

■ Services producer price indices – First quarter 2016

In Q1 2016, producer prices of services sold to French businesses were virtually stable

• **SPPI, production sold to French businesses**

In the first quarter of 2016, producer prices of services sold to French businesses were almost unchanged (–0.1% following +0.3% in the previous quarter).

Fall in prices for information-communication and transportation-storage services

Prices for information and communication services faltered in Q1 (–0.5% after +1.0%). As every year at this time, prices for radio and television broadcasting services fell back strongly (–8.6%).

Prices for transportation and storage services decreased again (–0.3% after –0.8% in the previous quarter). Prices in land transport services fell, driven down by the decline in prices for gas oil and by a greater competition.

This fall was only partially offset by the rise in prices for storage services and transportation support activities.

Virtual stability in prices for scientific and technical services and for real estate activities

Prices for scientific and technical services were almost unchanged this quarter (+0.1% after +2.1% in the previous quarter). The increase in prices for legal and accounting services (+0.4%) and for architectural and engineering services (+1.0%) was almost entirely offset by the decline in prices for advertising and market research services (–1.7%) and for activities of head offices and management consulting services (–1.2%). Prices for real estate activities were also practically stable (–0.1% following +0.2%).

Stability in prices for administrative and support services

Prices for administrative and support services held steady in the first quarter (0.0% after +0.2% in the fourth quarter of 2015) despite some rises related to contractual and salary revaluations at the beginning of the year in services to buildings and in administrative services.

• **SPPI, production sold to households in France**

Producer prices of services sold to households in France rose slightly (+0.2% following –2.1%), as those for real estate activities (+0.3%). Prices for accommodation and food services recovered (+0.9% after –3.4%). However, prices for transportation and storage decreased (–0.5%), as those for scientific and technical services (–0.6%).

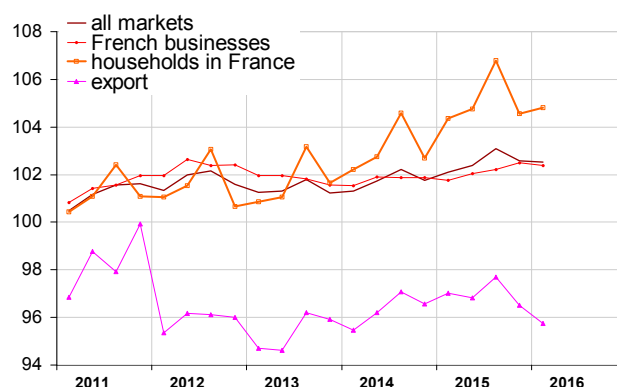
• **SPPI, production sold on foreign markets**

Producer prices of services sold on foreign markets fell again (–0.8% after –1.2%), driven down by prices for transportation and storage (–2.2%). Prices for air and water transport services dipped (respectively –4.9% and –4.8%) due to the fall in prices for heavy fuel oil and to a greater competition. On the contrary, prices for information and communication services recovered slightly (+0.3% after –2.8%).

• **SPPI (all markets)**

In the first quarter of 2016, on all markets, services producer prices were practically stable (–0.1% after –0.5%). Year over year, they rose by 0.4%.

Producer price indices for all services



Source: INSEE

Services producer price indices, by sector:

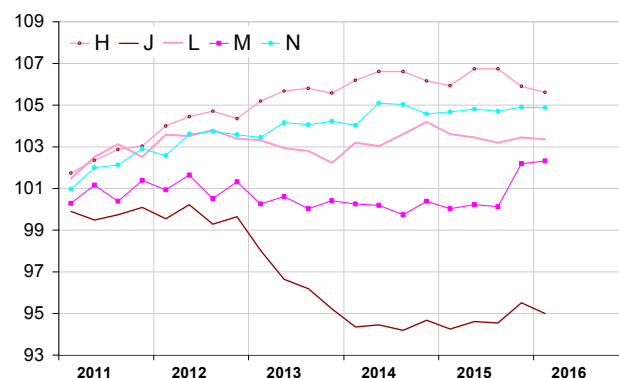
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Sections and choices of levels in NAF rev.2	Weight	Indices 2016T01	Change in %	
			Q/Q-1	Q/Q-4
Prices of services sold to French businesses (BtoB)				
HN : all services	1000	102.4	-0.1	0.6
H : transport. and storage	187	105.6	-0.3	-0.3
49 : land and pipeline transport	83	103.8	-0.9	-1.1
52 : warehousing and auxiliary services for transport	72	107.2	0.8	0.5
I : accommodation and food	32	nd	nd	nd
J : information and communic.	222	95.0	-0.5	0.8
62 : IT services	72	101.7	-0.3	0.6
L : real estate activities	100	103.4	-0.1	-0.2
M : prof.. scient. and tech.	200	102.3	0.1	2.3
69 : legal and accounting services	40	105.4	0.4	0.1
70 : activities of head offices and management consulting services	36	104.1	-1.2	1.3
71 : architectural and engineering services	74	101.8	1.0	4.4
73 : advertising and market research services	22	96.8	-1.7	0.3
N : administ. and support serv.	260	104.9	0.0	0.2
77 : renting & leasing services	54	99.2	-0.2	-0.8
78 : employment services	39	107.8	-0.2	0.1
82 : Office administrative and support services	49	107.3	0.0	0.4
Prices of services sold to households in France (BtoC)				
HN : all services	1000	104.8	0.2	0.4
H : transport. and storage	168	106.7	-0.5	-0.9
I : accommodation and food	337	112.4	0.9	0.7
J : information and communic.	186	90.9	0.1	1.3
L : real estate activities	177	105.9	0.3	0.6
M : prof.. scient. and tech.	71	102.7	-0.6	0.3
N : administ. and support serv.	43	98.5	0.2	-1.0
Export prices of services (BtoE)				
HN : all services	1000	95.8	-0.8	-1.3
H : transport. and storage	473	90.7	-2.2	-5.3
J : information and communic.	87	81.7	0.3	2.7
L : real estate activities	1	104.1	-0.2	-0.4
M : prof.. scient. and tech.	144	101.6	-0.3	0.5
N : administ. and support serv.	295	104.5	-0.2	0.0
Prices of services sold on all markets (BtoAll)				
HN : all services	1000	102.5	0.0	0.4
H : transport. and storage	200	103.5	-0.6	-1.2
I : accommodation and food	98	112.4	1.0	0.7
J : information and communic.	208	93.6	-0.3	1.0
L : real estate activities	113	104.6	0.1	0.2
M : scient. and tech. services	167	102.3	0.0	1.8
N : administ. and support serv.	204	104.9	0.0	0.1

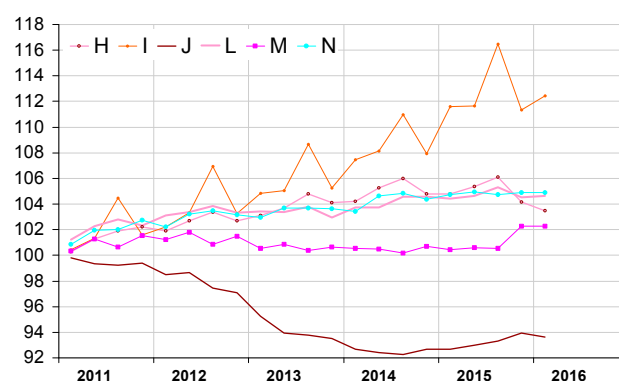
s: statistical confidentiality
 BtoB: business to business
 BtoC: business to consumer
 BtoE: business to exports
 BtoAll: business to all
 Source: INSEE

Producer price indices of services sold to French businesses



Source: INSEE

Services producer price indices, all markets



Source: INSEE

Measure of revision

in percentage points	
Services producer price indices	2015T04 / 2015T03
- services sold to all markets	//
- services sold to French businesses	0.2
- services sold to consumers in France	-0.3
- export of services	-0.3

How to read it: the change in the services price index for services sold to French businesses between the third and the fourth quarter 2015 published at the end of February was 0.1%. It has been revised at +0.3%; that is to say a revision of +0.2 point.

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For more information:

The services producer price indices measure the changes in transaction prices, excluding VAT, for services sold by French enterprises. They are calculated by markets and by products. The services producer price indices for the production sold to French businesses (« BtoB »), more exactly to legal entities established in France (including the general government sector, French affiliates of foreign groups, etc.), are regulated by the European regulation n 1165/98. The « STS package 2017 » project aims at developing services producer price indices for the production sold on all markets (« BtoAll »), on a large scope of the classification of activities (sections H, I, J, L, M and N), by including production sold to households in France (« BtoC »), and sold on foreign markets (« BtoE »). The prices for services sold to households in France are mainly derived from consumer price indices.

Regarding the SPPI for the production sold to French businesses, two notions are distinguished : producer prices by branch of activity at basic prices (including intra-group transactions, sometimes notion of « net production ») and selling prices by product at market prices to be used in contract escalation (excluding intra-group transactions, sometimes notion of « gross sales »).

The indices are calculated and published in reference 2010 and are Laspeyres chain-linked.

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