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SERVICES PRODUCER PRICES, FOURTH QUARTER 2023

The total services producer price index increased at the annual¹⁾ level, but decreased at the quarterly level²⁾ in the fourth quarter of 2023.

The services producer prices in the fourth quarter of 2023 increased by 7.2% as compared to the same quarter of the previous year

The highest increase in prices was recorded in the following activities: Travel agency, tour operator reservation services and related activities (by 19.6%), Food and beverage service activities (by 13.1%) and Accommodation (by 12.8%).

The decrease in prices was recorded only in one activity: Water transport (by 22.7%).

In the fourth quarter of 2023, as compared to the previous quarter, the services producer prices decreased by 9.6%

The highest decrease in prices was recorded in the following activities: Accommodation (by 45.6%), Rental and leasing activities (by 29.9%) and Travel agency, tour operator reservation services and related activities (by 18.9%).

The highest increase in prices was recorded in the following activities: Programming and broadcasting activities (by 7.4%), Motion picture, video and television programme production, sound recording and music publishing activities (by 5.2%) and Architectural and engineering activities; technical testing and analysis (by 5.1%).

1) Data compared to those of the same quarter of the previous year.

2) Data compared to those of the previous quarter.

1 SERVICES PRODUCER PRICE INDICES BY ACTIVITIES, GROSS, UNADJUSTED INDICES¹⁾

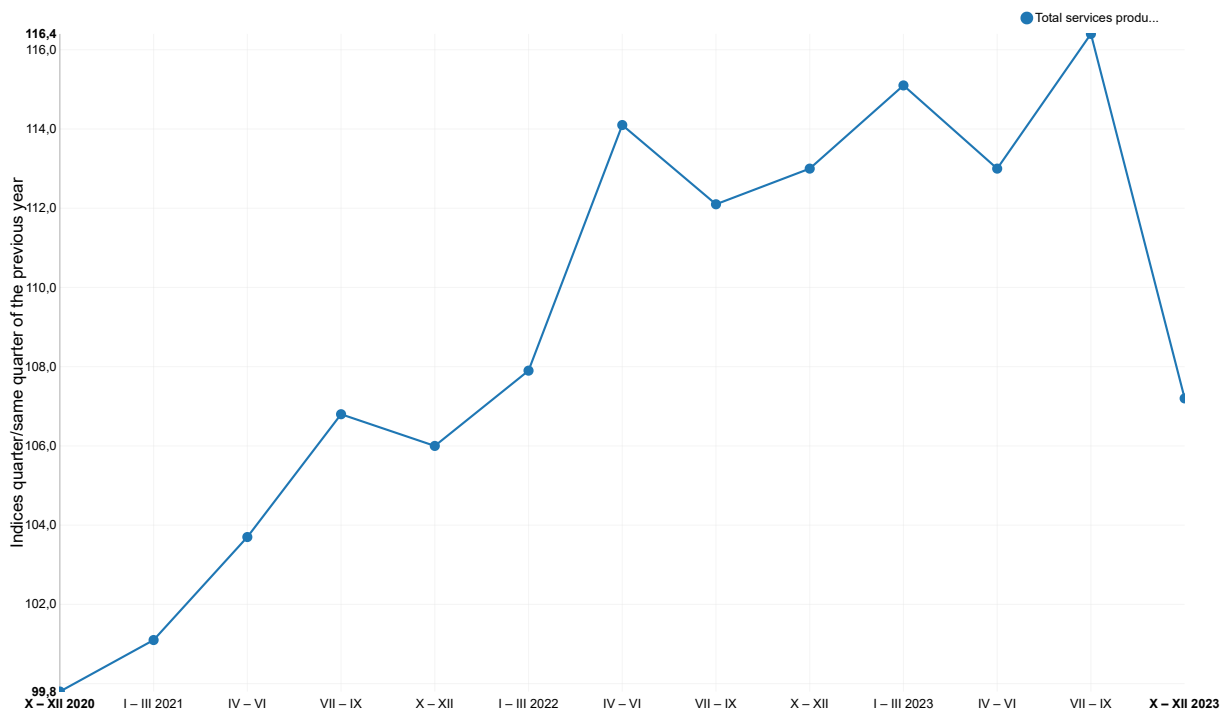
NKD 2007 activity code		X – XII 2023 X – XII 2022	X – XII 2023 VII – IX 2023	X – XII 2023 Ø 2015
(H – N)	Total services	107,2	90,4	135,8
H	Transportation and storage	101,5	98,3	139,7
H 49	Land transport and transport via pipelines	103,1	101,0	130,9
H 50	Water transport	77,3	81,4	210,0
H 51	Air transport	z	z	z
H 52	Warehousing and support activities for transportation	108,2	100,9	142,1
H 53	Postal and courier activities	z	z	z
I	Accommodation and food service activities	113,0	72,6	147,3
I 55	Accommodation	112,8	54,4	135,0
I 56	Food and beverage service activities	113,1	101,7	159,6
J	Information and communication	107,0	102,7	113,2
J 58	Publishing activities	105,5	103,4	142,0
J 59	Motion picture, video and television programme production, sound recording and music publishing activities	106,2	105,2	122,3
J 60	Programming and broadcasting activities	103,3	107,4	105,0
J 61 ²⁾	Telecommunications	110,0	102,7	100,1
J 62	Computer programming, consultancy and related activities	104,3	101,6	129,7
J 63	Information service activities	109,5	96,2	113,1
L	Real estate activities	107,4	100,7	149,4
L 68	Real estate activities	107,4	100,7	149,4
M³⁾	Professional, scientific and technical activities	105,2	103,1	122,1
M 69	Legal and accounting activities	107,9	99,9	121,3
M 702	Management consultancy activities	106,6	101,4	138,0
M 71	Architectural and engineering activities; technical testing and analysis	104,7	105,1	116,9
M 73	Advertising and market research	102,6	104,5	123,3
N	Administrative and support service activities	114,3	82,7	165,8
N 77	Rental and leasing activities	109,4	70,1	144,4
N 78	Employment activities	111,4	101,1	130,1
N 79	Travel agency, tour operator reservation services and related activities	119,6	81,1	205,0
N 80	Security and investigation activities	109,5	98,9	147,0
N 812	Cleaning activities	110,4	100,6	138,8
N 82	Office administrative, office support and other business support activities	104,1	99,9	116,0

1) See Notes on Methodology, Gross, unadjusted indices.

2) Estimation, data are subject to change

3) Service activities prescribed by the Regulation concerning short-term statistics are included and also other observed service activities due to alignment with the Council Regulation (EU) No. 1165/98 of 19 May 1998 on short-term statistics (Annex D) and its amendments, Regulation (EU) No. 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on European business statistics, repealing 10 legal acts in the field of business statistics, and the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1197.

G-1 ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE OF TOTAL SERVICES PRODUCER PRICE INDEX (H-N), 2020 - 2023



NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

Notice

The First Release USL-2023-3-1 Services Producer Prices has been published in quarterly dynamics since June 2023.

The original series of the services producer prices indices are published continuously on the website of the [Croatian Bureau of Statistics](https://sts baza.dzs.hr/en/Report?dt=10) in the STS Database (Short-Term Business Statistics Database) in the area Services under the headings Services Producer Price Indices – quarterly data available at the link <https://sts baza.dzs.hr/en/Report?dt=10>.

Precise dissemination dates are listed in the Calendar of Statistical Data Issues for 2023, which is available on the website of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics: <https://podaci.dzs.hr/en/>.

A part of the data, particularly those relating to quarterly original indices on the 2015 base, are regularly submitted on a quarterly basis to Eurostat and are available on Eurostat's website <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat>, together with the indicators of all EU Member States they are comparable to.

Sources and methods of data collection

Data are the result of a whole range of statistical surveys of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics which are used for collecting prices of representative services in observed service activities. A joint and acronym mark for these surveys is SPPI surveys (from the English name for these indices: services producer price indices). In addition to data on prices, data on turnover by representative groups of services that are used as weights in calculating price indices are collected, along with some relevant information specific to individual service activities.

A major part of information on prices is collected directly from reporting units through statistical forms via an internet application available on the webpage of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics. There are only a few surveys carried out via excel forms and a minor part is collected through observing publicly issued prices on the internet. For 156 Food and beverage service activities index, estimation of consumer price index is used. Collected data serve as a basis for the calculation of individual price indices, subsequently put together into a (joint) services producer price index (SPPI).

The reference observation period is a quarter. Enterprises enter data on prices in an electronic form and send the filled-in form to the statistical office 30 to 40 days after the observed period.

The methodology for SPPI surveys is harmonised with the concepts and definitions provided in the Council Regulation (EC) No. 1165/98 of 19 May 1998 concerning short-term statistics (Annex D) and its amendments, Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on European business statistics, repealing 10 legal acts in the field of business statistics, and the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1197 as well as with guidelines provided in the Methodological Guide for Developing Producer Price Indices for Services (OECD, Eurostat, 2014, Second Edition).

Statistical unit and statistical population

Statistical units are resident business entities that render services within the observed activity, either main or secondary one. Statistical population consists of all active units classified in the Statistical Business Register in the observed activity, being either a main or a secondary activity of the business entity. Main and secondary activity of a business entity is determined according to the NKD 2007 classification.

Coverage of activities

Pursuant to the Regulation (EC) No. 1158/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 2005 amending Council Regulation (EC) No. 1165/98 concerning short-term statistics, Part D (OJ L 191, 22 July 2005), there is an obligation to calculate price indices for the following service activities classified in the NKD 2007:

H	Transportation and storage
49.4	Freight transport by road and removal services
50.1 + 50.2	Sea and coastal passenger water transport, Sea and coastal freight water transport
51	Air transport
52.1	Warehousing and storage
52.24	Cargo handling
53.1	Postal activities under universal service obligation
53.2	Other postal and courier activities
J	Information and communication
61	Telecommunications
62	Computer programming, consultancy and related activities
63.1	Data processing, hosting and related activities; web portals
63.9	Other information service activities
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities
69+70.2	Legal and accounting activities, Management consultancy activities
71	Architectural and engineering activities; technical testing and analysis
73	Advertising and market research
N	Administrative and support service activities
78	Employment activities
80	Security and investigation activities
81.2	Cleaning activities

In Section 51 Air transport, only passenger air transport is covered by the survey. In Section 71 Architectural and engineering activities; technical testing and analysis, only architectural and engineering activities are covered by the survey and they represent the largest part of this Section.

In addition, the surveys cover the following service activities:

I 55	Accommodation
I 56	Food and beverage service activities
J 58	Publishing activities
J 59	Motion picture, video and television programme production, sound recording and music publishing activities
J 60	Programming and broadcasting activities
L68	Real estate activities
N 77	Rental and leasing activities
N 79	Travel agency, tour operator reservation service and related activities
N 82	Office administrative, office support and other business support activities

These service activities are observed due to harmonisation with the Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on European business statistics, repealing 10 legal acts in the field of business statistics, and the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1197.

Gross, unadjusted indices

All indices are presented in a gross, unadjusted form, that is, they are not affected by a seasonal and working-day variation. Data are subject to revision. Revised data are published in the first subsequent release.

Definitions

Weight is a share of turnover of a certain elementary aggregate in total turnover, estimated on the basis of available data.

Service specification is a detailed description of a representative service, which enables the monitoring of a price of always the same service.

Representative service is a service that has a significant share in the turnover of the group it represents and which reflects a type of work usually done by a reporting unit in a particular group of services.

Total activity index is a weighted price index average of individual groups of services.

Services producer prices are prices created on the market by service producers for their services sold. These prices are monitored from the point of view of service producers as opposed to consumer prices that are monitored from the point of view of end users. Prices of resident service producers are monitored.

Abbreviations

EC	European Community
EU	European Union
Eurostat	Statistical Office of the European Union
NKD 2007	National Classification of Activities, 2007 version
NN	Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
SPPI	Services producer price index
z	data are not published for confidentiality reasons



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