

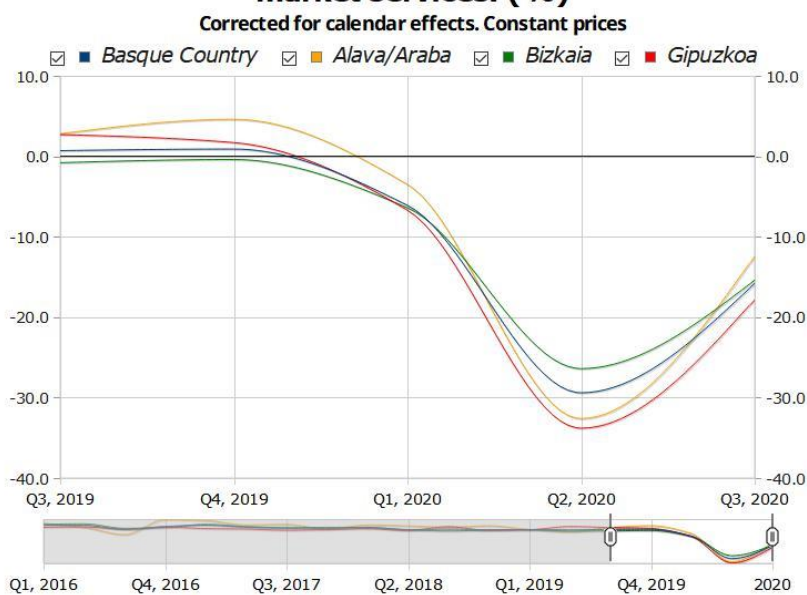
Sales in Market Services in the Basque Country in the third quarter of 2020 were 19.1% higher than those in the previous quarter

In relation to the third quarter of 2019 sales in Market Services were down 15.8%

The sectors that come under Other Market Services (hereinafter Market Services) increased their sales by 19.1% compared to the previous quarter, at constant prices and once seasonal effects had been eliminated, according to Eustat data. This increase was lower than the drop of 23.9% registered in the second quarter of the year.

In the third quarter of 2020 and in relation to the third quarter of the previous year, once corrected for calendar effects, sales in Market Services registered a fall in sales in real terms of 15.8%. In the accumulated total for the first three quarters of 2020, sales saw a decrease of 17.3%.

Year-on-year variation rate of the service index. Other market services. (%)



Source: Eustat. Service Index

Within Market Services, the year-on-year downturn in real sales is generalised. Of particular note is the drop in sales in the Hotel Management and Catering sector, with an estimated decrease of 35.5%. It is followed by sales in Administrative Activities & Auxiliary Services with a decrease of 26.4%; Transport and Storage, down 6.8%, Professional, Scientific & Technical Activities, which registered a year-on-year variation of -6.4%; and, finally the Information & Communications sector, which fell by 4.1%. All

the above in relation to the third quarter of the previous year and once corrected for calendar effects.

Compared to the second quarter of 2020 and in deseasonalised terms, there was a generalised recovery although to different extents. Thus, the Hotel Management and Catering sector saw its sales increase by 82.4% in the third quarter compared to the preceding quarter and Transport & Storage by 24.5%. Sales in Professional, Scientific & Technical Activities rose by 9.7% in quarter-on-quarter terms; Administrative Activities & Auxiliary Services saw an increase of 8.2%; and, finally, sales in the branch of Information & Communications were up 2.8%.

In the year so far, the sharpest drop in accumulated sales was in Hotel Management & Catering (fluctuation of -38.8%), Administrative Activities & Auxiliary Services (-21.3%) and Transport & Storage (-12.6%). The decrease was more moderate in Professional, Scientific & Technical Activities (-7.8%) and Information and Communications (-3.5%)

Service Index of the Basque Country. Other market services.
Constant prices. Provisional data. III/2020

	t / t-4	t / t-1	A (t) / A (t-4)
GENERAL INDEX	-15,8	19,1	-17,3
Transportation and storage	-6,8	24,5	-12,6
Acommodation and food service activities	-35,5	82,4	-38,8
Information and communication	-4,1	2,8	-3,5
Professional, scientific and technical activities	-6,4	9,7	-7,8
Administrative activities and support services	-26,4	8,2	-21,3
PROVINCES			
Araba	-12,4	39,0	-16,4
Bizkaia	-15,4	12,4	-16,2
Gipuzkoa	-17,8	25,2	-19,8
EMPLOYMENT	-3,8	1,6	-3,1

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 up to current quarter. Data corrected for calendar effects

Source: Eustat. Service Index

By province, and once the price and calendar effects had been discounted, in Álava there was year-on-year decrease in the Sales Index of 12.4%, in Bizkaia it was down 15.4% and in Gipuzkoa there was a fall of 17.8%.

In relation to the preceding quarter, sales increased by 39.0% in Álava, by 25.2% in Gipuzkoa and by 12.4% in Bizkaia. In the year so far, accumulated sales in Market Services were down 19.8% in Gipuzkoa, 16.4% in Álava and, finally, by 16.2% in Bizkaia.

The index of people employed in Market Services as a whole for the Basque Country dropped 3.8% in the year-on-year period. However, in relation to the previous quarter there was an increase of 1.6%.

NOTE:

Included as persons employed considered in this and other short-term indices, are those covered by an ERTE (Temporary Labour Force Adjustment Plan), following the definition of persons employed indicated by the Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat) in its manual [Methodology of Short Term Business Statistics](#).

The models used in the correction of calendar effects and deseasonalisation of the series include the effect of COVID-19 on the variables studied, following the recommendations of the Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat) (Eurostat) in its methodological note [Guidance on Time Series Treatment in the context of the COVID-19 crisis](#).

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