

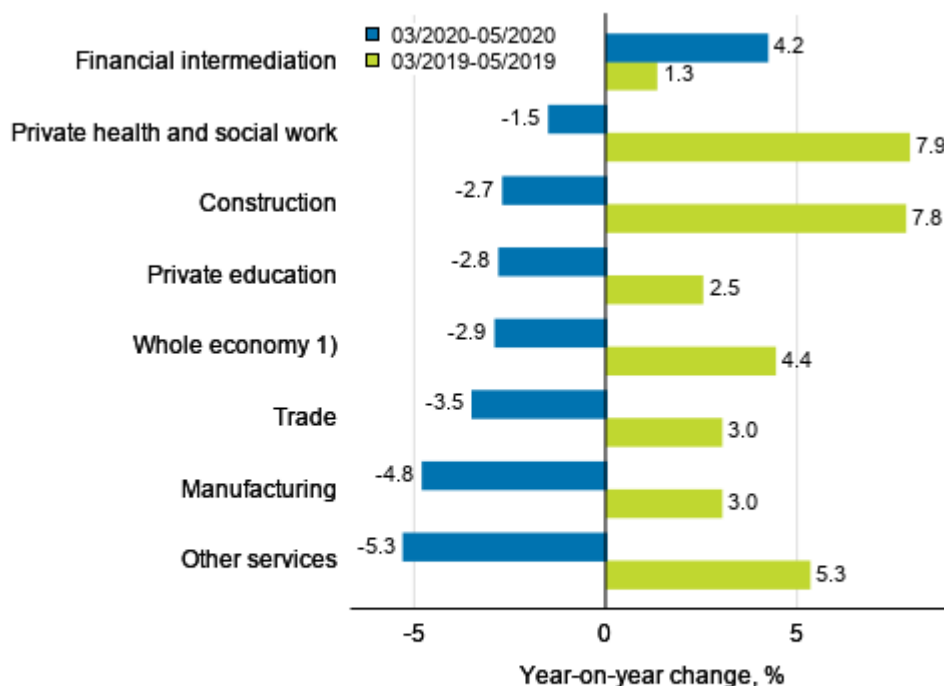
Wage and salary indices

2020, May

Wages and salaries sum fell by 2.9 per cent in March to May year-on-year

According to Statistics Finland’s data, the wages and salaries sum of the whole economy was 2.9 per cent lower in March to May than in the corresponding period twelve months earlier. In May, the wages and salaries sum of the whole economy decreased by 7.2 per cent from the year before. One year previously in March to May, the wages and salaries sum of the whole economy increased by 4.4 per cent. The exceptional situation caused by coronavirus had an effect on the development of the wages and salaries sum.

Three months’ year-on-year change in the wages and salaries sum, % (TOL 2008)



1) In addition to the main industries, the whole economy also includes the wages and salaries sum of the public sector

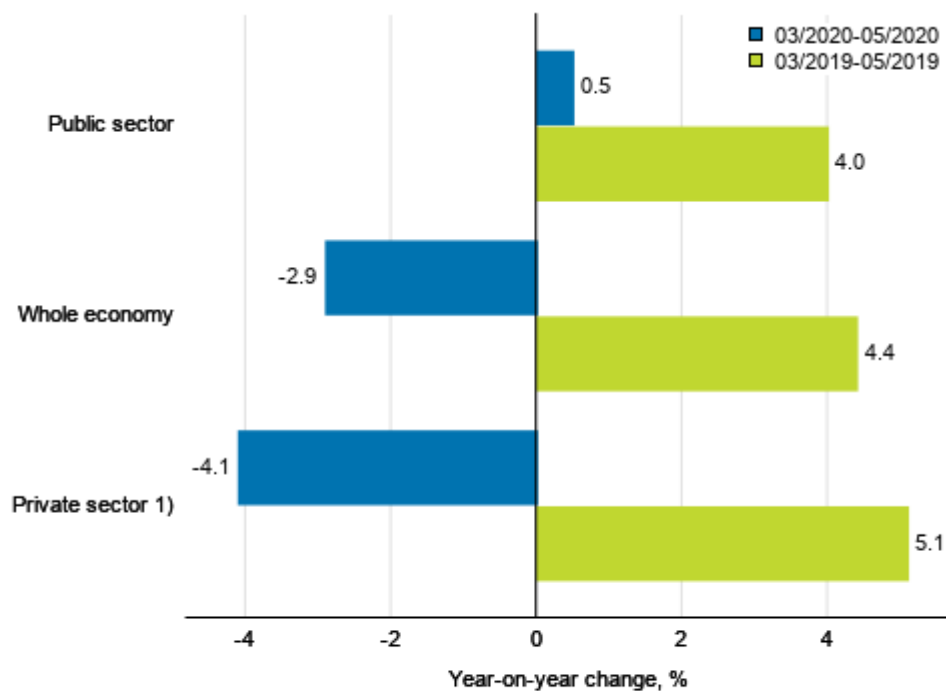
Source: Statistics Finland

In March to May, the wages and salaries sum grew only in financial intermediation, where the growth amounted to 4.2 per cent from one year ago. The wages and salaries sums of other services (-5.3%), trade (-3.5%), private education (-2.8%), manufacturing (-4.8%), private health and social work (-1.5%) and construction (-2.7%) decreased compared with the corresponding period of the year before.

Wages and salaries sum fell by 4.1 per cent in the private sector in March to May from one year ago

The wages and salaries sum in the private sector was 4.1 per cent lower in March to May than twelve months earlier. The wages and salaries sum of the public sector was 0.5 per cent higher than in the corresponding period one year previously. In May, the wages and salaries sum in the private sector decreased by 9.9 per cent and the wages and salaries sum in the public sector increased by 0.3 per cent from one year earlier. In March to May one year ago, the wages and salaries sum grew by 5.1 per cent in the private sector and by 4.0 per cent in the public sector from the year before.

Three months' year-on-year change in the wages and salaries sum of the whole economy, and the private and the public sector, % (TOL 2008 and S 2012)



1) The private sector includes private enterprises excluding financial and insurance corporations (S12)

Source: Statistics Finland

The wages and salaries sum refers to the sum total of the gross wages and salaries paid to employees without incentive stock options. The wages and salaries sum is influenced by changes in employment and in the earnings level of wage and salary earners.

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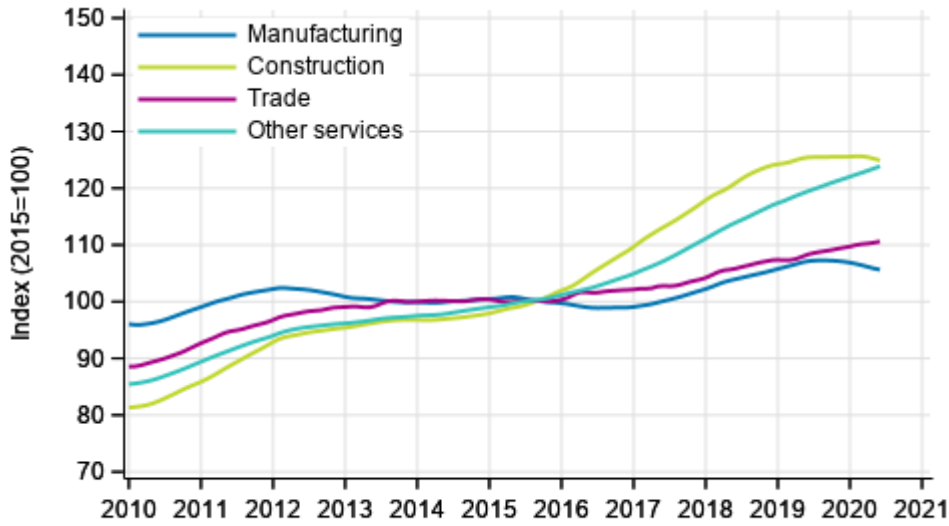
Appendix table 1. Year-on-year change in the sum of wages and salaries by industry and sector, % (TOL 2008 and S 2012)

	Year-on-year change by three-month period, % ¹⁾				Year-on-year change in the latest month, % ¹⁾
	06-08/2019	09-11/2019	12/2019-02/2020	03-05/2020	05/2020
A-X Whole economy	3.1	3.1	2.2	-2.9	-7.2
B-E Total industry	2.0	2.7	0.9	-4.8	-8.2
F Construction	-0.8	0.9	3.2	-2.7	-8.6
G Wholesale and retail trade	2.1	2.1	2.4	-3.5	-7.9
HIJLMNRS Other service activities total	4.2	4.2	3.5	-5.3	-13.0
K Financial and insurance activities	3.6	2.7	1.2	4.2	1.9
P Education, excl. public sector	3.3	1.9	2.7	-2.8	-6.5
Q Health and social work, excl. public sector	6.8	7.2	7.5	-1.5	-7.6
OPQ Public sector	3.5	2.7	0.2	0.5	0.3
Private sector	3.2	3.6	3.1	-4.1	-9.9

1) Year-on-year change compares the value for an examined time period to the value for the corresponding time period twelve months back.

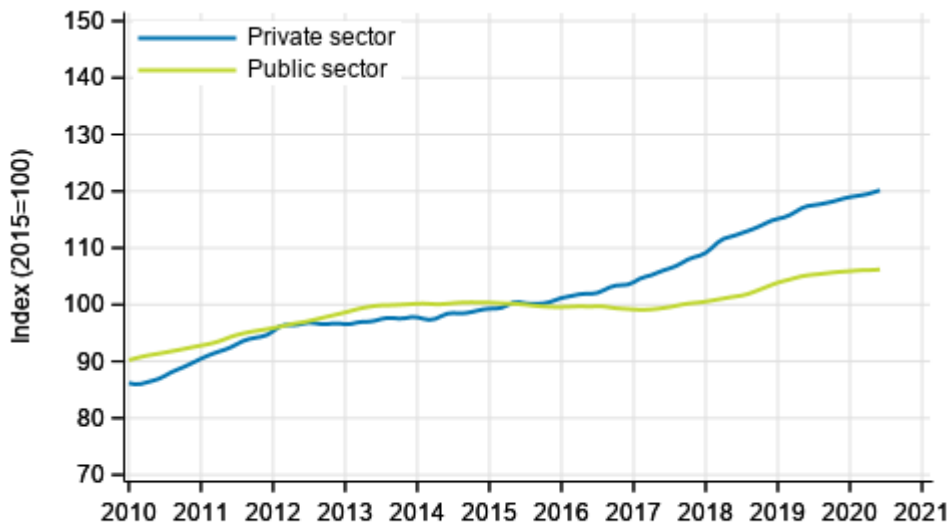
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Appendix figure 1. Trends in the sum of wages and salaries by industry (TOL 2008)



Source: Statistics Finland

Appendix figure 2. Trends in the sum of wages and salaries by sector (S 2012)



Source: Statistics Finland

Revisions in these statistics

The data of the statistics have become revised according to the table below. For more information about data revisions, see Section 3 of the quality description (only in Finnish).

Revision of annual changes in the wages and salaries sum in main industries¹⁾

Industry / Reference period		Year-on-year change,%		Revision, percentage point
		1st release	Latest release (2020-07-14)	
A-X Whole economy	12/2019	0.4	0.9	0.5
	01/2020	4.6	4.1	-0.5
	02/2020	2.6	1.7	-0.9
	03/2020	2.2	1.7	-0.5
	04/2020	-3.2	-3.0	0.2
B-E Total industry	12/2019	-0.9	-0.8	0.1
	01/2020	5.4	5.4	0.0
	02/2020	-1.0	-1.8	-0.8
	03/2020	0.5	0.1	-0.4
	04/2020	-6.2	-6.1	0.1
F Construction	12/2019	-3.0	-2.4	0.6
	01/2020	12.8	11.8	-1.0
	02/2020	4.2	2.0	-2.2
	03/2020	-3.3	-4.0	-0.7
	04/2020	4.8	5.1	0.3
G Wholesale and retail trade	12/2019	0.6	0.7	0.1
	01/2020	4.1	3.8	-0.3
	02/2020	3.4	2.6	-0.8
	03/2020	2.6	2.0	-0.6
	04/2020	-4.6	-4.5	0.1
HIJLMNRS Other service activities total	12/2019	1.1	1.9	0.8
	01/2020	7.2	6.6	-0.6
	02/2020	3.2	2.3	-0.9
	03/2020	3.3	2.7	-0.6
	04/2020	-5.5	-5.2	0.3
K Financial and insurance activities	12/2019	0.1	0.4	0.3
	01/2020	2.7	2.5	-0.2
	02/2020	1.7	0.9	-0.8
	03/2020	6.7	6.8	0.1
	04/2020	4.2	4.1	-0.1
P Education, excl. public sector	12/2019	0.6	1.5	0.9
	01/2020	5.7	4.5	-1.2
	02/2020	3.7	2.5	-1.2
	03/2020	2.4	1.9	-0.5
	04/2020	-3.5	-3.4	0.1
Q Health and social work, excl. public sector	12/2019	5.7	7.0	1.3
	01/2020	8.1	7.0	-1.1
	02/2020	9.8	8.5	-1.3
	03/2020	6.4	4.9	-1.5
	04/2020	-1.6	-1.6	0.0

Industry / Reference period		Year-on-year change,%		Revision, percentage point
		1st release	Latest release (2020-07-14)	
OPQ Public sector	12/2019	1.0	1.1	0.1
	01/2020	-1.7	-2.1	-0.4
	02/2020	2.5	1.8	-0.7
	03/2020	2.2	2.1	-0.1
	04/2020	-1.1	-1.0	0.1
Private sector	12/2019	0.3	0.8	0.5
	01/2020	7.4	7.1	-0.3
	02/2020	2.8	1.8	-1.0
	03/2020	2.0	1.4	-0.6
	04/2020	-3.9	-3.8	0.1

1) The 1st release refers to the time when data for the reference period were released for the first time. The revision describes the difference of annual change percentages between the first and latest releases.

Revision of long-term annual changes in the wages and salaries sum in main industries

Industry	Year	Average ¹⁾	Average for absolute values ²⁾
Whole economy (A-X)	2016	-0.5	0.7
	2017	0.2	0.3
	2018	0.1	0.2
Manufacturing (BCDE)	2016	-0.2	0.3
	2017	0.1	0.1
	2018	-0.1	0.1
Construction (F)	2016	-1.2	1.6
	2017	0.3	0.5
	2018	0.1	0.4
Trade (G)	2016	-0.7	0.9
	2017	-0.7	0.7
	2018	-0.2	0.3
Other services (HIJLMNRS)	2016	-0.8	1.1
	2017	0.2	0.3
	2018	-0.1	0.5
Financial intermediation (K)	2016	-0.5	0.7
	2017	-0.2	0.4
	2018	-0.2	0.6
Education (P) excl. public sector	2016	-0.1	0.5
	2017	1.5	1.5
	2018	0.6	0.7
Health and social work (Q) excl. public sector	2016	-0.9	1.2
	2017	0.0	0.4
	2018	1.2	1.3
Public sector (OPQ)	2016	-0.2	0.3
	2017	0.0	0.3
	2018	0.3	0.3
Private sector	2017	0.1	0.3
	2018	0.1	0.2

1) In 2016, the average was calculated from data revised between the first and seventh release months in the statistical reference year. The average for 2017 and 2018 was calculated upon completion of the data for the first and last release months in the statistical reference year, when the official structural business and financial statement statistics are also published.

2) In 2016, the average was calculated from the absolute values of differences between the first and seventh release months. The average for 2017 and 2018 was calculated from the absolute values of differences between the first and last release months in the statistical reference year, when the official structural business and financial statement statistics are also published.

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