

All sectors of market services registered increases in sales in the first quarter of 2018 in the Basque Country

The Sale & Repair of Motor Vehicles and Administrative Activities & Auxiliary Services were the subsectors with the most growth

The *Trade* sector, which comprises *Wholesale Trade*, *Retail Trade* and the *Sale & Repair of Vehicles*, saw sales increase by 2.6% in the first quarter of 2018 in constant terms, whereas the sectors that come under *Other Services* saw an increase in sales of 2.8%, all in relation to the same quarter of the previous year, according to Eustat data.

Compared with the previous quarter, both the *Trade* and *Other Services* sectors saw rises of 0.9% and 1.2%, respectively, at constant prices and once any seasonal effects had been eliminated.

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

Within *Trade* the year-on-year performance was positive for all sectors, above all in *Sales and repair of motor vehicles*, which was up by 6.7%. Sales also increased in

Wholesale Trade, with a rise of 3.5%. Retail Trade also showed an improvement, although more moderate, with an increase of 0.8%.

In the *Other Services* sector, the sales index rose by 6.2% for the branch of *Administrative Activities & Auxiliary Services*, 4.2% for *Hotel Management & Catering*, 2.5% for *Scientific & Technical Professional Activities*, 2.2% for *Transport & Storage* and, lastly, 1.2% for the branch of *Information & Communications*.

By province, in Álava sales in *Trade* were up by 5.4% and sales in *Other Services* were down by 0.2%; in Bizkaia sales in *Trade* rose by 0.9% and sales in *Other Services* by 3.9%; in Gipuzkoa sales in *Trade* increased by 3.9% and sales in *Other Services* by 1.9%. This is all compared to the first quarter of 2017 and once the price effect had been discounted.

The index of employed people in the Basque Country rose on a year-on-year basis for both indexes, with a 0.9% rise in the *Trade* sector and a 3.4% increase in the index for *Other Services*. Compared to the fourth quarter of 2017, the index was down by 0.1% in the *Trade* sector and up 1.0% in *Other Services*, all in deseasonalised terms.

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

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

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

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