

## Statistics on Distributive Trade

2018

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### Turnover of Trade companies totalled €145.1 billion

In 2018, in Trade companies turnover increased by 5.5% (+7.3% in 2017); gross added value reached 18.8 billion euros growing by 5.2% (+7.7% in 2017); the commercial margin stood at €25.7 billion, accelerating from +6.1% in 2017 to +7.1% in 2018; and number of persons employed (800,900 employees) increased by 4.2% (+2.6% in 2017).

The **Trade and Repair of Motor Vehicles Sector** presented increases of 6.9% in turnover (+7.7% in 2017), 8.4% in the commercial margin (+8.7% in 2017) and 4.3% in number of persons employed (+4.6% in 2017).

The turnover of **Wholesale Trading** companies grew by 6.1% in 2018 (+7.8% in 2017), the commercial margin had a positive evolution of 2.8% (+6.0% in 2017) and number of persons employed increased by 6.8% (+2.2% in 2017).

Although with the least significant evolution between the three trade divisions, **Retail Trade** also recorded growth in the main indicators: +4.2% in turnover (+6.5% in 2017), +11.5% in the commercial margin (+5.8% in the previous year) and +2.8% in number of persons employed (+2.4% in 2017).

In 2018, 3 558 establishments were classified as "**Large-sized Commercial Units**", 51.5% of which were mainly dedicated to non-food retail trade. The turnover of these units increased by 3.0% (+5.5% in 2017) and reached €18.8 billion. The number of persons employed increased by 2.8% (+4.4% in 2017), to a total of 117,900 employees.

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