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Services Turnover, Employment, Wages and Salaries and Hours Worked Indices  
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**Services Turnover Index<sup>1</sup> fell 12.3%**

Services turnover index, in nominal terms and adjusted for calendar and seasonal effects, presented a year-on-year change rate of -12.3% in September (-13.7% in August). In the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020, services turnover declined 14.0%, comparatively to the same period of 2019 (-30.1% in the previous quarter).

The year-on-year change rates of the indices of employment, wages and salaries and number of hours worked adjusted of calendar effects were -8.1%, -5.1% and -10.1%, respectively (-8.3%, -5.5% and -11.1% in August, by the same order).

Despite the circumstances determined by the pandemic COVID-19, Statistics Portugal calls for the best collaboration by companies, families and public entities in responding to Statistics Portugal's data requests. The quality of official statistics, particularly its ability to identify the impacts of the pandemic COVID-19, crucially depends on this collaboration, which Statistics Portugal thanks in advance.

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<sup>1</sup> Data adjusted of calendar and seasonal effects