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Services – the first quarter of 2019

**In the Q1 2019, sales in services adjusted for calendar effects increased at constant prices by 2.5%, year‑on-year (y-o-y), the same as non-adjusted ones. Seasonally adjusted sales increased by 2.0%, quarter-on-quarter (q-o-q).**

In the Q1 2019, **seasonally adjusted** sales **in services1)** increased **at constant prices by 2.0%**, **q-o-q**. A q-o-q increase was recorded by all sections.

**Year-on-year,** sales **adjusted for calendar effects** (there was the same number of working days in the Q1 2019 and in the Q1 2018)increasedby 2.5%, the same as non-adjusted ones. The highest growth was in the section of information and communication. Development in individual industries of services (CZ-NACE sections) was as follows:

* sales **in** **transportation and storage** increased by 1.2%. The total development was influenced the most by sales growth in land transport and transport via pipelines (+2.6%), which is the most important as for the volume of sales as well as by a decrease of sales in warehousing and support activities for transportation (−1.7%). The highest sales growth was in water transport (+49.0%), mainly due to operation of water transport by Czech transporters out of the territory of the Czech Republic. A sales growth was reported also by air transport (+10.7%). Sales grew also in postal and courier activities (+1.7%);
* sales **in** **accommodation and food service activities** increased by 2.2%. In the accommodation sales increased by 1.1% and in the food and beverage service activities the sales increased by 2.6%;
* sales **in** **information and communication** increased by 5.8%. A double-digit growth of sales was reported by publishing activities (+14.7%) and by the so-called music and motion picture activities (+10.9%). Sales increased also in computer programming, consultancy and related activities (+7.4%), which include e.g. computer programming activities, computer facilities management activities, and computer consultancy activities. A sales increase was also in information service activities (+5.9%) and in telecommunications (+1.1%). On the other hand, sales in programming and broadcasting activities decreased (−1.8%);

* sales **in** **real estate activities** increased by 0.1%, y-o-y. A sales increase was reported by buying and selling of own real estate and renting and operating of own or leased real estate (growth by 0.2%), which are more important in terms of their volume. On the other hand, sales in real estate activities on a fee or contract basis decreased (−0.5%);
* sales **in** **professional, scientific and technical activities2)**increased by 3.2%. Legal and accounting activities (+6.5%) were contributing the most to the growth. Activities of head offices; management consultancy activities also reported sales growth (+4.6%) as well as architectural and engineering activities (+4.2%) and other professional, scientific and technical activities (+2.1%), which include, for example, business brokerage activities, translation services and photographic services, or activities of quantity surveyors. The only industry (economic activity), in which sales decreased, was advertising and market research (−1.1%);
* sales **in** **administrative and support service activities**increased by 0.8%, y-o-y. The most marked growth of sales was in rental and leasing activities (+9.9%). Higher sales were also in office administrative and support activities (+6.4%) and services to buildings and landscape activities (+2.8%). In other economic activities of this section, sales decreased, y-o-y; the most marked decrease was in travel agency, tour operator reservation service and related activities (−8.3%). Also employment activities (−5.0%) reported lower sales as well as security and investigation activities (−0.3%).

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 2019 are preliminary; final data for individual quarters of 2019 will be available in June 2020.

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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