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**Results for May 2011**

**Table A – Key figures for wholesale trade sales**

Actual wholesale trade sales estimates	May 2011 (R million)	% change between May 2010 and May 2011	% change between March to May 2010 and March to May 2011	% change between January to May 2010 and January to May 2011
At current prices	90 261	12,4	11,6	11,4
At constant 2000 prices	45 706	6,6	5,6	5,7

Seasonally adjusted estimates	May 2011 (R million)	% change between April and May 2011	% change between December 2010 to February 2011 and March to May 2011
At current prices	91 886	2,3	3,1
At constant 2000 prices	46 754	2,0	1,4

**Wholesale trade sales in real terms**

Wholesale trade sales, at constant 2000 prices, for the three months ended May 2011 increased by 5,6% compared with the three months ended May 2010, while sales for the same period in 2010 increased by 2,5%. Seasonally adjusted wholesale trade sales for the three months ended May 2011 increased by 1,4% compared with the three months ended February 2011.

Wholesale trade sales, at constant 2000 prices, for May 2011 increased by 6,6% compared with May 2010.

**Wholesale trade sales in nominal terms**

Wholesale trade sales, at current prices, for the three months ended May 2011 increased by 11,6% compared with the three months ended May 2010. The major contributors to this increase were dealers in solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products (28,6% and contributing 5,7 percentage points), dealers in food, beverages and tobacco (7,8% and contributing 1,3 percentage points), other household goods except precious stones (10,6% and contributing 1,2 percentage points) and agricultural raw materials and livestock (23,7% and contributing 1,1 percentage points) – see Table B on page 3.

Wholesale trade sales, at current prices, for May 2011 increased by 12,4% compared with May 2010, while sales for the corresponding period in 2010 increased by 10,1%.

**Table B – Contribution of each type of dealer to the percentage change in wholesale trade sales at current prices**

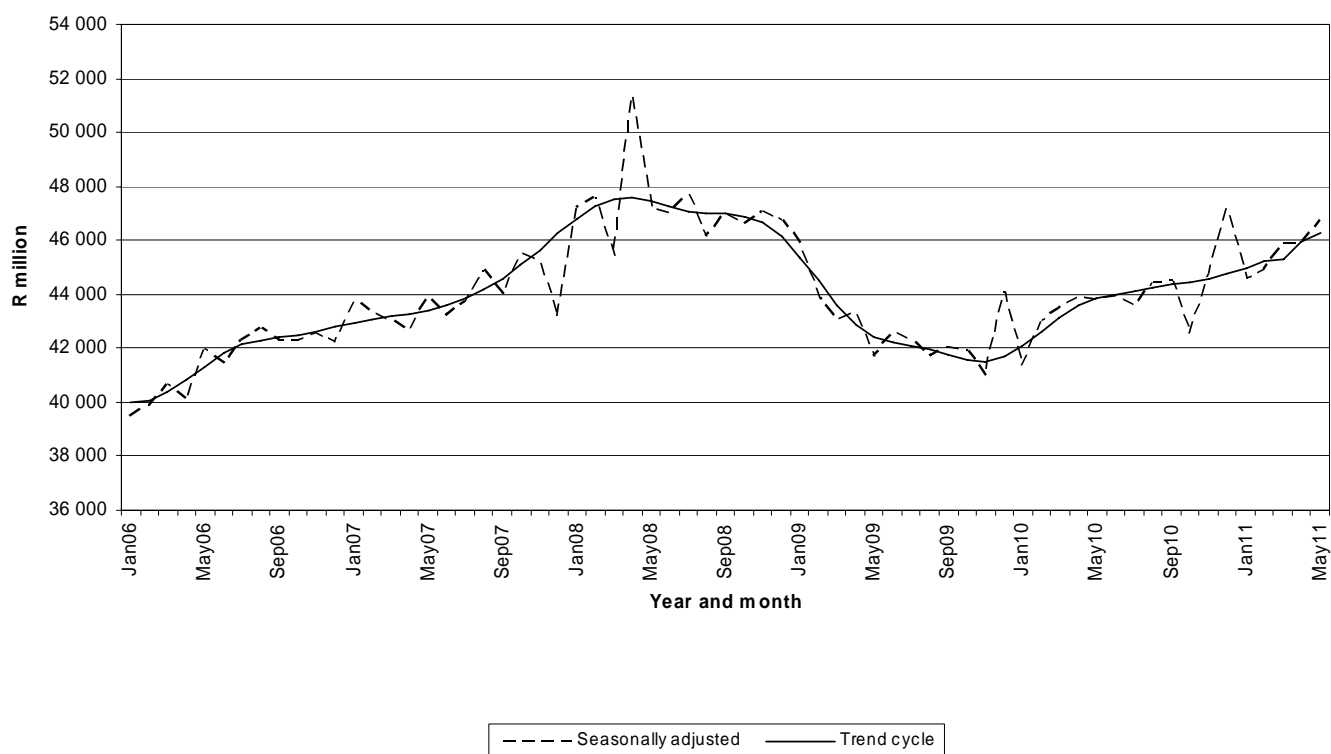
Type of wholesale dealer	Sales March to May 2010 (R million)	Weight 1/	Sales March to May 2011 (R million)	Difference in sales between March to May 2010 and March to May 2011 (R million)	% change between March to May 2010 and March to May 2011	Contribution (% points) to the % change in total sales 2/
Fee or contract basis	15 547	6,5	17 193	1 646	10,6	0,7
Agricultural raw materials and livestock	11 081	4,6	13 703	2 622	23,7	1,1
Food, beverages and tobacco	39 403	16,5	42 459	3 056	7,8	1,3
Textiles, clothing and footwear	7 082	3,0	7 542	460	6,5	0,2
Other household goods except precious stones	26 005	10,9	28 761	2 756	10,6	1,2
Precious stones, jewellery and silverware	1 575	0,7	1 646	71	4,5	0,0
Solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products	47 551	19,9	61 136	13 585	28,6	5,7
Metals and metal ores	9 260	3,9	10 460	1 200	13,0	0,5
Construction and building materials	12 044	5,0	12 460	416	3,5	0,2
Other intermediate products, waste and scrap	8 501	3,6	8 806	305	3,6	0,1
Machinery, equipment and supplies	38 516	16,1	38 992	476	1,2	0,2
Other goods	22 586	9,4	23 647	1 061	4,7	0,4
<b>Total 3/</b>	<b>239 150</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>266 806</b>	<b>27 656</b>	<b>11,6</b>	<b>11,6</b>

1/ Weight is the percentage contribution of each type of dealer to the total wholesale trade sales for the three months up to the current month of the previous year.

2/ The contribution to the percentage change is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each type of dealer with its corresponding weight, divided by 100.

3/ The figures have been rounded off. Therefore discrepancies may occur between the sums of the component items and the totals.

**Figure 1 – Wholesale trade sales at constant 2000 prices**



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**Detailed results**

**Table 1 – Wholesale trade sales according to the type of dealer at current prices (R million)**

Year and month 1/	Type A	Type B	Type C	Type D	Type E	Type F	Type G	Type H	Type I	Type J	Type K	Type L	Total 2/	
<b>2010</b>	<b>January</b>	4 623	3 551	12 064	1 612	6 924	194	13 945	2 500	2 897	2 543	9 980	6 497	67 331
	<b>February</b>	5 370	3 996	12 499	2 065	7 791	665	14 219	2 693	3 494	2 975	11 728	7 649	75 145
	<b>March</b>	5 801	3 954	12 642	2 386	8 688	510	15 999	3 057	4 154	3 171	13 987	8 361	82 708
	<b>April</b>	4 665	3 440	12 822	2 485	8 590	477	15 034	3 047	3 840	2 593	12 131	6 987	76 111
	<b>May</b>	5 081	3 687	13 939	2 211	8 727	588	16 518	3 156	4 050	2 737	12 398	7 238	80 331
	<b>June</b>	5 087	4 459	13 738	2 090	8 751	574	17 742	3 188	3 861	2 876	13 205	7 008	82 577
	<b>July</b>	5 711	4 970	13 816	2 230	8 615	623	17 156	2 989	4 043	2 793	12 203	7 500	82 648
	<b>August</b>	5 360	4 089	14 638	2 306	9 030	433	17 419	2 924	4 016	2 967	12 887	7 816	83 885
	<b>September</b>	5 555	4 116	14 861	2 777	9 451	418	16 269	2 951	4 275	3 232	13 333	7 809	85 047
	<b>October</b>	5 174	4 475	13 812	2 922	9 873	651	17 716	3 040	4 257	3 499	12 846	7 850	86 115
	<b>November</b>	5 560	5 140	16 424	3 319	11 012	522	17 993	3 120	4 853	4 187	14 158	8 708	94 996
	<b>December</b>	6 455	4 688	18 153	2 165	9 296	434	18 630	2 129	3 481	3 023	12 751	8 428	89 632
<b>Total</b>	<b>64 442</b>	<b>50 565</b>	<b>169 408</b>	<b>28 568</b>	<b>106 748</b>	<b>6 089</b>	<b>198 640</b>	<b>34 794</b>	<b>47 221</b>	<b>36 596</b>	<b>151 607</b>	<b>91 851</b>	<b>986 526</b>	
<b>2011</b>	<b>January</b>	4 423	4 071	13 176	1 780	7 562	186	17 787	2 701	3 545	3 040	10 607	6 642	75 519
	<b>February</b>	4 785	4 348	13 682	2 188	8 603	301	18 457	3 267	4 036	3 446	12 382	7 259	82 753
	<b>March</b>	5 479	4 421	14 566	2 800	9 587	618	21 322	3 781	4 466	3 293	14 075	8 144	92 552
	<b>April</b>	5 453	4 122	13 349	2 469	8 994	395	20 278	3 048	3 754	2 547	12 037	7 547	83 993
	<b>May</b>	6 261	5 160	14 544	2 273	10 180	633	19 536	3 631	4 240	2 966	12 880	7 956	90 261

1/ Figures are preliminary.

2/ The figures have been rounded off. Therefore discrepancies may occur between the sums of the component items and the totals.

**Description of type of dealer included in a specific group type as indicated in Table 1 <sup>1/</sup>**

<b>Group type</b>	<b>Type of dealers included in group type</b>	<b>Group type</b>	<b>Type of dealers included in group type</b>
Type A	Wholesale trade on a fee or contract basis	Type G	Wholesale trade in solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products
Type B	Wholesale trade in agricultural raw materials and livestock	Type H	Wholesale trade in metals and metal ores
Type C	Wholesale trade in food, beverages and tobacco	Type I	Wholesale trade in construction and building materials
Type D	Wholesale trade in textiles, clothing and footwear	Type J	Wholesale trade in other intermediate products, waste and scrap
Type E	Wholesale trade in other household goods except precious stones	Type K	Wholesale trade in machinery, equipment and supplies
Type F	Wholesale trade in precious stones, jewellery and silverware	Type L	Wholesale trade in other goods

1/ See note 4 on page 9 for more detailed specifications.

**Table 2 – Total wholesale trade sales at current prices (R million)**

Month	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010 <sup>1/</sup>	2011 <sup>1/</sup>
January	38 049	42 575	47 258	58 391	69 813	73 546	67 331	75 519
February	42 973	44 565	51 827	62 630	76 561	74 894	75 145	82 753
March	46 520	47 590	56 092	67 058	79 884	79 294	82 708	92 552
April	41 545	48 941	50 811	61 517	83 509	71 939	76 111	83 993
May	50 150	50 901	58 973	69 661	86 779	72 950	80 331	90 261
June	51 641	52 778	59 678	69 765	88 149	74 993	82 577	
July	49 471	52 629	61 630	71 304	91 466	75 723	82 648	
August	50 458	54 214	64 001	73 714	88 746	74 466	83 885	
September	51 032	56 313	64 025	72 859	89 791	75 711	85 047	
October	55 247	58 201	68 204	80 442	93 965	80 503	86 115	
November	58 872	62 369	72 646	84 120	97 566	82 729	94 996	
December	50 795	53 966	63 148	71 024	84 966	80 052	89 632	
<b>Total</b>	<b>586 753</b>	<b>625 042</b>	<b>718 293</b>	<b>842 485</b>	<b>1 031 195</b>	<b>916 800</b>	<b>986 526</b>	

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**Table 3 – Percentage change in total wholesale trade sales at current prices 1/**

Month	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
January	4,7	11,9	11,0	23,6	19,6	5,3	-8,5	12,2
February	3,4	3,7	16,3	20,8	22,2	-2,2	0,3	10,1
March	8,8	2,3	17,9	19,6	19,1	-0,7	4,3	11,9
April	4,8	17,8	3,8	21,1	35,7	-13,9	5,8	10,4
May	19,7	1,5	15,9	18,1	24,6	-15,9	10,1	12,4
June	19,3	2,2	13,1	16,9	26,4	-14,9	10,1	
July	12,1	6,4	17,1	15,7	28,3	-17,2	9,1	
August	19,1	7,4	18,1	15,2	20,4	-16,1	12,6	
September	17,9	10,3	13,7	13,8	23,2	-15,7	12,3	
October	21,2	5,3	17,2	17,9	16,8	-14,3	7,0	
November	26,6	5,9	16,5	15,8	16,0	-15,2	14,8	
December	27,7	6,2	17,0	12,5	19,6	-5,8	12,0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,7</b>	<b>6,5</b>	<b>14,9</b>	<b>17,3</b>	<b>22,4</b>	<b>-11,1</b>	<b>7,6</b>	

1/ The percentage change is the difference between wholesale trade sales of the relevant month of the current year and the corresponding month of the previous year expressed as a percentage.

**Table 4 – Seasonally adjusted total wholesale trade sales at current prices (R million)**

Month	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
January	43 385	48 936	54 419	67 042	79 818	83 850	76 726	86 130
February	44 862	46 970	55 009	66 769	81 653	79 694	79 850	87 923
March	46 439	47 600	56 167	66 943	79 250	78 041	80 931	90 350
April	44 410	52 551	54 653	66 116	89 679	77 068	81 425	89 788
May	49 863	50 576	58 751	69 626	87 267	73 640	81 477	91 886
June	50 865	52 031	58 948	69 154	87 560	74 629	82 175	
July	49 542	52 331	60 887	70 186	89 794	74 377	81 158	
August	50 042	53 386	62 786	72 312	87 233	73 495	83 043	
September	49 921	55 098	62 659	71 440	88 214	74 557	83 752	
October	51 101	53 842	63 194	74 602	87 131	74 690	79 937	
November	52 540	55 327	64 443	74 814	87 202	74 143	85 237	
December	51 414	54 778	64 043	71 884	85 710	80 464	89 890	

**Table 5 – Total wholesale trade sales at constant 2000 prices (R million)**

Month	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010 <sup>1/</sup>	2011 <sup>1/</sup>
January	30 164	32 846	34 667	38 625	41 780	40 684	36 614	39 405
February	33 837	34 255	37 996	41 177	45 165	41 618	40 744	42 498
March	36 636	36 381	40 879	43 404	46 077	44 015	44 655	47 046
April	32 430	37 128	36 705	39 198	47 292	39 992	40 639	42 650
May	39 038	38 433	42 032	43 799	46 695	41 032	42 882	45 706
June	40 111	39 795	41 925	43 442	47 049	42 549	43 820	
July	38 529	39 302	42 630	44 131	48 261	42 710	44 055	
August	39 146	40 357	43 304	45 438	46 596	41 933	44 575	
September	39 277	41 622	43 082	44 806	47 882	42 816	45 380	
October	42 227	42 915	45 431	48 917	50 226	45 211	45 939	
November	45 010	45 752	47 989	50 963	52 898	46 039	50 319	
December	38 998	39 560	41 829	42 899	46 665	44 188	47 334	
<b>Total</b>	<b>455 403</b>	<b>468 346</b>	<b>498 469</b>	<b>526 799</b>	<b>566 586</b>	<b>512 787</b>	<b>526 956</b>	

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**Table 6 – Percentage change in total wholesale trade sales at constant 2000 prices 1/**

Month	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
January	4,6	8,9	5,5	11,4	8,2	-2,6	-10,0	7,6
February	2,9	1,2	10,9	8,4	9,7	-7,9	-2,1	4,3
March	8,4	-0,7	12,4	6,2	6,2	-4,5	1,5	5,4
April	3,3	14,5	-1,1	6,8	20,6	-15,4	1,6	4,9
May	16,7	-1,5	9,4	4,2	6,6	-12,1	4,5	6,6
June	15,9	-0,8	5,4	3,6	8,3	-9,6	3,0	
July	9,9	2,0	8,5	3,5	9,4	-11,5	3,1	
August	15,9	3,1	7,3	4,9	2,5	-10,0	6,3	
September	14,0	6,0	3,5	4,0	6,9	-10,6	6,0	
October	16,6	1,6	5,9	7,7	2,7	-10,0	1,6	
November	21,2	1,6	4,9	6,2	3,8	-13,0	9,3	
December	23,3	1,4	5,7	2,6	8,8	-5,3	7,1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,9</b>	<b>2,8</b>	<b>6,4</b>	<b>5,7</b>	<b>7,6</b>	<b>-9,5</b>	<b>2,8</b>	

1/ The percentage change is the difference between wholesale trade of the relevant month of the current year and the corresponding month of the previous year expressed as a percentage.

**Table 7 – Seasonally adjusted total wholesale trade sales at constant 2000 prices (R million)**

Month	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
January	34 197	37 452	39 482	43 810	47 187	45 886	41 324	44 565
February	35 161	35 802	39 858	43 322	47 566	43 819	42 960	44 883
March	36 432	36 154	40 643	43 025	45 483	43 186	43 665	45 941
April	35 008	40 341	40 015	42 697	51 384	43 221	43 761	45 858
May	38 773	38 153	41 925	43 930	47 205	41 663	43 734	46 754
June	39 412	39 202	41 463	43 209	46 989	42 634	43 924	
July	38 565	39 150	42 292	43 705	47 728	42 282	43 615	
August	38 908	39 931	42 755	44 923	46 155	41 708	44 463	
September	38 548	40 886	42 297	43 992	46 992	42 057	44 541	
October	39 197	39 872	42 250	45 454	46 577	41 898	42 556	
November	40 223	40 606	42 533	45 210	47 076	40 998	44 807	
December	39 483	40 052	42 219	43 143	46 787	44 141	47 175	



**Table 8 – Three-monthly and annual cumulative estimates and percentage changes**

Actual wholesale trade sales estimates	March to May 2010 (R million)	March to May 2011 (R million)	% change between March to May 2010 and March to May 2011	January to May 2010 (R million)	January to May 2011 (R million)	% change between January to May 2010 and January to May 2011
<b>At current prices</b>	239 150	266 806	11,6	381 626	425 078	11,4
<b>At constant 2000 prices</b>	128 176	135 402	5,6	205 534	217 305	5,7

**Table 9 – Seasonally adjusted monthly and three-monthly estimates and percentage changes**

Seasonally adjusted wholesale trade sales estimates	April 2011 (R million)	May 2011 (R million)	% change between April and May 2011	December 2010 to February 2011 (R million)	March to May 2011 (R million)	% change between December 2010 to February 2011 and March to May 2011
<b>At current prices</b>	89 788	91 886	2,3	263 943	272 024	3,1
<b>At constant 2000 prices</b>	45 858	46 754	2,0	136 623	138 553	1,4

**Explanatory notes**

<b>Introduction</b>	<b>1</b>	<p>Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly survey of the wholesale trade industry, covering wholesale enterprises (see 4 below). This survey is based on a sample drawn from the 2010 Business Sampling Frame (BSF) that contains businesses registered for value added tax (VAT).</p> <p>As is usual, information for the latest month had to be estimated for respondents who have not reported by the cut-off date for production of results. These estimates will be revised in future statistical releases when their reported information becomes available. Published wholesale trade sales estimates exclude VAT.</p>
<b>Purpose of the survey</b>	<b>3</b>	<p>The results of the monthly wholesale trade sales survey are used to compile estimates of the gross domestic product (GDP) and its components, which are used in monitoring the state of the economy and formulation of economic policy. These statistics are also used in the analysis of comparative business and industry performance.</p>
<b>Scope of the survey</b>	<b>4</b>	<p>This survey covers wholesale enterprises according to the following types of dealer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wholesale trade on a fee or contract basis – sales by commission agents, commodity brokers, auctioneers and other wholesale trade on a fee or contract basis;</li> <li>• Wholesale trade in agricultural raw materials and livestock;</li> <li>• Wholesale trade in food, beverages and tobacco;</li> <li>• Wholesale trade in textiles, clothing and footwear;</li> <li>• Wholesale trade in other household goods except precious stones</li> <li>• Wholesale trade in household furniture, requisites and appliances, wholesale trade in books and stationery, wholesale trade in pharmaceuticals and toiletries and wholesale trade in other household goods not elsewhere classified;</li> <li>• Wholesale trade in precious stones, jewellery and silverware;</li> <li>• Wholesale trade in solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products;</li> <li>• Wholesale trade in metals and metal ores;</li> <li>• Wholesale trade in construction materials, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies;</li> <li>• Wholesale trade in machinery, equipment and supplies;</li> <li>• Wholesale trade in other intermediate products, waste and scrap;</li> <li>• Wholesale trade in other goods; and</li> <li>• General wholesale trade and other wholesale trade not classified elsewhere.</li> </ul>
<b>Classification</b>	<b>5</b>	<p>The 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (SIC)</i>, Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02, 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. Each enterprise is classified to the industry which reflects its predominant activity. Statistics in this publication are presented at SIC group (four digit) level.</p>
<b>Response rate</b>	<b>6</b>	<p>The preliminary response rate for the survey on wholesale trade sales for May 2011 was 90,0%. The improved response rate for the survey on wholesale trade sales for April 2011 was 95,9%.</p>
<b>Statistical unit</b>	<b>7</b>	<p>The statistical unit for which information is compiled and published is the enterprise, defined as a legal unit or a combination of legal units that includes and directly controls all functions necessary to carry out its sales activities.</p>
<b>Survey methodology and design</b>	<b>8</b>	<p>The survey is conducted monthly. Questionnaires are sent to a sample of about 1 000 enterprises from a population of about 20 000 enterprises. Completed questionnaires are required to be returned to Stats SA within 10 days after the end of the reference month. Fax and telephone reminders are used to follow up non-respondents.</p>

- 9** The value of sales is obtained monthly from the sample of about 1 000 enterprises (which was drawn in April 2010 at the SIC four-digit level) from a population of about 20 000 wholesale enterprises. The wholesale industry is divided into four size groups. All large enterprises (size group one) are completely enumerated. Simple random sampling is applied to the remaining size groups (medium, small and very small size enterprises). The total value of sales of the large enterprises (size group one) is added to the weighted totals of size groups two, three and four to reflect the total value of sales.
- Weighting methodology** **10** For those strata not completely enumerated, the weights to produce estimates are the inverse ratio of the sampling fraction, modified to take account of non-response in the survey. Stratum estimates are calculated and then aggregated with the completely enumerated stratum to form group estimates. These procedures, which are in line with international best practice, are described in more detail on the Stats SA website at <http://www.statssa.gov.za/publications/publicationsearch.asp>.
- Constant prices** **11** Stats SA compiles its monthly estimates of wholesale trade sales at current prices from a survey of wholesalers in the formal sector. To arrive at estimates of wholesale trade sales at constant prices, sales at current prices are deflated using the all groups producer price index (PPI) excluding 'Electricity, gas, steam and water'.
- Seasonal adjustment** **12** Seasonally adjusted estimates are generated each month, using the X-11 Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by the US Bureau of the Census, 1968. Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences, which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. Therefore the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour.
- Trend cycle** **13** The trend is the long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-11 Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted estimates to estimates of the underlying trend cycle.
- Reliability of estimates** **14** Data presented in this publication are based on information obtained from a sample 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 wholesale industry in South Africa. Estimates are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors.
- 15** Inaccuracies may occur because of imperfections in reporting by enterprises and errors made in 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 careful design of questionnaires, testing them in pilot studies, editing reported data and implementing efficient operating procedures. Fluctuations may occur in consecutive months as a result of seasonal and economic factors.
- Revised figures** **16** Revised figures are due to respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures and late submission of their data to Stats SA. Preliminary figures are indicated in the relevant tables. Data are edited at the enterprise level.
- Related publications** **17** Users may also wish to refer to the following publications available from Stats SA:
- *Bulletin of Statistics* issued quarterly
  - *SA Statistics* issued annually
- Rounding-off of figures** **18** Where figures have been rounded off discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and the totals.

**Symbols and abbreviations**

<b>19</b>	BR	Business Register
	BSF	Business Sampling Frame
	GDP	Gross domestic product
	ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification
	SIC	Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities
	SARS	South African Revenue Service
	Stats SA	Statistics South Africa
	VAT	Value added tax
	*	Revised
	-	Figures not available

**Technical note**

**Neyman optimal allocation**

A stratified random sample was drawn from the population of enterprises on Stats SA’s Business Sampling Frame (BSF). Strata were formed using a combination of Standard Industrial Classification and the measure of size classes for enterprises. The Neyman optimal allocation formula given below was used to allocate samples to each stratum.

$$n_h = \frac{N_h S_h}{\sum N_h S_h}$$

$N_h$  and  $S_h$  are the stratum population size and the stratum variance respectively.

Neyman allocation formula not only allocates sample sizes to each stratum but also calculates the relative precision for each stratum as well as the relative precision for all strata. The relative precision for these strata did not exceed 5,6%.

**Class limits**

Enterprise size	Size group	Lower limits	Upper limits
Very small	4	0	24 000 000
Small	3	24 000 001	128 000 000
Medium	2	128 000 001	256 000 000
Large	1	256 000 001	

**Glossary**

- Enterprise** The enterprise is a legal entity or a combination of legal units that includes and directly controls all functions necessary to carry out its sales activities.
- Industry** An industry is made up of enterprises engaged in the same or similar kinds of economic activity. Industries are defined in the *System of National Accounts (SNA)* in the same way as in the *Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities, Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02 of January 1993 (SIC)*.
- Statistical unit** 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.
- Wholesale trade** Wholesale trade includes the resale (sale without transformation) of new and used goods and products to other wholesalers, retailers, agricultural, industrial, commercial, institutional and professional users either directly or through agents on a fee or contract basis.
- Wholesaler** A wholesaler is an enterprise deriving 50% or more of its turnover from sales of goods to other businesses and institutions.

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