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Retail Trade Indices (RTI). Base 2005

March 2011. *Provisional data*

Main results

- The **General Retail Trade Index** at constant prices registers an **interannual variation of -7.9% in March**, more than three points below that registered in February.
- The **average rate** of retail sector sales stands at -5.8% during the first quarter of the year, as compared with the same period of 2010.
- **All of the distribution classes** present decreased in sales in March, as compared with the same month of 2010.
- **Employment** in the retail sector **decreases 0.5%** interannually.
- All **Autonomous Communities** present negative variations in their retail sales, as compared with March last year. Employment falls in eleven of them.

Evolution of trade, in general and by type of product

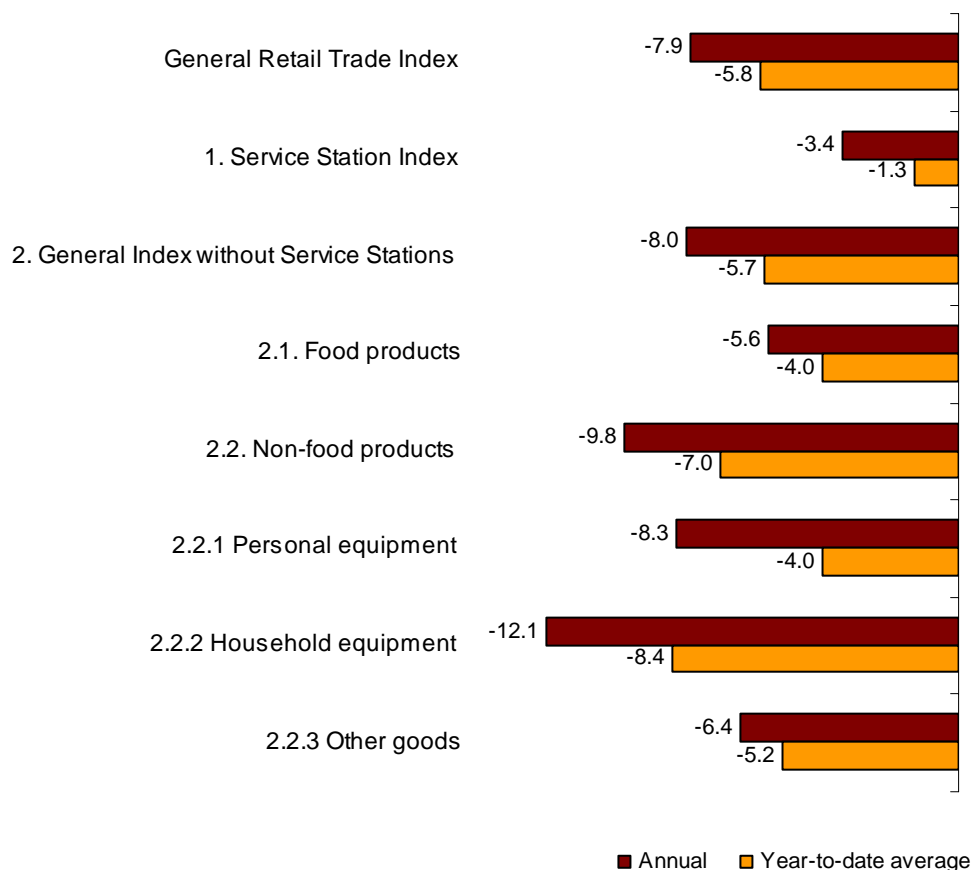
Sales in retail trade at constant prices (that is, after eliminating the prices' effect) registered an interannual rate of -7.9% in March 2011, indicating a decrease of more than three points as compared with the rate from February.

Sales, excluding service stations, presented an annual rate, of -8.0% in constant terms,. The breakdown of these sales by type of product showed a decrease both in food products (-5.6%) and in non-food products (-9.8%). Among the latter, Household equipment (-12.1%) registered the greatest decrease.

In turn, sales in service stations, after adjusting the prices' effect, decreased 3.4% as compared with March 2010.

The average rate of the General Retail Trade Index during the first quarter of the year presented a -5.8% variation as compared with the same period last year. This rate stood more than one point below that registered in February.

**Annual and average rates at constant prices
General index and by type of product**



Evolution of trade, by distribution class

All of the distribution classes present a decrease in sales, as compared with the same month of 2010. *Large chain stores* (-3.9%) presented the smallest decrease.

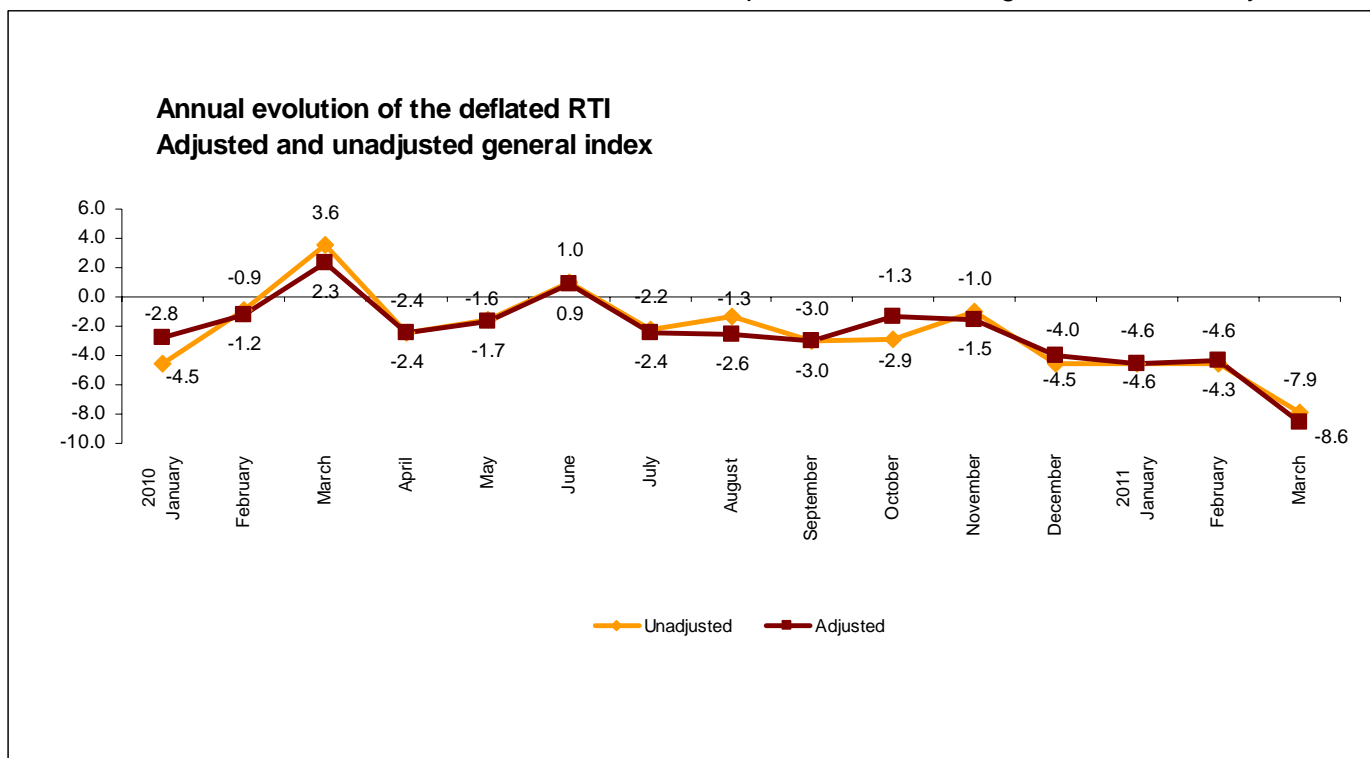
During the first quarter of the year, the average had a negative variation in all distribution classes as compared with the same period last year.

National Indices by distribution class

	Deflated Index	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
General Retail Trade Index	84.7	-7.9	-5.8
1. Service Station Index	93.9	-3.4	-1.3
2. General Index without Service Stations	84.9	-8.0	-5.7
2.1. Single retail stores	79.4	-8.5	-7
2.2. Small chain stores	77.3	-8.2	-5.6
2.3. Large chain stores	112.4	-3.9	-1.5
2.4. Department stores	75.4	-12.5	-8.5

Evolution of trade, adjusted for the calendar effect

After adjusting for the calendar effect, that is, the difference between the number of working days in a given month in different years, the Retail Trade Index presented an adjusted interannual rate of **-8.6%** in March, more than four points below that registered in February.



Evolution of employment, by distribution class

The employment index in the retail trade sector in March showed an annual rate of **-0.5%**, one tenth below that registered in February. Employment decreased 0.2% in *Service stations*.

By distribution class, *Large chain stores* were the only distribution class with a positive interannual rate (1.2%).

In the retail sector as a whole, average employment registered a rate of **-0.5%** in the first quarter of the year, as compared with the same period the previous year.

National Employment Indices

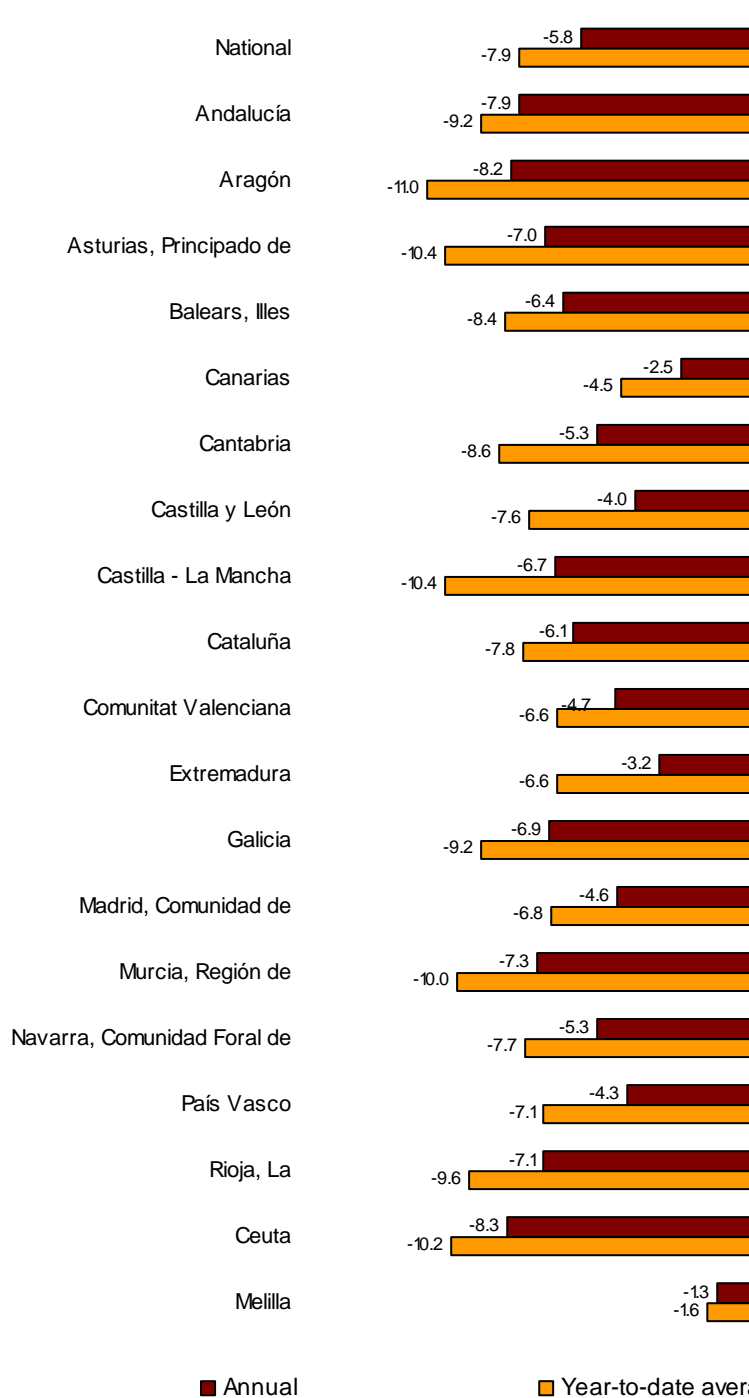
	Deflated Index	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
General Retail Trade Index	96.7	-0.5	-0.5
1. Service Station Index	98.2	-0.2	-0.2
2. General Index without Service Stations	96.6	-0.5	-0.5
2.1. Single retail stores	96.4	-0.1	-0.2
2.2. Small chain stores	89.7	-1.8	-1.8
2.3. Large chain stores	111.1	1.2	1.1
2.4. Department stores	91.7	-2.7	-2.2

Results by Autonomous Community. Variation rate in sales

Retail sales decreased in the interannual rate in all Autonomous Communities. The greatest decreases were registered in Aragón (-11.0%), Principado de Asturias and Castilla – La Mancha (both with -10,4%).

Canarias was the Community that registered the smallest decrease, with a rate of -4.5%.

**Annual and average rates at constant prices
General index by Autonomous City and Community**

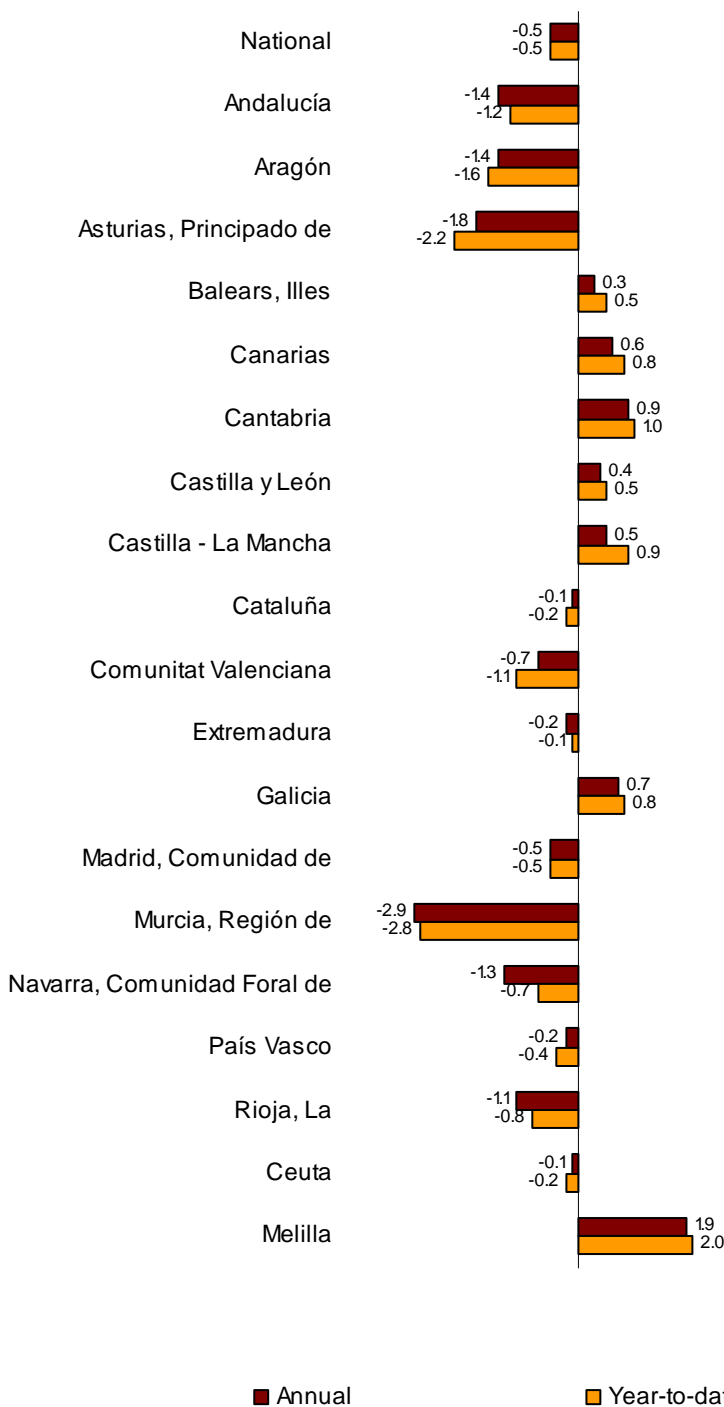


Results by Autonomous Community. Employment variation rates

Employment in retail trade decreased in eleven Autonomous Communities. Región de Murcia (-2.8%) and Principado de Asturias (-2.2%) presented the greatest decrease.

Among the Autonomous Communities registering positive rates, Cantabria (1.0%) presented the greatest increase.

**Annual and average rates of the employment index
General index by Autonomous City and Community**



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1. National indices

	Index	% variation		Deflated index	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average		Annual	Year-to-date average
General Retail Trade Index	97.4	-3.3	-1.2	84.7	-7.9	-5.8
1. Service Station Index	132.3	15.9	17.8	93.9	-3.4	-1.3
2. General Index without Service Stations	94.7	-5.0	-2.9	84.9	-8.0	-5.7
2.1. Food products	109.2	-2.3	-0.9	92.4	-5.6	-4.0
2.2. Non-food products	85.9	-7.1	-4.2	80.9	-9.8	-7.0
2.2.1 Personal equipment	84.4	-7.9	-3.7	87.7	-8.3	-4.0
2.2.2 Household equipment	74.2	-11.3	-7.5	67.1	-12.1	-8.4
2.2.3 Other goods	96.6	-3.6	-2.4	91.1	-6.4	-5.2

2. National Indices by distribution class

	Index	% variation		Deflated index	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average		Annual	Year-to-date average
General Retail Trade Index	97.4	-3.3	-1.2	84.7	-7.9	-5.8
1. Service Station Index	132.3	15.9	17.8	93.9	-3.4	-1.3
2. General Index without Service Stations	94.7	-5.0	-2.9	84.9	-8.0	-5.7
2.1. Single retail stores	88.5	-5.5	-4.1	79.4	-8.5	-7.0
2.2. Small chain stores	86.2	-5.2	-2.7	77.3	-8.2	-5.6
2.3. Large chain stores	125.3	-0.7	1.6	112.4	-3.9	-1.5
2.4. Department stores	84.1	-9.6	-5.7	75.4	-12.5	-8.5

3. Department Store Indices

	Index	% variation		Deflated index	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average		Annual	Year-to-date average
Department Store Index	84.1	-9.6	-5.7	75.4	-12.5	-8.5
1. Food products	92.7	-3.7	-3.3	78.5	-7.0	-6.3
2. Non-food products	79.8	-12.7	-6.8	75.2	-15.3	-9.4

4. National Indices. Adjusted for calendar effect

	Index	% variation		Deflated index	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average		Annual	Year-to-date average
General Retail Trade Index	96.7	-4.0	-1.4	84.1	-8.6	-5.9
1. Service Station Index	131.7	15.4	17.7	93.5	-3.7	-1.4
2. General Index without Service Stations	94.0	-5.8	-3.0	84.3	-8.7	-5.9
2.1. Department Store Index	83.7	-10.1	-5.7	75.1	-12.9	-8.5

5. Annual rates of National indices

	General Retail Trade Index				General Index without Service Stations			
	Current Prices		Constant Prices		Current Prices		Constant Prices	
	Original	Adjusted ¹	Original	Adjusted ¹	Original	Adjusted ¹	Original	Adjusted ¹
2010 March	5.8	4.4	3.6	2.3	4.9	3.5	5.3	3.9
April	0.1	0.1	-2.4	-2.4	-1.1	-1.1	-1.2	-1.2
May	1.2	1.1	-1.6	-1.7	-0.1	-0.2	-0.6	-0.7
June	3.2	3.1	1.0	0.9	2.3	2.2	1.5	1.4
July	0.2	0.0	-2.2	-2.4	-0.9	-1.1	-2.0	-2.2
August	0.7	-0.6	-1.3	-2.6	0.0	-1.4	-1.2	-2.6
July	-0.5	-0.5	-3.0	-3.0	-1.6	-1.6	-2.9	-2.9
October	0.0	1.6	-2.9	-1.3	-0.9	0.8	-2.6	-0.8
November	1.9	1.4	-1.0	-1.5	1.1	0.6	-0.7	-1.2
December	-0.6	-0.1	-4.5	-4.0	-1.7	-1.2	-3.9	-3.4
2011 January	-0.3	-0.3	-4.6	-4.6	-1.7	-1.7	-4.5	-4.5
February	0.1	0.4	-4.6	-4.3	-1.7	-1.4	-4.6	-4.3
March	-3.3	-4.0	-7.9	-8.6	-5.0	-5.8	-8.0	-8.7

¹ Index rates adjusted for calendar effects

6. National Employment Indices by distribution class

	Index	% variation on		
		Previous mo	Same month	Year-to-date average
General Retail Trade Index	96.7	-0.2	-0.5	-0.5
1. Service Station Index	98.2	0.6	-0.2	-0.2
2. General Index without Service Stations	96.6	-0.2	-0.5	-0.5
2.1. Single retail stores	96.4	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2
2.2. Small chain stores	89.7	-0.1	-1.8	-1.8
2.3. Large chain stores	111.1	-0.1	1.2	1.1
2.4. Department stores	91.7	-0.7	-2.7	-2.2

7. General Retail Trade Indices of Autonomous Cities and Communities

	Index	% variation		Deflated index	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average		Annual	Year-to-date average
National total	97.4	-3.3	-1.2	84.7	-7.9	-5.8
Andalucía	93.0	-4.6	-3.4	80.9	-9.2	-7.9
Aragón	99.8	-6.6	-3.9	86.6	-11.0	-8.2
Asturias, Principado de	104.5	-5.3	-2.0	91.5	-10.4	-7.0
Balears, Illes	77.9	-4.2	-2.3	68.2	-8.4	-6.4
Canarias	95.4	-0.6	1.2	84.8	-4.5	-2.5
Cantabria	101.2	-4.0	-0.8	87.4	-8.6	-5.3
Castilla y León	104.6	-2.7	0.9	90.2	-7.6	-4.0
Castilla - La Mancha	100.5	-5.1	-1.5	86.9	-10.4	-6.7
Cataluña	98.2	-3.2	-1.6	84.9	-7.8	-6.1
Comunitat Valenciana	92.1	-2.0	-0.2	80.3	-6.6	-4.7
Extremadura	109.1	-2.0	1.4	95.2	-6.6	-3.2
Galicia	99.6	-4.7	-2.4	87.1	-9.2	-6.9
Madrid, Comunidad de	100.2	-2.1	-0.1	87.5	-6.8	-4.6
Murcia, Región de	95.3	-5.5	-2.9	82.3	-10.0	-7.3
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	102.5	-3.2	-1.0	89.8	-7.7	-5.3
País Vasco	103.8	-2.6	0.0	90.1	-7.1	-4.3
Rioja, La	96.6	-4.7	-2.3	84.0	-9.6	-7.1
Ceuta	99.0	-7.6	-5.6	86.8	-10.2	-8.3
Melilla	111.0	1.3	2.1	96.3	-1.6	-1.3

8. General Indices without Service Stations, by Autonomous Cities and Communities

	Index	% variation		Deflated index	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average		Annual	Year-to-date average
National total	94.7	-5.0	-2.9	84.9	-8.0	-5.7
Andalucía	91.5	-6.4	-5.0	82.3	-9.3	-7.7
Aragón	99.3	-7.3	-4.8	88.4	-10.3	-7.8
Asturias, Principado de	103.6	-6.1	-2.9	93.5	-9.7	-6.4
Balears, Illes	77.1	-4.7	-2.8	69.8	-7.1	-5.2
Canarias	93.4	-1.6	0.5	86.4	-3.2	-0.9
Cantabria	98.8	-5.4	-1.9	88.2	-8.3	-4.6
Castilla y León	101.5	-4.7	-1.3	89.9	-8.2	-4.7
Castilla - La Mancha	100.0	-6.1	-2.5	89.3	-10.0	-6.3
Cataluña	96.7	-4.4	-2.8	86.0	-7.4	-5.8
Comunitat Valenciana	90.0	-3.4	-1.4	81.1	-6.4	-4.3
Extremadura	104.4	-4.3	-0.8	93.7	-7.2	-3.8
Galicia	97.1	-6.0	-3.6	87.7	-8.9	-6.5
Madrid, Comunidad de	92.8	-5.8	-3.5	83.5	-8.7	-6.4
Murcia, Región de	94.6	-6.6	-3.5	84.4	-9.2	-6.1
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	97.4	-5.9	-3.7	87.7	-9.0	-6.5
País Vasco	101.4	-3.6	-0.8	90.4	-6.6	-3.8
Rioja, La	95.1	-6.0	-3.6	85.0	-9.5	-7.1
Ceuta	100.7	-8.0	-6.0	91.0	-9.8	-7.9
Melilla	110.2	-0.3	1.6	98.6	-2.1	-0.7

9. General Employment Indices of Autonomous Cities and Communities

	Index	% variation on		
		Previous mo	Same month previous year	Year-to-date average
National total	96.7	-0.2	-0.5	-0.5
Andalucía	92.8	-0.7	-1.2	-1.4
Aragón	95.7	0.0	-1.6	-1.4
Asturias, Principado de	101.6	-0.1	-2.2	-1.8
Balears, Illes	91.4	1.2	0.5	0.3
Canarias	94.3	-0.3	0.8	0.6
Cantabria	103.3	-0.2	1.0	0.9
Castilla y León	104.5	0.3	0.5	0.4
Castilla - La Mancha	98.2	-0.4	0.9	0.5
Cataluña	95.8	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1
Comunitat Valenciana	95.0	-0.1	-1.1	-0.7
Extremadura	101.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Galicia	102.3	-0.3	0.8	0.7
Madrid, Comunidad de	97.3	-0.3	-0.5	-0.5
Murcia, Región de	97.7	0.1	-2.8	-2.9
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	98.7	-0.1	-0.7	-1.3
País Vasco	100.8	0.0	-0.4	-0.2
Rioja, La	96.6	0.3	-0.8	-1.1
Ceuta	100.6	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1
Melilla	102.2	0.0	2.0	1.9

10. General Employment Indices without Service Stations, by Autonomous Cities and Communities

	Index	% variation on		
		Previous mo	Same month previous year	Year-to-date average
National total	96.6	-0.2	-0.5	-0.5
Andalucía	93.0	-0.7	-1.2	-1.5
Aragón	95.6	0.0	-1.7	-1.4
Asturias, Principado de	102.0	-0.2	-2.2	-2.0
Balears, Illes	91.3	1.2	0.5	0.4
Canarias	93.6	-0.2	0.7	0.6
Cantabria	103.1	-0.2	0.9	0.8
Castilla y León	105.0	0.3	0.3	0.1
Castilla - La Mancha	98.4	-0.5	0.9	0.6
Cataluña	95.7	-0.3	-0.2	0.0
Comunitat Valenciana	95.0	-0.1	-1.0	-0.7
Extremadura	101.6	0.3	-0.2	-0.3
Galicia	102.6	-0.3	0.8	0.7
Madrid, Comunidad de	96.9	-0.3	-0.5	-0.5
Murcia, Región de	98.0	0.1	-2.9	-2.9
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	98.5	-0.2	-0.8	-1.3
País Vasco	100.6	-0.1	-0.5	-0.2
Rioja, La	96.7	0.4	-0.5	-0.9
Ceuta	100.8	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1
Melilla	102.3	0.0	2.0	1.9

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