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Brief History

In the year 1949, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry was reorganized and the Ministry of International Trade and Industry was established. In its path to post war recovery, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) has gradually shaped itself responding to the needs of the times. In the year 1998 the first publication of the statistical yearbook happened.

Scope and Coverage

This yearbook contains the results of a survey based on the Current Survey of Commerce, which aims to clarify the trends in sales activities of commercial establishments and enterprises of Japan. The survey is conducted according to the Regulations for the Current Survey of Commerce (Ministry of International Trade and Industry Ordinance No. 17, 1953).

The survey encompass a wide area of data that includes establishments and enterprises throughout the nation which come under Division “I” of the Japan Standards Industrial Classification (wholesale and retail trade), excluding agency businesses, brokerage businesses.

Kind of Information

Comprehensive statistical coverage of the commercial activities of Japan can be found through this yearbook. Some of the topics on which the data are presented, mentioned below:

Part1 Commercial sales

Table 1 Commercial sales value by type of business and the percentage change from the same month/term of the previous year (excel/59KB)

Part 2 Large-scale wholesales trade

Table 1 Large-scale wholesale sales value by goods and the percentage change from the same month/term of the previous year (excel/59KB)

Table 2 Commodity stocks and inventory ratio at the end of term(excel/50KB)

By clicking on any of the above link excel files containing statistical data reports are found. The table 1 depicts the all the data by general and financial year, with month-wise break ups. Data are provided under the following heads: “Nonstore retailers”, “Medicine & Toiletry stores”, “Fuel, Machinery and equipments”, “Motor vehicles”, “Food & beverages”, “Fabrics Apparel and accessories”, “General Merchandise”, “Retail Furniture and house furnishing”, "Electrical Machinery & Equipment", "Motor Vehicles", "Industry Machinery & Equipment” and so on. The sales value shown at the table is of Billion Yen. Footnotes are found regarding the heading “Others”, “Reference”, “change of percentage” etc.

Special Features

- ❖ General and advanced site search facility.
- ❖ From the METI homepage heading “Information” links to Minister’s statement, New releases Publications, Photo gallery etc. are provided.
- ❖ Font size modification option is available.
- ❖ Language changing option within English and Japanese is provided.
- ❖ Facility of RSS feed is there.
- ❖ Link to Policy index, White papers and reports, METI related Laws, METI Mobile, Councils , Data reports and METI budget and tax policies from the heading “ Policies”.

Arrangement Pattern

The content of the yearbook is divisioned in parts with name of the segment. Under each segment (e.g., - Part 1 Commercial sales, Part 2 Large-scale wholesales trade) tables of data are placed with name and number of the table.

Tables are numbered serially under each part and their numbers starts afresh in each new part.

Below is a specimen of the said content page arrangement :

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Part1 Commercial sales

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Part3 Department stores and supermarkets trade(Formerly:Large-scale retail sales trade)

[Table 1 Department stores and supermarkets sales value by goods and the percentage change from the same month/term of the previous year \(excel/114KB\)](#)

[Table 2 Department stores and supermarkets sales value by regional bureaus of METI and by goods\(excel/184KB\)](#)

[Table 3 Department stores and supermarkets sales value by prefectures and by goods\(excel/979KB\)](#)

[Table 4 Department stores and supermarkets sales value by Special ward of Tokyo and ordinance-designated city and by goods\(excel/502KB\)](#)

[Table 5 Percentage change from the same month/term of the previous year of department stores and supermarkets sales value by regional bureaus of METI\(excel/70KB\)](#)

[Table 6 Percentage change from the same month/term of the previous year of Department](#)

Remarks

Fully data driven yearbook that provides a thorough representation of the country's commerce related activities. This statistical yearbook is a very important document for understanding the economic development of Japan through the years.

Comparable Tools

- China Commerce Yearbook
(http://www.yearbook.org.cn/english/yearbook_view/2015/2015contents.htm)
- German Yearbook on Business History
(<http://www.springer.com/gp/book/9783642711985>)

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