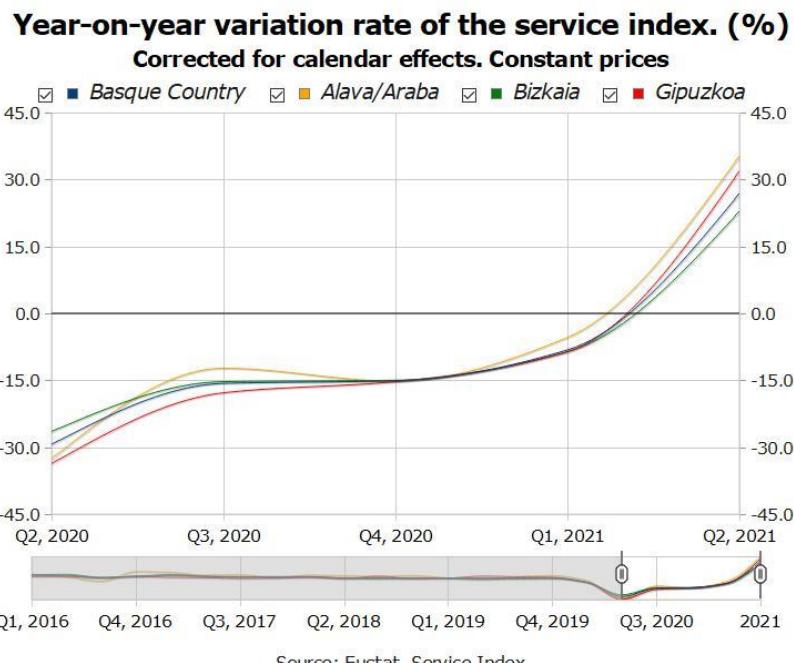


Sales in the market services sector in the Basque Country in the second quarter of 2021 showed a year-on-year increase of 26.8%

Cumulative growth in the first quarter of 2021 was 7.3%

Sales in the *Other Market Services* sector in the Basque Country rose by 26.8% in the second quarter of 2021 in relation to the same quarter of 2020 at constant prices and once calendar effects had been eliminated, according to Eustat data. This sector includes the services offered by the sectors of *Hospitality*, *Transport & Storage*, *Information & Communications* and *Corporate Services Activities*. In the year-to-date, the cumulative increase stands at 7.3%.

Compared to the previous quarter, at constant prices and once corrected for seasonal effects, sales increased by 1.5% in the second quarter of 2021.



Within the Services sector, there was a generalised year-on-year increase in real sales (at constant prices). This growth was led by the *Hospitality* sector, which experienced a rise of 81.1% and *Transport and Storage*, up 34.3%. The other sectors also registered significant growth: in the case of *Administrative Activities and Auxiliary Services*, the increase reached 17.7%; the *Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities* sector rose by 11.5%; and finally, the *Information & Communications* sector was up by 6.2%.

In comparison with the first sector of 2021, sales increased in all sectors. *Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities* increased their sales by 3.9%; *Transport & Storage* by 3.2%; *Hospitality* by 2.4%; sales in the *Information and Communications* sector increased by 2.2%; and, finally, in *Administrative Activities & Auxiliary Services* sales were up by 1.2%.

**Service Index of the Basque Country. Other market services.
Constant prices. Provisional data. II/2021**

	t / t-4	t / t-1	A (t) / A (t-4)
GENERAL INDEX	26,8	1,5	7,3
Transportation and storage	34,3	3,2	15,2
Accommodation and food service activities	81,1	2,4	6,9
Information and communication	6,2	2,2	2,1
Professional, scientific and technical activities	11,5	3,9	3,8
Administrative activities and support services	17,7	1,2	-0,4
PROVINCES			
Araba	35,2	-1,5	11,7
Bizkaia	22,8	1,5	5,5
Gipuzkoa	31,8	2,7	9,0
EMPLOYMENT	1,3	0,9	-1,1

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, there was a generalised year-on-year increase. In Álava the sales index was 35.2% higher than in the second quarter of 2020, in Gipuzkoa it was up 31.8% and in Bizkaia the year-on-year increase stood at 22.8%.

In terms of the cumulative variation up to this second quarter of 2021, Álava also led growth, with a cumulative increase of 11.7%. In Gipuzkoa the cumulative year-on-year variation in the two quarters of 2021 stood at 9.0% and in Bizkaia at 5.5%.

In relation to the first quarter of 2021, sales increased by 2.7% in Gipuzkoa and by 1.5% in Bizkaia. In Álava, however, there was a quarter-on-quarter decrease of 1.5%.

The index of people employed in *Market Services* as a whole for the Basque Country rose by 1.3% in the year-on-year period. In relation to the previous quarter growth stood at 0.9%.

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) in its methodological note [Guidance on Time Series Treatment in the context of the COVID-19 crisis](#).

Eustat would like to thank all the establishments that have collaborated in making this effort despite the circumstances. As a result, the index for the second quarter of 2021 was calculated with **95.86% coverage**.

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