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Short-term retail trade statistics

Q3 2021

Prishtina, 14.12.2021 The Kosovo Agency of Statistics (KAS) has compiled the results of Short-term Retail Trade Statistics by presenting the turnover index for the period Q3 2021 (2017 = 100).

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

The results of this research show the performance in retail trade in quarterly periods.

These results are also used for the purposes of compiling the national accounts and are important source in the preparation of Gross Domestic Product by production and expenditure approach on a quarterly basis.

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List of Symbols and Abbreviations

ASK - Kosovo Agency of Statistics
NVE - Nomenclature of economic activities
RSB - Statistical Business Register
SAN - Short Term Enterprise Statistics

TM1 - First quarter
TM2 - Second quarter
TM3 - Third quarter
TM4 - Fourth quarter

Symbols

: - Data not available
N/A - Not applicable

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1 Objective, methodology and scope of the survey

1.1. Objective and purpose

The main objective of the short-term retail trade statistics of commercial enterprises is to present trends over quarterly periods in the retail trade sector, through several economic indicators, which enables comparability of data at the international level according to the European standards for quarterly statistics. The survey aims to meet the demands for more comprehensive statistical information in a market economy and provides data on the economic activities of enterprises in the retail sector.

Purpose - Short-term statistics represent the performance of the country's economy in quarterly periods, through which the development of the economic cycle is understood and forecasts can be made for the near future.

The quarterly survey aims to present the performance of the main economic indicators of economic enterprises in quarterly periods.

1.2. Scope of the survey

Based on the main activity, in this quarterly survey are included the enterprises that perform the following activities: Short-term statistics of economic enterprises in the retail trade sector, release data of the second quarter 2021 according to the Nomenclature of Economic Activities, NACE Rev.2. In order to reflect the changes that have occurred in the structure of the economy, all indicators in this quarter are presented on an updated basis from the first quarter of 2019. The survey in summary manner covers the retail trade sector.

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

The survey was conducted throughout Kosovo and covers the retail sector.

1.3. Procedures for data collection

The source of the data were the administrative data, respectively the Statistical Businesses Register, where we relied mainly on the statements made by businesses in TAK.

1.4. Sampling frame and sampling selection

Data from the statistical business register were used to create (determine) the sampling frame. All enterprises that have declared one of the taxes during the reference years for the previous years are considered active.

The selection of the sample was made based on the criterion which includes all enterprises that represent 80% of turnover for the respective activity of NACE Rev2. The number of enterprises included in the survey is 846, in the retail sector.

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 material and monetary resources. 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 trade - represents the turnover made by trade 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.

Turnover value index of retail trade - the objective of the turnover value index is to present market performance.

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. Key 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.

Indexes - Express the change over time of a given variable or set of variables

Annual change in percentage - measures the change in percentage of the economic indicator of the current quarter compared to the same quarter of the previous year.

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 2021 - Second Quarter 2020

In the third quarter of 2021 compared to the second quarter of 2021, we have a decrease in almost all subgroups: Retail sale of cultural and entertainment goods in specialized stores 12.8%, Retail sale of other household appliances in specialized stores 10.6%, Retail sale of other goods in non-specialized stores 8.8%, Retail sale of food products, beverages and tobacco in specialized stores 6.0%, Retail sale in non-specialized stores 5.2%, Retail sale of fuel for motor vehicles in specialized stores 1.7%, Retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets 0.2%.

While the decline was observed to: Retail sale of IT and communication equipment in specialized stores 10.7%.

Third Quarter 2021 - Third Quarter 2020

In the second quarter of 2021 compared to the second quarter of 2020 there is an increase to: Retail sale of other goods in specialized stores 75.2%, Retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets 50.7%, Retail sale of cultural and entertainment goods in specialized stores 40.0%, Retail sale in non-specialized stores 24.4%, Retail sale of fuel for motor vehicles in specialized stores 22.5%, Retail sale of other household appliances in specialized stores 19.1%, Retail sale of IT and communication equipment in specialized stores 7.3% and Retail sale of food products, beverages and tobacco in specialized stores 0.4%.

3.2. Number of employees in the retail trade sector

Third Quarter 2021 - Second Quarter 2021

In the third quarter of 2021 compared to the second quarter of 2021, there is an increase in the number of employees which was observed to: Retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets by 10.6%, Retail sale of cultural and entertainment goods in specialized stores 3.9 %, Retail sale in non-specialized stores 1.5%, Retail sale of goods in specialized stores 1.0%, Retail sale of food products, beverages and tobacco in specialized stores 0.6%, Retail sale of other household appliances in specialized stores 0.0%.

While the decrease was observed to: Retail sale of other goods in specialized stores (17.9%), Retail sale of fuel for vehicles in specialized stores with (12.6%).

Third Quarter 2021- Third Quarter 2020

In the third quarter of 2021 compared to the same quarter of 2020, increase in the number of employees has been observed to: Retail sale of other goods in specialized stores 91.9%, Retail sale of food products, beverages and tobacco in specialized storesv 71.8% Retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets 67.9%, Retail sale in non-specialized stores 45.2%, Retail sale of IT and communication equipment in specialized stores 37.2%, Retail sale of fuel for vehicles in specialized stores 33.4%, Retail sale of other household appliances in specialized stores 18.2% and Retail sale of cultural and entertainment goods in specialized stores 17.6%.

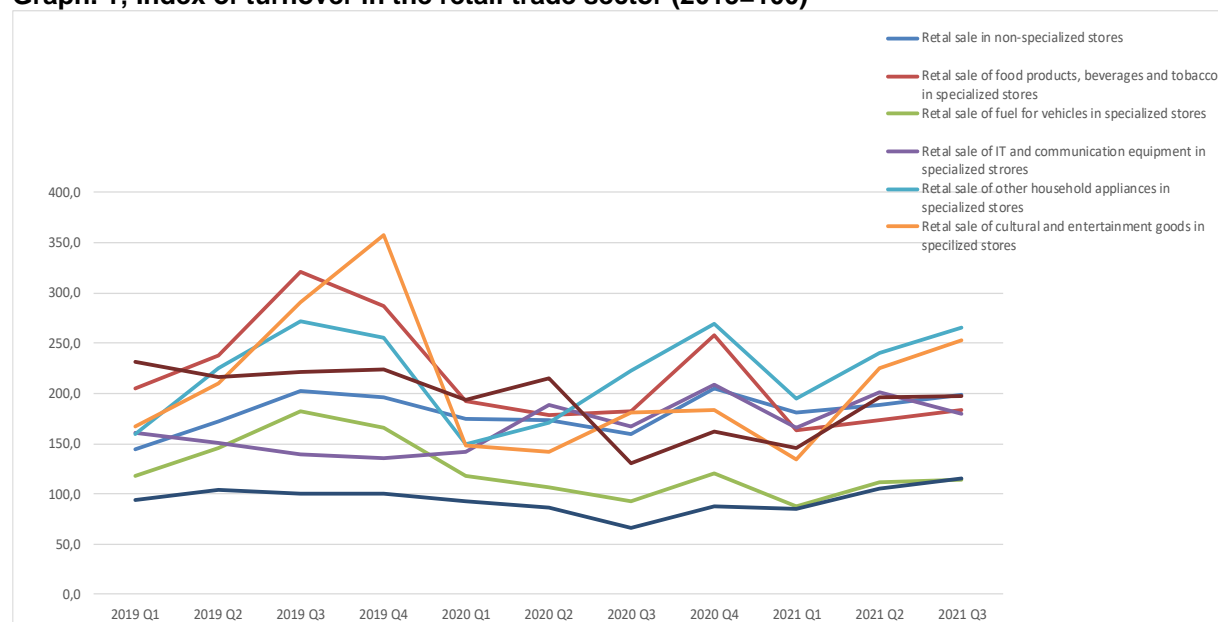
4 Index of turnover and the number of employees in the retail trade sector

4.1 Index of turnover in the retail trade sector

Tab. 1: Index of turnover in the retail trade sector (2015=100)

Subgroup (NACE Rev.2)	Economic activity	2019 Q1	2019 Q2	2019 Q3	2019 Q4	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020 Q3	2020 Q4	2021 Q1	2021 Q2	2021 Q3
471	Retail sale in non-specialized stores	143,9	171,8	202,3	195,7	174,0	172,8	159,4	204,9	180,5	188,5	198,3
472	Retail sale of food products, beverages and tobacco in specialized stores	205,3	237,5	320,9	287,1	191,7	178,1	182,7	258,5	163,7	173,1	183,5
473	Retail sale of fuel for vehicles in specialized stores	117,3	145,4	182,1	166,2	117,3	106,7	93,0	120,1	87,1	111,9	113,9
474	Retail sale of IT and communication equipment in specialized stores	160,8	150,9	139,1	135,3	142,3	188,7	167,5	208,8	166,3	201,2	179,7
475	Retail sale of other household appliances in specialized stores	158,9	225,6	272,2	255,4	148,9	170,7	222,9	269,4	194,2	240,7	266,1
476	Retail sale of cultural and entertainment goods in specialized stores	167,4	209,9	291,0	357,2	148,7	141,7	180,9	183,5	133,8	224,6	253,3
477	Retail sale of other goods in specialized stores	94,0	104,3	100,3	100,8	92,6	86,6	65,6	88,2	85,4	105,7	115,0
479	Retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets	231,8	216,6	221,4	223,8	194,0	214,5	130,5	162,2	145,0	196,4	196,8

Graph. 1; Index of turnover in the retail trade sector (2015=100)



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

Subgroup (NACE Rev.2)	Economic activity	2019 Q1	2019 Q2	2019 Q3	2019 Q4	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020 Q3	2020 Q4	2021 Q1	2021 Q2	2021 Q3
		2018 Q4	2019 Q1	2019 Q2	2019 Q3	2019 Q4	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020 Q3	2020 Q4	2021 Q1	2021 Q2
471	Retail sale in non-specialized stores	-2,6	19,4	17,8	-3,3	-11,1	-0,7	-7,8	28,6	-11,9	4,4	5,2
472	Retail sale of food products, beverages and tobacco in specialized stores	14,3	15,7	35,1	-10,5	-33,3	-7,1	2,6	41,5	-36,7	5,8	6,0
473	Retail sale of fuel for vehicles in specialized stores	-13,1	24,0	25,2	-8,7	-29,4	-9,1	-12,8	29,2	-27,5	28,4	1,7
474	Retail sale of IT and communication equipment in specialized stores	17,8	-6,2	-7,8	-2,8	5,2	32,6	-11,2	24,7	-20,4	21,0	-10,7
475	Retail sale of other household appliances in specialized stores	-3,0	42,0	20,6	-6,2	-41,7	14,6	30,6	20,9	-27,9	23,9	10,6
476	Retail sale of cultural and entertainment goods in specialized stores	8,2	25,4	38,7	22,8	-58,4	-4,7	27,7	1,4	-27,1	67,9	12,8
477	Retail sale of other goods in specialized stores	-1,6	11,0	-3,8	0,5	-8,1	-6,5	-24,2	34,4	-3,1	23,8	8,8
479	Retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets	2,6	-6,5	2,2	1,1	-13,3	10,6	-39,1	24,3	-10,6	35,4	0,2

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

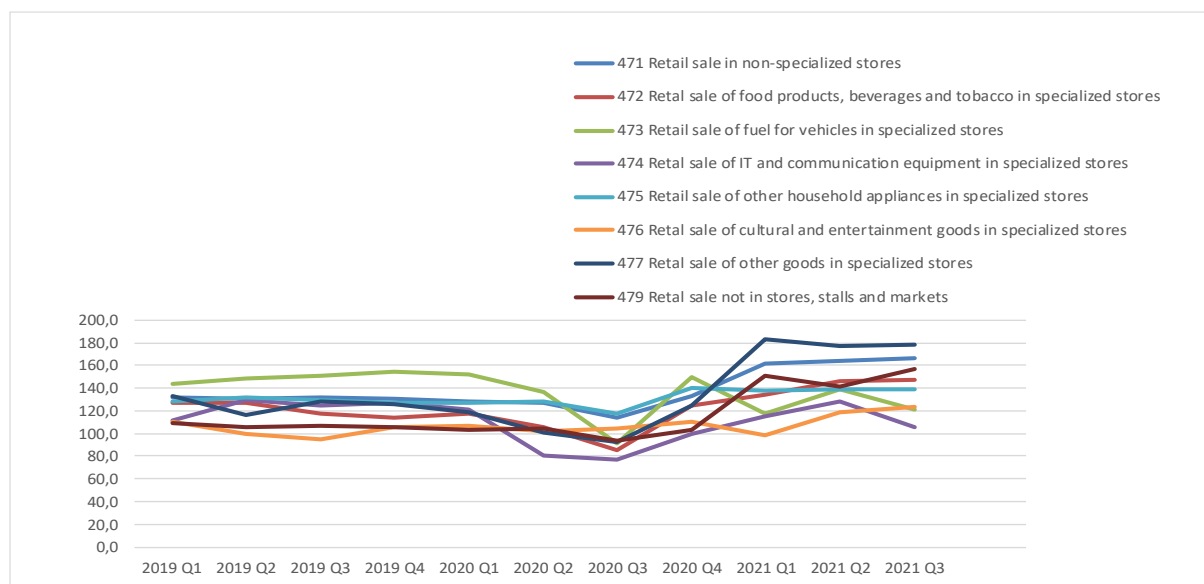
Subgroup (NACE Rev.2)	Economic activity	2019 Q1	2019 Q2	2019 Q3	2019 Q4	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020 Q3	2020 Q4	2021 Q1	2021 Q2	2021 Q3
Subgroup (NACE Rev.2)	Economic activity	2018 Q1	2018 Q2	2018 Q3	2018 Q4	2019 Q1	2019 Q2	2019 Q3	2019 Q4	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020 Q3
471	Retail sale in non-specialized stores	8,5	19,7	39,9	32,5	21,0	0,6	-21,2	4,7	3,7	9,1	24,4
472	Retail sale of food products, beverages and tobacco in specialized stores	32,8	37,3	81,6	59,9	-6,6	-25,0	-43,1	-10,0	-14,6	-2,8	0,4
473	Retail sale of fuel for vehicles in specialized stores	-7,6	5,1	33,6	23,2	0,0	-26,7	-48,9	-27,7	-25,7	4,9	22,5
474	Retail sale of IT and communication equipment in specialized stores	-15,4	-8,7	-1,2	-0,9	-11,5	25,1	20,4	54,3	16,8	6,6	7,3
475	Retail sale of other household appliances in specialized stores	21,5	57,7	66,7	56,0	-6,3	-24,3	-18,1	5,5	30,4	41,0	19,4
476	Retail sale of cultural and entertainment goods in specialized stores	40,8	70,4	116,9	130,8	-11,2	-32,5	-37,8	-48,6	-10,0	58,5	40,0
477	Retail sale of other goods in specialized stores	-4,3	-3,3	-4,5	5,5	-1,5	-16,9	-34,6	-12,5	-7,8	22,1	75,2
479	Retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets	18,7	7,5	2,5	-1,0	-16,3	-1,0	-41,0	-27,5	-25,2	-8,5	50,7

4.2 Index of the number of employees

Tab. 2: Index of number of employees in the retail trade sector through quarterly periods

Subgroup (NACE Rev.2)	Economic activity	2019 Q1	2019 Q2	2019 Q3	2019 Q4	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020 Q3	2020 Q4	2021 Q1	2021 Q2	2021 Q3
471	Retail sale in non-specialized stores	132,0	131,1	131,7	130,6	128,8	127,5	114,4	133,3	161,8	163,6	166,1
472	Retail sale of food products, beverages and tobacco in specialized stores	126,5	127,0	117,0	114,5	117,1	106,1	85,7	125,0	134,1	146,4	147,3
473	Retail sale of fuel for vehicles in specialized stores	143,6	148,5	151,5	154,2	152,2	137,0	91,0	149,5	118,1	139,2	121,5
474	Retail sale of IT and communication equipment in specialized stores	111,2	129,0	124,5	127,0	120,9	80,4	76,8	99,8	114,6	128,3	105,3
475	Retail sale of other household appliances in specialized stores	128,4	131,8	130,0	127,3	127,2	128,1	117,7	140,2	138,0	139,1	139,2
476	Retail sale of cultural and entertainment goods in specialized stores	110,8	100,3	95,5	105,9	106,8	101,6	104,6	110,8	98,5	118,5	123,1
477	Retail sale of other goods in specialized stores	133,6	116,8	128,6	126,2	119,1	101,2	93,1	124,3	183,0	176,8	178,7
479	Retail sale not in stores, stalls and markets	108,9	106,1	106,8	105,4	103,8	104,3	93,4	102,7	151,5	141,7	156,8

Graph. 2: Number of employees in the retail trade sector (2015=100)



Tab. 2a: Change of the index of number of employees in the retail trade sector through periods compared to the previous year

Subgroup (NACE Rev.2)	Economic activity	2019 Q1	2019 Q2	2019 Q3	2019 Q4	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020 Q3	2020 Q4	2021 Q1	2021 Q2	2021 Q3
		2018 Q4	2019 Q1	2019 Q2	2019 Q3	2019 Q4	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020 Q3	2020 Q4	2021 Q1	2021 Q2
471	Retail sale in non-specialized stores	0,4	-0,6	0,4	-0,8	-1,4	-1,0	-10,3	16,5	21,4	1,1	1,5
472	Retail sale of food products, beverages and tobacco in specialized stores	9,4	0,3	-7,8	-2,2	2,3	-9,3	-19,2	45,9	7,2	9,2	0,6
473	Retail sale of fuel for vehicles in specialized stores	9,8	3,4	2,0	1,8	-1,3	-10,0	-33,6	64,3	-21,1	17,9	-12,8
474	Retail sale of IT and communication equipment in specialized stores	-1,9	16,0	-3,5	2,0	-4,8	-33,5	-4,5	30,1	14,8	11,9	-17,9
475	Retail sale of other household appliances in specialized stores	-2,0	2,6	-1,4	-2,1	0,0	0,7	-8,1	19,0	-1,6	0,8	0,0
476	Retail sale of cultural and entertainment goods in specialized stores	13,4	-9,5	-4,8	10,9	0,8	-4,8	2,9	5,9	-11,1	20,3	3,9
477	Retail sale of other goods in specialized stores	7,5	-12,6	10,2	-1,9	-5,6	-15,0	-8,0	33,5	47,3	-3,4	1,0
479	Retail sale not in stores, stalls and markets	4,0	-2,6	0,7	-1,3	-1,6	0,5	-10,5	10,1	47,4	-6,4	10,6

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

Subgroup (NACE Rev.2)	Economic activity	2019 Q1	2019 Q2	2019 Q3	2019 Q4	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020 Q3	2020 Q4	2021 Q1	2021 Q2	2021 Q3
		2018 Q1	2018 Q2	2018 Q3	2018 Q4	2019 Q1	2019 Q2	2019 Q3	2019 Q4	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020 Q3
471	Retail sale in non-specialized stores	5,1	1,7	0,4	-0,7	-2,4	-2,8	-13,1	2,0	25,7	28,3	45,2
472	Retail sale of food products, beverages and tobacco in specialized stores	10,2	3,7	-4,1	-1,0	-7,5	-16,4	-26,7	9,2	14,5	37,9	71,8
473	Retail sale of fuel for vehicles in specialized stores	7,9	2,4	8,2	17,9	6,0	-7,7	-39,9	-3,0	-22,4	1,7	33,4
474	Retail sale of IT and communication equipment in specialized stores	23,3	21,9	14,3	11,9	8,7	-37,7	-38,4	-21,4	-5,2	59,6	37,2
475	Retail sale of other household appliances in specialized stores	6,1	1,9	-1,1	-2,8	-0,9	-2,8	-9,4	10,1	8,4	8,6	18,2
476	Retail sale of cultural and entertainment goods in specialized stores	5,9	-4,2	-13,8	8,4	-3,6	1,4	9,6	4,6	-7,8	16,6	17,6
477	Retail sale of other goods in specialized stores	57,3	8,5	9,8	1,5	-10,9	-13,4	-27,6	-1,5	53,7	74,8	91,9
479	Retail sale not in stores, stalls and markets	33,7	14,1	-0,3	0,6	-4,7	-1,7	-12,6	-2,6	45,9	35,9	67,9

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