

Sales were up 3.1% in the Trade Sector of the Basque Country and 0.3% in Other Services in the first quarter of 2019

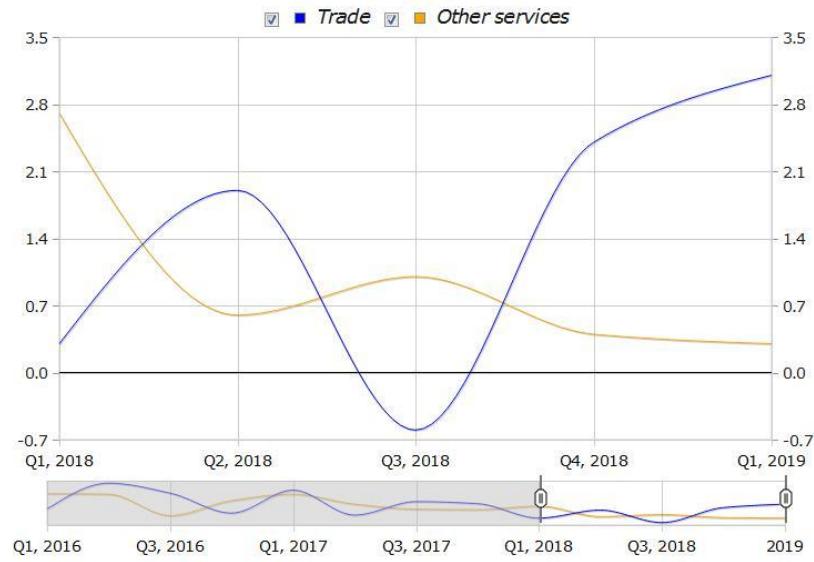
The Wholesale Trade and Transport & Storage Subsectors showed the highest growth

The *Trade* sector, which comprises *Wholesale Trade*, *Retail Trade* and the *Sale & Repair of Vehicles*, saw sales increase by 3.1% in the first quarter of 2019 in constant terms, whereas the sectors that come under *Other Services* saw an increase of 0.3%, all in relation to the same quarter of the previous year, according to Eustat data.

Compared to the previous quarter, both the *Trade* and *Other Services* sectors saw rises of 0.6% and 0.3%, 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 *Wholesale Trade* sales, with an increase of 4.8%, as were *Retail Trade* sales, up 2.0%; however, the *Sale & Repair of Motor Vehicles* fell by 1.8%.

In the *Other Services* sector, the Sales Index of the *Transport & Storage* sector rose by 3.4%, and for *Scientific and Technical Professional Activities* it was up 0.8%, whereas the Sales Index was down in the sectors of *Administrative Activities & Auxiliary*

Services (-3.9%), *Information & Communications* (-3.3%) and *Hotel Management & Catering* (-0.2%).

By province, in Álava sales in *Trade* were up 5.5% and sales in *Other Services* rose by 0.6%; in Bizkaia sales in *Trade* increased by 2.8% and sales in *Other Services* were down 0.1%; in Gipuzkoa sales in *Trade* grew by 2.4% and sales in *Other Services* by 1.0%. This is all compared to the first quarter of 2018 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 1.6% rise in the *Trade* sector and a 0.4% increase in the index for *Other Services*. Compared to the fourth quarter of 2018, the index was up 0.2% in the *Trade* sector and fell by 0.2% in *Other Services*, all in deseasonalised terms.

Service Index of the Basque Country. Year-on-year and quarter-on-quarter growth rates (p). I/2019

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

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

Methodological note: For the first quarter of 2019, the base year used as a reference for the Services Index (ICS) was changed. The new ICS base year of reference is 2015. This base change has signified the updating of the representative panel of participant companies of the Services sector in the Basque Country as well as the weighting structure for the various levels of disaggregation. From this first quarter of 2019 the series corrected for calendar effects and the series adjusted for seasonal effects since the 2015 base year are obtained using the

software JDemetra+ 2.2.1, following the Eurostat recommendations for carrying out seasonal and calendar adjustments in the official statistics of the European Union.

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