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Differentiated development of sales in services

Services – the second quarter of 2014

**In the Q2 2014, seasonally adjusted sales in services decreased, quarter-on-quarter, at constant prices by 0.7%. Working days adjusted sales increased by 0.1%, year-on-year, the same as non-adjusted. Growth of services in transportation and storage and in administrative and support service activities had the biggest influence on the overall development.**

In the Q2 2014, **seasonally adjusted sales in services[[1]](#footnote-1)1) decreased at constant prices** by 0.7%, **quarter-on-quarter**. **Year-on-year, working days adjusted sales increased** by 0.1% (in the Q2 2013 and Q2 2014 there was the same number of working days), the same as **non-adjusted**. Growth rate decelerated in transportation and storage, administrative and support service activities, and accommodation and food service activities.

**Year-on-year development of seasonally non-adjusted sales in services broken down by CZ-NACE division:**

* sales in **transportation and storage** increased by 1.6%. The growth was reported by warehousing and support activities for transportation (+2.5%), land transport and transport via pipelines (+2.9%), and water transport (+13.5%). On the contrary, postal and courier activities and air transport decreased (-7.5% and -8.1%, respectively);
* sales in **accommodation and food service activities** increased by 0.3%. In accommodation, sales growth continued, this time by 4.1%. On the contrary, in food and beverage service activities sales decreased again (after their growth in the Q1) namely by 1.5%;
* sales in **information and communication** decreased by 0.2%. After four quarters of growth, telecommunications dropped by 1.8%. In computer programming, consultancy and related activities (that are the most important for their volume; they include, for example, administration of computer equipment, programming or consultancy in the area of IT) sales decreased by 1.5%. Publishing activities also dropped (-0.5%). On the contrary, a two-digit sales growth was recorded by music and motion picture activities (+16.1%) and by programming and broadcasting activities (+11.8%). Also information service activities grew (+1.1%), which include, for example, press agencies, web portals, and webhosting;

* sales in **real estate activities** dropped by 1.7%. Sales in real estate activities on a fee or contract basis dropped by 1.9%, sales in buying and selling of own real estate and renting and operating of own or leased real estate decreased by 1.6%;

* sales in **professional, scientific and technical activities[[2]](#footnote-2)2)**decreased by 2.8%. For the first time since the Q4 2012, advertising and market research recorded growth (+2.2%), whereas in other activities a drop was prevailing. The biggest decrease (-5.8%) was in activities of head offices; management consultancy activities; further, decrease continued in architectural and engineering activities (-4.1%), legal and accounting activities and for other professional, scientific and technical activities (both -3.5%);
* sales in **administrative and support service activities[[3]](#footnote-3)3)**increased by 3.0%. An increase was recorded by all divisions except for travel agency, tour operator and other reservation service and related activities (drop by 10.4%). Employment activities reported a two-digit growth for the last three quarters (this time by 14.7%). Office administrative, office support and other business support activities increased by 6.8% and rental and leasing activities by 6.7%. Also sales for services to buildings and landscape activities increased (+2.8%) as well as for security and investigation activities (+1.9%).

*Notes:*

*Data for the Q2 2014 are preliminary; final data for individual quarters of 2014 will be available in June 2015 at the latest.*

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#### *End of data collection: 28 July 2014*

#### *End of data processing: 31 July 2014*

*Related outputs: Basic indices since 2000 and y-o-y indices since 2001 are available in time series (excluding section J, which is available since 2005 or rather 2006).*

 *(*[*http://www.czso.cz/eng/redakce.nsf/i/slu\_mts2005*](http://www.czso.cz/eng/redakce.nsf/i/slu_mts2005)*)*

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Annexes:

Table 1 Sales in services (year-on-year indices)

Table 2 Sales in services (year-on-year changes, decomposition of increase – year-on-year)

Graph 1 Sales in services (fixed-base indices)

Graph 2 Other services turnover (CZ-NACE sections H+I+J+M+N) – international comparison

1. 1) *For the purpose of News Releases, services include the following CZ-NACE sections: Transportation and storage (H), Accommodation and food service activities (I), Information and communication (J), Real estate activities (L), Professional, scientific and technical activities – without Scientific research and development and Veterinary activities (M without 72 and 75), Administrative and support service activities without Landscape service activities (N without 81.3).*  [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. 2) *For the purpose of News Releases section M – Professional, scientific and technical activities does not include CZ-NACE 72 – Scientific research and development and CZ-NACE 75 – Veterinary activities.* [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. 3) *For the purpose of News Releases section N – Administrative and support service activities does not include CZ-NACE 81.3 – Landscape service activities.* [↑](#footnote-ref-3)