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Services Sector Activity Indicators. Base 2005
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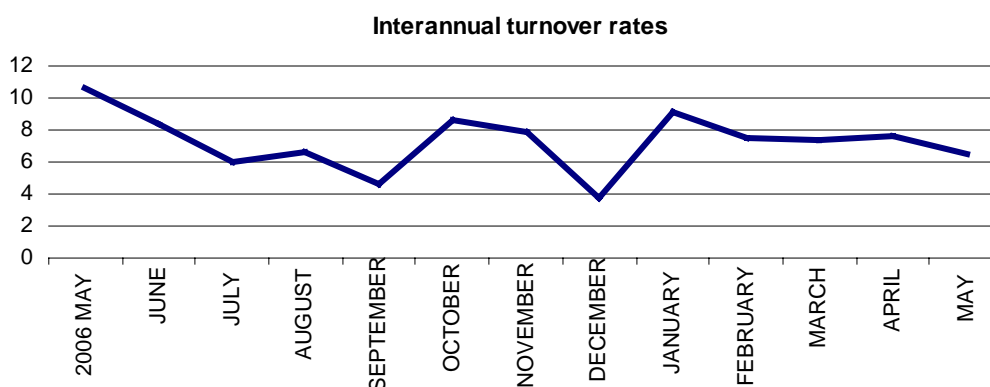
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By activities, there was a noteworthy growth observed in the turnover of Audiovisual Activities (15.4%) and Information Technology Services (14.6%), both within the Information Technologies Sector; in the field of Services Rendered to Companies, the most dynamic activities were Investigation and Security Activities and Miscellaneous Business Activities, both with an interannual growth of 12%.



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La Rioja was the Autonomous Community that registered the highest interannual turnover growth during the month of May, with a rate of 10.8%. It was followed by Cataluña, with a rate of 10.2%.

On the contrary, the lowest turnover growth was registered in Principado de Asturias (3.7%) and in Canarias and Comunitat Valenciana, both with an interannual growth rate of 4.4%.

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The interannual employment rate for the Services Sector increased 2.5% in May; all activities contributed to this growth. For yet another month, Services Rendered to Companies was the sector that contributed the most to employment creation, with an interannual increase of 3.9%. The growth in Investigation and Security Activities (7.4%) and Technical Services (5.4%) was especially noteworthy.

In the other sectors, employed personnel reached rates of 3.1% in Information Technologies, 3% in Transport, 2.3% in Trade and 0.8% in Tourism.

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Illes Balears was the Autonomous Community that registered the highest increase in employed personnel in the Services Sector during the month of May, with an interannual increase of 4.3%. It was followed by Castilla y León, with an interannual increase of 3.8%.

On the contrary, the lowest growth rates in employment were observed in Castilla-La Mancha (1.4%) and Canarias (1.7%).

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