

Annual survey in wholesale and retail trade (as well as in repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles and personal and household goods)

Aim of the statistics: The annual survey in wholesale and retail trade is an important supplement to the results of the monthly trade statistics. Only the results of the annual survey contain the information about the structure of enterprises, which is important in terms of economic policy and is used, among other things, to assess the efficiency and productivity in trade. Therefore, the annual survey in trade is also labelled *structural* survey in distinction to the monthly *short-term* survey.

Periodicity: Annual, since 1997

Regional field of survey: Federal territory

Reporting period: 1 January to 31 December of reporting year, in a few cases business year.

Survey population: All enterprises engaged only or mainly in trade. Coverage is defined on the basis of the NACE Rev. 1, which standardised within the EU, and it comprises section G, divisions 50, 51 and 52.

Sampling method: The annual survey in wholesale and retail trade has been conducted annually since 1997 as a representative sample survey among some 55,000 enterprises, which corresponds to a sampling fraction of 10.6% of the total. A new sample was drawn in 2003.

Survey characteristics: Turnover; other operational earnings; subsidies; local units; stocks of goods for resale; stocks of raw materials and supplies as well as semi-finished and finished products produced on own account or processed; purchases of goods for resale; gross wages and salaries; legal and other employers' social benefits for the employees; rental and leasehold incl. expenditure for operational leasing; operational taxes and charges; expenditure for services and other operational expenditures not mentioned before (without depreciation); gross investments; sales of tangible fixed assets; value of tangible fixed assets purchased by financial leasing; active persons

Legal bases:

EU legal basis: Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 concerning structural business statistics, last amended by Art. 11 of Regulation (EC) No 1893/2006.

National legal basis: Law on statistics in trade and in the hotel and restaurant industry (Trade Statistics Law - HdStatG) of 10 December 2001, amended by Art. 17 of the law of 7 September 2007 in association with the Law on Statistics for Federal Purposes (Federal Statistics Law - BStatG) of 22 January 1987, last amended by Art. 3 of the law of 7 September 2007.

Subject-related breakdown: Current edition of the German Classification of Economic Activities (WZ)