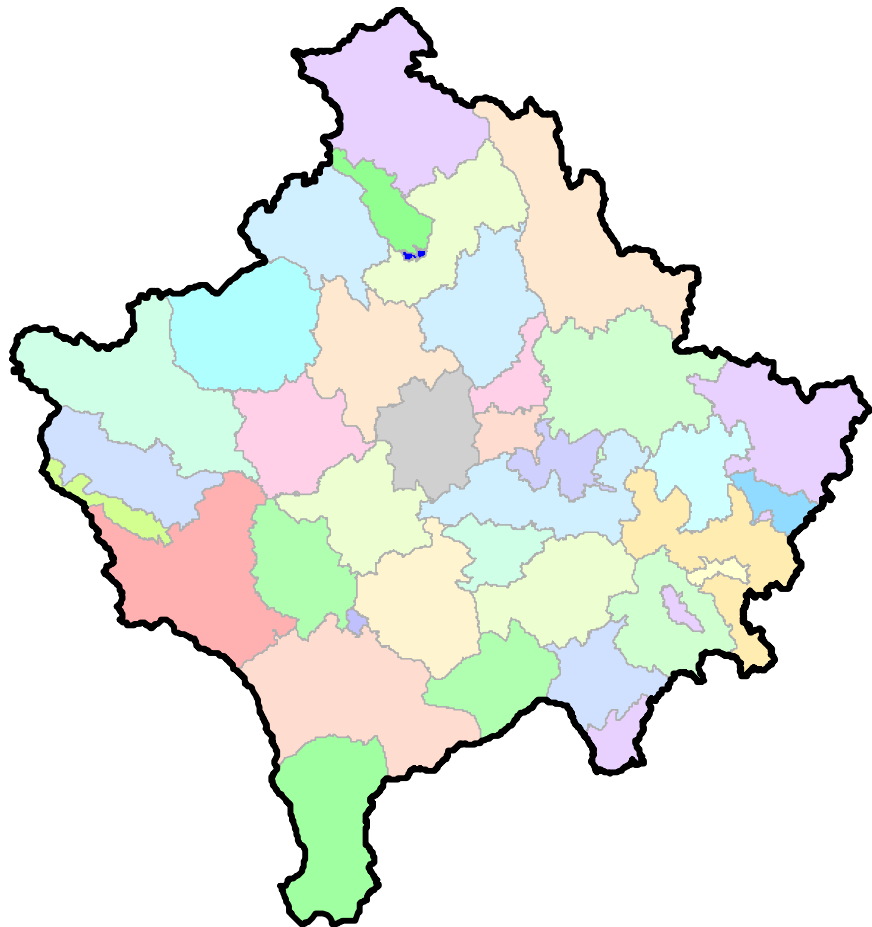




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Kosovo Agency of Statistics (KAS) has prepared publication of the quarterly results of retail trade statistics for the period Q3 2015 (2013 = 100).

These statistics are an integral part of the KAS statistical program and are based on statements of enterprises. This research is published quarterly on a regular basis.

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

Also these results are used for the purposes of compiling the national accounts and are an important source 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.

1.1. Methodology and scope of the survey

Short-term statistics of economic enterprises in the retail sector publish the data for the third period 2015 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.

1.2. Sample frame 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.

1.3. Data collection procedures

Data collection is performed according to the method of direct interviewing the companies, by interviewers, the method of sending the questionnaire electronically and the method of placing the questionnaire to businesses for completion.

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.

2.1. 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. The structure of turnover in retail sector

Third quarter 2015 - Second quarter 2015

In the third quarter of 2015 compared with the second quarter of 2015, increases have: Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialized stores by 45.5%, Retail sale not in specialized stores, stalls or markets 35.2%, Retail sale of other household equipment in specialized stores by 20.6%, Retail trade in specialized stores by 14.6% and Retail trade of other goods in specialized stores 10.8%.

Decrease have: Retail sale of information and communications equipment in specialized stores (8.7%), Retail sale of fuels for motor vehicles in specialized stores (8.2%), Retail sale of cultural goods and entertainment in specialized stores (2.3%).

Third quarter 2015 - Third quarter 2014

In the third quarter of 2015 compared with the third quarter of 2014, growth have: Retail sale in non-specialized stores by 59.4%, Retail sale of other goods in specialized stores by 26.5%, Retail and other household equipment in specialized stores by 15.8% and retail trade in non-specialized stores by 1.0%.

Decrease have: Retail sale of information equipment and communications in specialized stores (22%), Retail sale of cultural goods and entertainment in specialized stores (10%), Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialized stores (10.1%), Retail sale of fuel for motor vehicles in specialized stores (0.4%).

3.2. The number of employees in the retail sector

Third quarter 2015 / Second quarter 2015

In the third quarter of 2015 compared with the second quarter of 2015, the increase in the number of workers have: Retail sale of fuel for vehicles, in specialized stores 38.5%, Retail sale of cultural goods and entertainment in specialized stores 12.5%, retail trade not in stores, stalls or markets 5.0%, retail trade of other goods in specialized stores 4.7%.

Decrease have: Retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialized stores 27%, Retail sale of other household equipment 15%, Retail trade in specialized stores by 4.2%.

Third quarter 2015 / Third quarter 2014

In the third quarter of 2015 compared to the same quarter of 2014, increase in the number of workers have:

Retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets 26.8%, retail trade of cultural and recreation goods in specialized stores by 2.9%, retail trade of fuel for vehicles in specialized stores by 0.5%.

Decrease have: Retail sale of information and communications equipment in specialized stores (19.8%), Retail sale of other appliances in specialized stores (15.4%), Retail sale of other goods in specialized stores (6.5%), Retail trade in non-specialized stores (6.0%) and Retail trade of food products, beverages and tobacco in specialized stores (2.0%).

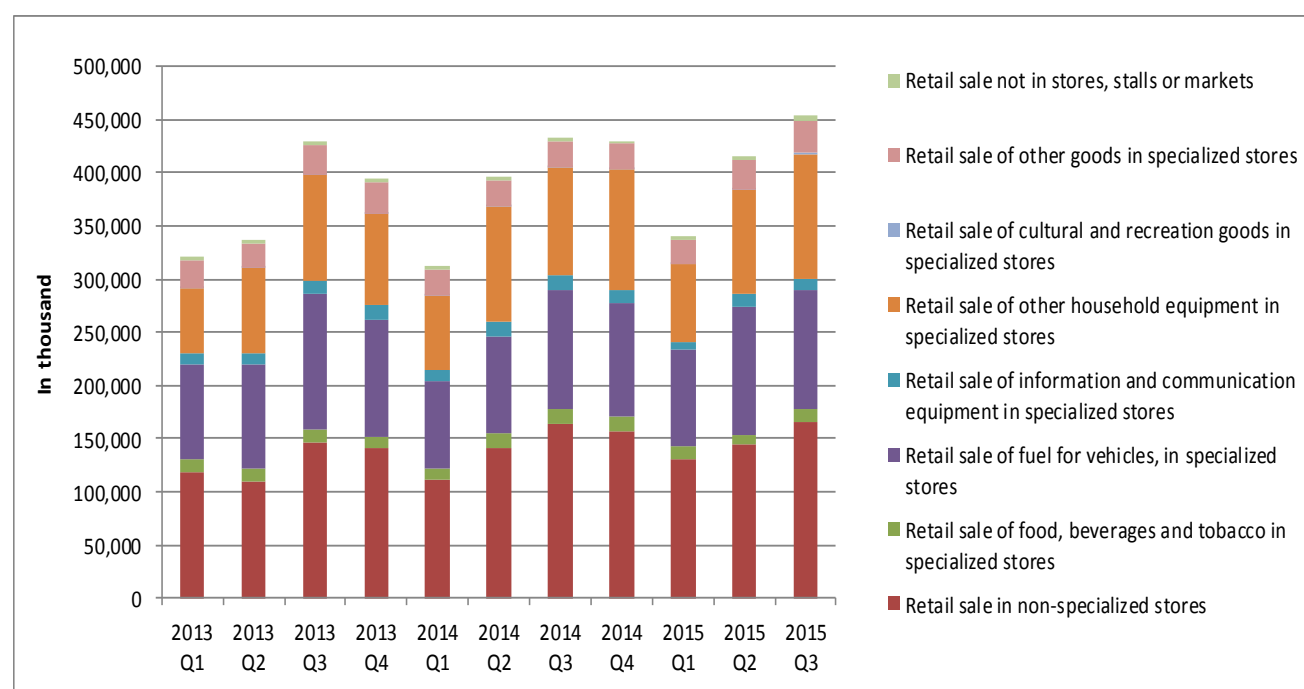
4 Index of turnover and number of employees in the retail sector

4.1. The turnover index in retail trade sector

Tab 1. The 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	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3
471	Retail sale in non-specialized stores	91,83	84,88	113,73	109,56	86,5	110,2	127,4	122,4	109,2	112,3	128,7
472	Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialized stores	105,94	101,61	101,93	90,52	90,7	110,4	111,7	103,9	93,3	69,0	100,4
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	94,8	114,9	105,5
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	95,0	98,9	90,3
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	102,3	120,0	144,7
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	81,6	106,7	104,2
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	104,1	105,1	116,4
479	Retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets	91,81	109,29	93,50	105,40	99,4	82,7	71,7	89,1	81,4	84,5	114,3

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



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

Subgroup (NACE Rev. 2)	Economic activity	%						
		2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3
		2013 Q4	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2
471	Retail sale in non-specialized stores	-21,0	27,4	15,5	-3,9	-10,7	2,8	14,6
472	Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialized stores	0,2	21,8	1,1	-6,9	-10,2	-26,1	45,5
473	Retail sale of fuel for vehicles, in specialized stores	-26,3	12,2	23,5	-4,8	-5,9	21,2	-8,2
474	Retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialized stores	-20,5	40,7	-8,9	-3,9	-14,8	4,1	-8,7
475	Retail sale of other household equipment in specialized stores	-18,7	53,1	-4,7	10,8	-26,1	17,3	20,6
476	Retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialized stores	-27,7	57,7	5,3	-21,2	-11,1	30,8	-2,3
477	Retail sale of other goods in specialized stores	-15,6	-0,1	-0,5	-0,6	13,8	1,0	10,8
479	Retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets	-5,7	-16,9	-13,2	24,2	-8,6	3,8	35,2

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

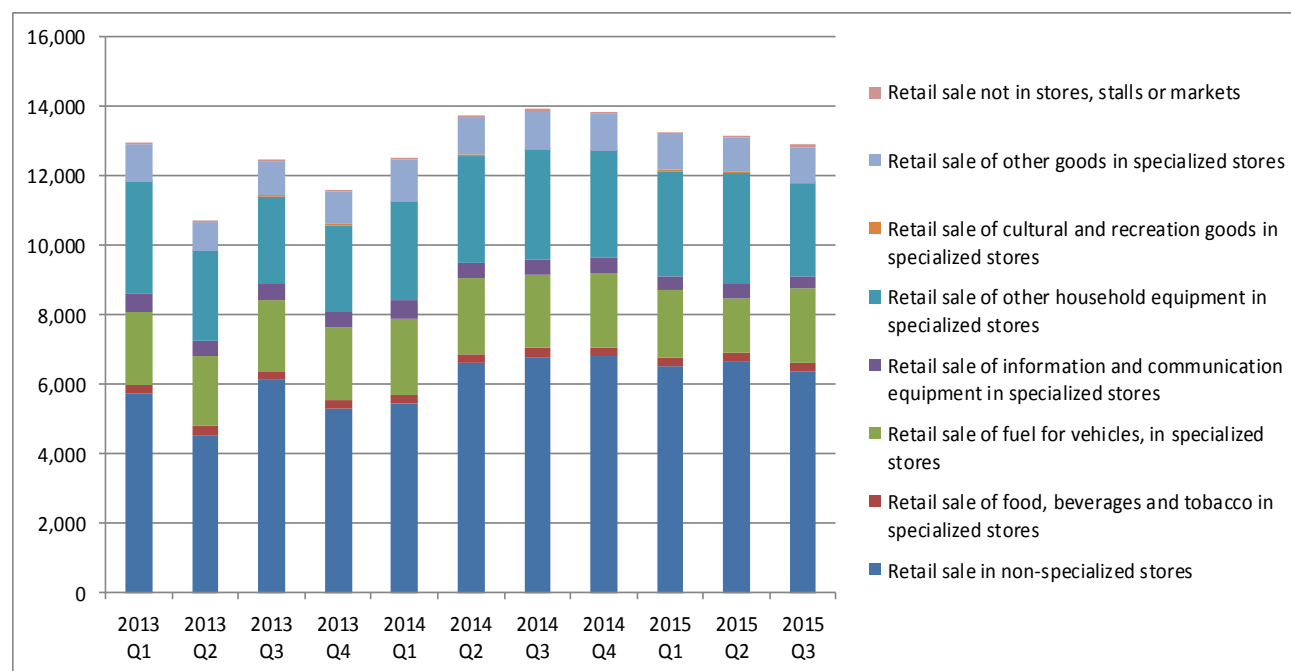
Subgroup (NACE Rev. 2)	Economic activity	%						
		2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3
		2013 Q1	2013 Q2	2013 Q3	2013 Q4	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3
471	Retail sale in non-specialized stores	-5,8	29,9	12,0	11,7	26,2	1,9	1,0
472	Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialized stores	-14,4	8,7	9,6	14,8	2,9	-37,6	-10,1
473	Retail sale of fuel for vehicles, in specialized stores	-8,9	-6,7	-12,1	-2,9	24,0	34,0	-0,4
474	Retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialized stores	9,7	35,2	6,2	-2,1	4,9	-22,3	-22,2
475	Retail sale of other household equipment in specialized stores	13,4	33,4	3,4	31,5	19,4	-8,5	15,8
476	Retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialized stores	-37,3	32,9	7,6	-5,3	16,4	-3,4	-10,5
477	Retail sale of other goods in specialized stores	-8,8	9,3	-11,8	-16,6	12,5	13,7	26,5
479	Retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets	8,3	-24,4	-23,3	-15,5	-18,1	2,3	59,4

4.1. Index of number of employees in the retail sector

Tab 2. Index of number of employees in the retail trade sector in previous quarters 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	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3	
471	Retail sale in non-specialized stores	105,73	83,69	112,87	97,71	100,37	122,21	125,17	125,62	120,39	122,81	117,69	
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	95,09	106,00	103,73	
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	93,55	74,92	103,78	
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	88,84	95,60	68,88	
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	111,83	117,62	99,16	
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	84,51	90,14	101,41	
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	110,50	101,50	106,31	
479	Retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets	103,29	93,27	108,92	94,52	96,40	105,79	105,16	105,16	112,68	126,95	133,33	

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



Tab 2a. Change of the number of employee's index in the retail trade sector in the quarterly periods compared to the previous quarter

Subgroup (Nace Rev. 2)	Economic activity	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3
		2013 Q4	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2
471	Retail sale in non-specialized stores	-20,8	34,9	-13,4	0,4	-4,2	2,0	-4,2
472	Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialized stores	9,3	-3,3	2,2	-0,7	-9,5	11,5	-2,1
473	Retail sale of fuel for vehicles, in specialized stores	-5,6	3,3	0,8	0,5	-9,9	-19,9	38,5
474	Retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialized stores	-13,5	4,1	-3,0	2,0	1,5	7,6	-27,9
475	Retail sale of other household equipment in specialized stores	-20,4	-2,4	-0,6	-2,8	-1,8	5,2	-15,7
476	Retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialized stores	-5,6	11,8	-10,5	0,0	-14,3	6,7	12,5
477	Retail sale of other goods in specialized stores	-21,5	18,7	-0,8	-1,3	-1,5	-8,1	4,7
479	Retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets	-9,7	16,8	-13,2	0,0	7,1	12,7	5,0

Tab 2b. Change of the number of employee's index in the retail sector in periods compared to the same quarter of the previous year

Subgroup (NACE rev. 2)	Economic activity	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3
		2013 Q1	2013 Q2	2013 Q3	2013 Q4	2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3
471	Retail sale in non-specialized stores	-5,1	46,0	10,9	28,6	19,9	0,5	-6,0
472	Retail sale of food, beverages and tobacco in specialized stores	14,5	-1,3	6,0	2,9	-12,2	3,9	-2,0
473	Retail sale of fuel for vehicles, in specialized stores	3,8	8,3	3,3	3,1	-12,1	-28,5	0,5
474	Retail sale of information and communication equipment in specialized stores	-3,1	6,8	-13,3	-8,8	-16,6	-5,8	-19,8
475	Retail sale of other household equipment in specialized stores	-12,6	19,2	26,2	23,4	6,9	3,7	-15,4
476	Retail sale of cultural and recreation goods in specialized stores	-9,3	3,9	-7,9	2,9	-8,2	-9,4	2,9
477	Retail sale of other goods in specialized stores	13,9	29,9	11,0	10,5	-11,7	-9,4	-6,5
479	Retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets	-6,7	13,4	-3,4	11,3	16,9	20,0	26,8

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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.

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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, UNVEF, 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.

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