



Economic Survey on Turnover

Description

The Economic Survey on Turnover is a monthly statistical survey that describes the trends in turnover in the following economic sections:

- B Mining and quarrying
- C Manufacturing
- D Electricity, gas, steam and air-conditioning supply
- E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities
- F Construction
- G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles
- H Transportation and storage
- I Accommodation and food service activities
- J Information and communication
- L Real estate activities
- M Professional, scientific and technical activities
- N Administrative and support service activities

The Economic Survey on Turnover is comprised of four partial surveys:

Industry Survey INPAU:

- Sections B to D (without E). Section E (Waste collection, recovery and disposal activities) is excluded because it is not feasible to collect useful data on turnover from these activities.
- Sample size: approx. 3700 enterprises
- Secondary data: Energy supply (SFOE) and mineral oil processing (CARBURA)
- Data available starting 1999

Construction Industry Survey BAPAU

- Section F
- Sample size: approx. 4100 enterprises
- Secondary data: Part of the survey is carried out by the Swiss Contractors' Association (<http://www.baumeister.ch/de/>)
- Data available starting 1999

Services Sector Survey DLU

- Sections G to N. Section K (Financial and insurance activities) and divisions 72 (Research and development) and 75 (Veterinary activities) are excluded because they are not market sectors in the strict sense or it is not feasible to collect useful data on turnover from these activities. The group 70.1 Administration and management of companies and enterprises is not surveyed for the same reasons.
- Sample size: Approx. 7000 enterprises
- Data available starting 2021 (Wholesale trade; repair and maintenance of motor vehicles available starting 2010)

Retail Trade Survey DHU

- Division 47 (Retail trade), which is assigned to Section G (Wholesale and retail trade; repair and maintenance of motor vehicles).
- Sample size: approx. 3000 enterprises
- Data available starting 2000

Survey population: Business and Enterprise Register (BER)

Survey unit: Activity

Recorded characteristics: Turnover (broken down by domestic and foreign turnover)

Methodology

Sample survey:

The survey population is comprised of all enterprises active in the service industry which are domiciled in Switzerland. All large and medium-sized enterprises are surveyed, while a sample survey is undertaken of small enterprises. The large enterprises are surveyed monthly, other enterprises four times a year.

Participation in the survey is mandatory. The enterprises are contacted by post, telephone or email. The data are collected by means of paper or online forms (eSurvey).

Degree of regionalisation: Switzerland

Periodicity: Monthly, quarterly (construction)

Reference period: Month, quarter (construction)

The results are published in the form of unadjusted, calendar and seasonally adjusted indices, broken down by economic activity (see General Classification of Economic Activities, NOGA 2008).

Policy on revisions

The revision programme provides for the weighting base and scheme to be changed every 5 years. The corresponding years must end in X5 and X0.

Periodic revisions

Monthly:

The initial publication (P) of results takes place at time T+30 (DHU) or T+60 (DLU). The previous months are revised three times (PRR1-PRR3).

Apply to the respective revisions of a given month:

$PRR1 = P+60 = T+90$

$PRR2 = P+90 = T+120$

$PRR3 = P+120 = T+150$

Example: In January, the results of the month of October (P) are published and at the same time: a) the first regular revision of the September results (PRR1), b) the second regular revision of the August results (PRR2) and c) the third regular revision of the July results (PRR3).

Quarterly (INDPAU, BAPAU):

The initial publication (P) of results takes place at time T+50. The revised previous quarter is published at the same time (PRR1).

The following therefore applies to the revision of a specific quarter:

$PRR1 = P+90 = T+140$

Notes:

- One reason for carrying out revisions is to receive new responses.
- The calendar and seasonal adjustment procedure leads to new time series with slightly different values.

Fundamental revisions

Every 5 years: Adjustment of the base year

Planned but irregular: Adaptation of nomenclature, changes in methods

Ad-hoc revisions

Unplanned and irregular adjustments which are announced at least one period in advance.

Legal bases

Ordinance of 30 April 2025 on Federal Statistics

Organisation

Federal Statistical Office (FSO)

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