

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

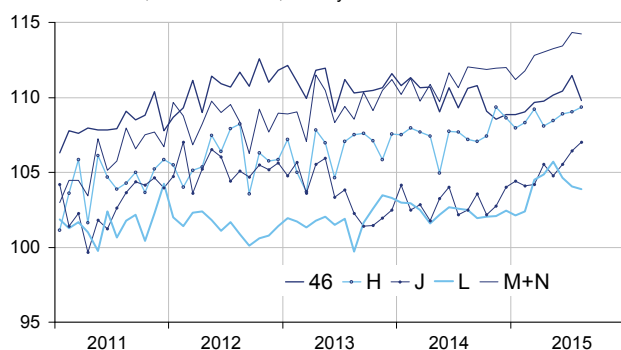
In August 2015, the turnover dropped in the wholesale trade and went on increasing in Information and communication

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 August 2015, the turnover fell sharply in the *wholesale trade, except for motor vehicles and motorcycles* (−1.5%). Conversely, it increased in *information and communication* (+0.5%) and in *transportation and storage* (+0.3%). It was virtually stable in *business support activities* (−0.1%) and it decreased slightly in *real estate activities* (−0.2%).

Wholesale trade and business services

Turnover indices, SA-WDA value, Base year 2010



Source: INSEE

Sharp decline in the wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles

In August, the turnover of the *wholesale trade, except for motor vehicles and motorcycles* declined strongly (−1.5%) after an increase in July (+0.9%). The decline was particularly sharp in *wholesale of household goods* (−2.7%), in the *wholesale of information and communication equipment* (−5.1%) and in the *wholesale on a fee or contract basis* (−2.3%). Conversely it increased in the *wholesale of other machinery, equipment and supplies* (+1.0%).

The turnover of the *wholesale trade, except for motor vehicles and motorcycles* went up over the last three months (+0.6%) as over the year (+0.4%).

Slight increase in transportation and storage

In August, the turnover of *transportation and storage* improved slightly (+0.3%) after a virtual stability in July (+0.1%). It bounced back in *postal and courier activities* (+2.5 % after −2.4%). It increased slightly in *warehousing and support activities for transportation* (+0.4%) and in *air transport* (+0.2%). It was almost unchanged in *land transport and transport via pipelines* (−0.1 %) and in *water transport* (−0.1 %).

The turnover of *transportation and storage* increased over the last three months (+0.5%) and over the year (+1.4%).

Slight decline in real estate activities

In August the turnover of *real estate activities* declined again albeit at a lower pace than in the previous month (−0.2% after −0.5% in July). It went down over the last three months (−0.8%). However, it improved over the year (+1.6%).

Variation of the turnover in the wholesale trade and business services

SA-WDA value, Base year 2010

Nace classification	Weight	Change in %			
		Aug./ July	July/ June	q-o-q (1)	y-o-y (2)
46 Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1000	−1.5	0.9	0.6	0.4
H Transportation and storage	1000	0.3	0.1	0.5	1.4
J Information and communication	1000	0.5	0.8	1.4	3.3
L Real estate activities	1000	−0.2	−0.5	−0.8	1.6
M+N Business support activities	1000	−0.1	0.8	0.9	2.3
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	579	−0.5	0.7	1.0	3.4
N Administrative and support service activities	421	0.6	0.9	0.6	0.8

(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

Information and communication was up for the third month in a row

The turnover of *information and communication* rose once again in August (+0.5%, after +0.8% in July and +0.7% in June). It improved notably in *telecommunications* (+1.0%) and in *publishing activities* (+1.1%). On the contrary, it diminished in *information service activities* (–0.8%) and in *programming and broadcasting activities* (–0.5%).

The turnover of *information and communication* increased over the last three months (+1,4%) and over the year (+3.3%).

Near stability in business support activities

In August the turnover of *business support activities* was virtually stable (–0.1%) after six consecutive months of increase (+0.5% on average per month since February). It declined in *professional, scientific and technical activities* (–0.5%): in particular, it fell in *activities of head offices* (–0.9%), in *advertising and market research* (–1.6%) and in *scientific research and development* (–2.4%). In contrast, the turnover continued to increase in *administrative and support service activities* (+0.6%), mostly in *employment activities* (+2.4%) and in *office administrative, office support and other business support activities* (+1.3%). However the turnover fell back sharply in *services to buildings and landscape activities* (–2,9% after +2,0%). The turnover in *business support activities* improved over the last three months (+0.9%) and over the year (+2.3%).

• Revisions

The change in July has been revised by +0.4 points in *information and communication* and by +0.2 points in *transportation and storage*. That same month, the change has been revised by +0.1 points in *business support activities* and by –0.1 points in the *wholesale trade, except for motor vehicles and motorcycles*, and in *real estate activities*.

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SA-WDA value, Base year 2010

Nace Classification	Weight	Aug. 2015	Change in %		
			Aug./ July	July/ June	q-o-q (1)
46 Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1000	109.8	–1.5	0.9	0.6
461 Wholesale on a fee or contract basis	152	116.4	–2.3	1.0	0.6
462 Wholesale of agricultural raw materials and live animals	54	123.7	–1.4	5.6	1.8
463 Wholesale of food, beverages and tobacco	170	113.9	–0.6	0.9	1.5
464 Wholesale of household goods	207	106.9	–2.7	1.2	0.3
465 Wholesale of information and communication equipment	61	100.8	–5.1	4.2	0.9
466 Wholesale of other machinery, equipment and supplies	125	115.0	1.0	0.6	1.2
467 Other specialised wholesale	197	98.9	–0.9	–1.8	–1.0
469 Non specialised wholesale trade	34	115.4	–0.4	0.6	2.8
H Transportation and storage	1000	109.3	0.3	0.1	0.5
49 Land transport and transport via pipelines	407	109.2	–0.1	–0.2	0.5
50 Water transport	73	117.6	–0.1	–3.9	–0.6
51 Air transport	91	108.0	0.2	1.6	–1.4
52 Warehousing and support activities for transportation	360	109.8	0.4	1.6	0.5
53 Postal and courier activities	69	100.9	2.5	–2.4	4.3
J Information and communication	1000	107.0	0.5	0.8	1.4
58 Publishing activities	158	107.9	1.1	1.7	0.6
59 Motion picture, video and television programme production...	76	107.5	0.4	2.5	1.5
60 Programming and broadcasting activities	61	107.3	–0.5	2.1	4.1
61 Telecommunications	396	97.9	1.0	0.5	1.8
62 Computer programming, consultancy and related activities	251	119.4	0.1	0.2	0.7
63 Information service activities	58	112.2	–0.8	0.7	1.8
L Real estate activities	1000	103.9	–0.2	–0.5	–0.8
681 Buying and selling of own real estate	96	82.3	4.2	–5.2	–2.1
682 Renting and operating of own or leased real estate	691	107.4	–0.3	–0.2	–0.8
683 Real estate activities on a fee or contract basis	213	102.2	–1.4	–0.1	–0.4
M+N Business support activities	1000	114.2	–0.1	0.8	0.9
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	579	114.7	–0.5	0.7	1.0
69 Legal and accounting activities	90	109.2	0.8	–0.5	–0.4
70 Activities of head offices...	219	121.3	–0.9	1.3	0.4
71 Architectural and engineering activities...	151	115.7	–0.1	1.6	3.4
72 Scientific research and development	26	104.4	–2.4	0.3	0.0
73 Advertising and market research	68	101.2	–1.6	–1.6	0.1
74 Other professional, scientific and technical activities	19	117.7	0.9	0.6	1.4
75 Veterinary activities	6	116.2	–1.7	–0.6	0.2
N Administrative and support service activities	421	113.6	0.6	0.9	0.6
77 Rental and leasing activities	98	111.1	0.0	–0.7	0.0
78 Employment activities	80	115.3	2.4	1.6	2.4
79 Travel agency, tour operator...	42	105.8	0.7	1.5	0.7
80 Security and investigation activities	21	114.6	–0.9	–0.8	0.3
81 Services to buildings and landscape activities	50	110.1	–2.9	2.0	0.6
82 Office administrative, office support and other business support activities	131	118.2	1.3	1.2	0.2

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

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