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**Number of persons employed in trade and in services increased in 2021**

**Vienna**, 2022-04-06 – According to Statistics Austria, the **number of persons employed** in the retail sector increased by 0.6% and in the service sector by 1.4% in 2021 compared with the previous year. **Hours worked** increased year-on-year in both the trade sector (+5.5%) and the service sector (+7.6%). Likewise, **gross wages and salaries** recorded a year-on-year increase, up 5.3% in the trade sector and up 6.8% in services.

When making comparisons with the prior-year period, it should be noted that a large proportion of companies in 2020 and 2021 were affected to varying degrees by closures and other restrictions due to the measures taken against the Corona pandemic.

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

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