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More persons employed in services in 2023

Number of persons employed in trade decreased slightly

Vienna, 2024-04-05 – According to calculations by Statistics Austria, the number of employees in the service sector rose in 2023 compared to the previous year, while the number of employees in the retail sector declined slightly.

Compared to 2022, the number of employees in the service sector rose by 1.3% in 2023, while the number of employees in the retail sector fell by 0.2% in the same period. Hours worked increased in both the trade sector (+0.2%) and the service sector (+2.1%).

The index of gross wages and salaries also recorded a year-on-year increase, rising by 6.4% in the retail sector and 8.8% in the service sector. The index 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, 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	-0.2	0.2	6.4
Services	1.3	2.1	8.8

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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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