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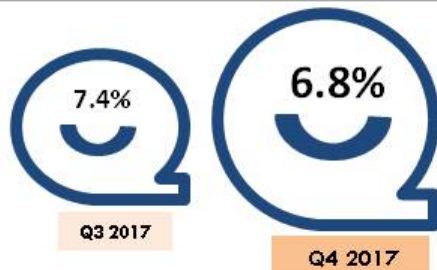
VOLUME INDEX OF DISTRIBUTIVE TRADE (2010=100) FOURTH QUARTER 2017


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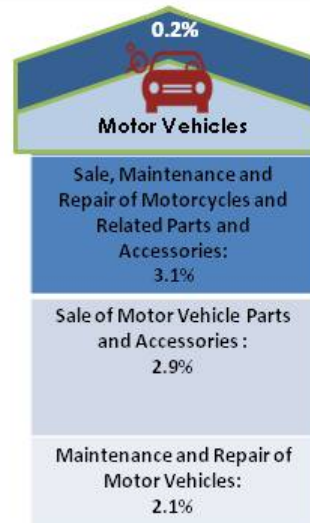
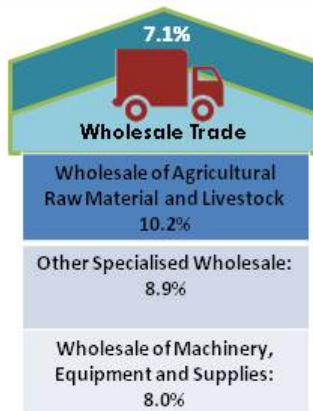
VOLUME INDEX OF WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE
FOURTH QUARTER 2017

WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE SECTOR



Volume Index of Wholesale & Retail Trade increased 6.8% in fourth quarter 2017

SUB-SECTORS



QUARTER-ON-QUARTER

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED VOLUME INDEX

The seasonally adjusted volume index of Wholesale & Retail Trade grew 1.5% as against the previous quarter



Source: Quarterly Index of Distributive Trade, Fourth Quarter 2017

Volume Index of Wholesale & Retail Trade expanded **6.8 per cent** to **160.8 points** in fourth quarter 2017 as compared to the same period in 2016. The expansion was led by Retail Trade sub-sector with **8.3 per cent** and Wholesale Trade **7.1 per cent**.

Seasonally adjusted volume index of Wholesale & Retail Trade increased **1.5 per cent** as against the third quarter 2017. The increase was propelled by the Motor Vehicles sub-sector with **3.2 per cent**.

Table 1: Volume Index of Wholesale & Retail Trade by Sub-sector

Sub-sector (2010=100)	Volume Index			
	Original	% Change YoY	Seasonally Adjusted	% Change QoQ
Volume Index of Wholesale & Retail Trade	160.8	6.8	160.7	1.5
Volume Index of Wholesale Trade	171.6	7.1	171.7	1.0
Volume Index of Retail Trade	163.9	8.3	162.6	0.9
Volume Index of Motor Vehicles	125.2	0.2	126.6	3.2

Performance of Wholesale Trade Sub-sector

Volume Index of Wholesale Trade grew **7.1 per cent** to **171.6 points** in the fourth quarter 2017 as compared to fourth quarter 2016. The growth was supported by Wholesale of Agricultural Raw Material and Livestock (**10.2%**), Other Specialised Wholesale Trade (**8.9%**) and Wholesale of Machinery, Equipment and Supplies (**8.0%**).

Performance of Retail Trade Sub-sector

In fourth quarter 2017, the Retail Trade sub-sector registered a growth of **8.3 per cent** to **163.9 points** year-on-year. The growth was contributed by Retail Sale of Other Goods in Specialised Stores (**10.1%**), Retail Sale of Cultural and Recreation Goods in Specialised Stores (**9.6%**) and Retail Sale of Information and Communication Equipment in Specialised Store (**8.2%**).

Performance of Motor Vehicles Sub-sector

Volume Index of Motor Vehicles which includes Parts and Accessories rose **0.2 per cent** to **125.2 points** in the fourth quarter 2017 as against the same quarter 2016. This increase was mainly attributed by the growth of Sale, Maintenance and Repair of Motorcycles and Related Parts and Accessories (**3.1%**), Sale of Motor Vehicles Parts and Accessories (**2.9%**), and Maintenance and Repair of Motor Vehicles (**2.1%**).

***Notes:**

Data for fourth quarter 2017 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the publication first quarter 2018.

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