

■ Turnover in the wholesale trade and business services - February 2015

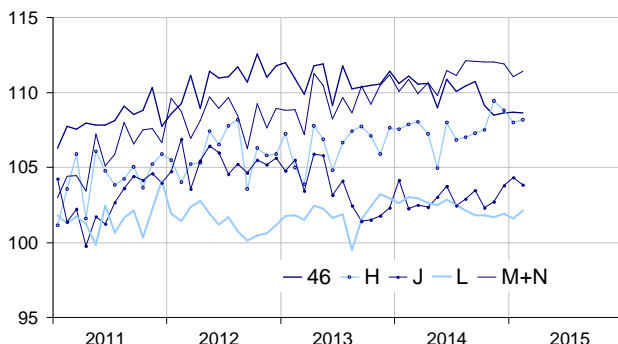
In February 2015, the turnover increased in business support activities but decreased in information and communication

Every index in this issue is in value (tax excluded), seasonally and working day adjusted (SA-WDA). The commentary shows variations of subsections by decreasing contribution. The contribution of a subsection depends on the extent of the change and on its weight.

In February 2015, the turnover bounced back in *business support activities* (+0.3% after -0.8% in January). Conversely, it contracted in *information and communication* (-0.5% after +0.5%). It increased in *real estate activities* (+0.5%) and more slightly in *transportation and storage* (+0.2%). It remained stable in the *wholesale trade*, except of *motor vehicles and motorcycles*.

Wholesale trade and business services

Turnover indices, SA-WDA value, Base year 2010



Source : INSEE

Stability in the wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles

In February, the turnover of the *wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles* was stable, as in January. It decreased in *other specialised wholesale* (-1.4%), in the wholesale of *information and communication equipment* (-4.1%) and of *other machinery, equipment and supplies* (-0.4%). On the contrary, it rose in the *wholesale on a fee or contract basis* (+1.7%), in the *wholesale of household goods* (+1.1%) and in *non specialised wholesale trade* (+1.0%).

The turnover of the *wholesale trade* declined over the last three months (-0.7%) and more markedly over the year (-2.1%).

Slight increase in transportation and storage

In February, the turnover of *transportation and storage* rose slightly (+0.2%) after a two-month-in-a-row decrease. It went up in *land transport and transport via pipelines* (+1.0%), in *air transport* (+1.7%). Conversely, it fell in *water transport* (-1.9%) and more moderately in *warehousing and support activities for transportation* (-0.4%) and in *postal and courier activities* (-0.5%).

The turnover of *transportation and storage* improved slightly over the last three months (+0.2%) and more substantially over the year (+0.6%).

Increase in real estate activities

The turnover of *real estate activities* rebounded in February (+0.5%) after a slight drop in January (-0.3%). It was almost steady over the last three months (+0.1%) but diminished over the year (-0.9%).

Variation of the turnover in the wholesale trade and business services

SA-WDA value, Base year 2010

Nace classification	Weight	Change in %			
		Feb./Jan.	Jan./Dec.	q-o-q (1)	y-o-y (2)
46 Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1000	0.0	0.0	-0.7	-2.1
H Transportation and storage	1000	0.2	-0.8	0.2	0.6
J Information and communication	1000	-0.5	0.5	1.1	1.0
L Real estate activities	1000	0.5	-0.3	0.1	-0.9
M+N Business support activities	1000	0.3	-0.8	-0.5	0.7
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	579	0.5	-1.0	-1.1	0.3
N Administrative and support service activities	421	0.1	-0.5	0.2	1.2

(1) Quarter-on-quarter: last three months / previous three months

(2) Year-on-year : last three months / same three months of previous year

The codes correspond to different levels of aggregation of the NACE classification.

Source: INSEE

Decrease in information and communication

In February, the turnover of the *information and communication* sector shrank (–0.5%) after three months of growth. It went down in *publishing* activities (–1.7%), in *motion picture, video and television programme production* (–3.0%) and in *programming and broadcasting activities* (–3.0%). On the contrary, it rose in *telecommunications* (+0.6%) and in *information service activities* (+0.5%). It remained almost stable in *computer programming, consultancy and related activities* (–0.1%).

The turnover of *information and communication* increased over the last three months (+1.1%) as well as over the year (+1.0%).

Slight increase in business support activities

The turnover of *business support activities* recovered slightly in February (+0.3%) after a drop in January (–0.8%).

The turnover bounced back in *professional, scientific and technical activities* (+0.5%, after –1.0%), especially in *architectural and engineering activities* (+1.5%). The turnover in *administrative and support service activities* was virtually stable (+0.1%) : it went up in *employment activities* (+1.7%) and in *rental and leasing activities* (+0.9%), while it dipped in *office administrative, office support and other business support activities* (–1.6%).

The turnover of *business support activities* decreased slightly over the last three months (–0.5%) but increased over the year (+0.7%).

• Revisions

The change in January was revised by +0.5 point in *real estate activities*. Initially calculated at –0.8%, it was revised at –0.3%.

That same month, the change was revised by +0.2 point in the *wholesale trade, except for motor vehicles and motorcycles*, by –0.2 point in *transportation and storage* and by –0.1 point in *information and communication*. It remained unchanged in *business support activities*.

Variation of the turnover in the wholesale trade and business services


SA-WDA value, Base year 2010

Nace Classification	Weight	Feb. 2015	Change in %		
			Feb./Jan.	Jan./Dec.	q-o-q (1)
46 Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1000	108.7	0.0	0.0	–0.7
461 Wholesale on a fee or contract basis	152	116.7	1.7	–2.7	–1.0
462 Wholesale of agricultural raw materials and live animals	54	118.3	0.1	4.6	1.8
463 Wholesale of food, beverages and tobacco	170	110.7	–0.1	–0.7	–0.4
464 Wholesale of household goods	207	107.9	1.1	–0.9	0.5
465 Wholesale of information and communication equipment	61	101.4	–4.1	3.6	2.7
466 Wholesale of other machinery, equipment and supplies	125	110.2	–0.4	0.0	–1.3
467 Other specialised wholesale	197	99.8	–1.4	1.9	–3.6
469 Non specialised wholesale trade	34	110.4	1.0	–0.7	–0.2
H Transportation and storage	1000	108.2	0.2	–0.8	0.2
49 Land transport and transport via pipelines	407	108.1	1.0	–2.0	–0.6
50 Water transport	73	118.7	–1.9	2.2	1.1
51 Air transport	91	106.3	1.7	–0.2	8.9
52 Warehousing and support activities for transportation	360	108.4	–0.4	0.3	–1.2
53 Postal and courier activities	69	99.4	–0.5	–3.1	1.7
J Information and communication	1000	103.8	–0.5	0.5	1.1
58 Publishing activities	158	103.0	–1.7	2.1	0.1
59 Motion picture, video and television programme production...	76	103.7	–3.0	1.8	0.8
60 Programming and broadcasting activities	61	104.9	–3.0	1.4	–0.5
61 Telecommunications	396	93.9	0.6	–1.9	1.7
62 Computer programming, consultancy and related activities	251	118.8	–0.1	2.2	1.9
63 Information service activities	58	107.4	0.5	0.0	–1.4
L Real estate activities	1000	102.1	0.5	–0.3	0.1
681 Buying and selling of own real estate	96	81.3	–1.1	1.5	1.5
682 Renting and operating of own or leased real estate	691	105.4	0.9	–0.3	0.0
683 Real estate activities on a fee or contract basis	213	100.7	–0.3	–1.0	–0.2
M+N Business support activities	1000	111.4	0.3	–0.8	–0.5
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	579	111.0	0.5	–1.0	–1.1
69 Legal and accounting activities	90	105.8	0.1	–0.8	–0.9
70 Activities of head offices...	219	117.8	–0.3	–0.9	–0.7
71 Architectural and engineering activities...	151	109.0	1.5	–0.5	–1.9
72 Scientific research and development	26	104.5	1.6	–2.3	–0.5
73 Advertising and market research	68	101.7	–0.2	–0.3	–0.9
74 Other professional, scientific and technical activities	19	113.4	5.1	–5.3	–1.5
75 Veterinary activities	6	117.1	0.1	–1.3	1.1
N Administrative and support service activities	421	111.9	0.1	–0.5	0.2
77 Rental and leasing activities	98	111.7	0.9	–0.8	0.5
78 Employment activities	80	108.9	1.7	–2.7	–0.7
79 Travel agency, tour operator...	42	105.2	0.6	–0.5	–0.6
80 Security and investigation activities	21	113.6	1.5	–2.5	–1.0
81 Services to buildings and landscape activities	50	111.0	–0.3	–0.1	–0.4
82 Office administrative, office support and other business support activities	131	116.3	–1.6	1.1	1.2

(1) Quarter-on-quarter: last three months / previous three months.

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