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Key findings for the quarter ended September 2008

The total turnover of all industries¹ for the third quarter of 2008 was estimated at R1 367 746 million (R1,37 trillion), an increase of 2,9% compared with the revised second quarter of 2008 (R1 329 426 million or R1,33 trillion).

Between the second and the third quarter of 2008, turnover increased in six of the eight industries covered in the survey. The largest increase in turnover was recorded for electricity, gas and water supply (+38,3%), followed by construction (+7,3%), transport, storage and communication (+7,1%), manufacturing (+5,0%), real estate and other business services (excluding financial intermediation and insurance) (+0,6%) and trade (+0,4%). Decreases were reported for mining and quarrying (-2,2%) and community, social and personal services (excluding government institutions) (-0,9%).

Total inventories at the end of the third quarter of 2008 was estimated at R486 788 million, compared with R464 725 million for the revised second quarter of 2008, an increase of 4,7%. The largest increase in inventories was recorded for mining and quarrying (+12,9%), followed by electricity, gas and water supply (+7,4%), trade (+6,7%), transport, storage and communication (+3,4%) and manufacturing (+3,0%). Decreases were reported for real estate and other business services (excluding financial intermediation and insurance) (-4,6%), community, social and personal services (excluding government institutions) (-2,9%) and construction (-1,7%).

Purchases at the end of the third quarter of 2008 was estimated at R806 747 million, compared with R804 289 million for the revised second quarter of 2008, an increase of 0,3%. The largest increase in purchases was recorded for electricity, gas and water supply (+16,6%), followed by mining and quarrying (+5,5%), transport, storage and communication (+5,2%), construction (+1,6%) and manufacturing (+0,1%). Decreases were reported for community, social and personal services (excluding government institutions) (-6,9%), real estate and other business services (excluding financial intermediation and insurance) (-1,9%) and trade (-0,4%).

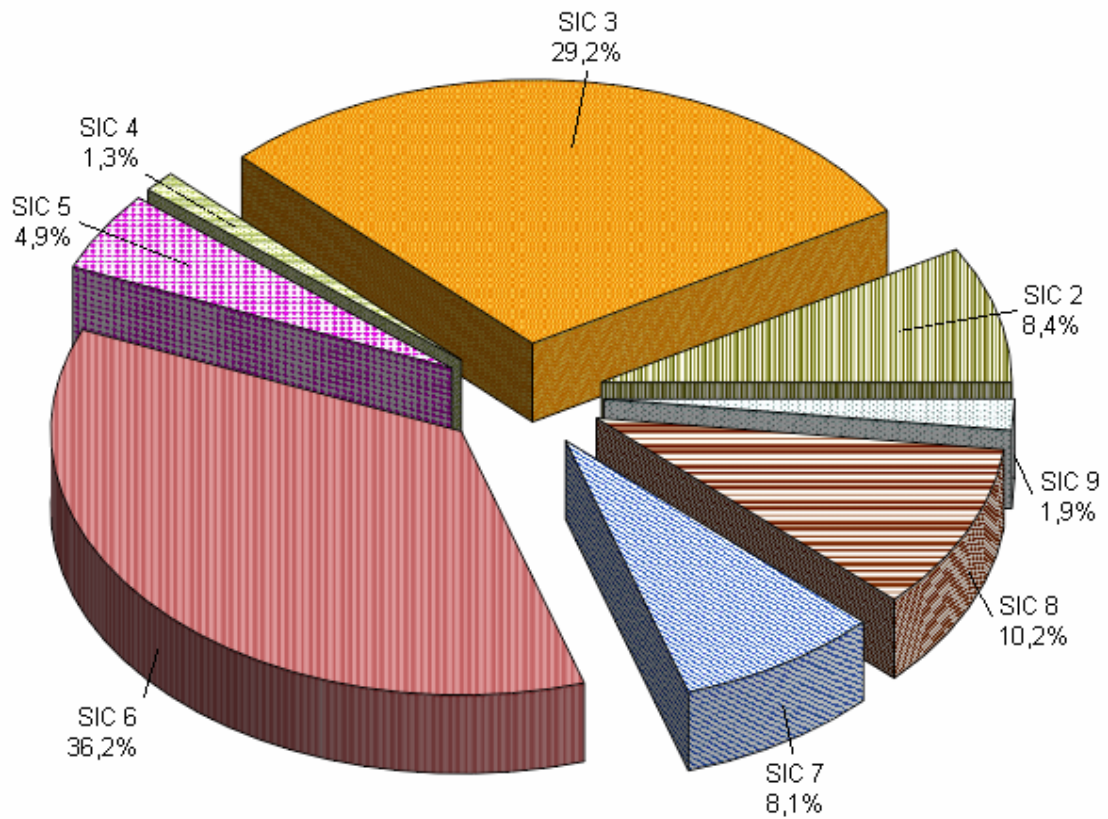
Total capital expenditure on new buildings, improvements, construction works, plant and machinery, furniture, fittings, vehicles and other equipment was estimated at R67 187 million for all industries for the third quarter of 2008, an increase of 10,6% compared with the revised second quarter of 2008 (R60 771 million). The largest increase was reported for transport, storage and communication (+75,3%), followed by real estate and other business services (excluding financial intermediation and insurance) (+19,9%), electricity, gas and water supply (+18,9%) and trade (+8,8%). Decreases were reported for manufacturing (-15,4%), mining and quarrying (-10,6%), construction (-5,0%) and community, social and personal services (excluding government institutions) (-2,6%).

Turnover for all industries increased by 22,7% between the third quarters of 2007 and 2008. The largest increase was reported by mining and quarrying (+44,3%), followed by construction (+34,8%), electricity, gas and water supply (+31,7%), manufacturing (+26,9%), transport, storage and communication (+19,4%), trade (+18,8%), community, social and personal services (excluding government institutions) (+14,9%) and real estate and other business services (excluding financial intermediation and insurance) (+9,0%).

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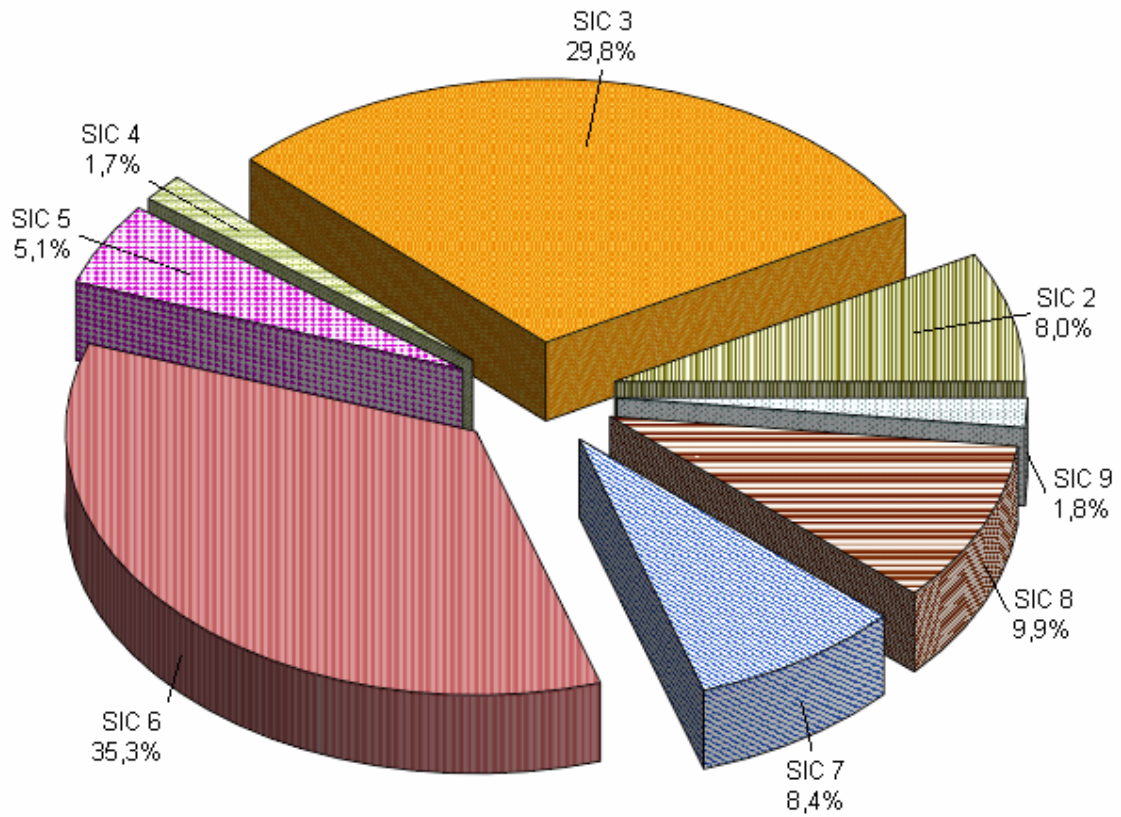
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Figure 1 - Comparison of turnover by industry for the quarter ended June 2008



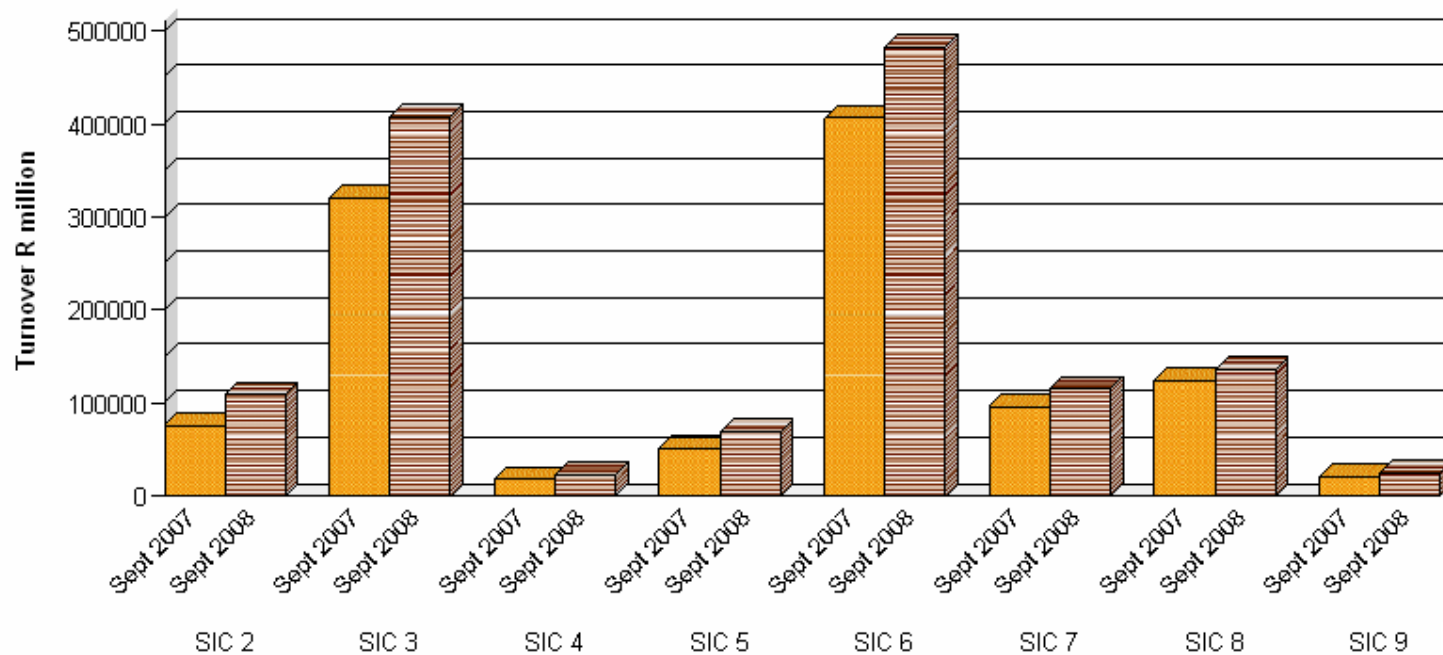
- SIC 2 - Mining and quarrying industry
- SIC 3 - Manufacturing industry
- SIC 4 - Electricity, gas and water supply industry
- SIC 5 - Construction industry
- SIC 6 - Trade industry
- SIC 7 - Transport, storage and communication industry
- SIC 8 - Real estate and other business services industry (excluding financial intermediation and insurance)
- SIC 9 - Community, social and personal services industry (excluding government institutions)

Figure 2 - Comparison of turnover by industry for the quarter ended September 2008



- SIC 2 - Mining and quarrying industry
- SIC 3 - Manufacturing industry
- SIC 4 - Electricity, gas and water supply industry
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Figure 3 - Comparison of turnover by industry for the quarters ended September 2007 and September 2008



- SIC 2 - Mining and quarrying industry
- SIC 3 - Manufacturing industry
- SIC 4 - Electricity, gas and water supply industry
- SIC 5 - Construction industry
- SIC 6 - Trade industry
- SIC 7 - Transport, storage and communication industry
- SIC 8 - Real estate and other business services industry (excluding financial intermediation and insurance)
- SIC 9 - Community, social and personal services industry (excluding government institutions)

Table 1 - Selected income and expenditure items: All industries ¹

Item	Quarter ended					Change between quarters ended June 2008 and September 2008 %	Year on year percentage change between September 2007 and September 2008 %
	R million						
	September 2007	December 2007	March 2008	June 2008 ²	September 2008 ³		
Income items							
Turnover received	1 114 708	1 176 207	1 171 331	1 329 426	1 367 746	2,9	22,7
Interest received	8 693	8 536	9 453	11 025	11 287	2,4	29,8
Dividends received	3 978	6 084	7 211	9 255	11 349	22,6	185,3
Royalties, franchise fees, copyright, trade names and patent rights received	831	666	624	819	846	3,3	1,8
Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures received	2 100	2 047	2 329	2 223	2 544	14,4	21,1
Hiring/leasing of plant, machinery, vehicles and other equipment received	1 487	1 526	1 486	2 140	2 012	-6,0	35,3
Profit on assets/investment sold or revalued	15 722	21 857	24 045	13 775	13 274	-3,6	-15,6
Other income	21 841	20 460	20 562	19 775	20 617	4,3	-5,6
Total income	1 169 360	1 237 383	1 237 041	1 388 438	1 429 675	3,0	22,3
Inventories							
Opening value of raw materials	111 709	117 688	111 688	108 338	124 343	14,8	11,3
Opening value of work in progress	50 587	50 680	53 110	67 367	72 700	7,9	43,7
Opening value of finished goods	179 560	188 539	204 856	240 994	263 636	9,4	46,8
Total opening values	341 856	356 907	369 654	416 699	460 679	10,6	34,8
Closing value of raw materials	117 024	117 369	115 850	125 806	130 547	3,8	11,6
Closing value of work in progress	52 897	52 789	62 604	75 256	78 847	4,8	49,1
Closing value of finished goods	186 580	196 279	214 921	263 663	277 394	5,2	48,7
Total closing values	356 501	366 437	393 375	464 725	486 788	4,7	36,5

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

² Revised.

³ Preliminary.

Table 1 - Selected income and expenditure items: All industries ¹ (concluded)

Item	Quarter ended					Change between quarters ended June 2008 and September 2008 %	Year on year percentage change between September 2007 and September 2008 %
	R million						
	September 2007	December 2007	March 2008	June 2008 ²	September 2008 ³		
Expenditure items							
Purchases	627 133	687 058	691 742	804 289	806 747	0,3	28,6
Interest paid	22 227	24 587	24 530	28 143	29 798	5,9	34,1
Royalties, franchise fees, copyright, trade names and patent rights paid	4 205	4 396	4 143	4 924	4 643	-5,7	10,4
Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures paid	16 708	17 140	17 555	19 002	19 226	1,2	15,1
Hiring/leasing for plant, machinery, vehicles and other equipment paid	7 348	7 279	7 381	8 506	8 499	-0,1	15,7
Depreciation	25 329	25 988	26 579	27 590	29 099	5,5	14,9
Losses on assets/investments sold or revalued	4 254	7 522	12 474	10 483	8 604	-17,9	102,3
Other expenditure	330 885	329 407	329 983	368 186	379 891	3,2	14,8
Total expenditure	1 038 089	1 103 377	1 114 387	1 271 123	1 286 507	1,2	23,9
Net profit or loss before taxation	145 916	143 536	146 375	165 341	169 277	2,4	16,0
Tax and company tax	27 476	33 382	27 757	35 146	36 506	3,9	32,9
Dividends payable	18 772	35 572	34 768	16 269	35 175	116,2	87,4
Book value of fixed assets as at the end of quarter	1 273 056	1 326 758	1 344 937	1 425 128	1 485 715	4,3	16,7
Capital expenditure on new buildings, machinery, furniture, vehicles and other equipment							
Buildings, improvement and construction works	15 505	20 890	19 749	17 203	21 181	23,1	36,6
Plant, machinery, furniture, fittings and other equipment	32 768	37 407	46 230	35 426	37 119	4,8	13,3
Vehicles	5 839	6 684	6 481	8 142	8 887	9,2	52,2
Total capital expenditure	54 112	64 981	72 460	60 771	67 187	10,6	24,2

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

² Revised.

³ Preliminary.

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

Item	Quarter ended					Change between quarters ended June 2008 and September 2008 %	Year on year percentage change between September 2007 and September 2008 %
	R million						
	September 2007	December 2007	March 2008	June 2008 ¹	September 2008 ²		
Income items							
Turnover received	75 673	77 253	84 654	111 724	109 226	-2,2	44,3
Interest received	1 146	1 054	1 111	1 391	1 976	42,1	72,4
Dividends received	368	370	385	339	1 181	248,4	220,9
Royalties, franchise fees, copyright, trade names and patent rights received	21	8	13	20	26	30,0	23,8
Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures received	13	11	17	44	45	2,3	246,2
Hiring/leasing of plant, machinery, vehicles and other equipment received	147	144	155	157	168	7,0	14,3
Profit on assets/investment sold or revalued	550	2 463	2 768	1 100	2 181	98,3	296,5
Other income	1 495	516	736	592	753	27,2	-49,6
Total income	79 413	81 819	89 839	115 367	115 556	0,2	45,5
Inventories							
Opening value of raw materials	7 569	9 824	7 718	8 361	11 039	32,0	45,8
Opening value of work in progress	7 184	6 659	8 522	9 983	10 220	2,4	42,3
Opening value of finished goods	9 043	8 803	8 931	10 529	11 070	5,1	22,4
Total opening values	23 796	25 286	25 171	28 873	32 329	12,0	35,9
Closing value of raw materials	8 166	8 668	7 909	10 921	12 123	11,0	48,5
Closing value of work in progress	7 422	7 127	9 797	12 362	12 593	1,9	69,7
Closing value of finished goods	9 238	8 965	10 452	11 081	14 095	27,2	52,6
Total closing values	24 826	24 760	28 158	34 364	38 811	12,9	56,3

¹ Revised.

² Preliminary.

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

Item	Quarter ended					Change between quarters ended June 2008 and September 2008 %	Year on year percentage change between September 2007 and September 2008 %
	R million						
	September 2007	December 2007	March 2008	June 2008 ¹	September 2008 ²		
Expenditure items							
Purchases	17 765	21 240	23 503	29 018	30 622	5,5	72,4
Interest paid	1 618	2 030	2 128	2 662	2 512	-5,6	55,3
Royalties, franchise fees, copyright, trade names and patent rights paid	565	299	297	320	312	-2,5	-44,8
Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures paid	899	1 051	1 006	1 075	1 150	7,0	27,9
Hiring/leasing for plant, machinery, vehicles and other equipment paid	520	539	634	678	727	7,2	39,8
Depreciation	5 204	4 883	4 931	5 316	5 740	8,0	10,3
Losses on assets/investments sold or revalued	277	559	1 674	1 535	970	-36,8	250,2
Other expenditure	32 685	28 318	29 689	34 763	37 494	7,9	14,7
Total expenditure	59 533	58 919	63 862	75 367	79 527	5,5	33,6
Net profit or loss before taxation	20 910	22 374	28 964	45 491	42 511	-6,6	103,3
Tax and company tax	5 193	6 623	5 179	8 776	8 530	-2,8	64,3
Dividends payable	1 811	6 732	5 848	2 003	7 327	265,8	304,6
Book value of fixed assets as at the end of quarter	215 223	241 823	236 591	262 431	282 805	7,8	31,4
Capital expenditure on new buildings, machinery, furniture, vehicles and other equipment							
Buildings, improvement and construction works	2 515	5 784	2 248	3 177	3 223	1,4	28,2
Plant, machinery, furniture, fittings and other equipment	4 762	6 958	5 448	10 729	9 304	-13,3	95,4
Vehicles	280	278	254	793	614	-22,6	119,3
Total capital expenditure	7 557	13 020	7 950	14 699	13 141	-10,6	73,9

¹ Revised.

² Preliminary.

Table 3 - Selected income and expenditure items: Manufacturing industry

Item	Quarter ended					Change between quarters ended June 2008 and September 2008 %	Year on year percentage change between September 2007 and September 2008 %
	R million						
	September 2007	December 2007	March 2008	June 2008 ¹	September 2008 ²		
Income items							
Turnover received	320 926	342 348	336 930	387 815	407 395	5,0	26,9
Interest received	2 647	2 845	2 832	3 521	3 443	-2,2	30,1
Dividends received	807	1 063	627	496	593	19,6	-26,5
Royalties, franchise fees, copyright, trade names and patent rights received	52	53	56	52	57	9,6	9,6
Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures received	258	276	244	250	258	3,2	0,0
Hiring/leasing of plant, machinery, vehicles and other equipment received	129	131	139	126	137	8,7	6,2
Profit on assets/investment sold or revalued	5 587	8 558	10 055	6 289	5 579	-11,3	-0,1
Other income	3 116	2 562	2 281	2 962	3 555	20,0	14,1
Total income	333 522	357 836	353 164	401 511	421 017	4,9	26,2
Inventories							
Opening value of raw materials	57 547	61 795	60 492	65 354	76 679	17,3	33,2
Opening value of work in progress	23 746	24 627	24 657	32 320	34 891	8,0	46,9
Opening value of finished goods	65 157	69 995	71 396	80 515	87 904	9,2	34,9
Total opening values	146 450	156 417	156 545	178 189	199 474	11,9	36,2
Closing value of raw materials	61 677	60 947	65 823	78 348	81 037	3,4	31,4
Closing value of work in progress	24 257	24 167	28 752	34 510	36 737	6,5	51,4
Closing value of finished goods	68 272	70 309	74 946	90 062	91 251	1,3	33,7
Total closing values	154 206	155 423	169 521	202 920	209 025	3,0	35,5

¹ Revised.

² Preliminary.

Table 3 - Selected income and expenditure items: Manufacturing industry (concluded)

Item	Quarter ended					Change between quarters ended June 2008 and September 2008 %	Year on year percentage change between September 2007 and September 2008 %
	R million						
	September 2007	December 2007	March 2008	June 2008 ¹	September 2008 ²		
Expenditure items							
Purchases	196 883	215 714	224 597	270 196	270 499	0,1	37,4
Interest paid	6 122	6 698	6 942	7 521	8 014	6,6	30,9
Royalties, franchise fees, copyright, trade names and patent rights paid	1 771	1 976	1 785	2 089	1 965	-5,9	11,0
Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures paid	2 818	2 818	2 783	3 046	3 254	6,8	15,5
Hiring/leasing for plant, machinery, vehicles and other equipment paid	880	892	907	1 101	1 250	13,5	42,0
Depreciation	6 044	6 572	6 586	6 673	6 785	1,7	12,3
Losses on assets/investments sold or revalued	1 613	3 500	4 859	3 724	3 293	-11,6	104,2
Other expenditure	88 578	81 991	76 843	86 801	88 039	1,4	-0,6
Total expenditure	304 709	320 161	325 302	381 151	383 099	0,5	25,7
Net profit or loss before taxation	36 569	36 681	40 838	45 091	47 469	5,3	29,8
Tax and company tax	8 689	8 073	9 830	12 285	11 598	-5,6	33,5
Dividends payable	5 612	18 876	13 905	4 127	10 535	155,3	87,7
Book value of fixed assets as at the end of quarter	251 012	259 246	258 147	277 005	278 865	0,7	11,1
Capital expenditure on new buildings, machinery, furniture, vehicles and other equipment							
Buildings, improvement and construction works	647	757	764	1 061	1 337	26,0	106,6
Plant, machinery, furniture, fittings and other equipment	9 790	11 531	8 995	10 683	8 482	-20,6	-13,4
Vehicles	754	824	881	845	834	-1,3	10,6
Total capital expenditure	11 191	13 112	10 640	12 589	10 653	-15,4	-4,8

¹ Revised.

² Preliminary.

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

Item	Quarter ended					Change between quarters ended June 2008 and September 2008 %	Year on year percentage change between September 2007 and September 2008 %
	R million						
	September 2007	December 2007	March 2008	June 2008 ¹	September 2008 ²		
Income items							
Turnover received	17 703	13 759	13 521	16 854	23 308	38,3	31,7
Interest received	1 068	451	785	1 159	631	-45,6	-40,9
Dividends received	0	0	0	0	0		
Royalties, franchise fees, copyright, trade names and patent rights received	0	0	0	0	0		
Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures received	12	2	11	1	1	0,0	-91,7
Hiring/leasing of plant, machinery, vehicles and other equipment received	2	2	1	0	0		-100,0
Profit on assets/investment sold or revalued	33	22	23	33	36	9,1	9,1
Other income	2 861	2 265	186	1 121	2 278	103,2	-20,4
Total income	21 679	16 501	14 527	19 168	26 254	37,0	21,1
Inventories							
Opening value of raw materials	3 541	3 649	3 650	4 024	4 787	19,0	35,2
Opening value of work in progress	3	3	3	74	76	2,7	2 433,3
Opening value of finished goods	29	28	51	179	157	-12,3	441,4
Total opening values	3 573	3 680	3 704	4 277	5 020	17,4	40,5
Closing value of raw materials	3 694	3 653	3 831	4 853	5 201	7,2	40,8
Closing value of work in progress	3	5	6	76	87	14,5	2 800,0
Closing value of finished goods	27	39	62	157	175	11,5	548,1
Total closing values	3 724	3 697	3 899	5 086	5 463	7,4	46,7

¹ Revised.

² Preliminary.

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

Item	Quarter ended					Change between quarters ended June 2008 and September 2008 %	Year on year percentage change between September 2007 and September 2008 %
	R million						
	September 2007	December 2007	March 2008	June 2008 ¹	September 2008 ²		
Expenditure items							
Purchases	1 918	1 812	1 804	2 429	2 831	16,6	47,6
Interest paid	1 387	826	1 229	1 318	1 820	38,1	31,2
Royalties, franchise fees, copyright, trade names and patent rights paid	47	47	40	98	98	0,0	108,5
Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures paid	122	129	124	130	176	35,4	44,3
Hiring/leasing for plant, machinery, vehicles and other equipment paid	15	20	19	20	18	-10,0	20,0
Depreciation	1 035	1 216	1 315	1 331	1 382	3,8	33,5
Losses on assets/investments sold or revalued	1	2	1	103	18	-82,5	1 700,0
Other expenditure	9 962	10 721	12 361	11 134	16 108	44,7	61,7
Total expenditure	14 487	14 773	16 893	16 563	22 451	35,5	55,0
Net profit or loss before taxation	7 343	1 745	-2 171	3 414	4 246	24,4	-42,2
Tax and company tax	46	3 738	-2 854	302	1 300	330,5	2 726,1
Dividends payable	1	0	17	16	16	0,0	1 500,0
Book value of fixed assets as at the end of quarter	99 728	105 215	111 604	119 271	128 097	7,4	28,4
Capital expenditure on new buildings, machinery, furniture, vehicles and other equipment							
Buildings, improvement and construction works	4 970	5 776	5 919	7 514	9 259	23,2	86,3
Plant, machinery, furniture, fittings and other equipment	368	471	1 695	715	517	-27,7	40,5
Vehicles	89	95	126	68	87	27,9	-2,2
Total capital expenditure	5 427	6 342	7 740	8 297	9 863	18,9	81,7

¹ Revised.

² Preliminary.

Table 5 - Selected income and expenditure items: Construction industry

Item	Quarter ended					Change between quarters ended June 2008 and September 2008 %	Year on year percentage change between September 2007 and September 2008 %
	R million						
	September 2007	December 2007	March 2008	June 2008 ¹	September 2008 ²		
Income items							
Turnover received	51 437	54 773	56 701	64 597	69 329	7,3	34,8
Interest received	248	342	463	451	527	16,9	112,5
Dividends received	29	284	274	160	37	-76,9	27,6
Royalties, franchise fees, copyright, trade names and patent rights received	0	0	0	0	0		
Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures received	138	169	145	57	52	-8,8	-62,3
Hiring/leasing of plant, machinery, vehicles and other equipment received	265	260	205	276	273	-1,1	3,0
Profit on assets/investment sold or revalued	364	279	726	345	221	-35,9	-39,3
Other income	672	1 105	1 290	1 525	688	-54,9	2,4
Total income	53 153	57 212	59 804	67 411	71 127	5,5	33,8
Inventories							
Opening value of raw materials	1 200	1 201	1 284	1 785	1 942	8,8	61,8
Opening value of work in progress	9 523	9 389	9 219	11 948	12 191	2,0	28,0
Opening value of finished goods	1 300	2 375	3 018	3 798	4 361	14,8	235,5
Total opening values	12 023	12 965	13 521	17 531	18 494	5,5	53,8
Closing value of raw materials	1 294	1 320	1 428	1 950	1 938	-0,6	49,8
Closing value of work in progress	9 669	9 253	11 694	12 215	12 239	0,2	26,6
Closing value of finished goods	1 662	2 835	3 240	4 361	4 027	-7,7	142,3
Total closing values	12 625	13 408	16 362	18 526	18 204	-1,7	44,2

¹ Revised.

² Preliminary.

Table 5 - Selected income and expenditure items: Construction industry (concluded)

Item	Quarter ended					Change between quarters ended June 2008 and September 2008 %	Year on year percentage change between September 2007 and September 2008 %
	R million						
	September 2007	December 2007	March 2008	June 2008 ¹	September 2008 ²		
Expenditure items							
Purchases	27 388	31 314	35 014	38 436	39 069	1,6	42,7
Interest paid	393	389	474	488	480	-1,6	22,1
Royalties, franchise fees, copyright, trade names and patent rights paid	47	51	43	51	17	-66,7	-63,8
Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures paid	323	326	397	449	417	-7,1	29,1
Hiring/leasing for plant, machinery, vehicles and other equipment paid	2 372	2 214	1 640	2 668	2 635	-1,2	11,1
Depreciation	760	774	852	948	980	3,4	28,9
Losses on assets/investments sold or revalued	15	34	92	185	260	40,5	1 633,3
Other expenditure	18 388	17 989	20 515	23 041	24 345	5,7	32,4
Total expenditure	49 686	53 091	59 027	66 266	68 203	2,9	37,3
Net profit or loss before taxation	4 069	4 564	3 618	2 140	2 634	23,1	-35,3
Tax and company tax	474	883	893	560	498	-11,1	5,1
Dividends payable	927	1 639	1 384	317	1 098	246,4	18,4
Book value of fixed assets as at the end of quarter	27 543	24 828	25 941	21 287	22 345	5,0	-18,9
Capital expenditure on new buildings, machinery, furniture, vehicles and other equipment							
Buildings, improvement and construction works	157	143	70	70	156	122,9	-0,6
Plant, machinery, furniture, fittings and other equipment	1 052	859	1 008	1 365	1 246	-8,7	18,4
Vehicles	364	339	465	295	241	-18,3	-33,8
Total capital expenditure	1 573	1 341	1 543	1 730	1 643	-5,0	4,5

¹ Revised.

² Preliminary.

Table 6 - Selected income and expenditure items: Trade industry

Item	Quarter ended					Change between quarters ended June 2008 and September 2008 %	Year on year percentage change between September 2007 and September 2008 %
	R million						
	September 2007	December 2007	March 2008	June 2008 ¹	September 2008 ²		
Income items							
Turnover received	406 447	440 024	436 307	480 973	482 865	0,4	18,8
Interest received	2 439	2 717	2 868	3 149	3 196	1,5	31,0
Dividends received	376	384	572	499	589	18,0	56,6
Royalties, franchise fees, copyright, trade names and patent rights received	230	217	207	292	274	-6,2	19,1
Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures received	607	642	686	674	756	12,2	24,5
Hiring/leasing of plant, machinery, vehicles and other equipment received	548	614	661	1 059	1 136	7,3	107,3
Profit on assets/investment sold or revalued	552	1 047	1 837	1 299	878	-32,4	59,1
Other income	4 428	5 198	5 603	5 492	4 689	-14,6	5,9
Total income	415 627	450 843	448 741	493 437	494 383	0,2	18,9
Inventories							
Opening value of raw materials	32 068	31 583	28 504	18 734	19 599	4,6	-38,9
Opening value of work in progress	6 081	5 870	6 483	6 377	9 490	48,8	56,1
Opening value of finished goods	95 425	98 576	113 083	135 585	147 722	9,0	54,8
Total opening values	133 574	136 029	148 070	160 696	176 811	10,0	32,4
Closing value of raw materials	32 418	32 666	27 296	19 629	19 750	0,6	-39,1
Closing value of work in progress	7 180	7 750	7 515	9 365	11 379	21,5	58,5
Closing value of finished goods	98 304	105 579	117 540	145 908	155 572	6,6	58,3
Total closing values	137 902	145 995	152 351	174 902	186 701	6,7	35,4

¹ Revised.

² Preliminary.

Table 6 - Selected income and expenditure items: Trade industry (concluded)

Item	Quarter ended					Change between quarters ended June 2008 and September 2008 %	Year on year percentage change between September 2007 and September 2008 %
	R million						
	September 2007	December 2007	March 2008	June 2008 ¹	September 2008 ²		
Expenditure items							
Purchases	313 358	344 788	334 495	374 538	373 168	-0,4	19,1
Interest paid	4 050	5 056	4 318	5 470	5 991	9,5	47,9
Royalties, franchise fees, copyright, trade names and patent rights paid	809	999	970	1 352	1 385	2,4	71,2
Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures paid	6 639	6 625	6 552	7 972	7 968	-0,1	20,0
Hiring/leasing for plant, machinery, vehicles and other equipment paid	782	784	782	1 254	1 152	-8,1	47,3
Depreciation	4 037	4 110	4 397	4 674	5 057	8,2	25,3
Losses on assets/investments sold or revalued	1 060	1 354	1 835	2 491	1 740	-30,1	64,2
Other expenditure	61 287	67 876	69 874	80 212	78 863	-1,7	28,7
Total expenditure	392 022	431 592	423 223	477 963	475 324	-0,6	21,2
Net profit or loss before taxation	27 933	29 217	29 799	29 680	28 949	-2,5	3,6
Tax and company tax	4 438	5 550	5 856	5 739	6 160	7,3	38,8
Dividends payable	2 454	1 529	2 434	2 360	5 944	151,9	142,2
Book value of fixed assets as at the end of quarter	167 975	170 239	163 255	191 091	198 845	4,1	18,4
Capital expenditure on new buildings, machinery, furniture, vehicles and other equipment							
Buildings, improvement and construction works	998	1 522	1 473	1 642	1 708	4,0	71,1
Plant, machinery, furniture, fittings and other equipment	3 814	3 568	2 367	3 053	3 315	8,6	-13,1
Vehicles	2 106	2 560	1 352	2 335	2 628	12,5	24,8
Total capital expenditure	6 918	7 650	5 192	7 030	7 651	8,8	10,6

¹ Revised.

² Preliminary.

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

Item	Quarter ended					Change between quarters ended June 2008 and September 2008 %	Year on year percentage change between September 2007 and September 2008 %
	R million						
	September 2007	December 2007	March 2008	June 2008 ¹	September 2008 ²		
Income items							
Turnover received	96 165	100 565	97 002	107 217	114 806	7,1	19,4
Interest received	859	839	987	911	1 036	13,7	20,6
Dividends received	802	1 581	2 850	476	1 643	245,2	104,9
Royalties, franchise fees, copyright, trade names and patent rights received	21	23	22	19	23	21,1	9,5
Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures received	860	756	969	924	1 150	24,5	33,7
Hiring/leasing of plant, machinery, vehicles and other equipment received	368	349	302	497	272	-45,3	-26,1
Profit on assets/investment sold or revalued	369	401	2 040	787	542	-31,1	46,9
Other income	1 908	2 434	2 391	2 882	4 011	39,2	110,2
Total income	101 352	106 948	106 563	113 713	123 483	8,6	21,8
Inventories							
Opening value of raw materials	5 429	5 196	5 749	4 962	5 032	1,4	-7,3
Opening value of work in progress	733	529	527	1 717	1 868	8,8	154,8
Opening value of finished goods	3 140	3 716	3 224	4 471	5 308	18,7	69,0
Total opening values	9 302	9 441	9 500	11 150	12 208	9,5	31,2
Closing value of raw materials	5 389	5 550	5 416	4 939	5 414	9,6	0,5
Closing value of work in progress	526	509	661	1 867	1 517	-18,7	188,4
Closing value of finished goods	3 681	3 220	3 644	5 254	5 535	5,3	50,4
Total closing values	9 596	9 279	9 721	12 060	12 466	3,4	29,9

¹ Revised.

² Preliminary.

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

Item	Quarter ended					Change between quarters ended June 2008 and September 2008 %	Year on year percentage change between September 2007 and September 2008 %
	R million						
	September 2007	December 2007	March 2008	June 2008 ¹	September 2008 ²		
Expenditure items							
Purchases	31 285	34 913	33 827	41 030	43 168	5,2	38,0
Interest paid	2 803	2 898	3 011	3 425	3 757	9,7	34,0
Royalties, franchise fees, copyright, trade names and patent rights paid	313	328	301	306	309	1,0	-1,3
Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures paid	1 680	1 746	1 654	1 897	1 906	0,5	13,5
Hiring/leasing for plant, machinery, vehicles and other equipment paid	1 885	1 954	2 512	1 804	1 702	-5,7	-9,7
Depreciation	4 681	4 929	4 948	5 478	5 951	8,6	27,1
Losses on assets/investments sold or revalued	411	417	1 776	557	649	16,5	57,9
Other expenditure	44 309	45 571	45 623	49 719	53 031	6,7	19,7
Total expenditure	87 367	92 756	93 652	104 216	110 473	6,0	26,4
Net profit or loss before taxation	14 279	14 030	13 132	10 407	13 268	27,5	-7,1
Tax and company tax	3 058	3 311	4 271	2 948	3 718	26,1	21,6
Dividends payable	2 036	1 727	6 230	2 668	5 461	104,7	168,2
Book value of fixed assets as at the end of quarter	185 088	194 211	222 001	231 498	246 145	6,3	33,0
Capital expenditure on new buildings, machinery, furniture, vehicles and other equipment							
Buildings, improvement and construction works	981	541	4 557	1 269	2 945	132,1	200,2
Plant, machinery, furniture, fittings and other equipment	11 178	12 005	24 611	6 440	10 912	69,4	-2,4
Vehicles	1 052	1 531	1 451	840	1 128	34,3	7,2
Total capital expenditure	13 211	14 077	30 619	8 549	14 985	75,3	13,4

¹ Revised.

² Preliminary.

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 June 2008 and September 2008 %	Year on year percentage change between September 2007 and September 2008 %
	R million						
	September 2007	December 2007	March 2008	June 2008 ¹	September 2008 ²		
Income items							
Turnover received *	124 738	126 227	124 907	135 188	135 984	0,6	9,0
Interest received	0	0	0	0	0		
Dividends received	1 544	2 326	2 309	7 248	7 238	-0,1	368,8
Royalties, franchise fees, copyright, trade names and patent rights received	422	317	278	333	365	9,6	-13,5
Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures received	0	0	0	0	0		
Hiring/leasing of plant, machinery, vehicles and other equipment received	0	0	0	0	0		
Profit on assets/investment sold or revalued	7 018	5 745	5 274	3 754	3 706	-1,3	-47,2
Other income	6 026	4 912	6 479	3 463	2 891	-16,5	-52,0
Total income	139 748	139 527	139 247	149 986	150 184	0,1	7,5
Inventories							
Opening value of raw materials	3 872	3 971	3 797	4 240	4 318	1,8	11,5
Opening value of work in progress	2 756	3 093	3 048	4 814	3 827	-20,5	38,9
Opening value of finished goods	4 522	4 161	4 075	5 154	6 325	22,7	39,9
Total opening values	11 150	11 225	10 920	14 208	14 470	1,8	29,8
Closing value of raw materials	3 911	4 065	3 667	4 259	4 179	-1,9	6,9
Closing value of work in progress	3 272	3 461	3 502	4 724	4 177	-11,6	27,7
Closing value of finished goods	4 442	4 418	4 015	6 036	5 967	-1,1	34,3
Total closing values	11 625	11 944	11 184	15 019	14 323	-4,6	23,2

¹ Revised.

² Preliminary.

*Turnover includes: interest, rent/leasing and hiring – see p. 31 for more details.

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

Item	Quarter ended					Change between quarters ended June 2008 and September 2008 %	Year on year percentage change between September 2007 and September 2008 %
	R million						
	September 2007	December 2007	March 2008	June 2008 ¹	September 2008 ²		
Expenditure items							
Purchases	33 632	32 565	34 164	41 963	41 173	-1,9	22,4
Interest paid	5 282	6 163	5 757	6 484	6 237	-3,8	18,1
Royalties, franchise fees, copyright, trade names and patent rights paid	557	590	605	514	361	-29,8	-35,2
Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures paid	3 641	3 741	4 337	3 617	3 532	-2,4	-3,0
Hiring/leasing for plant, machinery, vehicles and other equipment paid	643	645	602	706	729	3,3	13,4
Depreciation	2 886	2 788	2 826	2 405	2 382	-1,0	-17,5
Losses on assets/investments sold or revalued	803	1 563	2 137	1 798	1 571	-12,6	95,6
Other expenditure	62 841	63 693	62 072	67 927	67 206	-1,1	6,9
Total expenditure	110 285	111 748	112 500	125 414	123 191	-1,8	11,7
Net profit or loss before taxation	29 938	28 498	27 011	25 383	26 846	5,8	-10,3
Tax and company tax	4 891	4 579	3 836	3 808	3 914	2,8	-20,0
Dividends payable	5 867	4 781	4 070	4 136	4 061	-1,8	-30,8
Book value of fixed assets as at the end of quarter	297 405	301 886	297 721	289 708	295 119	1,9	-0,8
Capital expenditure on new buildings, machinery, furniture, vehicles and other equipment							
Buildings, improvement and construction works	4 414	5 885	4 448	2 015	2 264	12,4	-48,7
Plant, machinery, furniture, fittings and other equipment	1 385	1 540	1 687	2 111	2 875	36,2	107,6
Vehicles	1 116	965	1 846	2 882	3 266	13,3	192,7
Total capital expenditure	6 915	8 390	7 981	7 008	8 405	19,9	21,5

¹ Revised.

² Preliminary.

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

Item	Quarter ended					Change between quarters ended June 2008 and September 2008 %	Year on year percentage change between September 2007 and September 2008 %
	R million						
	September 2007	December 2007	March 2008	June 2008 ¹	September 2008 ²		
Income items							
Turnover received	21 619	21 258	21 309	25 058	24 833	-0,9	14,9
Interest received	286	288	407	443	478	7,9	67,1
Dividends received	52	76	194	37	68	83,8	30,8
Royalties, franchise fees, copyright, trade names and patent rights received	85	48	48	103	101	-1,9	18,8
Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures received	212	191	257	273	282	3,3	33,0
Hiring/leasing of plant, machinery, vehicles and other equipment received	28	26	23	25	26	4,0	-7,1
Profit on assets/investment sold or revalued	1 249	3 342	1 322	168	131	-22,0	-89,5
Other income	1 335	1 468	1 596	1 738	1 752	0,8	31,2
Total income	24 866	26 697	25 156	27 845	27 671	-0,6	11,3
Inventories							
Opening value of raw materials	483	469	494	878	947	7,9	96,1
Opening value of work in progress	561	510	651	134	137	2,2	-75,6
Opening value of finished goods	944	885	1 078	763	789	3,4	-16,4
Total opening values	1 988	1 864	2 223	1 775	1 873	5,5	-5,8
Closing value of raw materials	475	500	480	907	905	-0,2	90,5
Closing value of work in progress	568	517	677	137	118	-13,9	-79,2
Closing value of finished goods	954	914	1 022	804	772	-4,0	-19,1
Total closing values	1 997	1 931	2 179	1 848	1 795	-2,9	-10,1

¹ Revised.

² Preliminary.

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

Item	Quarter ended					Change between quarters ended June 2008 and September 2008 %	Year on year percentage change between September 2007 and September 2008 %
	R million						
	September 2007	December 2007	March 2008	June 2008 ¹	September 2008 ²		
Expenditure items							
Purchases	4 904	4 712	4 338	6 679	6 217	-6,9	26,8
Interest paid	572	527	671	775	987	27,4	72,6
Royalties, franchise fees, copyright, trade names and patent rights paid	96	106	102	194	196	1,0	104,2
Rental/leasing of land, buildings and other structures paid	586	704	702	816	823	0,9	40,4
Hiring/leasing for plant, machinery, vehicles and other equipment paid	251	231	285	275	286	4,0	13,9
Depreciation	682	716	724	765	822	7,5	20,5
Losses on assets/investments sold or revalued	74	93	100	90	103	14,4	39,2
Other expenditure	12 835	13 248	13 006	14 589	14 805	1,5	15,3
Total expenditure	20 000	20 337	19 928	24 183	24 239	0,2	21,2
Net profit or loss before taxation	4 875	6 427	5 184	3 735	3 354	-10,2	-31,2
Tax and company tax	687	625	746	728	788	8,2	14,7
Dividends payable	64	288	880	642	733	14,2	1 045,3
Book value of fixed assets as at the end of quarter	29 082	29 310	29 677	32 837	33 494	2,0	15,2
Capital expenditure on new buildings, machinery, furniture, vehicles and other equipment							
Buildings, improvement and construction works	823	482	270	455	289	-36,5	-64,9
Plant, machinery, furniture, fittings and other equipment	419	475	419	330	468	41,8	11,7
Vehicles	78	92	106	84	89	6,0	14,1
Total capital expenditure	1 320	1 049	795	869	846	-2,6	-35,9

¹ Revised.

² Preliminary.

Table 10 - Comparison of selected operating ratios between June 2008 and September 2008

Industry	Turnover / Fixed assets ³		Net profit before tax / Turnover ⁴		Turnover / Closing inventories ⁵		Net profit before tax / Fixed assets ⁶		Total capital expenditure / Fixed assets ⁷	
	June 2008 ¹	September 2008 ²	June 2008 ¹	September 2008 ²	June 2008 ¹	September 2008 ²	June 2008 ¹	September 2008 ²	June 2008 ¹	September 2008 ²
Mining and quarrying	0,43	0,39	0,41	0,39	3,25	2,81	0,17	0,15	0,06	0,05
Manufacturing	1,40	1,46	0,12	0,12	1,91	1,95	0,16	0,17	0,05	0,04
Electricity, gas and water supply	0,14	0,18	0,20	0,18	3,31	4,27	0,03	0,03	0,07	0,08
Construction	3,03	3,10	0,03	0,04	3,49	3,81	0,10	0,12	0,08	0,07
Trade	2,52	2,43	0,06	0,06	2,75	2,59	0,16	0,15	0,04	0,04
Transport, storage and communication	0,46	0,47	0,10	0,12	8,89	9,21	0,04	0,05	0,04	0,06
Real estate and other business services, excluding financial intermediation and insurance	0,47	0,46	0,19	0,20	9,00	9,49	0,09	0,09	0,02	0,02
Community, social and personal services, excluding government institutions	0,76	0,74	0,15	0,14	13,56	13,83	0,11	0,10	0,03	0,03
All industries	0,93	0,92	0,12	0,12	2,86	2,81	0,12	0,11	0,04	0,05

¹ Revised.

² Preliminary.

³ Turnover / book value of fixed assets at the end of quarter.

⁴ Net profit before providing for company tax / turnover.

⁵ Turnover / closing value of inventories.

⁶ Net profit before providing for company tax / book value of fixed assets at the end of quarter.

⁷ Total capital expenditure on new assets / book value of fixed assets at the end of quarter.

Technical notes

Confidence intervals

The 95% confidence intervals of a population parameter (turnover) are 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)

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

Relative standard error (RSE)

$$= \frac{\text{SE (estimate)} * 100}{\text{estimate}}$$

Table A - Estimates of turnover by industry within 95% confidence limits: June 2008

Industry	Lower limit	Estimate	Upper limit	Relative standard error
	R million	R million	R million	(RSE)
Mining and quarrying	110 840	111 724	112 608	0,4
Manufacturing	381 911	387 815	393 719	0,8
Electricity, gas and water supply	16 544	16 854	17 164	0,9
Construction	58 345	64 597	70 849	4,9
Trade	457 406	480 973	504 540	2,5
Transport, storage and communication	104 212	107 217	110 222	1,4
Real estate and other business services, excluding financial intermediation and insurance	122 626	135 188	147 750	4,7
Community, social and personal services, excluding government institutions	23 396	25 058	26 720	3,4

Table B - Estimates of turnover by industry within 95% confidence limits: September 2008

Industry	Lower limit	Estimate	Upper limit	Relative standard error
	R million	R million	R million	(RSE)
Mining and quarrying	108 226	109 226	110 226	0,5
Manufacturing	399 163	407 395	415 627	1,0
Electricity, gas and water supply	22 794	23 308	23 822	1,1
Construction	63 033	69 329	75 625	4,6
Trade	460 151	482 865	505 579	2,4
Transport, storage and communication	111 752	114 806	117 860	1,4
Real estate and other business services, excluding financial intermediation and insurance	122 636	135 984	149 332	5,0
Community, social and personal services, excluding government institutions	23 057	24 833	26 609	3,6

Table C - Differences in turnover by industry between June 2008 and September 2008 and between September 2007 and September 2008

Industry	Turnover September 2007	Turnover June 2008	Turnover September 2008	Difference between June 2008 and September 2008	Difference between September 2007 and September 2008
	R million	R million	R million	%	%
Mining and quarrying	75 673	111 724	109 226	-2,2	44,3
Manufacturing	320 926	387 815	407 395	5,0	26,9
Electricity, gas and water supply	17 703	16 854	23 308	38,3	31,7
Construction	51 437	64 597	69 329	7,3	34,8
Trade	406 447	480 973	482 865	0,4	18,8
Transport, storage and communication	96 165	107 217	114 806	7,1	19,4
Real estate and other business services, excluding financial intermediation and insurance	124 738	135 188	135 984	0,6	9,0
Community, social and personal services, excluding government institutions	21 619	25 058	24 833	-0,9	14,9
All industries	1 114 708	1 329 426	1 367 746	2,9	22,7

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 by Stats SA 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	195 000 000	50 000 000	20 000 000	6 431 923
Manufacturing	255 000 000	65 000 000	25 000 000	4 832 953
Electricity, gas and water supply	255 000 000	65 000 000	25 500 000	4 547 606
Construction	130 000 000	30 000 000	15 000 000	2 005 757
Wholesale trade	320 000 000	160 000 000	30 000 000	7 295 963
Retail trade	195 000 000	95 000 000	20 000 000	2 632 532
Motor trade	195 000 000	95 000 000	20 000 000	5 224 413
Accommodation and catering	65 000 000	30 000 000	25 500 000	1 196 130
Transport, Storage and communication	130 000 000	65 000 000	15 000 000	1 587 986
Real estate and other businesses services, excluding financial intermediation and insurance	130 000 000	65 000 000	15 000 000	1 424 090
Community, social and personal services, excluding government institutions	65 000 000	30 000 000	5 000 000	1 023 261

Source: National Small Business Amendment Bill 2003, Department of Trade and Industry

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;
 - purchases;
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 - 2 In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current quarter may have been estimated due to late 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 the September and December 2007 and March, June and September 2008 quarters, which examines key variables such as turnover, inventories, purchases and capital expenditure on new buildings, improvement, construction works, machinery, furniture, fittings, vehicles and other equipment as well as other variables mentioned in 1 above, in the formal non-agricultural business sector in South Africa, excluding financial intermediation and insurance and government institutions.
 - 4 Additional information regarding the percentage contribution of small, medium and large enterprises by industry per variable for the quarters ended June and September 2008, will be made available on the Stats SA website.
- Purpose of the survey**
- 5 The quarterly financial statistics (QFS) survey covers a sample of 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*.

Scope of the survey	<p>6 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>7 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>8 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>9 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 four weeks after the end of the quarter concerned. Fax, telephone and electronic reminders are used to follow up on non-respondents.</p> <p>10 Samples are normally drawn each year and the resulting level changes in estimates are indicated when the new sample is implemented. A new sample was drawn in 2008 and implemented from the June 2008 quarter.</p> <p>11 The sample was drawn from a population of enterprises that contributed approximately 95% to the total turnover per industry. Adjustments are made to the estimates to account for enterprises contributing less than 5% of the total turnover 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>
Comparison of old and new samples	<p>12 The level of turnover for the June and September 2008 quarters, based on the sample drawn in 2008 (referred to as the new sample), closely tracks the turnover of the previous sample drawn in 2007 (referred to as the old sample). The movements in turnover over these two quarters are very similar. The turnover for the June 2008 quarter of the new sample is 3,9% higher than the turnover for the same quarter of the old sample and the turnover of the September 2008 quarter is 3,1% higher for the new sample when compared to that of the old.</p>
Reliability of estimates	<p>13 Data presented in this publication are based on information obtained from a sample of enterprises and are, therefore, subject to sampling variability, that is, the data 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. See Tables A and B (page 25) to determine the extent that estimates may vary.</p>

	14	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.																				
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Glossary

Book value of fixed assets

Book value of fixed assets at the end of the quarter includes:

- land;
- residential buildings and non-residential buildings;
- construction works, roads and parking areas;
- computers and other IT equipment;
- motor vehicles and other transport equipment; and
- plant, machinery, furniture, fittings and other office equipment.

Capital expenditure on new buildings, improvement, construction works, machinery, furniture, fittings, vehicles and other equipment

Capital expenditure on new buildings, improvements, construction works, machinery, furniture, fittings, vehicles and other equipment includes:

- 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 and machinery, vehicles and equipment; and
- used plant and machinery, which were imported by or on behalf of the enterprise.

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.

Establishment

An establishment is defined as an enterprise, or part of an enterprise, that is situated at a single location and in which only a single (non-ancillary) productive activity is carried out or in which the principal productive activity accounts for most of the value added.

Industry

An industry consists of a group of enterprises engaged in the same or similar kinds of economic activity, and is classified according to the *Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (SIC), Fifth edition, January 1993*.

Inventories

Inventories consist of:

- outputs that are 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).

Raw materials consist of components for processing, packing materials, fuel, consumable and maintenance stores.

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 beginning and end of the quarter.

Finished goods include finished goods by own manufacturers and goods not produced by the enterprise but purchased for resale, not sold at the beginning and end of the quarter.

International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)

International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) are international accounting standards stating how particular types of transactions and other events should be reported in financial statements. IFRS are issued by the Accounting Standard Board.

Net profit or loss	<p>Net profit or loss is the difference between total income, inventories 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.</p>
Purchases	<p>Purchases include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • raw materials, components used, etc in production; • fuels for off-road vehicles; • spare parts and building materials; and • purchases and transfers-in of factored goods, intermediate products and partially completed goods from related enterprises.
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	<p>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.</p>
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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