

SHORT TERM STATISTICS

Services, Q1 - 2026

Turnover, employment and wage indicators for activities that are part of the services sector:

Turnover volume index in the first quarter of 2026, compared to the first quarter of 2025 is presented as follows:

- In the Wholesale and Retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles activity, the index increased by 4.6 %;
- In the Transport and Storage activity, the index decreased by 3.8 %;
- In the Hotels activity, the index increased by 12.6 %;
- In the Bars - Restaurants activity, the index increased by 8.4 %;
- In the Information and Communication activity, the index decreased by 1.6 %;
- In the Real Estate activity, the index increased by 31.5 %;
- In the Legal and Accounting activities, the index decreased by 4.3 %;
- In the Architectural and Engineering activities, the index increased by 8.0 %;
- In the Travel Agency activity, the index increased by 1.9 %;
- In the Security and investigation activities, the index increased by 4.9 %;
- In the Office administrative, office support activity, the index decreased by 5.4 %.

The number of employees' index in the first quarter of 2026, compared to the first quarter of 2025 is presented as follows:

- In the Wholesale and Retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles activity, the index increased by 3.6 %;
- In the Transport and Storage activity, the index increased by 3.3 %;
- In the Hotels activity, the index increased by 9.4 %;
- In the Bars - Restaurants activity, the index increased by 1.9 %;
- In the Information and Communication activity, the index increased by 2.1 %;
- In the Real Estate activity, the index increased by 22.5 %;
- In the Legal and Accounting activities, the index increased by 0.3 %;
- In the Architectural and Engineering activities, the index increased by 3.1 %;
- In the Travel Agency activity, the index increased by 3.7 %;
- In the Security and investigation activities, the index decreased by 3.2 %;
- In the Office administrative, office support, the index decreased by 10.5 %.

The wage index in the first quarter of 2026, compared to the first quarter of 2025 is presented as follows:

- In the Wholesale and Retail trade, repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles activity, the index increased by 14.6 %,
- In the Transport and Storage activity, the index increased by 1.2 %,
- In the Hotels activity, the index increased by 22.0 %;
- In the Bars and Restaurants activity, the index increased by 14.6 %;
- In the Information and Communication activity, the index increased by 10.4 %;
- In the Real Estate activity, the index increased by 35.0 %;
- In the Legal and Accounting activities, the index increased by 6.1 %;
- In the Architectural and Engineering activities, the index increased by 12.2 %;
- In the Travel Agency activity, the index increased by 20.5 %;
- In the Security and investigation activities, the index increased by 14.8 %;
- In the Office administrative, office support activity, the decreased by 6.5 %.

FIG. 1 ANNUAL CHANGES IN TURNOVER VOLUME INDEX (%)

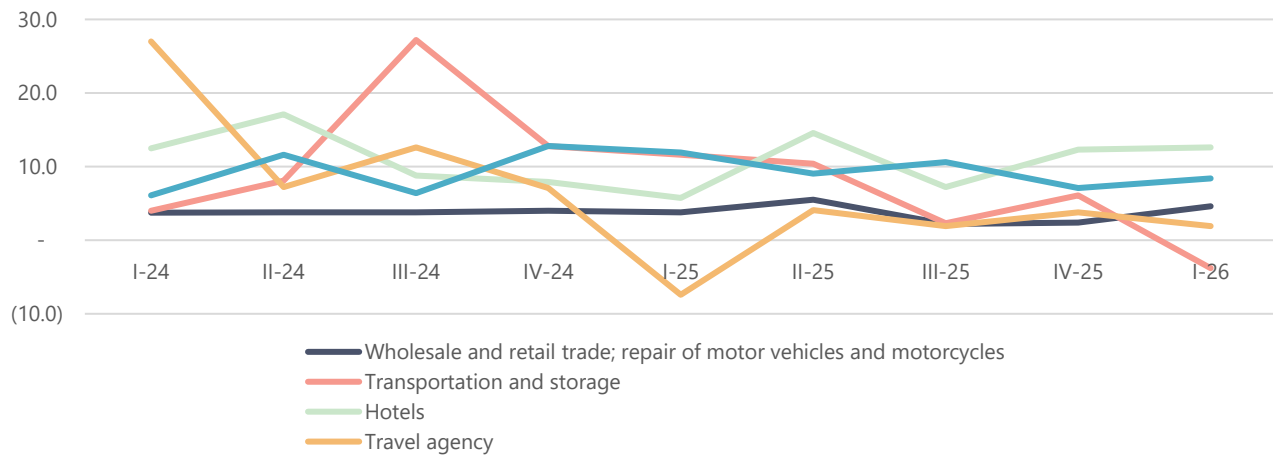
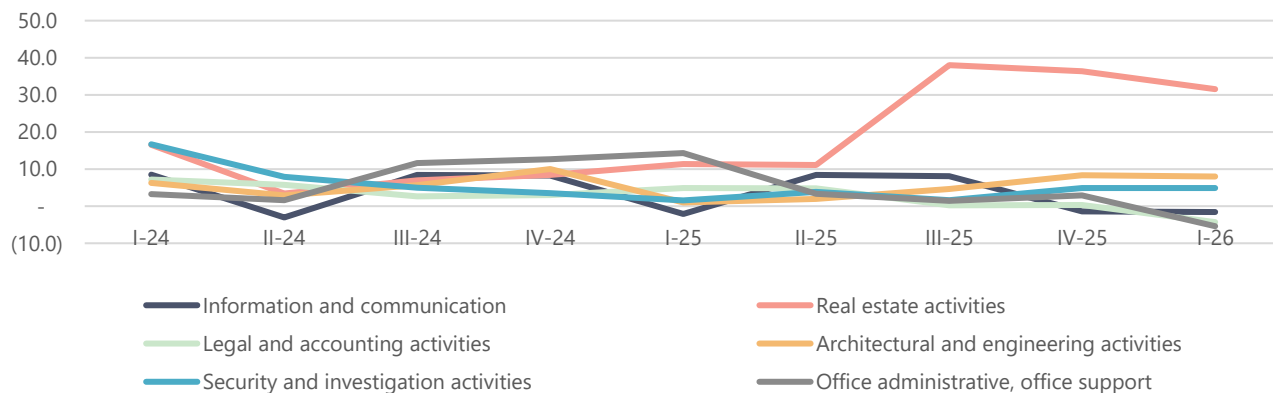


FIG. 2 ANNUAL CHANGES IN TURNOVER VOLUME INDEX (%)



TAB. 1 TURNOVER VOLUME INDEX, SERVICES (2021=100)

NACE Rev.2			Seasonally unadjusted		Seasonally adjusted	
Section	Division	Economic activity	Q I.2026 (2021=100)	I.26/ I.25 (%)	Q I.2026 (2021=100)	I.26/ IV.25 (%)
G	45+46+47	Trade	102.8	4.6	114.4	1.3
H	49-53	Transport and Storage	106.0	-3.8	129.5	-8.0
I	55.1	Hotels	120.0	12.6	203.2	2.4
I	56	Bar-Restaurants	136.3	8.4	147.7	2.6
J	58. 60. 61. 62	Information and Communication	101.2	-1.6	113.3	-2.3
L	68	Real estate activity	183.6	31.5	171.5	1.5
M	69	Legal and Accounting activities	120.1	-4.3	124.5	-2.9
M	71	Architectural and Engineering activities	87.9	8.0	103.5	2.2
N	79	Travel agency	176.3	1.9	236.0	-6.0
N	80	Security and investigation activities	115.2	4.9	118.8	2.2
N	82	Office administrative, office support	110.5	-5.4	111.3	-4.8

Note to users: Detailed data are available in INSTAT's statistical database: [Short term statistics - Services](#)

Methodology

Purpose -The short-term statistics shows the trend of economic development of a country in quarterly periods. By which the police makers can develop a short-term plan for the further development of the country. The development of the main indicators such as; industrial production, turnover, number of employees and wages in time series are described by this publication.

Coverage - based on main economic activity the main activities covered in the STS survey for services is as following:

- Total sale and repair of motor vehicles (45) and Wholesale (46)
- Transportation and Storage (is included and the Postal and courier activities) (49-53)
- Accommodation and Food Services: Hotels (55.1) and Bar-Restaurants (56)
- Information and Communication (58, 60, 61, 62)
- Real estate activity (68)
- Legal and Accounting activities (69)
- Architectural and Engineering activities (71)
- Administrative Services and ancillary activities – Travel Agencies (79)
- Security and investigation activities (80)
- Office administrative, office support (82)

Model and data collection - The enterprises are selected from the Statistical Register of Enterprises. The enterprises with 1-9 employees are surveyed by sample survey, whereas the enterprises with 10 and more employees are surveyed exhaustively. Administrative data sources and data collected directly from enterprises with face to face interview method are used this quarter.

Indicators - The indicators are given in Index form. The quarterly changes are given in percentage; whereas the annual changes are given in percentage with reference to the base year actually 2021=100. The data do not present absolute values.

Indexes - The indexes show the changes in time of a given variable, or of a group of variables. The Index Volume is calculated through the Lapsers Formula. In order to avoid the prices impact the indices are deflated with the proper price index by activities. Transport with implicit price index calculated etc.

The annual and quarterly changes in percentage - The annual change measures in percentage the change of economic indicators of the actual quarter compared with the same quarter of the previous year. The quarterly change in percentage it measures in percentage the change of economic indicators of the actual quarter against compared with the previous quarter of the same year.

Revision - Indexes may be revised due to several reasons: additional information, the methodological changes or re-evaluation of the used coefficients etc.

Definition of the main indicators

Turnover is the total amount realized by enterprises during the month from the selling of goods. Selling of own products and services excluded VAT.

Number of persons working includes all persons who actually work in the observed unit. There are included owners and co-owners and family members that helps in the activity and employees in the end of the quarter.

Employment index - shows the evolution of employment in observation unit.

Wages and salaries - are defined as the total remunerations. In cash or in kind payable to all persons counted on the payrolls in return for work done during the accounting period.

Index of wages and salaries - the gross wages and salaries index approximates the development of the wages and salaries bill.

Seasonal adjustment

Seasonal adjustment of quarterly time series of producer of materials goods is done by using JDemetra+ 2.2.4 version software. The chosen model for the decomposition of time series is X-12 ARIMA, under specification X-13. The span of time series is from first quarter 2006 to first quarter 2026. X-12 ARIMA model is totally based in moving average.