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### Abbreviations and symbols

- p Provisional  
o Less than 0.5 but more than nil

Discrepancies in the totals are due to rounding.

## Methodological notes

Consolidated financial statements statistics have been released on a semi-annual basis since 2007. Listed non-financial groups admitted to the Prime Standard segment of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange which publish consolidated financial statements prepared according to the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) form part of the reporting group.

The published economic metrics are based on consolidated financial statement data which are adjusted for intra-group transactions between globally active group companies. Data from the balance sheets and the groups' income statement are recorded. Consolidated financial statement statistics therefore allow a timely analysis of the asset and capital structure and of the profitability of large German groups on a consolidated basis as well as an observation of economic developments.

The data are reported in condensed form as well as broken down by the economic sectors services and production.

cy; the flow statistics are then aggregated to form semi-annual data by adding the data from first and second quarters (and the third and fourth quarters, respectively). Some missing data are estimated. The annual flow figures do not always match the sum of the two half-year figures.

The published absolute values are unadjusted aggregates. By contrast, the rates of change for the aggregated values are adjusted for changes in the groups' bases of consolidation (addition or removal of fully consolidated entities in financial statements) and by changes in the reporting group (addition or removal in Prime Standard for equities). Furthermore, the semi-annual rates of change are adjusted for seasonal effects. Seasonally adjusted results and methodological notes can be found in the Statistical Series – Seasonally adjusted business statistics.<sup>1)</sup>

For detailed methodological notes on consolidated financial statements, see the Quality report on consolidated financial statements statistics.<sup>2)</sup>

## Reporting group

Groups which generate a noteworthy share of their value in Germany are included in the reporting group. That share is deemed to be noteworthy if at least 10% of its total sales or more than €500 million of its sales are generated in Germany, or if at least 10% of its staff or more than 500 members of staff are employed in Germany. The reporting group thus currently includes around 230 groups. There is no double counting through sub-groups. The cut-off dates for adding groups to the reporting group or removing them are 30 June and 31 December.

## Statistical preparation

The Bundesbank itself extracts and captures the data for the largest groups from their financial reports (currently 30 groups). The data for other groups are obtained from a private data provider.

The statistics on flows – such as sales or operating profit (loss) – are based on data for the respective half-year or full-year figure, while the figures for stocks are as at the end of the half-year.

Where consolidated financial statement data are available on a quarterly basis, they are also recorded at this frequen-

## Notes on individual items

Since balance sheet data and income statement figures are not reported according to a binding classification format in published IFRS financial statements, the allocation of sub-items can vary between enterprises, which means that items may need to be reclassified to ensure consistency. The largest groups, which are recorded manually, are consolidated in accordance with the following aspects:

### Non-current assets

Non-current assets include: intangible assets, property, plant and equipment, investments (at equity), shares in related parties and similar financial assets, investment property, other non-current financial assets, deferred tax assets and other non-current assets.

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Non-current financial assets consist of investments (at equity), shares in related parties and similar financial assets, investment property and other non-current financial assets.

1 <https://www.bundesbank.de/en/statistics/economic-activity-and-prices/-/seasonally-adjusted-business-statistics-808774>.

2 <https://www.bundesbank.de/resource/blob/622532/d0348713fb21ffb896a373599232242/m1/quality-report-on-consolidated-financial-statement-statistics-data.pdf>.

## Current assets

The following are consolidated as current assets: inventories, trade receivables, current tax assets, other current assets (including short-term investments), cash and cash equivalents as well as non-current assets and disposal groups.

## Equity

Share capital, capital reserves (including hybrid or mezzanine capital), revenue reserves (including profit or loss for the year), cumulated capital changes recognised in equity (OCI or other reserves) and non-controlling interests are aggregated in equity. Treasury shares are deducted from equity.

## Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities include all financial liabilities, in particular pertaining to bonds, commercial paper, leasing or bank debt.

## Operating profit (EBIT/EBITDA)

Alongside submitted data, the operative income figures are even calculated from other income statement items in some cases (EBIT = turnover + other operating income – operative expenses – other operating expenses; EBITDA = EBIT + depreciation and amortisation).

On 1 January 2018 and 1 January 2019, changes in IFRS accounting standards came into effect, which had a significant effect on the reported figures and thus impair comparability with preceding periods.

## I. Assets, equity and liabilities of listed non-financial groups \*

End of year/half

Period	Assets									Equity and liabilities								
	Total assets	of which:				of which:				Cash <sup>1</sup>	Liabilities				of which:			
		Non-current assets	Intangible assets	Tangible assets	Financial assets	Current assets	Inventories	Trade receivables	Equity		Total	Total	of which: Financial debt	Total	Financial debt	Trade payables		
		(€ billion)																
<b>Total (€ billion)</b>																		
2018 <sup>3</sup>	2,589.0	1,536.7	540.8	610.8	288.5	1,052.3	249.5	234.7	172.6	789.8	1,799.2	925.7	558.7	873.4	257.5	205.0		
2019	2,800.6	1,769.7	586.3	737.1	333.4	1,030.9	257.5	237.6	168.4	821.0	1,979.6	1,091.2	676.3	888.4	289.8	207.6		
2020	2,850.0	1,797.3	607.5	733.1	335.1	1,052.7	243.6	225.9	240.5	811.5	2,038.5	1,181.5	746.3	857.0	304.4	196.1		
2021 <sup>P</sup>	3,292.0	1,971.6	680.1	773.9	368.6	1,320.4	272.1	338.2	269.6	994.4	2,297.6	1,206.9	772.1	1,090.7	310.4	238.0		
2020 H1	2,891.4	1,800.9	625.0	734.0	319.7	1,090.5	257.6	216.4	220.7	793.7	2,097.7	1,183.8	754.2	913.9	335.5	179.7		
H2	2,850.0	1,797.3	607.5	733.1	335.1	1,052.7	243.6	225.9	240.5	811.5	2,038.5	1,181.5	746.3	857.0	304.4	196.1		
2021 H1	3,017.6	1,877.0	649.3	745.0	343.7	1,140.6	256.2	273.2	240.8	906.9	2,110.7	1,178.6	751.9	932.1	297.4	206.9		
H2 P	3,292.0	1,971.6	680.1	773.9	368.6	1,320.4	272.1	338.2	269.6	994.4	2,297.6	1,206.9	772.1	1,090.7	310.4	238.0		
As a percentage of total assets																		
2018 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	59.4	20.9	23.6	11.1	40.6	9.6	9.1	6.7	30.5	69.5	35.8	21.6	33.7	10.0	7.9		
2019	100.0	63.2	20.9	26.3	11.9	36.8	9.2	8.5	6.0	29.3	70.7	39.0	24.2	31.7	10.4	7.4		
2020	100.0	63.1	21.3	25.7	11.8	36.9	8.6	7.9	8.4	28.5	71.5	41.5	26.2	30.1	10.7	6.9		
2021 <sup>P</sup>	100.0	59.9	20.7	23.5	11.2	40.1	8.3	10.3	8.2	30.2	69.8	36.7	23.5	33.1	9.4	7.2		
2020 H1	100.0	62.3	21.6	25.4	11.1	37.7	8.9	7.5	7.6	27.5	72.6	40.9	26.1	31.6	11.6	6.2		
H2	100.0	63.1	21.3	25.7	11.8	36.9	8.6	7.9	8.4	28.5	71.5	41.5	26.2	30.1	10.7	6.9		
2021 H1	100.0	62.2	21.5	24.7	11.4	37.8	8.5	9.1	8.0	30.1	70.0	39.1	24.9	30.9	9.9	6.9		
H2 P	100.0	59.9	20.7	23.5	11.2	40.1	8.3	10.3	8.2	30.2	69.8	36.7	23.5	33.1	9.4	7.2		
<b>Groups with a focus on the production sector (€ billion)</b> <sup>2</sup>																		
2018 <sup>3</sup>	2,149.3	1,215.4	388.1	472.9	277.5	933.9	234.5	188.6	139.2	636.7	1,512.6	760.2	442.4	752.3	236.2	152.5		
2019	2,302.9	1,396.4	419.6	565.4	319.7	906.5	243.8	188.5	136.8	662.2	1,640.7	887.5	523.8	753.2	257.5	158.0		
2020	2,265.0	1,354.9	399.0	543.5	320.0	910.1	228.7	179.5	187.9	636.2	1,628.7	904.7	536.9	724.0	267.3	149.8		
2021 <sup>P</sup>	2,626.3	1,479.3	441.7	573.9	347.4	1,147.0	254.4	281.7	212.3	764.7	1,861.6	918.5	548.5	943.1	274.9	184.0		
2020 H1	2,304.8	1,351.9	406.4	547.1	303.3	952.9	243.9	171.5	171.3	614.6	1,690.2	912.1	548.4	778.0	294.6	137.0		
H2	2,265.0	1,354.9	399.0	543.5	320.0	910.1	228.7	179.5	187.9	636.2	1,628.7	904.7	536.9	724.0	267.3	149.8		
2021 H1	2,392.8	1,398.3	416.6	551.0	322.5	994.6	240.6	221.9	192.4	703.5	1,689.4	892.3	532.0	797.1	261.3	162.1		
H2 P	2,626.3	1,479.3	441.7	573.9	347.4	1,147.0	254.4	281.7	212.3	764.7	1,861.6	918.5	548.5	943.1	274.9	184.0		
As a percentage of total assets																		
2018 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	56.6	18.1	22.0	12.9	43.5	10.9	8.8	6.5	29.6	70.4	35.4	20.6	35.0	11.0	7.1		
2019	100.0	60.6	18.2	24.6	13.9	39.4	10.6	8.2	5.9	28.8	71.3	38.5	22.7	32.7	11.2	6.9		
2020	100.0	59.8	17.6	24.0	14.1	40.2	10.1	7.9	8.3	28.1	71.9	39.9	23.7	32.0	11.8	6.6		
2021 <sup>P</sup>	100.0	56.3	16.8	21.9	13.2	43.7	9.7	10.7	8.1	29.1	70.9	35.0	20.9	35.9	10.5	7.0		
2020 H1	100.0	58.7	17.6	23.7	13.2	41.3	10.6	7.4	7.4	26.7	73.3	39.6	23.8	33.8	12.8	6.0		
H2	100.0	59.8	17.6	24.0	14.1	40.2	10.1	7.9	8.3	28.1	71.9	39.9	23.7	32.0	11.8	6.6		
2021 H1	100.0	58.4	17.4	23.0	13.5	41.6	10.1	9.3	8.0	29.4	70.6	37.3	22.2	33.3	10.9	6.8		
H2 P	100.0	56.3	16.8	21.9	13.2	43.7	9.7	10.7	8.1	29.1	70.9	35.0	20.9	35.9	10.5	7.0		
<b>Groups with a focus on the services sector (€ billion)</b>																		
2018 <sup>3</sup>	439.7	321.3	152.7	137.9	11.0	118.3	14.9	46.1	33.3	153.1	286.6	165.5	116.3	121.1	21.3	52.5		
2019	497.7	373.3	166.7	171.8	13.7	124.4	13.7	49.1	31.6	158.8	338.9	203.8	152.6	135.1	32.3	49.6		
2020	585.0	442.4	208.5	189.6	15.1	142.6	14.9	46.4	52.6	175.3	409.7	276.7	209.4	133.0	37.1	46.3		
2021 <sup>P</sup>	665.7	492.2	238.5	200.0	21.3	173.5	17.7	56.5	57.3	229.7	436.0	288.4	223.6	147.6	35.5	53.9		
2020 H1	586.6	449.0	218.7	186.8	16.3	137.6	13.7	44.9	49.4	179.1	407.6	271.7	205.7	135.9	40.9	42.6		
H2	585.0	442.4	208.5	189.6	15.1	142.6	14.9	46.4	52.6	175.3	409.7	276.7	209.4	133.0	37.1	46.3		
2021 H1	624.7	478.7	232.6	194.1	21.2	146.1	15.5	51.4	48.4	203.4	421.3	286.4	219.9	135.0	36.1	44.8		
H2 P	665.7	492.2	238.5	200.0	21.3	173.5	17.7	56.5	57.3	229.7	436.0	288.4	223.6	147.6	35.5	53.9		
As a percentage of total assets																		
2018 <sup>3</sup>	100.0	73.1	34.7	31.4	2.5	26.9	3.4	10.5	7.6	34.8	65.2	37.6	26.5	27.6	4.8	11.9		
2019	100.0	75.0	33.5	34.5	2.8	25.0	2.8	9.9	6.4	31.9	68.1	41.0	30.7	27.2	6.5	10.0		
2020	100.0	75.6	35.6	32.4	2.6	24.4	2.6	7.9	9.0	30.0	70.0	47.3	35.8	22.7	6.3	7.9		
2021 <sup>P</sup>	100.0	73.9	35.8	30.0	3.2	26.1	2.7	8.5	8.6	34.5	65.5	43.3	33.6	22.2	5.3	8.1		
2020 H1	100.0	76.5	37.3	31.9	2.8	23.5	2.3	7.7	8.4	30.5	69.5	46.3	35.1	23.2	7.0	7.3		
H2	100.0	75.6	35.6	32.4	2.6	24.4	2.6	7.9	9.0	30.0	70.0	47.3	35.8	22.7	6.3	7.9		
2021 H1	100.0	76.6	37.2	31.1	3.4	23.4	2.5	8.2	7.8	32.6	67.4	45.8	35.2	21.6	5.8	7.2		
H2 P	100.0	73.9	35.8	30.0	3.2	26.1	2.7	8.5	8.6	34.5	65.5	43.3	33.6	22.2	5.3	8.1		

\* Non-financial groups admitted to the Prime Standard segment of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange which publish IFRS consolidated financial statements on a quarterly or half-yearly basis and make a noteworthy contribution to value added in Germany. Excluding groups engaged in real estate activities.

<sup>1</sup> Including cash equivalents. <sup>2</sup> Including groups in agriculture and forestry. <sup>3</sup> From H1 2018 or 2018 onwards: significant changes in IFRS standards, impairing comparability with previous periods.

## II. Revenues and operating income of listed non-financial groups \*

Period	Revenues		Operating income before depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA 1)		Operating income before depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA 1) as a percentage of revenues						Operating income (EBIT) as a percentage of revenues		Operating income (EBIT) as a percentage of revenues					
					Weighted average		Distribution 2			Operating income (EBIT)		Weighted average		Distribution 2				
	€ billion 3	Annual percentage change 4	€ billion 3	Annual percentage change 4	%	Annual change in percentage points 4	%	First quartile	Median	Third quartile	€ billion 3	Annual percentage change 4	%	Annual change in percentage points 4	%	First quartile	Median	Third quartile
<b>Total</b>																		
2014	1,564.3	1.0	198.7	5.0	12.7	0.5	5.9	10.3	17.4	109.3	8.6	7.0	0.5	1.9	6.2	11.1		
2015	1,633.9	6.9	195.9	-1.1	12.0	-1.0	6.3	10.6	17.8	91.5	-16.4	5.6	-1.5	1.8	6.7	11.3		
2016	1,624.3	-0.4	214.4	7.8	13.2	1.0	6.7	11.4	17.9	111.7	9.0	6.9	0.5	2.6	6.7	12.0		
2017	1,719.3	5.1	243.4	14.6	14.2	1.2	7.0	11.0	18.0	141.9	33.3	8.3	1.8	2.5	6.8	12.1		
2018 <sup>6</sup>	1,706.8	0.7	232.8	-0.9	13.6	-0.2	6.1	10.6	17.8	129.2	-6.3	7.6	-0.6	2.1	6.5	11.9		
2019	1,764.6	2.6	233.6	0.4	13.2	-0.3	6.9	12.2	19.2	105.5	-17.9	6.0	-1.5	1.6	5.8	11.8		
2020	1,632.8	-8.8	213.6	-7.7	13.1	0.2	6.5	11.5	17.9	52.1	-41.0	3.2	-2.1	-0.8	4.9	10.5		
2021 p	1,994.7	20.4	305.8	41.5	15.3	2.3	7.8	13.4	19.9	169.6	228.0	8.5	5.4	2.9	8.2	12.2		
2017 H1	843.9	6.7	125.7	14.6	14.9	1.0	5.7	10.1	17.1	78.4	29.6	9.3	1.6	1.8	5.8	11.6		
H2	878.5	3.5	117.4	14.6	13.4	1.3	6.9	12.0	19.2	63.0	38.2	7.2	1.8	3.2	7.4	12.4		
2018 H1 <sup>6</sup>	848.2	-0.1	120.8	-2.1	14.2	-0.3	5.1	10.6	18.2	72.7	-5.3	8.6	-0.5	1.7	6.4	12.5		
H2	869.4	1.4	114.4	0.5	13.2	-0.1	6.3	11.2	18.0	58.0	-7.6	6.7	-0.6	2.1	6.8	12.5		
2019 H1	861.3	2.7	112.3	-4.0	13.0	-0.9	6.5	11.8	18.6	53.4	-23.3	6.2	-2.1	1.5	5.7	11.7		
H2	903.7	2.4	121.3	4.8	13.4	0.3	6.6	11.8	20.0	52.0	-11.4	5.8	-0.9	0.8	6.1	12.5		
2020 H1	744.5	-14.4	78.2	-34.1	10.5	-3.0	4.8	9.9	16.7	7.9	-88.0	1.1	-5.3	-2.1	3.5	8.8		
H2	888.4	-3.3	135.4	17.1	15.2	2.8	7.6	13.2	19.8	44.2	8.7	5.0	0.7	1.7	6.5	11.6		
2021 H1	920.0	20.3	152.5	88.4	16.6	6.0	7.4	12.6	19.5	85.5	.	9.3	8.4	2.3	7.8	12.2		
H2 p	1,075.6	20.4	153.5	13.4	14.3	-0.9	8.4	13.2	20.8	84.1	88.9	7.8	2.9	2.9	7.8	13.4		
<b>Groups with a focus on the production sector<sup>5</sup></b>																		
2014	1,220.0	1.0	152.2	5.9	12.5	0.6	5.8	10.1	15.5	85.2	9.8	7.0	0.6	1.7	6.0	10.6		
2015	1,309.7	7.0	149.0	-2.6	11.4	-1.1	6.3	10.5	16.3	69.1	-19.7	5.3	-1.8	2.2	6.6	10.4		
2016	1,295.9	-0.8	161.9	6.3	12.5	0.8	6.5	10.6	16.0	84.8	4.2	6.5	0.3	2.8	6.3	10.5		
2017	1,395.9	5.5	187.5	16.6	13.4	1.3	7.1	11.0	15.8	112.5	40.6	8.1	2.0	3.2	6.7	10.4		
2018 <sup>6</sup>	1,367.7	1.0	175.7	-1.5	12.9	-0.3	6.9	10.7	16.0	100.7	-7.1	7.4	-0.6	2.8	6.9	11.4		
2019	1,410.9	2.0	168.1	-4.4	11.9	-0.8	6.9	11.3	16.6	76.3	-23.8	5.4	-1.8	1.4	5.7	10.1		
2020	1,285.2	-9.4	143.6	-8.6	11.2	0.1	5.7	10.6	16.5	29.1	-48.1	2.3	-2.3	-0.7	4.3	9.8		
2021 p	1,585.8	22.4	217.0	51.6	13.7	2.6	7.9	12.8	17.9	126.8	354.3	8.0	5.9	2.8	7.8	11.1		
2017 H1	695.1	7.3	101.5	18.7	14.6	1.4	6.0	10.1	16.1	66.3	37.3	9.5	2.1	2.3	5.8	10.8		
H2	701.4	3.7	86.0	14.2	12.3	1.1	7.0	11.7	16.9	46.2	45.5	6.6	1.9	3.6	7.2	10.8		
2018 H1 <sup>6</sup>	681.9	-0.1	94.9	-3.4	13.9	-0.5	7.0	10.9	16.7	60.0	-5.9	8.8	-0.6	2.9	6.8	11.5		
H2	695.4	2.1	83.1	0.7	12.0	-0.2	6.2	11.1	16.2	42.1	-8.7	6.1	-0.7	2.0	6.4	11.4		
2019 H1	689.9	2.4	83.3	-8.8	12.1	-1.5	7.1	10.9	16.1	41.9	-26.8	6.1	-2.4	1.8	6.0	9.5		
H2	721.0	1.7	84.8	0.3	11.8	-0.2	6.1	10.8	16.9	34.4	-19.7	4.8	-1.3	0.6	5.2	11.1		
2020 H1	580.6	-16.0	49.0	-42.4	8.4	-3.8	4.4	8.8	14.9	0.2	-101.7	0.0	-6.2	-2.1	3.1	7.8		
H2	704.6	-3.0	94.6	25.4	13.4	3.4	7.0	12.1	18.6	28.9	19.7	4.1	1.1	0.3	6.0	10.5		
2021 H1	731.9	24.0	112.1	128.8	15.3	7.0	8.2	12.6	18.6	67.7	.	9.3	9.4	2.9	7.9	12.1		
H2 p	854.2	21.1	104.9	11.3	12.3	-1.1	7.8	12.4	17.5	59.1	105.2	6.9	2.9	2.7	7.0	11.5		
<b>Groups with a focus on the services sector</b>																		
2014	344.2	0.8	46.5	1.8	13.5	0.1	6.0	12.3	22.6	24.1	4.3	7.0	0.2	2.6	6.3	13.7		
2015	324.1	6.1	46.9	4.0	14.5	-0.3	5.9	11.1	22.1	22.3	-3.8	6.9	-0.7	1.3	6.7	13.9		
2016	328.4	1.3	52.5	12.8	16.0	1.6	6.8	13.4	25.1	26.9	24.4	8.2	1.5	2.3	8.2	15.3		
2017	323.4	3.5	55.9	8.3	17.3	0.8	6.8	11.5	23.0	29.4	11.4	9.1	0.6	2.1	7.2	15.1		
2018 <sup>6</sup>	339.2	-0.6	57.1	1.3	16.8	0.3	5.5	10.5	24.7	28.5	-3.5	8.4	-0.3	1.4	5.8	16.6		
2019	353.7	4.8	65.4	15.2	18.5	1.7	6.9	13.7	24.5	29.2	2.8	8.3	-0.2	2.4	6.2	16.2		
2020	347.6	-6.1	70.0	-5.4	20.1	0.1	6.9	13.3	22.1	23.0	-22.1	6.6	-1.4	-1.2	6.5	12.2		
2021 p	408.9	13.0	88.8	21.6	21.7	1.6	7.6	15.0	24.0	42.8	79.7	10.5	3.9	3.0	9.2	15.6		
2017 H1	148.8	4.6	24.2	0.4	16.2	-0.6	5.2	9.8	21.0	12.1	0.3	8.2	-0.3	1.2	5.6	14.5		
H2	177.1	2.5	31.5	15.6	17.8	2.0	6.6	12.5	24.6	16.8	21.6	9.5	1.5	2.9	7.8	17.9		
2018 H1 <sup>6</sup>	166.3	0.2	25.9	2.8	15.6	0.4	3.8	9.5	22.7	12.6	-1.9	7.6	-0.2	-0.9	4.7	15.3		
H2	174.0	-1.3	31.3	-0.0	18.0	0.2	6.7	11.3	25.6	15.9	-4.6	9.1	-0.3	2.2	7.0	17.8		
2019 H1	171.4	4.0	29.0	13.1	16.9	1.4	5.7	12.3	24.4	11.6	-7.5	6.7	-0.9	0.0	4.9	14.5		
H2	182.7	5.5	36.5	16.9	20.0	1.9	7.1	15.1	24.4	17.7	10.9	9.7	0.5	1.8	8.2	16.3		
2020 H1	163.9	-8.1	29.2	-9.4	17.8	-0.3	5.6	10.8	21.2	7.7	-36.4	4.7	-2.1	-2.2	4.3	10.9		
H2	183.8	-4.2	40.8	-2.2	22.2	0.4	8.9	14.7	23.3	15.3	-12.8	8.3	-0.9	2.6	7.5	13.3		
2021 H1	188.1	7.7	40.3	26.1	21.5	3.1	6.9	12.6	24.5	17.8	119.9	9.5	4.8	0.9	6.9	13.6		
H2 p	221.4	17.9	48.7	18.2	22.0	0.1	9.4	16.5	24.7	25.1	59.1	11.3	3.0	3.8	9.5	17.7		

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the two half-year figures. See Quality report on consolidated financial statement statistics, p. 3.

**4** Adjusted for substantial changes in the basis of consolidation of large groups and in the reporting sample. See the explanatory notes in Statistical Series Seasonally adjusted business statistics.

**5** Including groups in agriculture and forestry.

**6** From H1 2018 or 2018 onwards: significant changes in IFRS standards, impairing comparability with previous periods.