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**Short-Term Stock and Inventory Survey (ECSE). Base 2010**  
First quarter of 2017. *Provisional data*

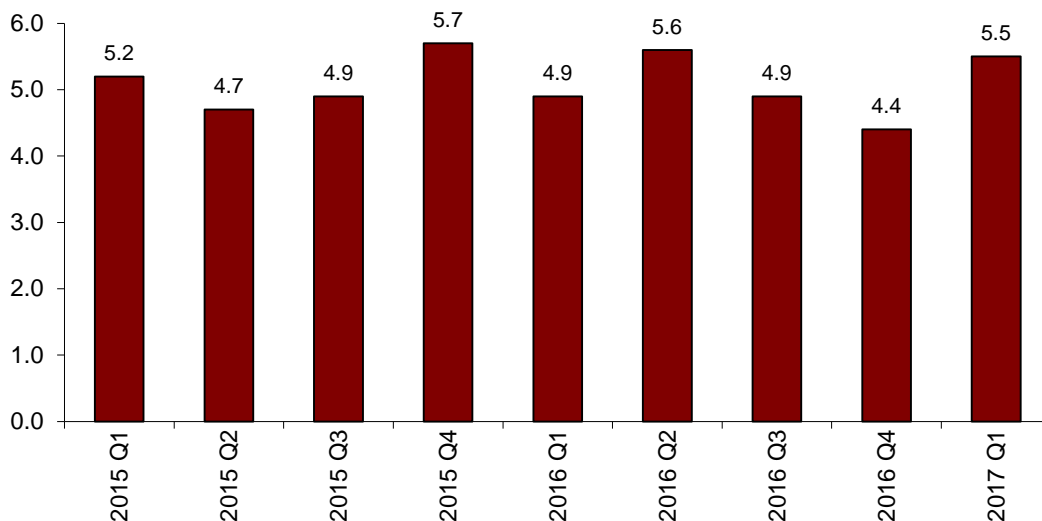
**The annual stock and inventory rate in the Sales sector rises by 5.5%**

**Within the first quarter, the highest annual rate was registered in January, with an increase of 5.9%**

**Quarterly evolution of the inventory levels in the Sales sector**

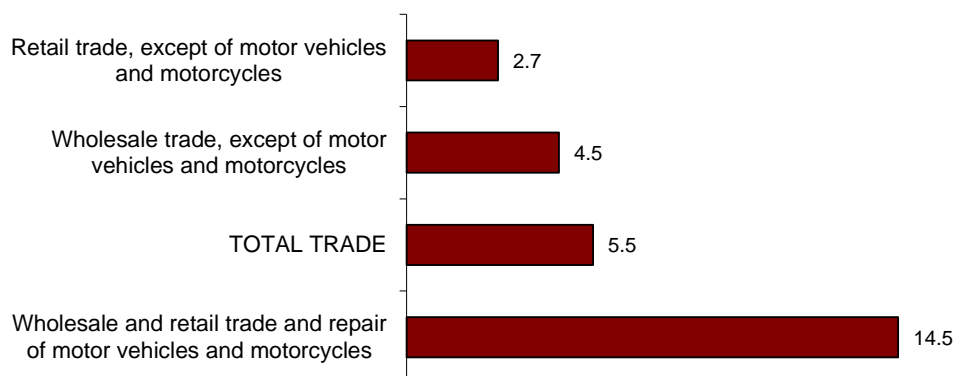
The general index of the inventory levels in the Sales sector presented an annual variation of 5.5% in the first quarter of 2017. This rate is 1.1 points higher than that registered in the fourth quarter of 2016.

**General Index of the supply rate in the Trade sector**  
Annual rate (%)



All sectors registered positive annual rates. *Sale and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles* registered the highest increase (14.5%), while *Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles* showed the lowest increase (2.7%).

**Indices of the supply rate in the Trade sector  
General and by sector of activity. Annual rate (%)**



**Indices of Stocks of Goods in the Trade by sector of activity  
Annual rates (%)**

	Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles
2015 Q1	16.2	4.5	2.4
Q2	14.4	3.6	2.8
Q3	18.5	3.3	2.3
Q4	19.8	4.8	2.0
2016 Q1	20.1	3.5	0.9
Q2	22.8	2.8	2.7
Q3	17.3	2.8	2.8
Q4	16.4	2.3	2.5
2017 Q1	14.5	4.5	2.7

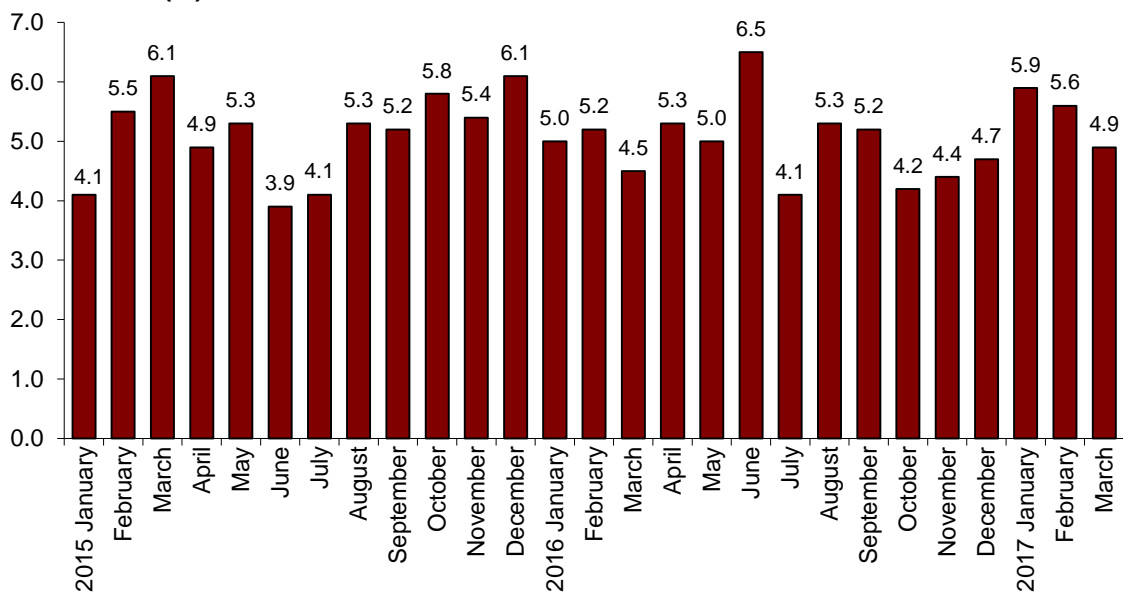
**Monthly evolution of inventory levels in the Sales sector**

The general index of the inventory levels in the Sales sector presented an annual rate of 5.9% in January 2017. This rate is 1.2 points higher than that recorded in December 2016.

In February, the annual variation rate was 5.6%, which is three tenths less than the variation registered in January.

Finally, in March the annual rate was 4.9%, seven tenths less than that of February.

**General Index of the supply rate in the Trade sector  
Annual rate (%)**



All sectors presented positive annual rates in the months of January, February and March 2017. *Sale and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles* recorded the highest increases in the said months.

**Indices of Stocks of Goods in the Trade by sector of activity**

**Annual rates (%)**

	Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles
2016 January	18.7	4.1	0.8
February	20.7	4.0	0.7
March	20.7	2.4	1.1
April	25.5	2.4	1.4
May	22.1	2.3	2.0
June	20.9	3.7	4.6
July	17.5	2.0	1.8
August	17.5	3.4	3.2
September	17.0	3.0	3.4
October	16.6	1.5	2.9
November	16.3	2.4	2.4
December	16.4	3.0	2.2
2017 January	16.2	4.6	3.1
February	14.5	4.6	2.8
March	12.9	4.2	2.1

## Methodological note

### Main characteristics of the Short-Term Stock and Inventory Survey

The Short-Term Stock and Inventory Survey (ECSE) based on 2010 complements the information that the INE offers in this context about the evolution of the economy. Some countries already create it, highlighting its importance to analyse the evolution of the economic cycle, given that the increase or decrease in the inventories of finished products and goods reflect changes in trends in the economy.

### Calculation formula

This indicator is obtained based on the information that the companies offer using the additional questions about the value of the inventory levels at the end of the month, which have been included in three short-term surveys that were already carried out by the INE: The Services Sector Activity Indicators (SSAI), Retail Trade Indices (RTI) and Industrial Turnover and New Orders Received Indices (ITI-INORI).

In a first phase, only the indices of inventory levels for the Sales sector are published, which include the companies whose main activity is found within the divisions 45 '*Sale and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles*', 46 '*Retail trade and trade agents except for motor vehicles and motorcycles*' (except for 46.1 '*Trade agents*') and 47 '*Retail trade, except for motor vehicles and motorcycles*' of the CNAE-2009.

In order to measure the evolution of inventories in the Sales sector, a value index is calculated linked with December last year, where the elemental indices are the same divisions of the CNAE-2009. Based on these indices, an aggregate index is calculated for the total sales.

### Weights

The weightings that are used in the calculation of the aggregate indices for the inventories in the Sales sector for the years 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 have been obtained based on the data from the Annual Trade Survey for the years 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013, respectively.

The Annual Trade Survey, in a structured manner and conducted each year, is mainly aimed at providing accurate, reliable and timely information for the diverse activities that form the Sales sector. The survey meets the demands of the European Union in terms of the structural statistics established by the Regulation number 58/97 and amended by Regulation number 295/08.

The weightings for each elemental aggregate represent the relationship between the value of the inventories of the elemental aggregate and that of the total of the activities related with the trade that form the population scope.

In order to calculate the aggregate indices based on the year 2015, as there is no available structural information for it, the weightings are estimated using the weightings from last year and multiplying them by a quotient calculated based on the short-term indices of the survey itself.

### ECSE weightings (%). Base 2010

<b>ELEMENTARY AGGREGATES</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	11.47	11.73	13.07	14.53	16.16
Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	54.06	52.48	52.18	51.88	51.06
Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	34.47	35.79	34.75	33.59	32.78
<b>TOTAL TRADE</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>

### Dissemination of the results

The dissemination of results by the ECSE is carried out in a first phase with a quarterly frequency, with a gap of some 70 days from the completion of the calendar quarter.

Nevertheless, monthly information will be made available in such a way that it can be analysed how this variable evolves month by month, as well as obtaining the information needed to study the behaviour of the quarterly variation of inventories or in the frequency that is required.

The first data available is that of January 2013. All of the information for this survey can be viewed on the INE website from that month (<http://www.ine.es/en/welcome.shtml>).

## Short-Term Stock and Inventory Survey. Base 2010 First Quarter 2017

Provisional data

### 1. Indices of goods stock level in Trade General and by activity sector. First Quarter 2017

	Index	Rate (%)		
		Quarterly	Annual	Year-to-date average
<b>TOTAL TRADE</b>	<b>116.7</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5.5</b>
Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	154.6	5.4	14.5	14.5
Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	116.8	0.1	4.5	4.5
Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	102.4	-5.4	2.7	2.7

### 2. Indices of goods stock level in Trade General and by activity sector. January, February and March 2017

	Index	Rate (%)		
		Monthly	Annual	Year-to-date average
<b>TOTAL TRADE</b>				
January	115.0	-1.5	5.9	5.9
February	116.7	1.4	5.6	5.8
March	118.2	1.3	4.9	5.5
Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles				
January	149.8	3.4	16.2	16.2
February	157.2	5.0	14.5	15.3
March	156.9	-0.2	12.9	14.5
Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles				
January	115.8	-1.0	4.6	4.6
February	116.7	0.7	4.6	4.6
March	117.8	1.0	4.2	4.5
Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles				
January	101.0	-4.7	3.1	3.1
February	101.7	0.7	2.8	2.9
March	104.4	2.7	2.1	2.7

### 3. Indices of goods stock level in Trade General and by activity sector. Annual rate by period

	Total Trade	Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles
2013	-2.0	-6.8	-0.9	-2.2
2014	2.4	10.9	2.7	-0.6
2015	5.1	17.3	4.0	2.4
2016	4.9	19.1	2.8	2.2
2017 <sup>1)</sup>	5.5	14.5	4.5	2.7
2015				
Q1	5.2	16.2	4.5	2.4
Q2	4.7	14.4	3.6	2.8
Q3	4.9	18.5	3.3	2.3
Q4	5.7	19.8	4.8	2.0
2016				
Q1	4.9	20.1	3.5	0.9
Q2	5.6	22.8	2.8	2.7
Q3	4.9	17.3	2.8	2.8
Q4	4.4	16.4	2.3	2.5
2017				
Q1	5.5	14.5	4.5	2.7
2016				
JAN	5.0	18.7	4.1	0.8
FEB	5.2	20.7	4.0	0.7
MAR	4.5	20.7	2.4	1.1
APR	5.3	25.5	2.4	1.4
MAY	5.0	22.1	2.3	2.0
JUN	6.5	20.9	3.7	4.6
JUL	4.1	17.5	2.0	1.8
AUG	5.3	17.5	3.4	3.2
SEP	5.2	17.0	3.0	3.4
OCT	4.2	16.6	1.5	2.9
NOV	4.4	16.3	2.4	2.4
DEC	4.7	16.4	3.0	2.2
2017				
JAN	5.9	16.2	4.6	3.1
FEB	5.6	14.5	4.6	2.8
MAR	4.9	12.9	4.2	2.1

Note:  
1) Annual rate calculated as the variation of the period elapsed in the current year as compared with the same period of the previous year.

### 4. Indices of Goods stock level in Trade General and by activity sector. Rate compared with the last month of the previous quarter (%)

	Total Trade	Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles
2015 MAR	2.5	8.9	2.6	0.0
JUN	0.5	3.2	0.6	-0.9
SEP	1.9	2.3	2.0	1.5
DEC	1.1	2.6	0.1	1.9
2016 MAR	1.0	11.5	-0.4	-1.4
JUN	2.4	3.3	1.9	2.5
SEP	0.7	-1.0	1.4	0.4
DEC	0.6	2.0	0.1	0.7
2017 MAR	1.2	8.2	0.7	-1.4

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