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Sales in information and communication increased the fastest

Services – the third quarter of 2018

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In the Q3 2018, **seasonally adjusted sales in services1)** increased **at constant prices by 0.5%**, **q-o-q**. A q-o-q growth was recorded by all sections except for professional, scientific and technical activities.

**Year-on-year,** sales **adjusted for calendar effects** increasedby 2.8%, the same as non-adjusted (there was the same number of working days in the Q3 2018 and Q3 2017). The most marked increase was in the section of information and communication followed by the section of transportation and storage. Development in individual industries of services (CZ-NACE sections) was as follows:

* sales **in** **transportation and storage** increased by 4.8%. The highest sales growth was in water transport (+12.6%), which is the smallest as for the volume of sales, namely owing to operation of water transport out of the territory of the CR. The following also recorded increases of sales: air transport (+11.7%), land transport and transport via pipelines (+5.2%) and warehousing and support activities for transportation (+3.8%). On the other hand, sales dropped in postal and courier activities (−3.5%);
* sales **in** **accommodation and food service activities** increased by 0.9%. In the food and beverage service activities the sales increase was by 2.0%, while in the accommodation sales dropped by 1.3%;
* sales **in** **information and communication** increased by 6.5%. A double-digit sales growth was reported by programming and broadcasting activities (+14.2%) and publishing activities (+11.6%). Sales increased also in computer programming, consultancy and related activities (+8.8%), information service activities (+8.7%), and telecommunications (+1.8%). A decrease in sales for a second successive quarter was recorded in the so-called motion picture activities (this time it was −4.1%);

* sales **in** **real estate activities** decreased by 1.5%, y-o-y. The decrease was recorded by real estate activities on a fee or contract basis (−3.3%) as well as by buying and selling of own real estate and renting and operating of own or leased real estate (−1.0%), which are more important in terms of their volume;
* sales **in** **professional, scientific and technical activities2)**decreased by 0.7%. In this section, sales increased the most in legal and accounting activities (+4.2%) and in other professional, scientific and technical activities (+2.9%), which include, for example, translation services and photographic services, business brokerage activities, specialised design activities, or activities of quantity surveyors. On the other hand, y-o-y sales decreases were reported by architectural and engineering activities (−4.7%), activities of head offices; management consultancy activities (−2.2%), and by advertising and market research (−2.2%);
* sales **in** **administrative and support service activities**increased by 3.1%. The sales increase was the most marked in rental and leasing activities (+9.0). Higher sales were reached also in office administrative and support activities (+4.4%), in employment activities (+3.3%), services to buildings and landscape activities (+2.8%), and travel agency, tour operator reservation service and related activities (+1.1%). The only division in this section, in which sales decreased, y-o-y, are security and investigation activities (−2.0%).

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 Q3 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