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Continuing sales growth in services

Services – the third quarter of 2015

**In the Q3 2015, seasonally adjusted sales in services increased at constant prices by 0.5%, quarter-on-quarter. Working days adjusted sales increased by 2.9%, year-on-year, non-adjusted sales by 1.8%. The growth of sales was contributed to by all economic activities except for transportation and storage.**

In the Q3 2015, **seasonally adjusted sales in services[[1]](#footnote-1)1) increased at constant prices by 0.5%**, **quarter-on-quarter**. **Year-on-year, working days adjusted sales increased** by 2.9%, non-adjusted sales by 1.8% (in the Q3 2015 there were 2 working days less than in the Q3 2014). The growth was reported by all economic activities of services except for transport and storage, which is the most important as for its volume.

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

* sales in **transportation and storage** decreased by 0.9%. The drop was influenced especially by the development in warehousing and support activities for transportation, where sales decreased by 5.3%. A double-digit drop of sales was recorded also by air transport (-10.9%) and water transport (-12.4%). Lower sales were reported also by postal and courier activities (-3.9%). On the contrary, already for the eleventh subsequent quarter, sales increased in land transport and transport via pipelines, which is the most important as for the volume (+4.1%);
* sales in **accommodation and food service activities** increased by 6.4%. Sales increased in accommodation (+9.7%) as well as in food and beverage service activities (+4.6%);
* sales in **information and communication** increased by 3.0%. A double-digit growth was recorded already for the third successive quarter (this time by 12.8%) by information service activities, which include, for example, data processing, web portals, and hosting. Sales continued to grow in programming and broadcasting activities (+4.5%) and in computer programming, consultancy and related activities, which include, for example, computer programming activities, computer consultancy activities, and computer facilities management activities (+4.1%). Sales increased also in publishing activities (+3.8%), and telecommunications (+1.0%). On the contrary, a decrease was reported by music and motion picture activities (-9.3%);

* sales in **real estate activities** increased by 1.0%. Sales in buying and selling of own real estate and renting and operating of own or leased real estate increased by 0.1%. Sales in real estate activities on a fee or contract basis were increasing since the beginning of the year, for the third quarter alone it was by 3.8%;

* sales in **professional, scientific and technical activities[[2]](#footnote-2)2)**increased by 2.2%, mainly thanks to the growth of the most important division as for the volume - architectural and engineering activities (+7.0%), which continued since the beginning of the year. Sales increased in legal and accounting activities (+2.0%), and other professional, scientific and technical activities (+1.1%). A decrease was reported for advertising and market research
(-0.6%) and in activities of head offices; management consultancy activities (-4.0%);
* sales in **administrative and support service activities[[3]](#footnote-3)3)**increased by 3.9%. Growth was reported by all divisions except for travel agency, tour operator reservation service and related activities (-6.4%), sales of which have been decreasing at constant prices since Q4 2012. The highest sales growth was in employment activities (+22.6%) and in rental and leasing activities (+8.6%). Sales grew in services to buildings and landscape activities (+3.4%), security and investigation activities (+2.9%), and office administrative, office support and other business support activities (+1.7%).

*Notes:*

*Data for the Q3 2015 are preliminary; final data for individual quarters of 2015 will be available in June 2016 at the latest.*

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#### *End of data processing: 2 November 2015*

*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)