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Only information and communication reported growth of sales

Services – the first quarter of 2021

**In the Q1 2021, sales adjusted for calendar effects decreased in real terms (at constant prices) by 7.9%, year‑on-year (y-o-y); non-adjusted sales dropped by 8.4%. Seasonally adjusted sales in services increased in real terms (at constant prices) by 0.5%, quarter‑on‑quarter (q-o-q).**

**Development in the first quarter of 2021**

In the Q1 2021, **seasonally adjusted** sales **in services1) increased** **in real terms (at constant prices) by 0.5%**, **q-o-q**. A q-o-q increase occurred in the following industries of services (CZ-NACE sections): information and communication, administrative and support service activities, and transportation and storage. Conversely, a decrease was reported by accommodation and food service activities, professional, scientific and technical activities, and real estate activities.

**Year-on-year,** sales **adjusted for calendar effects** decreasedby 7.9%. The y-o-y decrease was reported by all industries of services except for information and communication.

**Year-on-year, non-adjusted** sales decreased by 8.4%. Development in individual industries of services (CZ-NACE sections) was as follows:

* sales **in** **transportation and storage** decreased by 3.1%. The deepest decrease of sales occurred in air transport (by 57.5%) and water transport (by 23.4%). Lower sales were also in land transport and transport via pipelines (by 6.9%). Conversely, an increase of sales by 0.8% was reported in warehousing and support activities for transportation, which include, for example, the activities of transport agencies and cargo handling. In postal and courier activities, sales increased by 23.3%;
* sales **in** **accommodation and food service activities** decreased by 60.8%. The decrease of sales was more significant in the accommodation (by 76.5%) than in the food and beverage service activities (by 55.6%);
* sales **in** **information and communication** increased by 1.6%. Sales increased by 11.8% in information service activities, which include, for example, data processing, hosting and related activities; web portals. Sales increased by 4.2% in computer programming, consultancy and related activities, which include, for example, computer programming activities, computer facilities management activities, and computer consultancy activities. Lower sales were reported by programming and broadcasting activities (by 0.1%), publishing activities (by 0.3%), and telecommunications (by 0.7%). A double-digit decrease of sales was reported by the so-called music and motion picture activities (by 33.2%);

* sales **in** **real estate activities** decreased by 3.8%, y-o-y. The sales decrease was mainly caused by a decrease of sales in buying and selling of own real estate and renting and operating of own or leased real estate (by 5.8%). Conversely, real estate activities on a fee or contract basis reported growth (by 4.3%);
* sales **in** **professional, scientific and technical activities2)**decreased by 8.7%. The biggest influence on that development came from a decrease of sales by 26.5% in other professional, scientific and technical activities, which include, for example, business brokerage activities, translation and interpretation activities, photographic activities, or activities of quantity surveyors. Sales were also decreasing in architectural and engineering activities and in technical testing and analysis (by 7.3%), in advertising and market research (by 4.9%), and in legal and accounting activities (by 4.5%). Lower sales were also reported by activities of head offices; management consultancy activities (by 0.6%);
* sales **in** **administrative and support service activities**decreased by 16.5%, y-o-y. The most significant decrease of sales was in travel agency, tour operator and other reservation service and related activities (by 72.1%). Decreases of sales were also in the following economic activities: office administrative, office support and other business support activities (by 12.5%), security and investigation activities (by 8.3%), services to buildings and landscape activities (by 4.9%). A y-o-y decrease of sales was also reported by rental and leasing activities (by 4.2%) and employment activities (by 3.5%).

Notes:

1) For the purpose of the News Release, 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 – excluding Scientific research and development and Veterinary activities (M excluding 72 and 75), Administrative and support service activities (N).

2) For the purpose of the News Release, section M – Professional, scientific and technical activities does not include CZ-NACE 72 – Scientific research and development and CZ-NACE 75 – Veterinary activities.

All data in the text of the News Release are at constant prices.

Data for the Q1 2021 are preliminary; final data for individual quarters of 2021 will be released in March 2022.

Since the way estimates for non-surveyed part of the sample are made has changed, previously released data may be revised more.

**In June 2021, the CZSO will release time series of indices of services production.**

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#### *End of data processing: 3 May 2021*

*Related outputs: Base 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).*

*(*[*https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/slu\_ts*](https://www.czso.cz/csu/czso/slu_ts)*)*

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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)

Table 3 Sales in services (year-on-year indices, adjusted for calendar effects)

Chart Sales in services – base indices, constant prices

Chart Sales in services – international comparison, seasonally adjusted, current prices