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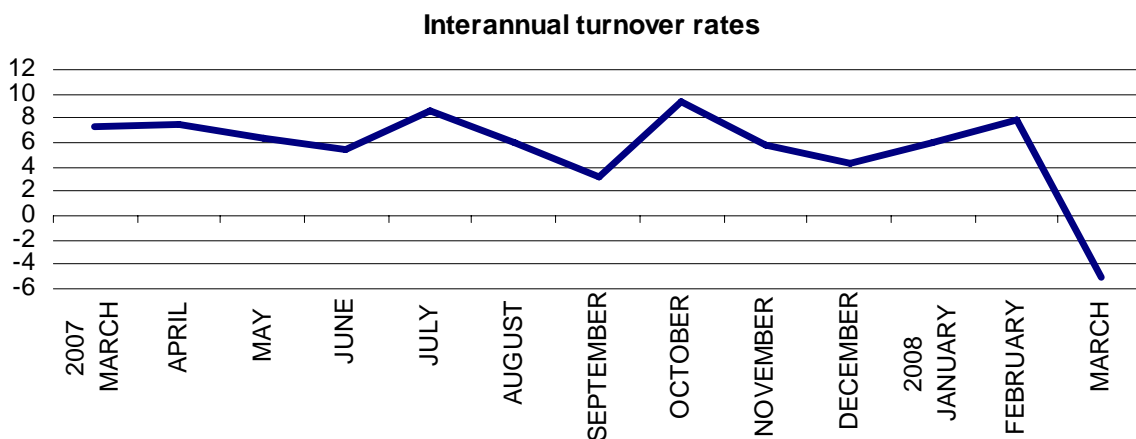
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All sectors, with the exception of Tourism, experienced a decrease in turnover. Trade registered the greatest decrease, with an interannual rate of -6.6% . It was followed by the Transport (-4.7%), Services to companies (-1.9%) and Information technologies (-0.5%) sectors. **Tourism recorded a 3.6% increase** as compared with the same month last year, evolution in keeping with the fact that Easter Week was held in the month of March this year, whilst last year it was held in April.

During the first quarter of the year, market Services Sector turnover increased 2.6%.



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Principado de Asturias was the only Autonomous Community recording a positive interannual rate of turnover in the month of March (1.1%).

On the other hand, Comunidad Foral de Navarra (-10.1%), Comunitat Valenciana (-8.1) and Cataluña (-7.7%) registered the greatest decreases.

The interannual employment rate increases 1.0%

Employment in the Services Sector experienced an interannual growth of 1.0% in March.

Information Technologies was the sector that registered the largest increases in employed personnel, with a rate of 2.6%, and with growth in employment in Information technology services being of particular note.

In the other sectors, employed personnel reached growth rates of 1.2% in Transport, 1.0% in Trade, 0.8% in Tourism and 0.5% in Company services. On analysis of the latter sector, performance of Research and development services is of note, on the one hand. Staff employed in that sector registered a growth rate of 5.9%. On the other hand, the Labour recruitment and provision of personnel services sector experienced a decrease in employment of 9.1%.

Principado de Asturias registers the greatest increases in employed personnel

Principado de Asturias was the Autonomous Communities that registered the greatest increases in employed personnel in the Services Sector during the month of March, with a rate of 2.8%. It was followed by Aragón and Galicia, both with a rate of 2.1%.

Canarias recorded the lowest increase (0.2%), while Comunitat Valenciana registered a 1.0% decrease.

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1.1. Monthly turnover indices by sectors

	Index march	% variation on same period, previous year	
		Month	Accumulated Average
GENERAL INDEX	111.9	-5.0	2.6
1. TRADE	111.2	-6.6	1.9
Vehicles and automotive fuel	101.7	-16.6	-5.3
Wholesale trade	117.9	-4.5	4.5
Retail trade	103.6	-4.4	1.1
2. TOURISM	104.3	3.6	4.2
Hotels and restaurants	105.6	2.6	3.7
Travel agencies	100.2	7.2	6.2
3. TRANSPORT SERVICES	114.2	-4.7	2.6
Land transport	112.6	-7.0	1.1
Water transport	105.3	-3.1	-3.1
Air transport	116.9	0.7	4.5
Supporting and auxiliary transport activities	115.5	-3.1	4.1
Post and courier activities	118.7	-4.0	6.6
4. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES	116.9	-0.5	3.7
Telecommunications	107.6	0.8	2.1
Computer and related activities	131.9	-0.7	7.9
Motion pictures and radio and television activities	123.5	-3.9	1.3
5. BUSINESS SERVICES	117.6	-1.9	5.8
Legal, accounting and auditing activities	124.0	0.9	6.2
Architectural and engineering activities	116.0	-3.7	6.7
Advertising	110.0	-2.3	7.4
Labour recruitment and provision of personnel	116.1	-6.1	2.5
Investigation and security activities	132.4	9.4	7.7
Industrial cleaning	127.2	4.4	7.1
Miscellaneous business activities n.e.c.	108.9	-8.8	2.2

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1.2. Monthly indices of persons employed by sectors

	Index march	% variation on same period, previous year	
		Month	Accumulated Average
GENERAL INDEX	105.0	1.0	1.5
1. TRADE	104.2	1.0	1.2
Vehicles and automotive fuel	103.7	0.9	1.5
Wholesale trade	105.8	0.8	0.8
Retail trade	103.3	1.2	1.5
2. TOURISM	101.4	0.8	0.9
Hotels and restaurants	101.2	0.8	0.9
Travel agencies	105.0	1.4	1.0
3. TRANSPORT SERVICES	105.4	1.2	1.8
Land transport	106.5	1.0	1.7
Water transport	103.4	3.1	1.7
Air transport	98.2	0.9	0.4
Supporting and auxiliary transport activities	107.0	3.2	3.7
Post and courier activities	100.0	-0.9	-0.1
4. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES	108.1	2.6	2.7
Telecommunications	94.0	-2.9	-3.1
Computer and related activities	115.1	4.8	4.9
Motion pictures and radio and television activities	102.9	1.4	1.8
5. BUSINESS SERVICES	108.0	0.5	1.9
Legal, accounting and auditing activities	109.5	1.9	2.4
Architectural and engineering activities	111.1	2.1	2.2
Advertising	105.8	2.4	2.6
Labour recruitment and provision of personnel	100.5	-9.1	-3.2
Investigation and security activities	116.9	5.9	6.4
Industrial cleaning	109.1	2.6	3.2
Miscellaneous business activities n.e.c.	105.5	0.1	1.4

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1.3. General turnover indices by regions

	Index march	% variation on same period, previous year	
		Month	Accumulated Average
NATIONAL TOTAL	111.9	-5.0	2.6
Andalucía	111.6	-3.6	3.3
Aragón	114.6	-1.3	7.2
Asturias (Principado de)	114.8	1.1	6.4
Balears (Illes)	92.8	-4.3	1.7
Canarias	110.3	-3.5	2.8
Cantabria	103.5	-5.3	-0.9
Castilla y León	112.5	-3.1	4.6
Castilla-La Mancha	109.6	-5.4	2.0
Cataluña	112.9	-7.7	0.0
Comunitat Valenciana	107.6	-8.1	0.8
Extremadura	110.9	-0.7	4.5
Galicia	116.6	-2.8	5.1
Madrid (Comunidad de)	114.2	-3.6	3.5
Murcia (Región de)	110.5	-5.0	3.7
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	108.2	-10.1	-0.6
País Vasco	113.1	-7.2	3.3
Rioja (La)	114.6	-6.2	1.5

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1.4. General indices of persons employed by regions

	Index march	% variation on same period, previous year	
		Month	Accumulated Average
NATIONAL TOTAL	105.0	1.0	1.5
Andalucía	106.4	1.8	2.1
Aragón	105.8	2.1	2.7
Asturias (Principado de)	105.6	2.8	3.2
Balears (Illes)	96.9	0.4	0.6
Canarias	102.2	0.2	0.6
Cantabria	103.3	0.7	1.0
Castilla y León	105.9	0.8	1.5
Castilla-La Mancha	104.7	1.6	1.6
Cataluña	104.5	1.4	2.0
Comunitat Valenciana	104.0	-1.0	-0.1
Extremadura	103.9	1.2	1.6
Galicia	106.6	2.1	2.1
Madrid (Comunidad de)	106.2	0.6	1.2
Murcia (Región de)	107.8	0.9	1.5
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	105.2	0.8	1.8
País Vasco	104.6	0.7	1.8
Rioja (La)	104.8	0.6	1.4