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Higher number of working days had an influence on the amount of sales

Services – the second quarter of 2016

**In the Q2 2016, seasonally adjusted sales in services decreased at constant prices by 1.1%, quarter-on-quarter. Working days adjusted sales decreased by 1.1%, year-on-year, while non-adjusted sales increased by 0.7%. All economic activities of services reported growth except for professional, scientific and technical activities.**

In the Q2 2016, **seasonally adjusted sales in services[[1]](#footnote-1)1) decreased at constant prices by 1.1%**, **quarter-on-quarter**. **Year-on-year, working days adjusted sales decreased** by 1.1%, while non-adjusted sales increased by 0.7% (in the Q2 2016 there was 3 working days more than in the Q2 2015). All economic activities of services recorded growth except for professional, scientific and technical activities.

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

* sales in **transportation and storage** increased by 2.5%. The growth of sales was the most contributed to by warehousing and support activities for transportation, in which sales increased (+8.9%). Also water transport recorded growth of sales (+4.8%). Land transport and transport via pipelines (the most important as for the volume) was stagnating in the Q2 2016, y-o-y. On the contrary, lower sales compared to the previous year were in air transport (-7.9%) and postal and courier activities (-2.5%).
* sales in **accommodation and food service activities** increased by 1.8%. After 23 quarters of continual growth, sales in accommodation decreased for the first time (-1.4%), while in food and beverage service activities they increased (+3.3%);
* sales in **information and communication** increased by 2.8%. The highest y-o-y growth was achieved by motion picture and music activities (+16.8%). Already for the tenth successive quarter, an increase was recorded by information service activities (this time by 8.7%), which include, for example, data processing, web portals, and hosting. Sales increased also in computer programming, consultancy and related activities (+2.5%), which include, for example, computer programming activities, computer consultancy activities, and computer facilities management activities. Sales increased also in publishing activities (+2.2%), telecommunications (+1.2%), and programming and broadcasting activities (+1.0%);

* sales in **real estate activities** increased by 1.3%. The growth of sales was caused mainly by an increase in buying and selling of own real estate and renting and operating of own or leased real estate (+1.4%). Sales in real estate activities on a fee or contract basis increased by 0.8%;

* sales in **professional, scientific and technical activities[[2]](#footnote-2)2)**decreased by 6.0%. The biggest influence on the overall y-o-y drop of sales belonged to the development in architectural and engineering activities (drop by 11.6%). A y-o-y sales drop was recorded also by other professional, scientific and technical activities (-5.5%), activities of head offices; management consultancy activities (-5.1%), as well as by advertising and market research (-3.8%). The only economic activity, which reported growth were legal and accounting activities (+2.0%);
* sales in **administrative and support service activities[[3]](#footnote-3)3)**increased by 3.1%. Except for travel agency, tour operator reservation service and related activities (which reported a decrease by 11.1%) all divisions were growing. The most marked sales increase was recorded in office administrative, office support and other business support activities (+9.4%), which have been increasing since the beginning of the previous year. Sales were increasing in employment activities (+6.8%) and also in services to buildings and landscape activities (+5.1%), rental and leasing activities (+3.7%), as well as in security and investigation activities (+1.8%).

*Notes:*

*Data for the Q2 2016 are preliminary; final data for individual quarters of 2016 will be available in June 2017 at the latest.*

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#### *Method of data acquisition: direct survey of the CZSO (SP 1-12)*

#### *End of data collection: 28 July 2016*

#### *End of data processing: 2 August 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)