

ANNUAL STATISTICAL SURVEY ON COMPOSITION OF TRADE ENTERPRISES' TURNOVER: SUMMARY METHODOLOGY

Objective of the statistical survey

To prepare reliable and comparable statistical information on turnover by products (using the Classification of Products and Services (PGPK) according to the requirements of legal acts of the European Union and satisfying the needs of users.

Legal basis

Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 58/97 of 20 December 1996 concerning structural business statistics, as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1893/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006;

Regulation (EC) No 2700/98 of 17 December 1998 concerning the definitions of characteristics for structural business statistics, as last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No 1670/2003 of 1 September 2003;

Law on Statistics of the Republic of Lithuania (Official Gazette, 1993, No 54-1048; 1999, No 114-3299).

Classifications used

National version (EVRK) of the European economic activities classification (NACE) approved by Order No 252 of 16 December 2002 of the Director General of Statistics Lithuania (Official Gazette, 2002, No 126-5744).

Classification of Products and Services (PGPK), approved by Order No. 37 of 15 April 1999 of the Director General of Statistics Lithuania (Official Gazette, 2001, No. 2001, No. 21-708).

Classification of the Statuses of Economic Entities approved by Order No. DĮ-113 of 19 May 2004 of the Director General of Statistics Lithuania regarding approval of procedures of preparation of the list of active legal entities from of the Statistical Register of Legal Entities.

Population of the statistical survey and parameters estimated

Enterprises the main activity of which is retail trade, wholesale, as well as sale, technical service and repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles and their spare parts and accessories, retail trade in automotive fuel, irrespective of kind of enterprise and form of ownership.

The following parameters are assessed: turnover (excluding VAT) of trade enterprises and its breakdown using PGPK by products. Breakdown of turnover can be provided both in litas and in per cent.

The survey is carried out every five years.

Statistical survey methods

A sampling method is applied for the survey. Sample of annual statistical survey on trade and catering enterprises of reporting year is used in order to get better comparison of estimates obtained. The sample covers about 48 per cent of enterprises. All enterprises with 50 and more employees take part in the survey.

Employees of Regional Statistical Offices carry out primary logical control of received data. The checked statistical data are entered into the central database of the statistical survey using ORACLE programme. Specialists of the Domestic Trade Statistics Division of Statistics Lithuania carry out additional analysis of database of primary statistical data. Checking of error protocols, thoroughness and correctness of the entered statistical data are performed using MS EXCEL and ORACLE software.

Source of statistical data: data of annual report PR-11 on composition of turnover of retail trade enterprises trading in non-food products; data of annual report PR-12 on composition of turnover of

retail trade enterprises trading in food products; data of annual report PR-15 on composition of turnover of retail trade enterprises trading in non-specialized stores; data of annual report PR-14 on composition of turnover of wholesale enterprises; data of annual report PR-13 on composition of turnover of trade enterprises trading in motor vehicles, retail trade of automotive fuel and providing repair services.

Results provided to users

Statistical information is published:

in *Statistical Yearbook of Lithuania*;

in an annual publication *Retail and Wholesale Trade*;

in the database of the Statistical Office of the European Communities (EUROSTAT);

Statistical information is also provided on user request.

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