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Growth of sales in services continued

Services – the second quarter of 2017

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In the Q2 2017, **seasonally adjusted sales in services[[1]](#footnote-1)1)** increased **at constant prices by 0.8%**, **quarter-on-quarter (q-o-q)**. The highest q-o-q growth was recorded by the section of accommodation and food service activities (+2.9%).

**Year-on-year, sales adjusted for calendar effects** increasedby 5.4%. There were 4 working days less in the Q2 2017 than in the corresponding period of the previous year. Growth was reported by all industries of services.

**Non-adjusted** sales increased by 3.3%, **year-on-year**. Development in individual industries of services (CZ-NACE sections) was as follows:

* sales in **transportation and storage** increased by 0.7%. Air transport recorded a double-digit growth, namely by 17.5%. Sales in water transport increased, too (+2.8%) as well as in postal and courier activities (+1.8%). Warehousing and support activities for transportation stagnated. A decrease in sales was reported only by land transport and transport via pipelines (-0.5%), which is, however, the most important as for the volume of sales;
* sales in **accommodation and food service activities** increased by 12.4%. The sales increased in the accommodation by 14.6% and in the food and beverage service activities by 11.3%;
* sales in **information and communication** increased by 3.8%. Sales in information service activities, which include, for example, data processing, web portals, and hosting continued to grow (this time by 8.9%); the growth started already in the Q1 2014. A sales increase was recorded also by computer programming, consultancy and related activities (+4.9%), which include, for example, computer programming activities, computer consultancy activities, and computer facilities management activities. Sales increased also in telecommunications (+3.9%), programming and broadcasting activities (+3.5%), publishing activities (+2.3%). On the contrary, a decrease of sales was reported by the so-called music and motion picture activities (-14.0%);

* sales in **real estate activities** increased by 1.9%. Higher sales were reported by real estate activities on a fee or contract basis (+3.1%) as well as by (the more important as for their volume) buying and selling of own real estate and renting and operating of own or leased real estate (+1.6%);
* sales in **professional, scientific and technical activities[[2]](#footnote-2)2)**increased by 1.5%. In this section, most of economic activities (industries) were growing; however, the highest growth was in other professional, scientific and technical activities (+3.3%). Higher sales were recorded also by legal and accounting activities (+2.9%), which have been growing already since the beginning of 2015. A y-o-y growth was reported also by the following two most important groups of activities as for their volume: architectural and engineering activities (+2.4%) and advertising and market research (+0.6%). A decrease of sales was recorded in this quarter by activities of head offices; management consultancy activities (-2.8%);
* sales in **administrative and support service activities[[3]](#footnote-3)3)**increased by 6.9%. The development of this section was influenced the most by steadily growing (since the Q2 2010) division of employment activities, which grew this time by 12.7%. Already for the fourth successive quarter, sales increased in travel agency, tour operator reservation service and related activities (this time +12.8%). Higher sales were recorded also by office administrative, office support and other business support activities (+6.2%), rental and leasing activities (+5.0%), security and investigation activities (+0.6%). The only decreasing economic activity (industry) in this section were services to buildings and landscape activities, in which sales decreased by 1.3%, year-on-year.

Notes:

All data in the text of the News Release are at constant prices.

Data for the Q2 2017 are preliminary; final data for individual quarters of 2017 will be available in June 2018.

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#### *End of data collection: 27 July 2017*

#### *End of data processing: 1 August 2017*

*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

1. 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 – 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 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.* [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. 3) *For the purpose of the News Release, section N – Administrative and support service activities does not include CZ-NACE 81.3 – Landscape service activities.* [↑](#footnote-ref-3)