Objective of the statistical survey
The purpose of the survey is to statistically estimate short-term changes in turnover (VAT excluded), number of persons employed, hours worked, and wages and salaries, as well as to produce statistical information at a 4-digit level of the Classification of Economic Activities (EVRK Rev. 2) (national version of the Statistical Classification of Economic Activities in the European Community, NACE Rev. 2), approved by order No DI-226 of 31 October 2007 of the Director General of Statistics Lithuania (OG, 2007, No 119-4877), (hereinafter referred to as EVRK) and to provide these results to users.

Legal basis

Classifications used
EVRK;
Classification of Statuses of Economic Entities, approved by Order No DI-152 of the Director General of Statistics Lithuania of 12 June 2009.

Population of the statistical survey and parameters estimated
The survey population covers all active enterprises whose principal activity is trade or catering, irrespective of type and form of ownership. The survey covers enterprises engaging in wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, wholesale and retail trade enterprises, food and beverage service enterprises.

Object of the survey – an enterprise.

Territorial level of the survey – a country.

Parameters estimated: turnover (VAT excluded) (monthly), the number of persons employed (quarterly), hours worked (quarterly), wages and salaries (quarterly).

Statistical survey methods
The survey is conducted using a sampling method. The sampling frame and sampling design are based on the data from the Statistical Register of Economic Entities (Statistical Business Register) on the economic activity, number of persons employed, turnover of enterprises, data of the State Social Insurance Fund Board (Sodra) on the number of persons employed for the second quarter, as well as VAT returns data on turnover in the first half of the year.

Statistical data sources – Sodra data (the number of persons employed, wages and salaries) and a monthly survey (turnover (VAT excluded), hours worked). Statistical data are collected through a statistical questionnaire “Statistical report on trade and catering enterprises PR-01”, approved by order of the Director General of Statistics Lithuania and available in paper and electronic forms.

Results provided to users
Statistical information produced based on the monthly statistical survey is published according to a calendar approved by order of the Director General of Statistics Lithuania: in a press release; in a monthly publication *Economic and Social Development in Lithuania*; in an annual publication *Retail and Wholesale Trade*; in an annual publication *Lithuania in Figures*; in the Database of Indicators of Statistics Lithuania; in the Eurostat’s database.

Statistical information is also provided on user request.

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