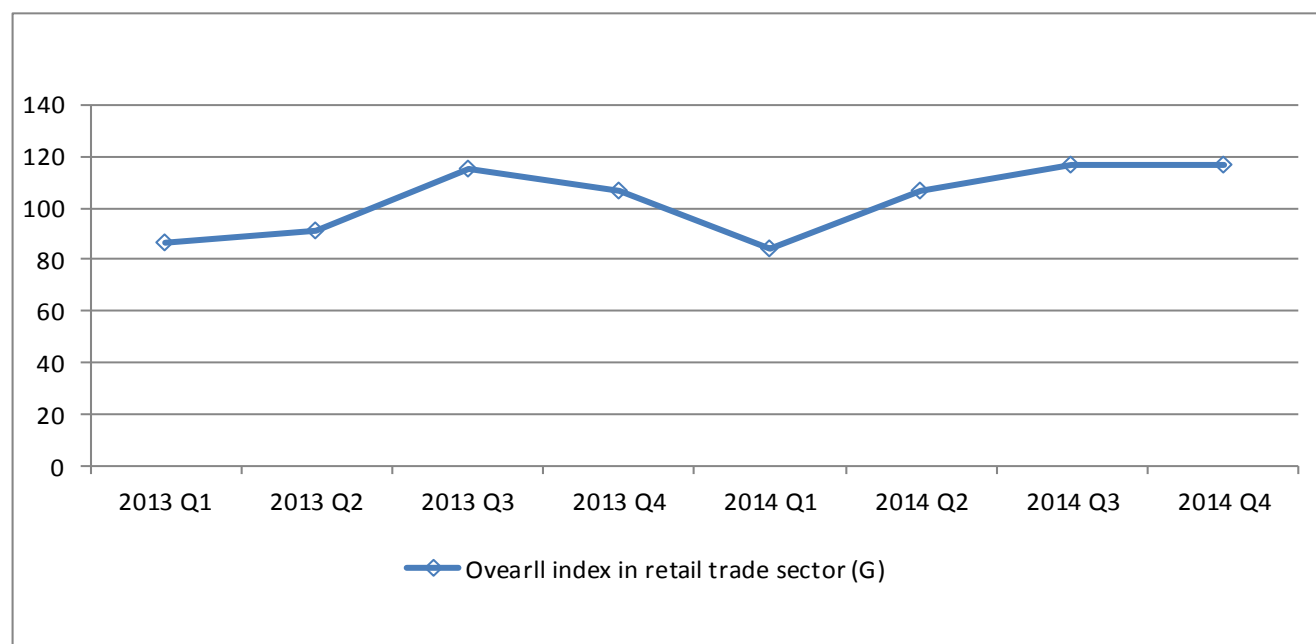
4 Index of turnover and number of employees in the retail sector

4.1. Turnover index in retail trade sector

Tab 1. Turnover index in retail trade sector (2013 = 100)

Subgroup (NACE Rev. 2)	Economic activity	2013 Q1	2013 Q2	2013 Q3	2013 Q4	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4
453	Retail sale of parts and accessories of motor vehicles	73.71	99.06	94.34	132.89	63.8	85.8	113.3	136.7
471	Retail sale in non-specialized stores	91.83	84.88	113.73	109.56	86.5	110.2	127.4	122.4
472	Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialized stores	105.94	101.61	101.93	90.52	90.7	118.3	111.7	103.9
473	Retail sale of fuel for vehicles, in specialized stores	83.89	91.89	120.48	103.75	76.4	85.8	105.9	100.7
474	Retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialized stores	82.55	94.24	109.29	113.92	90.5	127.4	116.0	111.5
475	Retail sale of other household equipment in specialized stores	75.56	98.31	120.80	105.32	85.66	131.16	124.95	138.4
476	Retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialized stores	111.71	83.17	108.21	96.90	70.09	110.51	116.41	91.8
477	Retail sale of other goods in specialized stores	101.44	84.60	104.35	109.61	92.54	92.48	92.02	91.4
479	Retail sale not in stores, stall or markets	91.81	109.29	93.50	105.40	99.4	82.7	71.7	89.1

Graph 1. The index of turnover in the retail sector (2013 = 100)



Tab 1a. Change of index of retail trade turnover in quarterly periods with previous quarter

Sector	Subgroup (NACE Rev. 2)	Economic activity	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4
			2013 Q4	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3
453	453	Retail sale of parts and accessories of motor vehicles	-52.0	34.4	32.1	20.6
471	471	Retail sale in non-specialized stores	-21.0	27.4	15.5	-3.9
472	472	Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialized stores	0.2	30.4	-5.6	-6.9
473	473	Retail sale of fuel for vehicles, in specialized stores	-26.3	12.2	23.5	-4.8
474	474	Retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialized stores	-20.5	40.7	-8.9	-3.9
475	475	Retail sale of other household equipment in specialized stores	-18.7	53.1	-4.7	10.8
476	476	Retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialized stores	-27.7	57.7	5.3	-21.2
477	477	Retail sale of other goods in specialized stores	-15.6	-0.1	-0.5	-0.6
479	479	Retail sale not in stores, stall or markets	-5.7	-16.9	-13.2	24.2

Tab 1b. Change of index of retail trade turnover in quarterly periods with the same quarter of the previous year

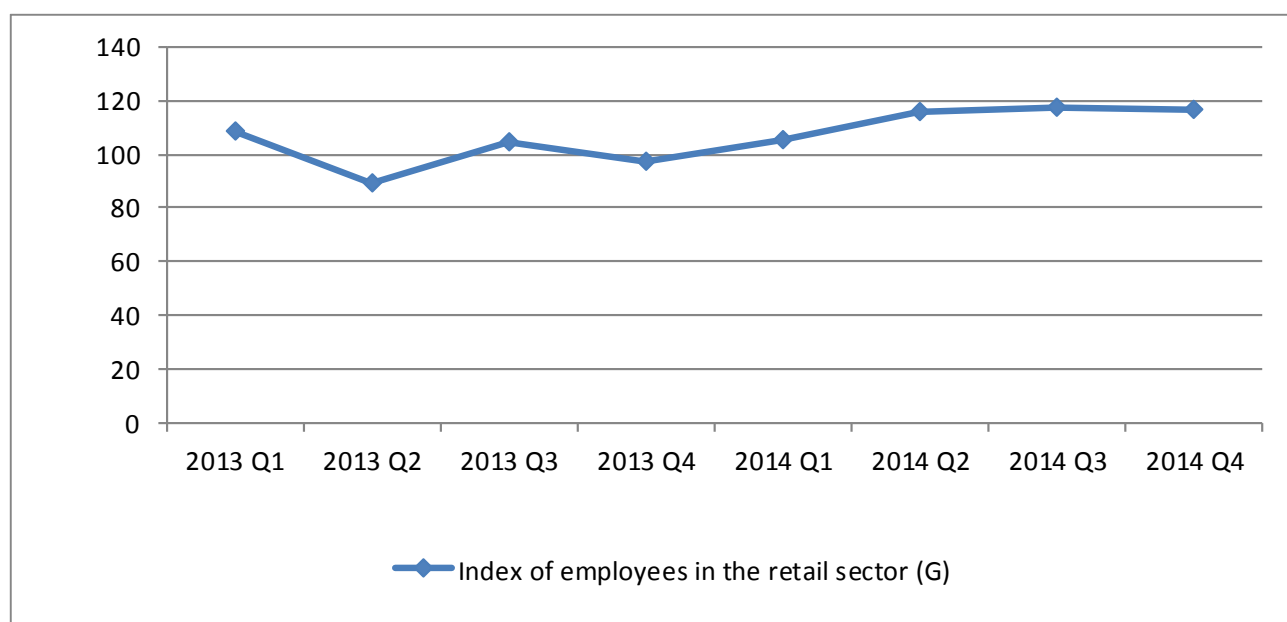
Sector	Subgroup (NACE Rev. 2)	Economic activity	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4
			2013 Q1	2013 Q2	2013 Q3	2013 Q4
453	453	Retail sale of parts and accessories of motor vehicles	-13.4	-13.4	20.1	2.9
471	471	Retail sale in non-specialized stores	-5.8	29.9	12.0	11.7
472	472	Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialized stores	-14.4	16.4	9.6	14.8
473	473	Retail sale of fuel for vehicles, in specialized stores	-8.9	-6.7	-12.1	-2.9
474	474	Retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialized stores	9.7	35.2	6.2	-2.1
475	475	Retail sale of other household equipment in specialized stores	13.4	33.4	3.4	31.5
476	476	Retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialized stores	-37.3	32.9	7.6	-5.3
477	477	Retail sale of other goods in specialized stores	-8.8	9.3	-11.8	-16.6
479	479	Retail sale not in stores, stall or markets	8.3	-24.4	-23.3	-15.5

4.1. Index of number of employees

Tab 2. Index of number of employees in the retail trade sector in quarterly periods with the previous quarter

Subgroup (NACE Rev. 2)	Economic activity	2013 Q1	2013 Q2	2013 Q3	2013 Q4	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4
453	Retail sale of parts and accessories of motor vehicles	122.44	85.07	94.93	97.56	127.26	144.80	143.08	152.02
471	Retail sale in non-specialized stores	105.73	83.69	112.87	97.71	100.37	122.21	125.17	125.62
472	Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialized stores	94.56	103.34	99.93	102.16	108.32	102.03	105.89	105.11
473	Retail sale of fuel for vehicles, in specialized stores	102.52	96.76	99.98	100.74	106.44	104.83	103.27	103.83
474	Retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialized stores	109.94	95.06	99.00	95.99	106.58	101.54	85.84	87.55
475	Retail sale of other household equipment in specialized stores	119.64	95.19	92.88	92.29	104.62	113.43	117.22	113.92
476	Retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialized stores	101.41	95.77	107.04	95.77	92.02	99.53	98.59	98.59
477	Retail sale of other goods in specialized stores	109.80	86.25	102.39	101.56	125.11	112.04	113.70	112.18
479	Retail sale not in stores, stall or markets	103.29	93.27	108.92	94.52	96.40	105.79	105.16	105.16

Graph 2. Number of employees in the retail sector (2013 = 100)



Tab 2a. Change of the index of number of employees in the retail trade sector in the quarterly period compared to the previous quarter

Sector	Subgroup (NACE Rev. 2)	Economic activity	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4
			2013 Q4	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3
453	453	Retail sale of parts and accessories of motor vehicles	-30.5	11.6	2.8	30.4
471	471	Retail sale in non-specialized stores	-20.8	34.9	-13.4	0.4
472	472	Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialized stores	9.3	-3.3	2.2	-0.7
473	473	Retail sale of fuel for vehicles, in specialized stores	-5.6	3.3	0.8	0.5
474	474	Retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialized stores	-13.5	4.1	-3.0	2.0
475	475	Retail sale of other household equipment in specialized stores	-20.4	-2.4	-0.6	-2.8
476	476	Retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialized stores	-5.6	11.8	-10.5	0.0
477	477	Retail sale of other goods in specialized stores	-21.5	18.7	-0.8	-1.3
479	479	Retail sale not in stores, stall or markets	-9.7	16.8	-13.2	0.0

Tab 2b. Change of the index of number of employees in the retail sector through the periods compared to the same month of the previous year

Sector	Subgroup (NACE Rev. 2)	Economic activity	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4
			2013 Q1	2013 Q2	2013 Q3	2013 Q4
453	453	Retail sale of parts and accessories of motor vehicles	3.9	70.2	50.7	55.8
471	471	Retail sale in non-specialized stores	-5.1	46.0	10.9	28.6
472	472	Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialized stores	14.5	-1.3	6.0	2.9
473	473	Retail sale of fuel for vehicles, in specialized stores	3.8	8.3	3.3	3.1
474	474	Retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialized stores	-3.1	6.8	-13.3	-8.8
475	475	Retail sale of other household equipment in specialized stores	-12.6	19.2	26.2	23.4
476	476	Retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialized stores	-9.3	3.9	-7.9	2.9
477	477	Retail sale of other goods in specialized stores	13.9	29.9	11.0	10.5
479	479	Retail sale not in stores, stall or markets	-6.7	13.4	-3.4	11.3

Kosovo Agency of Statistics

short description

Kosovo Agency of Statistics is a professional institution which deals with collection, processing and publication of official statistical data. As such acts since 1948 and has passed through several historical stages, structured according to state regulation of those times.

On 2 August 1999, the Agency has resumed his professional work (after nine years of interruption of all statistical series detrimental to the interest of Kosovo), as an independent institution under the Ministry of Public Administration. Since 12.12.2011 the Agency operates in the frames of the Prime Minister's Office. Office is funded by the Kosovo Consolidated Budget, but also by donors for specific projects and for technical professional support.

Kosovo Agency of Statistics acts according to the Law No. 04/L-036 which entered into force on 12.12.2011. Strategic development plan 2009-2013 is the middle term implementation for the development of statistical system in correlation with the European Union statistics (EUROSTAT).

Kosovo Agency of Statistics has this organizational structure: production departments; (Department of Economic statistics and National Accounts, Department of Agriculture and Environment statistics and Department of Social statistics. **Support Departments;** Department of Methodology and Information Technology, Department of Policy Planning, Coordination and Communication, Department of Census and survey and Department of Administration. **Within the Agency we also established Regional Offices;** Gjakove, Gjilan, Mitrovica, Peja, Prizren, Pristina and Ferizaj

In ASK are employed in total 139 workers, of them 104 (74,8 %) at the headquarters of the Agency, while in the Regional Offices, 35 (25,2%), with qualifying structure, 70,5% with university education to 29,5% with secondary education.

We have professional and technical cooperation with all Ministries of the Government of Kosovo, especially with the Ministry of Economy and Finance, Central Bank of Kosovo, with international institutions, EUROSTAT, International Monetary Fund, World Bank, Sweden's SIDA, DFID, UNFPA, UNDP, UNICEF, and with the statistical institutions of the countries in the region.

Kosovo Agency of Statistics almost completely covers the territory of Kosovo, based on the statistical structure of the enumeration areas as the basic unit and sole in the country from which it gets first hand information. All surveys conducted in the field use the extension of the samples in these enumeration areas but also a statistical methodology according to international recommendations. During the collection of statistical data and reports from reporting entities are involved professionals, technicians, administrators, servants of the country offices, field enumerators from regional offices, etc.

We have successfully implemented the project of Population Census, Households and Dwellings in 2011, Census that was not carried out since 1981. Results obtained from the Census will have an important role in compiling the development policies.

The mission of the Agency; to meet the needs of users with qualitative statistical data, objective, in time and space so that users have reliable base to conduct regular analysis in the interest of planning and project development at the municipal and country level. To support government institutions, scientific institutes, research academies, businesses in order to provide proper information for decision-makers and other users in Kosovo

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