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## Key findings for the quarter ended March 2004

The total turnover of all the industries for the first quarter of 2004 was estimated at R676 697 million, reflecting a decrease of 5,5\% compared with the fourth quarter of 2003 (ended December 2003), for which the revised estimated value was R716 401 million.

All the seven industries covered in the survey reflected a decrease in turnover between the fourth quarter of 2003 and the first quarter of 2004. The largest decrease of $14,9 \%$ was reported in the community, social and personal services industry, excluding government institutions. The two industries that contribute $66,2 \%$ of the estimated turnover, namely the trade and manufacturing industries, reported $7,9 \%$ and $4,1 \%$ decline in turnover respectively.

Interest paid by all industries for the first quarter of 2004 was estimated at R18 100 million, reflecting a decrease of $8,7 \%$ compared with the fourth quarter of 2003. Increases in interest paid were reported in the transport, storage and communication industry ( $53,3 \%$ ) and the construction industry $(1,9 \%)$. The rest of the industries reported decreases in interest paid, with the largest decrease of $29,3 \%$ reported in the manufacturing industry.

Capital expenditure on new assets, which was estimated at R28 028 million for all industries for the first quarter of 2004, increased by $34,9 \%$ compared with the fourth quarter of 2003 (R20 780 million). Increases in capital expenditure were reported in all the industries except the trade industry, manufacturing industry and the community, social and personal services industry, excluding government institutions, which reported decreases of $1,2 \%, 30,8 \%$ and $48,1 \%$ respectively.

Book value of land, buildings, machinery, furniture, vehicles and other equipment as at the end of the first quarter of 2004 was estimated at R632 939 million, reflecting an increase of $2,1 \%$ compared with the fourth quarter of 2003. Increases in book value of land, buildings, machinery, furniture, vehicles and other equipment were reported in all the industries except the community, social and personal services industry, excluding government institutions and the manufacturing industry.

Inventories as at the end of the first quarter of 2004 were estimated at R211 212 million. This reflected a decrease of $2,5 \%$ compared with the fourth quarter of 2003. The mining and quarrying industry and the manufacturing industry were the only industries that reported increases in inventories.

Increases or decreases in the estimated quarterly financial statistics of the surveyed private sector industries may be attributable to:

- Seasonal variations in the economic performance of different sectors, with the exception of taxes and profits, whose fluctuations may largely be attributable to accounting practices rather than economic activity.
- The strengthening rand against major currencies may partly explain the performance of some sectors such as the manufacturing and mining industries.

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## Notes

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| Purpose of the survey |  |
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## Response rates

The percentage response for December 2003 was $81,6 \%$. The percentage response for March 2004 was $81,7 \%$.

Table 1 - Selected income and expenditure items: All industries ${ }^{1}$

|  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Change } \\ \text { between the }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| quarter ended |  |  |  |  |
| December |  |  |  |  |$\}$

[^0]Table 2 - Selected income and expenditure items: Mining and quarrying industry

| Item | $\begin{gathered} \text { March } \\ 2003 \end{gathered}$ <br> R million | June <br> 2003 <br> R million | September 2003 R million | $\begin{aligned} & \text { December } \\ & \text { 2003* } \\ & \text { R million } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { March }^{2} \\ 2004 \end{gathered}$ <br> R million | Change between the quarter ended December 2003 and the quarter ended March 2004 \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Turnover | 31509 | 30080 | 33290 | 34114 | 31906 | -6,5 |
| Interest paid | 1412 | 1584 | 1452 | 1542 | 1163 | -24,6 |
| Tax and company tax brought into account | 2006 | 1690 | 1639 | 1849 | 1197 | -35,3 |
| Net profit or loss before providing for company tax and dividends | 6850 | 4686 | 4322 | 5961 | 5585 | -6,3 |
| Capital expenditure on new assets |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Buildings, improvements and construction works | 652 | 687 | 561 | 834 | 748 | -10,3 |
| Plant, machinery, furniture, fittings and other equipment as at the end of the quarter | 5806 | 4392 | 3355 | 2879 | 5428 | 88,5 |
| Vehicles | 321 | 456 | 166 | 62 | 132 | 112,9 |
| Total capital expenditure on new assets | 6779 | 5535 | 4082 | 3775 | 6308 | 67,1 |
| Book value of land, buildings, machinery, furniture, vehicles and other equipment as at the end of the quarter | 113498 | 117726 | 120932 | 131242 | 136996 | 4,4 |
| Inventories |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Work in progress | 3410 | 4372 | 5009 | 4808 | 4239 | -11,8 |
| Other stocks | 6434 | 6811 | 6946 | 6874 | 8599 | 25,1 |
| Total inventories | 9844 | 11183 | 11955 | 11682 | 12838 | 9,9 |

[^1]Table 3 - Selected income and expenditure items: Manufacturing industry

| Item | March $2003$ <br> R million | June <br> 2003 <br> $\mathbf{R}$ million | September 2003 R million | December 2003* <br> R million | $\begin{gathered} \text { March }^{2} \\ 2004 \end{gathered}$ <br> R million | Change between the quarter ended December 2003 and the quarter ended March 2004 \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Turnover | 212328 | 211067 | 216921 | 222881 | 213766 | -4,1 |
| Interest paid | 4818 | 5200 | 4780 | 5104 | 3608 | -29,3 |
| Tax and company tax brought into account | 4132 | 3503 | 4086 | 4788 | 3904 | -18,5 |
| Net profit or loss before providing for company tax and dividends | 19959 | 19801 | 17393 | 18016 | 18394 | 2,1 |
| Capital expenditure on new assets |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Buildings, improvements and construction works | 669 | 328 | 797 | 500 | 578 | 15,6 |
| Plant, machinery, furniture, fittings and other equipment as at the end of the quarter | 5852 | 6441 | 6195 | 6679 | 4407 | - 34,0 |
| Vehicles | 429 | 619 | 602 | 432 | 280 | -35,2 |
| Total capital expenditure on new assets | 6950 | 7388 | 7594 | 7611 | 5265 | - 30,8 |
| Book value of land, buildings, machinery, furniture, vehicles and other equipment as at the end of the quarter | 165172 | 170999 | 170311 | 166377 | 165832 | -0,3 |
| Inventories |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Work in progress | 19071 | 19071 | 18181 | 14439 | 16525 | 14,4 |
| Other stocks | 59625 | 63670 | 65394 | 78339 | 76736 | -2,0 |
| Total inventories | 78696 | 82741 | 83575 | 92778 | 93261 | 0,5 |

Table 4 - Selected income and expenditure items: Construction industry

| Item | March <br> 2003 <br> $\mathbf{R}$ million | June <br> 2003 <br> R million | September 2003 <br> R million | December 2003* <br> $\mathbf{R}$ million | $\begin{gathered} \text { March }^{2} \\ 2004 \end{gathered}$ <br> R million | Change between the quarter ended December 2003 and the quarter ended March 2004 \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Turnover | 23881 | 24421 | 26247 | 25727 | 23955 | -6,9 |
| Interest paid | 653 | 474 | 591 | 722 | 736 | 1,9 |
| Tax and company tax brought into account | 191 | 67 | 79 | 120 | 107 | -10,8 |
| Net profit or loss before providing for company tax and dividends | 1016 | 1364 | 717 | 1612 | 646 | -59,9 |
| Capital expenditure on new assets |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Buildings, improvements and construction works | 314 | 72 | 311 | 247 | 385 | 55,9 |
| Plant, machinery, furniture, fittings and other equipment as at the end of the quarter | 817 | 592 | 239 | 264 | 418 | 58,3 |
| Vehicles | 217 | 231 | 282 | 93 | 90 | -3,2 |
| Total capital expenditure on new assets | 1348 | 895 | 832 | 604 | 893 | 47,8 |
| Book value of land, buildings, machinery, furniture, vehicles and other equipment as at the end of the quarter | 17287 | 18791 | 19216 | 18037 | 18377 | 1,9 |
| Inventories |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Work in progress | 6417 | 6491 | 7628 | 7754 | 6993 | -9,8 |
| Other stocks | 1802 | 1682 | 1930 | 1276 | 1431 | 12,1 |
| Total inventories | 8219 | 8173 | 9558 | 9030 | 8424 | -6,7 |

[^2]Table 5 - Selected income and expenditure items: Trade industry

| Item | March <br> 2003 <br> R million | June <br> 2003 <br> R million | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { September } \\ 2003 \\ \text { R million } \end{array}$ | December 2003* <br> R million | $\begin{gathered} \text { March }^{2} \\ 2004 \end{gathered}$ <br> R million | Change between the quarter ended December 2003 and the quarter ended March 2004 $\%$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Turnover | 225765 | 231799 | 240397 | 254624 | 234457 | -7,9 |
| Interest paid | 3982 | 3960 | 3768 | 3726 | 3632 | -2,5 |
| Tax and company tax brought into account | 1643 | 1758 | 1831 | 2610 | 2113 | -19,0 |
| Net profit or loss before providing for company tax and dividends | 8079 | 8602 | 11799 | 15620 | 11166 | -28,5 |
| Capital expenditure on new assets |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Buildings, improvements and construction works | 445 | 314 | 452 | 391 | 473 | 21,0 |
| Plant, machinery, furniture, fittings and other equipment as at the end of the quarter | 1482 | 1561 | 1282 | 1432 | 1348 | -5,9 |
| Vehicles | 485 | 635 | 363 | 421 | 395 | -6,2 |
| Total capital expenditure on new assets | 2412 | 2510 | 2097 | 2244 | 2216 | -1,2 |
| Book value of land, buildings, machinery, furniture, vehicles and other equipment as at the end of the quarter | 47547 | 48066 | 48695 | 51718 | 54826 | 6,0 |
| Inventories |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Work in progress | 4546 | 5213 | 4901 | 6793 | 3270 | -51,9 |
| Other stocks | 66338 | 65066 | 69873 | 73734 | 72568 | -1,6 |
| Total inventories | 70884 | 70279 | 74774 | 80527 | 75838 | -5,8 |

[^3]Table 6 - Selected income and expenditure items: Transport, storage and communication industry

| Item | $\begin{gathered} \text { March } \\ 2003 \\ \text { R million } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { June } \\ & 2003 \end{aligned}$ <br> R million | $\begin{aligned} & \text { September } \\ & 2003 \\ & \text { R million } \end{aligned}$ | December 2003* <br> R million | $\begin{gathered} \text { March }^{2} \\ 2004 \end{gathered}$ <br> R million | Change between the quarter ended December 2003 and the quarter ended March 2004 \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Turnover | 59283 | 64022 | 66811 | 66836 | 66723 | -0,2 |
| Interest paid | 2094 | 1999 | 1708 | 1932 | 2961 | 53,3 |
| Tax and company tax brought into account | 970 | 896 | 1011 | 897 | 1215 | 35,5 |
| Net profit or loss before providing for company tax and dividends | -1221 | 1656 | 1248 | 5578 | 1097 | -80,3 |
| Capital expenditure on new assets |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Buildings, improvements and construction works | 620 | 159 | 275 | 329 | 620 | 88,4 |
| Plant, machinery, furniture, fittings and other equipment as at the end of the quarter | 1384 | 3332 | 2777 | 3699 | 5672 | 53,3 |
| Vehicles | 5139 | 1438 | 1460 | 614 | 4664 | 659,6 |
| Total capital expenditure on new assets | 7143 | 4929 | 4512 | 4642 | 10956 | 136,0 |
| Book value of land, buildings, machinery, furniture, vehicles and other equipment as at the end of the quarter | 113251 | 113507 | 145781 | 152634 | 156091 | 2,3 |
| Inventories |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Work in progress | 808 | 823 | 864 | 856 | 745 | -13,0 |
| Other stocks | 4199 | 6276 | 6497 | 6784 | 6692 | -1,4 |
| Total inventories | 5007 | 7099 | 7361 | 7640 | 7437 | -2,7 |

[^4]Table 7 - Selected income and expenditure items: Real estate and other business services industry (excluding financial intermediation and insurance)

| Item | $\begin{gathered} \text { March } \\ 2003 \end{gathered}$ <br> R million | June <br> 2003 <br> $\mathbf{R}$ million | $\begin{array}{\|c} \text { September } \\ 2003 \\ \text { R million } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { December } \\ & \mathbf{2 0 0 3}^{*} \\ & \text { R million } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { March }^{2} \\ 2004 \end{gathered}$ <br> R million | Change between the quarter ended December 2003 and the quarter ended March 2004 \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Turnover | 92430 | 93936 | 96042 | 94390 | 90723 | -3,9 |
| Interest paid | 5384 | 5330 | 6348 | 6447 | 5742 | -10,9 |
| Tax and company tax brought into account | 1663 | 1243 | 1491 | 1532 | 1428 | -6,8 |
| Net profit or loss before providing for company tax and dividends | 10400 | 8866 | 10733 | 9185 | 10181 | 10,8 |
| Capital expenditure on new assets |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Buildings, improvements and construction works | 703 | 1046 | 404 | 301 | 764 | 153,8 |
| Plant, machinery, furniture, fittings and other equipment as at the end of the quarter | 685 | 939 | 856 | 863 | 842 | -2,4 |
| Vehicles | 116 | 71 | 1390 | 281 | 546 | 94,3 |
| Total capital expenditure on new assets | 1504 | 2055 | 2650 | 1445 | 2152 | 48,9 |
| Book value of land, buildings, machinery, furniture, vehicles and other equipment as at the end of the quarter | 86470 | 87048 | 90815 | 85086 | 86747 | 2,0 |
| Inventories |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Work in progress | 3828 | 4380 | 3037 | 2713 | 2192 | -19,2 |
| Other stocks | 5336 | 6432 | 8527 | 10569 | 9505 | -10,1 |
| Total inventories | 9164 | 10812 | 11564 | 13282 | 11697 | -11,9 |

[^5]Table 8 - Selected income and expenditure items: Community, social and personal services industry (excluding government institutions)

| Item | March <br> 2003 <br> $\mathbf{R}$ million | June <br> 2003 <br> R million | September 2003 <br> R million | December 2003* <br> R million | $\begin{gathered} \text { March }^{2} \\ 2004 \end{gathered}$ <br> R million | Change between the quarter ended December 2003 and the quarter ended March 2004 \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Turnover | 15763 | 15669 | 17372 | 17829 | 15167 | -14,9 |
| Interest paid | 446 | 476 | 453 | 343 | 258 | -24,8 |
| Tax and company tax brought into account | 208 | 143 | 287 | 293 | 391 | 33,4 |
| Net profit or loss before providing for company tax and dividends | 2140 | 956 | 1683 | 2335 | 2150 | -7,9 |
| Capital expenditure on new assets |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Buildings, improvements and construction works | 55 | 27 | 20 | 59 | 35 | -40,7 |
| Plant, machinery, furniture, fittings and other equipment as at the end of the quarter | 547 | 289 | 171 | 387 | 196 | -49,4 |
| Vehicles | 13 | 74 | 15 | 13 | 7 | -46,2 |
| Total capital expenditure on new assets | 615 | 390 | 206 | 459 | 238 | -48,1 |
| Book value of land, buildings, machinery, furniture, vehicles and other equipment as at the end of the quarter | 14151 | 13558 | 14745 | 14711 | 14070 | -4,4 |
| Inventories |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Work in progress | 379 | 356 | 196 | 543 | 372 | -31,5 |
| Other stocks | 1089 | 989 | 1418 | 1240 | 1345 | 8,5 |
| Total inventories | 1468 | 1345 | 1614 | 1783 | 1717 | -3,7 |

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

## Relative standard error (RSE) = SE(estimate)*100 <br> estimate

Table A - Estimates of turnover by industry within 95\% confidence limits - December 2003

| Industry | Lower limit <br> R million | Estimate <br> R million | Rpper limit <br> R million | Relative <br> standard error <br> (RSE) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Mining and quarrying industry | 33081 | 34114 | 35147 | 1,5 |
| Manufacturing industry | 216920 | 222881 | 228842 | 1,4 |
| Construction industry | 20660 | 25727 | 30794 | 10,0 |
| Trade industry | 229500 | 254624 | 279747 | 5,0 |
| Transport, storage and <br> communication industry | 63178 | 66836 | 70493 | 2,8 |
| Real estate and other business <br> services industry, excluding <br> financial intermediation and <br> insurance | 72927 | 94390 | 115854 | 11,6 |
| Community, social and personal <br> services industry, excluding <br> government institutions | 13486 |  | 17829 | 22172 |

Table B - Estimates of turnover by industry within 95\% confidence limits - March 2004

| Industry | Lower limit <br> R million | Estimate <br> R million | Relative <br> Upper limit <br> R million | Randard error <br> (RSE) |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Mining and quarrying industry | 31181 | 31906 | 32631 | 1,2 |
| Manufacturing industry | 207730 | 213766 | 219801 | 1,4 |
| Construction industry | 19276 | 23955 | 28633 | 10,0 |
| Trade industry <br> Transport, storage and <br> communication industry | 210711 | 234457 | 258204 | 5,2 |
| Real estate and other business <br> services industry, excluding <br> financial intermediation and <br> insurance | 61760 | 66723 | 71685 | 3,8 |
| Community, social and personal <br> services industry, excluding <br> government institutions | 70075 | 90723 | 111372 | 11,6 |

Table C - Differences in turnover by industry between December 2003 and March 2004

| Industry | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Turnover } \\ \text { for } \\ \text { December } \\ 2003 \\ \text { R million } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Turnover for March 2004 <br> R million | Difference $\%$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mining and quarrying industry | 34114 | 31906 | -6,5 |
| Manufacturing industry | 222881 | 213766 | -4,1 |
| Construction industry | 25727 | 23955 | -6,9 |
| Trade industry | 254624 | 234457 | -7,9 |
| Transport, storage and communication industry | 66836 | 66723 | -0,2 |
| Real estate and other business services industry, excluding financial intermediation and insurance | 94390 | 90723 | -3,9 |
| Community, social and personal services industry, excluding government institutions | 17829 | 15167 | -14,9 |

## Explanatory notes

Introduction

## Background

1. Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a quarterly financial statistics sample survey of enterprises in industries in the formal non-agricultural business sector of the South African economy, excluding electricity, gas and water supply, financial intermediation, insurance and government enterprises. The statistical release contains information regarding -

- Turnover, which includes the value of sales, amounts receivable for work done and services rendered, rent and or lease payments received for land and buildings, and rent, leasing and hiring received for machinery, vehicles and other equipment;
- interest paid;
- tax and company tax brought into account;
- capital expenditure on new assets;
- book value of land, buildings, machinery, furniture, vehicles and other equipment at the end of the quarter; and
- inventories as at the end of the quarter.

2. In order to improve timeliness of the publication, some information for the current quarter may have been estimated due to late submission by respondents. These estimates will be revised in the next statistical release(s) as soon as actual information is available.
3. Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) developed a new Business Sampling Frame in 2001, based on the value-added tax (VAT) database obtained from the South African Revenue Service (SARS), which replaced the previous sampling frame. All enterprises are legally bound to register for VAT when their turnover for a period of twelve months equals or exceeds R300 000. Enterprises that conform to these criteria, were considered for sampling for the Quarterly Financial Statistics (QFS) survey. A sample of 3273 enterprises was drawn from a population of enterprises that contributed approximately $95 \%$ to the total turnover per industry. All enterprises are stratified by type of enterprise according to the Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (SIC), Fifth edition, January 1993 and measure of size, where measure of size is turnover. All large enterprises were completely enumerated and simple random sampling was applied for medium and small enterprises. The results of the sample were weighted in order to represent all enterprises covered in the population.
4. This statistical release presents a selection of key findings and tables from Stats SA's QFS survey, conducted in March 2003, June 2003, September 2003, December 2003 and March 2004, 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 electricity, gas and water supply, financial intermediation, insurance and government institutions.

## Scope of the survey

## Classification

## Statistical unit

Survey<br>methodology and design

5. This survey covers financial statistics of the following industries according to the Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (SIC), Fifth edition, January 1993 -

- mining and quarrying industry;
- manufacturing 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.

6. The 1993 edition of the Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (SIC), Fifth edition, January 1993, was used to classify the statistical units in the survey. The SIC is based on the 1990 International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC) 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.
7. 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.
8. The survey is conducted by mail on a quarterly basis. Questionnaires are sent to a sample of 3273 enterprises. Questionnaires have to be returned to Stats SA within four weeks after the end of the quarter concerned. Fax and telephone reminders are used to follow up non-respondents.
9. A sample of 3273 enterprises was drawn from a population of enterprises that contributed approximately $95 \%$ to the total turnover per industry. Three size groups per industry were used. All enterprises are stratified by type of enterprise according to the Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (SIC), Fifth edition, January 1993 and measure of size, where measure of size is turnover. All large enterprises (size group one cases), which comprise $49 \%$ of the number of enterprises in the sample, are completely enumerated. Simple random sampling was applied for size-group two (medium sized enterprises) and size-group three (small enterprises).
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. Figures for the latest quarter are preliminary. Fluctuations may occur in consecutive quarters as a result of seasonal and economic factors.

## Standard errors

Revised figures

Reference period

Related publications

## Rounding-off of figures

Symbols and
abbreviations
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.
13. The revised figures are due to respondents reporting revisions or corrections in their figures and late submissions of their data to Stats SA. Figures for the latest quarter are preliminary. Data are edited at individual enterprise level.
14. The reference period is the four quarters ending March, June, September and December of each year.
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.

16. The figures in the tables have, where necessary, been rounded off to the nearest digit shown.
17. CD Compact Disc

GDP Gross Domestic Product
ISIC International Standard Industrial Classification
m million
RSE Relative Standard Error
SE Standard Error
SIC Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities
SARS South African Revenue Service
Stats SA Statistics South Africa
VAT Value added tax

## Glossary

Capital expenditure on Capital expenditure on new assets includes new assets

## Enterprise

## Industry

## Inventories

- 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 was imported by or on behalf of the 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.

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 consist of -

- stocks of 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
- stocks of products acquired from other enterprises that are intended to be used for intermediate consumption or for resale without further processing (factored goods).
- Work in progress: 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.
- Other stocks: Raw materials, components for processing, packing materials, fuel, consumable and maintenance stores, own manufactures and factored goods that have not been sold at the end of the quarter.


## Net profit or loss

## Statistical unit

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.

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.
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.

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 refers to -

- the value of sales;
- amounts received for work done;
- amounts received for services rendered;
- rent and or lease payments received for land and buildings; and
- rent, leasing and hiring received for machinery, vehicles and other equipment.

Turnover excludes -

- 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;
- interest received; and
- excise duty.


## General information

## Language

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