THE EVOLUTION OF SERVICES IN THE TIMIS COUNTY ECONOMY DURING 2005 – 2010

EVOLUTIA SERVICIILOR IN ECONOMIA JUDETULUI TIMIS IN PERIOADA 2005 - 2010

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Abstract: *The study proposes to present the tendencies from the evolution of services from Timis county economy during 2005 – 2010, by analyzing the following indicators:*

- *Occupied population in the area of services*
- *Average net salary of the employees from this area compared to the average per county;*
- *Medical assistance services;*
- *Education services;*
- *Culture and sport services;*
- *Tourism services*

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INTRODUCTION

The report between the three sectors – primary, secondary and tertiary – and the increase of the share of the tertiary (services) in the total economy confirms the progress of the national economy according to the contemporary tendencies.

MATERIAL AND METHOD. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

During 2005 – 2010, the percentage of the occupied population in the primary sector decrease from 24,8% to 22,6%, in the secondary sector from 34,5% to 31,6% and in the tertiary sector increased from 40,6% to 45,8% being in the normal evolution tendency of the economy.

The faster increase of the tertiary sector percentage was slowed mainly by the slight decrease of the occupied population in the primary sector, only with 2,2% during 2005 – 2010.

Table 1- The evolution of the population per sector in Timis county (thousands of persons)

Description	2005	2007	2010	2005/2010 (+-)
Total occupied population	**309,1**	**324,6**	**317,3**	**+8,2**
From which:				
- primary sector	76,9	75,3	71,6	-5,3
%	24,8	23,2	22,6	-2,2
- secondary sector	106,7	109,7	100,3	-6,4
%	34,5	33,8	31,6	-2,9
- tertiary sector	125,5	139,6	145,4	+19,9
%	40,6	43,0	45,8	+5,2

Source: INS – Statistic breviary of Timis county 2007 and 2011

From the total occupied population in the services area, the trade activities are on the first place followed by health care and medical assistance, education, transportation and storage. In the analyzed period the percentage of trade activities from the total occupied population in services area increased from 29,2% in 2005 to 31,4% in 2010, the percentage of the education decreased from 13,5% to 11,3% while the percentage of health decreased from 13,1% to 11,9%. The low percentage of the occupied population in hotels and restaurants, only 4,5% in 2005 and 3,5% in 2010.

Table 2 Occupied population in services area (thousands of persons)

No	Description	2005	2007	2010	2010-2005(+-)
1.	Total occupied population in services area	125,5	139,6	145,4	+20,0
	%	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0
2.	- in trade activities	36,6	45,0	45,7	+9,1
	%	29,2	33,9	31,4	+2,2
3.	- hotels and restaurants	5,7	5,8	5,1	-0,6
	%	4,5	4,2	3,5	-1,0
4.	-transportation, storage, communication	14,2	17,1	16,1	+1,9
	%	11,3	12,2	11,1	-0,2
5.	- financial and banking activities	-	2,6	-	-
	%	-	1,9	-	-
6.	- insurances, real estate, others	15,8	18,4	-	-
	%	12,6	13,2	-	-
7.	- public administration	5,2	5,2	6,9	+1,7
	%	4,1	3,7	4,7	+0,6
8.	- education	16,9	16,6	16,5	+0,4
	%	13,5	11,9	11,3	-2,2
9.	-health care and medical assistance	16,5	17,0	17,3	+0,8
	%	13,1	12,2	11,9	-1,2
10.	-other services	12,2	12,0	10,0	-2,2
	%	9,7	8,6	6,9	-2,8

Source: INS – Statistic breviary of Timis county 2007 and 2011

The evolution of the occupied population in the area of services is related with the average net salary. In 2010 the average net salary for services was under the average of the total average of Timis county which was 1319 lei:

- In trade 956 lei, in hotels and restaurants 754 lei and in other activities 1.126 lei and in all the other activities it was above the county average, the highest level was in public administration, education, health care, financial activities, mail and telecommunications.

Table 3 Average net salary for services (lei)

No	**Description**	**2005**	**2007**	**2010**	**2010-2005(+-)**
1.	County Total	450	1049	1319	+569
	Where				
2.	- trade	553	783	956	+403
3.	- hotels and restaurants	398	688	754	+356
4.	- transportation, communications	922	1.261	1.483	+561
5.	- mail and telecommunication	1.316	1.576	2.362	+1.046
6.	- financial activities	1.762	2.069	2.536	+774
7.	- real estate activities	571	1.215	1.430	+859
8.	- public administration and defense	1.190	2.156	2.549	+1.359
9.	- education	900	1.321	1.918	+1018
10.	-health care and medical assistance	688	1065	1505	+817
11.	- other activities	710	913	1.126	+416

Source: INS – Statistic breviary of Timis county 2007 and 2011

The medical assistance services have an important role in the services area. The most important indicators from this area had conflicting evolutions, some negative (number of beds in hospitals) and some positive (number of pharmacies, number of inhabitants/doctor etc).

Table 4 Most important indicators from the medical assistance area

No	Description	2005	2007	2010	2010-2005(+-)
1.	Beds in hospitals	5.946	5.688	5.506	-440
2.	Assistance beds per 1000 inhabitants	9,0	8,5	8,1	-0,9
3.	Number of pharmacies	189	254	261	+72
4.	Number of doctors	2.479	2.905	3.389	+910
5.	Number of inhabitants/doctor (except dentist)	266	230	201	-65
6.	No of inhabitants/medical person	158	141	136	-22

Source: INS – Statistic breviary of Timis county 2007 and 2011

The evolution of the main indicators from the education area highlights the following tendencies:

- Decrease of school age population;
- Increase of number of children in nursery schools;
- Decrease of the number of pupils, students and teachers;
- Decrease of number of nursery schools and schools;
- Decrease of number of universities and students, etc

Table 5- Indicators from the education area

No	Description	2004/2005	2007/2008	2010/2011	2011-2004(+-)
1.	School age population	158.358	159.520	143.531	-14.827
	where:				
	- children in nursery school	19.278	19.699	20.601	+1.323
	- total pupils	92.332	88.227	82.934	-9.398
	- total students	46.748	51.594	39.996	-6.752
2.	Teachers	10.883	101.842	9.318	-1.515
3.	Nursery school (number)	348	67	68	-280
4.	General schools (number)	174	140	130	-44
5.	High schools (number)	59	61	62	+3
6.	Universities	9	9	9	0
7.	Faculties	53	49	45	-8
8.	Classrooms and learning cabinets	4680	4740	4436	-244
9.	Gym rooms	173	202	169	-4

Source: INS – Statistic breviary of Timis county 2007 and 2011

The Cultural and sport services registered increases sports area and decreases in cultural activities area.

Table 6- Cultural and sports services

No	Description	2005	2007	2010	2010-2005(+-)
1.	Culture houses	6	6	-	-
2.	Community centers	249	245	-	-
3.	Cinemas	2	4	3	+1
4.	Entertainment places	8	7	8	0
5.	Libraries	391	383	355	-36
6.	Sport facilities	138	155	249	+111
7.	Sport people	3.302	4.348	6.364	+3.062

Source: INS – Statistic breviary of Timis county 2007 and 2011

In the present, the tourism became a mass phenomenon and the tourism area extended both at national level and international level. In Timis county the tendencies registered during 2005 – 2010 were the following:

- Increase of the number of accommodation units;

- High percentage of the hotels from the total number of accommodation units (41% in 2005 and 43% in 2010);

- Low number of rural and agro-tourism boarding houses (3 in 2005 and 7 in 2010);

- Low level of accommodation capacity utilization (29,5% in 2005 and 23,6% in 2010);

- Low average duration of the accommodation (2,59 days in 2005 and 2,30 days in 2010) caused mainly by the high percentage of the business tourism with a reduced number of accommodation days and mainly in the urban area;

- Increase of number of accommodation places with 1447 during the analyzed period where 1179 places in hotels while 100 places in rural and agro-tourism boarding houses.

Table 7- Indicators from tourism area

No	Description	2005	2007	2010	2010-2005(+-)
1.	Accommodation units	91	102	122	+31
	Where:- hotels	37	47	53	16
	%	41	46	43	+0,2
	- rural tourism boarding houses	3	4	7	+4
	%	3,3	3,9	5,7	+2,4
	- urban tourism boarding houses	27	31	42	+15
	%	33	34	34	+1
	-total accommodation places	5.410	5.724	6.857	+1.447
	-where in hotels	3424	4.057	4.603	1.179
	%	63	71	67	+4
	- in urban and rural boarding houses	610	722	912	+302
	%	11,3	12,6	13,3	+2
	- in rural boarding houses	37	65	137	+100
	%	0,6	1,1	2,0	+1,4
2.	Accommodation capacity utilization	29,5	32,0	23,6	-5,9
3.	Number of tourists	200376	283412	216173	+15.797
	- in hotels	136.370	233.954	173077	+36.707
	%	82	83	80	-2
	-In urban boarding houses	18.795	30.403	28.216	+9.415
	%	9,4	10,7	13,1	+3,7
	-In rural boarding houses	1.389	2.737	4.299	+2.910
	%	0,7	1,0	2,0	
4.	Number of nights (thousands)	518	638	506	-12
5.	Average accommodation duration (days)	2,59	2,25	2,30	-0,29

Source: INS – Statistic breviary of Timis county 2007 and 2011

CONCLUSIONS

The services tend to be more and more important for the Timis county economy, being number one from the total occupied population;

The trade remains most important area of the services;

The average net salary for the services is above the county average for all services except trade and tourism;

In the area of medical assistance the number of beds was reduced due to the reorganization of the hospitals (with 440 beds meaning 9,3%) but there are progresses concerning the number of pharmacies, number of inhabitants per doctor, etc

The offer of medical assistance services are facilitated by the existence of a medical university, by the large number of cabinets, clinics and private hospitals.

The progresses in the area of cultural services are insignificant and those from sports area are increasing

The tourism has an important place but its potential is not fully valuated – there is a large number of hotels and the number of boarding houses is insignificant;

The accommodation capacity utilization and the average duration are under the national average.

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