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## VOLUME INDEX OF WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE FIRST QUARTER 2021



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### VOLUME INDEX OF WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE FIRST QUARTER OF 2021

Volume Index of Wholesale & Retail Trade Increased  
1.5 per cent in the First Quarter of 2021



Q4 2020  
-1.3%

Q1 2021  
1.5%

#### Wholesale Trade



0.8%

Non-Specialised  
Wholesale Trade

5.4%

Wholesale of  
Machinery,  
Equipment &  
Supplies

4.8%

#### Retail Trade



0.9%

Retail Sale Not in  
Stores, Stalls or  
Markets

7.8%

Retail Sale via Stalls  
& Markets

6.9%

#### Motor Vehicles



6.6%

Sale, Maintenance  
& Repair of  
Motorcycles

18.9%

Sales of Motor  
Vehicles

14.2%

0.5%

Q4 2020

0.5%

Q1 2021

Seasonally Adjusted Volume  
Index grew 0.5% as against  
the previous  
quarter

In the first quarter of 2021, volume index of Wholesale & Retail Trade rebounded for the first time after 3 consecutive quarters of negative growth due to COVID-19 to record **1.5 per cent** year-on-year. This growth was attributed to Motor Vehicles sub-sector which grew **6.6 per cent**. This was followed by Retail Trade and Wholesale Trade with **0.9 per cent** and **0.8 per cent** respectively. Meanwhile, for quarter-on-quarter comparison, volume index decreased **1.4 per cent** in this quarter.

Meanwhile, seasonally adjusted volume index of Wholesale & Retail Trade grew **0.5 per cent** as against the fourth quarter of 2020. This growth was underpinned by Retail Trade, Motor Vehicles and Wholesale Trade sub-sector which recorded increases of **2.5 per cent**, **1.6 per cent** and **0.6 per cent** respectively as compared to the previous quarter.

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

Sub-sector (2015=100)	Volume index			
	Original	% Change YoY	Seasonally Adjusted	% Change QoQ
<b>Volume index of Wholesale &amp; Retail Trade</b>	<b>129.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>129.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>
Volume index of Wholesale Trade	127.8	0.8	129.3	0.6
Volume index of Retail Trade	139.9	0.9	139.6	2.5
Volume index of Motor Vehicles	104.0	6.6	106.9	1.6

### Wholesale Trade Sub-sector

Volume index of Wholesale Trade sub-sector on the positive trend to record **0.8 per cent** growth in first quarter 2021 as compared to the same quarter in 2020. This increment was attributed to Non-specialised Wholesale with **5.4 per cent**, Wholesale of Machinery, Equipment & Supplies **4.8 per cent**, Wholesale of Household Goods as well as Wholesale of Food, Beverages & Tobacco which recorded a growth of **4.4 per cent** respectively. For quarterly growth, volume index of Wholesale Trade went down **2.5 per cent**.

### Retail Trade Sub-sector

For the first quarter of 2021, Retail Trade recorded **0.9 per cent** growth as against the same quarter of the previous year, pushed up by Retail Sale Not in Stores, Stalls or Markets **7.8 per cent**, Retail Sale via Stalls & Market **6.9 per cent**, Retail Sale of Food, Beverages & Tobacco **5.2 per cent**, Retail Sale of Information & Communication Equipment **4.3 per cent** and Retail Sale in Non-specialised Stores **3.2 per cent**. For quarter-on-quarter comparison, volume index of this sub-sector fell **0.05 per cent**.

### Motor Vehicles Sub-sector

Volume index of Motor Vehicles went up **6.6 per cent** year-on-year, underpinned by Sales, Maintenance & Repair of Motorcycles and Sales of Motor Vehicles which expanded **18.9 per cent** and **14.2 per cent** respectively. However, Sales of Motor Vehicle Parts & Accessories and Maintenance & Repair of Motor Vehicles recorded negative growth of **-3.2 per cent** and **-3.9 per cent** respectively. For performance of this sub-sector as against the previous quarter, it decreased **2.5 per cent**.

The full publication of the Quarterly Volume Index of Wholesale & Retail Trade, First 2021 can

be downloaded from [eStatistik](#) portal.

*Note.*

Data for first quarter of 2021 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the publication of second quarter 2021.

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