

Developments in turnover and employment indices for services

during the second quarter of 2004

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The latest data available for employment indices for the EU-25's services sector generally run to the second quarter of 2004, when the highest growth rates (compared with the same quarter of 2003) were recorded for other business activities and hotels and restaurants. Moderate growth was registered for motor trades, supporting transport activities, land transport and wholesale trade, with employment increasing by between 0 % and 1 % in the EU-25. On the other hand, the level of employment for water transport, post and telecommunications and air transport fell by 2.0 % or more in the EU-25.

The data for turnover generally run to the first quarter of 2004, with sales growing at a rapid pace for water transport, rising by 7.4 % in the EU-25 (compared with the same quarter of a year before). In contrast, wholesale trade recorded the lowest increase, with sales rising by 2.5 % in the EU-25.

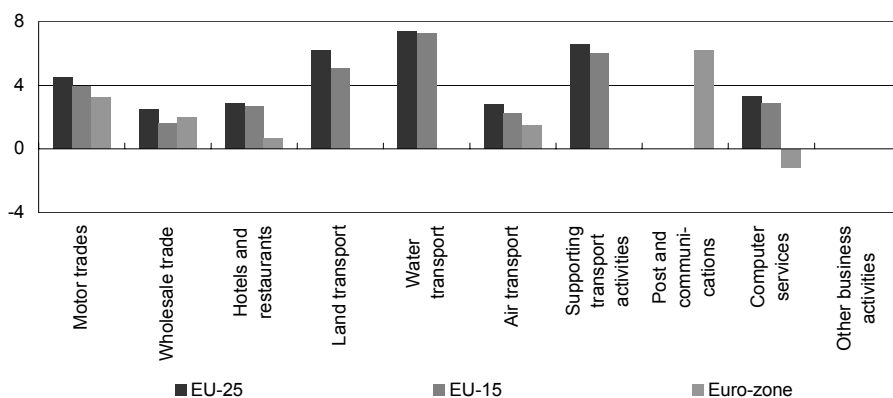


Figure 1: Turnover, latest growth rates (Q1/2004), compared to the same quarter of the previous year, gross data (%) (1)

(1) Other business activities, not available; EU-25 and EU-15, not available for post and communications; euro-zone, not available for land transport, water transport and supporting transport activities.

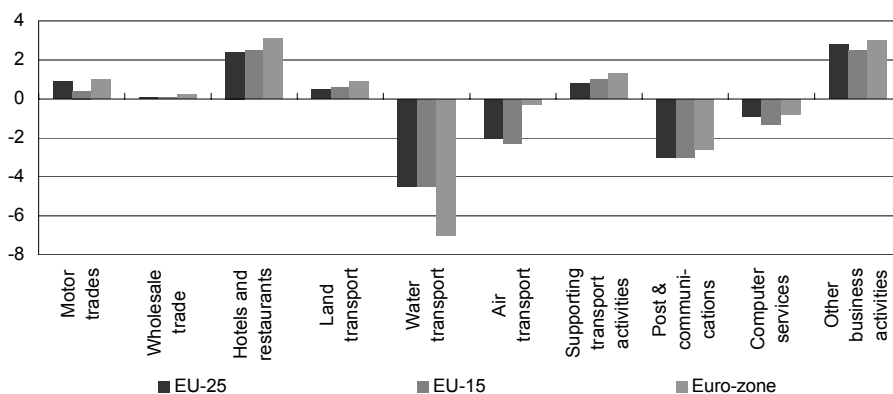


Figure 2: Employment, latest growth rates (Q2/2004), compared to the same quarter of the previous year, gross data (%) (1)

(1) EU-25 and EU-15, not available for hotels and restaurants, computer services and other business activities; EU-15, also not available for wholesale trade; euro-zone, not available for land transport, water transport, supporting transport activities and post and communications.

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Motor trades

On the basis of a comparison with the same quarter of the previous year, turnover in the euro-zone for the motor trades branch increased by 4.4 % in the second quarter of 2004. All of the EU Member States for which data are available recorded increases in turnover, with growth rates rising to above 20 % in Poland, Latvia, Cyprus and Slovakia. Data for the first quarter of 2004 are available for the EU-25 and the EU-15 and these too showed an upward trend, with turnover rising by 4.5 % and 3.9 % respectively. There was an expansion in the number of persons employed in the motor trades branch between the second quarters of 2003 and 2004 in the EU-25, as the employment index rose by 0.9 %.

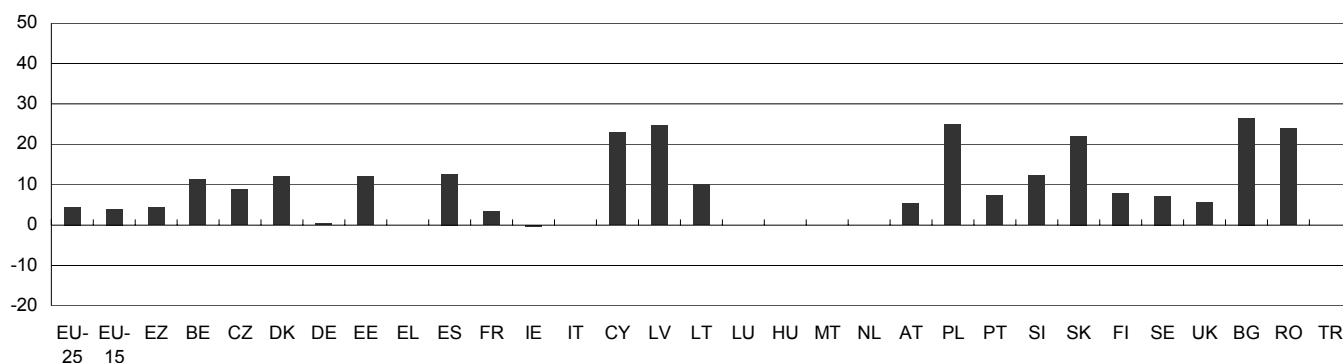


Figure 3: Turnover for motor trades (NACE Division 50), latest growth rate (Q2/2004), compared to the same quarter of the previous year, gross data (%) (1)

(1) EU-25, EU-15, Denmark and the United Kingdom, Q1-2004; Ireland, Q4-2003; Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands and Turkey, not available; Hungary, confidential.

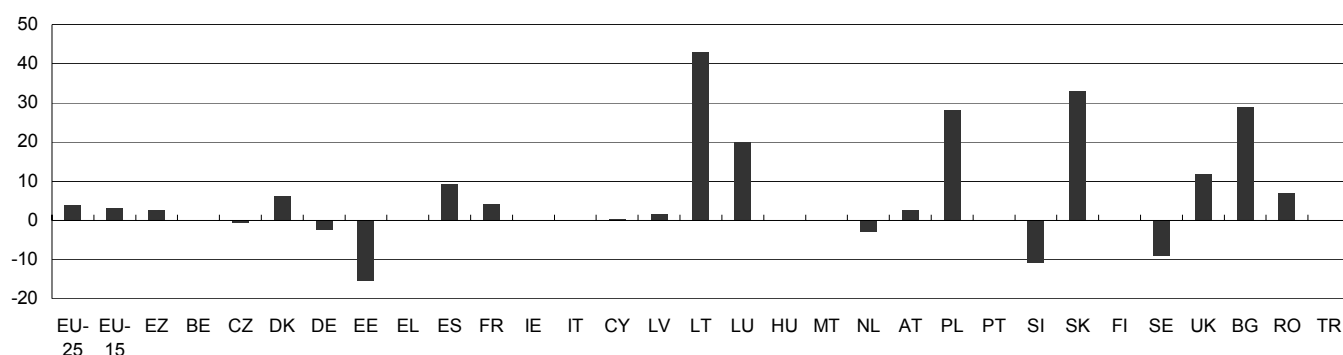


Figure 4: Turnover for maintenance and repair of motor vehicles (NACE Group 50.2), latest growth rate (Q2/2004), compared to the same quarter of the previous year, gross data (%) (1)

(1) EU-25, EU-15, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, Q1-2004; Slovenia, Q4-2003; Belgium, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Hungary, Malta, Finland and Turkey, not available; Portugal, confidential.

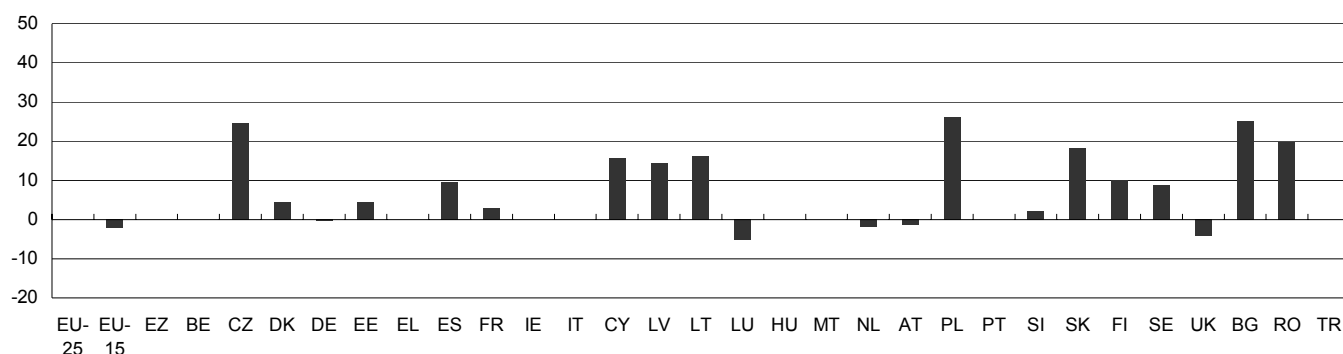


Figure 5: Turnover for retail sale of automotive fuel (NACE Group 50.5), latest growth rate (Q2/2004), compared to the same quarter of the previous year, gross data (%) (1)

(1) EU-25, EU-15, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, Q1-2004; Slovenia, Q4-2003; the euro-zone, Belgium, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Hungary, Malta and Turkey, not available; Portugal, confidential.

Motor trades (continued)

	Quarter on quarter growth rates, seasonally adjusted series						Year on year growth rates, gross series					
	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04
EU-25	1.6	-0.3	2.1	1.0	1.8	:	5.0	1.4	4.5	4.3	4.5	:
EU-15	1.4	-0.5	2.1	0.5	1.8	:	4.1	0.6	3.8	3.3	3.9	:
Euro-zone	:	:	:	:	:	:	1.2	-2.5	2.2	2.3	3.2	4.4
BE	-5.3	-4.7	6.5	4.4	-1.4	0.7	1.0	-22.8	-2.3	1.0	5.0	11.2
CZ	3.8	-0.9	3.8	0.8	-2.7	5.7	7.4	7.9	17.0	5.8	0.4	8.8
DK (1)	-4.5	-3.5	5.3	3.7	6.7	2.0	1.3	-9.7	-6.7	0.7	13.2	18.9
DE	0.4	-0.2	0.8	-0.8	-0.4	-0.2	1.3	0.6	2.9	-0.3	-0.7	0.4
EE	-2.3	-2.9	-0.2	2.7	4.1	6.4	11.6	-3.2	-1.5	-2.4	1.5	12.1
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	:	:	:	:	:	:	9.5	6.2	8.7	8.7	13.6	12.6
FR	-0.4	1.0	-1.8	1.1	1.1	0.8	-1.4	-1.9	-0.6	0.1	3.2	3.3
IE	0.4	-3.8	4.8	-1.4	4.5	0.0	-7.2	-17.5	-14.6	-0.5	c	c
IT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
CY	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	11.4	22.9
LV	2.1	1.4	5.0	2.5	9.2	5.8	26.8	9.7	15.0	9.5	20.1	24.7
LT	10.3	5.7	3.7	4.3	-5.5	8.3	21.2	15.3	22.3	25.6	8.5	10.1
LU (1)	7.4	1.3	2.0	3.6	-6.1	:	11.3	11.6	14.6	15.3	2.0	:
HU	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
MT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AT	3.8	-2.1	1.4	2.4	-5.2	6.0	3.5	5.4	3.8	5.3	-1.6	5.4
PL	2.7	3.4	2.0	13.3	5.4	3.0	22.5	13.8	11.5	23.4	26.3	24.9
PT	-7.3	7.1	-2.6	9.1	-8.3	10.1	-9.6	-14.1	-2.3	5.4	4.4	7.3
SI	1.9	2.4	1.6	3.5	3.7	2.3	16.1	16.5	10.4	10.8	12.6	12.3
SK	6.0	-3.9	1.6	9.1	6.0	4.6	15.7	-0.2	0.6	13.6	13.7	22.1
FI	2.9	7.8	4.8	0.0	2.6	0.3	13.2	12.3	17.2	16.3	17.9	7.9
SE	3.2	0.1	-1.9	2.0	3.1	5.6	11.3	5.8	6.5	2.5	1.9	7.2
UK	2.9	-0.9	2.3	2.3	3.0	:	9.5	6.8	6.6	5.9	5.6	:
BG	-1.6	-6.1	2.8	6.9	2.8	11.9	8.5	0.2	1.8	1.6	6.1	26.5
RO	8.7	8.5	3.5	6.1	6.7	6.2	45.9	42.9	32.8	29.9	27.6	24.0
TR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

Table 1: Turnover for motor trades (NACE Division 50), growth rates (%)

(1) NACE Groups 50.1, 50.3 and 50.4 only.

	Quarter on quarter growth rates, seasonally adjusted series						Year on year growth rates, gross series					
	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04
EU-25	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.7	1.1	0.9
EU-15	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.4
Euro-zone	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.7	0.8	1.0
BE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
CZ	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
DK	-0.9	2.5	-0.9	-2.0	:	:	0.3	4.3	2.8	-1.5	:	:
DE	0.1	-0.3	-0.4	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	0.2	-0.5	-1.0	-1.2	-0.8	-1.1
EE	-8.5	4.3	1.0	2.0	-3.3	-3.4	-3.3	-0.5	-1.5	-1.7	3.9	-3.8
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	:	:	:	:	:	:	1.1	1.6	2.4	2.9	3.2	2.9
FR	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.9	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.1	0.9	2.0
IE	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
IT	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
CY	-1.2	1.0	0.1	0.3	1.2	-1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	0.0
LV	-3.5	1.3	3.0	2.9	4.6	1.9	3.3	3.0	3.4	3.6	12.3	13.0
LT	2.8	3.7	3.0	2.3	1.5	2.4	17.1	16.5	18.4	15.5	8.5	8.6
LU	0.3	0.4	1.2	3.1	0.3	1.6	4.2	2.8	3.1	4.9	5.1	6.3
HU	-1.5	4.1	1.1	1.1	4.0	0.8	3.8	4.7	6.5	5.5	13.8	5.0
MT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	-0.7	0.4	-0.2	-0.4	0.6	-0.6	0.6	0.1	-0.7	-0.8	-0.7	-0.6
AT	-0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	0.2	-0.1	0.4	0.8
PL	-2.5	0.2	0.7	0.6	0.2	1.0	-1.7	-1.8	-1.2	-1.0	1.8	2.5
PT	-1.4	-0.9	-1.0	-1.1	-0.9	-1.4	-2.0	-2.6	-3.6	-4.3	-3.7	-4.2
SI	-0.3	-0.1	-0.9	1.1	-0.1	0.7	0.1	-0.3	-2.0	-0.2	0.0	0.9
SK	-1.8	-2.3	0.0	0.6	2.5	0.9	-4.9	-8.7	-8.0	-4.4	1.9	4.4
FI	2.4	-0.8	4.4	-0.7	-3.8	5.0	5.1	5.7	5.7	5.4	-1.4	4.7
SE	2.0	5.5	1.2	0.7	0.5	-6.0	0.3	6.9	9.2	9.7	8.1	-3.7
UK	-0.7	-0.5	0.2	0.0	-0.7	0.0	-1.3	-1.2	-1.5	-1.0	-1.0	-0.5
BG	4.1	2.7	2.5	3.8	5.6	3.4	13.5	13.8	10.0	11.5	17.4	17.0
RO	16.5	-1.0	1.2	-0.2	8.0	4.5	22.4	16.8	21.0	16.6	8.0	14.0
TR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

Table 2: Employment for motor trades (NACE Division 50), growth rates (%)

Wholesale trade

Turnover for the EU-25's wholesale trade branch increased by 5.2 % between the second quarters of 2003 and 2004, which was more than twice the growth rate registered between the first quarters of 2003 and 2004. The corresponding growth rate for the euro-zone in the second quarter of 2004 was 3.4 %, which was also higher than the 2.0 % increase recorded the quarter before. Among the 16 Member States for which data are available (on the basis of a comparison between the second quarter of 2004 and the same quarter of the previous year) turnover rose in every country. Moreover, in five of the 16 countries, double-digit increases were recorded.

Employment in the EU-25's wholesale trade branch increased modestly in the second quarter of 2004 (compared with the same quarter of 2003), as the number of persons employed rose by 0.1 %. This marked a slowdown in the pace at which the employment index was growing, as in first quarter of 2004 growth of 0.3 % had been registered. Half of the 18 Member States for which data are available for the second quarter of 2004 showed a decline in their respective number of persons employed within the wholesale trade branch, with declines ranging from 0.3 % to 7.5 %.

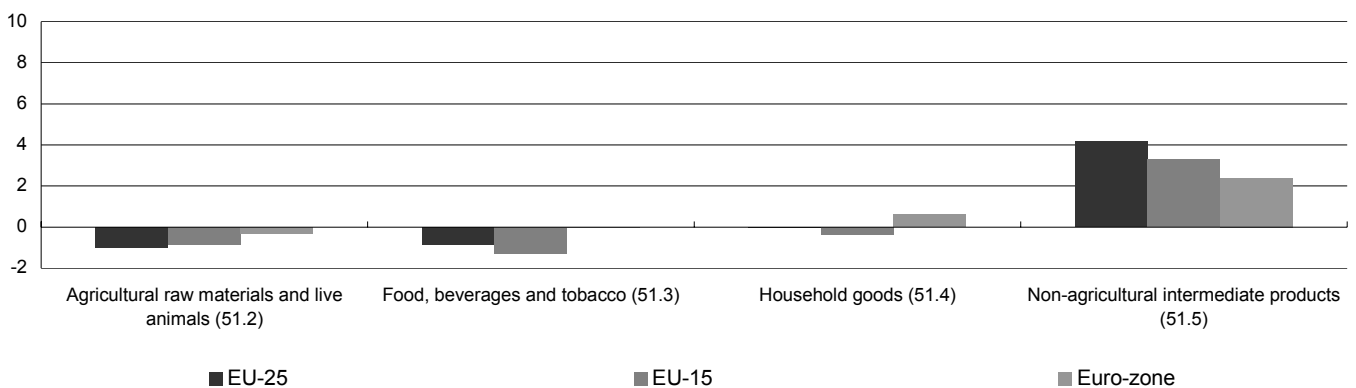


Figure 6: Turnover, latest growth rates (Q1/2004), compared to the previous quarter, seasonally adjusted data (%)

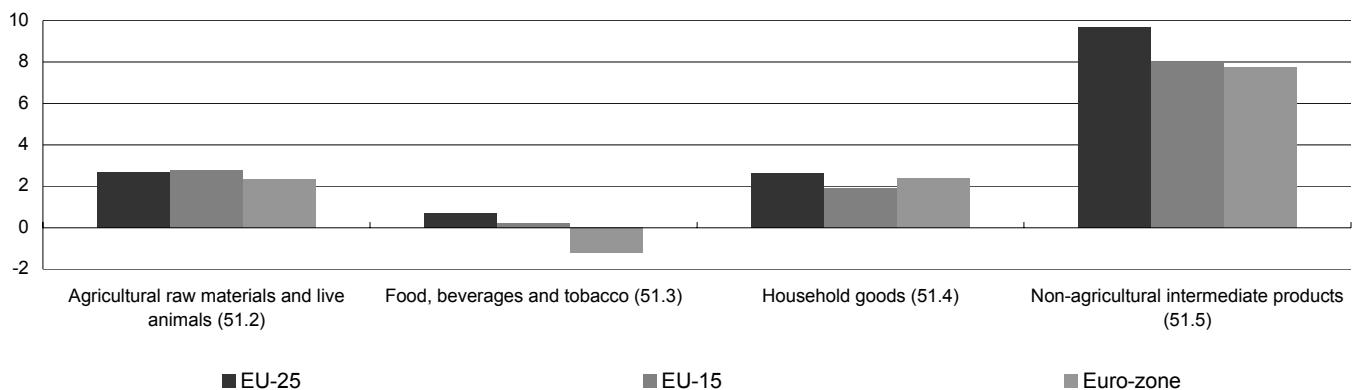


Figure 7: Turnover, latest growth rates (Q1/2004), compared to the same quarter of the previous year, gross data (%)

Wholesale trade (continued)

	Quarter on quarter growth rates, seasonally adjusted series						Year on year growth rates, gross series					
	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04
EU-25	0.8	-1.1	0.4	1.1	1.8	1.6	2.8	0.9	1.0	0.8	2.5	5.2
EU-15	1.0	-1.3	0.2	1.1	1.5	1.4	2.8	0.6	0.7	0.4	1.6	4.4
Euro-zone	0.6	0.0	0.4	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.9	1.4	1.4	0.9	2.0	3.4
BE	1.3	0.9	2.6	-2.4	1.0	-1.0	10.9	5.3	7.0	3.7	7.4	1.1
CZ	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
DK	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
DE	0.5	0.4	0.0	1.0	0.2	0.4	1.0	0.1	0.9	2.1	2.8	2.6
EE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	:	:	:	:	:	:	6.7	3.9	3.7	5.2	5.1	8.3
FR	-0.2	0.3	-0.9	0.1	1.5	1.4	-0.4	0.4	-1.4	-1.1	1.8	4.2
IE	-11.1	-1.8	-3.1	5.3	c	c	-3.0	-5.2	-15.2	-11.0	c	c
IT	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	1.0	2.1	3.0	2.5	1.3	0.8	-0.9	1.6	4.6
CY	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	8.5	6.6
LV	5.3	-1.1	2.6	4.4	1.6	4.4	28.8	14.6	13.5	12.0	17.8	13.7
LT	4.7	1.8	4.8	7.0	1.3	6.3	13.7	12.6	13.7	19.8	15.3	20.7
LU	4.8	0.3	2.2	3.8	0.1	:	12.1	10.5	12.3	11.7	6.9	:
HU	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
MT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AT	5.9	-2.5	-1.0	-0.8	1.9	4.5	4.8	2.9	1.0	1.3	-0.9	5.9
PL	-4.6	4.9	2.9	1.4	12.4	5.5	-1.3	3.0	4.7	4.4	23.0	23.8
PT	-11.5	5.3	6.4	6.0	-9.6	5.8	-3.5	-1.1	5.2	5.1	7.4	7.8
SI	-0.1	2.8	3.9	-0.5	3.3	10.7	15.3	11.9	13.4	7.7	10.2	19.7
SK	-6.9	-1.4	-3.1	4.5	4.9	4.8	-3.4	-7.4	-10.8	-6.9	4.5	11.0
FI	1.5	-1.4	1.3	1.5	0.9	3.6	4.4	0.7	2.7	2.9	3.6	8.1
SE	4.1	-2.8	-0.9	-0.3	-0.3	6.1	4.4	-1.7	1.2	0.6	-4.2	4.6
UK	0.5	-5.1	1.5	1.8	3.2	:	6.2	-2.4	-2.3	-1.5	1.3	:
BG	-6.0	-0.9	3.7	1.8	2.9	3.4	3.8	1.8	1.3	-1.7	7.5	12.3
RO	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
TR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

Table 3: Turnover for wholesale trade (NACE Division 51), growth rates (%)

	Quarter on quarter growth rates, seasonally adjusted series						Year on year growth rates, gross series					
	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04
EU-25	-0.8	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	-0.1	-0.7	-0.5	-0.1	-0.6	0.3	0.1
EU-15	-0.4	0.0	-0.2	0.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	-0.4	0.3	0.1
Euro-zone	-0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.3	0.2
BE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
CZ	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
DK	-1.1	2.9	-1.0	-2.6	:	:	0.4	4.7	3.0	-1.6	:	:
DE	-1.1	-0.6	-0.3	-0.9	-0.2	-0.6	-3.8	-3.7	-2.7	-2.8	-2.0	-1.9
EE	2.6	4.7	-0.4	-1.6	-1.4	-4.2	4.0	5.9	4.6	5.3	1.2	-7.5
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	:	:	:	:	:	:	1.2	1.7	1.3	2.1	2.2	2.2
FR	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.2	0.4	-0.2	-0.3	-0.5	-0.5	-0.3	0.5
IE	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
IT	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
CY	0.0	0.7	-1.3	0.5	-1.5	-0.9	1.1	1.6	-0.6	0.0	-1.7	-3.2
LV	1.1	0.6	1.0	1.4	3.2	2.0	7.0	6.1	4.5	4.3	6.5	7.9
LT	5.6	-0.9	2.4	1.7	6.4	0.0	15.2	7.9	9.8	8.9	9.8	10.8
LU	0.5	0.1	0.6	-0.4	0.3	3.0	1.0	0.1	0.4	0.8	0.6	3.5
HU	-0.2	0.6	1.6	0.8	1.4	-0.2	-1.4	0.9	1.8	0.9	4.2	5.1
MT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	-0.4	-0.6	-0.5	-0.5	-0.6	-0.5	-1.3	-1.8	-2.1	-1.9	-2.0	-2.1
AT	-3.1	0.1	-0.5	-1.1	-0.6	-0.7	-4.5	-4.1	-3.8	-4.6	-2.1	-2.9
PL	-3.1	-0.7	-0.1	0.0	0.6	0.2	-3.3	-3.5	-3.5	-3.8	-0.1	0.7
PT	-0.5	-1.0	-1.4	-0.2	0.2	-0.1	-0.8	-2.2	-3.4	-3.0	-2.2	-1.4
SI	1.1	0.1	-0.3	-0.2	-1.1	-0.2	1.2	1.9	1.5	0.7	-1.5	-1.8
SK	-16.9	-2.5	-0.4	-0.5	0.4	-0.2	-26.7	-24.3	-22.6	-19.7	-3.0	-0.7
FI	1.0	-2.7	4.5	-1.0	1.1	0.5	4.2	1.9	7.3	1.7	2.2	5.2
SE	0.1	-0.6	-0.1	0.8	0.2	1.5	-2.8	-1.5	-2.0	1.1	-1.2	3.1
UK	-1.0	0.2	-0.4	-0.6	0.7	0.0	-1.0	-0.8	-0.9	-1.7	-0.1	-0.3
BG	3.5	2.6	1.5	-1.5	2.8	1.3	15.0	16.6	16.8	3.9	5.6	3.7
RO	-1.4	1.9	0.3	0.4	3.7	1.6	1.6	4.0	1.7	1.0	6.3	6.0
TR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

Table 4: Employment for wholesale trade (NACE Division 51), growth rates (%)

Hotels and restaurants

	Quarter on quarter growth rates, seasonally adjusted series						Year on year growth rates, gross series					
	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04
EU-25	-0.1	0.7	0.5	0.0	1.3	:	1.7	1.0	1.0	0.8	2.9	:
EU-15	-0.2	0.6	0.5	-0.1	1.3	:	1.8	0.9	0.8	0.5	2.7	:
Euro-zone	:	:	:	:	:	:	0.5	-1.6	-1.2	-0.9	0.7	-0.6
BE	0.7	2.2	0.0	-3.5	:	:	3.3	4.6	5.6	-0.8	:	:
CZ	1.5	1.6	2.6	2.5	3.4	1.7	-1.6	-0.7	9.3	8.5	11.9	11.7
DK	0.8	0.4	2.7	-0.9	0.5	1.4	-1.5	0.1	2.4	3.2	2.7	3.7
DE	-0.9	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	0.1	-0.5	-8.0	-4.9	-3.6	-2.6	-1.7	-1.1
EE	-1.5	1.6	3.4	3.2	5.1	3.8	7.2	4.3	11.7	8.2	14.2	12.2
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	:	:	:	:	:	:	-1.5	3.8	3.3	2.9	3.5	-1.2
FR	-0.8	-1.0	-0.6	-0.4	0.8	0.2	0.0	-0.5	-2.3	-3.2	-0.2	0.3
IE	-0.2	5.0	-0.9	0.4	c	c	3.8	8.5	6.8	4.4	c	c
IT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
CY	-2.4	0.1	1.4	-0.8	-0.7	-2.9	-10.1	-4.0	-3.1	-4.4	6.7	2.8
LV	14.8	17.0	-8.5	0.1	7.6	6.7	18.7	22.8	22.4	23.9	15.5	16.8
LT	5.1	4.9	6.8	4.6	2.1	:	7.1	11.4	20.6	24.4	17.6	:
LU	-4.5	1.0	-0.1	2.5	-2.4	:	-6.1	-4.9	-5.2	-0.8	1.6	:
HU	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
MT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	0.1	-1.8
PL	1.3	3.0	1.1	1.3	0.0	1.0	-6.1	5.8	6.8	11.5	1.3	2.9
PT	-13.8	21.4	11.3	-16.4	-10.4	23.4	-5.6	-1.5	-1.7	-2.6	1.2	2.9
SI	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
SK	0.9	0.7	2.0	-8.7	4.5	-3.0	-6.8	0.3	8.9	-5.2	-1.8	-5.6
FI	0.4	-0.3	0.5	1.2	0.9	-2.3	-0.1	0.9	1.2	1.8	3.4	0.1
SE	0.5	-0.1	1.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.8	2.7	0.1	1.3	-0.3	2.7	3.4
UK	-1.5	4.3	0.2	0.5	1.4	:	4.5	6.4	4.9	3.6	7.2	:
BG	3.6	4.0	4.2	3.4	-0.4	1.0	4.9	6.7	10.0	26.9	10.5	10.8
RO	0.9	4.9	6.8	10.7	18.4	6.3	22.1	18.8	12.8	22.6	58.8	40.3
TR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

Table 5: Turnover for hotels and restaurants (NACE Division 55), growth rates (%)

	Quarter on quarter growth rates, seasonally adjusted series						Year on year growth rates, gross series					
	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04
EU-25	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.7	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.4	2.4
EU-15	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.7	1.8	1.4	1.6	1.3	2.5
Euro-zone	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.0	1.4	1.8	1.8	2.1	1.3	3.1
BE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
CZ	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
DK	-2.1	2.9	-0.4	-1.6	:	:	0.3	4.3	2.8	-1.5	:	:
DE	-0.8	-1.3	0.5	1.2	1.9	4.5	-5.2	-3.9	-2.4	-0.9	0.7	8.9
EE	-2.2	1.2	3.9	0.7	4.3	1.7	6.7	3.8	5.1	3.6	10.6	10.8
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	:	:	:	:	:	:	1.2	2.0	0.9	2.6	0.5	-0.1
FR	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	2.2	2.6	2.4	2.7	2.9	2.7
IE	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
IT	2.4	2.0	2.0	1.3	1.4	1.5	10.6	10.5	11.5	8.8	5.7	6.1
CY	-0.8	-1.1	1.8	-0.8	2.9	-1.3	-1.2	-2.6	-0.3	-1.0	2.7	2.4
LV	13.6	-0.3	1.4	3.6	3.5	5.1	19.6	16.7	16.2	18.9	8.3	14.2
LT	3.4	1.0	9.8	1.1	-2.2	:	8.2	5.8	17.9	16.0	9.7	:
LU	0.2	0.5	1.1	1.0	1.3	1.5	3.2	3.7	4.2	3.4	4.7	5.1
HU	0.7	1.2	1.5	0.9	1.5	0.0	2.9	3.4	4.6	4.4	5.4	4.0
MT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	-0.8	-0.8	-0.6	-0.7	-0.4	-0.4	-1.6	-2.2	-3.0	-3.3	-2.5	-1.7
AT	-0.9	-0.9	-0.8	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4	-0.2	0.2	-10.8	0.3	0.0	0.2
PL	-2.5	-0.7	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	0.5	-3.5	-4.1	-3.3	-3.1	-1.0	0.2
PT	-0.6	-1.7	-0.2	-0.2	-0.7	-0.3	-1.2	-3.6	-2.8	-2.6	-2.7	-1.3
SI	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.4	0.3	-0.5	0.3	0.6	0.4	-0.3	0.1
SK	0.1	-5.0	-3.2	-2.6	0.2	-1.8	-11.3	-12.5	-10.2	-10.4	-10.1	-7.1
FI	2.1	-3.7	-3.7	-1.3	-0.7	-1.2	-2.8	-7.3	-12.0	-6.8	-9.3	-6.6
SE	-1.8	-3.4	-1.3	2.6	-1.5	2.5	-0.9	-4.4	-7.4	-3.7	-3.8	2.9
UK	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.7	-0.1	2.8	1.9	0.8	0.9	1.6	0.9
BG	11.3	0.3	-6.1	8.8	6.1	0.4	17.0	25.7	14.8	14.0	8.7	8.8
RO	10.0	-2.4	-1.4	5.4	4.1	4.7	6.2	5.1	0.8	11.4	5.6	13.4
TR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

Table 6: Employment for hotels and restaurants (NACE Division 55), growth rates (%)

Transport services

On the basis of a comparison with the same quarter of a year before, EU-25 turnover indices in the first quarter of 2004 rose in all four Divisions that compose transport services. For employment indices there are fresher data available for the second quarter of 2004, where the latest data showed a mixed pattern as regards the evolution of the number of persons employed.

In the first quarter of 2004 turnover for land transport grew by 6.2 % in the EU-25 when compared with the same quarter of the previous year. There was also growth in employment terms, as there was a 0.5 % increase in the number of persons employed in the EU-25's land transport sector in the second quarter of 2004, which maintained the same rate of increase that was recorded in the first quarter of 2004. Among the 13 Member States for which data are available, seven recorded gains in their respective numbers of persons employed.

The water transport branch recorded the highest sales growth in the EU-25 among the four NACE Divisions that make-up transport services, as turnover rose by 7.4 % in the first quarter of 2004 (compared with the same quarter of a year before). Fresher data was available for this branch for the second quarter of 2004, when sales rose by 6.0 %. The latest employment data for water transport shows that the number of persons employed declined by 4.5 % in the EU-25 in the second quarter of 2004 (compared with the same quarter of the year before).

There was most turnover growth in the EU-25's air transport branch in the first quarter of 2004, as sales rose by 2.8 % when compared with the same quarter in 2003. As such, the pace at which sales grew was significantly reduced from 6.1 % in the previous quarter. EU-25 employment fell by 2.0 % in the second quarter of 2004 within the air transport branch (compared with the same quarter of a year before).

Auxiliary transport activities in the EU-25 recorded increases for both turnover (6.6 %) and employment (0.3 %) indices in the first quarter of 2004 when compared with the same period in 2003. Data available for the second quarter of 2004 shows that the employment index rose by a further 0.8 % in the EU-25.

	Turnover, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)						Employment, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)					
	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04
EU-25	4.4	3.6	4.3	4.5	6.2	·	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.5
EU-15	3.7	2.9	4.0	4.1	5.0	·	0.3	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.6
Euro-zone	·	·	·	·	·	·	1.5	1.3	1.4	0.8	1.0	0.9
BE	-1.6	27.8	5.1	4.2	12.2	-19.0	·	·	·	·	·	·
CZ	8.5	10.2	14.3	13.1	-48.9	-39.7	c	c	c	c	c	c
DK	-2.6	-5.5	-0.1	-2.1	8.2	6.2	3.4	2.7	8.0	-2.2	·	·
DE	c	c	c	c	c	c	·	·	·	·	·	·
EE	22.2	15.2	21.4	28.8	8.1	12.6	4.0	4.5	4.9	4.7	-2.6	-2.7
EL	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
ES	3.8	4.6	5.4	5.1	5.8	5.1	1.8	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.1	1.3
FR	4.5	-0.5	-2.2	1.6	3.8	4.9	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2
IE	8.8	0.8	14.5	12.7	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
IT	·	·	·	·	·	·	c	c	c	c	c	c
CY	8.7	7.7	7.4	18.4	9.6	·	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2
LV	26.1	28.2	39.1	37.8	22.0	16.1	6.3	6.9	7.6	7.8	1.3	2.9
LT	10.4	12.3	21.4	15.1	24.2	25.0	3.5	3.7	5.2	3.0	7.2	6.0
LU	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
HU	c	c	c	c	c	c	·	·	·	·	·	·
MT	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
NL	·	·	·	·	·	·	0.8	0.2	-0.3	-0.6	-1.0	-1.6
AT	·	·	·	·	2.4	0.3	1.9	2.9	4.7	2.9	0.4	-0.4
PL	9.6	6.2	-0.1	1.4	21.0	20.9	-0.4	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.4	-0.5
PT	4.3	4.2	2.4	2.8	5.7	7.4	-1.1	-0.5	-2.0	-1.0	-0.8	-1.7
SI	·	·	·	·	·	·	0.2	0.3	-0.1	0.1	1.1	1.5
SK	-5.1	-10.9	-2.7	-3.7	4.5	5.9	-6.6	-7.8	-8.2	-9.2	-5.9	-3.8
FI	c	c	c	c	c	c	·	·	·	·	·	·
SE	4.4	5.4	5.3	4.7	4.7	4.4	-8.5	-1.9	-4.2	-3.1	-3.2	3.6
UK	3.5	2.8	9.1	8.4	7.3	·	·	·	·	·	·	·
BG	-9.8	-18.3	-6.9	-16.9	-2.0	-6.4	-9.6	-9.7	-1.0	-1.5	4.1	6.1
RO	·	·	·	·	·	·	-0.1	0.0	-0.4	-5.8	-4.9	-6.6
TR	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·	·

Table 7: Turnover and employment for land transport (NACE Division 60), growth rates (%)

Transport services (continued)

	Turnover, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)						Employment, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)					
	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04
EU-25	3.6	0.2	5.5	9.3	7.4	6.0	0.4	1.7	-0.5	0.9	0.5	-4.5
EU-15	3.7	0.2	5.8	9.1	7.3	:	1.3	2.4	-0.3	1.2	1.3	-4.5
Euro-zone	:	:	:	:	:	:	1.1	3.5	-2.4	2.0	2.4	-7.0
BE	8.9	9.3	19.6	41.5	34.7	33.4	:	:	:	:	:	:
CZ	3.3	3.7	-24.4	-24.6	31.3	40.7	c	c	c	c	c	c
DK	-7.5	-8.3	-0.5	16.6	12.1	12.0	3.9	3.1	9.2	-2.5	:	:
DE	c	c	c	c	c	c	:	:	:	:	:	:
EE	1.5	-4.6	-13.1	-6.0	20.3	16.8	-15.6	-6.8	-7.7	-8.0	-2.4	3.7
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	-8.3	1.7	3.2	4.7	8.5	6.3	4.8	5.2	1.9	-0.4	-5.2	-6.3
FR	4.7	1.3	10.6	6.9	15.7	11.5	2.0	1.3	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
IE	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
IT	-1.7	-7.2	2.3	2.9	6.3	8.4	c	c	c	c	c	c
CY	-19.8	16.2	24.5	23.9	99.5	:	-3.7	-2.9	-2.5	-3.1	-3.8	8.8
LV	c	c	c	c	c	c	22.6	41.2	95.5	106.4	54.6	31.1
LT	-10.5	-12.6	13.3	2.6	7.8	20.7	-4.5	-3.5	1.8	0.5	-3.5	-5.9
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
HU	c	c	c	c	c	c	:	:	:	:	:	:
MT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	-3.3	-3.5	-5.5	-3.7	-4.3	-6.2
AT	:	:	:	:	23.4	1.2	3.3	-4.1	-31.0	-8.9	-9.9	8.0
PL	1.3	5.0	-13.7	22.6	6.3	-9.8	-1.3	-1.2	0.5	0.0	-5.7	-8.2
PT	7.9	-0.2	11.6	25.0	12.9	7.4	0.1	0.2	4.0	1.0	-3.5	-10.7
SI	:	:	:	:	:	:	-0.3	0.6	2.3	6.6	7.6	9.2
SK	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
FI	6.7	13.5	2.6	2.3	3.9	-5.6	:	:	:	:	:	:
SE	-0.5	9.2	6.1	7.8	10.8	0.7	8.7	9.0	12.6	11.3	2.6	3.8
UK	32.0	6.9	15.1	8.8	-4.5	:	-3.7	-5.9	-4.7	-6.0	-4.0	-1.1
BG	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
RO	:	:	:	:	:	:	22.7	22.4	24.2	29.2	-15.0	-11.9
TR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

Table 8: Turnover and employment for water transport (NACE Division 61), growth rates (%)

	Turnover, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)						Employment, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)					
	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04
EU-25	0.4	-2.5	-3.7	6.1	2.8	:	2.1	1.8	0.7	0.2	1.7	-2.0
EU-15	0.1	-2.5	-3.9	6.0	2.2	:	2.4	2.0	0.9	0.3	1.6	-2.3
Euro-zone	0.1	-2.0	-1.2	2.3	1.5	-0.6	0.2	-0.5	-0.9	-1.1	-0.2	-0.3
BE	13.3	18.4	13.3	13.5	1.6	3.7	:	:	:	:	:	:
CZ	-6.9	-4.8	15.8	19.6	76.3	40.1	c	c	c	c	c	c
DK	-17.8	0.7	-8.0	24.3	-3.0	14.8	4.0	3.1	9.3	-2.6	:	:
DE	c	c	c	c	c	c	:	:	:	:	:	:
EE	19.8	3.7	2.7	-0.9	16.9	10.2	-10.8	-12.5	11.8	11.1	6.1	9.9
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	-2.6	-1.5	1.9	4.7	7.8	7.4	1.0	3.9	5.2	6.5	5.4	6.1
FR	-12.5	-2.4	2.4	-6.7	3.6	-8.4	1.9	0.9	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.3
IE	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
IT	2.1	-1.7	-1.5	2.0	-6.7	-3.2	c	c	c	c	c	c
CY	-4.6	-14.0	-5.7	1.2	6.0	:	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	-4.0
LV	c	c	c	c	c	c	11.3	11.8	7.4	6.1	13.8	18.2
LT	-1.2	-5.6	8.0	15.5	3.8	6.1	-10.0	-5.4	-1.3	-2.3	-5.0	-7.1
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
HU	c	c	c	c	c	c	:	:	:	:	:	:
MT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	1.3	0.5	-1.0	-2.8	-4.4	-5.1
AT	:	:	:	:	12.9	15.7	-0.8	0.0	-2.0	-0.2	1.1	:
PL	c	c	c	c	c	c	-4.3	-2.1	-2.6	-1.7	0.6	-0.5
PT	2.2	9.1	-1.4	11.0	2.2	3.6	1.9	-0.4	-1.2	1.1	-0.9	-0.1
SI	:	:	:	:	:	:	-1.8	-2.1	-1.3	-2.1	-2.2	-0.5
SK	75.8	-14.4	-27.5	126.1	333.0	167.2	38.6	13.3	2.4	10.7	35.3	71.9
FI	c	c	c	c	c	c	:	:	:	:	:	:
SE	c	c	c	c	c	c	12.0	4.0	7.4	-5.0	-12.5	-20.2
UK	2.3	-2.7	-8.1	13.0	5.2	:	4.5	6.3	1.9	5.0	8.1	-2.3
BG	-41.6	-46.1	68.2	-37.7	23.9	26.7	-27.7	-31.5	-18.5	-11.5	-13.4	14.2
RO	:	:	:	:	:	:	3.4	2.4	-4.5	-6.9	-12.6	-12.5
TR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

Table 9: Turnover and employment for air transport (NACE Division 62), growth rates (%)

Transport services (continued)

	Turnover, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)						Employment, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)					
	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04
EU-25	2.1	1.1	1.5	3.6	6.6	:	1.6	0.9	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.8
EU-15	1.5	0.7	0.9	2.9	6.0	:	1.8	1.1	0.8	0.4	0.4	1.0
Euro-zone	:	:	:	:	:	:	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.2	0.8	1.3
BE	12.6	9.3	7.0	4.0	6.9	14.2	:	:	:	:	:	:
CZ	5.1	4.8	11.6	12.5	13.4	1.0	c	c	c	c	c	c
DK	9.9	1.0	-0.7	-0.4	3.8	13.8	3.4	2.6	8.6	-3.0	:	:
DE	c	c	c	c	c	c	:	:	:	:	:	:
EE	26.2	-1.2	28.9	32.4	-4.0	-0.7	2.4	3.4	2.6	2.2	3.5	1.4
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	3.6	5.2	7.3	8.1	5.7	7.0	2.8	4.3	3.2	2.5	1.8	1.6
FR	3.0	1.4	-0.1	1.2	4.1	3.8	1.9	1.0	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.2
IE	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
IT	:	:	:	:	:	:	c	c	c	c	c	c
CY	7.2	2.5	6.5	6.2	6.0	:	-2.8	-2.7	-2.5	-2.7	-4.4	0.0
LV	5.0	11.6	16.3	9.4	20.8	16.5	6.4	7.3	7.2	7.9	-0.7	0.0
LT	12.8	5.9	12.4	-3.6	14.8	-0.2	-0.4	2.7	3.5	3.2	9.9	7.6
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
HU	c	c	c	c	c	c	:	:	:	:	:	:
MT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	1.0	0.0	-0.3	-1.2	-1.5	-1.5
AT	:	:	:	:	10.1	7.0	1.7	0.6	-1.1	0.8	2.3	4.7
PL	10.8	11.7	8.9	16.1	29.5	24.1	-2.8	-2.4	-2.6	-2.8	-2.0	-3.4
PT	-0.5	-5.4	-9.6	-7.4	6.8	7.3	-7.1	-3.4	-4.5	-2.3	-3.1	-3.6
SI	:	:	:	:	:	:	-1.0	-1.6	-3.0	-3.9	-5.6	-9.0
SK	7.7	-7.5	-7.7	19.1	14.2	25.5	-3.8	-16.2	-19.4	-14.8	4.5	7.8
FI	4.3	0.5	3.9	5.3	6.8	4.8	:	:	:	:	:	:
SE	1.4	-0.9	0.9	2.8	5.9	8.1	10.0	10.0	13.5	10.8	2.1	-6.9
UK	-3.9	-3.7	0.0	3.0	8.6	:	2.9	-0.5	-2.5	-2.8	-1.3	1.3
BG	-10.7	-17.6	-24.0	-18.7	0.9	3.0	27.5	26.8	4.3	2.2	-4.0	-4.2
RO	:	:	:	:	:	:	-12.6	-5.0	-0.8	-6.6	3.6	-0.3
TR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

Table 10: Turnover and employment for auxiliary transport activities (NACE Division 63), growth rates (%)

Communications, computer and business services

The euro-zone's post and telecommunications branch reported a 5.8 % increase in sales between the second quarters of 2003 and 2004. Looking at the data available for 12 of the 25 Member States, turnover grew in every country during the period under consideration. However, for six of the Member States the pace at which turnover increased was slowing in comparison with the growth rates that were registered in the first quarter of 2004. In employment terms, there was a 3.0 % decline in the number of persons employed in the EU-25's post and telecommunications branch in the second quarter of 2004 on the basis of a comparison with the same quarter of a year before. This trend was largely repeated among the Member States, as 10 of the 14 countries for which data are available registered a decline in their number of persons employed.

There was a decline in both turnover (-2.6 %) and employment (-0.8 %) for the computer services branch in the euro-zone in the second quarter of 2004, on the basis of a comparison with the same quarter of the previous year. Sales grew nonetheless for 10 of the 16 Member States for which data are available for the second quarter of 2004. In terms of employment, the latest information available for the second quarter of 2004 showed that the number of persons employed in the EU-25 was 0.9 % below the level that was registered during the same quarter of a year before.

Other business services recorded the fastest expansion of employment among the services Divisions for which data are available for the second quarter of 2004. Employment followed an upward trend in the EU-25, as the number of persons employed rose by 2.8 % between the second quarters of 2003 and 2004, while among the Member States, growth was recorded in every country for which data are available, except in the Netherlands and Finland.

Communications, computer and business services (continued)

	Turnover, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)						Employment, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)					
	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04
EU-25	6.8	6.4	3.8	0.6	:	:	-1.6	-2.2	-1.6	-2.8	-2.8	-3.0
EU-15	6.6	6.2	3.6	0.3	:	:	-0.9	-1.6	-1.0	-2.6	-2.6	-3.0
Euro-zone	5.3	4.6	3.5	-0.6	6.2	5.8	-2.8	-2.7	-2.1	-2.6	-2.6	-2.6
BE	12.0	7.9	6.4	-32.4	5.1	10.9	:	:	:	:	:	:
CZ	8.1	7.8	5.7	3.8	6.4	56.9	c	c	c	c	c	c
DK	-2.8	:	:	:	:	:	3.9	3.1	9.2	-2.5	:	:
DE	c	c	c	c	c	c	:	:	:	:	:	:
EE	9.4	6.9	11.1	11.2	11.0	11.8	-2.8	-2.8	-1.9	-0.7	-2.2	-2.5
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	4.4	7.1	7.8	9.1	10.4	9.6	-1.8	-1.3	1.0	-2.5	-3.3	-3.6
FR	5.2	5.5	0.8	0.5	4.7	4.6	-0.7	-1.5	-2.4	-3.0	-2.6	1.6
IE	-1.3	0.2	-10.5	-2.6	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
IT	4.4	2.2	3.6	3.1	8.1	6.7	c	c	c	c	c	c
CY	-1.3	-5.4	-4.5	12.6	10.3	:	-2.7	2.6	5.1	2.6	13.9	7.7
LV	8.3	3.9	7.8	7.3	10.3	12.6	-5.4	-6.9	-7.4	-6.7	-2.7	0.5
LT	:	:	:	:	:	:	-1.5	-1.6	-1.1	-1.9	-11.6	-4.8
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
HU	c	c	c	c	c	c	:	:	:	:	:	:
MT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	c	c	c	:	:	:	-7.1	-6.5	-5.0	-4.1	-3.0	-1.9
AT	:	:	:	:	4.8	3.9	-5.8	-5.7	-9.7	-6.1	-5.7	-4.3
PL	11.9	10.6	6.5	4.2	13.0	6.3	-8.8	-8.2	-7.7	-5.5	-3.7	-3.0
PT	0.6	2.7	6.4	7.3	4.6	6.2	-2.3	-7.6	-8.0	-7.0	-10.9	-7.6
SI	:	:	:	:	:	:	3.8	3.5	3.3	7.8	1.4	1.3
SK	9.4	8.3	8.0	8.5	10.7	11.5	-6.2	-3.0	-3.6	-3.6	-2.8	-3.4
FI	0.3	2.0	9.2	7.9	17.3	8.6	:	:	:	:	:	:
SE	c	c	c	c	c	c	8.8	-3.6	-4.7	-5.6	1.2	-5.2
UK	9.5	10.1	4.1	2.7	:	:	1.7	0.8	1.1	-2.2	-3.9	-4.1
BG	-22.3	-20.8	-17.0	-22.3	17.6	9.6	0.7	0.9	1.6	0.9	-0.8	-1.1
RO	:	:	:	:	:	:	-7.8	-7.0	-7.4	-6.9	-10.6	-13.0
TR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

Table 11: Turnover and employment for post and telecommunications (NACE Division 64), growth rates (%)

	Turnover, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)						Employment, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)					
	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04
EU-25	1.0	3.3	4.4	7.2	3.3	:	-1.9	-1.6	-1.1	-1.0	-1.6	-0.9
EU-15	0.8	3.2	4.4	7.0	2.9	:	-2.6	-2.4	-1.9	-1.7	-1.8	-1.3
Euro-zone	-0.6	-1.3	-2.5	-1.7	-1.2	-2.6	-3.3	-3.5	-2.7	-1.8	-0.8	-0.8
BE	-3.3	-6.5	-10.9	-14.3	-16.1	-42.7	:	:	:	:	:	:
CZ	-1.7	0.6	4.5	15.7	5.7	18.5	c	c	c	c	c	c
DK	-4.3	-4.8	-0.4	-0.9	13.4	3.6	1.3	-6.9	-3.5	-2.2	:	:
DE	c	c	c	c	c	c	:	:	:	:	:	:
EE	10.9	8.5	9.8	12.2	22.4	20.3	15.6	18.2	19.3	20.5	21.8	17.5
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	7.1	1.7	5.1	1.4	-2.0	-1.5	-5.1	-3.3	-1.9	0.9	2.1	0.8
FR	-0.6	-3.6	-4.1	-2.8	0.5	0.4	-4.6	-3.9	-2.6	-1.4	-0.4	3.5
IE	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
IT	-2.0	1.8	-0.3	-0.8	-0.6	4.1	c	c	c	c	c	c
CY	20.9	11.0	11.0	11.0	13.4	-4.9	8.3	8.3	8.3	0.0	0.0	7.7
LV	64.4	-10.6	-5.7	20.1	-30.1	13.4	9.7	11.0	11.6	12.6	3.0	0.3
LT	-1.1	1.7	7.3	15.7	35.2	-0.6	4.1	4.6	6.4	10.4	-5.8	5.0
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
HU	c	c	c	c	c	c	7.3	14.9	15.3	15.3	-4.0	2.2
MT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	-1.9	-3.5	-7.1	0.3	-0.8	c	-5.4	-6.2	-5.7	-4.9	-5.5	-5.5
AT	:	:	:	:	4.2	-0.9	0.9	1.4	-1.2	0.8	0.0	0.8
PL	5.8	2.1	1.0	6.4	21.6	15.7	2.0	3.2	3.9	3.4	3.5	3.0
PT	-1.3	13.6	43.9	48.2	-9.5	-7.8	-10.8	-8.1	-5.2	-1.7	-1.7	-0.6
SI	:	:	:	:	:	:	14.0	10.1	9.0	8.5	5.2	5.7
SK	-1.2	1.8	1.4	4.7	13.5	11.3	14.8	12.8	2.4	2.4	8.1	4.9
FI	3.8	3.3	0.9	3.3	4.1	6.6	6.2	-2.4	-12.5	-7.1	-5.5	-6.6
SE	14.9	8.8	11.6	9.3	0.7	4.1	-5.6	-4.7	-3.9	-1.0	-1.1	0.9
UK	0.8	9.7	14.7	22.9	9.0	:	-0.9	0.7	0.2	-1.7	-3.4	-3.3
BG	12.5	3.4	0.8	14.9	10.9	13.1	4.3	3.4	6.3	1.1	11.8	20.4
RO	:	:	:	:	:	:	3.1	7.6	12.7	11.9	31.3	42.5
TR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

Table 12: Turnover and employment for computer services (NACE Division 72), growth rates (%)

Communications, computer and business services (continued)

	Turnover, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)						Employment, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)					
	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q3-03	Q4-03	Q1-04	Q2-04
EU-25	:	:	:	:	:	:	1.7	1.2	1.8	1.8	1.6	2.8
EU-15	:	:	:	:	:	:	1.4	1.0	1.6	1.6	1.4	2.5
Euro-zone	:	:	:	:	:	:	2.3	1.8	2.7	2.6	2.4	3.0
BE	5.2	15.4	21.0	17.0	21.0	-2.9	:	:	:	:	:	:
CZ	-0.6	4.8	5.6	8.2	10.5	9.9	c	c	c	c	c	c
DK	:	:	:	:	:	:	1.5	-6.5	-3.1	-1.9	:	:
DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
EE	:	:	:	:	:	:	4.2	1.3	-4.0	-2.0	8.1	8.2
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	11.6	5.2	5.3	6.0	4.6	2.0	2.7	2.8	2.7	3.6	2.4	2.3
FR	:	:	:	:	:	:	0.0	-0.7	-0.7	0.2	0.7	0.4
IE	-4.4	-6.7	-9.4	-7.8	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
IT	:	:	:	:	:	:	c	c	c	c	c	c
CY	6.2	6.0	5.8	6.0	17.9	21.9	1.8	2.6	6.1	5.2	5.2	3.4
LV	4.2	10.2	3.8	8.7	28.4	25.5	11.0	14.0	17.4	20.2	18.9	17.1
LT	26.3	16.3	13.3	6.7	18.4	18.0	4.1	13.1	15.1	19.3	9.5	13.1
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
HU	c	c	c	c	c	c	15.2	6.6	8.6	9.6	9.7	18.2
MT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	-0.8	-1.8	-1.9	-2.9	-3.1	-2.5
AT	:	:	:	:	1.8	-0.6	3.5	3.7	3.0	4.1	4.6	6.7
PL	0.2	-7.4	-16.6	-10.1	-4.7	4.9	2.5	3.1	2.8	2.0	0.6	1.0
PT	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
SI	:	:	:	:	:	:	3.8	3.0	2.9	3.6	3.2	3.9
SK	4.6	10.3	6.8	0.6	6.4	6.0	-0.5	-0.9	-2.4	-2.8	0.9	4.2
FI	2.7	-1.5	0.9	3.7	3.2	3.8	7.6	2.9	4.6	0.8	-2.0	-0.5
SE	-1.5	6.0	9.3	6.1	-3.3	-6.4	-3.7	-5.2	-4.2	-7.8	-6.2	0.1
UK	7.8	3.3	5.4	9.5	5.3	:	-0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.5	0.6	1.2
BG	2.6	4.0	3.0	36.2	12.9	16.1	15.6	18.5	20.9	15.6	10.9	12.4
RO	:	:	:	:	:	:	-0.7	7.4	9.6	10.2	5.4	2.7
TR	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:

Table 13: Turnover and employment for other business services (NACE Division 74), growth rates (%)

➤ ESSENTIAL INFORMATION – METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The legal basis for short-term business statistics is the Council Regulation for short-term statistics 1165/98 from 19 May 1998¹.

TURNOVER

The objective of the turnover index is to show the evolution of the market for goods and services. Turnover comprises the totals invoiced by the observation unit during the reference period. This corresponds to market sales of goods or services supplied to third parties. It includes all duties and taxes on the goods or services invoiced by the unit with the exception of the VAT invoiced by the unit vis-à-vis its customer and other similar deductible taxes directly linked to turnover.

EMPLOYMENT

The index shows the evolution of the number of persons employed. The index is defined as the total number of persons who work in the observation unit (including working proprietors or partners and unpaid family workers), as well as persons who work outside the unit, but who belong to it and are paid by it (e.g. sales representatives and delivery personnel). Part-time workers are included as well. Excluded is manpower supplied to the unit by other enterprises. Member States can use the number of employees as an approximation of the number of persons employed.

METHODS

Member States are required to transmit gross data to Eurostat and are encouraged to also send seasonally adjusted and trend data. Eurostat calculates the adjustment only if nationally adjusted data are not available. The reference period is the calendar quarter. Aggregate data should be transmitted to Eurostat no later than three

months after the end of the reference period.

Eurostat aggregates gross data from the Member States in order to compile the euro-zone, EU-15 and EU-25 series. These are then seasonally adjusted using TRAMO/SEATS. Missing components for these aggregates are estimated using an ARIMA method.

The weights used for aggregations are based on information from the Structural Business Statistics database or on information coming directly from the Member States. Weights and the base year are revised every five years. The current base year is 2000.

DISSEMINATION

Eurostat publishes detailed data and time series in Theme 4/EBT-domain of NewCronos.

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: not available.
c confidential
EZ Euro-zone

¹ Official Journal No L 162 of 5 June 1998. Also available via the "Business Methods" web-site: <http://forum.europa.eu.int/Public/irc/dsis/bmethods/home>.

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