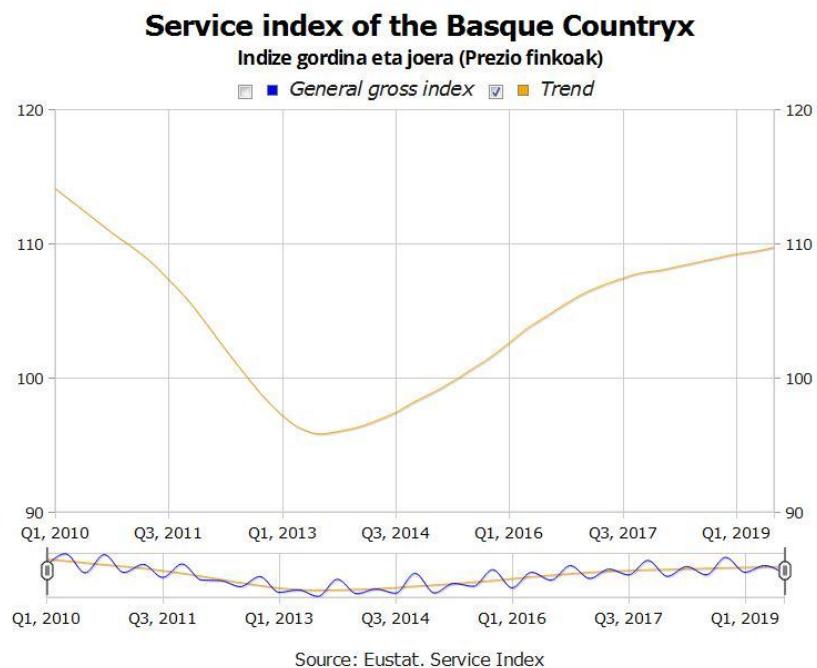


Sales were up 0.7% in the Trade Sector of the Basque Country and 0.8% in Other Services in the third quarter of 2019

Over the year to date, Trade sales rose by 1.5% and Other Services grew by 0.5%

The Trade sector, which comprises Wholesale Trade, Retail Trade and the Sale & Repair of Vehicles, saw an increase of 0.7% in the third quarter of 2019 in constant prices, whereas Other Services saw an increase in sales of 0.8%, all in relation to the same quarter of the previous year, according to data prepared by Eustat.



In the Other Services sector, the branch of Hotel Management & Catering led the growth, with an increase, in constant prices, of 3.2%, followed by Information & Communications, up 3.0%, Scientific & Technical Professional Activities, with an increase of 2.2% and Transport & Storage, with a rise of 0.1%; in contrast, the Administrative Activities & Auxiliary Services branch saw a drop of 5.1%.

Within Trade, the year-on-year performance was positive in Retail Trade, with an increase of 2.1%, and in Wholesale Trade, which was up 0.6%. However, the branch of Sale & Repair of Motor Vehicles was down 4.5%.

Compared with the previous quarter, Trade sales remained constant (0.0%), and the Other Services sector grew by 0.4%, at constant prices and once any seasonal effects had been eliminated.

By province, the Trade sector registered an upward trend in real terms in Gipuzkoa, with an increase of 1.7%, and in Bizkaia, where it rose by 0.4%, while in Álava there was a fall of 0.6%. For Other Services as a whole, the evolution of the third quarter in real terms was positive in Álava, with growth of 2.8%, and in Gipuzkoa, with an increase of 2.7%, whereas in Bizkaia there was a drop of 0.8%. This is all in relation to the third quarter of 2018 once the price effect had been discounted.

Over the first nine months of the year as a whole, in constant prices, the Trade sector registered an increase of 1.5%, Wholesale Trade standing out with growth of 2.5%, whereas Other Services as a whole reached 0.5%, led by Transport & Storage with an accumulated increase of 1.9% so far this year.

The index of employed people in the Basque Country, in the year-on-year period, was up 1.1% in the Trade sector and 0.2% in Other Services.

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

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

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

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

Aq / A(q-4) Year-on-year variation rate in the accumulated period from the 1st quarter to the last quarter observed (Aq) with regards to the same accumulated period in the previous year (A(q-4))

Source: Eustat. Service Index

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