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Retail Trade Indices (RTI). Base 2005
March 2012. *Provisional data*

Main results

- The **General Retail Trade Index** at constant prices registers an interannual variation of **-3.9%** in March, three tenths below that registered in February.
- The average rate of retail sector sales stands at **-4.1%** during the first quarter of the year, as compared with the same period of 2011.
- *Large chain stores* are the only distribution class that increase in sales, as compared with the same month of 2011.
- **Employment** in the retail sector **decreases 0.9%** as compared with March 2011.
- All Autonomous Communities present negative interannual variations in their retail sales. Employment decreases in fifteen of them.

Evolution of trade, in general and by type of product

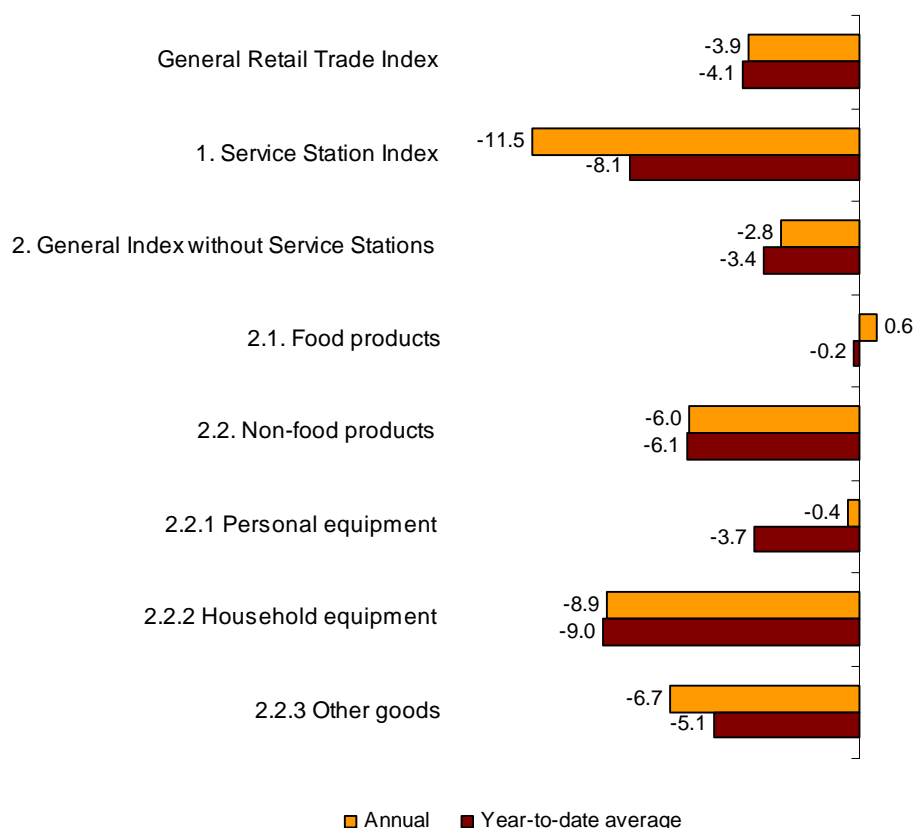
Sales in retail trade at constant prices (that is, after eliminating the prices effect) registered an interannual variation of **-3.9%** in March, indicating a decrease of three tenths, as compared with the rate from February.

Sales, excluding service stations, presented an annual rate of **-2.8%**. The breakdown of these sales by type of product showed a positive rate in food products (0.6%) and a decrease in non-food products of 6.0%. Among the latter, Household equipment (**-8.9%**) registered the greatest decrease.

In turn, sales in service stations, after adjusting the prices effect, decreased 11.5%, as compared with March 2011.

The average rate of the General Retail Trade Index during the first quarter of the year presented a **-4.1%** variation as compared with the same period last year. By type of product this rate was negative in food products and in non-food products .

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



Evolution of trade, by distribution class

Large chain stores was the only distribution class that increase in sales as compared with the same month the previous year (3.2%).

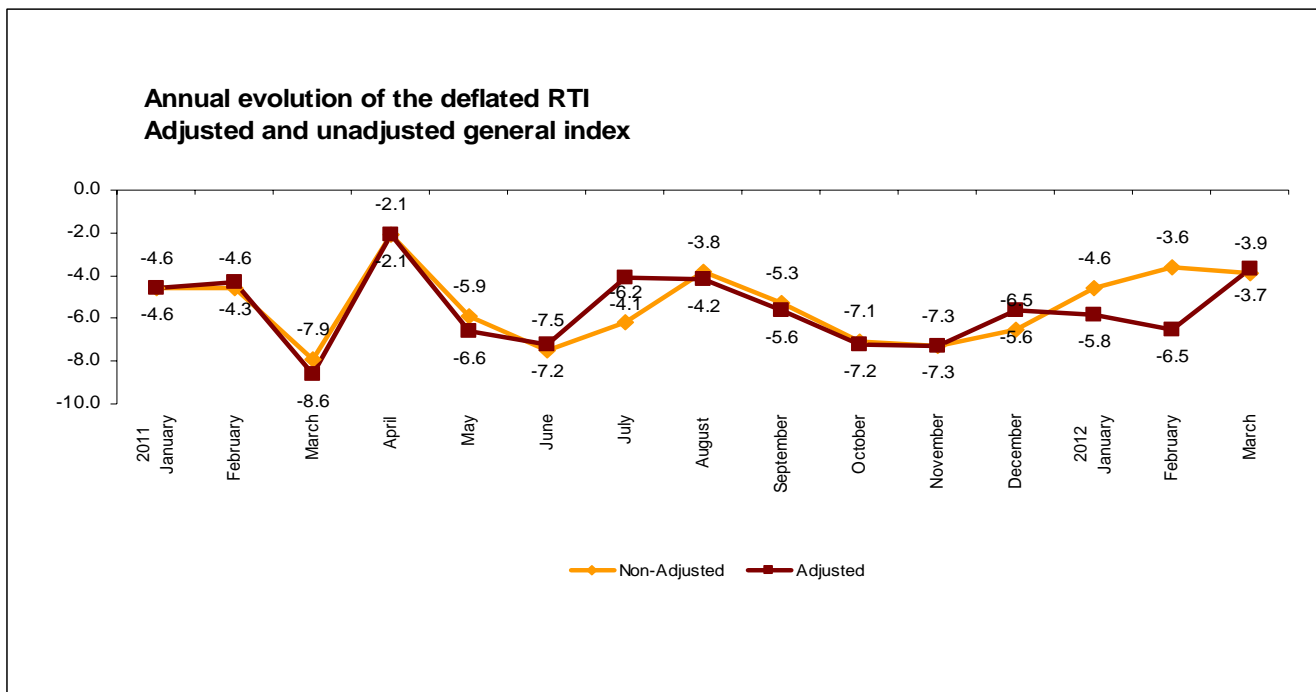
During the first quarter of the year, the average had a negative variation in all distribution classes, except *Large chain stores*, that presented a rate of 1.3%.

National Indices by distribution class

	Deflated Index	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
General Retail Trade Index	81.4	-3.9	-4.1
1. Service Station Index	83.3	-11.5	-8.1
2. General Index without Service Stations	82.5	-2.8	-3.4
2.1. Single retail stores	74.8	-5.6	-5
2.2. Small chain stores	72.7	-6.4	-5.1
2.3. Large chain stores	116.0	3.2	1.3
2.4. Department stores	72.7	-3.7	-5.8

Evolution of trade, adjusted for the calendar effect

After adjusting the calendar effect, that is, the difference between the number of working days in a given month in different years, the Retail Trade Index registered an interannual rate of **-3.7%** in March, almost three points above 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 **-0.9%**, two tenths below that registered in February. Employment decreased 0.7% in *Service stations*.

By distribution class, only *Large chain stores* registered a positive interannual rate, 0.6%.

In the retail sector as a whole, average employment registered a rate of **-1.0%** in the first quarter of the year, as compared with the same period the previous year.

Nacional Employment Indices

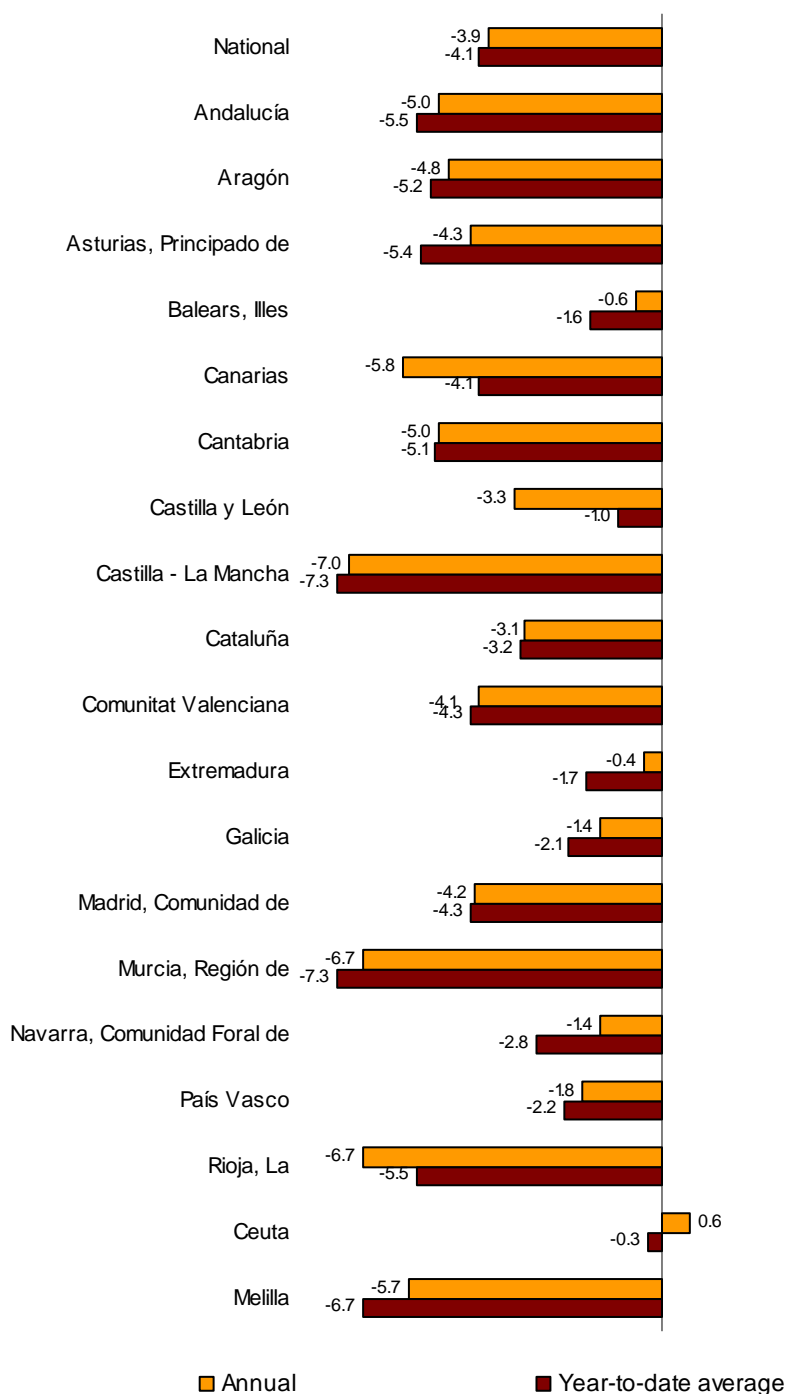
Index	Index	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
General Retail Trade Index	95.9	-0.9	-1.0
1. Service Station Index	97.5	-0.7	-0.3
2. General Index without Service Stations	95.9	-0.9	-1.0
2.1. Single retail stores	96.2	-0.2	-0.5
2.2. Small chain stores	86.3	-3.8	-3.7
2.3. Large chain stores	112.1	0.6	0.7
2.4. Department stores	89.3	-2.6	-2.8

Results by Autonomous Community. Variation rates in sales

Retail sales decreased in the interannual rate in all Autonomous Communities in March. The greatest decrease was registered in Castilla-La Mancha (-7.0%).

Extremadura (-0.4%) and Illes Balears (-0.6%) registered the lowest decreases.

**Annual and average rates at constant prices
General index by Autonomous Cities and Communities**

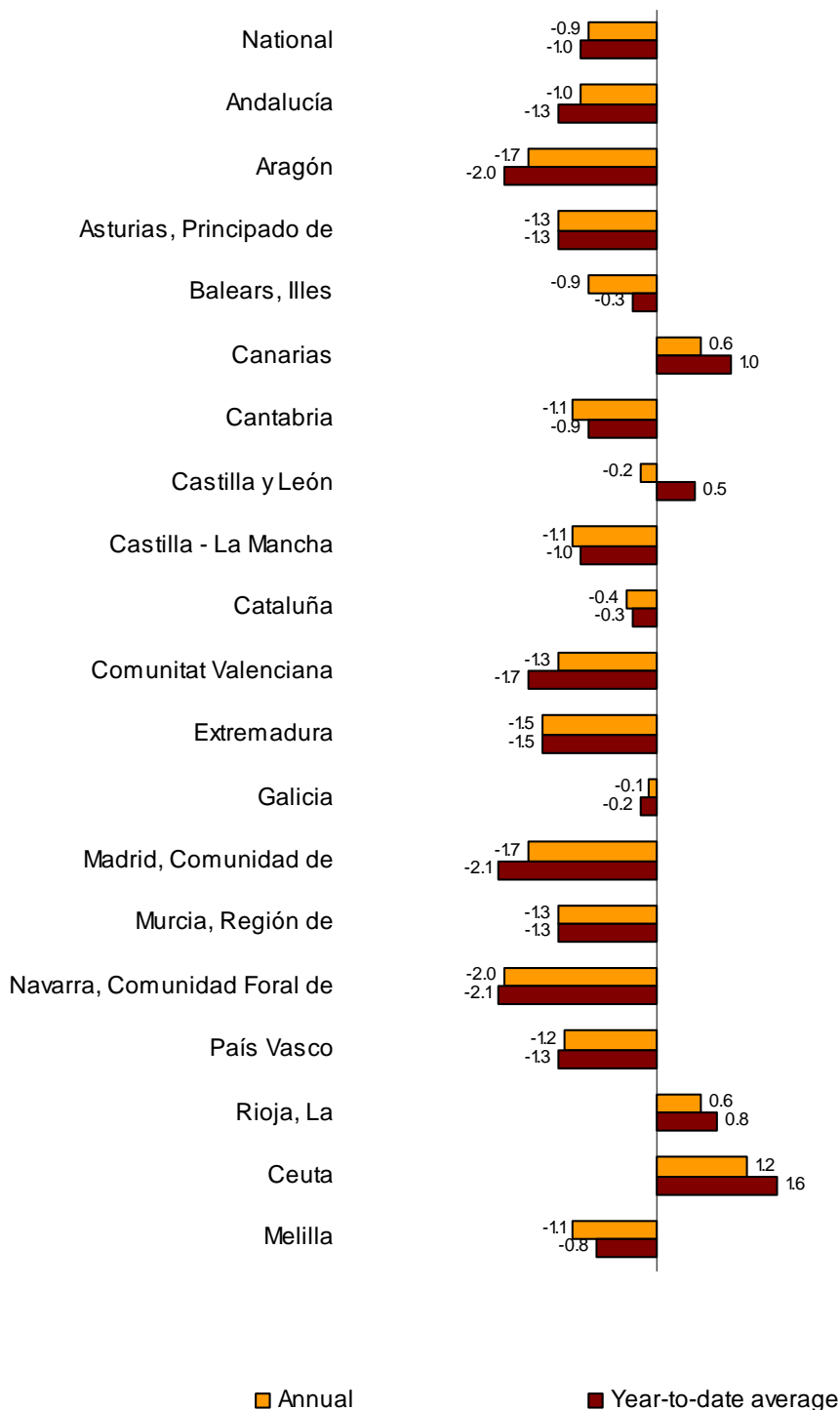


Results by Autonomous Community. Employment variation rates

Employment in retail trade decreased in fifteen Autonomous Communities, as compared with March 2011. Comunidad Foral de Navarra (-2.0%) presented the greatest decrease.

Canarias and La Rioja (both with 0.6%) were the Autonomous Communities that increased their employment, as compared with the same month the previous year.

**Annual and average rates of the employment index
General index by Autonomous Cities and Communities**



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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	95.8	-1.6	-1.8	81.4	-3.9	-4.1
1. Service Station Index	128.0	-3.5	0.4	83.3	-11.5	-8.1
2. General Index without Service Stations	93.3	-1.4	-2.0	82.5	-2.8	-3.4
2.1. Food products	112.3	2.9	2.2	92.9	0.6	-0.2
2.2. Non-food products	81.7	-4.8	-5.0	76.1	-6.0	-6.1
2.2.1 Personal equipment	84.0	-0.2	-3.6	87.2	-0.4	-3.7
2.2.2 Household equipment	68.3	-8.0	-8.0	61.1	-8.9	-9.0
2.2.3 Other goods	91.3	-5.5	-4.0	85.0	-6.7	-5.1

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	95.8	-1.6	-1.8	81.4	-3.9	-4.1
1. Service Station Index	128.0	-3.5	0.4	83.3	-11.5	-8.1
2. General Index without Service Stations	93.3	-1.4	-2.0	82.5	-2.8	-3.4
2.1. Single retail stores	84.6	-4.2	-3.7	74.8	-5.6	-5.0
2.2. Small chain stores	82.2	-5.0	-3.7	72.7	-6.4	-5.1
2.3. Large chain stores	131.2	4.7	2.7	116.0	3.2	1.3
2.4. Department stores	82.2	-2.3	-4.4	72.7	-3.7	-5.8

3. Department Store Indices

	Index	% variation		Deflated index	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average		Annual	Year-to-date average
Department Store Index	82.2	-2.3	-4.4	72.7	-3.7	-5.8
1. Food products	92.2	-0.7	-1.8	76.3	-2.9	-4.0
2. Non-food products	77.2	-3.2	-5.7	71.9	-4.4	-6.9

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	95.3	-1.5	-3.1	81.0	-3.7	-5.3
1. Service Station Index	127.6	-3.4	0.1	83.1	-11.4	-8.3
2. General Index without Service Stations	92.8	-1.2	-3.4	82.0	-2.6	-4.8
2.1. Department Store Index	81.9	-2.2	-5.6	72.5	-3.6	-6.9

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
2011 March	-3.3	-4.0	-7.9	-8.6	-5.1	-5.8	-8.1	-8.8
April	2.7	2.7	-2.1	-2.1	1.8	1.8	-1.5	-1.5
May	-1.6	-2.3	-5.9	-6.6	-2.6	-3.3	-5.8	-6.5
June	-3.8	-3.4	-7.5	-7.2	-4.8	-4.4	-7.4	-7.0
July	-2.3	-0.2	-6.2	-4.1	-3.2	-1.0	-5.8	-3.6
August	-0.1	-0.4	-3.8	-4.2	-0.9	-1.2	-3.4	-3.7
July	-1.3	-1.6	-5.3	-5.6	-2.4	-2.7	-5.1	-5.4
October	-3.3	-3.4	-7.1	-7.2	-4.3	-4.4	-6.9	-6.9
November	-3.7	-3.7	-7.3	-7.3	-4.8	-4.8	-7.2	-7.2
December	-3.8	-3.0	-6.5	-5.6	-4.4	-3.5	-6.4	-5.5
2012 January	-2.4	-3.6	-4.6	-5.8	-2.8	-4.0	-4.2	-5.4
February	-1.3	-4.3	-3.6	-6.5	-1.7	-5.1	-3.1	-6.4
March	-1.6	-1.5	-3.9	-3.7	-1.4	-1.2	-2.8	-2.6

¹ Index rates adjusted for calendar effects

6. National Employment Indices by distribution class

	Index	% variation on		
		Previous month	Same month	Year-to-date average
General Retail Trade Index	95.9	0.0	-0.9	-1.0
1. Service Station Index	97.5	0.1	-0.7	-0.3
2. General Index without Service Stations	95.9	0.0	-0.9	-1.0
2.1. Single retail stores	96.2	0.3	-0.2	-0.5
2.2. Small chain stores	86.3	-0.2	-3.8	-3.7
2.3. Large chain stores	112.1	-0.1	0.6	0.7
2.4. Department stores	89.3	-0.3	-2.6	-2.8

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	95.8	-1.6	-1.8	81.4	-3.9	-4.1
Andalucía	90.0	-3.0	-3.5	76.8	-5.0	-5.5
Aragón	97.7	-2.6	-2.9	82.7	-4.8	-5.2
Asturias, Principado de	101.9	-2.3	-3.3	87.4	-4.3	-5.4
Balears, Illes	79.1	1.4	0.3	67.8	-0.6	-1.6
Canarias	91.9	-4.2	-2.5	80.3	-5.8	-4.1
Cantabria	97.9	-3.1	-3.1	82.9	-5.0	-5.1
Castilla y León	104.5	-0.3	1.8	87.5	-3.3	-1.0
Castilla - La Mancha	95.5	-4.7	-5.0	80.6	-7.0	-7.3
Cataluña	97.5	-0.5	-0.7	82.1	-3.1	-3.2
Comunitat Valenciana	90.5	-1.6	-1.9	76.9	-4.1	-4.3
Extremadura	111.8	2.1	0.4	95.2	-0.4	-1.7
Galicia	101.0	0.9	0.3	86.3	-1.4	-2.1
Madrid, Comunidad de	98.2	-2.0	-2.0	83.9	-4.2	-4.3
Murcia, Región de	90.8	-4.6	-5.2	76.6	-6.7	-7.3
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	103.4	1.1	-0.1	88.4	-1.4	-2.8
País Vasco	104.0	0.3	-0.1	88.4	-1.8	-2.2
Rioja, La	92.8	-3.9	-2.8	78.4	-6.7	-5.5
Ceuta	102.6	2.8	1.9	88.0	0.6	-0.3
Melilla	106.9	-3.9	-5.1	91.0	-5.7	-6.7

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	93.3	-1.4	-2.0	82.5	-2.8	-3.4
Andalucía	88.9	-2.8	-3.8	79.1	-3.8	-4.9
Aragón	97.3	-2.4	-3.1	85.3	-3.9	-4.7
Asturias, Principado de	100.9	-2.4	-3.5	90.0	-3.6	-4.7
Balears, Illes	78.0	1.2	0.2	69.9	0.2	-0.7
Canarias	89.3	-4.1	-3.0	82.2	-4.6	-3.4
Cantabria	94.8	-4.2	-4.0	83.8	-5.1	-5.0
Castilla y León	103.2	1.4	2.2	89.8	-0.5	0.3
Castilla - La Mancha	94.6	-5.2	-5.8	83.2	-6.7	-7.3
Cataluña	96.1	-0.4	-0.9	83.9	-2.2	-2.6
Comunitat Valenciana	88.3	-1.7	-2.5	78.5	-3.1	-3.8
Extremadura	106.4	1.4	-0.5	93.9	-0.3	-1.9
Galicia	98.1	0.4	-0.3	87.2	-1.0	-1.9
Madrid, Comunidad de	92.3	-0.7	-1.4	82.0	-2.0	-2.8
Murcia, Región de	89.4	-5.3	-6.3	78.7	-6.5	-7.5
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	96.3	-0.8	-1.9	85.3	-2.6	-3.7
País Vasco	101.3	0.0	-0.5	89.1	-1.3	-1.8
Rioja, La	91.7	-3.3	-2.8	80.2	-5.3	-4.8
Ceuta	105.2	3.7	2.4	93.8	2.2	0.9
Melilla	105.3	-4.8	-6.1	93.4	-5.6	-6.9

9. General Employment Indices of Autonomous Cities and Communities

	Index	% variation on		
		Previous month	Same month previous year	Year-to-date average
National total	95.9	0.0	-0.9	-1.0
Andalucía	92.1	-0.3	-1.0	-1.3
Aragón	94.0	0.6	-1.7	-2.0
Asturias, Principado de	100.3	-0.4	-1.3	-1.3
Balears, Illes	90.4	0.0	-0.9	-0.3
Canarias	95.0	-0.7	0.6	1.0
Cantabria	102.2	-0.4	-1.1	-0.9
Castilla y León	104.5	-0.2	-0.2	0.5
Castilla - La Mancha	97.0	-0.3	-1.1	-1.0
Cataluña	95.7	0.2	-0.4	-0.3
Comunitat Valenciana	93.9	0.4	-1.3	-1.7
Extremadura	99.7	0.1	-1.5	-1.5
Galicia	102.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.2
Madrid, Comunidad de	95.7	0.5	-1.7	-2.1
Murcia, Región de	96.5	-0.1	-1.3	-1.3
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	97.0	0.3	-2.0	-2.1
País Vasco	99.2	0.1	-1.2	-1.3
Rioja, La	97.1	0.0	0.6	0.8
Ceuta	102.1	-1.8	1.2	1.6
Melilla	100.9	-0.3	-1.1	-0.8

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

	Index	% variation on		
		Previous month	Same month previous year	Year-to-date average
National total	95.9	0.0	-0.9	-1.0
Andalucía	92.2	-0.3	-1.0	-1.3
Aragón	93.9	0.6	-1.9	-2.1
Asturias, Principado de	100.6	-0.4	-1.3	-1.3
Balears, Illes	90.3	0.1	-1.0	-0.4
Canarias	94.1	-0.8	0.3	0.9
Cantabria	102.1	-0.4	-1.0	-0.9
Castilla y León	105.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.6
Castilla - La Mancha	97.3	-0.3	-1.1	-1.0
Cataluña	95.7	0.2	-0.3	-0.2
Comunitat Valenciana	93.8	0.4	-1.4	-1.8
Extremadura	100.2	0.1	-1.3	-1.3
Galicia	102.5	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Madrid, Comunidad de	95.3	0.6	-1.7	-2.1
Murcia, Región de	96.5	-0.1	-1.5	-1.5
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	96.7	0.3	-2.1	-2.2
País Vasco	98.9	0.1	-1.3	-1.4
Rioja, La	97.4	0.0	0.7	1.0
Ceuta	102.3	-1.8	1.2	1.7
Melilla	101.1	-0.3	-1.0	-0.7

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