

Services producer price indices

Quarter I 2014

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 (2010=100) 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 I 2014 the producer price index in the sector of *Postal and courier activities* increased by 1.1% compared with the previous quarter and increased by 0.5% compared with the same quarter of 2013.

In the same period the index of *Telecommunications* decreased by 1.6% compared with the previous quarter (-1.8% for Wired telecommunications activities and -1.4% for Wireless telecommunications activities) and decreased by 3.8% compared with the same quarter of the previous year (-4.3% for Wired telecommunications activities and -2.7% for the Wireless ones).

In quarter I 2014 the producer price index in the sector of *Sea and coastal water transport* increased by 8.6% compared with the previous quarter and by 10.8% compared with the same quarter of 2013.

In the same period the index of *Air transport* increased by 1.7% compared with the previous quarter (-3.1% for Passenger air transport and +7.2% for Freight air transport) and increased by 1.9% compared with the same quarter of the previous year (-3.9% for Passenger air transport and +8.6% for Freight air transport).

In quarter I 2014 the producer price index in the sector of *Warehousing and storage* decreased by 0.7% compared with the previous quarter and by 0.8% compared with the same quarter of 2013.

In the same period the producer price index in the sector of *Cargo handling* increased by 1.5% compared with the previous quarter and by 0.2% compared with the same quarter of 2013.

Services producer price indices (2010=100) – I quarter 2014

Economic activities (NACE rev. 2)	Index number	Percentage changes		
	I quarter 2014	I 2014 IV 2013	I 2014 I 2013	I-IV 2013 I-IV 2012
H53 - Postal and courier activities	101.2	1.1	0.5	0.1
J61 - Telecommunications	82.1	-1.6	-3.8	-6.8
J611 - Wired telecommunications activities	88.8	-1.8	-4.3	-3.8
J612 - Wireless telecommunications activities	68.5	-1.4	-2.7	-13.2
H50.1+ H50.2 - Sea and coastal water transport	97.2	8.6	10.8	9.3
H51 - Air transport	110.0	1.7	1.9	0.3
H511 - Passenger air transport	92.6	-3.1	-3.9	-2.1
H512 - Freight air transport	133.3	7.2	8.6	2.8
H521 - Warehousing and storage	106.4	-0.7	-0.8	3.8
H5224 - Cargo handling	98.9	1.5	0.2	3.6

For more details please refer to the Italian version.

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

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