

## Services producer price indices

Quarter II 2013

Services Producer Price Indices (SPPIs) or Output Price Indices for Services measure quarterly changes in the prices received for services provided by enterprises to other enterprises and Government. This means the SPPIs cover what are commonly known as business to business transactions, thus leaving out sales to consumers.

The indices are chained based, namely the basket of services and the weighting system are annually updated. Quarterly indices for the current year are calculated with reference to the last quarter of the previous year (calculation base) and subsequently chained over the period chosen as reference base in order to be able to measure price trends over a period of time of more than a year. The indices are calculated according to Ateco 2007 classification (Italian edition of Nace Rev. 2).

In quarter II 2013 the producer price index in the sector of *Postal and courier activities*, with reference base year 2010=100, did not change from the previous quarter and decreased by 0.5% compared with the same quarter of 2012.

In the same period the index of *Telecommunications*, with reference base year 2010=100, fell by 0.9% compared with the previous quarter (-0.6% for Wired telecommunications activities and -1.7% for Wireless telecommunications activities) and decreased by 7.4% compared with the same quarter of the previous year (-3.7% for Wired telecommunications activities and -15.2% for the Wireless ones).

In quarter II 2013 the producer price index in the sector of *Sea and coastal water transport*, with reference base year 2010=100, fell by 6.6% compared with the previous quarter and increased by 4.1% compared with the same quarter of 2012.

In the same period the index of *Air transport*, with reference base year 2010=100, decreased by 0.8% compared with the previous quarter (-3.3% for Freight air transport and +1.2% for Passenger air transport) and increased by 1.3% compared with the same quarter of the previous year (+2.6% for Freight air transport and -0.4% for Passenger air transport).

### Services producer price indices (2010=100) – II quarter 2013

Economic activities (NACE rev. 2)	Index number	Percentage changes		
	II quarter 2013	II 2013 I 2013	II 2013 II 2012	I-IV 2012 I-IV 2011
H53 - Postal and courier activities	100.7	0.0	-0.5	0.6
J61 - Telecommunications	84.4	-0.9	-7.4	-5.4
J611 - Wired telecommunications activities	92.0	-0.6	-3.7	-3.4
J612 - Wireless telecommunications activities	69.2	-1.7	-15.2	-10.1
H50 - Sea and coastal water transport	81.7	-6.6	4.1	-13.7
H51 - Air transport	108.6	-0.8	1.3	5.5
H511 - Passenger air transport	100.8	1.2	-0.4	2.7
H512 - Freight air transport	118.3	-3.3	2.6	9.6

**For more details please refer to the Italian version.**

Time series are available at: <http://dati.istat.it/?lang=en>

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