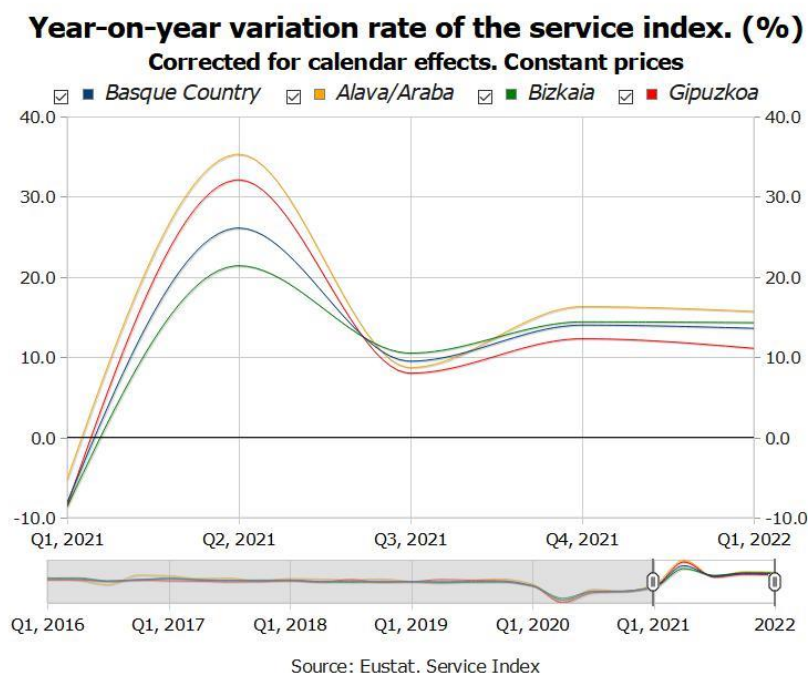


Sales in the Market Services sector in the Basque Country rose by 13.6% in the first quarter of 2022

There was growth in all services, but of particular note were Hospitality (37.8%) and Transport (17.4%), while technical services saw hardly any change (0.1%)

Sales in the *Other Market Services* sector in the Basque Country rose by 13.6% in the first quarter of 2022 in relation to the same quarter of the previous year, 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*.

Compared to the previous quarter, at constant prices and once corrected for seasonal effects, sales increased by 1.6% in the first quarter of 2022.



Within the *Other Market Services* sector, the year-on-year recovery in real sales (at constant prices) was generalised, although to different degrees. In effect, growth stood at 37.8% in *Hospitality*; at 17.4% in *Transport and Storage*; at 10.0% in *Administrative Activities and Auxiliary Services*; at 5.0% in *Information & Communications*; and, finally, sales in *Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities* increased by 0.1% in relation to the same quarter of the previous year.

In respect of the fourth quarter of 2021, an advance in sales was estimated in all sectors except in *Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities*, where sales were down 0.3%. Thus, *Hospitality* saw a 4.0% upturn in sales in the first quarter of 2022 compared to the previous quarter; in *Transport & Storage* sales were up 2.1%; in *Administrative Activities & Auxiliary Services* sales increased by 1.7%; and *Information & Communications* saw a rise of 0.5%

Service index of the Basque Country. Other market services. Provisional data. 2022/I

	Constant prices		
	Index	t / t-4	At / A(t-4)
GENERAL INDEX	13.6	1.6	13.6
Transportation and storage	17.4	2.1	17.4
Hostelry	37.8	4.0	37.8
Information and communication	5.0	0.5	5.0
Professional, scientific and technical activities	0.1	-0.3	0.1
Administrative and support service activities	10.0	1.7	10.0
HISTORIC TERRITORIES			
Araba/Álava	15.7	3.0	15.7
Bizkaia	14.3	1.9	14.3
Gipuzkoa	11.1	0.4	11.1
EMPLOYMENT	0.5	-0.2	0.5

t / t-4 Year-on-year variation. Data corrected for calendar effects

t / t-1 Interquarterly variation. Deseasonalised data

A(t) / A(t-4) Year-on-year change so far this year. Data corrected for calendar effects

Date May 18, 2022

Source: Eustat. Service Index

By province, in Álava there was a 15.7% year-on-year increase in the sales index, in Bizkaia it was up 14.3% and, finally, in Gipuzkoa it rose by 11.1%.

The index of people employed in Services as a whole for the Basque Country increased by 0.5% in the year-on-year period. However, in relation to the previous quarter there was a decrease of 0.2%.

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](#).

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 first quarter was calculated with **96.31% coverage**.

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