

In the third quarter of 2018 Auxiliary Services and the Sale & Repair of Vehicles led the growth in market services in the Basque Country

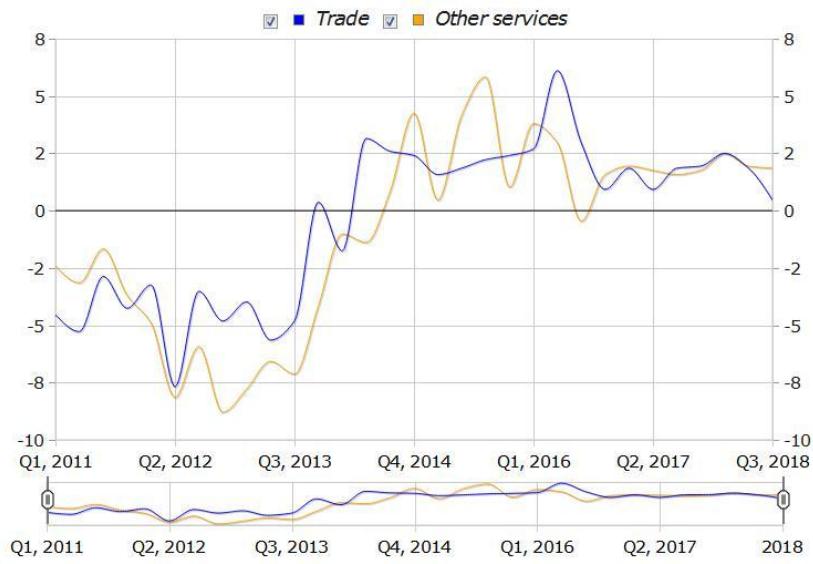
Over the year to date, Trade sales, including the Sale and Repair of Vehicles, rose by 1.8% and Other Services grew by 2.3%

Within market services, the sectors of Administrative Activities and Auxiliary Services (4.7%) and Sale and Repair of Motor Vehicles (4.1%) registered the highest growth rates in sales, in constant terms, in the third quarter of 2018, compared to the same quarter of the previous year, according to Eustat data.

At a more disaggregated level, the Trade sector, which comprises Wholesale Trade, Retail Trade and the Sale & Repair of Vehicles, saw sales rise by 0.5% in the fourth quarter of 2018 in constant terms, whereas the sectors that come under Other Services saw an increase in sales of 2.0%, and this is all in relation to the same quarter of the previous year.

Year-on-year variation rate of trade index and the other service index in the Basque Country. (%)

Corrected for calendar effects. Constant prices



Source: Eustat. Service Index

Over the first nine months of the year as a whole, once the price effect had been disregarded, the Trade sector registered an increase of 1.8%, a sector in which Sale & Repair of Vehicles saw growth of 6.8%, whilst Other Services as a whole reached 2.3%, led by Administrative Activities & Auxiliary Services, with an accumulative growth of 4.6% so far this year.

Compared with the previous quarter, the Trade sector saw a drop of 0.4%, but the Other Services sector grew by 0.3%, at constant prices and once any seasonal effects had been eliminated.

Within Trade, the year-on-year evolution was positive in the Sale & Repair of Motor Vehicles sector, which was up 4.1% and in Trade, there was an increase of 0.7%; however, sales in the Trade sector fell by 0.9%.

In the Other Services sector, the sales index (in constant terms) rose by 4.7% for the branch of Administrative Activities & Auxiliary Services, 3.4% for the branch of Transport & Storage, 2.5% for the branch of Hotel Management & Catering and 0.6% for the branch of Scientific and Technical Professional Activities. On the other hand, the Information & Communications branch registered a fall of 1.9%.

By province, the Trade sector registered an upward trend in real terms in Álava and Gipuzkoa, which saw increases of 3.2% and 1.0%, respectively. In Bizkaia, however, there was a drop of 0.6%. For Other Services as a whole, the evolution of the third quarter in real terms was positive in all three provinces, with growth of 4.5% for Gipuzkoa, 2.7% for Álava and 0.5% for Bizkaia. This is all in relation to the second quarter of 2017 once the price effect had been discounted.

Table 1. Service Index of the Basque Country. Year-on-year and quarter-on-quarter growth rates (p). III/2018

	CONSTANT PRICES	
	q / q-4	q / q-1
Trade	0,5	-0,4
Sale and repair of motor vehicles	4,1	-1,2
Wholesale trade	0,7	-0,2
Retail trade	-0,9	0,2
Other services	2,0	0,3
Transportation and storage	3,4	0,8
Acommodation and food service activities	2,5	0,0
Information and communication	-1,9	-0,1
Professional, scientific and technical activities	0,6	-1,3
Administrative activities and support services	4,7	1,7
Araba/Álava		
Trade	3,2	0,8
Other services	2,7	1,6
Bizkaia		
Trade	-0,6	-0,9
Other services	0,5	-1,6
Gipuzkoa		
Trade	1,0	-0,3
Other services	4,5	3,3
EMPLOYMENT INDEX		
Basque Country		
Trade	1,0	0,0
Other services	2,7	0,7

q / q-4 Year-on-year growth. Data corrected for calendar effects

q / q-1 Quarter-on-quarter growth. Seasonally adjusted data

Source: Eustat. Service Index

The index of employed people in the Basque Country rose on a year-on-year basis for both indexes, with a 1.0% rise in the Trade sector and a 2.7% increase in the index for Other Services. Compared to the second quarter of 2018, the index for Trade did not undergo any change (0.0%) and the index for Other Services rose by 0.7%, all in deseasonalised terms.

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