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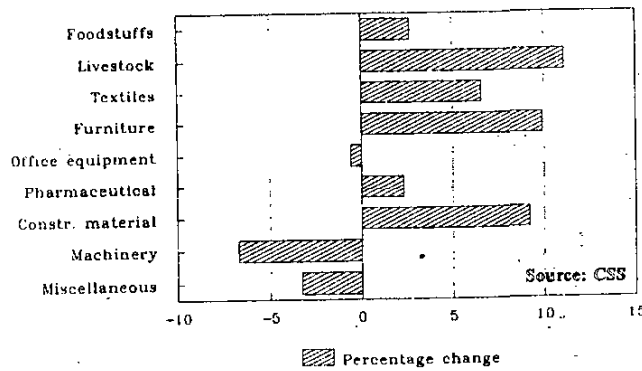
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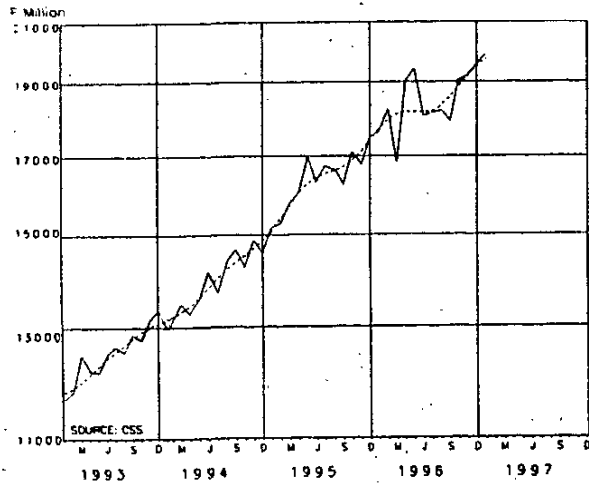
The seasonally adjusted wholesale trade sales (excluding diamonds) for January 1997 are 1,5% higher than for December 1996. This represents an increase of 0,6% in real terms (at constant June 1995 prices).

Increases in the seasonally adjusted sales for January 1997 compared with December 1996 occurred in respect of six of the nine types of wholesalers. These increases fluctuate between 2,3% in respect of the sales of wholesalers in pharmaceutical and chemical products and 11,1% in respect of the sales of wholesalers in livestock and farm produce. Wholesalers in miscellaneous goods, which have the largest market share, show a decrease of 3,3% and wholesalers in machinery and equipment a decrease of 6,7%.

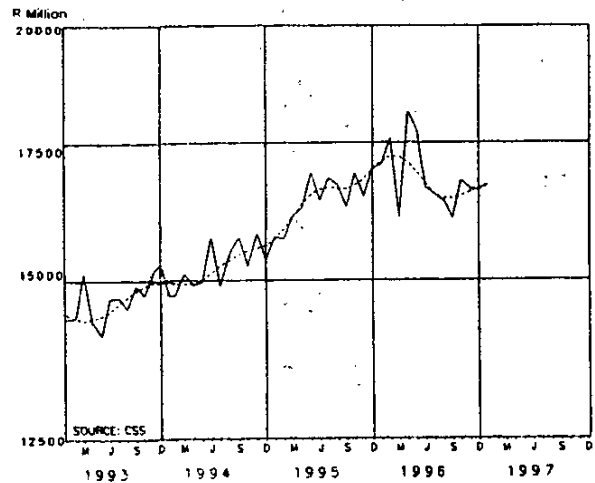
**WHOLESALE TRADE SALES
BY TYPE OF BUSINESS**
Seasonally adjusted-Jan.1997 v. Dec.1996



**WHOLESALE TRADE SALES (EXCLUDING DIAMONDS)
(AT CURRENT PRICES)**



**WHOLESALE TRADE SALES (EXCLUDING DIAMONDS)
(AT CONSTANT JUNE 1995 PRICES)**



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SUMMARY - WHOLESALE TRADE

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Period	Sales (Excluding diamonds) R million		Percentage change of sales	
	At current prices	At constant June 1995 prices	At current prices	At constant June 1995 prices
Actual values				
Nov. 1996 - Jan. 1997	57 499,4	49 133,0	+13,0	-1,3
Nov. 1995 - Jan. 1996	50 867,7	49 789,9		
Seasonally adjusted values				
Nov. 1996 - Jan. 1997	58 653,8	49 877,1	+6,2	+1,4
Aug. 1996 - Oct. 1996	55 254,0	49 198,0		


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NOTES

This statistical release shows final estimates of the wholesale trade sales in the Republic of South Africa (the former IBVC states are included). The survey is conducted on a firm basis. The results of the sample survey are raised to represent the total wholesale trade sales. Both actual and seasonally adjusted values of wholesale trade sales according to type of business at current as well as at constant June 1995 prices are shown. The value of sales at constant June 1995 prices in respect of each type of business is obtained by deflating the sales value at current prices by means of sub-indices of the production price index on base June 1995=100.

Wholesale trade sales at current prices include VAT.

Symbols used

- * revised
- not applicable

1. WHOLESALE TRADE SALES BY TYPE OF BUSINESS
1.1 AT CURRENT PRICES

R Million

Type of business	Actual values						Seasonally adjusted values				
	1997		1996		Jan. 1997	Jan. 1996	Jan. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1996	Oct. 1996	Jan. 1996
	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	Dec.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	Jan.
Total	18 618,1	19 135,4*	16 135,8*	18 618,1	16 135,8	19 857,5	19 559,0	19 237,3	19 120,7	17 620,5	
Including diamonds	17 593,0	18 852,7*	15 618,1*	17 593,0	15 618,1						
Excluding diamonds	3 269,0	4 090,5	3 277,9	3 269,0	3 277,9	3 582,0	3 489,5	3 751,2	3 455,0	3 580,2	
Foodstuffs, beverages and tobacco	1 061,2	1 051,8	908,4	1 061,2	908,4	1 078,7	970,9	984,7	1 048,1	929,1	
Livestock and farm produce	292,5	335,1	267,5	292,5	267,5	457,4	428,9	477,6	441,4	417,9	
Textiles, clothing and footwear	317,7	476,4	259,6	317,7	259,6	485,1	441,3	476,9	438,9	395,9	
Furniture and household requisites	888,2	885,1*	818,6	888,2	818,6	1 036,0	1 042,3	1 021,2	1 022,8	949,6	
Office and shop equipment, books and stationery	1 025,1	282,7	517,8	1 025,1	517,8						
Diamonds, jewellery and silverware	1 582,9	1 562,0*	1 446,5	1 582,9	1 446,5	1 759,9	1 720,2	1 685,6	1 765,4	1 613,2	
Pharmaceutical and chemical products	1 628,4	1 391,9	1 500,6	1 628,4	1 500,6	1 960,4	1 795,8	1 796,5	1 778,5	1 807,8	
Construction and building materials	2 890,5	2 876,1	2 486,0*	2 890,5	2 486,0	3 217,8	3 449,2	3 373,5	3 458,2	2 757,7	
Machinery and equipment (mining, industrial and agricultural)	5 662,5	6 183,8	4 652,9*	5 662,5	4 652,9	6 121,8	6 327,7	5 684,3	5 860,8	5 029,4	
Miscellaneous											

The former TBVC states are included.

1. WHOLESALE TRADE SALES BY TYPE OF BUSINESS
1.2 AT CONSTANT JUNE 1995 PRICES

R Million

Type of business	Actual values				Seasonally adjusted values				
	Jan. 1997	Dec. 1996	Jan. 1996	Jan. - Jan. 1996	Jan. 1997	Dec. 1996	Nov. 1996	Oct. 1996	Jan. 1996
Total	15 704,3	16 332,6*	15 685,5*	15 704,3	15 685,5	16 688,6	16 581,2	16 607,4	17 080,6
Including diamonds	14 828,9	16 021,9*	15 184,6*	14 828,9	15 184,6	16 688,6	16 581,2	16 607,4	17 080,6
Excluding diamonds	2 723,2	3 462,4	3 096,5	2 723,2	3 096,5	3 021,8	2 974,9	3 146,9	3 417,8
Foodstuffs, beverages and tobacco	923,2	896,9	872,5	923,2	872,5	958,2	838,7	868,7	908,5
Livestock and farm produce	264,9	305,3	260,2	264,9	260,2	412,7	389,9	441,9	405,1
Textiles, clothing and footwear	290,7	437,3	255,6	290,7	255,6	442,6	404,8	439,6	388,7
Furniture and household requisites	777,8	783,4*	784,0	777,8	784,0	906,2	919,6	910,7	908,8
Office and shop equipment, books and stationery	875,4	310,7	500,9	875,4	500,9	-	-	-	-
Diamonds, jewellery and silverware	1 416,1	1 422,4*	1 400,2	1 416,1	1 400,2	1 575,2	1 529,6	1 527,0	1 563,6
Pharmaceutical and chemical products	1 462,3	1 258,7	1 462,9	1 462,3	1 462,9	1 758,5	1 606,7	1 619,9	1 759,4
Construction and building materials	2 631,3	2 628,9	2 446,3*	2 631,3	2 446,3	2 896,2	3 154,7	3 101,9	2 686,0
Machinery and equipment (mining, industrial and agricultural)	4 339,4	4 826,5	4 606,4*	4 339,4	4 606,4	4 642,3	4 877,9	4 544,0	4 924,9
Miscellaneous									

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