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Sales in transportation and storage increased the most

Services – the second quarter of 2018

**In the Q2 2018, seasonally adjusted sales in services decreased at constant prices by 0.2%, quarter-on-quarter (q-o-q). Sales adjusted for calendar effects increased at constant prices by 2.6%, year‑on-year (y-o-y); non-adjusted sales increased by 3.1%, y‑o‑y.**

In the Q2 2018, **seasonally adjusted** sales **in services1)** decreased **at constant prices by 0.2%**, **q-o-q**. A q-o-q growth was recorded only by the following sections: accommodation and food service activities and by administrative and support service activities.

**Year-on-year,** sales **adjusted for calendar effects** increasedby 2.6%. The most marked increase was in the section of transportation and storage followed by the section of information and communication.

**Non-adjusted** sales increased by 3.1%, **year-on-year**. Development in individual industries of services (CZ-NACE sections) was as follows:

* sales **in** **transportation and storage** increased by 6.6%. A double-digit growth of sales was reported by water transport (+21.1%) and warehousing and support activities for transportation (+10.9%). The following also recorded increases of sales: land transport and transport via pipelines (+4.2%), air transport (+3.2%), and postal and courier activities (+2.9%);
* sales **in** **accommodation and food service activities** increased by 1.1%. In the food and beverage service activities sales increased by 2.6%, while in the accommodation they dropped by 2.2%;
* sales **in** **information and communication** increased by 3.7%. The highest growth of sales was reported by information service activities (+8.2%), which include, for example, data processing, web portals, and hosting. Sales increased also in computer programming, consultancy and related activities (+6.4%), programming and broadcasting activities (+5.4%), publishing activities (+2.6%), and telecommunications (+0.6%). On the contrary, a decrease in sales was reported by the so-called music and motion picture activities (-8.5%);

* sales **in** **real estate activities** decreased by 1.4%, y-o-y. A decrease of sales was recorded in buying and selling of own real estate and renting and operating of own or leased real estate (-1.7%), which are more important in terms of their volume as well as in real estate activities on a fee or contract basis (-0.1%);
* sales **in** **professional, scientific and technical activities2)**increased by 0.8%. In this section, sales increased the most in other professional, scientific and technical activities (+4.6%), which include, for example, translation services and photographic services, but also business brokerage activities, specialised design activities or activities of quantity surveyors. Higher sales were achieved also by activities of head offices; management consultancy activities (+3.9%), and legal and accounting activities (+2.3%). On the contrary, a y-o-y drop of sales was reported by advertising and market research (-4.0%) and architectural and engineering activities (-0.4%);
* sales **in** **administrative and support service activities**increased by 2.2%. The sales increase was the most marked in rental and leasing activities (+5.7%). Higher sales were reached also in travel agency, tour operator reservation service and related activities (+4.9%), in office administrative and support activities (+2.9%), and employment activities (+1.2%). In other economic activities of this section sales were decreasing, y-o-y; the deepest drop was in security and investigation activities (-6.1%). Lower sales were recorded also by services to buildings and landscape activities (-0.6%).

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 Q2 2018 are preliminary; final data for individual quarters of 2018 will be available in June 2019.

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*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