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Sales in services grew only owing to a higher number of working days

Services – the third quarter of 2019

**In the Q3 2019, sales in services adjusted for calendar effects decreased at constant prices by 1.1%, year‑on-year (y-o-y); non-adjusted sales increased by 0.3%, y-o-y. Seasonally adjusted sales decreased by 0.9%, quarter-on-quarter (q-o-q).**

In the Q3 2019, **seasonally adjusted** sales **in services1)** decreased by 0.9%, **q-o-q**.

**Year-on-year,** sales **adjusted for calendar effects** decreasedby 1.1% (there were 3 working days more in the Q3 2019 compared to the Q3 2018). Increases were only in the section of information and communication and in the section of accommodation and food service activities.

**Year-on-year, non-adjusted** salesincreasedby 0.3%. Development in individual industries of services (CZ-NACE sections) was as follows:

* sales **in** **transportation and storage** decreased by 0.7%. The deepest decrease of sales occurred in air transport (by 10.9%). Lower sales were recorded also by water transport (by 1.8%) and by land transport and transport via pipelines (by 1.4%). Sales were higher, y-o-y, in warehousing and support activities for transportation (growth by 0.2%). A two-digit increase of sales was in postal and courier activities (growth by 18.6%);
* sales **in** **accommodation and food service activities** increased by 0.7%. In the food and beverage service activities the sales increased by 1.6%, in the accommodation sales decreased by 1.3%;
* sales **in** **information and communication** increased by 5.9%. The highest y-o-y growth was achieved in publishing activities (+16.0%). An increase of sales was recorded in information service activities (by 8.6%) and in computer programming, consultancy and related activities (by 6.2%), which include, for example, computer programming activities, computer facilities management activities, and computer consultancy activities. Sales grew also in telecommunications (+3.1%) and in programming and broadcasting activities (+0.6%). On the contrary, a decrease in sales was reported by the so-called music and motion picture activities (−4.8%);

* sales **in** **real estate activities** decreased by 1.7%, y-o-y. The deepest decrease of sales was reported by real estate activities on a fee or contract basis (−7.7%). Lower sales were recorded also in buying and selling of own real estate and in renting and operating of own or leased real estate (−0.2%);
* sales **in** **professional, scientific and technical activities2)**decreased by 1.5%. Industries of this section, in which sales were decreasing are as follows: other professional, scientific and technical activities (−4.6%), which include, for example, translation services and photographic services, or activities of quantity surveyors. Lower sales were reported also by architectural and engineering activities (−3.4%) and by advertising and market research (−2.0%). Growing sales were achieved in legal and accounting activities (+3.1%) and in activities of head offices; management consultancy activities (+1.9%);
* sales **in** **administrative and support service activities**decreased by 1.5%, y-o-y. The most marked drop of sales was in employment activities (−8.5%) and in services to buildings and landscape activities (−4.9%). Lower sales were reported also by travel agency, tour operator and other reservation service and related activities (−0.8%), which have been decreasing already for the fourth successive quarter. On the contrary, sales growth was in office administrative and support activities (+3.1%), rental and leasing activities (+1.5%), and security and investigation activities (+0.8%).

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 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