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Key findings for the quarter ended December 2006

The total turnover of all industries¹ excluding agriculture, financial intermediation and insurance and government institutions for the fourth quarter of 2006 was estimated at R1 030 387 million (R1,03 trillion), the first time it has exceeded one trillion rand in a quarter. This was an increase of 16,1% on the fourth quarter of 2005 and 3,4% more than the third quarter of 2006.

Between the third quarter of 2006 and the fourth quarter of 2006 turnover increased in six of the eight industries covered in the survey. The largest increase was recorded for trade (+5,5%), followed by manufacturing (+4,2%), real estate and other business services (excluding financial intermediation and insurance) (+3,2%), transport, storage and communication (+2,5%), community, social and personal services (excluding government institutions) (+1,5%) and construction (+0,7%). Decreases were reported for electricity, gas and water supply (-18,6%) and mining and quarrying (-2,7%).

Total capital expenditure on new buildings, machinery, furniture, vehicles and other equipment, which was estimated at R57 123 million for all industries for the fourth quarter of 2006, increased by 26,3% compared with the revised third quarter of 2006. Increases were reported in real estate and other business services (excluding financial intermediation and insurance) (+64,0%), manufacturing (+53,1%), electricity, gas and water supply (+28,4%), transport, storage and communication (+18,0%), trade (+9,1%), community, social and personal services (excluding government institutions) (+4,9%) and mining and quarrying (+0,7%). A decrease was reported for construction (-1,0%).

Book value of land, buildings, machinery, furniture, vehicles and other equipment as at the end of the fourth quarter of 2006 was estimated at R1 078 190 million, an increase of 1,7% compared with the revised third quarter of 2006 (R1 060 164 million). Increases were reported for community, social and personal services (excluding government institutions) (+12,0%), electricity, gas and water supply (+4,1%), transport, storage and communication (+3,7%), manufacturing (+3,0%), construction (+1,5%) and real estate and other business services (excluding financial intermediation and insurance) (+1,3%). Decreases were reported by mining and quarrying (-3,3%) and trade (-0,4%).

Total inventories at the end of the fourth quarter of 2006 were estimated at R314 428 million, compared with R309 798 million for the revised third quarter of 2006, an increase of 1,5%. The largest increase in inventories was recorded for electricity, gas and water supply (+12,0%), followed by community, social and personal services (excluding government institutions) (+11,2%), transport, storage and communication (+9,5%), trade (+3,3%), mining and quarrying (+1,9%) and real estate and other business services (excluding financial intermediation and insurance) (+0,7%). Decreases were reported for construction (-0,8%) and manufacturing (-0,6%).

¹ All industries in the South African economy, excluding agriculture, financial intermediation and insurance and government institutions.

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Purpose of the survey

The quarterly financial statistics (QFS) survey covers a sample of non-government enterprises operating in the formal non-agricultural business sector of the South African economy, excluding financial intermediation, insurance and government institutions. Results of the survey are used in compiling estimates of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and its components, which in turn are used to develop and monitor government policy. These statistics are also used by the private sector in analyses of comparative business and industry performance. The results are published quarterly in statistical release P0044: *Quarterly financial statistics*.

Response rates

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| December quarter 2005: | 85% |
| March quarter 2006: | 84% |
| June quarter 2006: | 87% |
| September quarter 2006: | 84% |
| December quarter 2006: | 81% |

Reasons for fluctuations in data

The fluctuations in the data can be attributed to:

- revisions to previous quarters made in the event of new or revised information being furnished by the respondents;
- restructuring of large businesses;
- reclassification of businesses;
- exchange rate changes;
- restating of previous estimates due to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS);
- once-off items reflected in one or more quarters, but not reflected in other quarters;
- seasonal factors; and
- items declared annually and not quarterly.

Figure 1 - Comparison in turnover for the quarter ended September 2006 by industry

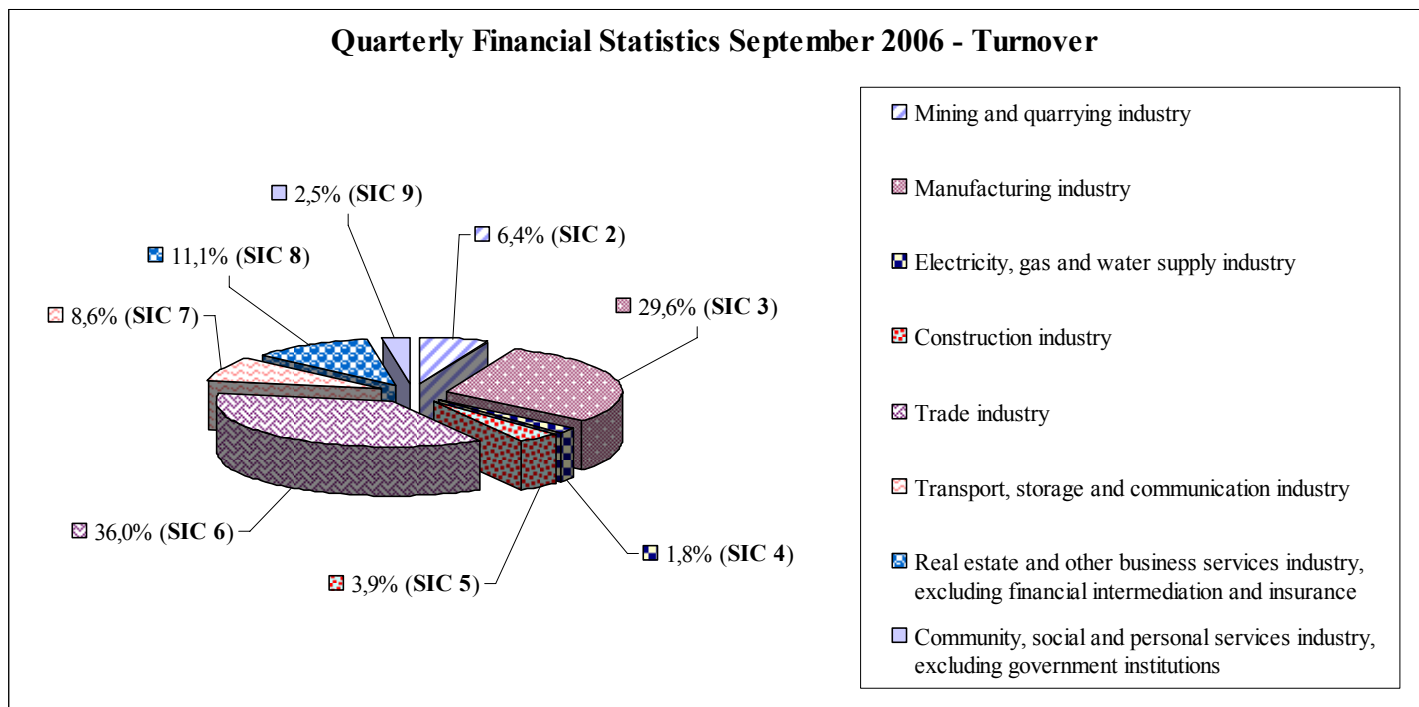


Figure 2 - Comparison in turnover for the quarter ended December 2006 by industry

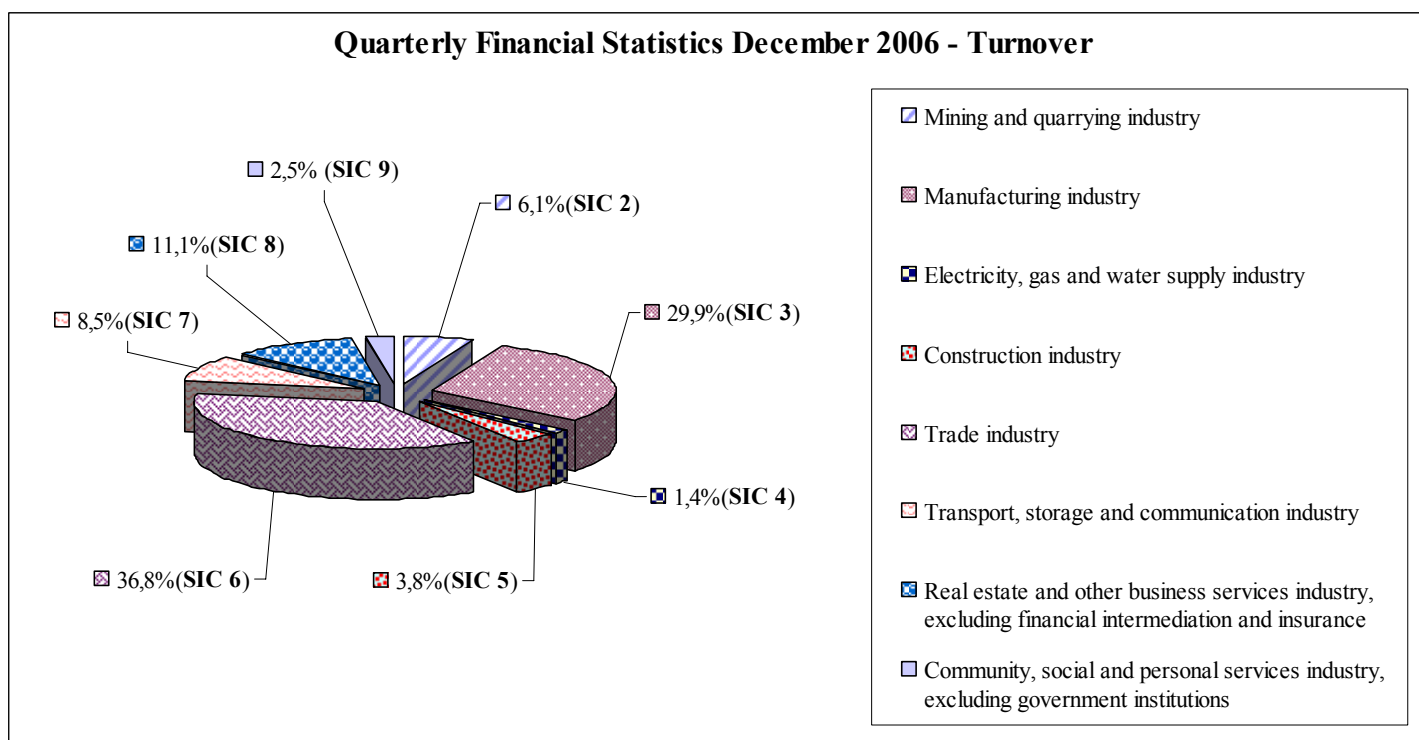


Table 1 – Selected income and expenditure items: All industries¹

| Item | Quarter ended | | | | | Change between quarters ended September and December 2006 % |
|---|---------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| | December 2005 | March 2006 | June 2006 | September 2006 ² | December 2006 ³ | |
| | R million | | | | | |
| Income items | | | | | | |
| Turnover | 887 179 | 847 129 | 933 738 | 996 691 | 1 030 387 | 3,4 |
| Interest | 5 839 | 6 174 | 7 883 | 9 839 | 7 937 | -19,3 |
| Dividends | 8 375 | 9 302 | 8 933 | 4 778 | 3 691 | -22,8 |
| Royalties, franchise fees, copyright and trade names | 237 | 278 | 450 | 563 | 591 | 5,0 |
| Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures | 1 585 | 1 549 | 1 714 | 1 569 | 1 607 | 2,4 |
| Hiring/leasing of plant, machinery and vehicles | 851 | 847 | 799 | 950 | 1 074 | 13,1 |
| Profit on assets/investments sold or revalued | 3 252 | 3 526 | 8 300 | 6 447 | 15 742 | 144,2 |
| Other income | 12 050 | 12 045 | 14 543 | 15 813 | 16 374 | 3,5 |
| Expenditure items | | | | | | |
| Interest | 16 180 | 15 810 | 17 642 | 17 662 | 20 765 | 17,6 |
| Royalties, franchise fees, copyright and trade names | 2 755 | 2 829 | 3 322 | 3 169 | 4 303 | 35,8 |
| Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures | 12 178 | 11 972 | 14 131 | 14 878 | 15 081 | 1,4 |
| Hiring/leasing for plant, machinery and vehicles | 7 876 | 6 981 | 6 331 | 6 600 | 6 751 | 2,3 |
| Depreciation | 20 850 | 21 297 | 22 323 | 22 071 | 21 949 | -0,6 |
| Losses on assets/investments sold or revalued | 1 614 | 2 776 | 4 121 | 3 924 | 7 216 | 83,9 |
| Net profit or loss before taxation | 88 679 | 81 865 | 99 025 | 121 928 | 115 926 | -4,9 |
| Tax and company tax | 19 302 | 19 336 | 24 545 | 30 439 | 26 514 | -12,9 |
| Dividends payable | 18 156 | 20 723 | 17 609 | 21 454 | 18 864 | -12,1 |
| Inventories | | | | | | |
| Work in progress | 47 982 | 47 501 | 45 248 | 49 641 | 50 261 | 1,2 |
| Other inventories | 211 436 | 218 547 | 247 688 | 260 157 | 264 167 | 1,5 |
| Total inventories | 259 418 | 266 048 | 292 936 | 309 798 | 314 428 | 1,5 |
| Book value of fixed assets | 973 634 | 988 491 | 1 027 153 | 1 060 164 | 1 078 190 | 1,7 |
| Capital expenditure | | | | | | |
| Buildings, improvements and construction works | 9 828 | 8 882 | 12 909 | 12 852 | 17 938 | 39,6 |
| Plant, machinery, furniture, fittings and other equipment | 22 738 | 21 763 | 22 807 | 27 409 | 33 242 | 21,3 |
| Vehicles | 4 427 | 5 038 | 3 835 | 4 982 | 5 943 | 19,3 |
| Total capital expenditure | 36 993 | 35 683 | 39 551 | 45 243 | 57 123 | 26,3 |

¹ All industries in the South African economy, excluding agriculture, financial intermediation and insurance and government institutions.

² Revised

³ Preliminary estimates

Table 2 - Selected income and expenditure items: Mining and quarrying industry

| Item | Quarter ended | | | | | Change between quarters ended September and December 2006 % |
|---|---------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| | December 2005 | March 2006 | June 2006 | September 2006 ¹ | December 2006 ² | |
| | R million | | | | | |
| Income items | | | | | | |
| Turnover | 47 873 | 44 579 | 57 566 | 64 077 | 62 375 | -2,7 |
| Interest | 743 | 650 | 654 | 930 | 920 | -1,1 |
| Dividends | 117 | 107 | 87 | 136 | 136 | 0,0 |
| Royalties, franchise fees, copyright and trade names | 9 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 0,0 |
| Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures | 16 | 17 | 23 | 14 | 14 | 0,0 |
| Hiring/leasing of plant, machinery and vehicles | 36 | 32 | 32 | 111 | 113 | 1,8 |
| Profit on assets/investments sold or revalued | 237 | 286 | 624 | 634 | 7 060 | 1013,6 |
| Other income | 512 | 558 | 598 | 564 | 581 | 3,0 |
| Expenditure items | | | | | | |
| Interest | 1 388 | 1 190 | 1 470 | 1 407 | 1 471 | 4,5 |
| Royalties, franchise fees, copyright and trade names | 296 | 317 | 276 | 282 | 512 | 81,6 |
| Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures | 250 | 284 | 466 | 592 | 578 | -2,4 |
| Hiring/leasing for plant, machinery and vehicles | 329 | 319 | 382 | 366 | 374 | 2,2 |
| Depreciation | 3 871 | 3 671 | 4 289 | 4 197 | 3 969 | -5,4 |
| Losses on assets/investments sold or revalued | 142 | 129 | 919 | 863 | 1 163 | 34,8 |
| Net profit or loss before taxation | 9 008 | 7 189 | 12 404 | 18 618 | 23 504 | 26,2 |
| Tax and company tax | 2 618 | 2 272 | 4 192 | 4 798 | 4 891 | 1,9 |
| Dividends payable | 3 209 | 3 406 | 487 | 7 197 | 4 502 | -37,4 |
| Inventories | | | | | | |
| Work in progress | 8 063 | 7 357 | 7 061 | 6 037 | 6 246 | 3,5 |
| Other inventories | 11 142 | 11 318 | 14 703 | 14 641 | 14 821 | 1,2 |
| Total inventories | 19 205 | 18 675 | 21 764 | 20 678 | 21 067 | 1,9 |
| Book value of fixed assets | 155 717 | 160 549 | 188 689 | 201 170 | 194 543 | -3,3 |
| Capital expenditure | | | | | | |
| Buildings, improvements and construction works | 839 | 944 | 1 640 | 2 079 | 1 995 | -4,0 |
| Plant, machinery, furniture, fittings and other equipment | 2 913 | 4 182 | 4 401 | 4 726 | 4 848 | 2,6 |
| Vehicles | 180 | 195 | 196 | 349 | 364 | 4,3 |
| Total capital expenditure | 3 932 | 5 321 | 6 237 | 7 154 | 7 207 | 0,7 |

¹ Revised

² Preliminary estimates

Table 3 - Selected income and expenditure items: Manufacturing industry

| Item | Quarter ended | | | | | Change between quarters ended September and December 2006 % |
|---|---------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| | December 2005 | March 2006 | June 2006 | September 2006 ¹ | December 2006 ² | |
| | R million | | | | | |
| Income items | | | | | | |
| Turnover | 260 247 | 247 045 | 268 662 | 295 168 | 307 608 | 4,2 |
| Interest | 1 471 | 2 034 | 2 107 | 2 308 | 2 860 | 23,9 |
| Dividends | 466 | 382 | 203 | 407 | 721 | 77,1 |
| Royalties, franchise fees, copyright and trade names | 55 | 52 | 18 | 56 | 57 | 1,8 |
| Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures | 239 | 249 | 263 | 239 | 241 | 0,8 |
| Hiring/leasing of plant, machinery and vehicles | 129 | 143 | 178 | 222 | 245 | 10,4 |
| Profit on assets/investments sold or revalued | 1 037 | 840 | 3 645 | 1 985 | 2 626 | 32,3 |
| Other income | 2 175 | 2 570 | 3 688 | 3 317 | 3 549 | 7,0 |
| Expenditure items | | | | | | |
| Interest | 3 208 | 3 478 | 4 312 | 4 637 | 5 471 | 18,0 |
| Royalties, franchise fees, copyright and trade names | 1 126 | 1 047 | 1 031 | 1 118 | 1 869 | 67,2 |
| Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures | 2 793 | 2 530 | 2 806 | 2 898 | 2 676 | -7,7 |
| Hiring/leasing for plant, machinery and vehicles | 863 | 853 | 904 | 758 | 866 | 14,2 |
| Depreciation | 5 779 | 5 694 | 5 862 | 5 905 | 6 136 | 3,9 |
| Losses on assets/investments sold or revalued | 639 | 1 766 | 2 034 | 1 727 | 2 535 | 46,8 |
| Net profit or loss before taxation | 26 852 | 23 131 | 28 337 | 35 051 | 30 918 | -11,8 |
| Tax and company tax | 7 439 | 5 892 | 7 431 | 8 927 | 9 043 | 1,3 |
| Dividends payable | 7 058 | 6 834 | 6 567 | 4 864 | 5 617 | 15,5 |
| Inventories | | | | | | |
| Work in progress | 22 158 | 22 201 | 21 366 | 22 478 | 22 468 | 0,0 |
| Other inventories | 87 034 | 94 791 | 106 577 | 113 161 | 112 338 | -0,7 |
| Total inventories | 109 192 | 116 992 | 127 943 | 135 639 | 134 806 | -0,6 |
| Book value of fixed assets | 192 413 | 200 510 | 211 503 | 221 583 | 228 143 | 3,0 |
| Capital expenditure | | | | | | |
| Buildings, improvements and construction works | 1 406 | 565 | 1 162 | 651 | 1 238 | 90,2 |
| Plant, machinery, furniture, fittings and other equipment | 9 313 | 5 829 | 8 249 | 8 412 | 12 994 | 54,5 |
| Vehicles | 673 | 575 | 736 | 808 | 884 | 9,4 |
| Total capital expenditure | 11 392 | 6 969 | 10 147 | 9 871 | 15 116 | 53,1 |

¹ Revised

² Preliminary estimates

Table 4 - Selected income and expenditure items: Electricity, gas and water supply industry

| Item | Quarter ended | | | | | Change between quarters ended September and December 2006 % |
|---|---------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| | December 2005 | March 2006 | June 2006 | September 2006 ¹ | December 2006 ² | |
| | R million | | | | | |
| Income items | | | | | | |
| Turnover | 11 447 | 11 976 | 14 231 | 17 505 | 14 256 | -18,6 |
| Interest | 1 342 | 748 | 2 299 | 3 760 | 1 094 | -70,9 |
| Dividends | 0 | 0 | 0 | 202 | 0 | -100,0 |
| Royalties, franchise fees, copyright and trade names | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures | 9 | 12 | 18 | 23 | 24 | 4,3 |
| Hiring/leasing of plant, machinery and vehicles | 17 | 10 | 37 | 20 | 21 | 5,0 |
| Profit on assets/investments sold or revalued | 27 | 138 | 29 | 83 | 81 | -2,4 |
| Other income | 134 | 136 | 72 | 125 | 155 | 24,0 |
| Expenditure items | | | | | | |
| Interest | 1 750 | 931 | 1 568 | 1 469 | 1 437 | -2,2 |
| Royalties, franchise fees, copyright and trade names | 11 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 0,0 |
| Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures | 96 | 94 | 94 | 117 | 116 | -0,9 |
| Hiring/leasing for plant, machinery and vehicles | 5 | 5 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 0,0 |
| Depreciation | 1 324 | 1 211 | 1 429 | 1 337 | 1 289 | -3,6 |
| Losses on assets/investments sold or revalued | 98 | 135 | 38 | 30 | 1 460 | 4766,7 |
| Net profit or loss before taxation | 3 032 | 1 282 | 2 870 | 4 847 | -1 749 | -136,1 |
| Tax and company tax | 38 | 754 | 96 | 2 713 | - 262 | -109,7 |
| Dividends payable | 0 | 0 | 7 | 134 | 0 | -100,0 |
| Inventories | | | | | | |
| Work in progress | 37 | 12 | 14 | 9 | 10 | 11,1 |
| Other inventories | 3 502 | 3 482 | 3 324 | 3 392 | 3 798 | 12,0 |
| Total inventories | 3 539 | 3 494 | 3 338 | 3 401 | 3 808 | 12,0 |
| Book value of fixed assets | 72 801 | 75 861 | 81 556 | 84 378 | 87 799 | 4,1 |
| Capital expenditure | | | | | | |
| Buildings, improvements and construction works | 2 657 | 2 902 | 3 096 | 3 345 | 4 234 | 26,6 |
| Plant, machinery, furniture, fittings and other equipment | 256 | 290 | 127 | 182 | 376 | 106,6 |
| Vehicles | 99 | 79 | 123 | 266 | 259 | -2,6 |
| Total capital expenditure | 3 012 | 3 271 | 3 346 | 3 793 | 4 869 | 28,4 |

¹ Revised

² Preliminary estimates

Table 5 - Selected income and expenditure items: Construction industry

| Item | Quarter ended | | | | | Change between quarters ended September and December 2006 % |
|---|---------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| | December 2005 | March 2006 | June 2006 | September 2006 ¹ | December 2006 ² | |
| | R million | | | | | |
| Income items | | | | | | |
| Turnover | 32 081 | 34 356 | 35 860 | 38 515 | 38 782 | 0,7 |
| Interest | 160 | 165 | 184 | 201 | 217 | 8,0 |
| Dividends | 11 | 11 | 23 | 25 | 54 | 116,0 |
| Royalties, franchise fees, copyright and trade names | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures | 24 | 26 | 148 | 135 | 140 | 3,7 |
| Hiring/leasing of plant, machinery and vehicles | 413 | 429 | 152 | 131 | 115 | -12,2 |
| Profit on assets/investments sold or revalued | 51 | 47 | 220 | 175 | 175 | 0,0 |
| Other income | 383 | 341 | 339 | 293 | 299 | 2,0 |
| Expenditure items | | | | | | |
| Interest | 330 | 416 | 320 | 287 | 308 | 7,3 |
| Royalties, franchise fees, copyright and trade names | 18 | 17 | 33 | 57 | 59 | 3,5 |
| Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures | 245 | 243 | 265 | 285 | 273 | -4,2 |
| Hiring/leasing for plant, machinery and vehicles | 1 496 | 1 339 | 1 199 | 1 486 | 1 528 | 2,8 |
| Depreciation | 451 | 485 | 660 | 722 | 750 | 3,9 |
| Losses on assets/investments sold or revalued | 27 | 87 | 83 | 52 | 60 | 15,4 |
| Net profit or loss before taxation | 2 161 | 2 585 | 2 190 | 2 664 | 3 253 | 22,1 |
| Tax and company tax | 367 | 347 | 696 | 394 | 377 | -4,3 |
| Dividends payable | 82 | 701 | 362 | 283 | 261 | -7,8 |
| Inventories | | | | | | |
| Work in progress | 8 282 | 7 948 | 6 738 | 8 095 | 8 228 | 1,6 |
| Other inventories | 1 467 | 1 535 | 1 606 | 2 450 | 2 230 | -9,0 |
| Total inventories | 9 749 | 9 483 | 8 344 | 10 545 | 10 458 | -0,8 |
| Book value of fixed assets | 14 199 | 14 572 | 17 825 | 17 766 | 18 038 | 1,5 |
| Capital expenditure | | | | | | |
| Buildings, improvements and construction works | 29 | 14 | 79 | 53 | 50 | -5,7 |
| Plant, machinery, furniture, fittings and other equipment | 304 | 349 | 818 | 1 172 | 1 237 | 5,5 |
| Vehicles | 173 | 232 | 263 | 211 | 135 | -36,0 |
| Total capital expenditure | 506 | 595 | 1 160 | 1 436 | 1 422 | -1,0 |

¹ Revised

² Preliminary estimates

Table 6 - Selected income and expenditure items: Trade industry

| Item | Quarter ended | | | | | Change between quarters ended September and December 2006 % |
|---|---------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| | December 2005 | March 2006 | June 2006 | September 2006 ¹ | December 2006 ² | |
| | R million | | | | | |
| Income items | | | | | | |
| Turnover | 323 475 | 305 303 | 338 589 | 359 295 | 379 144 | 5,5 |
| Interest | 1 319 | 1 497 | 1 844 | 1 814 | 2 116 | 16,6 |
| Dividends | 89 | 276 | 301 | 242 | 351 | 45,0 |
| Royalties, franchise fees, copyright and trade names | 118 | 142 | 158 | 170 | 143 | -15,9 |
| Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures | 919 | 868 | 760 | 687 | 715 | 4,1 |
| Hiring/leasing of plant, machinery and vehicles | 158 | 148 | 214 | 260 | 369 | 41,9 |
| Profit on assets/investments sold or revalued | 260 | 281 | 584 | 1 099 | 680 | -38,1 |
| Other income | 4 444 | 4 507 | 5 497 | 6 503 | 6 370 | -2,0 |
| Expenditure items | | | | | | |
| Interest | 2 188 | 2 115 | 2 087 | 1 991 | 3 072 | 54,3 |
| Royalties, franchise fees, copyright and trade names | 492 | 501 | 552 | 522 | 620 | 18,8 |
| Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures | 5 311 | 5 226 | 5 873 | 5 927 | 5 993 | 1,1 |
| Hiring/leasing for plant, machinery and vehicles | 767 | 757 | 753 | 807 | 762 | -5,6 |
| Depreciation | 2 618 | 2 570 | 2 595 | 2 946 | 3 085 | 4,7 |
| Losses on assets/investments sold or revalued | 108 | 106 | 362 | 476 | 450 | -5,5 |
| Net profit or loss before taxation | 19 349 | 17 252 | 21 235 | 23 021 | 24 139 | 4,9 |
| Tax and company tax | 3 835 | 4 273 | 4 408 | 4 639 | 4 306 | -7,2 |
| Dividends payable | 466 | 1 304 | 1 963 | 1 628 | 1 035 | -36,4 |
| Inventories | | | | | | |
| Work in progress | 3 511 | 3 976 | 3 839 | 6 806 | 6 856 | 0,7 |
| Other inventories | 91 574 | 92 303 | 102 474 | 107 110 | 110 859 | 3,5 |
| Total inventories | 95 085 | 96 279 | 106 313 | 113 916 | 117 715 | 3,3 |
| Book value of fixed assets | 73 220 | 75 547 | 77 719 | 79 731 | 79 442 | -0,4 |
| Capital expenditure | | | | | | |
| Buildings, improvements and construction works | 2 058 | 1 973 | 2 190 | 2 329 | 2 204 | -5,4 |
| Plant, machinery, furniture, fittings and other equipment | 2 476 | 2 898 | 2 958 | 2 894 | 3 234 | 11,7 |
| Vehicles | 726 | 860 | 842 | 1 088 | 1 450 | 33,3 |
| Total capital expenditure | 5 260 | 5 731 | 5 990 | 6 311 | 6 888 | 9,1 |

¹ Revised

² Preliminary estimates

Table 7 - Selected income and expenditure items: Transport, storage and communication industry

| Item | Quarter ended | | | | | Change between quarters ended September and December 2006 % |
|---|---------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| | December 2005 | March 2006 | June 2006 | September 2006 ¹ | December 2006 ² | |
| | R million | | | | | |
| Income items | | | | | | |
| Turnover | 82 074 | 78 667 | 83 958 | 85 821 | 87 955 | 2,5 |
| Interest | 605 | 877 | 601 | 598 | 540 | -9,7 |
| Dividends | 4 106 | 3 962 | 175 | 1 367 | 34 | -97,5 |
| Royalties, franchise fees, copyright and trade names | 7 | 7 | 13 | 17 | 19 | 11,8 |
| Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures | 282 | 268 | 377 | 361 | 369 | 2,2 |
| Hiring/leasing of plant, machinery and vehicles | 56 | 40 | 107 | 129 | 131 | 1,6 |
| Profit on assets/investments sold or revalued | 155 | 714 | 812 | 172 | 1 548 | 800,0 |
| Other income | 581 | 497 | 619 | 812 | 858 | 5,7 |
| Expenditure items | | | | | | |
| Interest | 2 115 | 2 605 | 2 198 | 2 059 | 2 424 | 17,7 |
| Royalties, franchise fees, copyright and trade names | 158 | 317 | 193 | 178 | 208 | 16,9 |
| Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures | 784 | 979 | 1 165 | 1 185 | 1 438 | 21,4 |
| Hiring/leasing for plant, machinery and vehicles | 3 444 | 2 680 | 1 993 | 2 027 | 1 848 | -8,8 |
| Depreciation | 4 279 | 4 999 | 4 360 | 3 931 | 3 692 | -6,1 |
| Losses on assets/investments sold or revalued | 432 | 405 | 144 | 356 | 334 | -6,2 |
| Net profit or loss before taxation | 12 688 | 15 131 | 6 915 | 14 566 | 12 338 | -15,3 |
| Tax and company tax | 2 680 | 3 486 | 3 138 | 4 087 | 3 285 | -19,6 |
| Dividends payable | 1 400 | 2 346 | 6 601 | 1 765 | 3 408 | 93,1 |
| Inventories | | | | | | |
| Work in progress | 1 515 | 1 340 | 294 | 292 | 373 | 27,7 |
| Other inventories | 6 258 | 5 393 | 5 780 | 6 465 | 7 025 | 8,7 |
| Total inventories | 7 773 | 6 733 | 6 074 | 6 757 | 7 398 | 9,5 |
| Book value of fixed assets | 187 563 | 189 314 | 186 405 | 194 807 | 201 950 | 3,7 |
| Capital expenditure | | | | | | |
| Buildings, improvements and construction works | 1 104 | 886 | 966 | 582 | 1 249 | 114,6 |
| Plant, machinery, furniture, fittings and other equipment | 3 818 | 7 197 | 4 771 | 8 300 | 8 800 | 6,0 |
| Vehicles | 1 812 | 2 232 | 829 | 973 | 1 575 | 61,9 |
| Total capital expenditure | 6 734 | 10 315 | 6 566 | 9 855 | 11 624 | 18,0 |

¹ Revised

² Preliminary estimates

Table 8 - Selected income and expenditure items: Real estate and other business services industry (excluding financial intermediation and insurance)

| Item | Quarter ended | | | | | Change between quarters ended September and December 2006 % |
|---|---------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| | December 2005 | March 2006 | June 2006 | September 2006 ¹ | December 2006 ² | |
| | R million | | | | | |
| Income items | | | | | | |
| Turnover* | 108 154 | 105 065 | 109 689 | 111 079 | 114 647 | 3,2 |
| Dividends | 3 548 | 4 529 | 8 125 | 2 386 | 2 374 | -0,5 |
| Royalties, franchise fees, copyright and trade names | 16 | 35 | 224 | 281 | 336 | 19,6 |
| Profit on assets/investments sold or revalued | 1 409 | 1 161 | 2 349 | 2 256 | 3 517 | 55,9 |
| Other income | 2 922 | 2 449 | 2 765 | 3 136 | 3 512 | 12,0 |
| Expenditure items | | | | | | |
| Interest | 3 731 | 3 821 | 5 193 | 5 280 | 5 956 | 12,8 |
| Royalties, franchise fees, copyright and trade names | 500 | 494 | 1 090 | 816 | 832 | 2,0 |
| Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures | 2 032 | 1 974 | 2 613 | 3 005 | 3 086 | 2,7 |
| Hiring/leasing for plant, machinery and vehicles | 732 | 776 | 841 | 886 | 1 093 | 23,4 |
| Depreciation | 1 888 | 1 990 | 2 321 | 2 226 | 2 218 | -0,4 |
| Losses on assets/investments sold or revalued | 133 | 123 | 403 | 339 | 1 141 | 236,6 |
| Net profit or loss before taxation | 13 538 | 13 285 | 21 891 | 20 145 | 20 722 | 2,9 |
| Tax and company tax | 1 833 | 1 832 | 3 992 | 4 160 | 4 145 | -0,4 |
| Dividends payable | 5 471 | 5 733 | 1 400 | 4 578 | 3 764 | -17,8 |
| Inventories | | | | | | |
| Work in progress | 4 153 | 4 389 | 5 909 | 5 890 | 6 039 | 2,5 |
| Other inventories | 9 302 | 8 232 | 11 516 | 11 213 | 11 181 | -0,3 |
| Total inventories | 13 455 | 12 621 | 17 425 | 17 103 | 17 220 | 0,7 |
| Book value of fixed assets | 246 225 | 254 367 | 220 465 | 221 542 | 224 394 | 1,3 |
| Capital expenditure | | | | | | |
| Buildings, improvements and construction works | 1 574 | 1 452 | 3 424 | 2 432 | 5 749 | 136,4 |
| Plant, machinery, furniture, fittings and other equipment | 954 | 727 | 1 099 | 1 254 | 1 052 | -16,1 |
| Vehicles | 668 | 779 | 687 | 1 117 | 1 078 | -3,5 |
| Total capital expenditure | 3 196 | 2 958 | 5 210 | 4 803 | 7 879 | 64,0 |

¹ Revised

² Preliminary estimates

*Includes: Interest, rent/leasing and hiring – see p. 21 for more details

Table 9 - Selected income and expenditure items: Community, social and personal services industry (excluding government institutions)

| Item | Quarter ended | | | | | Change between quarters ended September and December 2006 % |
|---|---------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| | December 2005 | March 2006 | June 2006 | September 2006 ¹ | December 2006 ² | |
| | R million | | | | | |
| Income items | | | | | | |
| Turnover | 21 828 | 20 138 | 25 183 | 25 231 | 25 620 | 1,5 |
| Interest | 199 | 203 | 194 | 228 | 190 | -16,7 |
| Dividends | 38 | 35 | 19 | 13 | 21 | 61,5 |
| Royalties, franchise fees, copyright and trade names | 31 | 31 | 28 | 30 | 27 | -10,0 |
| Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures | 96 | 109 | 125 | 110 | 104 | -5,5 |
| Hiring/leasing of plant, machinery and vehicles | 42 | 45 | 79 | 77 | 80 | 3,9 |
| Profit on assets/investments sold or revalued | 76 | 59 | 37 | 43 | 55 | 27,9 |
| Other income | 899 | 987 | 965 | 1 063 | 1 050 | -1,2 |
| Expenditure items | | | | | | |
| Interest | 1 470 | 1 254 | 494 | 532 | 626 | 17,7 |
| Royalties, franchise fees, copyright and trade names | 154 | 125 | 136 | 184 | 191 | 3,8 |
| Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures | 667 | 642 | 849 | 869 | 921 | 6,0 |
| Hiring/leasing for plant, machinery and vehicles | 240 | 252 | 248 | 259 | 269 | 3,9 |
| Depreciation | 640 | 677 | 807 | 807 | 810 | 0,4 |
| Losses on assets/investments sold or revalued | 35 | 25 | 138 | 81 | 73 | -9,9 |
| Net profit or loss before taxation | 2 051 | 2 010 | 3 183 | 3 016 | 2 801 | -7,1 |
| Tax and company tax | 492 | 480 | 592 | 721 | 729 | 1,1 |
| Dividends payable | 470 | 399 | 222 | 1 005 | 277 | -72,4 |
| Inventories | | | | | | |
| Work in progress | 263 | 278 | 27 | 34 | 41 | 20,6 |
| Other inventories | 1 157 | 1 493 | 1 708 | 1 725 | 1 915 | 11,0 |
| Total inventories | 1 420 | 1 771 | 1 735 | 1 759 | 1 956 | 11,2 |
| Book value of fixed assets | 31 496 | 33 068 | 42 991 | 39 187 | 43 881 | 12,0 |
| Capital expenditure | | | | | | |
| Buildings, improvements and construction works | 161 | 146 | 352 | 1 381 | 1 219 | -11,7 |
| Plant, machinery, furniture, fittings and other equipment | 2 704 | 291 | 384 | 469 | 701 | 49,5 |
| Vehicles | 96 | 86 | 159 | 170 | 198 | 16,5 |
| Total capital expenditure | 2 961 | 523 | 895 | 2 020 | 2 118 | 4,9 |

¹ Revised

² Preliminary estimates

Technical notes

Confidence intervals

The 95% confidence intervals of a population parameter (turnover) is obtained as follows:

Lower limit

= lower 95% confidence limit of a population parameter

= estimate – 1,96* Standard error (estimate);

and

Upper limit

= upper 95% confidence limit of a population parameter

= estimate + 1,96* Standard error (estimate)

Standard error (SE)

$$\text{Standard error} = \frac{\text{Upper Limit (R million)} - \text{Lower Limit (R million)}}{2 * 1,96}$$

$$\text{Relative standard error (RSE)} = \frac{\text{SE (estimate)} * 100}{\text{estimate}}$$

Table A - Estimates of turnover by industry within 95% confidence limits: September 2006

| Industry | Lower limit | Estimate | Upper limit | Relative standard error |
|--|-------------|----------|-------------|-------------------------|
| | R million | | | (RSE) |
| Mining and quarrying industry | 63 426 | 64 077 | 64 728 | 0,5 |
| Manufacturing industry | 289 272 | 295 168 | 301 064 | 1,0 |
| Electricity, gas and water supply industry | 14 665 | 17 505 | 20 345 | 8,3 |
| Construction industry | 34 115 | 38 515 | 42 915 | 5,8 |
| Trade industry | 336 761 | 359 295 | 381 829 | 3,2 |
| Transport, storage and communication industry | 82 121 | 85 821 | 89 521 | 2,2 |
| Real estate and other business services industry, excluding financial intermediation and insurance | 98 474 | 111 079 | 123 684 | 5,8 |
| Community, social and personal services industry, excluding government institutions | 22 930 | 25 231 | 27 532 | 4,7 |

Table B - Estimates of turnover by industry within 95% confidence limits: December 2006

| Industry | Lower limit | Estimate | Upper limit | Relative standard error |
|--|-------------|----------|-------------|-------------------------|
| | R million | | | (RSE) |
| Mining and quarrying industry | 61 709 | 62 375 | 63 041 | 0,5 |
| Manufacturing industry | 300 225 | 307 608 | 314 991 | 1,2 |
| Electricity, gas and water supply industry | 11 414 | 14 256 | 17 098 | 10,2 |
| Construction industry | 33 274 | 38 782 | 44 290 | 7,2 |
| Trade industry | 353 878 | 379 144 | 404 410 | 3,4 |
| Transport, storage and communication industry | 84 057 | 87 955 | 91 853 | 2,3 |
| Real estate and other business services industry, excluding financial intermediation and insurance | 101 068 | 114 647 | 128 226 | 6,0 |
| Community, social and personal services industry, excluding government institutions | 23 001 | 25 620 | 28 239 | 5,2 |

Table C - Differences in turnover by industry between September and December 2006

| Industry | Turnover for September 2006 | Turnover for December 2006 | Difference |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| | R million | | % |
| Mining and quarrying industry | 64 077 | 62 375 | -2,7 |
| Manufacturing industry | 295 168 | 307 608 | 4,2 |
| Electricity, gas and water supply industry | 17 505 | 14 256 | -18,6 |
| Construction industry | 38 515 | 38 782 | 0,7 |
| Trade industry | 359 295 | 379 144 | 5,5 |
| Transport, storage and communication industry | 85 821 | 87 955 | 2,5 |
| Real estate and other business services industry, excluding financial intermediation and insurance | 111 079 | 114 647 | 3,2 |
| Community, social and personal services industry, excluding government institutions | 25 231 | 25 620 | 1,5 |
| All industries | 996 691 | 1 030 387 | 3,4 |

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| Neyman Optimal allocation | <p>Before drawing samples in each of the surveys the population of enterprises on the Business Sampling Frame (BSF) was stratified. Strata were formed using a combination of the standard industrial classification variable and the measure of size variable for enterprises. The Neyman optimal allocation formula used to allocate samples to each stratum is given by a formula below.</p> $n_h = \frac{N_h S_h}{\sum N_h S_h}$ <p>where N_h and S_h are the stratum population size and the stratum variance, respectively.</p> |
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Table D – DTI cut-off points adjusted for QFS

| Industry | Enterprise size | | | |
|---|---|--|---|--|
| | Large (Size-group 1) Lower limits Rand | Medium (Size-group 2) Lower limits Rand | Small (Size-group 3) Lower limits Rand | Very small (Size-group 4) Lower limits Rand |
| Mining and quarrying | 156 000 000 | 40 000 000 | 16 000 000 | 4 898 897 |
| Manufacturing | 204 000 000 | 52 000 000 | 20 000 000 | 2 685 609 |
| Electricity, gas and water supply | 204 000 000 | 52 000 000 | 20 400 000 | 429 047 |
| Construction | 104 000 000 | 24 000 000 | 12 000 000 | 1 579 443 |
| Wholesale trade | 256 000 000 | 128 000 000 | 24 000 000 | 5 150 725 |
| Retail trade | 156 000 000 | 76 000 000 | 16 000 000 | 1 676 274 |
| Motor trade | 156 000 000 | 76 000 000 | 16 000 000 | 3 069 632 |
| Accommodation and catering | 52 000 000 | 24 000 000 | 20 400 000 | 904 110 |
| Transport, storage and communication | 104 000 000 | 52 000 000 | 12 000 000 | 937 214 |
| Real estate and other business services, excluding financial intermediation and insurance | 104 000 000 | 52 000 000 | 12 000 000 | 875 378 |
| Community, social and personal services, excluding government institutions | 52 000 000 | 24 000 000 | 4 000 000 | 541 997 |

Explanatory notes

Introduction

1. Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a quarterly sample survey to collect a range of financial statistics in respect of enterprises in the formal non-agricultural business sector of the South African economy, excluding financial intermediation and insurance and government institutions. The statistical release contains information regarding:
 - turnover;
 - interest received and paid;
 - dividends received and dividends payable;
 - royalties, franchise fees, copyright, trade names and trade and patent rights received and paid;
 - income and expenditure in respect of rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures, including payments for water and electricity services;
 - income and expenditure in respect of hiring/leasing of plant, machinery, vehicles and other equipment;
 - profit and losses on assets/investments sold or revalued;
 - depreciation provided for;
 - other income;
 - net profit or loss before providing for company tax and dividends;
 - tax and company tax brought into account;
 - book value of land, buildings, machinery, furniture, vehicles and other equipment at the end of the quarter;
 - inventories as at the end of the quarter; and
 - capital expenditure on new buildings, machinery, furniture, vehicles and other equipment.
2. In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current quarter may have been estimated due to late and or non-submission by respondents. These estimates are revised as soon as the actual information is available.
3. This statistical release presents a selection of key findings and tables from Stats SA's QFS survey, conducted in December 2005, March, June, September and December 2006, which examines book value of land, buildings, machinery, furniture, vehicles and other equipment, inventories and selected income and expenditure items in the formal non-agricultural business sector in South Africa, excluding financial intermediation and insurance and government institutions.

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| Scope of the survey | <p>4. This survey covers financial statistics of the following industries according to the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (SIC), Fifth edition, January 1993</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mining and quarrying industry; • manufacturing industry; • electricity, gas and water supply industry; • construction industry; • trade industry; • transport, storage and communication industry; • real estate and business services industry, excluding financial intermediation and insurance; and • community, social and personal services industry, excluding government institutions. |
| Classification | <p>5. The 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (SIC), Fifth edition, January 1993</i>, was used to classify the statistical units in the survey. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC)</i> with suitable adaptations for local conditions. Statistics in this publication are only presented at SIC major division (one digit) level. Each enterprise is classified to an industry which reflects the predominant activity of the enterprise.</p> |
| Statistical unit | <p>6. The statistical unit for the collection of information is an enterprise. An enterprise is a legal unit or a combination of legal units that includes and directly controls all functions necessary to carry out its production activities.</p> |
| Survey methodology and design | <p>7. The survey is conducted on a quarterly basis. Questionnaires are sent to a sample of about 5 000 enterprises. Questionnaires have to be returned to Stats SA within three weeks after the end of the quarter concerned. Fax and telephone reminders are used to follow up on non-respondents.</p> <p>8. A new sample was drawn in 2006 and implemented from the June 2006 quarter.</p> <p>9. The sample was drawn from a population of enterprises that contributed approximately 95% to the total turnover per industry. Adjustments to the estimates to account for enterprises contributing less than 5% of the total turnover are made within each industry. All enterprises are stratified by type of enterprise according to size groups based on the National Small Business Amendment Bill, 2003, size group allocations for industries as defined in the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (SIC), Fifth edition, January 1993</i>. All large enterprises, which comprise 50% of the number of enterprises in the sample, are completely enumerated, while simple random sampling is applied for medium sized, small and very small enterprises. The data reported by the enterprises in the sample are weighted to represent all enterprises in the population.</p> |

- Reliability of estimates**
10. Data presented in this publication are based on information obtained from a sample of enterprises and are, therefore, subject to sampling variability, that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if the data had been obtained from all enterprises in the different industries in South Africa.
11. Inaccuracies may occur because of imperfections in reporting by enterprises and errors made with the collection and processing of the data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as non-sampling errors. Every effort is made to minimise non-sampling errors by designing the questionnaire carefully, conducting pilot studies, editing of data and the implementation of efficient operating procedures. Preliminary figures are indicated in the relevant tables. Fluctuations may occur in consecutive quarters as a result of seasonal and economic factors.
- Standard error**
12. The estimates in this publication are based on a sample drawn from units in the surveyed population. As a result of the entire population not being surveyed, the published estimates are subject to sampling error. The most common way of quantifying such sampling error is to calculate the standard error for the published estimate or statistic.
- Revised figures**
13. The revised figures are due to respondents reporting revisions or corrections in their figures and late submissions of their data to Stats SA. Data are edited at individual enterprise level.
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14. The reference period is the four quarters ending March, June, September and December of each year.
- Related publications**
15. Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available from Stats SA:
- *Bulletin of Statistics* – issued quarterly
 - *South African Statistics* – issued annually.
- Rounding-off of figures**
16. The figures in the tables have, where necessary, been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.
- Symbols and abbreviations**
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| BSF | Business Sampling Frame |
| GDP | Gross Domestic Product |
| IFRS | International Financial Reporting Standards |
| ISIC | International Standard Industrial Classification |
| m | million |
| RSE | Relative standard error |
| SARS | South African Revenue Service |
| SE | Standard error |
| SIC | Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities |
| Stats SA | Statistics South Africa |
| VAT | Value-added tax |

Glossary

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| Book value of fixed assets | <p>Book value of fixed assets at the end of the quarter includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • land; • residential buildings and non-residential buildings; • construction works, roads and parking areas; • computers and other IT equipment; • motor vehicles and other transport equipment; • plant, machinery and other office equipment; and • intangible non-produced assets. |
| Capital expenditure | <p>Capital expenditure includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the erection of new buildings and works, additions to and alterations of existing buildings and works, whether payments were made to outside contractors or concerns, or work done by the enterprise itself; • work in progress capitalised; • new plant, machinery, furniture, vehicles and other equipment; and • used plant and machinery, which were imported by or on behalf of the enterprise. |
| Enterprise | <p>An enterprise is a legal unit or a combination of legal units that includes and directly controls all functions necessary to carry out its production activities.</p> |
| Hiring/leasing of plant, machinery and vehicles | <p>Hiring/leasing of plant, machinery and vehicles includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiring/leasing received (income items) or paid (expenditure items) of plant, machinery, furniture, vehicles and other equipment. |
| International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) | <p>The International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) is a set of accounting standards stating how particular types of transactions and other events should be reported in financial statements.</p> |
| Industry | <p>An industry consists of a group of enterprises engaged in the same or similar kinds of economic activity, and is classified according to the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (SIC), Fifth edition, January 1993</i>.</p> |
| Inventories | <p>Inventories consist of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • outputs that are still held by the enterprise that produced them prior to their being further processed, sold, delivered to other units or used in other ways; and • products acquired from other enterprises that are intended to be used for intermediate consumption or for resale without further processing (factored goods). <p>Work in progress consists of goods in the process of manufacturing or work that has been partially done, but which has not yet been completed at the end of the quarter.</p> <p>Other inventories consist of raw materials, components for processing, packing materials, fuel, consumable and maintenance stores, finished goods (own manufactures) and finished goods not produced by the enterprise but purchased for resale, not sold at the end of the quarter.</p> |

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| Net profit or loss | Net profit or loss is the difference between total income and total expenditure before drawings by proprietors or partners, company tax paid or provided for and dividends paid or provided for are taken into account. In the tables where net profit or loss is shown, it is the amount arrived at after total losses of individual enterprises were deducted from total profits of individual enterprises. |
| Royalties, franchise fees, copyright and trade names | <p>Royalties, franchise fees, copyright and trade names includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Royalties, franchise fees, copyright, trade names and patent rights received (income items) or paid (expenditure items). |
| Statistical unit | <p>A statistical unit is a unit about which statistics are tabulated, compiled or published. The statistical units are derived from and linked to the South African Revenue Service (SARS) administrative data.</p> <p>For the purpose of this publication, the statistical unit in the quarterly financial statistics survey is the enterprise. An enterprise is defined as a legal unit or a combination of legal units that includes and directly controls all functions necessary to carry out its production activities.</p> |
| Tax and company tax brought into account | Tax and company tax brought into account consist of taxes on incomes, profits and capital gains, excluding value-added tax (VAT). They are assessed on the actual or presumed incomes of enterprises and exclude employees' taxes and compulsory loan levies. |
| Turnover | <p>Turnover refers to the following items for all industries, excluding real estate and other business services (excluding financial intermediation and insurance):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the value of sales; • amounts received for work done; and • amounts received for services rendered. <p>Turnover refers to the following items for the real estate and other business services industry (excluding financial intermediation and insurance):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the value of sales; • amounts received for work done; • amounts received for services rendered; • interest received; • rent and or lease payments received for land and buildings; and • rent, leasing and hiring received for machinery, vehicles and other equipment. <p>Turnover excludes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • value-added tax (VAT); • net profit or loss on sales or revaluation of fixed assets (including profit or loss on foreign exchange); • export freight charges; and • excise duty. |

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