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Sales in services increased by 7.3% in 2021

Services – the fourth quarter of 2021

**In the Q4 2021, sales adjusted for calendar effects increased in real terms (at constant prices) by 12.8%, year‑on-year (y-o-y); non-adjusted sales increased by 13.4%. Seasonally adjusted sales in services increased in real terms (at constant prices) by 2.6%, quarter‑on‑quarter (q-o-q).**

**For the whole year 2021, sales in services adjusted for calendar effects increased in real terms (at constant prices) by 7.2%, year-on-year; non-adjusted sales increased by 7.3%. A low comparison basis of the year 2020 was reflected in a high increase of sales in some industries.**

**Development in the fourth quarter of 2021**

In the Q4 2021, **seasonally adjusted** sales **in services1) increased** **in real terms (at constant prices) by 2.6%**, **q-o-q**. A quarter-on-quarter increase was reported by all industries of services (CZ-NACE sections). The highest increase was reported by transportation and storage.

**Year-on-year,** sales **adjusted for calendar effects** increasedby 12.8%. A year-on-year increase was reported by all industries of services (CZ-NACE sections).

**Year-on-year, non-adjusted** sales increased by 13.4%. Development in individual industries of services (CZ-NACE sections) was as follows:

* sales **in** **transportation and storage** increased by 16.6%. A double-digit increase of sales was in the following: air transport (by 98.9%) and warehousing and support activities for transportation (by 29.6%). Sales also increased in land transport and transport via pipelines (by 8.3%) and water transport (by 2.9%). Postal and courier activities reported a decrease in sales (by 0.6%);
* sales **in** **accommodation and food service activities** increased by 88.6%. A more considerable increase of sales was in the accommodation (by 134.7%) compared to the food and beverage service activities (by 77.3%);
* sales **in** **information and communication** increased by 7.3%. The highest y-o-y growth of sales was reached by the so-called music and motion picture activities (by 95.6%). Sales also increased in the following: telecommunications (by 9.7%), publishing activities (by 6.1%), computer programming, consultancy and related activities (by 5.2%), and in information service activities (by 3.1%), which include, for example, data processing, hosting and related activities; web portals. On the other hand, a sales decrease occurred in programming and broadcasting activities by 0.2%;
* sales **in** **real estate activities** increased by 3.6%, y-o-y. A sales increase by 6.0% was reported for real estate activities on a fee or contract basis. Buying and selling of own real estate and renting and operating of own or leased real estate reported an increase by 2.9%;
* **in** **professional, scientific and technical activities2)**sales increased by 9.7%. The highest sales growth was reported for the following: activities of head offices; management consultancy activities by 20.0%, architectural and engineering activities; technical testing and analysis (by 11.3%). Sales of legal and accounting activities increased by 8.1%, advertising and market research by 7.9%. The lowest increase of sales was reported by other professional, scientific and technical activities (by 0.6%), which include, for example, business brokerage activities, translation and interpretation activities, photographic activities, or activities of quantity surveyors;
* **in** **administrative and support service activities**,sales increased by 13.1%, y-o-y. Travel agency, tour operator and other reservation service and related activities reported the highest sales increase (by 266.2%), namely thanks to low sales in 2020. Sales also increased in the following: office administrative, office support and other business support activities (by 20.3%), services to buildings and landscape activities (by 6.3%), security and investigation activities (by 5.1%), and rental and leasing activities (by 4.7%). On the other hand, a y-o-y decrease of sales was reported for employment activities (by 17.3%).

**Development in 2021**

**In 2021, sales in services1) adjusted for calendar effects increased in real terms (at constant prices) by 7.2%, year-on-year; non-adjusted sales by 7.3%. However, compared to the year 2019, non-adjusted sales decreased by 5.2%.**

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

* sales **in** **transportation and storage** increased for the whole year by 13.0%. Sales in air transport increased by 43.8%, y-o-y. The overall increase of sales was achieved mainly thanks to the development in warehousing and support activities for transportation, in which sales increased by 21.2%. Already for the third successive year, sales increased in postal and courier activities (this time by 11.5%). Sales in land transport and transport via pipelines increased by 6.2% and in water transport by 2.0%;
* sales in **accommodation and food service activities** increased by 4.6%. A sales increase was recorded in food and beverage service activities (by 5.1%) as well as in accommodation (by 3.0%);
* a sales increase **in information and communication** by 5.5% was contributed to by all industries. In this section, sales increased the most of all in the so-called music and motion picture activities (by 40.2%). Already for the eighth successive year, sales increased in information service activities (this time by 7.8%). An increase of sales was recorded in computer programming, consultancy and related activities (by 5.6%), which include, for example, computer programming activities, computer facilities management activities, and computer consultancy activities. Sales also increased in publishing activities (by 4.3%), telecommunications (by 3.6%), and programming and broadcasting activities (by 1.2%);
* sales **in** **real estate activities** increased by 1.0%, y-o-y. An increase was reported by real estate activities on a fee or contract basis (by 9.6%). On the other hand, sales in buying and selling of own real estate and renting and operating of own or leased real estate decreased (by 1.2%);
* **professional, scientific and technical activities2)** reported growth of sales by 5.0%. Sales increased in activities of head offices; management consultancy activities (by 11.0%), advertising and market research (by 8.5%), architectural and engineering activities (by 7.6%). Sales for legal and accounting activities increased by 3.9%. A sales decrease was only reported for other professional, scientific and technical activities (by 7.1%);
* sales **in administrative and support service activities** increased by 7.7%, y-o-y. In this section, the highest sales increase was in travel agency, tour operator and other reservation service and related activities (by 57.9%). A sales increase was also recorded by office administrative, office support and other business support activities (by 7.6%), rental and leasing activities (by 5.0%), and services to buildings and landscape activities (by 2.1%). Employment activities increased by 0.6%. Sales of security and investigation activities decreased, y-o-y (by 0.2%).

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.

Enterprises are classified to the economic activity according to their principal (prevailing) activity, which is such an activity, from which the enterprise gets the highest value added.

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

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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