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## ■ Turnover in the wholesale trade and business services – August 2016

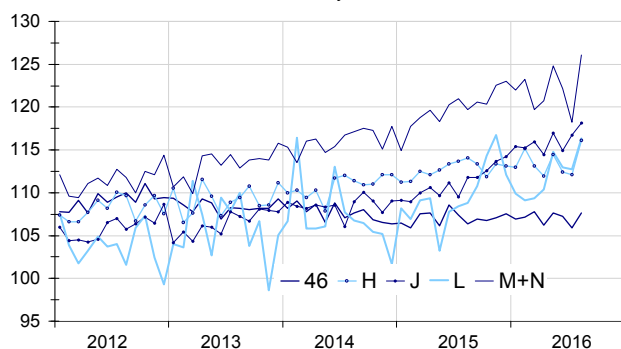
### In August 2016, the turnover recovered in business services and in wholesale trade

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 2016, the turnover bounced back sharply in *business support activities* (+6.6% after -3.2%), in *wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles* (+1.6% after -1.2%), in *transportation and storage* (+3.6% after -0.3%) and in *real estate activities* (+3.2% after -0.3%). It rose again in *information and communication* (+1.2% after +1.6%).

#### Wholesale trade and business services

Turnover indices, SA-WDA value, Base year 2010



Source: INSEE

#### Considerable upturn in business support activities

In August, the turnover of *business support activities* recovered vigorously after a significant fall in July (+6.6% after -3.2%). All subsectors bounced back. The turnover picked up dramatically in *professional, scientific and technical activities* (+8.1% after -4.7%), particularly in *activities of head offices and management consultancy activities* (+11.9%) and *architectural and engineering activities* (+9.2%). It recovered also in *administrative and support service activities* (+4.8% after -1.2%), more markedly in *office administrative, office support and other business support activities* (+7.5%), in *employment activities* (+5.7%) and in *services to buildings and landscape activities* (+8.5%).

The turnover in *business support activities* increased slightly over the last three months (+0.3% q-o-q) and more significantly over a year (+1.5% y-o-y).

#### Rebound in wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles

In August 2016, the turnover of *wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles* recovered (+1.6% after -1.2% in July and -0.4% in June), reaching the same level as in May. It bounced back notably for *wholesalers of household goods* (+2.9%) and for *wholesalers of other machinery, equipment and supplies* (+3.0%). It rose also for *wholesalers on a fee or contract basis* (+2.6%). By contrast, it declined for *wholesalers of information and communication equipment* (-1.4%).

The turnover of the *wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles* sector decreased slightly over the last three months (-0.3% q-o-q) and year-on-year (-0.5% y-o-y).

#### 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)
<b>46 Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
<b>H Transportation and storage</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
<b>J Information and communication</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>5.3</b>
<b>L Real estate activities</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>5.3</b>
<b>M+N Business support activities</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<i>M Professional, scientific and technical activities</i>	579	8.1	-4.7	0.6	1.0
<i>N Administrative and support service activities</i>	421	4.8	-1.2	-0.1	2.2

(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

## Sharp increase in transportation and storage

In August, the turnover of *transportation and storage* rose markedly (+3.6%) after a slight fall in July (-0.3%). The turnover increased in all sectors, particularly in *land transport* (+5.4%) and *warehousing and support activities for transportation* (+2.5%).

The turnover of *transportation and storage* rose slightly over the last three months (+0.3% q-o-q) and was almost unchanged over a year (-0.1% y-o-y).

## Marked growth in real estate activities

The turnover of *real estate activities* expanded sharply in August (+3.2%) after edging down in July (-0.3%). It rose markedly over the last three months (+2.2% q-o-q) and over a year (+5.3% y-o-y).

## Further increase in information and communication

The turnover in *information and communication* rose again in August (+1.2% after +1.6% in July). It grew significantly in *computer programming, consultancy and related activities* (+2.9%), *publishing activities* (+2.8%) and *motion picture, video and television programme production, sound recording and music publishing activities* (+3.1%). By contrast, it fell back considerably in *programming and broadcasting activities* (-7.5%).

The turnover in *information and communication* increased over the last three months (+0.7%) and sharply over the year (+5.3%).

### • Revisions

The variation in the turnover for July 2016 has been revised upwards by 1.8 points in *information and communication*, by 1.1 points in *real estate activities*, by 0.9 points in *business support activities* and by 0.2 points in the *wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles*. It was unchanged in *transportation and storage*. These revisions are sharper than usual. They are due to adjustments related to time lags in VAT returns in July and August and to the updating of the coefficients used for the seasonal and working-day adjustment (SA-WDA).

## Variation of the turnover in the wholesale trade and business services


SA-WDA value, Base year 2010

Nace Classification	Weight	Aug. 2016	Change in %		
			Aug./ July	July/ June	q-o-q (1)
<b>46 Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>107.7</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
461 Wholesale on a fee or contract basis	152	119.1	2.6	0.0	0.6
462 Wholesale of agricultural raw materials and live animals	54	105.7	2.4	-5.1	-3.5
463 Wholesale of food, beverages and tobacco	170	113.9	0.9	1.3	1.0
464 Wholesale of household goods	207	106.6	2.9	-2.9	-0.1
465 Wholesale of information and communication equipment	61	104.1	-1.4	0.0	2.2
466 Wholesale of other machinery, equipment and supplies	125	111.4	3.0	-3.0	-3.5
467 Other specialised wholesale	197	90.4	0.2	-0.8	0.1
469 Non specialised wholesale trade	34	131.3	-0.2	-0.8	-0.1
<b>H Transportation and storage</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>116.1</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>
49 Land transport and transport via pipelines	407	119.7	5.4	0.1	0.1
50 Water transport	73	125.4	2.1	-4.3	0.4
51 Air transport	91	95.7	2.2	-1.6	-2.5
52 Warehousing and support activities for transportation	360	119.1	2.5	0.8	1.3
53 Postal and courier activities	69	95.4	1.6	-3.4	-0.5
<b>J Information and communication</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>118.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>
58 Publishing activities	158	110.5	2.8	1.8	0.3
59 Motion picture, video and television programme production...	76	113.4	3.1	10.4	-2.1
60 Programming and broadcasting activities	61	104.4	-7.5	3.1	-1.9
61 Telecommunications	396	110.5	0.0	0.8	1.4
62 Computer programming, consultancy and related activities	251	133.1	2.9	-1.0	1.4
63 Information service activities	58	145.5	2.0	7.0	0.1
<b>L Real estate activities</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>116.3</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>2.2</b>
681 Buying and selling of own real estate	96	124.0	-1.9	3.7	0.4
682 Renting and operating of own or leased real estate	691	114.6	2.9	0.3	2.7
683 Real estate activities on a fee or contract basis	213	119.8	6.9	-4.0	1.3
<b>M+N Business support activities</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>126.1</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>M Professional, scientific and technical activities</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>123.6</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>-4.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>
69 Legal and accounting activities	90	119.3	1.9	-0.1	-0.6
70 Activities of head offices...	219	127.0	11.9	-7.8	0.8
71 Architectural and engineering activities...	151	121.5	9.2	-5.0	0.2
72 Scientific research and development	26	115.9	2.7	-8.9	5.5
73 Advertising and market research	68	109.6	1.5	3.6	0.9
74 Other professional, scientific and technical activities	19	169.9	8.4	-2.6	0.3
75 Veterinary activities	6	133.8	7.3	-3.2	0.5
<b>N Administrative and support service activities</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>129.5</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
77 Rental and leasing activities	98	123.3	0.5	4.5	2.6
78 Employment activities	80	136.7	5.7	-1.9	-0.6
79 Travel agency, tour operator...	42	121.9	4.0	-1.8	0.5
80 Security and investigation activities	21	134.1	3.1	0.5	0.9
81 Services to buildings and landscape activities	50	125.4	8.5	-3.2	-0.3
82 Office administrative, office support and other business support activities	131	134.4	7.5	-5.3	-2.3

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

Source: INSEE

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