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■ Index of services production – May 2018

In May 2018, services output decreased (–0.7%)

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 May 2018, output decreased (–0.7%) in services after a strong rise in April (+2.6%).

Services output rose over the last three months

Over the last three months (March to May), services production increased by 1.0% compared to the previous three months.

It grew in business support activities (+1.1%), be it in administrative and business service activities (+1.5%) or in specialised, scientific and technical activities (+0.9%). It rose sharply in information and communication (+2.2%), in real estate activities (+1.7%) and more slightly in accommodation and food services activities (+0.5%). However, it decreased in transportation and storage (–0.5%) and household services (–0.4%).

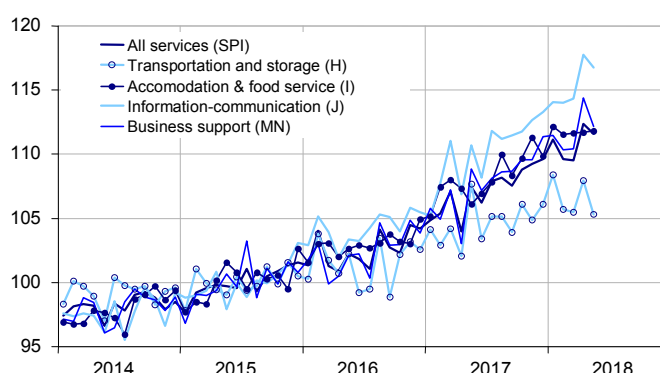
Output grew sharply over a year

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

It went up strongly in business support (+5.6%), be it in administrative and business service activities (+6.8%) or in specialised, scientific and technical activities (+4.7%). It also grew sharply in information and communication (+6.2%), real estate activities (+3.1%), accommodation and food service activities (+4.3%) and household services (+5.1%). It increased more moderately in transportation and storage (+1.5%).

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 %			
		May/ Apr.	Apr./ Mar.	q-o-q (2)	y-o-y (3)
Index of services production	10000	–0.7	2.6	1.0	4.7
H Transportation and storage	1504	–2.4	2.3	–0.5	1.5
I Accommodation and food service activities	870	0.1	0.1	0.5	4.3
J Information and communication	1635	–0.8	3.0	2.2	6.2
L Real estate activities	964	5.5	1.9	1.7	3.1
M+N Business support	4289	–2.0	3.6	1.1	5.6
M Specialised, scientific and technical activities	2540	–2.1	3.4	0.9	4.7
N Administrative and business service activities	1748	–1.8	3.9	1.5	6.8
R+S Household services	738	2.6	0.0	–0.4	5.1

(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

Variation in the services production

2015 based, SA-WDA

Strong backlash in business support

In May 2018, output in business support activities fell back (–2.0%) after a strong increase in April (+3.6%).

It shrank in specialised, scientific and technical activities (–2.1% after +3.4% in April), particularly in architecture and engineering activities (–2.7% after +3.2%), activities of head offices and management consultancy (–2.4% after +4.2%), legal and accounting activities (–1.0 after +1.6%), and advertising and market research (–6.8% after +7.8%).

Output also fell back in administrative and business support activities (–1.8% after +3.9%), notably in rental and leasing activities (–2.5% after +3.0%), security and investigation (–5.2% after +6.8%) and in services to building and landscape activities (–3.2% after +5.2%).

Downturn in transportation and storage

Output in transportation and storage folded in May (–2.4% after +2.3%), notably in land transport (–4.0% after +1.9%) and warehousing and support for transportation (–1.7% after +4.0%). By contrast, it bounced back in air transport (+3.8% after –5.2%).

Decline in information and communication

Output in information and communication declined in May (–0.8% after +3.0%), due to computer programming (–2.3% after +3.9%) and despite an acceleration in motion picture, sound recording, music publishing (+4.6% after +2.2%).

Virtual stability in accommodation and food service activities

For the third consecutive month, output in accommodation and food services was virtually stable (+0.1% in May). It rebounded in accommodation (+0.8% after –1.0%) whereas it was virtually stable in food and beverage service activities (–0.1% after +0.4%).

Sharp rise in household services

After a stability in April, output in household services rose sharply in May (+2.6%), mainly due to arts, entertainment and recreation (+4.1%). Other personal services production was virtually stable.

Revisions

The month-on-month variation rate of the index of services production in April 2018 has been revised downwards by 0.1 points. Initially published at +2.7%, it has been stated at +2.6%.

	Weight (1)	May 18	Change in %		
			May/ Apr.	Apr./ Mar.	q-o-q (2)
Index of services production	10000	111.6	–0.7	2.6	1.0
H transportation and storage	1504	105.3	–2.4	2.3	–0.5
49 Land transport...	715	105.8	–4.0	1.9	–1.7
50 Water transport	36	129.2	1.7	7.8	8.5
51 Air transport	115	100.0	3.8	–5.2	–1.7
52 Warehousing and support for transportation	504	107.8	–1.7	4.0	1.0
53 Postal and courier activities	135	91.5	–2.6	2.6	–0.4
I Accommodation and food service activities	870	111.8	0.1	0.1	0.5
55 Accommodation	205	106.6	0.8	–1.0	0.4
56 Food and beverage service activities	664	113.4	–0.1	0.4	0.5
J Information-communication	1635	116.7	–0.8	3.0	2.2
58 Publishing activities	208	107.9	–1.4	8.1	–1.4
59 Motion picture, sound recording, music publishing	119	115.6	4.6	2.2	2.5
60 Programming and broadcasting activities	71	116.0	4.8	7.3	–1.0
61 Telecommunications	415	101.3	–0.1	–2.1	3.1
62 Computer programming...	720	126.6	–2.3	3.9	2.8
63 Information services	102	130.0	–0.7	3.1	2.9
L Real estate activities	964	108.0	5.5	1.9	1.7
M Specialised, scientific and technical activities	2540	109.1	–2.1	3.4	0.9
69 Legal and accounting activities	502	112.9	–1.0	1.6	0.4
70 Activities of head offices and management consultancy	739	109.8	–2.4	4.2	0.1
71 Architecture and engineering activities	491	106.3	–2.7	3.2	0.2
72 Scientific research and development	559	105.9	–1.3	3.4	2.9
73 Advertising and market research	146	102.0	–6.8	7.8	0.4
74 Other professional, scientific and technical activities	79	131.1	–0.7	3.8	2.5
75 Veterinary activities	26	113.4	1.1	0.7	2.4
N Administrative and business service activities	1748	116.6	–1.8	3.9	1.5
77 Rental and leasing activities	526	112.3	–2.5	3.0	1.3
78 Employment activities	502	132.1	–0.6	4.3	2.6
79 Travel agency, tour operator	35	99.6	–1.4	1.9	–3.3
80 Security and investigation	104	110.6	–5.2	6.8	1.1
81 Services to building and landscape activities	245	111.0	–3.2	5.2	0.2
82 Other administrative and business support activities	336	107.9	–0.3	3.1	1.4
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	460	119.8	4.1	–0.1	–0.8
S Other personal services	278	105.3	–0.1	0.2	0.3

(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

	Apr./ Mar.	Mar./ Feb.	Feb./ Jan.	Q1 2018/ Q4 2017	2017/ 2016
Services production	–0.08	0.02	0.01	–0.03	0.00
Raw series	0.05	0.10	0.00	–0.04	0.00
SA-WDA parameters	–0.13	–0.08	0.01	0.01	0.00

How to read: in the services industries, the SA-WDA variation in output between March 2018 and April 2018 is revised by –0.08 points: +0.05 points due to the revisions of raw data and –0.13 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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