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1. Introduction

This publication presents estimates in respect of the 2009 wholesale trade large sample survey (LSS). The 2009 wholesale trade LSS collected data from a sample of approximately 3 100 enterprises drawn from a sampling frame of 36 250 which were operating between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009. The sample was stratified in such a way that all large enterprises (those with turnover equal to or greater than R64 million) were included. The data for the number of employees were provided for the last pay period ended on or before 30 June 2009. Data were collected at the 4-digit SIC level of classification of enterprises.

The previous wholesale trade LSS was conducted in 2005 (Wholesale trade industry, 2005).

1.1 Scope and coverage

The 2009 wholesale trade LSS covers enterprises registered in the taxation system that are mainly engaged in the following activities classified according to the January 1993 edition of the *Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (SIC), Fifth edition, Report No. 09-09-02*:

- Wholesale trade on a fee or contract basis (SIC 6110).
- Agricultural raw materials and livestock (SIC 6121).
- Food, beverages and tobacco (SIC 6122).
- Textiles, clothing and footwear (SIC 6131).
- Other household goods (SIC 6139).
- Solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products (SIC 6141).
- Metals and metal ores (SIC 6142).
- Construction materials, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies (SIC 6143).
- Other intermediate products, waste and scrap (SIC 6149).
- Machinery, equipment and supplies (SIC 6150).
- General and other wholesale trade (SIC 6190).

The following activities are excluded:

- Sale of farmers' products by farmers (SIC 11).
- Manufacture and sale of manufactured goods (SIC 3).
- Sale of goods to mainly individuals and households (SIC 62).
- Sale (retail and wholesale) of motor vehicles, motor cycles and their parts and of fuel for these items (SIC 63).
- Sale of food and drinks for consumption on the premises and sale of take-away foods (SIC 6420).
- Renting and hiring of motor vehicles, machinery and equipment and personal and household goods (SIC 85).
- Handling and storage activities of businesses (SIC 74).
- Repair and maintenance of office machinery and computers (SIC 86).
- Repair of machinery, which is classified under manufacturing along with the manufacture of the relevant type of machinery.

1.2 Data items

The following categories of data items were collected: industrial classification, information and communication technology (ICT), details of employment, trading income, expenditure, profit or loss, inventories, book value of assets, details of sales of goods and purchases.

1.3 Reference period

The questionnaires were completed for the financial year of the enterprise which **ended on any date between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009**, according to the usual reporting schedule of the enterprise.

Example

- 1 October 2007 – 30 September 2008
- 1 January 2008 – 31 December 2008
- 1 February 2008 – 31 January 2009
- 1 March 2008 – 28 February 2009
- 1 April 2008 – 31 March 2009

1.4 Current prices

The rand values are at current prices.

1.5 Reliability of data

All estimates compiled for this industry are subject to both sampling and non-sampling errors.

The estimates presented in this publication are subject to sampling variability since they are based on information obtained from a sample. That is, they might differ from the figures that would have been produced if the data had been obtained from all enterprises in the wholesale trade industry in South Africa.

One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error (SE), which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of enterprises was used. The relative standard error (RSE) provides an immediate indication of the percentage errors likely to have occurred due to sampling, and thus avoids the need to refer to the size of the estimate. The larger the RSE, the less reliable the estimate. The following are some of the likely sources of non-sampling errors: sampling frame not up to date, wrong definitions and classification, phrasing of questions, non-response, processing and estimation. Every effort is made to minimise non-sampling errors by the careful design of questionnaires, testing them in pilot studies, editing reported data and implementing efficient operating procedures. Non-sampling errors occur in both sample surveys and censuses.

1.6 Confidentiality

According to section 17 of the Statistics Act, 1999 (Act No. 6 of 1999), completed questionnaires remain confidential to Statistics South Africa (Stats SA). Individual business information is never disclosed. Results are presented in aggregated form only.

2. Background to the large sample surveys

The LSSs serve to document comprehensively the nature and structure of all industries within the economy.

Previously, Stats SA periodically conducted industry censuses, i.e. collections covering all entities known to be mainly engaged in particular sectors. The last industry 'census' was conducted for the manufacturing sector in 1996. Since then, Stats SA has replaced industry censuses with periodic LSSs of industry sectors. These surveys are based on larger samples than the sub-annual and annual surveys. They do not attempt to completely enumerate all entities within the industry scope of the surveys, but are based on stratified random samples which are representative of the survey population.

2.1 Purpose and uses of large sample surveys

The LSS results are used in constructing and refreshing supply and use tables, and for benchmarking the gross domestic product (GDP) and its components, as well as production and price indices, and annual and short-term statistical series.

Users of the LSSs include the following:

- i. Price statisticians, particularly in refreshing the commodity basket of producer price indices;
- ii. Policy advisors in government, for monitoring the performance of industries and their contribution to the South African economy and evaluating the effectiveness of industry policies;
- iii. Industry associations monitoring trends in their own and competing or complementary industries in order to inform their members of market changes; and
- iv. Individual businesses using the data to analyse their performance relative to their industry.

2.2 Scope and coverage

The LSSs cover enterprises registered in the taxation system (VAT and income tax) that are mainly engaged in the following industries, as defined in the Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (SIC):

- i. Mining and quarrying;
- ii. Manufacturing;
- iii. Electricity, gas and water supply;
- iv. Construction;
- v. Wholesale and retail trade, repair of motor vehicles, motor cycles and personal and household goods, and hotels and restaurants;
- vi. Transport, storage and communication;
- vii. Financial intermediation, insurance, real estate and business services; and
- viii. Community, social and personal services (except national, provincial and local government activities).

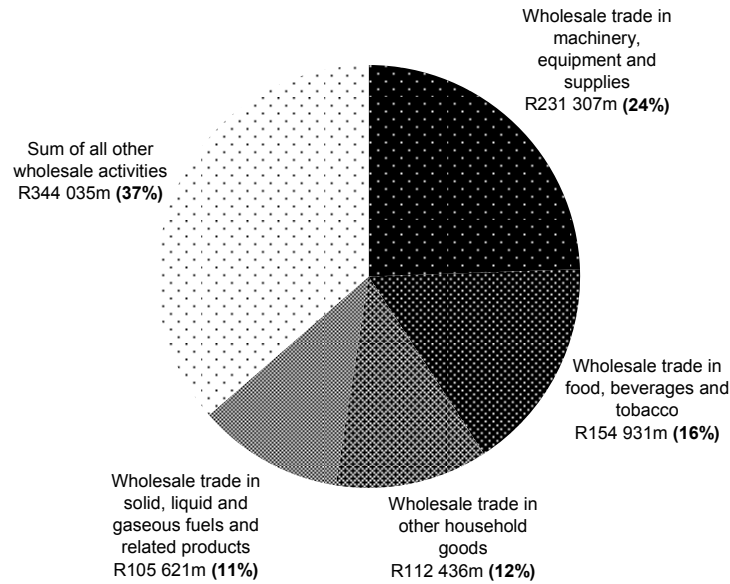
Note: The agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting and related services industry (SIC 1) is not included as it is covered by a separate programme within Stats SA. Similarly, the public administration and defence activities industry (SIC 91), the financial intermediation industry (SIC 81) and insurance and pension funding industry (SIC 82) are covered by other programmes within both Stats SA and elsewhere (e.g. the South African Reserve Bank (SARB)).

2.3 Reporting unit

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 activities. Each industry is classified to an industry that reflects its predominant activity.

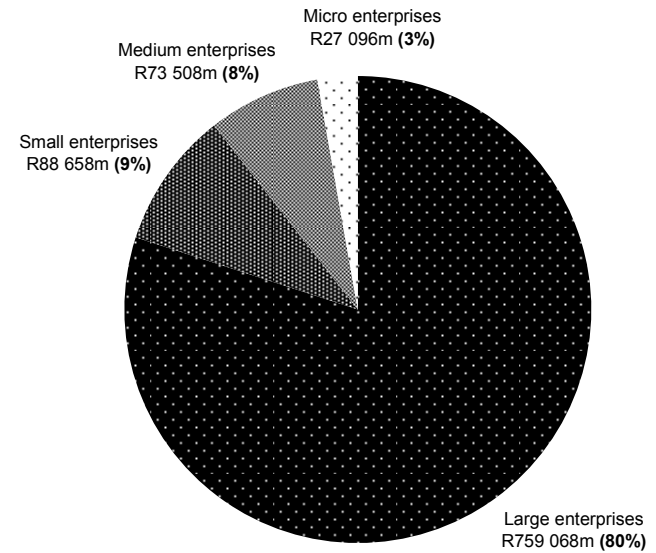
3. Summary of findings for the year 2009

Figure 1 – Income in the wholesale trade industry, 2009



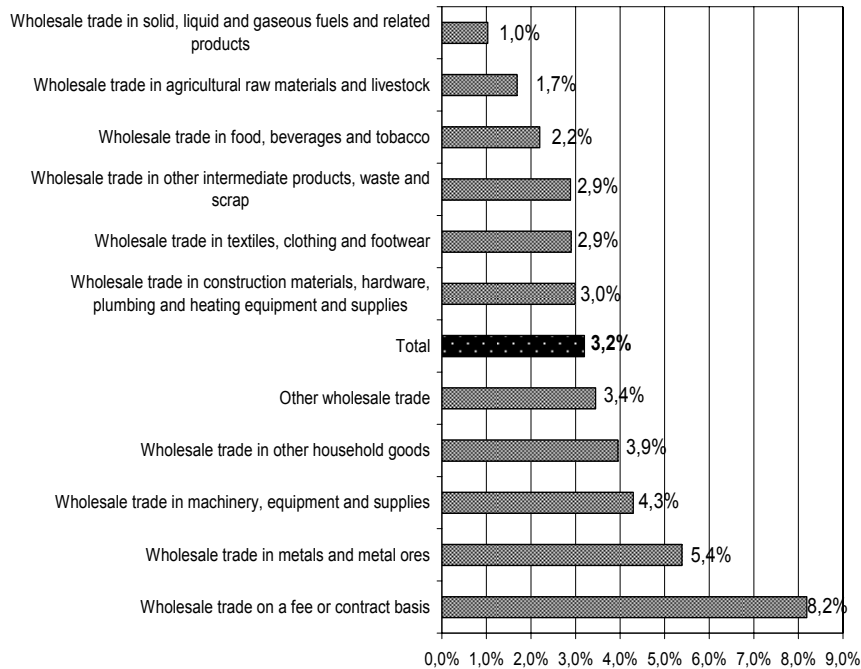
The total income for the wholesale trade industry in 2009 was R948 330 million. The largest contributor to the total income was ‘wholesale trade in machinery, equipment and supplies’ (R231 307 million or 24%), followed by ‘wholesale trade in food, beverages and tobacco’ (R154 931 million or 16%), ‘wholesale trade in other household goods’ (R112 436 million or 12%) and ‘wholesale trade in solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products’ (R105 621 million or 11%) (Figure 1 and Table 3, page 8).

Figure 2 – Income by enterprise size in the wholesale trade industry, 2009



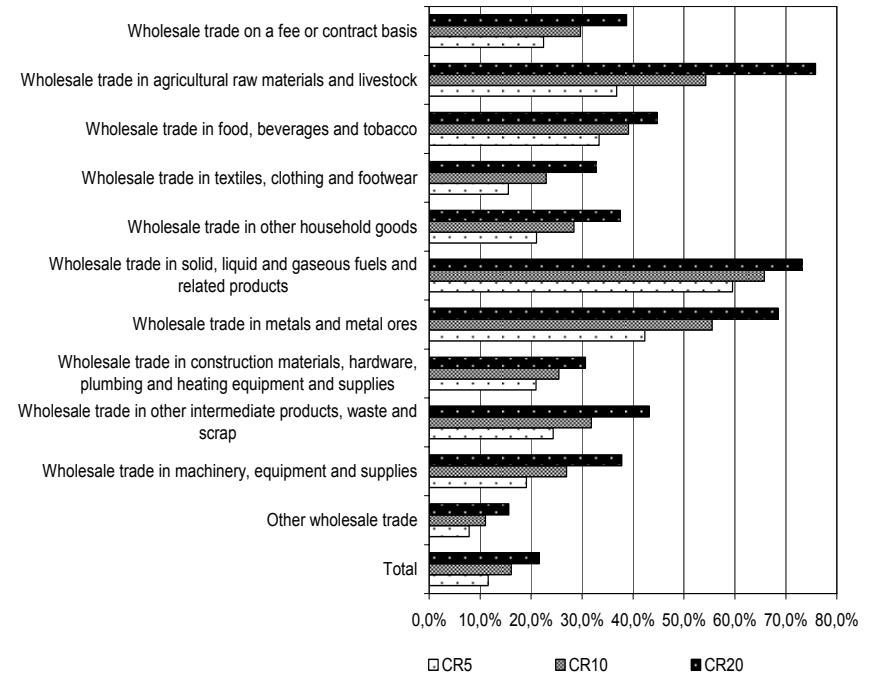
Large enterprises (those with turnover equal to or greater than R64 million) generated 80% or R759 068 million of the total income of the wholesale trade industry in 2009 (Figure 2 and Table 4, page 9).

Figure 3 – Profit margin in the wholesale trade industry, 2009



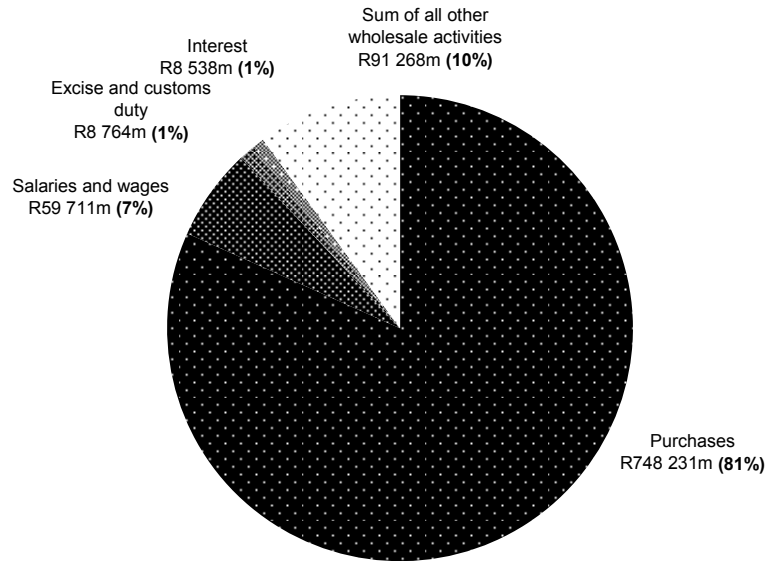
The profit margin for the wholesale trade industry was 3,2% in 2009. ‘Wholesale trade on a fee or contract basis’ had the highest profit margin at 8,2%, followed by ‘wholesale trade in metals and metal ores’ at 5,4% and ‘wholesale trade in machinery, equipment and supplies’ at 4,3% (Figure 3 and Table 2, page 7).

Figure 4 – Concentration ratios (CR) in the wholesale trade industry, 2009



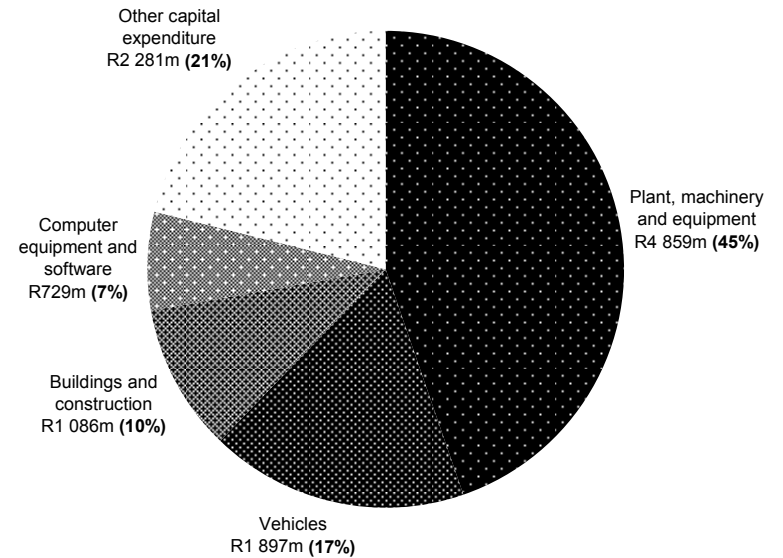
The 20 largest enterprises contributed 21,6% of the total income of the wholesale trade industry in 2009. ‘Wholesale trade in agricultural raw materials and livestock’ had the highest CR20 (75,8%), while ‘wholesale trade in solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products’ had the highest concentration ratios in two categories CR10 (65,8%), CR5 (59,5%). ‘Other wholesale trade’ had the lowest CR5 (7,9%), CR10 (11,0%) and CR20 (15,6%) (Figure 4 and Table 5, page 10).

Figure 5 – Composition of expenditure in the wholesale trade industry, 2009



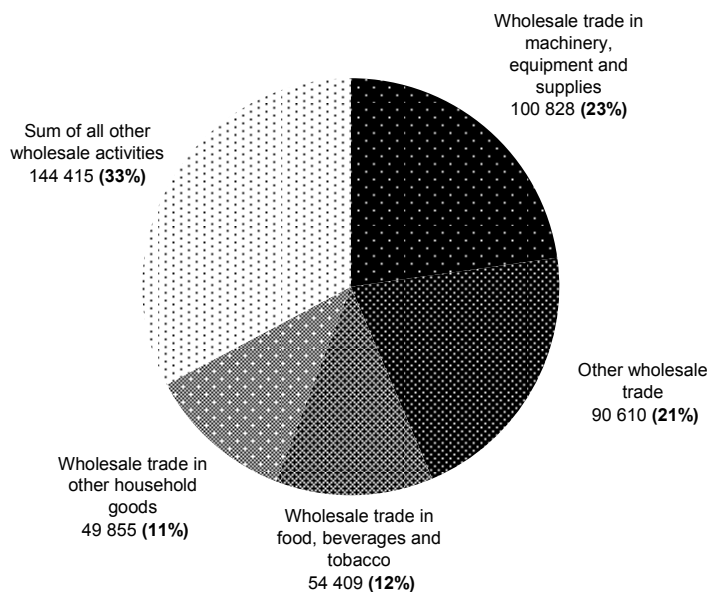
Expenditure in the wholesale trade industry in 2009 amounted to R916 512 million. The expenditure consisted primarily of ‘purchases’ (R748 231 million or 81%), followed by ‘salaries and wages’ (R59 711 million or 7%), ‘excise and customs duty’ (R8 764 million or 1%) and ‘interest’ (R8 538 million or 1%) (Figure 5 and Table 6, pages 11-12).

Figure 6 – Capital expenditure on new assets in the wholesale trade industry, 2009



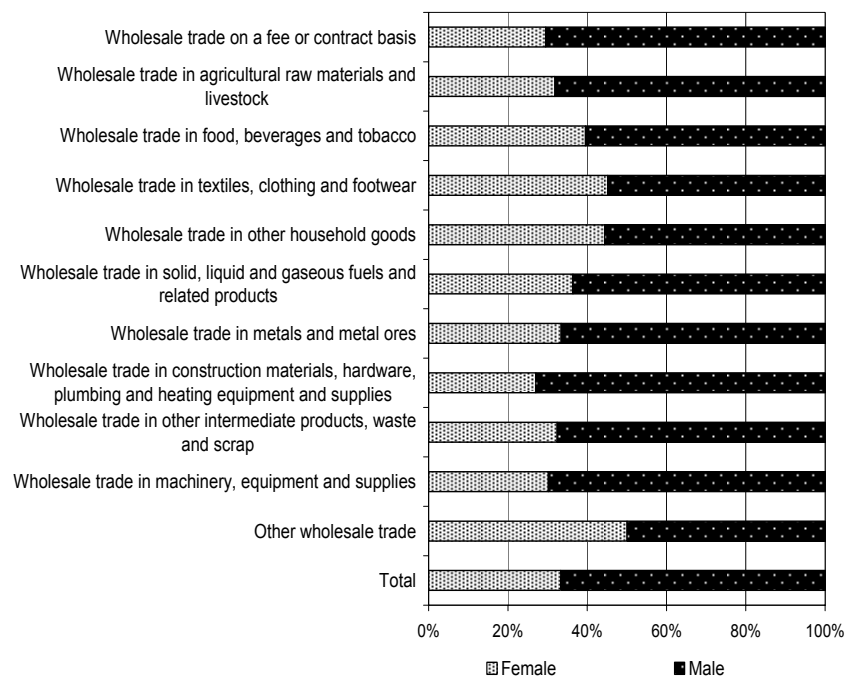
The total capital expenditure on new assets in the wholesale trade industry in 2009 was R10 852 million. The largest contributor to the total expenditure was ‘plant, machinery and equipment’ (R4 859 million or 45%), followed by ‘vehicles’ (R1 897 million or 17%) and ‘buildings and construction’ (R1 086 million or 10%) (Figure 6 and Table 10, page 16).

Figure 7 – Employment in the wholesale trade industry, 2009



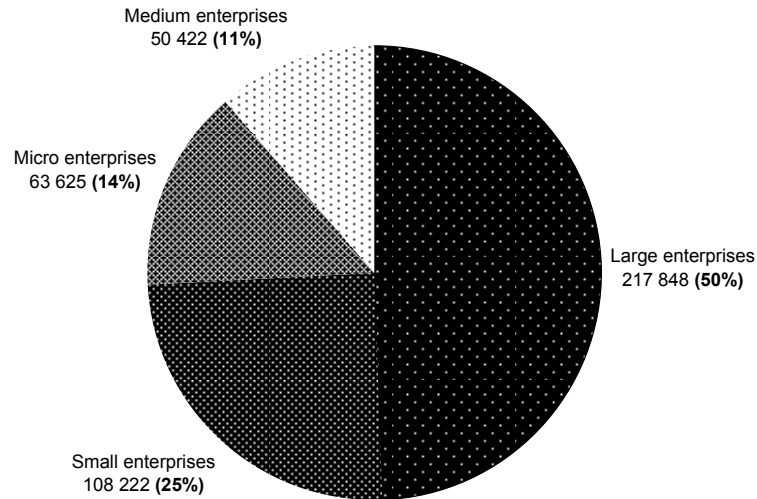
The total number of persons employed in the wholesale trade industry at the end of June 2009 was 440 117. 'Wholesale trade in machinery, equipment and supplies' employed the largest number of persons (100 828 or 23%), followed by 'other wholesale trade' (90 610 or 21%), 'wholesale trade in food, beverages and tobacco' (54 409 or 12%) and 'wholesale trade in other household goods' (49 855 or 11%) (Figure 7 and Table 11, page 17).

Figure 8 – Gender ratios in the wholesale trade industry, 2009



The proportion of males out of the total persons employed was 67% and that of females was 33%. The industry with the highest proportion of males employed was 'wholesale trade in construction materials, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies' (73%), whilst 'other wholesale trade' had the highest proportion of females employed (50%) (Figure 8 and Table 11, page 17).

Figure 9 – Employment by enterprise size in the wholesale trade industry, 2009



Employment by enterprise size indicates that the large enterprises (those with turnover equal to or greater than R64 million) had the highest number of employees (217 848 or 50%), followed by small enterprises (108 222 or 25%), micro enterprises (63 625 or 14%) and medium enterprises (50 422 or 11%) (Figure 9 and Table 13, page 19).

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4. Tables

Table 1 – Principal statistics in the wholesale trade industry, 2009

Type of wholesale trade	Total income	Total expenditure	Total value of opening inventory	Total value of closing inventory	Net profit before tax	Carrying value of assets at the beginning of the financial year	Carrying value of assets at the end of the financial year	Capital expenditure on new assets
	R million							
Wholesale trade on a fee or contract basis	16 135	14 442	458	745	1 980	2 169	2 557	800
Wholesale trade in agricultural raw materials and livestock	77 622	75 935	5 663	5 751	1 775	1 342	1 771	393
Wholesale trade in food, beverages and tobacco	154 931	150 546	8 230	8 629	4 784	4 892	5 549	1 450
Wholesale trade in textiles, clothing and footwear	27 383	26 629	3 310	3 686	1 130	742	775	141
Wholesale trade in other household goods	112 436	108 812	11 776	14 164	6 012	5 469	5 596	906
Wholesale trade in solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products	105 621	106 055	1 330	3 513	1 749	3 515	3 924	626
Wholesale trade in metals and metal ores	48 036	43 139	6 363	4 980	3 514	1 934	2 189	520
Wholesale trade in construction materials, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	56 065	53 481	8 035	7 883	2 432	3 378	3 389	472
Wholesale trade in other intermediate products, waste and scrap	50 247	49 700	5 442	6 962	2 067	2 051	2 309	481
Wholesale trade in machinery, equipment and supplies	231 307	221 840	25 740	29 813	13 540	13 240	14 465	3 962
Other wholesale trade	68 547	65 933	5 659	6 095	3 050	2 592	2 762	1 101
Total	948 330	916 512	82 006	92 221	42 033	41 324	45 286	10 852

Table 2 – Profit margin in the wholesale trade industry, 2009

Type of wholesale trade	Net profit after tax	Turnover	Profit margin ¹
	R million		%
Wholesale trade on a fee or contract basis	1 291	15 762	8,2
Wholesale trade in agricultural raw materials and livestock	1 281	75 838	1,7
Wholesale trade in food, beverages and tobacco	3 358	152 840	2,2
Wholesale trade in textiles, clothing and footwear	776	26 739	2,9
Wholesale trade in other household goods	4 305	109 034	3,9
Wholesale trade in solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products	1 071	104 109	1,0
Wholesale trade in metals and metal ores	2 525	46 885	5,4
Wholesale trade in construction materials, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	1 656	55 348	3,0
Wholesale trade in other intermediate products, waste and scrap	1 429	49 514	2,9
Wholesale trade in machinery, equipment and supplies	9 686	225 686	4,3
Other wholesale trade	2 312	67 026	3,4
Total	29 690	928 781	3,2

¹ Net profit after tax divided by turnover multiplied by 100.

Table 3 – Income in the wholesale trade industry, 2009

Type of wholesale trade	Sales	Services	Interest	Leasing income	Dividends	Profit on foreign loans	Profit on financial and other assets	Royalties	Other income	Total income
	R million									
Wholesale trade on a fee or contract basis	4 619	11 104	128	39	5	21	28	87	104	16 135
Wholesale trade in agricultural raw materials and livestock	74 189	1 524	803	125	89	149	118	0	625	77 622
Wholesale trade in food, beverages and tobacco	152 015	748	380	77	291	164	82	55	1 119	154 931
Wholesale trade in textiles, clothing and footwear	26 567	122	206	50	1	68	35	9	325	27 383
Wholesale trade in other household goods	104 957	4 009	811	68	301	309	347	31	1 603	112 436
Wholesale trade in solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products	103 761	92	324	256	2	123	866	0	197	105 621
Wholesale trade in metals and metal ores	46 536	328	229	21	399	224	47	0	252	48 036
Wholesale trade in construction materials, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	54 941	224	299	183	13	67	70	0	268	56 065
Wholesale trade in other intermediate products, waste and scrap	49 092	368	315	54	11	105	141	1	160	50 247
Wholesale trade in machinery, equipment and supplies	213 182	10 955	2 366	1 549	324	826	737	8	1 360	231 307
Other wholesale trade	65 551	1 375	362	100	100	195	57	492	315	68 547
Total	895 410	30 849	6 223	2 522	1 536	2 251	2 528	683	6 328	948 330

Table 4 – Income by enterprise size in the wholesale trade industry, 2009

Type of wholesale trade	Large enterprises	Medium enterprises	Small enterprises	Micro enterprises	Total of all enterprises
	R million				
Wholesale trade on a fee or contract basis	7 444	3 564	3 567	1 560	16 135
Wholesale trade in agricultural raw materials and livestock	73 991	1 358	1 928	345	77 622
Wholesale trade in food, beverages and tobacco	132 215	10 088	8 985	3 643	154 931
Wholesale trade in textiles, clothing and footwear	16 934	4 093	4 990	1 366	27 383
Wholesale trade in other household goods	93 463	7 931	7 725	3 317	112 436
Wholesale trade in solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products	99 960	3 443	2 218	0	105 621
Wholesale trade in metals and metal ores	46 465	1 122	404	45	48 036
Wholesale trade in construction materials, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	34 632	9 433	10 290	1 710	56 065
Wholesale trade in other intermediate products, waste and scrap	43 679	2 211	3 275	1 082	50 247
Wholesale trade in machinery, equipment and supplies	190 704	15 462	19 551	5 590	231 307
Other wholesale trade	19 581	14 803	25 725	8 438	68 547
Total	759 068	73 508	88 658	27 096	948 330

Table 5 – Concentration ratios (relative contribution of large enterprises) in the wholesale trade industry, 2009

Type of wholesale trade	Total income	Income of 5 largest enterprises	Relative contribution of 5 largest enterprises	Income of 10 largest enterprises	Relative contribution of 10 largest enterprises	Income of 20 largest enterprises	Relative contribution of 20 largest enterprises
	R million		%	R million	%	R million	%
Wholesale trade on a fee or contract basis	16 135	3 621	22,4	4 792	29,7	6 252	38,7
Wholesale trade in agricultural raw materials and livestock	77 622	28 557	36,8	42 143	54,3	58 848	75,8
Wholesale trade in food, beverages and tobacco	154 931	51 678	33,4	60 579	39,1	69 278	44,7
Wholesale trade in textiles, clothing and footwear	27 383	4 261	15,6	6 285	23,0	8 960	32,7
Wholesale trade in other household goods	112 436	23 684	21,1	31 938	28,4	42 139	37,5
Wholesale trade in solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products	105 621	62 878	59,5	69 473	65,8	77 263	73,2
Wholesale trade in metals and metal ores	48 036	20 324	42,3	26 660	55,5	32 880	68,4
Wholesale trade in construction materials, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	56 065	11 753	21,0	14 280	25,5	17 200	30,7
Wholesale trade in other intermediate products, waste and scrap	50 247	12 232	24,3	15 992	31,8	21 718	43,2
Wholesale trade in machinery, equipment and supplies	231 307	44 089	19,1	62 392	27,0	87 472	37,8
Other wholesale trade	68 547	5 398	7,9	7 572	11,0	10 716	15,6
Total	948 330	110 083¹	11,6	152 571¹	16,1	205 241¹	21,6

¹ These figures reflect the income of the 5 (respectively 10 and 20) largest enterprises, and not the column totals.

Table 6 – Expenditure in the wholesale trade industry, 2009

Type of wholesale trade	Purchases	Salaries and wages	Excise and customs duty	Interest	Depreciation	Advertising	Bank charges	Insurance	Losses on assets
	R million								
Wholesale trade on a fee or contract basis	3 799	3 796	2	165	421	411	90	128	175
Wholesale trade in agricultural raw materials and livestock	67 742	2 454	110	990	184	161	45	99	781
Wholesale trade in food, beverages and tobacco	133 134	5 947	816	613	706	611	168	203	258
Wholesale trade in textiles, clothing and footwear	20 126	2 177	485	276	174	384	45	86	125
Wholesale trade in other household goods	82 176	8 547	277	979	780	2 880	124	256	251
Wholesale trade in solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products	92 360	1 417	6 397	377	445	18	25	92	1 619
Wholesale trade in metals and metal ores	38 281	1 590	82	393	234	20	32	64	55
Wholesale trade in construction materials, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	41 369	5 114	309	614	449	308	133	262	211
Wholesale trade in other intermediate products, waste and scrap	42 898	2 074	43	408	259	132	51	97	100
Wholesale trade in machinery, equipment and supplies	175 117	20 478	202	3 169	1 862	954	238	627	430
Other wholesale trade	51 229	6 117	41	554	737	221	139	272	119
Total	748 231	59 711	8 764	8 538	6 251	6 100	1 090	2 186	4 124

Table 6 – Expenditure in the wholesale trade industry, 2009 (concluded)

Type of wholesale trade	Motor vehicle running expenditure	Operational leasing and hiring of plant, machinery equipment	Railage and transport-out	Rental of land	Repair and maintenance	Total telecommunication services	Other expenditure	Total expenditure
R million								
Wholesale trade on a fee or contract basis	170	228	144	81	372	120	4 340	14 442
Wholesale trade in agricultural raw materials and livestock	191	62	934	98	129	78	1 877	75 935
Wholesale trade in food, beverages and tobacco	853	346	927	729	310	179	4 746	150 546
Wholesale trade in textiles, clothing and footwear	130	83	182	295	98	91	1 872	26 629
Wholesale trade in other household goods	522	405	1 391	692	205	295	9 032	108 812
Wholesale trade in solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products	197	69	235	131	213	47	2 413	106 055
Wholesale trade in metals and metal ores	168	38	212	98	81	44	1 747	43 139
Wholesale trade in construction materials, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	641	236	288	776	134	238	2 399	53 481
Wholesale trade in other intermediate products, waste and scrap	261	170	643	133	260	65	2 106	49 700
Wholesale trade in machinery, equipment and supplies	1 137	898	851	1 079	291	687	13 820	221 840
Other wholesale trade	933	264	504	663	175	306	3 659	65 933
Total	5 203	2 799	6 311	4 775	2 268	2 150	48 011	916 512

Table 7 – Carrying value of assets as at the end of the financial year in the wholesale trade industry, 2009

Type of wholesale trade	Land, buildings and construction	Computers, network and other IT equipment	Motor vehicles and other transport	Plant, machinery and other office equipment	Intangible assets	Other assets	Total carrying value of fixed assets
	R million						
Wholesale trade on a fee or contract basis	1 005	70	171	1 162	115	34	2 557
Wholesale trade in agricultural raw materials and livestock	790	36	245	480	57	163	1 771
Wholesale trade in food, beverages and tobacco	1 265	106	906	2 011	1 119	142	5 549
Wholesale trade in textiles, clothing and footwear	21	40	189	238	202	85	775
Wholesale trade in other household goods	1 495	208	595	1 603	1 644	51	5 596
Wholesale trade in solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products	1 205	17	852	1 594	188	68	3 924
Wholesale trade in metals and metal ores	479	25	192	1 192	301	0	2 189
Wholesale trade in construction materials, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	562	79	708	828	1 162	50	3 389
Wholesale trade in other intermediate products, waste and scrap	270	26	355	538	1 083	37	2 309
Wholesale trade in machinery, equipment and supplies	2 616	363	1 733	4 004	4 902	847	14 465
Other wholesale trade	243	98	1 174	517	682	48	2 762
Total	9 951	1 068	7 120	14 167	11 455	1 525	45 286

Table 8 – Details of assets in the wholesale trade industry, 2009

Type of wholesale trade	Current assets					Non-current assets					Total assets
	Bank	Debtors	Inventory	Other current assets	Total current assets	Fixed non-current assets	Goodwill	Long-term investment	Other non-current assets	Total non-current assets	
	R million										
Wholesale trade on a fee or contract basis	995	2 262	745	866	4 868	2 457	100	6 224	202	8 983	13 851
Wholesale trade in agricultural raw materials and livestock	1 391	8 994	5 751	1 088	17 224	1 727	44	1 129	899	3 799	21 023
Wholesale trade in food, beverages and tobacco	3 285	13 232	8 629	1 784	26 930	4 504	1 045	1 618	1 927	9 094	36 024
Wholesale trade in textiles, clothing and footwear	1 409	5 104	3 686	578	10 777	552	223	654	532	1 961	12 738
Wholesale trade in other household goods	5 129	19 800	14 164	4 100	43 193	4 385	1 211	1 452	3 039	10 087	53 280
Wholesale trade in solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products	1 699	7 393	3 513	368	12 973	3 741	183	882	702	5 508	18 481
Wholesale trade in metals and metal ores	2 237	5 967	4 980	645	13 829	1 961	228	1 710	425	4 324	18 153
Wholesale trade in construction materials, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	2 018	8 236	7 883	314	18 451	2 556	833	620	1 181	5 190	23 641
Wholesale trade in other intermediate products, waste and scrap	2 214	6 731	6 962	475	16 382	1 249	1 060	349	1 341	3 999	20 381
Wholesale trade in machinery, equipment and supplies	14 685	31 068	29 813	10 882	86 448	11 056	3 409	2 623	7 685	24 773	111 221
Other wholesale trade	3 255	7 473	6 095	1 513	18 336	2 114	648	1 130	1 984	5 876	24 212
Total	38 317	116 260	92 221	22 613	269 411	36 302	8 984	18 391	19 917	83 594	353 005

Table 9 – Details of liabilities and equity in the wholesale trade industry, 2009

Type of wholesale trade	Current liabilities				Non-current liabilities			Total liabilities	Owners' equity	Equity and liabilities
	Creditors	Overdraft	Other current liabilities	Total current liabilities	Long-term loans	Other non-current liabilities	Total non-current liabilities			
	R million									
Wholesale trade on a fee or contract basis	2 605	238	1 334	4 177	601	490	1 091	5 268	8 583	13 851
Wholesale trade in agricultural raw materials and livestock	5 709	2 688	4 677	13 074	1 033	258	1 291	14 365	6 658	21 023
Wholesale trade in food, beverages and tobacco	15 792	1 682	5 338	22 812	3 696	1 105	4 801	27 613	8 411	36 024
Wholesale trade in textiles, clothing and footwear	4 253	713	1 047	6 013	1 323	673	1 996	8 009	4 729	12 738
Wholesale trade in other household goods	14 890	2 823	9 915	27 628	4 382	1 961	6 343	33 971	19 309	53 280
Wholesale trade in solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products	8 699	506	3 253	12 458	1 165	925	2 090	14 548	3 933	18 481
Wholesale trade in metals and metal ores	5 066	515	1 987	7 568	1 186	659	1 845	9 413	8 740	18 153
Wholesale trade in construction materials, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	8 296	1 273	1 102	10 671	1 909	1 267	3 176	13 847	9 794	23 641
Wholesale trade in other intermediate products, waste and scrap	8 436	1 586	4 114	14 136	912	815	1 727	15 863	4 518	20 381
Wholesale trade in machinery, equipment and supplies	33 587	3 679	25 270	62 536	8 954	6 558	15 512	78 048	33 173	111 221
Other wholesale trade	9 396	866	2 189	12 451	3 322	1 472	4 794	17 245	6 967	24 212
Total	116 729	16 569	60 226	193 524	28 483	16 183	44 666	238 190	114 815	353 005

Table 10 – Capital expenditure on new assets in the wholesale trade industry, 2009

Type of wholesale trade	Buildings and construction	Computer equipment and software	Vehicles	Plant, machinery and equipment	Other capital expenditure	Total capital expenditure on new assets
	R million					
Wholesale trade on a fee or contract basis	0	21	54	665	60	800
Wholesale trade in agricultural raw materials and livestock	48	23	72	152	98	393
Wholesale trade in food, beverages and tobacco	308	72	310	676	84	1 450
Wholesale trade in textiles, clothing and footwear	1	26	29	62	23	141
Wholesale trade in other household goods	80	113	164	457	92	906
Wholesale trade in solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products	15	9	68	488	46	626
Wholesale trade in metals and metal ores	20	52	64	250	134	520
Wholesale trade in construction materials, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	22	42	165	216	27	472
Wholesale trade in other intermediate products, waste and scrap	46	65	131	154	85	481
Wholesale trade in machinery, equipment and supplies	524	270	560	1 365	1 243	3 962
Other wholesale trade	22	36	280	374	389	1 101
Total	1 086	729	1 897	4 859	2 281	10 852

Table 11 – Employment in the wholesale trade industry as at the end of June 2009

Type of wholesale trade	Female employees	Male employees	Total employees
	Number of employees		
Wholesale trade on a fee or contract basis	11 466	27 373	38 839
Wholesale trade in agricultural raw materials and livestock	5 379	11 508	16 887
Wholesale trade in food, beverages and tobacco	21 529	32 880	54 409
Wholesale trade in textiles, clothing and footwear	8 283	10 055	18 338
Wholesale trade in other household goods	22 141	27 714	49 855
Wholesale trade in solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products	3 038	5 311	8 349
Wholesale trade in metals and metal ores	3 054	6 086	9 140
Wholesale trade in construction materials, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	10 799	29 139	39 938
Wholesale trade in other intermediate products, waste and scrap	4 186	8 738	12 924
Wholesale trade in machinery, equipment and supplies	30 460	70 368	100 828
Other wholesale trade	26 305	64 305	90 610
Total	146 640	293 477	440 117

Table 12 – Details of employment in the wholesale trade industry as at the end of June 2009

Type of wholesale trade	Permanent employees			Temporary employees			Casual employees			Total employees
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	
	Number of employees									
Wholesale trade on a fee or contract basis	10 811	23 522	34 333	374	1 592	1 966	281	2 259	2 540	38 839
Wholesale trade in agricultural raw materials and livestock	4 843	9 484	14 327	481	1 528	2 009	55	496	551	16 887
Wholesale trade in food, beverages and tobacco	17 872	29 384	47 256	1 830	2 014	3 844	1 827	1 482	3 309	54 409
Wholesale trade in textiles, clothing and footwear	7 646	8 949	16 595	394	594	988	243	512	755	18 338
Wholesale trade in other household goods	20 117	24 473	44 590	1 034	1 017	2 051	990	2 224	3 214	49 855
Wholesale trade in solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products	2 916	5 038	7 954	91	110	201	31	163	194	8 349
Wholesale trade in metals and metal ores	2 949	5 833	8 782	100	227	327	5	26	31	9 140
Wholesale trade in construction materials, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	10 318	26 976	37 294	394	1 647	2 041	87	516	603	39 938
Wholesale trade in other intermediate products, waste and scrap	3 727	7 136	10 863	412	1 039	1 451	47	563	610	12 924
Wholesale trade in machinery, equipment and supplies	29 648	67 548	97 196	674	1 816	2 490	138	1 004	1 142	100 828
Other wholesale trade	24 702	50 240	74 942	773	3 751	4 524	830	10 314	11 144	90 610
Total	135 549	258 583	394 132	6 557	15 335	21 892	4 534	19 559	24 093	440 117

Table 13 – Employment by enterprise size in the wholesale trade industry as at the end of June 2009

Type of wholesale trade	Large enterprises	Medium enterprises	Small enterprises	Micro enterprises	Total of all enterprises
	Number of employees				
Wholesale trade on a fee or contract basis	13 248	14 490	5 696	5 405	38 839
Wholesale trade in agricultural raw materials and livestock	12 681	476	2 700	1 030	16 887
Wholesale trade in food, beverages and tobacco	37 334	2 947	6 170	7 958	54 409
Wholesale trade in textiles, clothing and footwear	8 604	2 504	4 360	2 870	18 338
Wholesale trade in other household goods	29 879	2 550	11 113	6 313	49 855
Wholesale trade in solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products	5 407	1 512	1 430	0	8 349
Wholesale trade in metals and metal ores	8 016	627	459	38	9 140
Wholesale trade in construction materials, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	22 828	6 534	6 661	3 915	39 938
Wholesale trade in other intermediate products, waste and scrap	6 413	1 679	4 455	377	12 924
Wholesale trade in machinery, equipment and supplies	61 806	10 265	18 111	10 646	100 828
Other wholesale trade	11 632	6 838	47 067	25 073	90 610
Total	217 848	50 422	108 222	63 625	440 117

Table 14 – Information and communication technology usage by type of wholesale trade in the wholesale trade industry as at the end of June 2009

Type of wholesale trade	Use computer	Use internet	Use internet banking	Have web page	Receive orders over internet	Place orders over internet	IT outsourced
	%						
Wholesale trade on a fee or contract basis	100,0	100,0	98,0	52,9	29,4	27,5	49,0
Wholesale trade in agricultural raw materials and livestock	100,0	100,0	98,8	51,2	20,2	27,4	41,7
Wholesale trade in food, beverages and tobacco	99,7	99,7	93,5	33,5	20,9	20,3	54,1
Wholesale trade in textiles, clothing and footwear	100,0	100,0	97,6	40,5	32,1	34,5	50,0
Wholesale trade in other household goods	99,2	99,2	96,9	64,9	31,3	29,0	47,5
Wholesale trade in solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products	99,0	99,0	92,4	32,4	16,2	21,0	51,4
Wholesale trade in metals and metal ores	100,0	100,0	95,4	56,9	27,5	22,9	65,1
Wholesale trade in construction materials, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	99,4	99,4	96,8	60,8	25,9	25,9	53,8
Wholesale trade in other intermediate products, waste and scrap	98,4	98,4	96,9	54,7	16,4	24,2	66,4
Wholesale trade in machinery, equipment and supplies	100,0	100,0	98,5	80,2	29,0	34,9	46,3
Other wholesale trade	98,6	98,6	95,9	35,1	21,6	24,3	52,7
Total of all enterprises	99,6	99,6	96,4	55,6	25,2	27,2	51,8

Table 15 – Details of sales by commodity in the wholesale trade industry, 2009

Commodity type	R million	%
Agricultural raw materials and livestock		
Maize	26 296	2,9
Other grains and seeds	27 351	3,1
Oleaginous fruit	5 706	0,6
Flowers and plants	64	0,0
Unprocessed tobacco	37	0,0
Hides, skins and leather	685	0,1
Other agricultural materials	5 406	0,6
Livestock	1 307	0,1
Total: Agricultural raw materials and livestock	66 852	7,5
Food, beverages and tobacco		
Fruit	11 857	1,3
Vegetables	5 373	0,6
Dairy products	5 706	0,6
Eggs	1 682	0,2
Edible oils and fats of animal or vegetable origin	6 366	0,7
Meat and meat products	27 744	3,1
Fish and other seafood products	5 465	0,6
Sugar	4 776	0,5
Chocolates, sweets and snacks	5 507	0,6
Bread	2 092	0,2
Other bakery products (excluding bread)	1 501	0,2
Maize products	8 701	1,0
Rice	6 147	0,7
Flour	4 616	0,5
Oven-ready meals	1 553	0,2
Coffee, tea and spices	4 673	0,5
Other food products	15 888	1,8
Non-alcoholic beverages	7 748	0,9
Fermented beverages (beer, cider, mead, etc.)	10 900	1,2
Distilled beverages (brandy, whisky, vodka, gin, etc.)	5 471	0,6
Wine and fortified wines	6 744	0,8
Tobacco and tobacco products	11 782	1,3
Total: Food, beverages and tobacco	162 292	18,1

Table 15 – Details of sales by commodity in the wholesale trade industry, 2009 (continued)

Commodity type	R million	%
Textiles, clothing and footwear		
Yarn and thread	707	0,1
Fabrics	2 477	0,3
Haberdashery	417	0,0
Other textile products	1 537	0,2
Men's and boys' clothing	8 329	0,9
Women's and girls' clothing	5 565	0,6
Infants' and children's clothing	1 242	0,1
Accessories	1 653	0,2
Men's and boys' footwear	1 878	0,2
Women's and girls' footwear	1 190	0,1
Infants' and children's footwear	391	0,0
Sport footwear	1 801	0,2
Total: Textiles, clothing and footwear	27 187	3,0
Household furniture, appliances, articles and equipment		
Household furniture	1 373	0,2
Household appliances	9 166	1,0
Household linen (including curtains)	296	0,0
Household articles and supplies	5 248	0,6
Sound and visual apparatus	3 875	0,4
Musical records, audio and video tapes, compact discs, cassettes, DVDs and MP3s	2 892	0,3
Books	1 403	0,2
Newspapers, magazines and periodicals	2 291	0,3
Stationery, paper and cardboard	6 014	0,7
Postcards, greeting cards and advertising material	124	0,0
Diamonds	14 852	1,7
Jewellery, gold, silverware and medals	1 361	0,2
Watches and clocks	1 154	0,1
Pharmaceuticals	39 007	4,4
Surgical and orthopaedic instruments and supplies	3 369	0,4
Other medical goods	6 514	0,7
Cosmetics and toiletries	12 885	1,4
Total: Household furniture, appliances, articles and equipment	111 824	12,5

Table 15 – Details of sales by commodity in the wholesale trade industry, 2009 (continued)

Commodity type	R million	%
Other household goods		
Toys, games and hobby supplies	927	0,1
Bicycles, parts and accessories	309	0,0
Hunting, fishing and camping equipment and supplies	331	0,0
Hockey, baseball, football, soccer, volleyball and basketball equipment and supplies	10	0,0
Surf and surfboard equipment and accessories	5	0,0
Golf equipment and accessories	164	0,0
Exercise and fitness equipment	5	0,0
All other sporting goods	180	0,0
Leather goods, luggage and travel accessories	470	0,1
Photographic and optical goods	1 980	0,2
Household cleaning supplies, chemicals and paper products	5 209	0,6
Lawn and garden products and equipment	289	0,0
Total: Other household goods	9 879	1,1
Fuels and related products		
Solid fuel	8 151	0,9
Petroleum products	95 014	10,6
Gaseous fuel	2 161	0,2
Total: Fuels and related products	105 326	11,8
Metal and metal ores		
Ferrous and non-ferrous metal ores	7 987	0,9
Ferrous and non-ferrous metal in primary forms	12 146	1,4
Ferrous and non-ferrous semi-finished metal products	26 559	3,0
Precious metals	3 436	0,4
Total: Metal and metal ores	50 128	5,6

Table 15 – Details of sales by commodity in the wholesale trade industry, 2009 (continued)

Commodity type	R million	%
Building material and hardware		
Building materials	16 557	1,8
Wall and floor coverings	2 275	0,3
Plumbing, heating, cooling and electrical equipment and supplies	8 704	1,0
Hand tools and equipment for domestic use	1 004	0,1
Fitting and fixtures	5 407	0,6
Sanitary equipment and installation fittings	5 311	0,6
Paint, varnishes and lacquers	2 976	0,3
Glassware and other articles of glass	886	0,1
Electrical wiring	7 745	0,9
Electrical switch gear, circuit breakers and related materials	5 855	0,7
Other hardware	7 574	0,8
Total: Building material and hardware	64 294	7,2
Intermediate products, waste and scrap		
Industrial chemicals	25 507	2,8
Fertilisers and agrochemical products	19 542	2,2
Plastic materials in primary form	12 597	1,4
Rubber and rubber products	405	0,0
Waste, scrap and materials for recycling	7 814	0,9
Total: Intermediate products, waste and scrap	65 865	7,4

Table 15 – Details of sales by commodity in the wholesale trade industry, 2009 (concluded)

Commodity type	R million	%
Machinery, equipment and supplies		
Computer equipment	50 662	5,7
Packaged computer software	25 197	2,8
Other office machinery, furniture and equipment	14 501	1,6
Agricultural machinery, equipment and supplies	22 501	2,5
Forestry machinery, equipment and supplies	1 443	0,2
Construction machinery, equipment and supplies	19 752	2,2
Mining and oil and gas machinery, equipment and supplies	18 471	2,1
Industrial machinery, equipment and supplies	38 617	4,3
Electrical generators, motors and transformers, turbine and control panels	4 379	0,5
Other electronic equipment and components	31 817	3,6
Industrial switchgear, circuit breakers and related materials	3 786	0,4
Total: Machinery, equipment and supplies	231 126	25,8
Other goods	637	0,1
Total sales of goods	895 410	100,0

Table 16.1 – Commodity sales by type of wholesaler: Wholesale trade on a fee or contract basis

Commodity type	R million	%
Agricultural raw materials and livestock	415	9,0
Food, beverages and tobacco	385	8,3
Textiles, clothing and footwear	266	5,8
Household furniture, appliances, articles and equipment	434	9,4
Metal and metal ores	487	10,5
Hardware and construction materials	1 414	30,6
Machinery, equipment and supplies	1 218	26,4
Total sales from wholesale trade on a fee or contract basis	4 619	100,0

Table 16.2 – Commodities by type of wholesaler: Agricultural raw materials and livestock

Commodity type	R million	%
Maize	25 460	34,3
Other grains and seeds	26 264	35,4
Oleaginous fruit	5 427	7,3
Flowers and plants	55	0,1
Unprocessed tobacco	37	0,0
Hides, skins and leather	673	0,9
Other agricultural materials	5 056	6,8
Livestock	671	0,9
Total: Agricultural raw materials and livestock	63 643	85,8
Other commodities		
Food, beverages and tobacco	1 026	1,4
Textiles, clothing and footwear	58	0,1
Household furniture, appliances, articles and equipment	44	0,1
Other household goods	95	0,1
Fuels and related products	1 772	2,4
Hardware and construction materials	213	0,3
Other intermediate products, waste and scrap	4 022	5,4
Machinery, equipment and supplies	3 316	4,5
Sum of other commodities	10 546	14,2
Total sales from wholesale trade in agricultural raw materials and livestock	74 189	100,0

Table 16.3 – Commodity sales by type of wholesaler: Wholesale trade in food, beverages and tobacco

Commodity type	R million	%
Fruit	11 806	7,8
Vegetables	5 187	3,4
Dairy products	5 126	3,4
Eggs	1 229	0,8
Edible oils and fats of animal or vegetable origin	5 446	3,6
Meat and meat products	27 259	17,9
Fish and other seafood products	5 292	3,5
Sugar	3 644	2,4
Chocolates, sweets and snacks	3 653	2,4
Bread	1 597	1,1
Other bakery products (excluding bread)	1 381	0,9
Maize products	6 381	4,2
Rice	4 852	3,2
Flour	3 994	2,6
Oven-ready meals	1 543	1,0
Coffee, tea and spices	3 318	2,2
Other food products	10 827	7,1
Non-alcoholic beverages	7 064	4,6
Fermented beverages (beer, cider, mead, etc.)	10 306	6,8
Distilled beverages (brandy, whisky, vodka, gin, etc.)	5 139	3,4
Wine and fortified wines	6 286	4,1
Tobacco and tobacco products	9 430	6,2
Total: Food, beverages and tobacco	140 760	92,6
Other commodities		
Agricultural raw materials and livestock	772	0,5
Textiles, clothing and footwear	39	0,0
Household furniture, appliances, articles and equipment	5 012	3,3
Other household goods	713	0,5
Solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related materials	214	0,1
Metal and metal ores	5	0,0
Hardware and construction materials	2 679	1,8
Other intermediate products, waste and scrap	1 455	1,0
Machinery, equipment and supplies	342	0,2
Other goods	24	0,0
Sum of other commodities	11 255	7,4
Total sales from wholesale trade in food, beverages and tobacco	152 015	100,0

Table 16.4 – Commodity sales by type of wholesaler: Wholesale trade in textiles, clothing and footwear

Commodity type	R million	%
Yarn and thread	678	2,6
Fabrics	2 289	8,6
Haberdashery	4	0,0
Other textile products	1 221	4,6
Men's and boys' clothing	7 627	28,7
Women's and girls' clothing	5 351	20,1
Infants' and children's clothing	1 133	4,3
Accessories	1 652	6,2
Men's and boys' footwear	1 791	6,7
Women's and girls' footwear	1 190	4,5
Infants' and children's footwear	391	1,5
Sport footwear	1 784	6,7
Total: Textiles, clothing and footwear	25 111	94,5
Other commodities		
Food, beverages and tobacco	309	1,2
Household furniture, appliances, articles and equipment	383	1,4
Other household goods	162	0,6
Hardware and construction materials	592	2,2
Other goods	10	0,0
Sum of other commodities	1 456	5,5
Total sales from wholesale trade in textiles, clothing and footwear	26 567	100,0

Table 16.5 – Commodity sales by type of wholesaler: Wholesale trade in other household goods

Commodity type	R million	%
Household furniture	941	0,9
Household appliances	7 045	6,7
Household linen (including curtains)	91	0,1
Household articles and supplies	2 044	1,9
Sound and visual apparatus	2 398	2,3
Musical records, audio and video tapes, compact discs, cassettes, DVDs and MP3s.	614	0,6
Books	1 334	1,3
Newspapers, magazines and periodicals	101	0,1
Stationery, paper and cardboard	4 872	4,6
Postcards, greeting cards and advertising material	99	0,1
Diamonds	14 852	14,2
Jewellery, gold, silverware and medals	911	0,9
Watches and clocks	574	0,5
Pharmaceuticals	38 080	36,3
Surgical and orthopaedic instruments and supplies	3 206	3,1
Other medical goods	6 044	5,8
Cosmetics and toiletries	8 229	7,8
Total: Household furniture, appliances, articles and equipment	91 435	87,1

Table 16.5 – Commodity sales by type of wholesaler: Wholesale trade in other household goods (concluded)

Commodity type	R million	%
Toys, games and hobby supplies	821	0,8
Bicycles, parts and accessories	279	0,3
Hunting, fishing and camping equipment and supplies	179	0,2
Hockey, baseball, football, soccer, volleyball and basketball equipment and supplies	5	0,0
Surf and surfboard equipment and accessories	5	0,0
Golf equipment and accessories	81	0,1
Exercise and fitness equipment	2	0,0
All other sporting goods	65	0,1
Leather goods, luggage and travel accessories	69	0,1
Photographic and optical goods	350	0,3
Household cleaning supplies, chemicals and paper products	2 395	2,3
Total: Other household goods	4 251	4,1
Other commodities		
Agricultural raw materials and livestock	21	0,0
Food, beverages and tobacco	763	0,7
Textiles, clothing and footwear	58	0,1
Solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related materials	138	0,1
Hardware and construction materials	5 558	5,3
Other intermediate products, waste and scrap	204	0,2
Machinery, equipment and supplies	2 528	2,4
Other goods	1	0,0
Sum of other commodities	9 271	8,8
Total sales from wholesale trade in other household goods	104 957	100,0

Table 16.6 – Commodity sales by type of wholesaler: Wholesale trade in fuels and related products

Commodity type	R million	%
Solid fuel	5 731	5,5
Petroleum products	91 813	88,5
Gaseous fuel	1 883	1,8
Total: Fuels and related products	99 427	95,8
Other commodities		
Agricultural raw materials and livestock	78	0,1
Food, beverages and tobacco	335	0,3
Textiles, clothing and footwear	35	0,0
Household furniture, appliances, articles and equipment	17	0,0
Other household goods	78	0,1
Hardware and construction materials	634	0,6
Other intermediate products, waste and scrap	1 241	1,2
Machinery, equipment and supplies	1 916	1,8
Sum of other commodities	4 334	4,2
Total sales from wholesale trade in fuels and related products	103 761	100,0

Table 16.7 – Commodity sales by type of wholesaler: Wholesale trade in metals and metal ores

Commodity type	R million	%
Ferrous and non-ferrous metal ores	7 923	17,0
Ferrous and non-ferrous metal in primary forms	10 476	22,5
Ferrous and non-ferrous semi-finished metal products	24 126	51,8
Precious metals	3 104	6,7
Total: Metal and metal ores	45 629	98,1
Other commodities		
Household furniture, appliances, articles and equipment	7	0,0
Other household goods	8	0,0
Solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related materials	3	0,0
Hardware and construction materials	344	0,7
Other intermediate products, waste and scrap	494	1,1
Machinery, equipment and supplies	51	0,1
Sum of other commodities	907	1,9
Total sales from wholesale trade in metals and metal ores	46 536	100,0

Table 16.8 – Commodity sales by type of wholesaler: Wholesale trade in construction materials, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies

Commodity type	R million	%
Building materials	10 801	19,7
Wall and floor coverings	1 521	2,8
Plumbing, heating, cooling and electrical equipment and supplies	5 681	10,3
Hand tools and equipment for domestic use	371	0,7
Fitting and fixtures	3 700	6,7
Sanitary equipment and installation fittings	5 144	9,4
Paint, varnishes and lacquers	2 811	5,1
Glassware and other articles of glass	271	0,5
Electrical wiring	6 950	12,6
Electrical switch gear, circuit breakers and related materials	4 193	7,6
Other hardware	3 083	5,6
Total: Hardware and construction materials	44 526	81,0
Other commodities		
Agricultural raw materials and livestock	2	0,0
Food, beverages and tobacco	156	0,3
Household furniture, appliances, articles and equipment	42	0,1
Other household goods	30	0,1
Solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related materials	8	0,0
Metal and metal ores	3 250	5,9
Other intermediate products, waste and scrap	1 727	3,1
Machinery, equipment and supplies	5 200	9,5
Sum of other commodities	10 415	19,0
Total sales from wholesale trade in construction materials, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	54 941	100,0

Table 16.9 – Commodity sales by type of wholesaler: Wholesale trade in other intermediate products, waste and scrap

Commodity type	R million	%
Industrial chemicals	19 966	40,7
Fertilisers and agrochemical products	13 648	27,8
Plastic materials in primary form	3 975	8,1
Rubber and rubber products	389	0,8
Waste, scrap and materials for recycling	7 808	15,9
Total: Other intermediate products, waste and scrap	45 786	93,3
Other commodities		
Agricultural raw materials and livestock	457	0,9
Food, beverages and tobacco	93	0,2
Household furniture, appliances, articles and equipment	29	0,1
Other household goods	1 082	2,2
Solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related materials	1 596	3,3
Hardware and construction materials	49	0,1
Sum of other commodities	3 306	6,7
Total sales from wholesale trade in other intermediate products, waste and scrap	49 092	100,0

Table 16.10 – Commodity sales by type of wholesaler: Wholesale trade in machinery, equipment and supplies

Commodity type	R million	%
Computer equipment	50 637	23,8
Packaged computer software	24 907	11,7
Other office machinery, furniture and equipment	11 614	5,4
Agricultural machinery, equipment and supplies	17 968	8,4
Forestry machinery, equipment and supplies	293	0,1
Construction machinery, equipment and supplies	18 822	8,8
Mining and oil and gas machinery, equipment and supplies	17 940	8,4
Industrial machinery, equipment and supplies	33 716	15,8
Electrical generators, motors and transformers, turbine and control panels	3 243	1,5
Other electronic equipment and components	20 205	9,5
Industrial switchgear, circuit breakers and related materials	979	0,5
Total: Machinery, equipment and supplies	200 324	94,0
Other commodities		
Agricultural raw materials and livestock	1 064	0,5
Food, beverages and tobacco	620	0,3
Textiles, clothing and footwear	79	0,0
Household furniture, appliances, articles and equipment	3 027	1,4
Other household goods	547	0,3
Solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related materials	1 569	0,7
Hardware and construction materials	3 222	1,5
Other intermediate products, waste and scrap	2 730	1,3
Sum of other commodities	12 858	6,0
Total sales from wholesale trade in machinery, equipment and supplies	213 182	100,0

Table 16.11 – Commodity sales by type of wholesaler: General and other wholesale trade

Commodity type	R million	%
Agricultural raw materials and livestock	400	0,6
Food, beverages and tobacco	17 851	27,2
Textiles, clothing and footwear	1 541	2,4
Household furniture, appliances, articles and equipment	11 394	17,4
Other household goods	2 914	4,4
Solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related materials	644	1,0
Metal and metal ores	756	1,2
Hardware and construction materials	5 073	7,7
Other intermediate products, waste and scrap	8 206	12,5
Machinery, equipment and supplies	16 173	24,7
Other goods	599	0,9
Total sales from general and other wholesale trade	65 551	100,0

Table 17 – Details of purchases by group of commodities in the wholesale trade industry, 2009

Type of wholesale trade	Agricultural raw materials and livestock	Food, beverages and tobacco	Textiles, clothing, accessories and footwear	Household furniture, appliances, supplies, articles and equipment	Precious stones, jewellery and silverware	Pharmaceuticals, medical goods, cosmetics and toiletries
	R million					
Wholesale trade on a fee or contract basis	381	225	190	418	0	0
Wholesale trade in agricultural raw materials and livestock	58 426	567	48	47	0	15
Wholesale trade in food, beverages and tobacco	675	123 335	34	1 331	51	2 451
Wholesale trade in textiles, clothing and footwear	0	307	19 114	89	25	73
Wholesale trade in other household goods	20	717	41	15 775	15 283	41 269
Wholesale trade in solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products	66	221	28	176	0	2
Wholesale trade in metals and metal ores	0	0	0	0	7	0
Wholesale trade in construction materials, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	2	120	2	38	0	0
Wholesale trade in other intermediate products, waste and scrap	333	83	4	28	0	0
Wholesale trade in machinery, equipment and supplies	806	474	71	2 182	0	203
Other wholesale trade	445	16 043	1 007	5 568	774	2 332
Total of all enterprises	61 154	142 092	20 539	25 652	16 140	46 345

Table 17 – Details of purchases by group of commodities in the wholesale trade industry, 2009 (concluded)

Type of wholesale trade	Other household goods	Intermediate products, building material, hardware, waste and scrap	Machinery, equipment and supplies	Other purchases	Total purchases
	R million				
Wholesale trade on a fee or contract basis	0	1 612	973	0	3 799
Wholesale trade in agricultural raw materials and livestock	110	5 412	3 117	0	67 742
Wholesale trade in food, beverages and tobacco	942	4 060	247	8	133 134
Wholesale trade in textiles, clothing and footwear	2	486	0	30	20 126
Wholesale trade in other household goods	3 186	4 148	1 737	0	82 176
Wholesale trade in solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products	68	90 432	1 367	0	92 360
Wholesale trade in metals and metal ores	1	38 220	53	0	38 281
Wholesale trade in construction materials, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	27	37 281	3 893	6	41 369
Wholesale trade in other intermediate products, waste and scrap	749	41 698	3	0	42 898
Wholesale trade in machinery, equipment and supplies	244	6 515	164 623	0	175 118
Other wholesale trade	2 551	10 615	11 465	429	51 229
Total of all enterprises	7 880	240 479	187 480	473	748 234

Explanatory notes

Background	<p>The results presented in this publication have been derived from the 2009 wholesale trade large sample survey. This is a periodic survey which measures economic activity in the wholesale trade sector of the South African economy. This survey is based on a sample of private and public enterprises operating in wholesale trade industries.</p> <p>The sample was drawn from Stats SA's business register. The business register is based mainly on the income tax (IT) and value-added tax (VAT) databases of the South African Revenue Service (SARS). All enterprises are legally bound to register for either VAT or IT or both. Enterprises registered in the taxation system are included on the business register, and hence were given a chance of selection in the sample for the survey.</p>
Value added tax (VAT)	All figures exclude value added tax (VAT).
Reference period	The information was collected from enterprises for their financial year, which ended on any date between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009.
Purpose of the survey	Results of the survey are used within Stats SA for compiling the gross domestic product (GDP) and its components. These statistics are also used by government policy advisers in monitoring the performance and contribution of individual industries to the South African economy and the effectiveness of industry policies, and by private sector users in analyses of comparative business and industry performance.
Classification by industry	The 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-09-02, 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</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions. Statistics in this publication are presented at SIC group (four-digit) level. Each enterprise is classified to an industry, which reflects its predominant activity.
Statistical unit	The statistical unit for the collection of the 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.

Size groups

The enterprises are divided into four size groups according to the value of turnover recorded for them on the Stats SA business register. Large enterprises are those with an annual recorded turnover of R64 million and above. Table 18 presents the size groups defined using the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) cut-off points.

Table 18 – Size groups for the wholesale trade industry

Size group	Turnover
Large	Turnover > R 64 000 000
Medium	R 32 000 000 < Turnover ≤ R 64 000 000
Small	R6 000 000 < Turnover ≤ R 32 000 000
Micro	Turnover ≤ R 6 000 000

Survey methodology and design

The survey was conducted by post, email, fax, telephone and personal visits.

A sample of approximately 3 100 enterprises was drawn from a frame of 36 250 enterprises using stratified simple random sampling. The enterprises were first stratified at the four-digit level according to the SIC and then by size of enterprise. All large enterprises were completely enumerated. Turnover as recorded on the business register was used as the measure of size for stratification. The response rate was 82,0%.

Weighting methodology

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 were calculated and then aggregated with the completely enumerated stratum to form division estimates.

Relative standard error

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.

One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error (SE), which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of enterprises was used. The relative standard error (RSE) provides an immediate indication of the percentage errors likely to have occurred as a result of sampling, and thus avoids the need to refer to the size of the estimate.

Table 19 – Income in the wholesale trade industry within 95% confidence limits, 2009

Type of wholesale trade	Lower limit	Total income	Upper limit	Relative standard error
	R million			%
Wholesale trade on a fee or contract basis	13 636	16 135	18 633	7,9
Wholesale trade in agricultural raw materials and livestock	76 709	77 622	78 534	0,6
Wholesale trade in food, beverages and tobacco	148 554	154 931	161 307	2,1
Wholesale trade in textiles, clothing and footwear	24 806	27 383	29 959	4,8
Wholesale trade in other household goods	109 130	112 436	115 741	1,5
Wholesale trade in solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products	104 378	105 621	106 863	0,6
Wholesale trade in metals and metal ores	47 753	48 036	48 318	0,3
Wholesale trade in construction materials, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies	52 438	56 065	59 691	3,3
Wholesale trade in other intermediate products, waste and scrap	48 277	50 247	52 216	2,0
Wholesale trade in machinery, equipment and supplies	224 959	231 307	237 654	1,4
Other wholesale trade	58 470	68 547	78 623	7,5
All wholesale trade	933 460	948 330	963 199	0,8

Non-sampling errors 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. Non-sampling errors occur in both sample surveys and censuses.

Rounding of figures The figures in the tables have, where necessary, been rounded to the nearest final digit shown. There may therefore be slight discrepancies between the sums of the constituent items of the totals shown.

Abbreviations

BR	Business register
DTI	Department of Trade and Industry
GDP	Gross domestic product
ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities
IT	Income tax
RSE	Relative standard error
SARS	South African Revenue Service
SE	Standard error
SIC	Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities
SNA	System of National Accounts
Stats SA	Statistics South Africa
VAT	Value added tax

Glossary

Casual employees	Casual employees are employees who fall neither within the 'permanent employees' category nor the 'temporary employees' category. Such employees are typically working daily or hourly.
Concentration ratio	The concentration ratio is the ratio of the income of the n largest enterprises to the total income.
Current assets	Assets that are expected to be turned into cash within one year during the normal cause of business. They include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trade and other receivables; ○ Cash and bank; ○ Inventories; and ○ Other current assets.
Current liabilities	Current liabilities are debts or obligations that are due within one year. They include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ trade and other payables; ○ bank overdraft; and ○ other current liabilities.
Employees	Employees are those people employed by the business or organisation who received payment (in salaries, wages, commission, piece rates or payments in kind) for the last pay period ended on or before 30 June 2009.
Leasing income	Leasing income includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ leasing and hiring of motor vehicles and other transport equipment; ○ leasing and hiring of plant, machinery, equipment and vehicles; and ○ rental of land, buildings and other structures.
Net profit or loss before tax	Net profit or loss before tax is derived as: Total income plus closing value of inventories minus total expenditure minus opening value of inventories

Non-current assets

Non-current assets are assets which are not easily convertible to cash or not expected to become cash within the next year. They include:

- o property, plant and equipment and intangible assets;
- o long-term investments; and
- o other non-current assets.

Non-current liabilities

Non-current liabilities are liabilities not due to be paid within one year during the normal course of business. They include:

- o long-term loans; and
- o other non-current liabilities.

Other expenditure

Other expenditure includes:

- o accommodation;
- o bursaries;
- o computer;
- o containers and packaging materials;
- o donations;
- o entertainment;
- o excise and customs duty;
- o losses on liabilities;
- o losses on foreign exchange;
- o mineral rights leases;
- o postal and courier services;
- o property tax;
- o provisions;
- o research and development;
- o royalties;
- o security services (including IT security services);
- o severance, termination and redundancy payments;
- o skills development levy;
- o staff training (payment to outside organisations);
- o subcontracting expenses;
- o subscriptions;
- o total paper, printing and stationery;
- o travelling;
- o water and electricity; and
- o other.

Other income

Other income includes:

- o profit for redemption, liquidation or revaluation of liabilities;
- o mineral rights leases;
- o provisions;
- o subsidies; and
- o other.

Owners' equity

Owners' equity is the residual interest in the entity's assets after deducting its liabilities.

Permanent employees	Permanent employees are employees appointed on an open-ended contract with no stipulated termination date or a fixed-term contract for periods of more than one year.
Profit margin	Profit margin is derived as: Net profit after tax divided by turnover multiplied by 100
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.
Stratum	A stratum is constructed by concatenating the SIC classification and size group variables.
Temporary employees	Temporary employees are employees appointed on a short-term contract basis with a stipulated termination date for periods not exceeding one year.
Turnover	Turnover includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ value of sales of goods;○ amount received for services rendered;○ rent and lease payments received for land and buildings; and○ rent, leasing and hiring received for machinery, vehicles and other equipment.
Wholesale trade	Includes the resale (sale without transformation) of new and used goods to other wholesalers, retailers, agricultural, industrial, commercial, institutional and professional users either directly or through agents on a fee or contract basis.
Wholesaler	An enterprise deriving more than 50% of its turnover from sale of goods to other businesses and institutions.

Commodity descriptions

Grain and seeds

Include: Maize, wheat, rice, barley, soya beans, ground nuts, sunflower seeds, cottonseeds, olives, fruit and vegetables seeds.

Flowers and plants

Include: Live plants, bulbs, tubers and roots, slips, mushroom spawn, cut flowers and flower buds including bouquets, floral baskets and similar articles, flower seeds.

Unprocessed tobacco

Include: Cured stemmed/stripped tobacco leaves and other unprocessed tobacco.

Hides and skin

Include: Raw hides and skins of bovine or equine animals, sheep or lambs, goats or kids, raw skins of other animals n.e.c. (fresh or preserved, but not further prepared).

Agricultural materials, waste, residues and by-products used for animal feed including feed for pet animals

Livestock

Include: Cattle, sheep and goats, horses, mules and hinnies, swine, poultry, pet animals, bees and worms.

Fruit and vegetables

Include: Fresh, frozen, canned and dried fruit and vegetables.

Meat and meat products

Include: Fresh, chilled or canned meat, poultry, turkey, fowl and game, cooked, cured or frozen meats, meat preparations, meat carcasses, fat and lard, sausage casings and edible offal.

Fish and seafood products

Include: Crustaceans, oysters and molluscs, fresh, frozen and cured fish, fresh and frozen lobster and other dressed or frozen seafood.

Dairy products

Include: Milk, cream, cheese, butter, ice-cream, yoghurt and frozen dairy products, dried and canned dairy products.

Eggs and egg products

Include: Eggs in shell (fresh, preserved or cooked), eggs not in shell, egg yolks (fresh or preserved) and egg albumen.

Edible oils and fats of animal or vegetable origin

Include: Fats of bovine animals, sheep, goats, pigs and poultry (raw or rendered), vegetable oils and fats, margarine and similar preparations, vegetable waxes, other animal oils and fats.

Bakery products

Include: Crisp bread, rusks, toasted bread and similar toasted products, gingerbread and the like, biscuits, waffles and wafers, other bread and bakers' wares.

Sugar, cocoa, chocolate and snacks

Include: Raw cane or beet sugar, refined cane and chemically pure sucrose, molasses, cocoa paste (whether or not defatted), cocoa (butter, fat and oil), cocoa powder (not sweetened), chocolate and other food preparations containing cocoa (in bulk forms and not in bulk), white chocolate, nuts, fruit-peel and other parts of plants preserved by sugar, gum, candy and sugar preparations.

Coffee, tea and spices

Include: Decaffeinated or roasted coffee, green, black and partly fermented tea, extracts, essences and concentrates of tea or mate, and spices.

Other food

Include: Prepared and preserved fruits and vegetables, preparations of milk, flour, meal, starch or malt extract for infant use, soups and broths, vinegar and substitutes obtained from acetic acid, sauces, mixed condiments, mustard flour and meal, prepared mustard, yeast, macaroni, noodles, couscous and similar farinaceous products, fruit and vegetable juices, natural fruit juice base concentrates.

Other alcoholic beverages

Include: Spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages, malt liquors and malt.

Exclude: Blending of wine or distilled spirit.

Non-alcoholic beverages

Include: Canned and bottled soft drinks and mineral water.

Tobacco and tobacco products

Include: Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos, cigarettes and other manufactured tobacco and tobacco substitutes, pipes, lighters, rolling machines, cigarette holders, snuff and other tobacco products.

Exclude: Matches.

Men's and boys' clothing

Include: Suits, coats, jackets, trousers, shorts, shirts, underpants, pyjamas, dressing gowns, T-shirts, sweaters, sweat tops, sports jackets, socks, bathrobes, vests, jerseys, pullovers, cardigans, waistcoats, pants/slacks, jeans.

Men's and boys' accessories

Include: Hats, caps, gloves, mitts, scarves, ties, wallets, belts, umbrellas.

Women's and girls' clothing

Include: Suits, coats, jackets, blazers, dresses, skirts, trousers, blouses, shirts, petticoats, panties, nightdresses, dressing gowns, T-shirts, jerseys, pullovers, wedding gowns, maternity dresses and suits, pants (dress and casual), jeans, shorts, vests, sweaters, hosiery.

Women's and girls' accessories

Include: Hats, gloves, scarves, purses, wallets, fashion knapsacks, belts, umbrellas, hair accessories (barrettes), and veils.

Infants' and children's clothing and accessories

Include: Infants' clothing, children's clothing, cloth diapers, rattles, bibs, teething rings, receiving blankets and other blankets, bedding and linens, wall hangings, baby plastic pants, baby bottles, breast pumps, nursing pads.

Articles of fur

Include: Articles of apparel, clothing accessories and other articles of fur skin, artificial fur.

Yarn and thread

(For weaving or sewing or knitting)

Woven fabrics

Include: Blankets, rugs, carpets, soft furnishings, bags, tents and tarpaulins, ropes, cables.

Household linen

Include: Bedding and bed coverings, curtains and draperies, tapestries, bath mats and bathroom sets and other household linens.

Haberdashery

Include: Shoulder pads, zips, knitting needles, shoe laces, crochet cotton, super sheen, polyester cotton, buttons, and sewing kits.

Men's and boys' footwear

Include: Boots (winter, rain, etc.), shoes, sandals, slippers, cowboy boots, work boots, orthopaedic shoes, clip-on shoe accessories.

Exclude: Sports-specific footwear, golf shoes, bowling shoes, broomball shoes, curling shoes, skates.

Women's and girls' footwear

Include: Boots (winter, rain, etc.), shoes, sandals, slippers, cowboy boots, work boots, orthopaedic shoes, clip-on shoe accessories.

Exclude: Sports-specific footwear, golf shoes, bowling shoes, broomball shoes, curling shoes, skates.

Infants' and children's footwear

Include: All types of non-athletic infants' and children's footwear.

Sport footwear

Include: Running, walking, hiking, basketball, tennis, court shoes, cross-trainers, sports footwear such as golf, bowling shoes, etc.

Household furniture

Include: Seats, mattresses (spring, foam and water), box spring and foundations, bed frames, nursery furniture (cribs, crib mattresses, junior toddlers' beds, changing tables, carriages, strollers, playpens, high chairs, walkers, carriers, baby monitors), finished and unfinished furniture for the bedroom, living room, kitchen, dining room and home office.

Exclude: Parts and accessories.

Household appliances

Include: Vacuum cleaners and polishers, refrigerators, freezers, washing machines and dryers, stoves and food-mixers, microwaves, sewing machines, beauty and personal care appliances i.e. hair dryers, razors, toothbrushes and small household appliances, i.e. toasters, kettle, irons.

Sound and visual apparatus

Include: Televisions, VCRs, radios, sound systems, amplifiers, mixers, speakers, microphones, sound boards, CD/MP3 players, DVD players, tape decks, and tape recorders.

Exclude: Still and digital cameras, slide projectors, slides, screens.

Household requisites

Include: Pots, pans, dishes, cutlery, brooms and brushes.

Musical records, audio and video tapes, compact disc and cassettes

Books, hard cover and paperback

Include: Text books, reference books, children's books, bibles, atlases and all other books including books in electronic format.

Newspapers, magazines and other periodicals

Include: Newspapers, magazines, periodicals, comic books.

Stationery

Include: Files, pens, pencils and other similar items.

Printed or illustrated postcards, printed cards bearing personal greetings or messages

Include: Wedding and visiting cards, greeting cards, invitation and postcards, and other cards.

Trade advertising material and commercial catalogues

Include: Trade catalogue and brochures, tourist booklet and pamphlets, shopping newspapers made mainly of advertisements, posters and similar display advertisements.

Paper and paperboard

Include: Newsprint, hand-made paper and other uncoated paper and paper board, toilet tissue, processed paper and paper board, sacks and bags of paper, seed packets, boxes, letter files, box files and other packing containers, plain postcards and correspondence cards, bobbins, spools, cones, utensils such as paper cups and plates.

Precious stones

Include: Pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, industrial diamonds, dust and powder of natural or synthetic precious or semi-precious stones.

Jewellery, gold, silverware and medals

Include: Jewellery and other articles of precious metal or of metal clad with precious metal, coins.

Pharmaceuticals for human and veterinary use

Include: Prescription medicines, bacteriological and biological medicines, ethical drugs, proprietary (patent) medicines and radioactive pharmaceuticals.

Medical goods

Include: Protective and healthcare textiles, dressings, bandages, pressure garments and prosthetics, hygiene products, antiseptic wound dressings, eyeglasses and contact lenses, wheelchairs, crutches and other personal medical goods, measuring and control instruments.

Cosmetics and toiletries

Include: Body soaps, oral care products, hair care products and non-electric razors and blades.

Photographic and optical goods

Include: Cameras, photographic paper films and plates, still and motion picture photographic equipment.

Games and toys

Include: Board games, puzzles, handicraft and hobby craft kits, science kits and sets, toys and fireworks, video games.

Musical instruments, tapes and recordings

Include: Instruments, accessories and supplies, pre-recorded audio tapes, video tapes and recordings.

Sports goods and entertainment requisites

Include: Firearms and ammunitions (all kinds), bows and arrows (all kinds), fishing tackle and other equipment, hunting blinds, tents, sleeping bags, camping-type air mattresses, hunting and camouflage clothing, hip waters, lanterns, picnic coolers, camping stoves, bait.

Hockey, baseball, football, soccer, volleyball and basketball equipment and supplies

Include: Nets, balls, hockey skates, ringuette equipment, cleated footwear, team uniforms, and other related equipment.

Golf equipment and accessories

Include: Golf clubs, golf bags and pull-carts, golf shoes and gloves, tees, etc.

Exercise and fitness equipment

Include: Home gyms, stationary bikes, rowing machines, abdominal exercisers, free weights, exercise balls, etc.

All other sporting goods

Include: Figure skates, in-line skates, skateboards, roller skates, sailboards, rock-climbing equipment and accessories, tennis and squash equipment, ping pong equipment, badminton equipment, pool/snooker tables and accessories, life jackets, wet suits, saddlers, tack, water skis and equipment, scuba equipment, bowling shoes and equipment, broomball shoes and equipment, curling shoes and equipment, snorkels, goggles, binoculars, water air mattresses, dance shoes, trampolines, boxing equipment, etc.

Luggage and travel accessories

Include: Luggage, trunks, duffel bags, backpacks, sport bags, portfolios, school bags, travel accessories, etc.

Exclude: Purses, wallets, billfolds, camera and instrument cases, fashion knapsacks, etc.

Garden products, equipment and lawn mowers

Include: Pools (above and in-ground) and pool supplies, outdoor hot tubs/jacuzzis, ponds and accessories, barbeques and accessories, wheelbarrows, pruning shears, garden tools, hoses, garden shovels, spades, hoes, rakes, garden sheds, lawn ornaments, outdoor specialty lighting (security/landscape/patio), outdoor urns, outdoor planters, picnic tables, sprinklers, playground structures, playground equipment.

Lighting equipment

Include: Lighting fixtures, light bulbs, fluorescent tubes, and flashlights.

Cleaning materials

Include: Bleach, soap, bars, tablets, antiseptic, detergents, household cleaners and polishers.

Telephones and home office equipments

Include: Telephones, cellular phones, answering machines, fax machines, pagers, calculators, photocopiers, etc. including parts and accessories.

Solid fuels

Include: Firewood and coal.

Petroleum products

Include: Petrol, diesel, lubricating oils, greases and paraffin.

Gaseous fuel

Include: Liquefied petroleum gas.

Construction materials

Include: Wood, steel, glass, sand, concrete products, electrical cables and accessories.

Plumbing, heating, cooling and electrical equipment and supplies

Include: Furnaces and filters, ductwork, humidifiers attached to furnaces, central air conditioners, air exchangers, air cleaners, water purifiers, water heaters, woodstoves, fireplace inserts and related equipment, baseboard heaters, pipes and valves for plumbing, bathtubs, bathtubs/shower enclosures, whirlpools, indoor jacuzzis, saunas, toilets, sinks, faucets, laundry tubs, pumps, fuse boxes, electrical wiring, light switches and plugs, power generators, etc.

Hand tools and equipment for domestic

Include: Ladders, carpenters' tools, snow shovels, portable power tools, bench power tools, axes, picks, wrenches, screwdrivers, saws, planes, trowels, hammers, pliers, drills, sanders, toolboxes, measuring tapes, chain saws.

Hardware

Include: Corrugated iron, window frames and doorframes, locksets, key blanks, fasteners, nuts, bolts, nails, screws, washers, hinges, knobs and pulls.

Paint, varnishes and lacquers

Include: Household paints, thinners, brushes, paste, scrapers, varnishes and lacquers.

Sanitary equipment and installation

Include: Baths, washbasins, toilets and other sanitary porcelain, tubes, pipes, fittings, taps, t-pieces, connections, rubber.

Glassware and woodenware

Include: Mirrors and glass household products, art and decorative ware, wooden doors and windows, wood structural products, shingles and shakes, treated wood, kitchen cabinets, particles and wafer boards, plywood, veneer and wood flooring.

Wallpaper and floor covering

Include: Rugs, tiles, mats and runners, vinyl and textile wall coverings.

Electrical wiring, switch gear, circuit breakers and related materials

Include: Wiring device and related electrical supplies.

Industrial chemicals

Include: Aniline, printing ink, essential oils, industrial gases, chemical glues, colouring matter, synthetic resin, methanol, scents and flavouring, soda, industrial salt, acids and sulphurs, starch derivatives, industrial alcohol, bleaching compounds, dry ice, explosives, organic chemicals.

Exclude: Non-military ammunitions.

Fertilisers and agrochemical products

Include: Agricultural chemical dusts and sprays, chemical fertilisers, herbicides, insecticides, orchard care chemicals, sterilising compounds and disinfectants, lawn care chemical products.

Rubber and rubber products

Include: Synthetic rubber and mixtures with natural rubber in primary forms or in plates, sheets or strips.

Waste, scrap and material for recycling

Include: Collecting, sorting, separating, stripping of used goods such as cars to obtain reusable parts, packing and repacking storage and delivery, but without a real transformation process, purchased and sold waste which have a remaining value.

Office machinery, furniture and equipment

Include: Adding machines, photocopy machines, typewriters, typist chairs and tables, scales, cash registers, safes, filing cabinets, show cases and shelves.

Computer equipment

Include: Central processors, printers, peripherals, monitors and modems.

Agricultural machinery, equipment and supplies

Include: New and used tractors, ploughs and harvesters, barn machinery, irrigation machinery, harrows and tillers.

Exclude: Agricultural chemicals.

Forestry machinery, equipment and supplies

Include: Logging and pulp machinery, equipment and supplies.

Construction machinery, equipment and supplies

Include: Asphalt mixing and laying machinery, concrete mixing plant machinery, crawler tractors, excavating machinery and equipment, front-end loaders, graders, road construction and maintenance machinery.

Mining, oil and gas machinery, equipment and supplies

Include: Oil well machinery and equipment, oil refining machinery and equipment, petroleum production machinery and equipment, natural gas field production equipment, mining machinery, agitators and classifiers.

Industrial machinery, equipment and supplies

Include: Conveyors and transmission belting, elevators, hoist, machinery, packaging and bottling machinery, metal-working machinery such as printing plates and typesetting machinery, industrial pumps, compressors and blowers (gaskets), bearing and mechanical power transmission equipment and other industrial machinery and supplies.

Electrical generators, motors and transformers, turbine and control panels

Include: Converters, ballasts, regulators and fuses.

Electronic equipment and components

Include: Printed and integrated circuits, semiconductors and other electronic equipment and components such as electronic alarms and signal systems.

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