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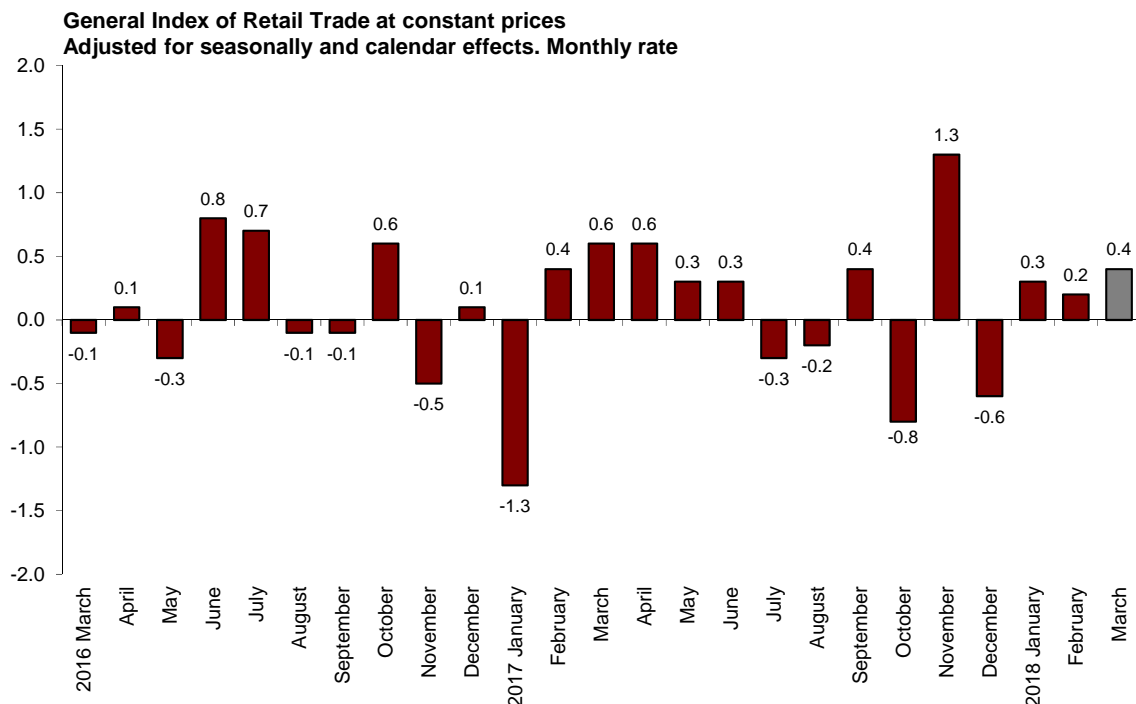
Retail Trade Indices (RTI). Base 2015
 March 2018. *Provisional data*

The monthly variation of the Retail Trade Index at constant prices is 0.4% after adjusting for seasonal and calendar effects

The annual rate of the General Retail Trade Index at constant prices stands at 1.9% in the series adjusted for seasonal and calendar effects and at 1.5% in the original series

Monthly evolution of sales in retail trade

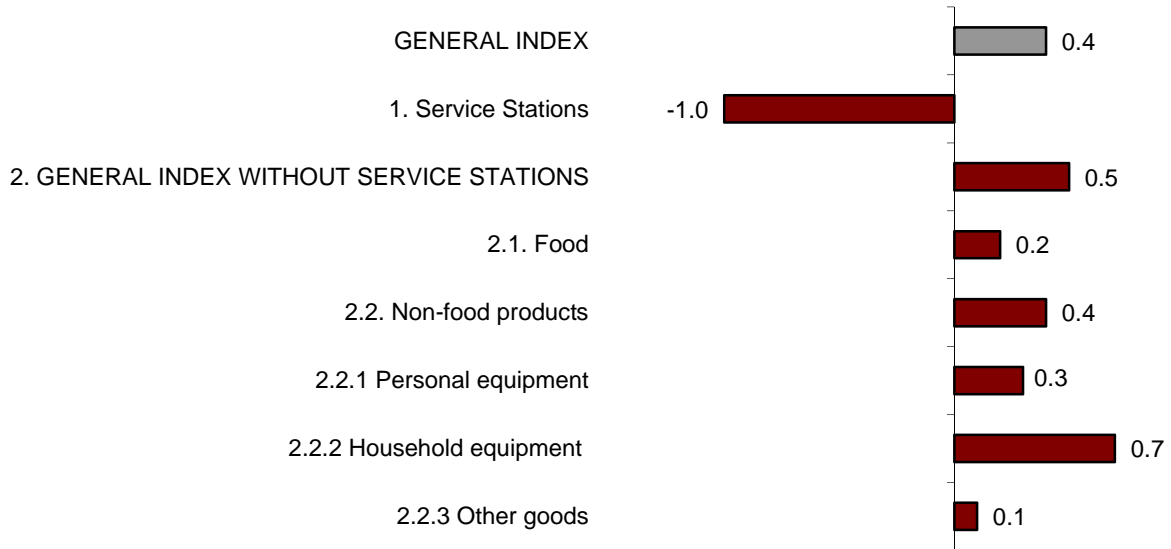
The monthly variation of the general Retail Trade Index (RTI) at constant prices between the months of March and February, after adjusting for seasonal and calendar effects was 0.4%. This rate is two tenths higher than that of the previous month.



The general index, excluding service stations, recorded a monthly rate of 0.5%.

By products, *Food* increased by 0.2% and *Non-food products* by 0.4%. If the latter is broken down by type of product, *Household equipment* showed the highest increase (0.7%).

**Sales Indices at constant prices: General and by type of products.
Adjusted for seasonal and calendar effects. Monthly rate**



Three of the four distribution classes presented positive monthly rates in March. *Large chain stores* (1.8%) registered the largest increase, while *Single retail stores* recorded the only decrease (-0.1%).

**Sales indices at constant prices by distribution class
Adjusted for seasonal and calendar effects. Monthly rate**

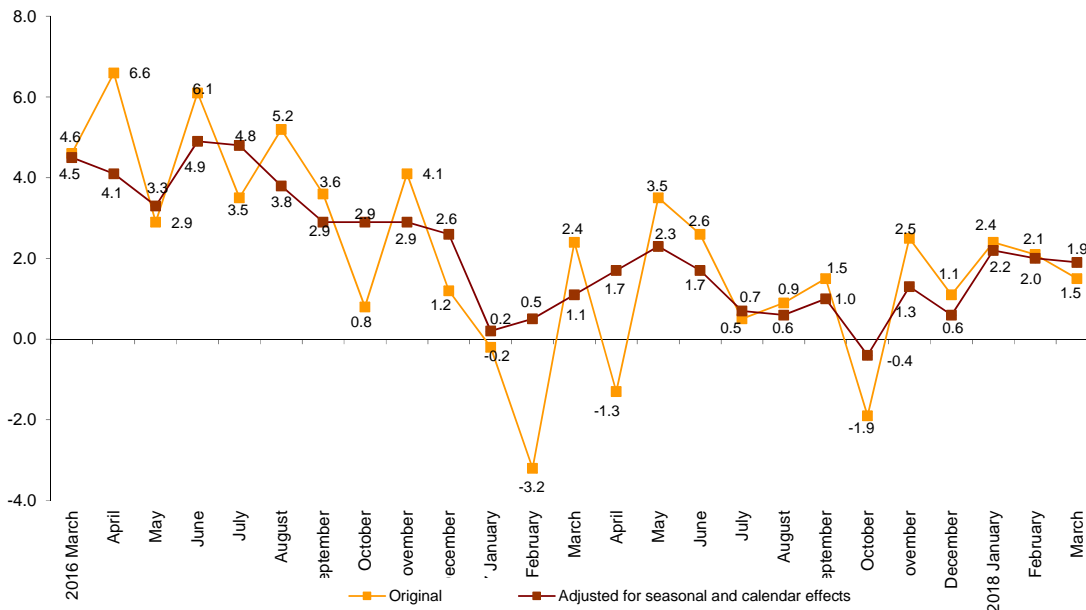


Annual evolution of sales in retail trade

In March, the General Retail Trade Index registered a variation of 1.9% as compared with the same month of the previous year, after adjusting for seasonal and calendar effects. This rate stood one tenth of a point below that recorded in February.

The original RTI series at constant prices recorded an annual variation of 1.5%, six tenths lower than that registered the previous month.

**Retail Trade General Index at constant prices
Annual rate**



The general index excluding service stations and adjusted for seasonal and calendar effects registered an annual variation of 1.7% in March. If we break these sales down by type of product, *Food* increased by 1.4% and *Non-food products* did so by 2.0%.

Retail trade sector sales. Annual rates at constant prices.

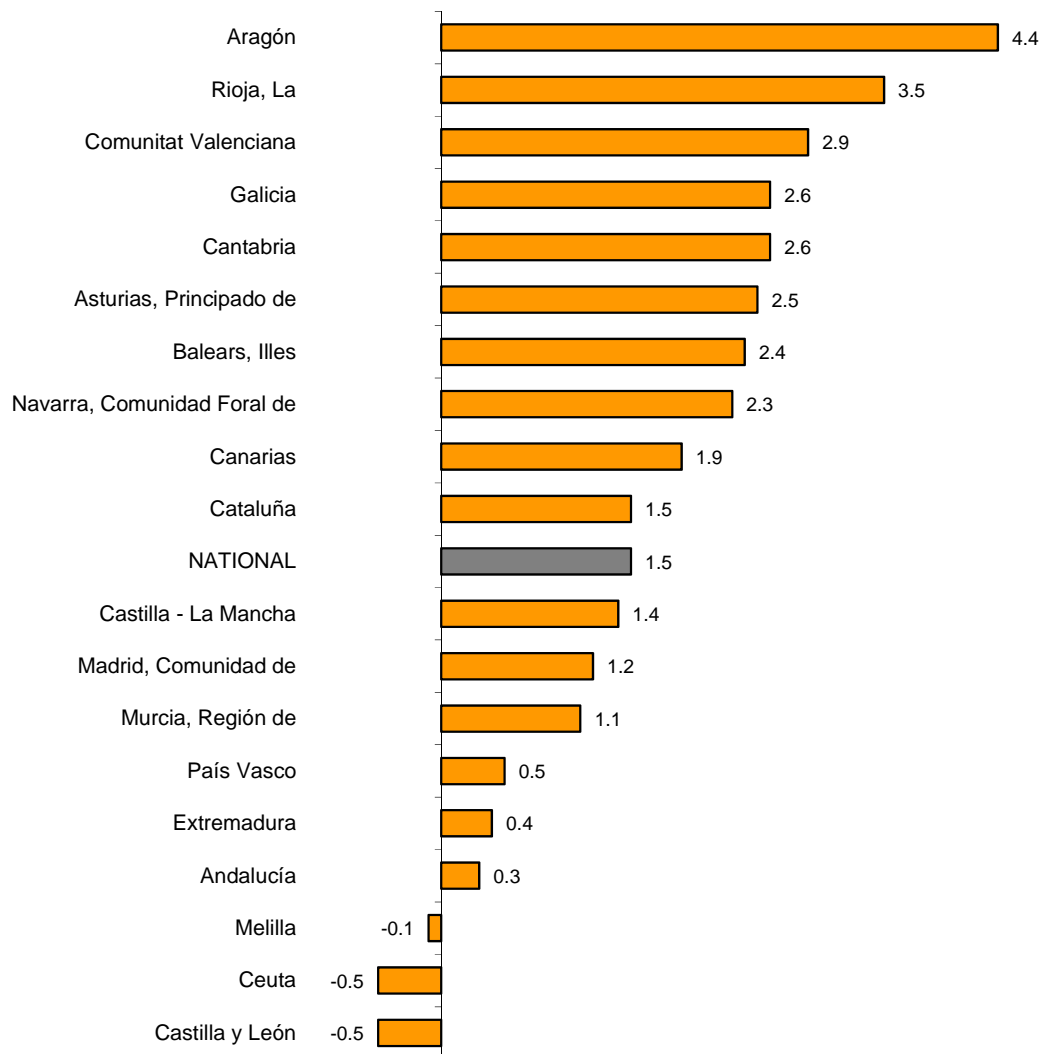
	Original Index	Seasonally adjusted index
	Annual rate (%)	Annual rate (%)
GENERAL INDEX	1.5	1.9
1. Service stations	-0.7	-1.0
2. GENERAL INDEX WITHOUT SERVICE STATIONS	1.6	1.7
2.1. Food	2.5	1.4
2.2. Non-food products	0.9	2.0
2.2.1 Personal equipment	0.8	1.6
2.2.2 Household equipment	3.5	5.4
2.2.3 Other goods	-1.2	0.5
DISTRIBUTION CLASS		
3. Single retail stores	-2.5	-1.3
4. Small chain stores	2.5	3.6
5. Large chain stores	5.4	4.9
6. Department stores	2.6	0.6

Results by Autonomous Community. Annual variation rate in sales. Original series

All Autonomous Communities increased their sales compared to March 2017, except Castilla y León (-0.5%).

Aragón (4.4%), La Rioja (3.5%) and Comunitat Valenciana (2.9%) registered the greatest increases.

**General Indices : National and by Autonomous City and Community
Annual sales rate**



Evolution of employment

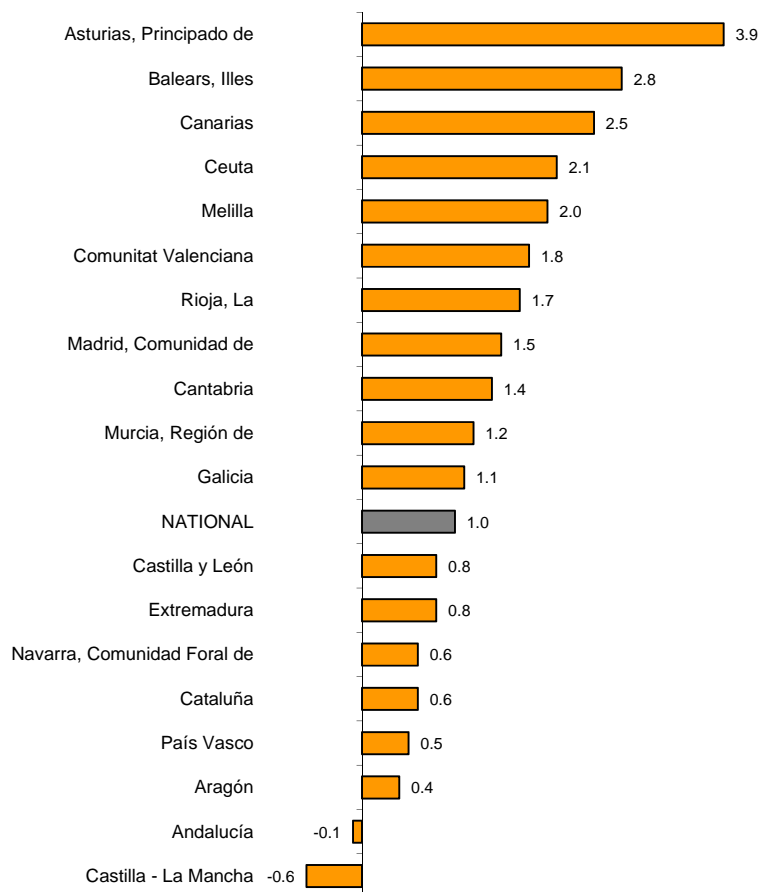
In March, the employment index in the retail trade sector registered a variation of 1.0%, as compared to the same month of 2017. This rate was the same as that registered in February. Employment increased by 1.6% in *Service stations*.

Employment Indices: General and by distribution class				
	Index	Rate (%)		Year-to-date average
		Monthly	Annual	
GENERAL INDEX	102.3	0.5	1.0	1.0
1. Service stations	101.6	0.2	1.6	1.4
2. GENERAL INDEX WITHOUT SERVICE STATIONS	102.4	0.5	1.0	0.9
2.1. Single retail stores	100.3	0.2	-0.2	-0.1
2.2. Small chain stores	100.2	0.9	0.6	0.2
2.3. Large chain stores	108.4	0.3	3.2	3.4
2.4. Department stores	102.9	1.4	1.8	1.3

Results by Autonomous Community. Annual employment variation rates

The employment in retail trade increased in 15 Autonomous Communities in the annual rate. Principado de Asturias showed the largest increase (3.9%).

General Indices : National and by Autonomous City and Community. Employment Index. Annual Rate



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