

# Northern Ireland Services Output Statistics

## Methodological Notice

17<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Users are advised that the estimates of the Northern Ireland Services Output Statistics for Quarter 3 2020 (1st July to 30th September) published today (17th December 2020) will incorporate the re-referencing of the data to 2018 = 100.

This change will result in changes to the level of services output but growth rates should be maintained.

An index number is a convenient form of expressing a series in a way that makes it easier to see changes in that series. The numbers in the series are expressed relatively, with one number in that series chosen to be the “base” (usually expressed as 100) and other numbers being measured relative to that base. Rebasings (updating the base year) allows an index to remain relevant and accurate.

The NI Index of Services is regularly rebased in line with comparable outputs from the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

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