

Clarification of service items

Published figures on foreign trade in services, broken down by service items, have been available since 1982. Until 1997, the publication only included total trade in services, travel and transport. In 1998, the publication was expanded to include twelve additional service items. A few years later, in 2003, it was broadened further to include almost all the service items that are part of today's reporting. Changes made after 2003 are presented under each relevant item below.

1 manufacturing services

Refers to sales and purchases of manufacturing and processing services performed by companies that do not own the goods. The manufacturing/processing is undertaken by an entity that receives a fee from the owner. The fee may also include material costs incurred by the contractor. Since the ownership of the goods does not change, there is no transaction of goods between the provider of the service and the owner of the goods.

This service category has been published as a separate item since 2013.

2 maintenance and repair services

Covers maintenance and repair work by residents on goods that are owned by non-residents (and vice versa). The repairs may be performed at the site of the repairer or elsewhere. The value of maintenance and repairs includes any parts or materials supplied by the repairer and included in the charges. Repairs and maintenance on vessels, aircraft, and other transport equipment are included in this item.

This service category has been published as a separate item since 2005.

3 transport services

Includes 3.1 + 3.2 + 3.3 + 3.4 + 3.5 + 3.6

3.1 sea transport services

Includes both passenger transport and goods freight by sea. Included is also other supporting and auxiliary transport services as well as income from performed port and waterway services received from foreign carriers that use Swedish ports and waterways and charges paid by Swedish carriers in connection with traffic in foreign ports and waterways.

3.2 air transport services

Includes both passenger transport and goods freight by airplanes. Included is also other supporting and auxiliary transport services.

3.3 rail transport services

Includes both passenger transport and goods freight by train. Included is also other supporting and auxiliary transport services.

3.4 road transport services

Includes both passenger transport and goods freight by road. Included is also other supporting and auxiliary transport services.

3.5 postal and courier services

Covers the pick-up, transport and delivery of letters, newspapers, periodicals, brochures, other printed matter, parcels and packages, including post office counter and mailbox rental services. Postal services also include poste restante services, telegram services and post office counter services such as sales of stamps, money orders and such like.

3.6 other modes of transport services

Includes space transport, pipeline transport, electricity transmission and passenger transport and goods freight on inland waterways. Included is also other supporting and auxiliary transport services on inland waterway.

This service category has been published as a separate item since 2011.

4 travel

Includes the purchase of goods and services by a resident from one economy in another, regardless of whether this occurs during a private or business trip and whether the purchase is made on behalf of the traveler by someone else. Purchases made during trips for healthcare and education are also included, and the duration of the stay are not taken into account.

5 construction

Covers the creation, renovation, repair, or extension of fixed assets in the form of buildings, land improvements of an engineering nature, and other engineering constructions (including roads, bridges, dams, etc).

6 insurance and pension services

Covers premiums and claims, recorded to their gross value, for various types of insurance.

7 financial services

Includes 7.1 + 7.2

7.1 financial services excl. FISIM

Includes

- Financial services: Financial services cover intermediary and auxiliary services, except insurance and pension fund services, usually provided by banks or other financial corporations.
- Pension services: Pension services cover the services provided by funds established to provide income on retirement and benefits for death or disability, for specific groups of employees by the government or by insurance corporations on behalf of employees.
- Standardised guarantee services: Standardised guarantee services are services related to standardised guarantee schemes. They are arrangements where one party (the guarantor) undertakes to cover the losses of the lender in the event that the borrower defaults. Examples include export credit and student loan guarantees.

7.2 FISIM (financial intermediation services indirectly measured)

FISIM is an estimation for the financial service intermediation at borrowing/lending.

This service category has been included in the publication since 2013.

8 charges for the use of intellectual property

Includes sales and purchases for the use of intellectual property such as fees paid for licenses and royalties.

9 telecommunications, computer, and information services

Includes 9.1 + 9.2 + 9.3

9.1 telecommunications services

Telecommunications services encompass the transmission of sound, images or other information by telephone, telex, telegram, radio and television cable and broadcasting, satellite,

electronic mail, facsimile services etc., including business network services, teleconferencing and support services. Also included are mobile telecommunication services, Internet backbone services and on-line access services, including provision of access to the Internet.

9.2 computer services

Includes development, planning and management of computer systems as well as programs. Computer services also include licensing fees for the use of software as well as the transfer of copyright to software.

9.3 information services

Comprises news agency services, database services and other information services.

10 other business services

Includes 10.1 + 10.2 + 10.3 + 10.4

10.1 research and development services

Includes

- Provision of customized and non-customized research and development services: Covers the provision of research and development services that are made-to order (customised) and development of non-customised research and development.
- Sale and purchase of proprietary rights arising from research and development: Comprises the sale and purchase of patents, copyrights arising from research and development, Industrial processes and designs (including trade secrets).
- Other research and development services: Include other product/process development activities that are not included in Provision of customized and non-customized research and development services or Sale and purchase of proprietary rights arising from research and development.

10.2 professional and development services

Includes 10.2.1 + 10.2.2 + 10.2.3

10.2.1 legal services

Covers legal advisory and representation services in any legal, judicial or statutory procedures, drafting services of legal documentation or instruments, certification consultancy and escrow and settlement services.

10.2.2 accounting and administration services

Covers the recording of commercial transactions for businesses and others, examination services of accounting records and financial statements, business tax planning and consulting and preparation of tax documents.

10.2.3 management consulting and public relations services

Covers advisory, guidance and operational assistance services provided to businesses for business policy and strategy and the overall planning, structuring and control of an organisation. Included are management fees, management auditing; market management, human resources, production management and project management consulting; and advisory, guidance and operational services related to improving the image of the clients and their relations with the general public and other institutions.

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10.3 marketing services

Covers the design, creation and marketing of advertisements by advertising agencies; media placement, including the purchase and sale of advertising space; exhibition services provided by trade fairs; the promotion of products abroad; market research; telemarketing; and public opinion polling on various issues.

10.4 technical, trade-related, and other business services

Includes 10.4.1 + 10.4.2 + 10.4.3

10.4.1 architectural, engineering, and scientific services

Includes

- Architectural services: Include the design of buildings, land and landscape. Construction blueprints, architectural consulting, planning, urban planning, landscape architecture and architectural services are included here.
- Engineering services: Include the design, development and utilisation of machines, materials, instruments, structures, processes and systems. Services of this type involve the provision of designs, plans and studies related to engineering projects.
- Scientific and other technical services: Include surveying; cartography; product testing and certification; and technical inspection services.

10.4.2 agriculture, mining, and environmental services

Includes

- Agricultural services: Services that are incidental to agriculture such as the provision of agricultural machinery with crew, harvesting, treatment of crops, pest control, animal boarding, animal care, and breeding services. Services in hunting, trapping, forestry and logging, and fishing are also included here, as are veterinary services.
- Services incidental to mining, oil and gas extraction: Include mining services provided at oil and gas fields including drilling, derrick building, repair and dismantling services, and oil and gas well casing cementing. Services incidental to mineral prospecting and exploration, as well as mining engineering and geological surveying are also included here.
- Waste treatment and depollution: Include waste collection and disposal, remediation, sanitation, and other environmental protection services. They also include environmental services, such as production of carbon offsets or carbon sequestration that are not classified under any more specific category.

10.4.3 other business services not included elsewhere

Includes

- Operating leasing services and rental: Operating leasing is the activity of renting out produced assets under arrangements that provide use of a tangible asset to the lessee, but do not involve the transfer of the bulk of risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee. Operating leasing may be called rental in case of items such as buildings or equipment.
- Commission on goods and services transactions: Covers commissions on goods and services transactions received from foreign parties (e.g. companies abroad) or paid to foreign parties (merchants, commodity brokers, dealers, auctioneers, and commission agents abroad).
- Other business services: Includes distribution services related to water, steam, gas or other petroleum products and air- conditioning supply (where these are identified separately from transmission services); Placement of personnel; Security and investigative services; Translation and interpretation; Photographic services; Publishing; Building cleaning; Real estate services. Included is also export of tour operator services.

Note that the content of this service item changed in 2017, resulting in lower values. The underlying variable “services between related enterprises not included elsewhere” was then removed. Removing of the underlying variable led to increases of varying extent in various other items.

11 personal, cultural, and recreational services

Includes

- Audiovisual and related services: Comprise services and associated fees related to the production of motion pictures (on film or videotape), radio and television programmes (live or on tape) and musical recordings.
- Heritage and recreational services: Included are services associated with museums, libraries, archives, and other cultural, sporting, gambling and recreational activities.
- Other personal services: Includes social services, domestic services etc.

Purchases for healthcare and education that are not related to travel are also included.

12 government goods and services

Includes goods and services supplied by and to enclaves, such as embassies, military bases, and international organizations; goods and services acquired from the host economy by diplomats, consular staff, and military personnel located abroad and their dependents; services supplied by and to governments and not included in other categories of services.