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■ Index of services production – March 2017

In March 2017, services output bounced back (+1.0%)

The commentary shows variations of subsections by decreasing contribution to the overall variation. The contribution of a subsection depends on the extent of the change and on its weight.

In March 2017, output recovered in services (+1.0%) after a drop in February (–0.5%).

Services output rose markedly over the last three months

Over the first quarter of 2017, services production increased by 1.4% compared to the last quarter of 2016.

It grew by 1.2% in business support activities, in particular in specialised, scientific and technical activities (+2.0%). It rose sharply in information and communication (+1.8%), accommodation and food services activities (+2.4%) and household services (+2.6%). It also increased in transportation and storage (+1.0%). It was stable in real estate activities.

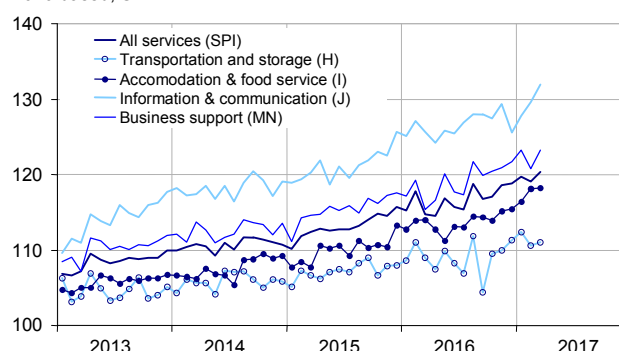
Output grew sharply over a year

In services, output of the last three months rose sharply over a year (+3.3%), with an increase in all sectors.

It went up strongly in business support (+4.4%), be it in administrative and business service activities (+5.1%) or in specialised, scientific and technical activities (+3.8%). It grew sharply in information and communication (+3.1%), real estate activities (+3.3%), and food and beverage services activities (+3.6%). It increased more moderately in transportation and storage (+1.6%) and in household services (+0.8%).

Index of services production

2010 based, SA-WDA



Sources: DGFiP, INSEE

Variation in the services production

2010 based, SA-WDA

Nace classification	Weight *	Change in %			
		March/ Feb.	Feb./ Jan.	q-o-q (1)	y-o-y (2)
Index of services production	10000	1.0	–0.5	1.4	3.3
H Transportation and storage	1601	0.4	–1.5	1.0	1.6
I Accommodation and food service activities	926	0.0	1.5	2.4	3.6
J Information and communication	1745	1.8	1.4	1.8	3.1
L Real estate activities	1064	–0.2	–0.4	0.0	3.3
M+N Business support	4020	2.0	–2.0	1.2	4.4
M Specialised, scientific and technical activities	2210	2.3	–2.5	2.0	3.8
N Administrative and business service activities	1810	1.7	–1.3	0.2	5.1
R+S Household services	644	–3.0	2.2	2.6	0.8

*Weight (10 000 = H...S excepting K, O, P, Q)

(1) Quarter-on-quarter: last three months / previous three months

(2) Year-on-year: last three months / same three months of previous year

Sources: DGFiP, INSEE

Upturn in business support

In March 2017, output in business support activities bounced back sharply (+2.0% after -2.0% in February). It recovered significantly in specialised, scientific and technical activities (+2.3% after -2.5%), particularly in architecture and engineering activities (+3.3%), scientific research and development (+4.9%), activities of head offices and management consultancy (+1.7%) and legal and accounting activities (+2.3%).

Output bounced back also in administrative and business support activities (+1.7% after -1.3%), notably in rental and leasing activities (+2.3%), other administrative and business support activities (+2.8%) and employment activities (+1.1%).

Further rise in information and communication

In March, output in information and communication went up sharply again (+1.8% after +1.4%), held up by a significant rise in computer programming, consultancy and related activities (+4.5%).

Marked drop in household services

Output in household services fell back sharply in March (-3.0%) after a marked increase in February (+2.2%). It sank notably in arts, entertainment and recreation (-5.1%).

Slight rebound in transportation and storage

In March, output in transportation and storage recovered slightly (+0.4% after -1.5%). It bounced back in warehousing and support for transportation (+3.4% after -3.7%) and in land transport (+1.1% after -0.9%). By contrast, it slipped back steeply in water transport (-17.2% after +16.4%).

Stability in accomodation and food service activities

In March, output was stable in accomodation and food services after +1.5% in February. It was virtually stable both in food and beverage service activities and accomodation.

Revisions

The month-on-month variation rate of the index of services production in February 2017 has been revised upwards by 0.2 points, mainly due to raw series updating. Initially published at -0.7%, it has been stated at -0.5%.

Variation in the services production

2010 based, SA-WDA

	Weight *	March 17	Changes in %		
			March/ Feb.	Feb./ Jan.	q-o-q (1)
Index of services production	10000	120.3	1.0	-0.5	1.4
H transportation and storage	1601	111.0	0.4	-1.5	1.0
49 Land transport...	686	116.8	1.1	-0.9	2.1
50 Water transport	63	169.0	-17.2	16.4	3.8
51 Air transport	129	94.6	0.7	-8.2	-2.4
52 Warehousing and support for transportation	563	111.5	3.4	-3.7	0.4
53 Postal and courier activities	161	74.9	-1.1	-3.7	-1.9
I Accommodation and food service activities	926	118.2	0.0	1.5	2.4
55 Accommodation	211	110.2	-0.1	1.4	3.6
56 Food and beverage service activities	715	120.6	0.1	1.5	2.1
J Information-communication	1745	131.9	1.8	1.4	1.8
58 Publishing activities	220	102.2	2.1	1.3	0.0
59 Motion picture, sound recording, music publishing	124	116.2	-0.6	3.6	1.2
60 Programming and broadcasting activities	68	126.2	2.5	-3.2	0.1
61 Telecommunications	558	135.6	-0.8	2.6	2.1
62 Computer programming...	683	139.7	4.5	0.3	2.2
63 Information services	92	148.5	-0.2	3.7	2.8
L Real estate activities	1064	106.4	-0.2	-0.4	0.0
M Specialised, scientific and technical activities	2210	120.4	2.3	-2.5	2.0
69 Legal and accounting activities	496	120.6	2.3	-1.6	2.8
70 Activities of head offices and management consultancy	665	119.9	1.7	-4.5	0.2
71 Architecture and engineering activities	465	125.6	3.3	-3.6	5.3
72 Scientific research and development	313	104.2	4.9	-2.9	0.6
73 Advertising and market research	171	112.5	0.6	-2.3	0.4
74 Other professional, scientific and technical activities	71	176.7	-2.3	12.1	2.2
75 Veterinary activities	29	127.0	1.1	0.8	0.2
N Administrative and business service activities	1810	126.8	1.7	-1.3	0.2
77 Rental and leasing activities	545	123.5	2.3	-1.6	-2.5
78 Employment activities	512	132.8	1.1	-1.5	3.3
79 Travel agency, tour operator	45	110.6	-3.0	-0.6	0.7
80 Security and investigation	109	125.2	1.0	-0.4	0.3
81 Services to building and landscape activities	248	122.4	1.5	-0.6	0.7
82 Other administrative and business support activities	351	128.6	2.8	-1.4	-0.4
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	306	128.2	-5.1	3.9	3.7
S Other personal services	338	112.1	-0.7	0.4	1.4

*Weight (10 000 = H...S excepting K, O, P, Q)

(1) Quarter-on-quarter: last three months / previous three months

Sources: DGFiP, INSEE

Revision of variations

in percentage points

	Feb. / Jan.	Jan. / Dec.	Dec. / Nov.	Q4 2016 / Q3 2016	2016 / 2015
Services production	0.21	-0.25	0.39	-0.04	0.07
Raw series	0.38	-0.15	0.04	-0.01	-0.01
SA-WDA parameters	-0.17	-0.10	0.35	-0.03	0.08

How to read: in the services industries, the SA-WDA variation in output between January 2017 and February 2017 is revised by +0.21 points: +0.38 points due to the revisions of raw data and -0.17 points due to the update of SA-WDA parameters

Sources: DGFiP, INSEE

For further information

- Complementary data (long series) and metadata (methodology, linked internet pages, etc.) are available on the web page of the index : <https://www.insee.fr/en/statistiques?debut=0&theme=30&conjoncture=70>
- Historical data are available on BDM : https://www.bdm.insee.fr/bdm2/choixTheme?request_locale=en&code=28#arbo:montrerbranches=theme28/theme34/theme35/theme479
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