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Number of persons employed in trade and in services decreased in 2020

Vienna, 2021-04-06 – In 2020, the number of persons employed decreased by 1.7% in trade and by 7.3% in services compared to 2019. According to calculations by Statistics Austria, hours worked by employees fell by 9.9% in trade and by 19.3% in services. Wages and salaries also declined by 1.3% for employees of trade enterprises and by 4.3% for employees in services enterprises. The main reason for this decrease is the shutdown of a large part of the enterprises and the resulting short-time work as part of the measures to contain the corona pandemic.

Please note that employees were not measured in full time equivalents.

For more detailed information please refer to the [German version](#).