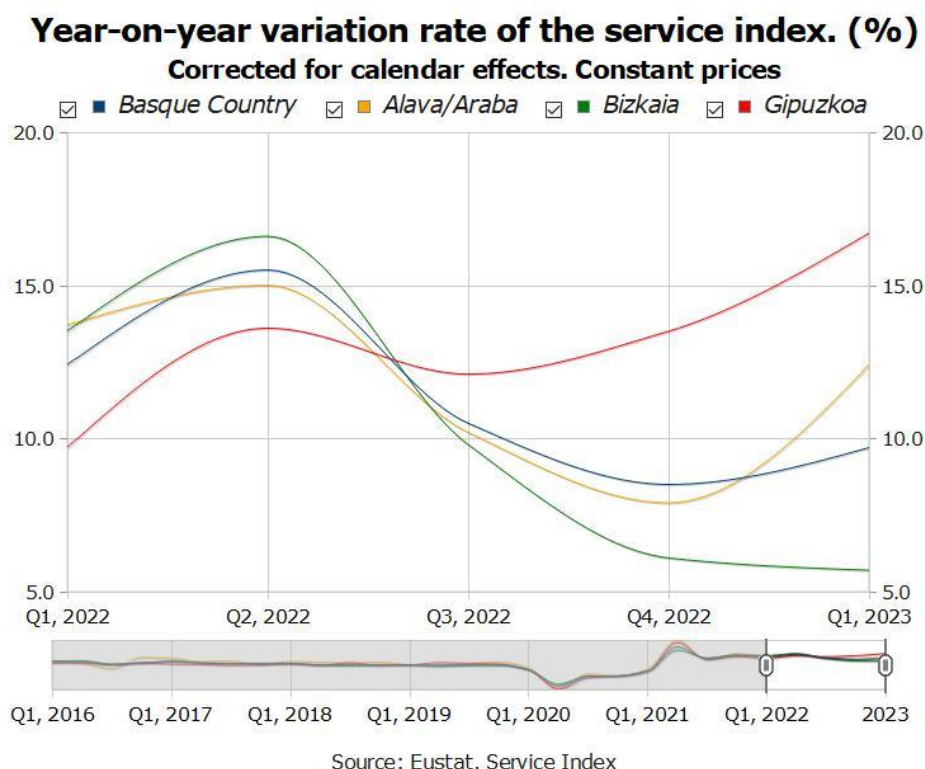


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Sales in the *Other Market Services* sector in the Basque Country rose by 9.8% in the first quarter of 2023 in relation to the same quarter of the previous year, at constant prices and once calendar effects had been eliminated, according to Eustat data. This sector includes the services offered by the sectors of *Transport, Hospitality, 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 2023.



Within the *Other Market Services* sector, the year-on-year recovery in real sales (at constant prices) was generalised. Growth reached 19.4% in *Transport and Storage*; 5.9% in *Hospitality*; 5.4% in *Administrative Activities and Auxiliary Services*; 4.0% in *Information & Communications*; and, finally, sales in *Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities* increased by 2.4% in relation to the same quarter of the previous year.

Comparing the first quarter of 2023 with the fourth quarter of 2022, a positive performance in sales was observed in all sectors. Thus, in the *Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities* sector sales increased in quarter-on-quarter terms by 2,8%; in *Hospitality* by 2,6%; in *Administrative Activities and Auxiliary Services* by 2.3%; in *Information & Communications* by 2.1%; and, finally, in *Transport and storage* sales were 0.6% higher than in the final quarter of 2022.

Service index of the Basque Country. Other market services. Provisional data. 2023/I

	Constant prices		
	Index	t / t-4	At / A(t-4)
GENERAL INDEX	9,8	1,6	9,8
Transportation and storage	19,4	0,6	19,4
Hostelry	5,9	2,6	5,9
Information and communication	4,0	2,1	4,0
Professional, scientific and technical activities	2,4	2,8	2,4
Administrative and support service activities	5,4	2,3	5,4
HISTORIC TERRITORIES			
Araba/Álava	12,4	4,4	12,4
Bizkaia	5,8	0,8	5,8
Gipuzkoa	16,7	2,0	16,7
EMPLOYMENT	0,0	0,2	0,0

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 17, 2023

Source: Eustat. Service Index

By province, in Gipuzkoa there was a 16.7% year-on-year increase in the sales index, in Álava it was up 12.4% and in Bizkaia it rose by 5.8%. As regards the quarter-on-quarter evolution, growth was observed in all provinces, standing at 4.4% in Álava, 2.0% in Gipuzkoa and 0.8% in Bizkaia.

The index of people employed in these services as a whole for the Basque Country showed no variation in respect of the first quarter of 2022. However, in relation to the previous quarter there was an increase of 0.2%.

NOTE

Eustat would like to thank all the establishments that have collaborated in making this effort despite the circumstances. As a result, the index for this quarter was calculated with **92.5% coverage**.

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