

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

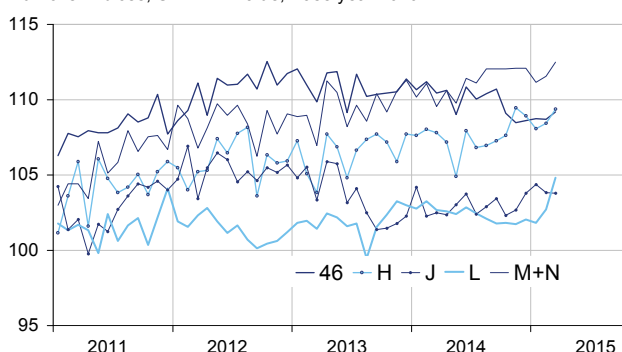
In March 2015, the turnover improved in the wholesale trade and in business support activities

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 March 2015, the turnover improved in the *wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles* (+0.4%) and in *business support activities* (+0.9%). It increased also in *transportation and storage* (+0.9%) and more sharply in *real estate activities* (+2.1%). It remained virtually stable in *information and communication* (−0.1%).

Wholesale trade and business services

Turnover indices, SA-WDA value, Base year 2010



Source: INSEE

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

In March, the turnover of the *wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles* increased slightly (+0.4%), after a stability in February. It went up in *other specialised wholesale* (+1.2%) and in the *wholesale of food, beverages and tobacco* (+0.7%), *agricultural raw materials and live animals* (+2.0%) and *other machinery, equipment and supplies* (+0.8%). It shrank in the *wholesale of household goods* (−0.4%) and in the *wholesale on a fee or contract basis* (−0.3%).

The turnover of the *wholesale trade* remained almost unchanged over the last quarter (+0.1%) and declined over the year (−1.7%).

New increase in transportation and storage

In March, the turnover of *transportation and storage* rose again (+0.9% after +0.3% in February). It went up in *land transport and transport via pipelines* (+1.4%), in *warehousing and support activities for transportation* (+1.1%) and in *air transport* (+0.9%). Conversely, it diminished in *water transport* (−1.2%) and in *postal and courier activities* (−0.8%).

The turnover of *transportation and storage* held steady over the last quarter and improved over the year (+0.7%).

Acceleration in real estate activities

The turnover of *real estate activities* improved again and more markedly in March (+2.1% after +0.9% in February). It increased over the last quarter (+1.2%) and more slightly over the year (+0.2%).

Variation of the turnover in the wholesale trade and business services

SA-WDA value, Base year 2010

Nace classification	Weight	Change in %			
		Mar./Feb.	Feb./Jan.	q-o-q (1)	y-o-y (2)
46 Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1000	0.4	0.0	0.1	−1.7
H Transportation and storage	1000	0.9	0.3	0.0	0.7
J Information and communication	1000	−0.1	−0.5	1.0	1.0
L Real estate activities	1000	2.1	0.9	1.2	0.2
M+N Business support activities	1000	0.9	0.4	−0.3	1.3
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	579	1.2	0.5	−0.6	1.4
N Administrative and support service activities	421	0.4	0.1	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

Virtual stability in information and communication

In March, the turnover of the *information and communication* sector was virtually stable (–0.1%) after a decrease in February (–0.5%). It diminished in *telecommunications* (–0.7%), in *computer programming, consultancy and related activities* (–0.7%) and in *programming and broadcasting activities* (–0.5%). On the contrary, it rose in *publishing activities* (+1.4%), in *motion picture, video and television programme production* (+1.1%) and in *information service activities* (+1.3%).

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

New increase in business support activities

The turnover of *business support activities* improved again in March (+0.9% after +0.4% in February).

The turnover went up in *professional, scientific and technical activities* (+1.2%), especially in *legal and accounting activities* (+4.9%), in *advertising and market research* (+2.5%) and in *architectural and engineering activities* (+0.4%). The turnover also increased in *administrative and support service activities* (+0.4%): it grew in *office administrative, office support and other business support activities* (+0.5%) and in *employment activities* (+0.8%).

The turnover of *business support activities* decreased slightly over the last quarter (–0.3%) but increased over the year (+1.3%).

• Revisions

The change in February was revised by +0.4 points in *real estate activities*. Initially calculated at +0.5%, it was revised at +0.9%. That same month, the change was revised by +0.1 points in *transportation and storage* and in *business support activities*. It remained unchanged in the *wholesale trade, except for motor vehicles and motorcycles* and in *information and communication*.

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SA-WDA value, Base year 2010

Nace Classification	Weight	Mar./2015	Change in %		
			Mar./Feb.	Feb./Jan.	q-o-q (1)
46 Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	1000	109.2	0.4	0.0	0.1
461 Wholesale on a fee or contract basis	152	116.5	–0.3	2.0	–1.1
462 Wholesale of agricultural raw materials and live animals	54	120.8	2.0	0.2	5.2
463 Wholesale of food, beverages and tobacco	170	111.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
464 Wholesale of household goods	207	107.5	–0.4	1.1	0.1
465 Wholesale of information and communication equipment	61	99.6	0.3	–6.0	1.7
466 Wholesale of other machinery, equipment and supplies	125	111.3	0.8	–0.3	–0.5
467 Other specialised wholesale	197	101.2	1.2	–1.3	–0.4
469 Non specialised wholesale trade	34	111.0	0.4	1.0	0.6
H Transportation and storage	1000	109.4	0.9	0.3	0.0
49 Land transport and transport via pipelines	407	110.0	1.4	1.1	–0.1
50 Water transport	73	117.1	–1.2	–1.9	0.1
51 Air transport	91	107.4	0.9	1.7	2.9
52 Warehousing and support activities for transportation	360	109.7	1.1	–0.3	–0.5
53 Postal and courier activities	69	98.7	–0.8	–0.2	–1.0
J Information and communication	1000	103.8	–0.1	–0.5	1.0
58 Publishing activities	158	104.8	1.4	–1.4	1.2
59 Motion picture, video and television programme production...	76	105.1	1.1	–3.1	0.6
60 Programming and broadcasting activities	61	104.3	–0.5	–2.9	–0.9
61 Telecommunications	396	93.3	–0.7	0.5	0.6
62 Computer programming, consultancy and related activities	251	117.9	–0.7	–0.2	2.2
63 Information service activities	58	109.0	1.3	0.5	0.4
L Real estate activities	1000	104.8	2.1	0.9	1.2
681 Buying and selling of own real estate	96	86.0	3.0	0.5	2.2
682 Renting and operating of own or leased real estate	691	108.2	2.2	1.2	1.5
683 Real estate activities on a fee or contract basis	213	102.2	1.2	–0.2	0.0
M+N Business support activities	1000	112.5	0.9	0.4	–0.3
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	579	112.5	1.2	0.5	–0.6
69 Legal and accounting activities	90	112.0	4.9	0.6	1.0
70 Activities of head offices...	219	117.5	0.0	–0.3	–1.3
71 Architectural and engineering activities...	151	109.4	0.4	1.3	–1.1
72 Scientific research and development	26	107.7	2.4	1.5	1.0
73 Advertising and market research	68	104.7	2.5	–0.1	0.0
74 Other professional, scientific and technical activities	19	114.6	0.6	5.5	–1.5
75 Veterinary activities	6	117.5	0.3	0.1	0.6
N Administrative and support service activities	421	112.5	0.4	0.1	0.2
77 Rental and leasing activities	98	111.4	–0.4	1.0	0.2
78 Employment activities	80	110.1	0.8	1.8	–0.5
79 Travel agency, tour operator...	42	105.8	–0.2	1.1	0.5
80 Security and investigation activities	21	116.7	2.0	1.7	0.3
81 Services to buildings and landscape activities	50	112.2	1.0	–0.4	0.0
82 Office administrative, office support and other business support activities	131	116.5	0.5	–1.7	0.5

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

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