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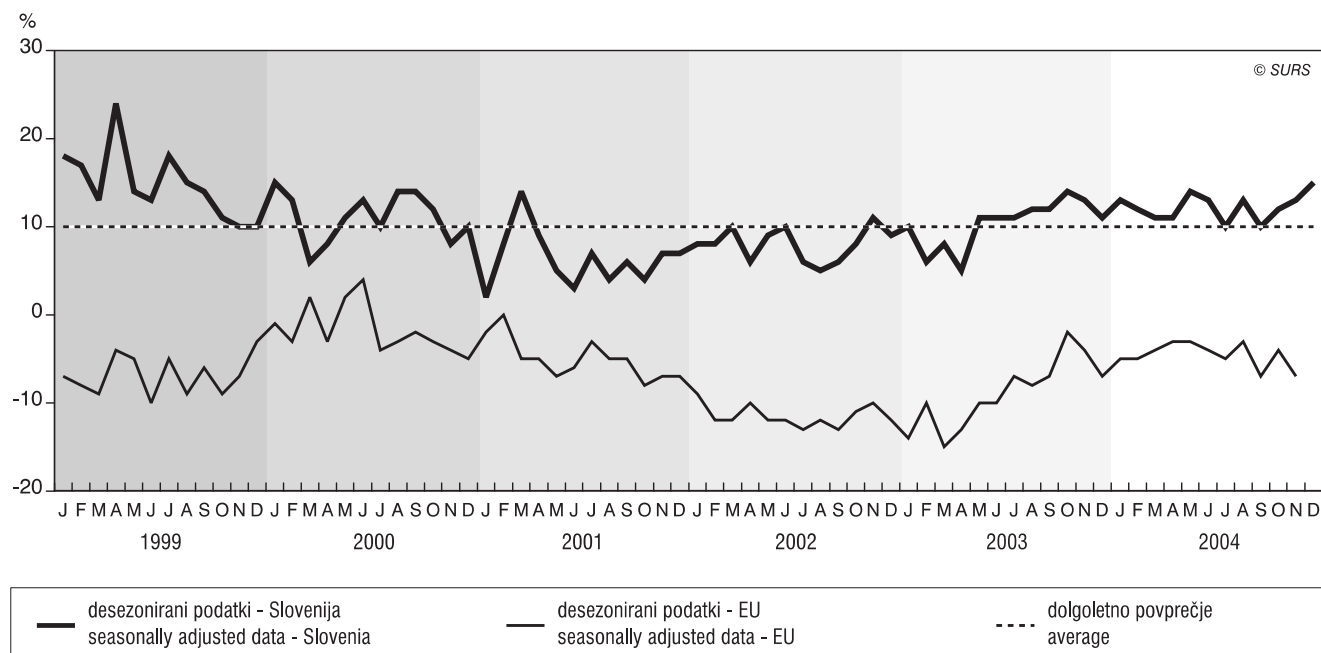
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BUSINESS TENDENCY IN RETAIL TRADE, SLOVENIA, DECEMBER 2004

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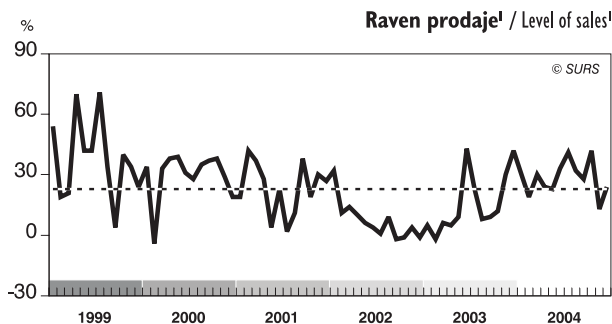
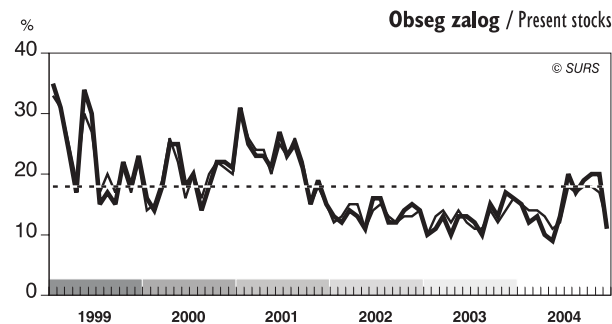
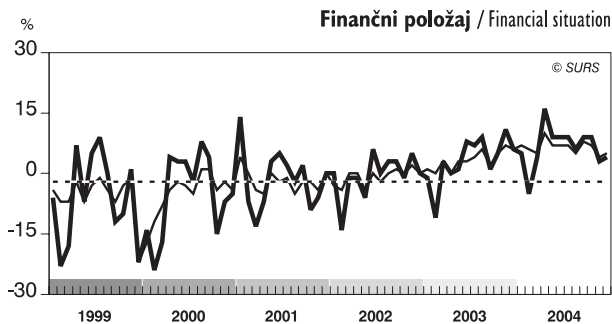
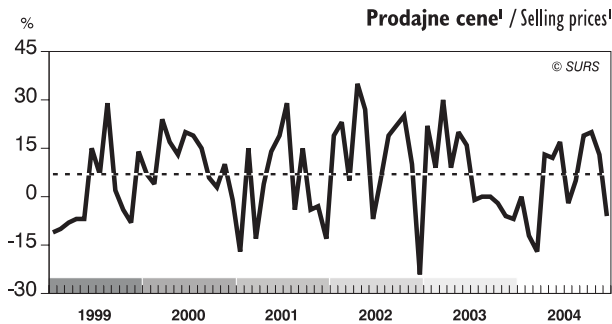
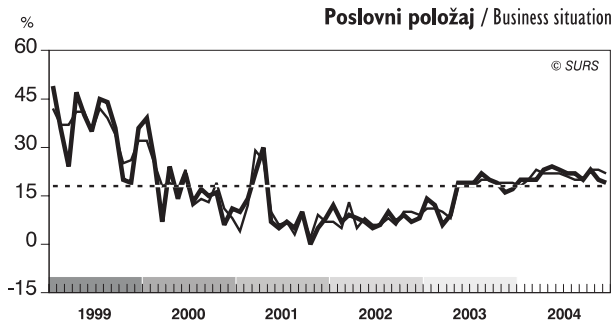
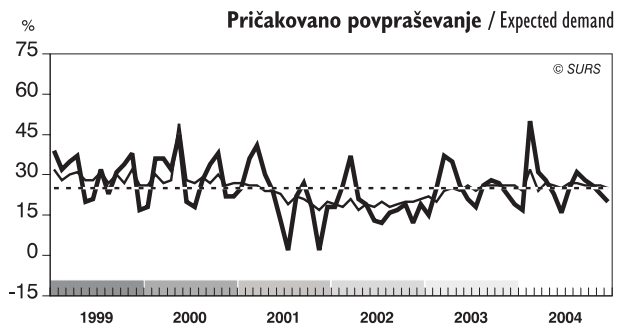
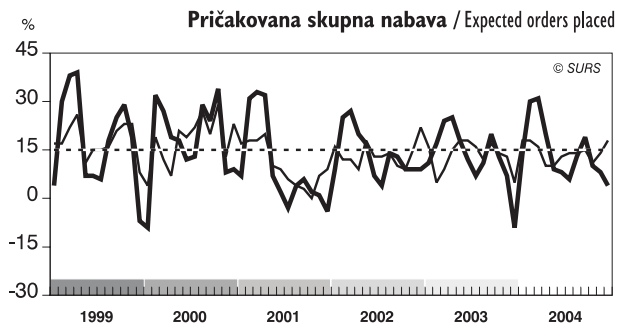
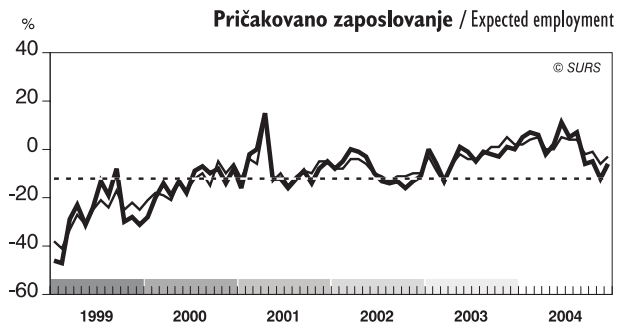
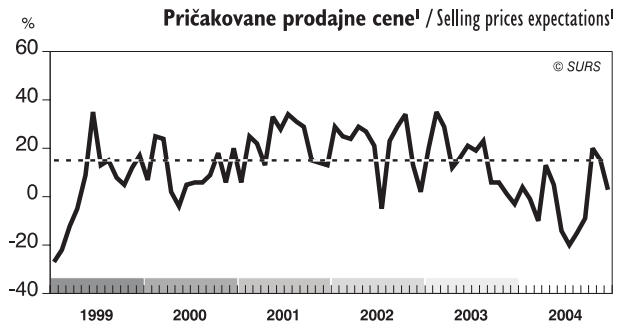
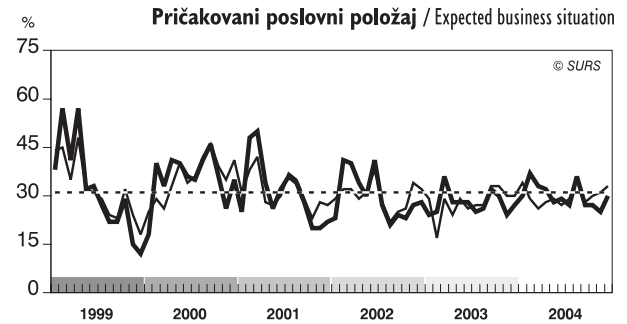
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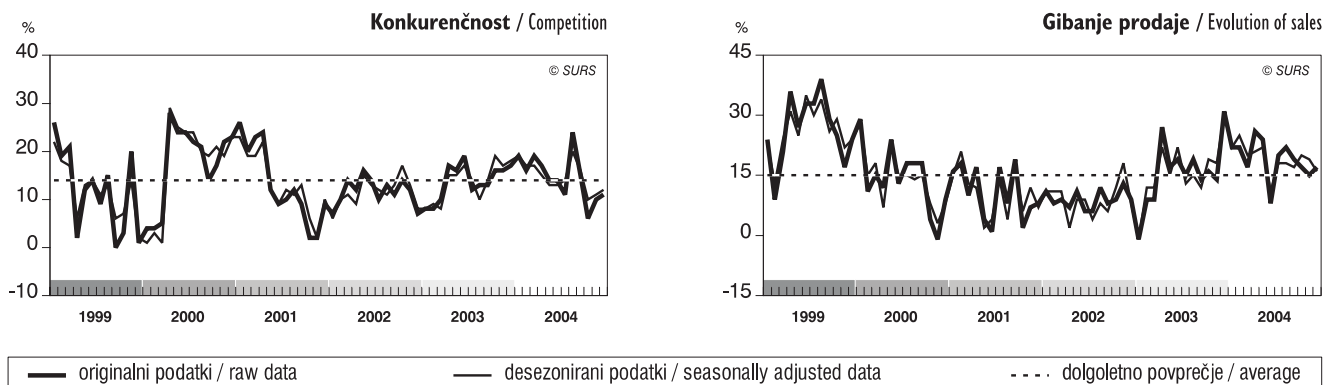
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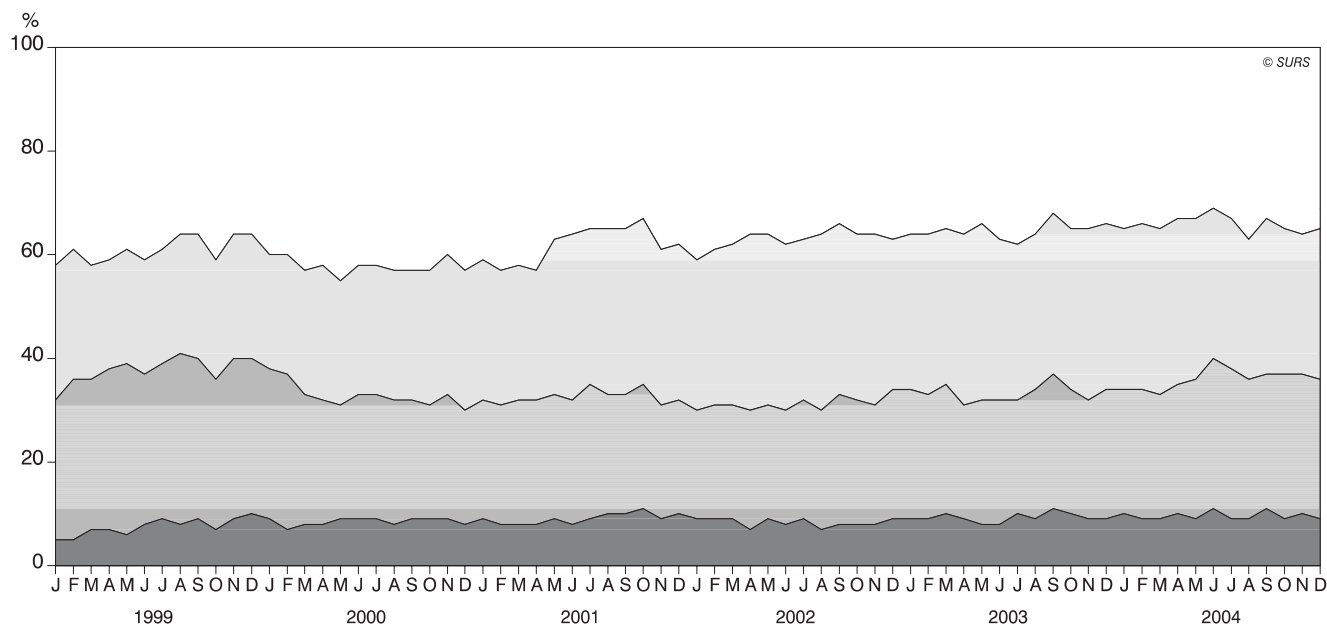
Ocena konkurenčnosti in gibanje prodaje

Appreciation of competition and evolution of sales



Omejitveni dejavniki v trgovini na drobno

Obstacles in retail trade



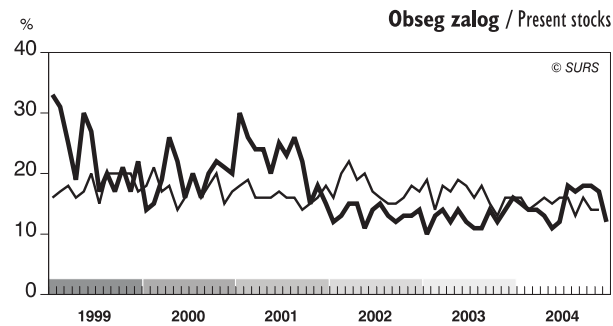
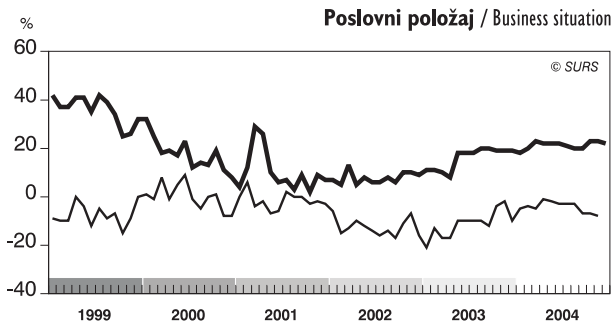
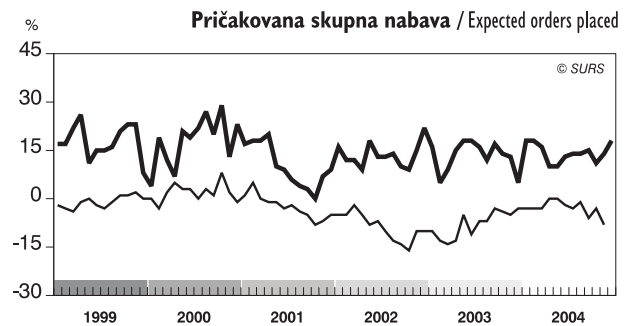
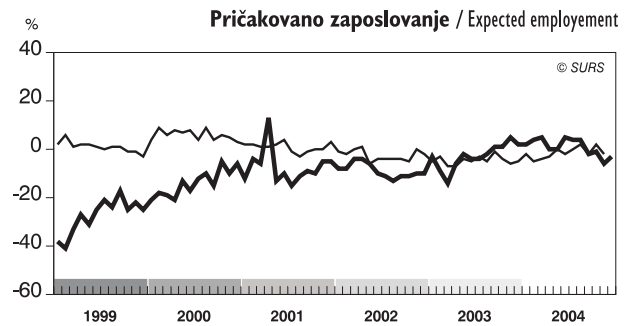
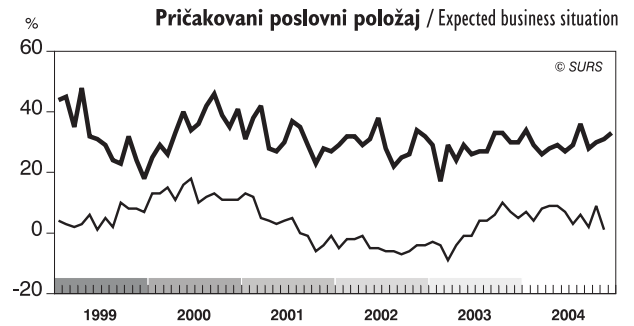
Grafikon o omejitvah v trgovini na drobno prikazuje deleže podjetij, ki se soočajo z naslednjimi skupinami omejitev:

- ▷ Skupina **hude omejitve** zajema podjetja, ki imajo hkrati težave z dejavniki iz skupine "težave s povpraševanjem" kot tudi z dejavniki iz skupine "težave s ponudbo".
- ▷ Skupina **težave s ponudbo** zajema podjetja, ki imajo težave s slabo ponudbo, visokimi stroški dela, visoko ceno denarja, težavami z dostopnostjo do bančnih kreditov, premajhno prodajno površino in premajhnimi skladiščnimi prostori.
- ▷ Skupina **težave s povpraševanjem** zajema podjetja, ki imajo težave z nizkim povpraševanjem in konkurenco v sektorju.
- ▷ Skupina **ni omejitev** zajema podjetja, ki nimajo težav pri prodaji.

The chart on retail trade obstacles shows the share of enterprises faced with the following groups of problems:

- ▷ Group **severe obstacles** includes enterprises faced with problems from the group "demand difficulties" and those from the group "supply difficulties" at the same time.
- ▷ Group **supply difficulties** includes enterprises faced with bad supply, high cost of labour, high cost finance, problems with access to bank credits small sales surface and small storage capacity.
- ▷ Group **demand difficulties** includes enterprises faced with low demand and competition in own sector.
- ▷ Group **no limits** includes enterprises with no limits to retail.



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METODOLOŠKA POJASNILA

NAMEN STATISTIČNEGA RAZISKOVANJA

Namen kvalitativne Ankete o poslovnih tendencah v trgovini na drobno (vprašalnik PA-TRG) je mesečno pridobivanje informacij o trenutnih stanjih glavnih ekonomskih kazalcev ter ocenitev njihovega gibanja v naslednjih mesecih. Rezultati anket so osnova za izračun kazalca zaupanja v trgovini na drobno in kazalca gospodarske klime, ki vključuje poleg kazalca zaupanja v trgovini na drobno tudi kazalec zaupanja pri potrošnikih in kazalec zaupanja v predelovalnih dejavnostih.

Panelno anketo o poslovnih tendencah v trgovini na drobno izvajamo v Sloveniji od januarja 1999 s poenotenim vprašalnikom, na podlagi poenotene metodologije in z enako periodiko, kakor jo izvajajo v državah članicah Evropske unije že več desetletij, kar omogoča neposredno primerljivost podatkov.

ENOTA OPAZOVANJA

Opazujemo podjetja, ki so po Standardni klasifikaciji dejavnosti razvrščena v trgovino na drobno, in sicer v naslednja oddelka:

- 50 - Prodaja, vzdrževanje in popravila motornih vozil; trgovina na drobno z motornimi gorivi,
- 52 - Trgovina na drobno, razen z motornimi vozili; popravila izdelkov široke porabe.

Vzorec podjetij je oblikovan na podlagi dveh meril:

- razvrstitve trgovskega podjetja po SKD in
- velikosti trgovskega podjetja (prihodek, skladno z zakonom o gospodarskih družbah).

VIRI

Na vprašalnik PA - TRG odgovarjajo direktorji podjetij ali drugi vodilni delavci med 1. in 10. v mesecu.

ZAJETJE

V panelni vzorec smo zajeli vsa velika in srednje velika podjetja ter 26 % malih podjetij (ali 37 % prihodka malih podjetij), ki so razvrščena v dejavnost trgovine na drobno ali trgovine z motornimi vozili. Opisani panelni vzorec pokriva 36 % podjetij vzorčnega okvira ali 93 % prihodka v trgovini na drobno in trgovine z motornimi vozili.

NAČIN ZBIRANJA PODATKOV

Anketo izvajamo mesečno po pošti.

UTEŽEVANJE ODGOVOROV

Odgovori so uteženi tako, da odražajo relativno pomembnost posameznega podjetja v vzorcu. Znotraj razredov SKD so odgovori uteženi s prihodkom.

NEODGOVORI

Neodgovore vsak mesec obdelamo skladno s poenoteno metodologijo.

DEFINICIJE IN POJASNILA

Ravnotežje je razlika med pozitivnimi in negativnimi odgovori, izraženimi v odstotkih. Ravnotežja prikazujejo gibanje opazovanih ekonomskih kazalcev (stanj in pričakovanj), ne pa dejanskih velikosti ekonomskih kazalcev. Grafikoni prikazujejo ravnotežja po posameznih vprašanjih.

METHODOLOGICAL EXPLANATIONS

PURPOSE OF THE STATISTICAL SURVEY

The purpose of the qualitative Survey on Business Tendency (questionnaire PA-TRG) is to get monthly information about current situations of major economic indicators and to evaluate their movement in the following months. The results of the survey are the basis for evaluation of the confidence indicator in retail trade and latter on also for the sentiment indicator, which also includes the consumer confidence indicator and the confidence indicator in manufacturing.

We have been carrying out the Panel Survey on Business Tendency in Retail Trade in Slovenia since January 1999 with the harmonised questionnaire, methodology and periodicity, which have been used in EU Member States for several decades. Therefore, all data are directly comparable.

OBSERVATION UNITS

We are monitoring units that are registered in retail trade or sale of motor vehicles in the following divisions:

- 50 - Sale, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles, retail sale of fuels
- 52 - Retail trade, except of motor vehicles, repair of personal and household goods

They were selected into the panel by two criteria:

- the classification of the enterprise according to the Standard Classification of Activities (SCA) and
- the size of the enterprises (turnover in accordance with the Law on Business Companies).

SOURCES

Persons responding to the monthly PA-TRG questionnaire are managers of enterprises or other executives. They respond between the 1st and the 10th of the month.

COVERAGE

The panel includes all large and medium-sized enterprises and 26% of small enterprises (or 37% of their turnover), the principal activity of which is classified into retail trade and sale of motor vehicles. The panel covers 36% of enterprises of the studied population or 93% of turnover in retail trade and sale of motor vehicles.

METHOD OF DATA COLLECTION

The survey is carried out monthly by mail.

WEIGHTS FOR RESPONSES

Responses to individual questions are weighted so that they reflect relative importance of an individual enterprise in the panel. Inside the SKD classes responses are weighted with the turnover.

NON-RESPONSES

Non-responses are processed every month in accordance with the harmonized methodology.

DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

The **balance** is the difference between positive and negative answers, expressed in percent. The balance shows the movement of observed economic indicators (present situation and future expectations), and not the real size of economic indicators. The charts show the balance by individual questions.



Na grafih so prikazane desezonirane vrednosti. To so vrednosti, pri katerih je izključen vpliv sezone, vsebujejo pa trend-cikel in naključno komponento. Podatki za EU so desezonirani z metodo DAINTIES, za Slovenijo pa z metodo TRAMO/SEATS, ki temelji na ARIMA modelih. Pri oblikovanju modelov smo upoštevali obdobje od januarja 1999 do januarja 2004. Pri prodajnih cenah, pričakovanih prodajnih cenah in ravni prodaje sezonska komponenta ni prisotna.

Kazalec zaupanja je povprečje odgovorov (ravnotežij) na vprašanja o sedanjem in pričakovanem poslovnem položaju in sedanjem obsegu zaloga (obrnjen predznak).

OBJAVLJANJE REZULTATOV

Sodelujoči v anketi prejmejo informacijo o dejavnosti, v katero so uvrščeni.

Drugim uporabnikom so ti podatki dostopni na ravni trgovine na drobno in po velikostnih razredih podjetij. Objavljamo jih mesečno v Statističnih informacijah in podatkovni bazi SI-STAT (<http://www.stat.si>).

VPRASHANJA:

- Ocene stanj:
 - Ocena poslovnega položaja v zadnjih 3 mesecih: dober, zadovoljiv - normalen glede na sezono, slab?
 - Prodajne cene so v primerjavi s preteklim mesecem: višje, enake, nižje?
 - Ocena finančnega položaja v primerjavi s preteklim mesecem: boljši, enak, slabši?
 - Ocena obsega zaloga: premajhne, ustrezne - normalne glede na sezono, prevelike?
 - Ocena prodaje glede na isti mesec lanskega leta: na višji ravni, na isti ravni, na nižji ravni?
- Pričakovanja v naslednjih mesecih:
 - Pričakovani poslovni položaj čez 6 mesecev: boljši, enak, slabši?
 - Pričakovane prodajne cene v naslednjih mesecih: višje, enake, nižje?
 - Pričakovano zaposlovanje v naslednjih 3 mesecih: povečalo, ostalo enako, zmanjšalo?
 - Pričakovani obseg skupne nabave (tujih in domačih dobavitelji) v naslednjih 3 mesecih: večji, enak, manjši?
 - Pričakovano povpraševanje v naslednjih 3 mesecih: povečalo, ostalo enako, zmanjšalo?
 - Ocena konkurence na vašem področju glede na pretekli mesec: večja, enaka, manjša?
 - Ocena gibanja prodaje za to obdobje leta: dobro, zadovoljivo, slabo?
 - Dejavniki, ki ovirajo izboljšanje sedanjega položaja: ni omejitev, nizko povpraševanje, slaba ponudba, visoki stroški dela, visoka cena denarja, težka dostopnost do bančnih kreditov, premajhna prodajna površina, premajhni skladiščni prostori, konkurenca v sektorju, ostalo?
 - Pričakovani obseg nabave pri domačih dobaviteljih v naslednjih 3 mesecih: večji, enak, manjši, nimamo domačih dobaviteljev?
 - Pričakovani obseg nabave pri tujih dobaviteljih v naslednjih 3 mesecih: večji, enak, manjši, nimamo tujih dobaviteljev?

Data in the charts are seasonally adjusted. Values are adjusted for the seasonal component and include the trend-cycle component and the irregular component. Data for the EU are seasonally adjusted by DAINTIES method and for Slovenia by TRAMO/SEATS method, which is based on ARIMA models. The designing of the models is based on the time period from January 1999 to January 2004. Selling prices, selling prices expectation and the level of sales have no seasonal component.

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PUBLISHING

Persons participating in the survey get the information on the activity of their enterprises.

Other users can get data for retail trade and data for large, medium-sized and small enterprises published monthly in Rapid Reports and in the SI-STAT database (<http://www.stat.si/eng>).

QUESTIONS:

- Appreciation of situation:
 - Assessment of the present business situation over the past 3 months: good, satisfactory (normal for the season), bad?
 - Selling prices compared to the last month: up, unchanged, down?
 - Assessment of financial situation compared to the last month: better, same, worse?
 - Assessment of stocks: too small, adequate (normal for the season), too large?
 - Assessment of sales compared to the same month of the previous year: at a higher level, unchanged, at a lower level?
- Expectation in the next months:
 - Expected business situation 6 months ahead: better, same, worse?
 - Selling price expectations for the next months: up, unchanged, down?
 - Employment expectations for the next 3 months: up, unchanged, down?
 - Expectations on orders to place with total suppliers (domestic and foreign) in the next 3 months: up, unchanged, down?
 - Expected demand for the next 3 months: up, unchanged, down?
 - Assessment of competition in own sector compared to the last month: up, unchanged, down?
 - Assessment of sales for this period of year: good, satisfactory, bad?
 - Factors limiting the improvement of the present business situation: none, low demand, bad supply, high labour costs, high costs of finance, problems with access to bank credits, small sales surface, small storage capacity, competition in own sector, other?
 - Expectations on orders to place with domestic suppliers in the next 3 months: up, unchanged, down, no domestic suppliers?
 - Expectations on orders to place with foreign suppliers in the next 3 months: up, unchanged, down, no foreign suppliers?

KOMENTAR

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PRIČAKOVANJA

PRIČAKOVANI POSLOVNI POLOŽAJ

Desezonirana vrednost kazalca pričakovanega poslovnega položaja se je zvišala v vseh treh primerjavah. V primerjavi s preteklim mesecem se je dvignila za 2 odstotni točki, glede na lanski december za 3 odstotne točke in glede na lansko povprečje za 5 odstotnih točk.

PRIČAKOVANE PRODAJNE CENE

V primerjavi s preteklim mesecem se je desezonirana vrednost kazalca pričakovanih prodajnih cen močno poslabšala, in sicer za 12 odstotnih točk. V primerjavi z istim mesecem lanskega leta pa je bila vrednost kazalca višja za 6 odstotnih točk. Izrazito poslabšanje je bilo zabeleženo tudi glede na lansko povprečje, in sicer za 12 odstotnih točk.

PRIČAKOVANO ZAPOSLOVANJE

Desezonirana vrednost kazalca pričakovanega zaposlovanja se je zvišala za 3 odstotne točke glede na pretekli mesec in se za 6 odstotnih točk znižala glede na isti mesec lanskega leta. Vrednost kazalca je ostala nespremenjena v primerjavi z lanskim povprečjem.

PRIČAKOVANA SKUPNA NABAVA

Desezonirana vrednost kazalca pričakovane skupne nabave se je izboljšala v vseh primerjavah. V primerjavi z novembrom 2004 se je dvignila za 4 odstotne točke, v primerjavi z decembrom 2003 kar za 13 odstotnih točk in v primerjavi z lanskim povprečjem za 5 odstotnih točk.

PRIČAKOVANO POVPRŠEVANJE

Desezonirana vrednost kazalca pričakovanega povpraševanja je bila v primerjavi s preteklim mesecem nižja za 1 odstotno točko. Glede na isti mesec lanskega leta in glede na lansko povprečje se je vrednost kazalca rahlo dvignila, in sicer za 1 odstotno točko v obeh primerjavah.

STANJA

POSLOVNI POLOŽAJ

V decembru 2004 je bila desezonirana vrednost kazalca poslovnega položaja nižja za 1 odstotno točko v primerjavi s preteklim mesecem. V primerjavi z istim mesecem lanskega leta je vrednost kazalca višja za 2 odstotni točki, v primerjavi z lanskim povprečjem pa je za 6 odstotnih točk.

COMMENT

In December 2004 the seasonally adjusted retail trade confidence indicator rose by 2 percentage points compared to November 2004. Compared to December 2003 it rose by 3 percentage points while compared to last year's average its value climbed by 5 percentage points.

This development of the confidence indicator was determined by the improvement of the indicators of the expected business situation and the volume of stocks. On the other hand, the indicator of the present business situation deteriorated.

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EXPECTATIONS

EXPECTED BUSINESS SITUATION

The seasonally adjusted value of the expected business situation indicator rose in all three comparisons. Compared to the previous month it increased by 2 percentage points, compared to December 2003 by 3 percentage points and compared to last year's average by 5 percentage points.

SELLING PRICES EXPECTATIONS

The seasonally adjusted value of the selling prices expectations indicator remarkably worsened, i.e. by 12 percentage points compared to the previous month. However, in comparison with December 2003 the value rose by 6 percentage points. A strong worsening was also recorded compared to last year's average, i.e. by 12 percentage points.

EXPECTED EMPLOYMENT

The seasonally adjusted value of the expected employment indicator showed a rise by 3 percentage points in comparison with the previous month and a 6 percentage points decline compared to December 2003. The value remained the same as the last year's average.

EXPECTED ORDERS

The seasonally adjusted value of the expected orders indicator improved in all three comparisons. In comparison with November 2004 by 4 percentage points, compared to December 2003 by 13 percentage points and compared to last year's average by 5 percentage points.

EXPECTED DEMAND

The seasonally adjusted value of the expected demand indicator was down by 1 percentage point in comparison with the previous month. Compared to December 2003 and compared to last year's average it showed slight increase, i.e. by 1 percentage point in both comparisons.

SITUATION

BUSINESS SITUATION

In December 2004 the seasonally adjusted value of the business situation indicator fell by 1 percentage point compared to the previous month. Compared to December 2003 it rose by 2 percentage points and compared to last year's average by 6 percentage points.



PRODAJNE CENE

Desezonirana vrednost kazalca prodajnih cen je pokazala izredno mesečno znižanje, in sicer za 19 odstotnih točk. Šibko izboljšanje vrednosti je bilo zabeleženo le glede na isti mesec lanskega leta (za 1 odstotno točko), saj je bila vrednost kar za 14 odstotnih točk nižja od lanskega povprečja.

FINANČNI POLOŽAJ

Desezonirana vrednost kazalca finančnega položaja se je v primerjavi s preteklim mesecem dvignila za 1 odstotno točko. V primerjavi z decembrom 2003 je bila nižja za 2 odstotni točki, medtem ko je bila 2 odstotni točki nad lanskim povprečjem.

OBSEG ZALOG

Obseg zalog se je v splošnem zmanjšal, saj je bila desezonirana vrednost kazalca obsega zalog nižja v vseh treh primerjavah. Glede na pretekli mesec in glede na december 2003 je bila vrednost kazalca nižja za 5 odstotnih točk, glede na lansko povprečje pa za 1 odstotno točko.

RAVEN PRODAJE

Desezonirana vrednost kazalca ravni prodaje se je v primerjavi s preteklim mesecem zelo izboljšala, in sicer za 11 odstotnih točk. Po drugi strani pa je bila njegova vrednost za 18 odstotnih točk nižja kot decembra 2003 in za 8 odstotnih točk višja od lanskega povprečja.

KONKURENČNOST

Desezonirana vrednost kazalca konkurenčnosti je bila v primerjavi z novembrom 2004 višja za 1 odstotno točko. V primerjavi z istim mesecem lani in z lanskim povprečjem pa je njegova vrednost padla, in sicer za 6 odstotnih točk oziroma 2 odstotni točki.

GIBANJE PRODAJE ZA TO OBDOBJE LETA

Desezonirana vrednost kazalca gibanja prodaje je padla tako v primerjavi s preteklim mesecem kot tudi v primerjavi z istim mesecem lanskega leta, in sicer za 3 odstotne točke oz. 14 odstotnih točk. Glede na lansko povprečje je ostala njegova vrednost nespremenjena.

OMEJITVENI DEJAVNIKI V TRGOVINI NA DROBNO

V trgovini na drobno se je 35 % podjetij (oz. 24 % prihodka) srečevalo z dejavniki iz skupine "hude omejitve". Tako v primerjavi s preteklim mesecem kot tudi z istim mesecem lanskega leta je bil delež teh podjetij za 1 odstotno točko višji.

Podjetij, ki so se srečevala s skupino dejavnikov "težave s ponudbo", je bilo 29 % (oz. 27 % prihodka). Delež teh podjetij se je glede na pretekli mesec znižal za 3 odstotne točke, prav toliko pa se je znižal tudi glede na isti mesec lanskega leta.

Podjetij, ki so se srečevala s skupino dejavnikov "težave s povpraševanjem", je bilo 27 % (oz. 33 % prihodka), kar je bilo za 2 odstotni točki več kot v preteklem mesecu in kot v lanskem decembru.

Podjetij, ki niso imela omejitev v poslovanju, je bilo 9 % (oz. 16 % prihodka). Delež teh podjetij je bil tako glede na pretekli mesec kot v lanskem decembru nespremenjen.

SELLING PRICES

In a month-to-month comparison the seasonally adjusted value of the selling prices indicator showed a strong decrease, i.e. by 19 percentage points. A weak improvement of the value was recorded only compared to December 2003 (by 1 percentage point) while it was 14 percentage points below last year's average.

FINANCIAL SITUATION

The seasonally adjusted value of the financial situation indicator rose by 1 percentage point compared to the previous month. Compared to December 2003 it edged down by 2 percentage points while it was 2 percentage points above last year's average.

PRESENT STOCKS

The volume of the present stocks diminished as the seasonally adjusted value of the present stocks indicator showed an overall reduction. Compared to the previous month and to December 2003 its value fell by 5 percentage points and compared to last year's average by 1 percentage point.

LEVEL OF SALES

The seasonally adjusted value of the level of sales indicator improved significantly (by 11 percentage points) compared to the previous month. On the other hand, it was 18 percentage points lower than in December 2003 and 8 percentage points higher than last year's average.

COMPETITION

The seasonally adjusted value of the competition indicator was 1 percentage point higher than in November 2004. Compared to December 2003 and to last year's average its value fell by 6 and 2 percentage points, respectively.

EVOLUTION OF SALES FOR THIS PERIOD OF YEAR

The seasonally adjusted value of the evolution of sales edged down in comparison with the previous month as well as with the same month last year, i.e. by 3 and 14 percentage points, respectively. The value remained the same in comparison with last year's average.

OBSTACLES IN RETAIL TRADE

In retail trade 35% of enterprises (24% of turnover) were faced with "severe obstacles" in trading. Compared to the previous month and to the same month of the previous year the share of these enterprises was higher by 1 percentage point.

The share of enterprises faced with "supply difficulties" was 29% (27% of turnover). This share fell by 3 percentage points compared to the previous month as well as compared to December 2003.

The share of enterprises faced with "demand difficulties" was 27% (33% of turnover), which was 2 percentage points more than in the previous month and in December 2003.

Only 9% of enterprises (16% of turnover) experienced *no obstacles*. The share of these enterprises stayed the same as in the previous month as well as in December 2003.



Podrobnejši pregled omejitvenih dejavnikov v trgovini na drobno¹⁾:

- 46 % podjetij (ali 47 % prihodka) je omejevala konkurenca v sektorju,
- 38 % podjetij (ali 33 % prihodka) so omejevali visoki stroški dela,
- 34 % podjetij (ali 23 % prihodka) je omejevalo nezadostno povpraševanje,
- 26 % podjetij (ali 30 % prihodka) je omejevala visoka cena denarja,
- 15 % podjetij (ali 8 % prihodka) je omejevala premajhna prodajna površina,
- 12 % podjetij (ali 7 % prihodka) je omejevala dostopnost do bančnih kreditov,
- 10 % podjetij (ali 17 % prihodka) ni imelo omejitev v poslovanju,
- 10 % podjetij (ali 4 % prihodka) so omejevali drugi dejavniki, kot so finančna nedisciplina, visoke najemnine, slaba lokacija itd.,
- 8 % podjetij (ali 3 % prihodka) so omejevali premajhni skladiščni prostori,
- 3 % podjetij (ali 1 % prihodka) je omejevala slaba ponudba.

A more detailed overview of obstacles in retail trade¹⁾ shows that:

- 46% of enterprises (or 47% of turnover) were limited by competition in own sector,
- 38% of enterprises (or 33% of turnover) were limited by high cost of labour,
- 34% of enterprises (or 23% of turnover) were limited by insufficient demand,
- 26% of enterprises (or 30% of turnover) were limited by high cost of money,
- 15% of enterprises (or 8% of turnover) were limited by shortage of sales surface,
- 12% of enterprises (or 7% of turnover) were limited by access to bank credits,
- 10% of enterprises (or 17% of turnover) experienced no obstacles,
- 10% of enterprises (or 4% of turnover) were limited by other factors such as lack of financial discipline, high rents, bad location, etc.,
- 8% of enterprises (or 3% of turnover) were limited by small storage capacity,
- 3% of enterprises (or 1% of turnover) were limited by supply shortage.

1) Podjetja lahko označijo več dejavnikov, ki omejujejo njihovo poslovanje, zato vsota odstotkov ni 100%.
Enterprises can select several obstacles to their business, so the total is not 100%.

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