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Sales in accommodation and food service activities increased the most

Services – the first quarter of 2016

**In the Q1 2016, seasonally adjusted sales in services increased at constant prices by 0.2%, quarter-on-quarter. Working days adjusted sales increased by 0.6%, year-on-year, non-adjusted sales by 0.7%. The highest sales growth was in the following economic activities: accommodation and food service activities and administrative and support service activities.**

In the Q1 2016, **seasonally adjusted sales in services[[1]](#footnote-1)1) increased at constant prices by 0.2%**, **quarter-on-quarter**. **Year-on-year, working days adjusted sales increased** by 0.6%, non-adjusted sales by 0.7% (in the Q1 2016 there was 1 working day less than in the Q1 2015). The growth was reported by all economic activities of services except for professional, scientific and technical activities and transport and storage.

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

* sales in **transportation and storage** decreased by 0.1%. The drop of sales was recorded by land transport and transport via pipelines (the most important as for the volume), in which after growth for twelfth successive quarters sales dropped by 1.3%. Lower sales were reported also by postal and courier activities (-1.4%), air transport (-3.5%), and water transport (-4.8%). On the contrary, higher sales were in warehousing and support activities for transportation (+2.3%).
* sales in **accommodation and food service activities** increased by 5.4%. The growth was contributed to by both: accommodation (+6.3%) as well as food and beverage service activities (+5.0%);
* sales in **information and communication** increased by 1.6%. Growth (already for the ninth successive quarter) by 7.7% was reported by information service activities, which include, for example, data processing, web portals, and hosting. Sales increased also in music and motion picture activities (+7.0%), programming and broadcasting activities (+4.9%), and publishing activities (+4.1%). Sales increase was recorded also by telecommunications (+1.3%). On the contrary, lower sales compared to the previous year (-0.4%), were reported by computer programming, consultancy and related activities (the most important as for the volume), which include, for example, computer programming activities, computer consultancy activities, and computer facilities management activities;

* sales in **real estate activities** increased by 2.2%. Growth of sales in real estate activities on a fee or contract basis, which started in the Q1 2015, continued (this time +5.8%). Sales in buying and selling of own real estate and renting and operating of own or leased real estate increased by 0.8%;

* sales in **professional, scientific and technical activities[[2]](#footnote-2)2)**decreased by 3.6%. The biggest influence on the overall y-o-y drop of sales belonged to the development in architectural and engineering activities (-12.2%). Lower sales were recorded also by activities of head offices; management consultancy activities (-3.7%), and by other professional, scientific and technical activities (-1.7%). On the contrary, growth was reported by legal and accounting activities (+3.3%) as well as by advertising and market research (+1.2%);
* sales in **administrative and support service activities[[3]](#footnote-3)3)**increased by 4.7%. The most marked increase was recorded in employment activities (+10.9%), sales of which have been growing continually since the Q2 2010. Sales were growing also for services to buildings and landscape activities (+9.4%), rental and leasing activities (+7.7%), security and investigation activities (+4.3%), and for office administrative, office support and other business support activities (+3.8%). Lower sales were recorded only by travel agency, tour operator reservation service and related activities (-8.7%), which have been continually decreasing since the Q4 2012.

*Notes:*

*Data for the Q1 2016 are preliminary; final data for individual quarters of 2016 will be available in June 2017 at the latest.*

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#### *End of data processing: 3 May 2016*

*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).*

 *(*[*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)

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)