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**Retail Trade Indices (RTI). Base 2005**  
July 2011. *Provisional data*

**Main results**

- The **General Retail Trade Index** at constant prices registers an **interannual variation of -6.0% in July**, one point and six tenths higher than that registered in June.
- The **average rate** of retail sector sales stands at -5.6% during the first seven months of the year, as compared with the same period of 2010.
- **All of the distribution classes** decrease their sales as compared with July 2010.
- **Employment** in the retail sector **decreases 0.5%** interannually.
- **All Autonomous Communities** present negative interannual variations in their retail sales in July. Employment decreases in ten of them.

**Evolution of trade, in general and by type of product**

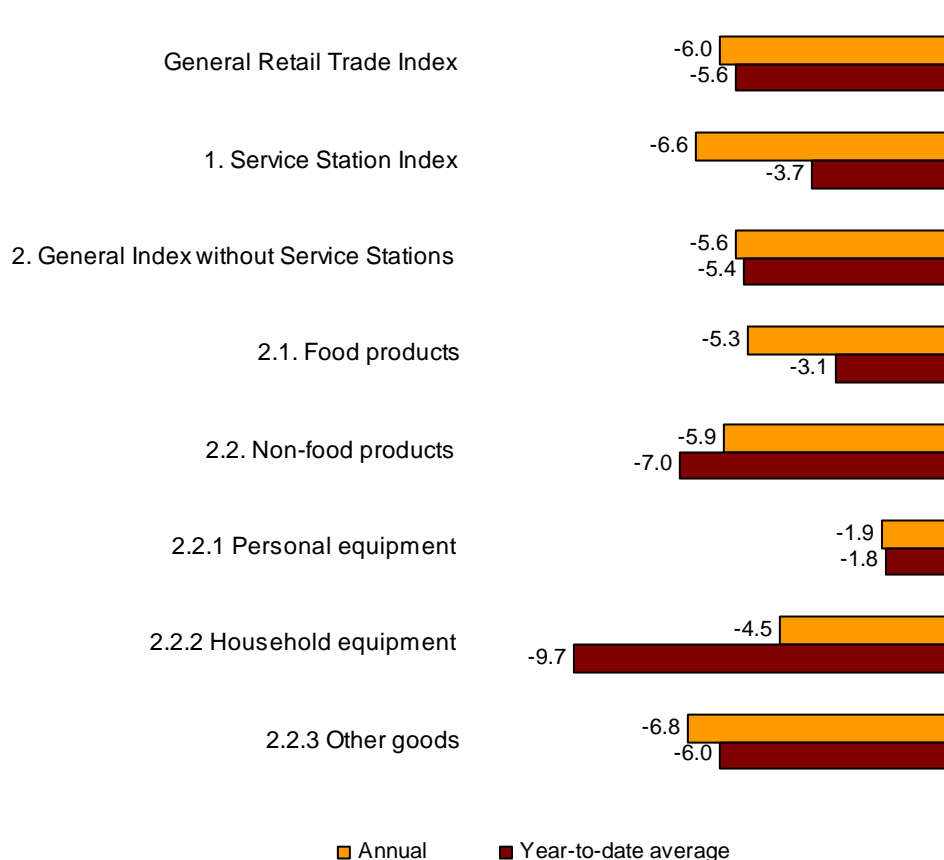
Sales in retail trade at constant prices (that is, after eliminating the prices effect) registered an interannual variation of -6.0% in July 2011, indicating a 1.6 point increase, as compared with the rate from June.

Sales, excluding service stations, presented an annual rate of -5.6%, in constant terms. The breakdown of these sales by type of product showed a decrease in both food products (-5.3%) and non-food products (-6.8%). Among the latter, Other Goods (-6.8%) registered the greatest decrease.

In turn, sales in service stations, after adjusting the prices effect, decreased 6.6%, as compared with July 2010.

The average rate of the General Retail Trade Index during the first seven months of the year presented a -5.6% variation, as compared with the same period last year. This rate stood one tenth below that registered in June.

**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 presented a decrease in sales in July, as compared with the same month of 2010. *Small chain stores* (-7.0%) presented the greatest decrease.

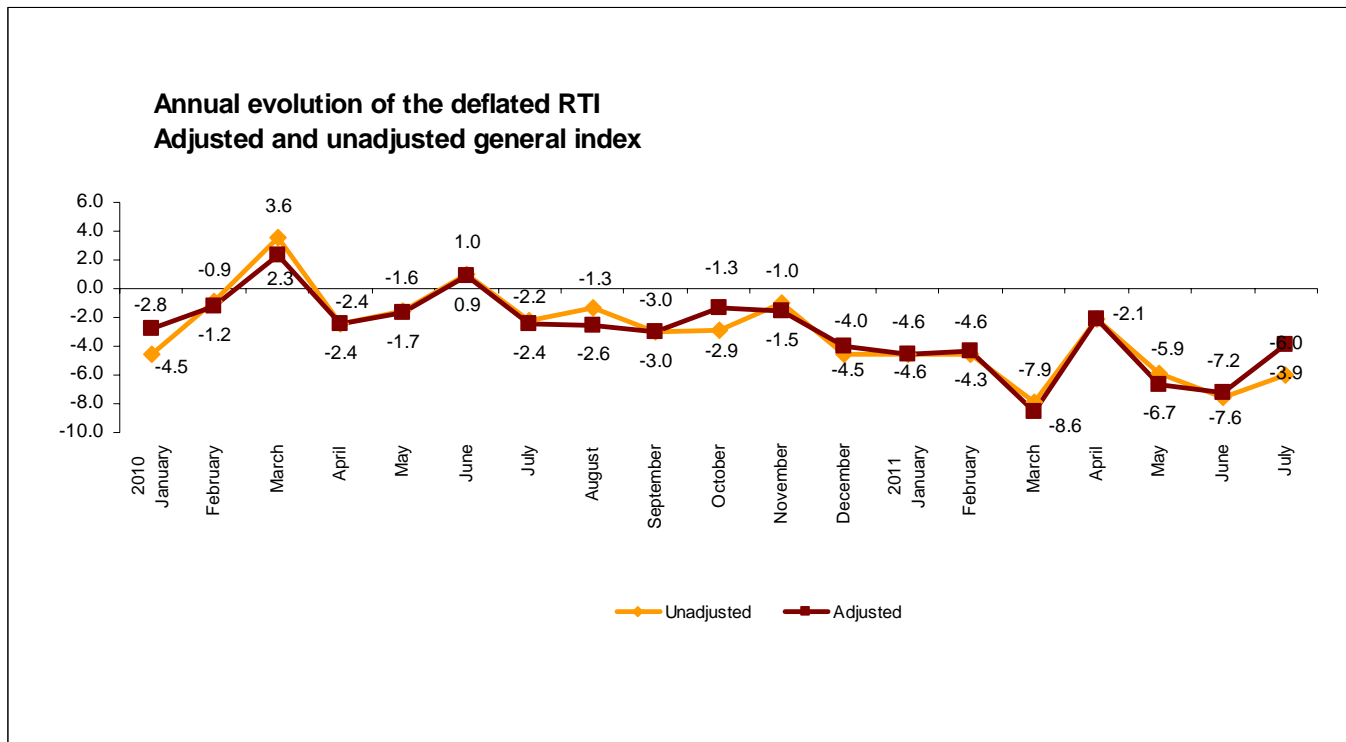
During the first seven months of the year, the average sales had a negative variation in all distribution classes, as compared with the same period last year.

**National Indices by distribution class**

	Deflated Index	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
<b>General Retail Trade Index</b>	<b>93.8</b>	<b>-6.0</b>	<b>-5.6</b>
1. Service Station Index	97.0	-6.6	-3.7
2. General Index without Service Stations	94.7	-5.6	-5.4
2.1. Single retail stores	82.8	-6.3	-7.1
2.2. Small chain stores	88.4	-7.0	-6.9
2.3. Large chain stores	125.4	-3.9	-0.3
2.4. Department stores	97.4	-5.0	-6.9

### 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 **-3.9%**, stood 3,3 points below that registered in June.



### Evolution of employment, by distribution class

The employment index in the retail trade sector in July showed an annual rate of **-0.5%**, one tenth below that registered in June. Employment decreased 1.2% in *Service stations*.

By distribution class, *Large chain stores* registered a positive interannual rate, standing at 1.2%.

In the retail sector as a whole, average employment registered a rate of **-0.4%** in the first seven months of the year, as compared with the same period the previous year.

### National Employment Indices

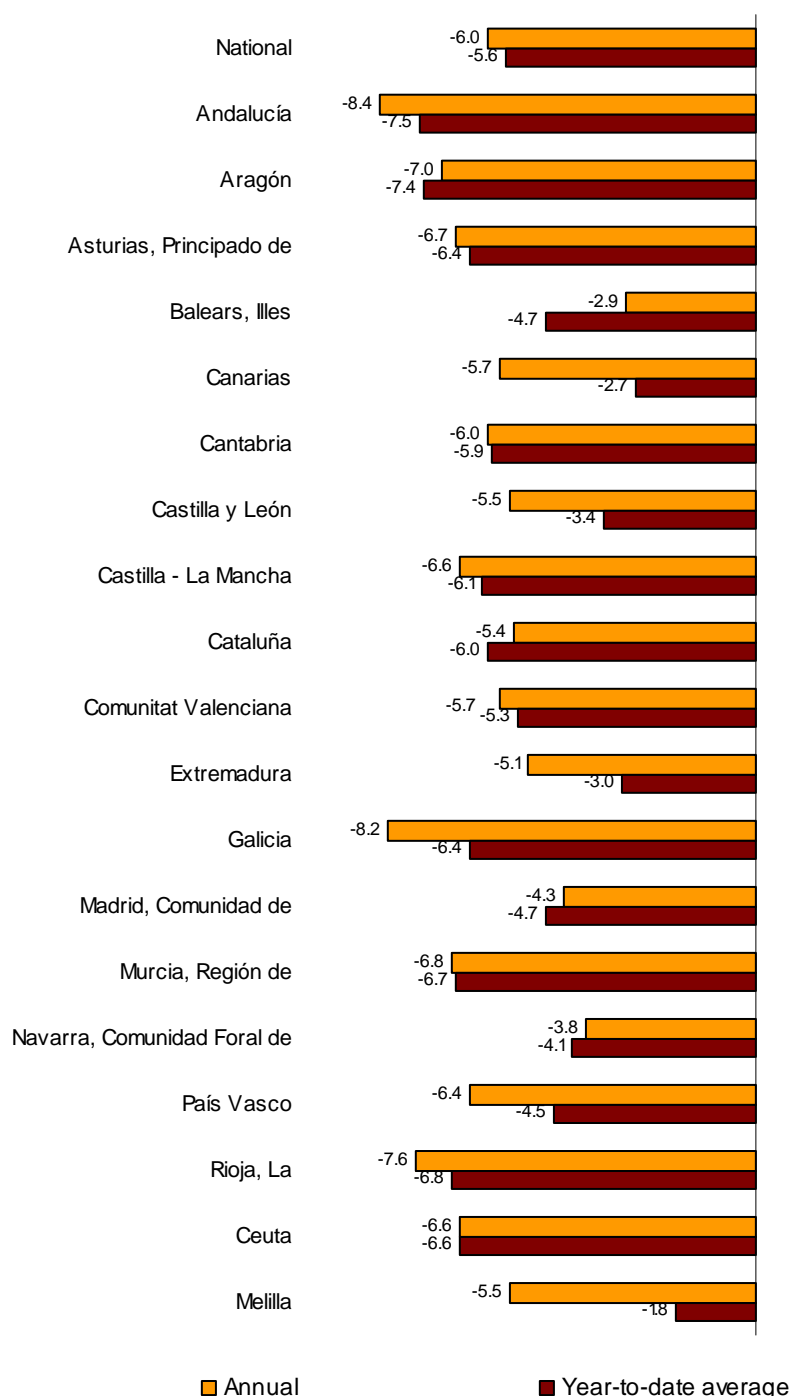
	Index	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
<b>General Retail Trade Index</b>	<b>98.4</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
1. Service Station Index	102.0	-1.2	-0.6
2. General Index without Service Stations	98.3	-0.4	-0.4
2.1. Single retail stores	97.1	-0.1	-0.1
2.2. Small chain stores	90.7	-2.1	-1.8
2.3. Large chain stores	114.5	1.2	1.2
2.4. Department stores	96.5	-2.3	-2.0

**Results by Autonomous Community. Variation rates in sales**

Retail sales decreased in the interannual rate in all Autonomous Communities. Andalucía (-8.4%) and Galicia (-8.2%) registered the greatest decrease.

Illes Balears (-2.9%) was the Community that registered the smallest decrease.

**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 ten Autonomous Communities. Región de Murcia (–3.1%) and Andalucía (–1.9%) presented the greatest decreases.

Castilla y León (1.3%) was the Community that presented the greatest increase in employment.

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

