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Number of persons employed in trade and in services increased in the first half of 2022

Index of gross wages, salaries and hours worked grew as well

Vienna, 2022-10-06 – In the first half of 2022, the number of employment relationships increased by 2.1 % year-on-year in the trade sector and by 9.3 % in the services sector, according to Statistics Austria.

Hours worked increased in both the trade sector (+5.7 %) and the service sector (+16.2 %). Likewise, gross wages and salaries recorded an increase up 8.0 % in the trade sector and 15.6 % in the services sector compared with the first half of 2021. When making comparisons with the prior-year period, it should be noted that a large proportion of companies were affected to varying degrees by closures and other restrictions due to the measures taken against the Corona pandemic.

Trade and services: Labour input indicators, first half of 2022

Selected sectors	Index of persons employed	Index of gross wages and salaries	Index of hours worked
	Change compared to the period last year		
Trade	2.1	5.7	8.0
Services	9.3	16.2	15.6

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For detailed results and further information please refer to [website](#).

Information on methodology, definitions: Since the 1st quarter of 2018, the short-term statistics on trade and services have provided the index of gross wages and salaries, which represents gross earnings per reporting quarter and breakdown, and the index of hours worked, which represents hours worked per reporting quarter and breakdown. These indices have the base year 2015 and are published quarterly around 90 days after the end of the reporting period. The employment indicators and their rates of change are measured on the basis of employment ratios - a presentation in and a comparison with full-time equivalents is not possible. These data are available in backward calculations up to 2010.

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