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SERVICE PRODUCER PRICES, FIRST QUARTER OF 2026

The total services producer price index increased both at the annual level¹⁾ and at the quarterly level²⁾ in the first quarter of 2026.

The services producer prices increased by 4.1% in the first quarter of 2026, as compared to the same quarter of the previous year

The highest increase in prices was recorded in the following activities: Postal and courier services (of **18.8%**), Publishing activities (of 10.0%), and Services to buildings and landscape activities (of 9.2%).

A decrease in prices was recorded only in the following activities: Rental and leasing activities (of 1.0%), Management consultancy activities (of 0.5%), and Accommodation (of 0.4%).

In the first quarter of 2026, as compared to the previous quarter, the services producer prices increased by 1.8%

The highest increase in prices was recorded in the following activities: Water transport (of **9.3%**), Information service activities (of 6.6%), and Other professional, scientific and technical activities (of 6.4%).

A decrease in prices was recorded only in the following activities: Accommodation (of 2.3%), Telecommunications (of 2.1%), and Management consultancy activities (of 0.5%).

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

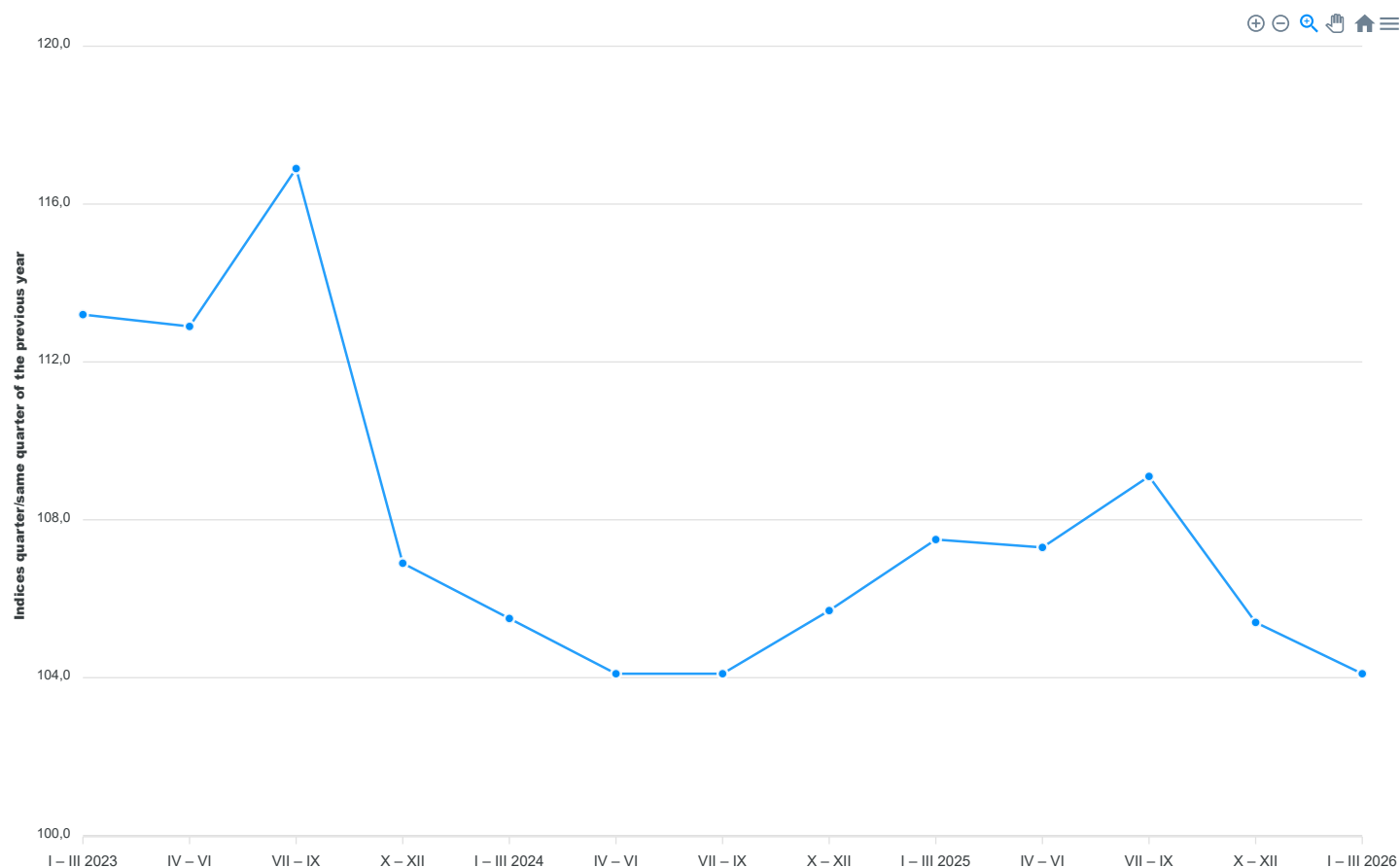
2) Data compared to those of the previous quarter.

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

NKD 2007 activity code		$\frac{I - III\ 2026}{I - III\ 2025}$	$\frac{I - III\ 2026}{X - XII\ 2025}$	$\frac{I - III\ 2026}{\emptyset\ 2021}$
(H - N)¹⁾	Total services	104,1	101,8	138,4
H	Transportation and storage	102,9	101,3	137,6
H 49	Land transport and transport via pipelines	102,4	102,5	130,8
H 50	Water transport	108,6	109,3	210,9
H 51	Air transport	z	z	z
H 52	Warehousing and support activities for transportation	102,9	100,7	135,9
H 53	Postal and courier activities	118,8	102,5	158,9
I	Accommodation and food service activities	104,3	100,9	154,9
I 55	Accommodation	99,6	97,7	147,6
I 56	Food and beverage service activities	108,6	103,6	161,7
J	Information and communication	104,8	102,1	127,2
J 58	Publishing activities	110,0	100,2	146,2
J 59	Motion picture, video and television programme production, sound recording and music publishing activities	106,6	102,1	129,1
J 60	Programming and broadcasting activities	103,6	103,0	95,9
J 61	Telecommunications	104,7	97,9	127,9
J 62	Computer programming, consultancy and related activities	105,0	105,2	129,1
J 63	Information service activities	101,4	106,6	107,8
L	Real estate activities	103,7	104,3	136,2
L 68	Real estate activities	103,7	104,3	136,2
M	Professional, scientific and technical activities	102,8	101,8	132,1
M 69	Legal and accounting activities	105,2	104,0	136,4
M 70.2	Management consultancy activities	99,5	99,5	132,4
M 71	Architectural and engineering activities; technical testing and analysis	102,6	100,8	129,9
M 73	Advertising and market research	102,5	102,0	129,3
M 74	Other professional, scientific and technical activities	106,1	106,4	140,1
N	Administrative and support service activities	105,5	102,4	136,5
N 77	Rental and leasing activities	99,0	100,0	112,4
N 78	Employment activities	104,1	102,4	148,2
N 79	Travel agency, tour operator reservation services and related activities	108,4	101,2	144,4
N 80	Security and investigation activities	107,6	105,8	168,6
N 81	Services to buildings and landscape activities	109,2	105,4	155,3
N 82	Office administrative, office support and other business support activities	104,4	101,9	119,5

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

G-1 ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE OF THE TOTAL SERVICES PRODUCER PRICE INDEX (H-N), 2023 – 2026



NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

Notice

The First Release USL-2026-3-1 Services Producer Prices has been published in quarterly dynamics since June 2023.

Since January 2024, the base year has been changed to 2021, and the new observation unit is a kind-of-activity unit (KAU).

The new base year and the new observation unit – kind-of-activity unit (KAU) – are defined by 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, which concerns short-term business statistics of all EU Member States.

Time series of the services producer price indices, with the base year 2021 = 100, are published on the website of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics at <https://dzs.gov.hr/en> in the STS Database (Short-Term Business Statistics Database), in the sub-area Service Activities under the headings Services Producer Price Indices – quarterly data available at the link <https://stsbaza.dzs.hr/en/Report?dt=10>.

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

The quarterly original indices with the base year 2021 are regularly submitted on a quarterly basis to Eurostat and are available on Eurostat's website at <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat>, together with the indicators of all EU Member States they are comparable to.

Sources and methods of data collection

The 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 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 website of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics. There are only a few surveys carried out via administrative data sources. In order to calculate the 156 Food and beverage service activities index, the estimation according to the consumer price index is applied. 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 period is a quarter. Enterprises enter data on prices in an electronic form and send the filled-in form to the statistical office 20 to 30 days after the reference period.

The methodology for SPPI surveys is harmonised 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, the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1197 and with the guidelines provided in the Methodological Guide for Developing Producer Price Indices for Services (OECD, Eurostat, 2014, Second Edition). This survey is conducted on the basis of the Official Statistics Act (NN, Nos 25/20, 155/23 and 124/25 – corr.).

Statistical unit and statistical population

The statistical unit of the services producer price index is a kind-of-activity unit. 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. The main and secondary activity of a business entity were determined according to the National Classification of Activities, 2007 version (NKD 2007).

Coverage of activities

The presentation and interpretation of indices are entirely harmonised with Eurostat's requirements for the presentation of short-term business indicators, 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 Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1197.

Observation units in the Quarterly Report on Services Producer Prices (SPPI form) are business entities (legal entities and tradesmen) that are registered by their main activity in the following sections of NKD 2007:

- H Transportation and storage
- I Accommodation and food service activities
- J Information and communication
- L Real estate activities
- M Professional, scientific and technical activities (except group 70.1 and divisions 72 and 75)
- N Administrative and support service activities.

The Decision on the National Classification of Activities, 2007 version – NKD 2007, will be applied in the Survey until 31 December 2027 in line with the transitional provision from Article 6 of the Decision on the National Classification of Activities, 2025 version – NKD 2025 (NN, No. 47/24): "For statistical and analytical purposes of official statistics of the Republic of Croatia, in the transitional period until 31 December 2027, the Decision on the National Classification of Activities, 2007 version – NKD 2007 (NN, Nos 58/07 and 72/07 – correction) shall be concurrently applied" and 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.

Gross, unadjusted indices

All indices are presented in a gross, unadjusted form, that is, they are 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

EU	European Union
Eurostat	Statistical Office of the European Union
NKD 2007	National Classification of Activities, 2007 version
NKD 2025	National Classification of Activities, 2025 version
NN	Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
z	data are not published for confidentiality reasons



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