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More persons employed in services in the first half of 2023

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

Vienna, 2023-10-04 – According to calculations by Statistics Austria, the number of employment relationships in the service sector rose by 2.2% in the first half of 2023, while in the trade sector they remained unchanged compared to the first half of the previous year.

Hours worked increased in the first half of 2023 compared to the first half of 2022 in both trade (+2.8%) and services (+3.1%). Gross wages and salaries also increased in both sectors during this period – by 6.8% in trade and by 9.8% in services. The index of gross wages and salaries refers to the total volume of gross wages and salaries, which is why the increase in employment relationships also increases this index.

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

Trade and services: Labour input indicators, first half of 2023

Selected sectors	Index of persons employed	Index of hours worked	Index of gross wages and salaries
	Change compared to the period last year		
Trade	0.0	2.8	6.8
Services	2.2	3.1	9.8

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, short-term statistics trade and services.

Information on methodology, definitions: Since the first 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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