

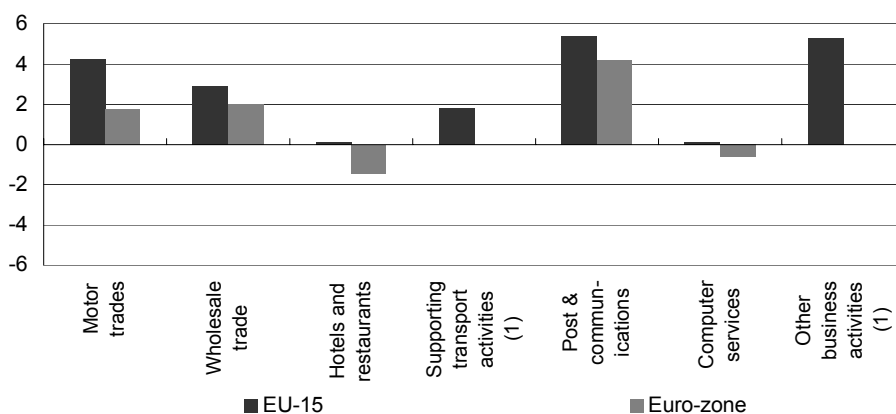
Developments for services during the second quarter of 2003

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Services in the EU

This is the first edition of what will be a regular, quarterly bulletin on the services sector of the EU economy. The legal basis for the collection of these short-term business statistics is the Council Regulation for short-term statistics 1165/98 from 19 May 1998.

There was turnover growth reported for each of the Divisions of the services sector (subject to data availability) in the EU between the first quarters of 2002 and 2003. The most rapid growth was recorded in the activities of post and communications, other business activities and motor trades. On the other hand, the number of persons employed in EU service sectors increased in just two of the Divisions in the second quarter of 2003; hotels and restaurants and other business activities. In the euro-zone, employment also expanded within the four activities that make-up transport services.



(1) Euro-zone, not available.

Figure 1: Turnover, latest growth rates (Q1/03), compared to the same quarter of the previous year, gross data (%)

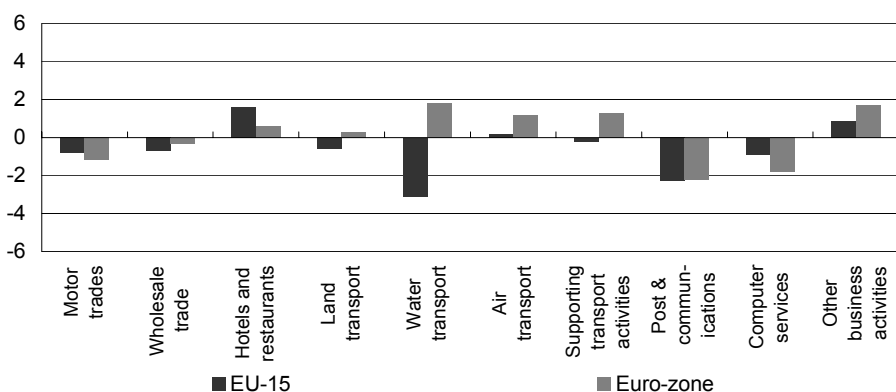


Figure 2: Employment, latest growth rates (Q2/03), compared to the same quarter of the previous year, gross data (%)

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Motor trades

	Quarter on quarter growth rates, seasonally adjusted data						Year on year growth rates, gross data					
	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03
EU-15	:	:	:	:	:	:	1.4	5.5	4.0	2.8	4.3	-0.3
Euro-zone	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1.8	-2.7
BE	-2.8	18.9	-12.6	1.1	-4.8	-8.2	6.0	26.9	10.1	2.1	1.0	-22.8
DK	0.7	7.3	0.9	-2.8	-3.1	-3.5	1.3	11.7	14.6	6.5	1.3	-9.5
DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	-2.1	0.6	2.0	-1.4	2.2	1.3
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	9.1	6.4
FR	3.2	0.1	-3.3	2.2	-3.8	1.0	2.4	2.7	0.6	1.0	-1.5	-3.3
IE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
IT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
LU	0.5	1.6	1.9	1.6	3.5	:	9.2	11.9	11.5	6.6	8.6	:
NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AT	-1.3	-2.1	3.0	1.6	2.0	-1.3	-4.0	-4.6	-0.4	1.7	3.5	5.4
PT	-8.5	1.6	-10.2	-4.0	-1.1	-5.2	-9.0	-5.4	-19.9	-20.6	-13.6	-19.3
FI	1.4	4.4	1.9	1.8	3.5	5.9	-1.9	13.7	11.8	8.8	13.3	12.8
SE	-0.2	3.9	1.2	0.9	1.0	:	-2.9	1.3	3.8	6.3	11.1	:
UK	0.4	2.4	3.1	1.0	1.5	-0.2	6.0	9.0	8.8	6.3	9.5	6.8

EU-15, euro-zone, DE, ES: time-series not long enough for seasonal adjustment; IE: confidential; LU: excluding Groups 50.2 and 50.5.

Table 1: Turnover, growth rates (%)

Data for the second quarter of 2003 shows that the motor trades sector was expanding in terms of both turnover and the number of persons employed in Spain, Finland and the United Kingdom. Growth was at a rapid pace, as turnover expanded in these three countries by in excess of 6 % in the year to the second quarter of 2003. Employment also rose in Luxembourg.

In the other direction, there was a reduction in turnover between the second quarters of 2002 and 2003 in Belgium, Denmark, France and Portugal. While there is no employment data available for Belgium, the other three countries also reported a decrease in the number of persons employed in the second quarter of 2003 (compared to a year before), as did Germany and Austria.

	Quarter on quarter growth rates, seasonally adjusted data						Year on year growth rates, gross data					
	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03
EU-15	-0.6	0.3	0.2	0.0	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.8
Euro-zone	:	:	:	:	:	:	-1.2	-1.0	-1.2	-1.2	-0.2	-1.2
BE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
DK	1.1	0.7	-0.7	0.8	0.6	-0.9	-3.7	-1.8	-0.7	1.9	1.4	-0.2
DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	-4.1	-2.7	-2.7	-2.5	0.4	-0.6
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1.1	1.6
FR	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.3	2.6	2.1	1.9	1.4	0.3	-0.6
IE	-1.0	-2.0	1.5	-2.7	2.1	:	-8.0	-8.9	-4.3	-4.3	-1.1	:
IT	-2.2	2.2	-1.0	-2.5	:	:	-2.3	-1.9	-3.2	-3.5	:	:
LU	2.7	1.6	1.0	1.5	0.1	0.4	6.8	7.2	6.6	6.9	4.1	2.9
NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AT	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.4	-0.2	0.7	1.1	0.3	0.8	-0.3	-0.3
PT	-0.7	0.0	0.0	-0.3	-0.4	-1.0	-0.9	-1.5	-1.2	-1.0	-0.7	-1.7
FI	0.5	-6.0	8.8	-1.2	0.9	0.4	-5.0	-4.4	4.2	1.6	5.1	5.7
SE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	-0.2	-1.8	0.3	0.3	6.9
UK	2.2	-0.1	1.4	0.0	-0.2	:	3.8	2.8	3.7	3.6	1.1	0.6

Euro-zone, DE, ES, SE: time-series not long enough for seasonal adjustment; NL: confidential.

Table 2: Employment, growth rates (%)

Wholesale trade

	Quarter on quarter growth rates, seasonally adjusted data						Year on year growth rates, gross data					
	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03
EU-15	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.7	1.3	-1.5	-1.4	-1.1	0.7	2.1	2.9	0.9
Euro-zone	0.6	0.2	-0.1	0.2	2.1	-0.8	-1.0	-1.7	0.0	1.2	2.0	1.6
BE	2.8	6.8	2.4	0.3	1.6	0.9	3.0	9.8	14.8	13.6	11.0	5.3
DK	-0.3	5.8	-2.3	-2.9	4.3	-3.9	-2.9	2.0	2.5	0.2	4.7	-4.9
DE	-0.4	-0.8	0.1	0.0	2.3	-1.2	-6.8	-5.5	-3.0	-1.2	2.3	1.2
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	5.8	4.3
FR	2.1	-0.7	-0.5	-0.3	1.1	-1.3	1.3	-0.3	1.0	-0.1	-0.5	-1.0
IE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
IT	0.1	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.0	-0.5	-0.4	1.1	2.8	2.5	1.4
LU	-1.2	0.1	1.1	4.9	2.8	:	-1.4	-2.5	-2.2	4.9	9.2	:
NL	-1.0	-0.2	0.1	0.3	:	:	-1.3	-2.3	-2.3	-2.3	:	:
AT	2.7	0.8	0.7	-1.9	6.4	-2.1	-0.1	0.8	4.3	3.0	4.8	2.9
PT	0.8	-1.9	-1.1	-1.3	-2.1	-0.1	3.4	0.3	-0.2	-3.2	-8.5	-3.9
FI	0.3	1.4	-0.6	1.5	1.2	-0.2	-2.3	1.5	0.0	2.7	4.4	1.0
SE	0.1	1.1	-0.4	0.4	2.2	:	-1.1	1.9	-0.3	0.7	4.8	:
UK	1.0	2.2	1.9	1.0	0.8	-5.5	-3.0	0.4	3.4	6.2	6.1	-2.0

ES: time-series not long enough for seasonal adjustment; IE: confidential.

Table 3: Turnover, growth rates (%)

EU turnover in the wholesale trade sector declined by 1.5 % between the first and second quarters of 2003. This was the first time that the seasonally adjusted index had declined since the final quarter of 2001. The reduction was widespread, as Belgium was the only Member State, among those for which data are available, to report an increase in turnover between the first and second quarters of 2003 (no change in Italy).

Employment in the wholesale trade sector declined by 0.3 % in both the EU and the euro-zone between the first and second quarters of 2003. During the last two years for which data are available, there was just one occasion when there was a quarter on quarter rise in the number of persons employed in the EU. France and Luxembourg were the only countries, subject to data availability, to report an expansion in the number of persons employed between the first and second quarters of 2003.

	Quarter on quarter growth rates, seasonally adjusted data						Year on year growth rates, gross data					
	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03
EU-15	-0.5	-0.6	-0.6	0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-1.6	-2.3	-2.7	-1.4	-1.1	-0.7
Euro-zone	-0.6	-0.5	-0.3	0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-1.3	-2.1	-2.5	-1.1	-0.7	-0.3
BE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
DK	-2.4	-1.0	-0.9	-0.4	0.5	-0.8	-3.9	-4.7	-5.7	-4.1	-2.1	-1.5
DE	-1.0	-0.7	-1.1	-0.8	-0.6	-0.5	-2.5	-2.9	-3.7	-3.6	-3.1	-2.9
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1.2	1.6
FR	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6
IE	1.7	-0.6	-3.2	2.4	-5.9	:	-0.1	-2.2	3.8	0.2	-7.3	:
IT	-1.7	-1.4	0.6	0.1	1.8	-0.2	-4.4	-5.7	-5.0	-2.5	1.0	2.3
LU	-0.5	1.2	0.3	-0.8	0.3	0.5	3.2	2.5	1.1	0.2	1.1	0.2
NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AT	0.2	-0.4	-0.7	-0.9	-1.5	-1.1	0.3	0.4	-0.5	-0.8	-4.5	-4.1
PT	0.1	0.4	-0.6	-0.5	-1.2	-0.8	2.1	1.9	0.4	-0.6	-2.1	-3.2
FI	2.1	-0.8	-0.1	4.1	0.9	-2.9	1.0	-4.4	6.8	5.4	4.2	1.9
SE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	-3.5	-5.3	-3.5	-2.8	-1.5
UK	-1.4	-0.1	-0.7	0.1	-2.1	:	-2.7	-2.7	-3.0	-2.2	-2.9	-2.2

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Table 4: Employment, growth rates (%)

Hotels and restaurants

	Quarter on quarter growth rates, seasonally adjusted data						Year on year growth rates, gross data					
	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03
EU-15	0.3	-0.3	1.0	-0.7	-0.2	0.9	2.3	1.0	3.3	0.3	0.1	0.9
Euro-zone	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	-1.4	-1.0
BE	3.7	1.1	0.1	0.7	1.4	2.5	1.1	4.4	5.5	5.8	3.3	4.7
DK	-0.1	-0.6	-0.6	-1.7	1.0	-0.5	3.9	2.2	2.6	-3.1	-2.0	-1.7
DE	-1.3	-2.3	-1.8	-2.7	-1.1	0.5	-1.3	-3.2	-4.4	-8.2	-8.2	-4.9
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	-1.4	3.8
FR	2.4	-0.8	1.6	-0.8	-0.5	-1.0	4.4	2.1	2.7	2.0	-0.3	-0.7
IE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
IT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
LU	1.7	0.8	-0.1	-0.3	-6.4	:	6.1	3.4	5.7	2.5	-5.9	:
NL	0.7	0.2	-0.3	-1.4	:	:	5.4	4.4	3.6	-1.6	:	:
AT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
PT	-2.7	-2.5	-0.5	-2.9	1.0	1.8	3.5	-1.7	-1.9	-8.1	-5.1	-0.8
FI	1.7	-1.3	0.1	0.7	0.9	-0.7	2.1	1.1	1.3	1.4	-0.1	0.9
SE	-0.7	1.7	-0.6	-1.9	-1.6	:	-0.3	3.2	2.9	-3.1	2.7	:
UK	1.6	0.7	1.4	2.3	-0.5	2.2	4.5	2.6	5.1	7.0	3.4	5.0

Euro-zone, ES: time-series not long enough for seasonal adjustment; IE: confidential.

Table 5: Turnover, growth rates (%)

Turnover in the EU's hotels and restaurants sector rose by 0.9 % between the first and second quarters of 2003. This figure followed two successive contractions in turnover. Compared to the same quarter of a year before, turnover in the EU's hotels and restaurants sector was higher by 0.9 % in the second quarter of 2003, while turnover in the euro-zone was 1.0 % lower.

Employment in this sector rose by 0.5 % between the first and second quarters of 2003 in the EU, while there was no change in the number of persons employed in the euro-zone. There was a modest gain of 0.1 % in the number of persons employed in Germany; the first time that growth had been registered since the third quarter of 2001. France, Italy, Luxembourg and the United Kingdom all continued to report increasing levels of employment in this sector.

	Quarter on quarter growth rates, seasonally adjusted data						Year on year growth rates, gross data					
	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03
EU-15	0.8	0.5	1.3	-0.7	0.9	0.5	3.2	2.9	3.8	1.7	1.3	1.6
Euro-zone	0.7	0.2	0.4	-0.2	0.1	0.0	3.2	3.2	3.0	0.4	-0.1	0.6
BE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
DK	-0.2	0.0	-0.5	-0.6	0.0	-1.3	0.9	1.5	1.1	-1.1	-0.6	-2.2
DE	-0.7	-1.2	-1.5	-1.3	-1.1	0.1	-1.7	-1.9	-3.5	-4.8	-5.2	-3.7
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1.3	1.9
FR	0.9	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	3.4	2.5	2.8	2.5	1.7	2.0
IE	1.1	-0.6	0.6	1.3	0.1	:	1.9	-0.1	0.2	3.0	1.7	:
IT	3.6	1.4	0.8	1.0	0.0	1.7	12.0	11.2	9.3	6.9	3.2	3.5
LU	1.8	1.1	1.2	1.3	0.1	0.2	6.7	5.6	4.9	6.7	3.2	2.7
NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
AT	0.9	0.6	1.0	1.1	:	:	4.9	1.9	1.7	3.0	:	:
PT	-0.9	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	0.2	-1.2	1.6	1.1	-0.6	-1.1	0.3	-1.5
FI	0.7	0.0	1.8	-8.2	4.1	-4.7	9.3	5.2	1.8	-6.0	-2.8	-7.3
SE	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	-0.5	-2.5	0.5	-0.9	-4.4
UK	0.5	0.1	1.7	0.6	0.7	0.3	3.0	2.1	5.7	5.0	5.2	4.7

ES, SE: time-series not long enough for seasonal adjustment; NL: confidential.

Table 6: Employment, growth rates (%)

Transport services

	Division 60						Division 61						Division 62						Division 63								
	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03			
EU	:	:	:	:	:	:	EU	-3.0	-6.1	-5.7	-5.6	:	:	EU	:	:	:	:	:	:	EU	:	:	:	:	1.8	
EZ	:	:	:	:	:	:	EZ	4.8	-0.4	-1.8	0.3	:	:	EZ	-6.5	-2.0	3.6	16.1	1.1	-1.5	EZ	:	:	:	:	:	
BE	-5.0	-0.9	2.1	0.8	-1.5	27.7	BE	-6.3	-19.1	-17.1	-29.6	9.0	9.7	BE	-47.1	-43.7	-35.6	15.9	13.2	18.9	BE	-6.7	-7.8	5.0	4.4	12.6	9.0
DK	-0.5	4.2	2.9	-0.5	-2.4	-5.9	DK	-16.2	-16.3	-13.2	-13.1	-7.4	-8.4	DK	-4.5	-18.1	-35.0	-40.2	-17.8	0.8	DK	-1.0	2.5	5.7	12.1	7.6	-0.7
DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	DE	:	:	:	:	:	:
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	EL	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	:	:	:	:	3.8	4.5	ES	:	:	:	:	-8.3	1.7	ES	:	:	:	:	-2.6	-1.5	ES	:	:	:	:	3.5	3.6
FR	3.0	2.8	-0.6	0.8	4.1	0.0	FR	7.5	2.0	2.4	7.0	4.1	1.5	FR	3.0	11.3	6.8	11.4	-9.8	-1.9	FR	1.1	2.6	4.1	6.2	3.4	0.5
IE	:	:	:	:	:	:	IE	:	:	:	:	:	:	IE	:	:	:	:	:	:	IE	:	:	:	:	:	:
IT	:	:	:	:	:	:	IT	-0.5	0.0	-2.9	-2.1	-1.7	-7.2	IT	-16.4	-14.9	-11.5	11.8	2.1	-1.7	IT	:	:	:	:	:	:
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	LU	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	7.7	3.0	-0.8	-2.5	:	:	NL	13.1	2.3	-2.4	5.9	:	:	NL	0.8	5.1	18.6	27.4	:	:	NL	7.7	4.3	5.6	11.7	:	:
AT	:	:	:	:	:	:	AT	:	:	:	:	:	:	AT	:	:	:	:	:	:	AT	:	:	:	:	:	:
PT	-0.4	-2.1	2.3	-1.0	9.9	9.9	PT	-14.0	-18.1	-24.3	-23.3	7.7	-0.4	PT	5.4	-5.0	9.5	2.7	-1.0	7.2	PT	5.7	5.4	7.3	-3.6	-6.5	-10.9
FI	:	:	:	:	:	:	FI	-2.5	-4.0	0.7	0.5	6.7	13.6	FI	:	:	:	:	:	:	FI	-0.3	3.7	4.9	5.9	4.3	0.4
SE	2.7	6.6	2.1	-3.0	4.4	:	SE	2.5	-0.7	-5.4	-13.4	-6.2	:	SE	:	:	:	:	:	:	SE	2.8	2.2	-0.2	3.3	1.4	:
UK	:	:	:	:	:	:	UK	:	:	:	:	:	:	UK	:	:	:	:	:	:	UK	3.3	-2.3	-1.7	1.9	-3.1	-3.7

Missing European aggregates are not calculated due to a lack of information from the Member States; IE: confidential; FI: confidential for Divisions 60 and 62; SE: confidential for Division 62.

Table 7: Turnover, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)

	Division 60						Division 61						Division 62						Division 63								
	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03			
EU	0.3	0.4	0.3	-0.2	0.9	-0.6	EU	0.8	0.1	-1.1	-1.6	-2.8	-3.1	EU	-3.1	-3.4	-2.2	-4.7	-1.2	0.2	EU	-1.4	-1.8	-1.7	-1.2	0.0	-0.2
EZ	:	:	:	:	0.5	0.3	EZ	:	:	:	:	-0.7	1.8	EZ	:	:	:	:	0.8	1.2	EZ	:	:	:	:	0.6	1.3
BE	:	:	:	:	:	:	BE	:	:	:	:	:	:	BE	:	:	:	:	:	:	BE	:	:	:	:	:	:
DK	-4.0	-3.7	-4.7	-4.4	-0.9	-1.0	DK	-0.1	-5.4	-6.0	-6.2	-3.8	0.1	DK	-0.3	-2.3	-5.1	-5.7	-4.7	-4.2	DK	9.5	11.2	11.4	8.8	0.2	-1.6
DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	DE	:	:	:	:	:	:
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	EL	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	:	:	:	:	1.8	2.4	ES	:	:	:	:	2.9	3.3	ES	:	:	:	:	1.3	3.6	ES	:	:	:	:	2.7	4.1
FR	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.6	FR	2.0	2.6	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.3	FR	-0.3	0.7	1.6	2.4	2.0	1.3	FR	3.3	3.0	2.8	2.3	1.9	1.3
IE	5.8	8.0	6.1	5.7	4.9	:	IE	-3.4	19.3	-15.0	-5.9	-3.3	:	IE	1.2	-2.4	7.5	2.5	2.6	:	IE	-10.4	-21.5	-9.5	-5.0	6.7	:
IT	-3.5	-3.1	-3.0	-2.1	-0.1	-0.9	IT	-1.3	0.2	-2.0	1.1	-4.0	-4.7	IT	-4.6	-8.3	-8.8	-7.0	-2.5	0.7	IT	-5.7	-6.6	-6.7	-4.7	-2.4	-1.5
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	LU	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	NL	:	:	:	:	:	:
AT	0.6	0.5	0.2	-1.0	:	:	AT	5.2	-1.1	9.2	11.3	:	:	AT	-2.6	-6.3	-6.7	-5.8	:	:	AT	0.8	-0.7	-0.6	2.1	:	:
PT	-0.7	-1.4	-0.3	-2.4	-2.9	-0.9	PT	1.4	2.1	-0.9	1.9	0.7	0.8	PT	-4.9	-2.3	0.3	-0.2	0.0	-1.1	PT	-2.6	-5.5	-4.9	-8.7	-7.6	-3.4
FI	:	:	:	:	:	:	FI	:	:	:	:	:	:	FI	:	:	:	:	:	:	FI	:	:	:	:	:	:
SE	:	-6.3	-6.7	-5.7	-8.5	-1.9	SE	:	-34.4	-19.0	3.8	8.7	9.0	SE	:	53.8	3.2	5.1	12.0	4.0	SE	:	-10.6	-2.6	3.2	10.0	10.0
UK	3.2	2.9	3.4	2.5	2.7	1.8	UK	6.4	-1.5	-4.3	-7.4	-10.2	-10.0	UK	-4.9	-5.3	-4.1	-11.9	-4.6	-1.2	UK	-2.3	-2.8	-3.8	-2.7	-1.4	-3.7

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Table 8: Employment, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)

Communications, computer and business services

	Division 64							Division 72							Division 74					
	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03		Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03		Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03
EU	3.7	-1.6	5.5	8.9	5.4	6.5	EU	4.2	0.9	-2.6	-3.1	0.1	-2.9	EU	:	:	:	:	5.3	:
EZ	5.5	-4.3	4.4	7.7	4.2	4.6	EZ	3.0	1.1	-0.3	-1.0	-0.6	:	EZ	:	:	:	:	:	:
BE	7.4	-3.9	5.7	42.6	12.0	7.9	BE	4.0	-2.3	-4.2	-5.2	-3.3	-6.5	BE	13.7	10.1	6.2	2.9	5.4	15.3
DK	8.1	4.3	-0.3	13.1	-2.8	:	DK	-12.4	-2.7	-5.7	-0.2	-3.3	-2.6	DK	5.0	7.7	2.8	4.2	0.1	-6.1
DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	DE	:	:	:	:	:	:
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	EL	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	:	:	:	:	4.0	6.7	ES	:	:	:	:	7.0	0.1	ES	:	:	:	:	12.5	5.7
FR	0.1	-11.9	-4.1	-2.7	2.2	5.2	FR	7.0	4.4	2.0	-4.8	-2.5	3.9	FR	0.5	3.0	3.1	1.2	2.7	0.1
IE	:	:	:	:	:	:	IE	:	:	:	:	:	:	IE	:	:	:	:	:	:
IT	7.0	9.4	7.7	3.0	4.4	2.2	IT	1.0	-2.9	2.3	7.3	-2.0	1.8	IT	:	:	:	:	:	:
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	LU	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	10.7	6.2	11.2	7.9	:	:	NL	-2.3	-3.0	-1.3	-5.6	-1.2	-2.0	NL	:	:	:	:	:	:
AT	:	:	:	:	:	:	AT	:	:	:	:	:	:	AT	:	:	:	:	:	:
PT	10.2	10.7	15.2	20.2	0.5	4.1	PT	0.2	-6.4	-12.9	-25.9	-1.6	7.5	PT	:	:	:	:	:	:
FI	14.4	10.7	10.1	9.4	0.3	2.2	FI	3.0	2.0	3.6	1.9	3.9	3.3	FI	1.2	5.8	3.7	2.7	2.6	-1.9
SE	7.0	8.1	8.7	9.8	27.2	:	SE	1.9	5.9	3.3	-1.3	10.2	:	SE	1.3	6.5	2.4	-1.1	-1.5	:
UK	0.5	0.8	8.0	11.1	9.8	10.4	UK	8.1	0.4	-5.9	-7.4	0.2	9.3	UK	-1.9	-0.7	-1.5	1.6	7.4	3.0

Missing European aggregates are not calculated due to a lack of information from the Member States; IE: confidential; PT: confidential for Division 74.

Table 9: Turnover, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)

	Division 64							Division 72							Division 74					
	Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03		Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03		Q1-02	Q2-02	Q3-02	Q4-02	Q1-03	Q2-03
EU	-1.6	-2.2	-2.3	-3.0	-2.3	-2.3	EU	2.8	0.9	-0.9	-2.3	-1.4	-0.9	EU	2.2	2.1	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.9
EZ	:	:	:	:	-2.1	-2.2	EZ	3.9	2.5	0.2	-1.8	-1.9	-1.8	EZ	:	:	:	:	1.7	1.7
BE	:	:	:	:	:	:	BE	:	:	:	:	:	:	BE	:	:	:	:	:	:
DK	-0.4	-3.1	-3.6	-4.1	-3.9	-5.0	DK	0.2	-0.6	-2.7	-5.1	-3.3	-6.8	DK	5.2	2.2	5.8	4.6	-3.3	-5.2
DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	DE	:	:	:	:	:	:	DE	:	:	:	:	:	:
EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	EL	:	:	:	:	:	:	EL	:	:	:	:	:	:
ES	:	:	:	:	-1.6	-1.4	ES	:	:	:	:	-5.0	-2.8	ES	:	:	:	:	2.9	2.7
FR	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4	-0.2	-0.7	FR	3.4	0.7	-2.3	-4.6	-3.3	-1.9	FR	0.1	1.1	0.8	2.2	0.8	0.4
IE	3.1	-0.3	1.7	-1.1	-4.3	:	IE	12.5	15.4	4.1	-8.1	-6.1	:	IE	3.2	3.7	-1.3	-4.3	0.2	:
IT	-5.9	-5.0	-4.0	-4.6	-3.0	-2.5	IT	1.8	2.6	2.8	1.4	2.2	0.8	IT	8.3	7.1	2.5	1.9	2.8	4.8
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	LU	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	NL	:	:	:	:	:	:	NL	:	:	:	:	:	:
AT	-5.5	-4.1	-6.6	-7.7	:	:	AT	6.1	2.3	1.8	2.0	:	:	AT	2.9	5.0	6.0	6.6	:	:
PT	0.2	0.5	-3.1	-4.8	-2.1	-7.2	PT	2.0	-4.6	-10.0	-12.2	-9.4	-7.8	PT	:	:	:	:	:	:
FI	:	:	:	:	:	:	FI	13.3	18.2	5.8	10.2	6.2	-2.4	FI	-1.5	2.5	1.7	1.0	7.6	2.9
SE	:	18.3	8.7	7.3	8.8	-3.6	SE	:	-1.5	-10.9	-7.9	-5.6	-4.7	SE	:	4.5	-6.6	-2.7	-3.7	-5.2
UK	-0.9	-2.6	-2.5	-4.0	-2.5	-2.4	UK	1.5	-1.1	-2.2	-2.8	-0.6	1.0	UK	1.8	0.6	-0.3	-0.7	-1.3	-0.6

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Table 10: Employment, year on year growth rates, gross data (%)

Turnover rose at a rapid pace in the post and communications (Division 64) and other business activities (Division 74) sectors in the EU, recording a level 5 % higher in the first half of 2003 than a year before. On the other hand, there was a reduction in the turnover generated by the computer services sector (Division 72) in the EU. Having seen a decreasing trend in turnover during 2002, there was modest growth of 0.1 % in the first quarter of 2003 within the computer services sector. However, the latest data for the second quarter of 2003 re-established the downward trend; as a reduction of 2.9 % was registered on the basis of a comparison with the same quarter of a year before.

Employment declined between the second quarters of 2002 and 2003 in the post and communications and computer services sectors in the EU and the euro-zone. None of the Member States reported growth in employment in the communications sector, while Italy and the United Kingdom were the only countries to report employment gains in the computer services sector. There was however an expansion in the number of persons employed in other business activities, gaining 0.9 % in the EU and 1.7 % in the euro-zone between the second quarters of 2002 and 2003. In this sector the number of persons employed grew in most Member States, with Denmark, Sweden and the United Kingdom the only countries to report a contraction.

➤ ESSENTIAL INFORMATION – METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

	NACE Rev. 1	Description
Motor trades	50	Sale, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles; retail sale of automotive fuel
Wholesale trade	51	Wholesale trade and commission trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles
Hotels and restaurants	55	Hotels and restaurants
Land transport	60	Land transport; transport via pipelines
Water transport	61	Water transport
Air transport	62	Air transport
Auxiliary transport activities	63	Supporting and auxiliary transport activities; activities of travel agencies
Post and communications	64	Post and telecommunications
Computer services	72	Computer and related activities
Other business activities	74	Other business activities

Table 11: Definition of NACE Rev. 1 coverage used in this publication

The legal basis for short-term business statistics is the Council Regulation for short-term statistics 1165/98 from 19 May 1998¹, which is currently being implemented.

TURNOVER

The objective of the turnover index is to show the evolution of the market for goods and services. Turnover comprises the totals invoiced by the observation unit during the reference period. This corresponds to market sales of goods or services supplied to third parties. It includes all duties and taxes on the goods or services invoiced by the unit with the exception of the VAT invoiced by the unit vis-à-vis its customer and other similar deductible taxes directly linked to turnover.

EMPLOYMENT

The index shows the evolution of the number of persons employed. The index is defined as the total number of persons who work in the observation unit (including working proprietors or partners and unpaid family workers), as well as persons who work outside the unit, but who belong to it and are paid by it (e.g. sales representatives and delivery personnel). Part-time workers

are included as well. Excluded is manpower supplied to the unit by other enterprises. Member States can use the number of employees as an approximation of the number of persons employed.

METHODS

Member States are required to transmit gross data to Eurostat and are encouraged to also send seasonally adjusted and trend data. Eurostat calculates the adjustment only if nationally adjusted data are not available. The reference period is the calendar quarter. Aggregate data should be transmitted to Eurostat no later than three months after the end of the reference period.

Eurostat aggregates gross data from the Member States in order to compile the euro-zone and EU series. These are then seasonally adjusted using TRAMO/SEATS. Missing components for these aggregates are estimated using an ARIMA method. Growth rates for the euro-zone are shown with the euro-zone treated as a single entity. As such, growth rates before the first quarter of 2001 compare on the basis of eleven countries, whilst growth rates from the first quarter of 2001 onwards compare on the basis of twelve countries.

The weights used for aggregations are based on information from the Structural Business Statistics database or on information coming directly from the Member States. Weights and the base year are revised every five years. The current base year is 2000.

DISSEMINATION

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ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

: not available.
EU EU-15
EZ Euro-zone

¹ Official Journal No L 162 of 5 June 1998. Also available via the "Business Methods" web-site: <http://forum.europa.eu.int/Public/irc/dsis/bmethods/home>. The deadline for the full implementation of the Regulation regarding the indices was mid-2003.

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