

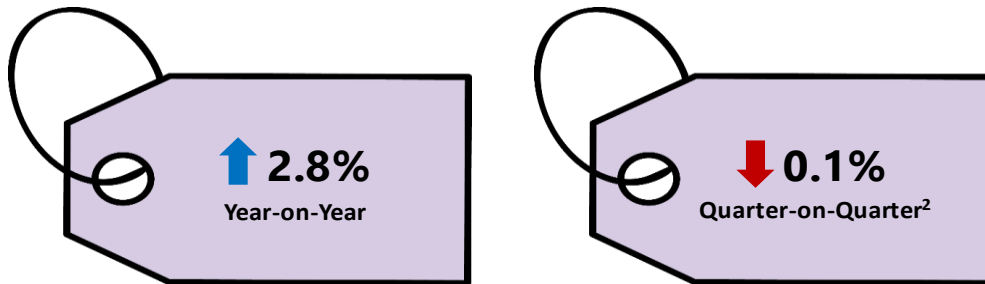


Business Receipts Index

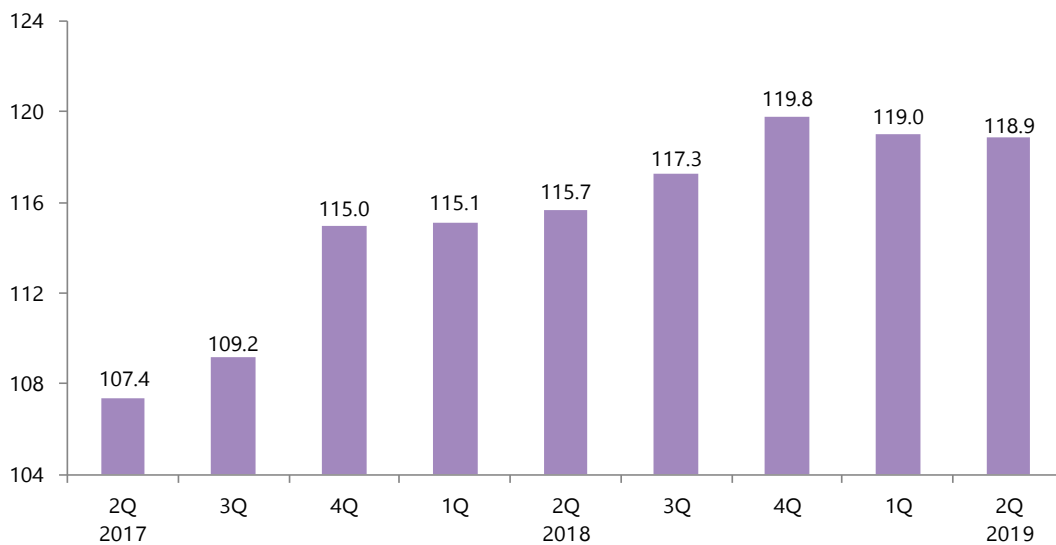
Services Industries¹

SECOND QUARTER 2019

Highlights



Overall Business Receipts Index¹ (2014=100)



	% Change in Business Receipts	Year-on-Year	Quarter-on Quarter ²
Transport & Storage		↑ 5.6	↑ 4.1
Information & Communications		↑ 3.2	↑ 0.4
Financial & Insurance		↑ 4.0	↓ 2.5
Business Services		↑ 0.1	↑ 2.9
Education		↑ 4.2	↓ 10.6
Health & Social Services		↑ 4.2	↑ 1.9
Recreation & Personal Services		↑ 2.9	↓ 8.3

¹ Excludes Wholesale & Retail Trade and Accommodation & Food Services

² Non-seasonally adjusted

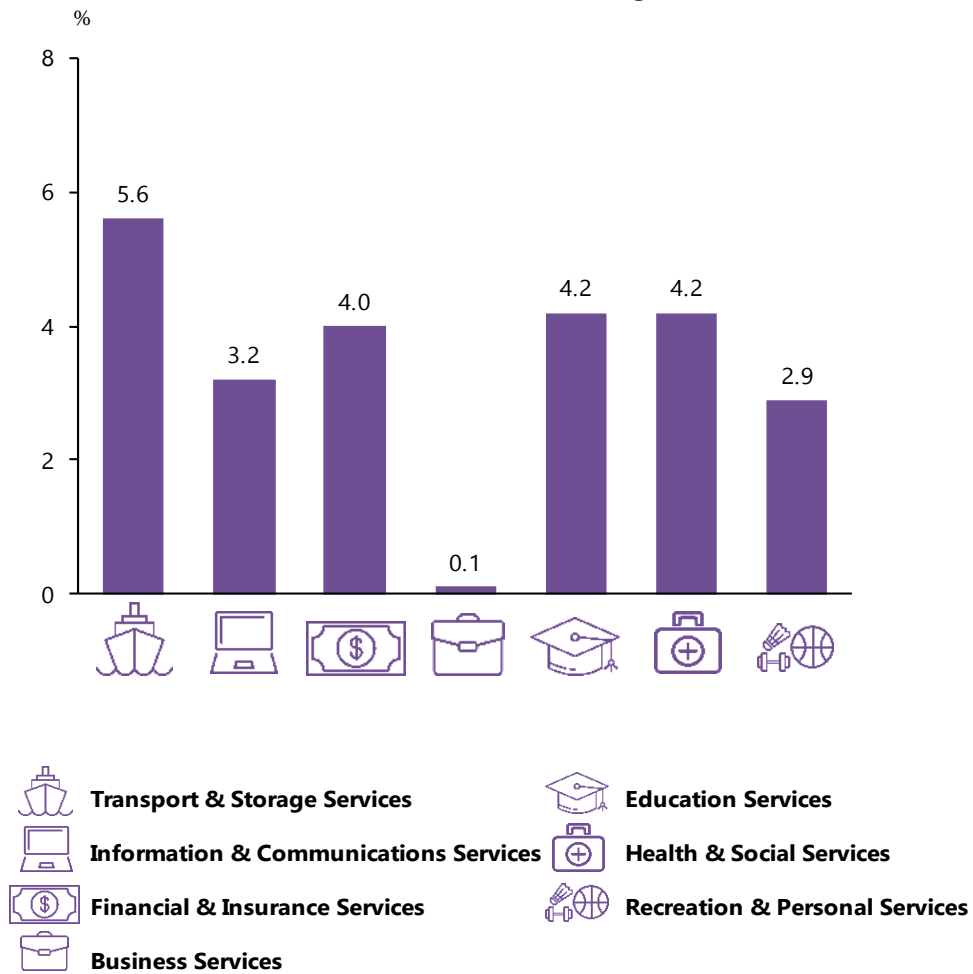
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Year-on-Year Change

Overall business receipts of the services industries (excluding Wholesale & Retail Trade and Accommodation & Food Services) grew by 2.8% in second quarter 2019 compared to second quarter 2018. All industries registered higher revenues on a year-on-year basis (Chart 1).

The Transport & Storage Services industry registered a growth of 5.6% in revenue. Within the industry, the water and air transport segments reported an increase in revenue due to higher demand for their services. The Health & Social Services industry also registered an increase of 4.2% in turnover, due mainly to higher business receipts from hospitals.

Chart 1 Year-on-Year Change



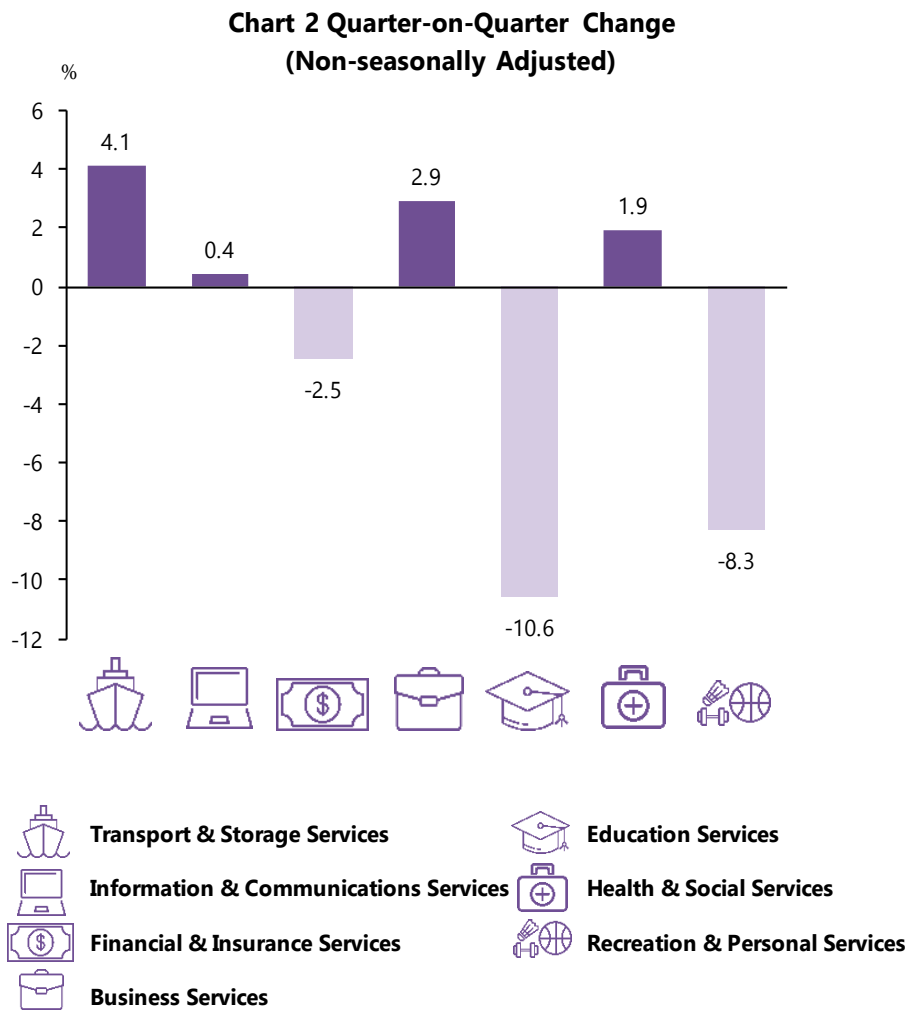
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**Quarter-On-Quarter Change
(Non-seasonally Adjusted)**

Overall business receipts decreased 0.1% in second quarter 2019 compared to first quarter 2019.

Performance was mixed among the industries. Business receipts of the Education Services and Recreation & Personal Services industries reported a quarter-on-quarter decrease of 10.6%³ and 8.3% respectively (Chart 2).

On the other hand, the Transport & Storage Services industry recorded an increase of 4.1% in turnover, due mainly to the firms in the water transport segment. The Business Services industry registered a quarter-on-quarter increase in revenue of 2.9%. In particular, firms engaged in professional services reported an increase in revenue.



³ The lower turnover recorded in second quarter 2019 reflects the payment cycle where higher education institutions generally receive lesser school/tuition fees during the second and fourth quarter in the year.

Business Receipts Index, Second Quarter 2019

Table 1 Percentage Change of Business Receipts Index at Current Prices (2014=100)				
Industry	Year-on-Year Change		Quarter-on-Quarter Change (non-seasonally adjusted)	
	2Q19/2Q18	1Q19/1Q18	2Q19/1Q19	1Q19/4Q18
Total Services⁴	2.8	3.4	-0.1	-0.7
Transport & Storage ⁵	5.6	3.3	4.1	-6.2
Information & Communications	3.2	5.7	0.4	-4.7
Financial & Insurance	4.0	7.0	-2.5	3.2
Business Services ⁶	0.1	0.3	2.9	-2.3
Education	4.2	2.5	-10.6	5.2
Health & Social Services	4.2	1.8	1.9	0.2
Recreation & Personal Services ⁷	2.9	0.4	-8.3	7.2

⁴ Excluding Wholesale & Retail Trade and Accommodation & Food Services

⁵ Comprises land transport, water transport, air transport, warehousing & support activities for transport and postal & courier activities

⁶ Comprises real estate activities, professional, scientific & technical and office administrative & support service activities, e.g. legal & accounting activities, activities of head offices, management consultancy activities, architectural, engineering and technical activities, rental & leasing activities, employment activities, travel agencies and security activities

⁷ Comprises arts, entertainment & recreation, membership organisations' activities (e.g. business and professional membership organisations, religious organisations and interest groups), repair of computers, personal, household goods & vehicles and other personal services activities.

Explanatory Notes

Introduction

The Business Receipts Index (BRI) for the services industries (excluding Wholesale & Retail Trade and Accommodation & Food Services) measures the short-term changes in the amount of business or operating receipts on a quarterly basis. The BRI is compiled at current prices.

Business or operating receipts is the income earned from business operations i.e. includes income from services rendered, sale of goods, commission fees as well as rental of premises and machinery & equipment.

To reflect the changes in the structure of the services industries over the years, the weighting pattern of the index series is revised regularly. The BRI series have been re-based from base year 2008 to 2014. The new BRI series (2014=100) has been released with effect from 1Q2015 report.

Data Collection

Data for the compilation of the index is sourced from administrative data as well as the Quarterly Survey of Services (QSS) and Survey of Quarterly National Income Estimates conducted by the department.

The 2014-based BRI is compiled based on survey and administrative records of more than 11,000 enterprises.

Index Compilation

To derive the BRI at detailed industry level, the quarterly business receipts for that industry is divided by the average quarterly business receipts for the same industry in the base year. The overall BRI is then computed by combining the indices of the detailed industries, using weights which measure each industry's relative importance in the overall services sector

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More data are available on the SingStat Website at

<http://www.singstat.gov.sg/publications/industry/business-receipts-index> or through the QR code below:



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