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■ Index of services production – February 2018

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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 February 2018, services output fell back (–1.6%) after an increase in January (+1.4%).

Services output increased over the last three months

Over the last three months (December to February), services output rose by 1.2% compared to the previous three months.

It grew in business support (+1.1%), information and communication (+1.6%), transportation and storage (+1.5%), accommodation and food service activities (+1.2%), household services (+1.2%) and real estate activities (+0.9%).

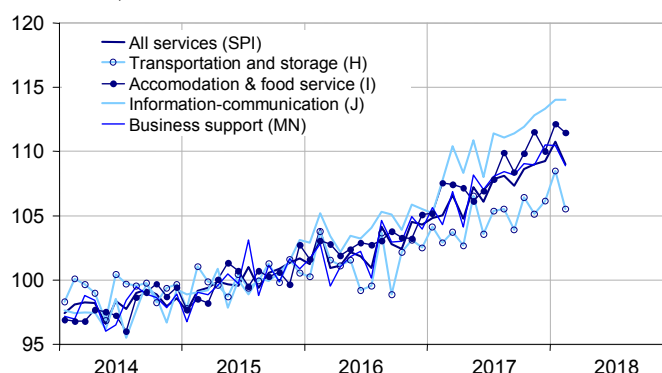
Output grew sharply over a year

In services, the output of the last three months rose sharply year on year (+4.7%), with an increase in all sectors.

Output went up strongly in business support (+5.1%), be it in administrative and business service activities (+6.4%) or in specialised, scientific and technical activities (+4.1%). It also grew sharply in information and communication (+7.2%), transportation and storage (+3.4%), accommodation and food service activities (+5.0%) and household services (+4.6%). It increased more slightly in real estate activities (+0.8%).

Index of services production

2015 based, SA-WDA



Sources: DGFIP, INSEE

Variation in the services production

2015 based, SA-WDA

Nace classification	Weight (1)	Change in %			
		Feb./ Jan.	Jan./ Dec.	q-o-q (2)	y-o-y (3)
Index of services production	10000	–1.6	1.4	1.2	4.7
H Transportation and storage	1504	–2.7	2.2	1.5	3.4
I Accommodation and food service activities	870	–0.6	2.0	1.2	5.0
J Information and communication	1635	0.0	0.6	1.6	7.2
L Real estate activities	964	–1.4	4.9	0.9	0.8
M+N Business support	4289	–1.4	–0.1	1.1	5.1
M Specialised, scientific and technical activities	2540	–0.7	–0.7	0.6	4.1
N Administrative and business service activities	1748	–2.4	0.8	1.8	6.4
R+S Household services	738	–4.9	5.4	1.2	4.6

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

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

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

Sources: DGFIP, INSEE

Downturn in business support

Almost stable in January, output in business support activities fell back in February 2018 (-1.4% after -0.1%).

It dwindled in administrative and business support activities (-2.4% after +0.8%). It decreased in almost all sub-sectors, especially in employment activities (-2.9%) and in rental and leasing activities (-2.6%).

Output continued to decline in specialised, scientific and technical activities (-0.7% after -0.7%), especially in activities of head offices and management consultancy (-1.6%).

Downturn in transportation and storage

In February 2018, output in transportation and storage fell back (-2.7%) after an increase of 2.2% in January. Output dwindled in land transport (-3.4% after +3.7%) and warehousing and support for transportation (-2.2% after +0.7%). By contrast, it bounced back in postal and courier activities (+1.9% after -5.0%).

Decrease in household services

After an increase in January, output in household services fell back in February (-4.9% after +5.4%). The decline was more marked in the arts, entertainment and recreation sector (-5.9% after +6.2%) than in "other personal services" (-3.3% after +4.0%).

Downturn in accommodation and food service activities

After an increase in January, output in accommodation and food services fell back in February (-0.6% after +2.0%). It dwindled in food and beverage service activities (-1.3% after +2.5%) and accelerated in accommodation (+1.7% after +0.2%).

Stability in information and communication

Output in information and communication flattened out in February after an increase of 0.6% in January. It grew further in computer programming (+0.7% after +0.1%) and in telecommunications (+1.1% after +0.3%) while it shrank in motion picture, sound recording, music publishing (-5.0% after +6.5%) and in publishing activities (-2.2% after +1.6%).

Revisions

The month-on-month variation rate of the index of services production in January 2018 has been lowered by 0.2 points. Initially published at +1.6%, it has been stated at +1.4%.

Variation in the services production

2015 based, SA-WDA

	Weight (1)	Feb. 18	Change in %		
			Feb./ Jan.	Jan./ Dec.	q-o-q (2)
Index of services production	10000	109.0	-1.6	1.4	1.2
H transportation and storage	1504	105.5	-2.7	2.2	1.5
49 Land transport...	715	108.8	-3.4	3.7	3.0
50 Water transport	36	110.9	-7.8	13.3	-8.2
51 Air transport	115	99.1	-3.7	3.1	-0.4
52 Warehousing and support for transportation	504	106.0	-2.2	0.7	1.9
53 Postal and courier activities	135	90.5	1.9	-5.0	-4.4
I Accommodation and food service activities	870	111.5	-0.6	2.0	1.2
55 Accommodation	205	107.2	1.7	0.2	1.6
56 Food and beverage service activities	664	112.8	-1.3	2.5	1.0
J Information-communication	1635	114.1	0.0	0.6	1.6
58 Publishing activities	208	107.2	-2.2	1.6	1.0
59 Motion picture, sound recording, music publishing	119	107.0	-5.0	6.5	1.9
60 Programming and broadcasting activities	71	108.5	3.7	-4.0	1.6
61 Telecommunications	415	99.7	1.1	0.3	-0.3
62 Computer programming...	720	124.5	0.7	0.1	2.6
63 Information services	102	124.8	-0.9	0.5	1.4
L Real estate activities	964	102.8	-1.4	4.9	0.9
M Specialised, scientific and technical activities	2540	106.3	-0.7	-0.7	0.6
69 Legal and accounting activities	502	112.0	-0.1	-0.7	1.8
70 Activities of head offices and management consultancy	739	106.8	-1.6	-0.6	0.4
71 Architecture and engineering activities	491	106.0	-0.9	1.7	2.6
72 Scientific research and development	559	99.2	0.2	-3.2	-2.3
73 Advertising and market research	146	101.2	-2.2	-0.6	3.3
74 Other professional, scientific and technical activities	79	124.6	1.0	0.2	-0.5
75 Veterinary activities	26	110.9	0.1	3.5	-0.2
N Administrative and business service activities	1748	112.7	-2.4	0.8	1.8
77 Rental and leasing activities	526	110.2	-2.6	2.1	0.5
78 Employment activities	502	124.5	-2.9	0.7	4.9
79 Travel agency, tour operator	35	108.6	3.6	-0.7	2.4
80 Security and investigation	104	107.9	-4.2	2.3	0.6
81 Services to building and landscape activities	245	110.1	-0.4	-0.3	0.7
82 Other administrative and business support activities	336	102.8	-2.7	-0.6	0.0
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	460	115.1	-5.9	6.2	1.5
S Other personal services	278	104.3	-3.3	4.0	0.8

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

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

Sources: DGFIP, INSEE

Revision of variations

in percentage points

	Jan./ Dec.	Dec./ Nov.	Nov./ Oct.	Q4 2017/ Q3 2017	2017/ 2016
Services production	-0.17	-0.07	-0.02	0.00	0.03
Raw series	-0.11	-0.09	-0.03	0.07	0.03
SA-WDA parameters	-0.06	0.02	0.01	-0.07	0.00

How to read: in the services industries, the SA-WDA variation in output between December 2017 and January 2018 is revised by -0.17 points: -0.11 points due to the revisions of raw data and -0.06 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>
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