

Press Release

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

Main results

- The General Retail Trade Index at constant prices registers an **interannual variation of** -3.4% in February, one point and two tenths above that registered in January.

- The average rate of retail sector sales stands at -4.0% during the first two months 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 1.1%** as compared with February 2011.

- All Autonomous Communities present negative interannual variations in their retail sales, excepting Castilla y Leon. Employment decreases in thirteen of them.

Evolution of trade, in general and by type of product

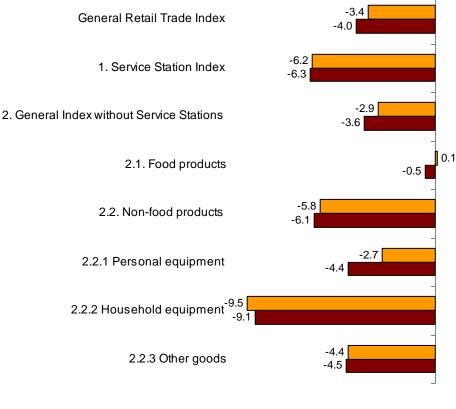
Sales in retail trade at constant prices (that is, after eliminating the prices effect) registered an interannual variation of -3.4% in February 2012, indicating an increase of 1.2 points, as compared with the rate from January.

Sales, excluding service stations, presented an annual rate of -2.9%. The breakdown of these sales by type of product showed an increase in food products (0.1%) and a decrease in non-food products 5.8%. Among the latter, Household equipment (-9.5%) registered the greatest decrease.

In turn, sales in service stations, after adjusting the prices effect, decreased 6.2%, as compared with February 2011.

The average rate of the General Retail Trade Index during the first two months of the year presented a -4.0% 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



■ Annual ■ Year-to-date average

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 (2.7%).

During the first two months of the year, the average had a negative variation in all distribution classes, except *Large chain stores*, that presented a rate of 0.6%.

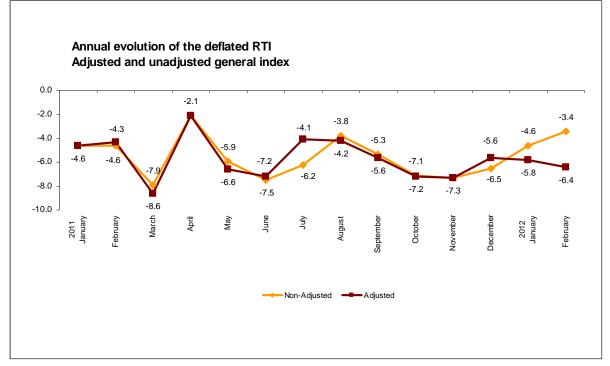
National Indices by distribution class

	Deflated	% variation	
	Index	Annual	Year-to-date average
General Retail Trade Index	75.2	-3.4	-4
1. Service Station Index	82.5	-6.2	-6.3
2. General Index without Service Stations	75.6	-2.9	-3.6
2.1. Single retail stores	68.9	-5.5	-4.7
2.2. Small chain stores	68.1	-4.5	-4.4
2.3. Large chain stores	103.2	2.7	0.6
2.4. Department stores	68.4	-4.6	-6.7

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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 **–6.4**% in February, six tenths below that registered in January.



Evolution of employment, by distribution class

The employment index in the Retail Trade sector in February showed an annual rate of -1.1%, one tenth below that registered in January. Employment decreased 0.2% in *Service stations*.

By distribution class, only Large chain stores registered a positive interannual rate, 0.7%.

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

Nacional Employment Indices

		% variation	
	Index	Annual	Year-to-date average
General Retail Trade Index	95.9	-1.1	-1.0
1. Service Station Index	97.4	-0.2	-0.2
2. General Index without Service Stations	95.8	-1.1	-1.1
2.1. Single retail stores	95.9	-0.7	-0.6
2.2. Small chain stores	86.6	-3.5	-3.7
2.3. Large chain stores	112.1	0.7	0.7
2.4. Department stores	89.6	-2.9	-2.8

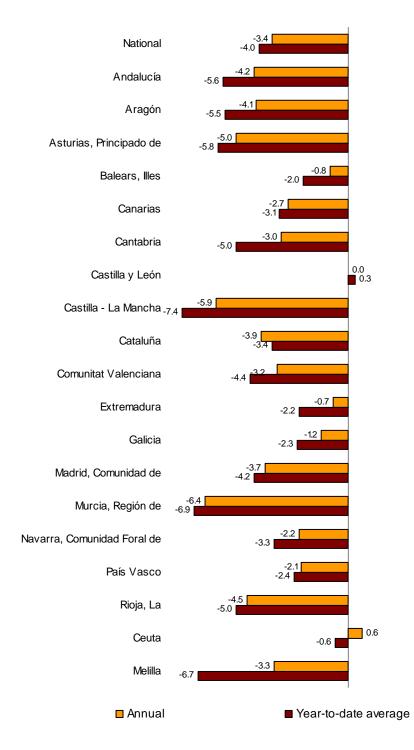


Results by Autonomous Community. Variation rates in sales

Retail sales decreased in the interannual rate in all Autonomous Communities in February, except Castilla y Leon, that remained in sales.

Región de Murcia (-6.4%) and Castilla - La Mancha (-5.9%) registered the greatest decreases.

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

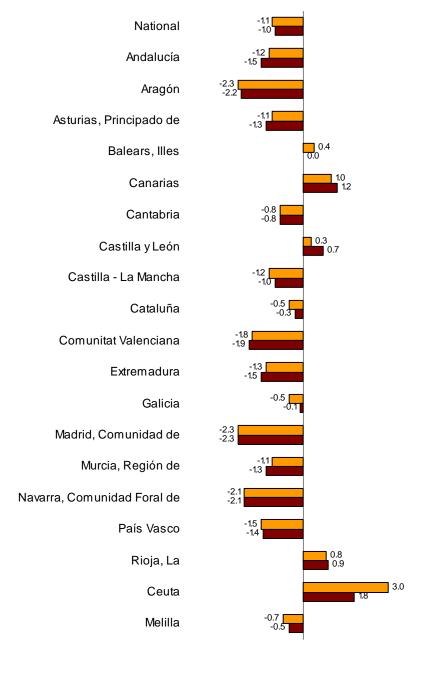




Results by Autonomous Community. Employment variation rates

Employment in retail trade decreased in thirteen Autonomous Communities, as compared with February 2011. Aragon and Comunidad de Madrid (both with -2.3%) and Comunidad Foral de Navarra (-2.2%) presented the greatest decreases.

Canarias (1%) presented the greatest increase.



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

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Year-to-date average





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1. National indices

	<u> </u>	% variation		Deflated	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average	index	Annual	Year-to-date average
General Retail Trade Index	87.6	-1.1	-1.8	75.2	-3.4	-4.0
1. Service Station Index	122.7	2.6	2.5	82.5	-6.2	-6.3
2. General Index without Service Stations	84.8	-1.5	-2.2	75.6	-2.9	-3.6
2.1. Food products	100.5	2.6	1.9	83.2	0.1	-0.5
2.2. Non-food products	75.3	-4.6	-5.0	71.0	-5.8	-6.1
2.2.1 Personal equipment	75.0	-2.8	-4.4	80.9	-2.7	-4.4
2.2.2 Household equipment	62.4	-8.5	-8.1	55.9	-9.5	-9.1
2.2.3 Other goods	86.3	-3.2	-3.4	81.3	-4.4	-4.5

2. National Indices by distribution class

	Index	Index % variation		Deflated	% variationr	
		Annual	Year-to-date average	index	Annual	Year-to-date average
General Retail Trade Index	87.6	-1.1	-1.8	75.2	-3.4	-4.0
1. Service Station Index	122.7	2.6	2.5	82.5	-6.2	-6.3
2. General Index without Service Stations	84.8	-1.5	-2.2	75.6	-2.9	-3.6
2.1. Single retail stores	77.3	-4.1	-3.4	68.9	-5.5	-4.7
2.2. Small chain stores	76.4	-3.1	-3.0	68.1	-4.5	-4.4
2.3. Large chain stores	115.8	4.2	2.0	103.2	2.7	0.6
2.4. Department stores	76.7	-3.3	-5.4	68.4	-4.6	-6.7

3. Department Store Indices

	Index	% variation		Deflated % variation			
		Annual	Year-to-date average	index	Annual	Year-to-date average	
Department Store Index	76.7	-3.3	-5.4	68.4	-4.6	-6.7	
1. Food products	82.8	-0.5	-2.3	68.6	-2.9	-4.6	
2. Non-food products	73.7	-4.7	-6.7	69.5	-5.9	-7.8	

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4. National Indices. Adjusted for calendar effect

	Index	% variation [Deflated	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average	index	Annual	Year-to-date average
General Retail Trade Index	84.8	-4.1	-3.8	72.8	-6.4	-6.1
1. Service Station Index	122.4	2.5	2.1	82.4	-6.4	-6.6
2. General Index without Service Stations	81.8	-4.9	-4.4	72.9	-6.2	-5.8
2.1. Department Store Index	74.3	-6.3	-7.0	66.2	-7.6	-8.3

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5. Annual rates of National indices

		General Retail Trade Index			Gene	ral Index with	nout Service	e Stations
	Cu	rrent Prices	Con	stant Prices	Cu	rrent Prices	Con	stant Prices
	Original	Adjusted ¹	Original	Adjusted ¹	Original	Adjusted ¹	Original	Adjusted ¹
2011 February	0.1	0.4	-4.6	-4.3	-1.6	-1.4	-4.6	-4.3
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
Мау	-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
June	-0.1	-0.4	-3.8	-4.2	-0.9	-1.2	-3.4	-3.7
September	-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	-4.1	-4.2	-5.4
February	-1.1	-4.1	-3.4	-6.4	-1.5	-4.9	-2.9	-6.2

1 Index rates adjusted for calendar effects

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6. National Employment Indices by distribution class

	Index	% variation on		
		Previous month	Same month	Year-to-date average
General Retail Trade Index	95.9	-0.7	-1.1	-1.0
1. Service Station Index	97.4	0.0	-0.2	-0.2
2. General Index without Service Stations	95.8	-0.7	-1.1	-1.1
2.1. Single retail stores	95.9	-0.1	-0.7	-0.6
2.2. Small chain stores	86.6	-1.4	-3.5	-3.7
2.3. Large chain stores	112.1	-0.7	0.7	0.7
2.4. Department stores	89.6	-2.2	-2.9	-2.8

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7. General Retail Trade Indices of Autonomous Cities and Communities

	Index	% variation		Deflated	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average	index	Annual	Year-to-date average
National total	87.6	-1.1	-1.8	75.2	-3.4	-4.0
Andalucía	79.8	-2.1	-3.7	68.8	-4.2	-5.6
Aragón	89.5	-1.7	-3.1	76.7	-4.1	-5.5
Asturias, Principado de	93.3	-2.9	-3.7	80.7	-5.0	-5.8
Balears, Illes	72.4	1.0	-0.2	62.7	-0.8	-2.0
Canarias	86.8	-1.0	-1.5	76.9	-2.7	-3.1
Cantabria	90.4	-0.9	-3.0	77.1	-3.0	-5.0
Castilla y León	98.9	2.8	3.0	84.0	0.0	0.3
Castilla - La Mancha	89.6	-3.5	-5.0	76.7	-5.9	-7.4
Cataluña	87.8	-1.5	-0.9	74.7	-3.9	-3.4
Comunitat Valenciana	83.5	-0.7	-2.0	71.7	-3.2	-4.4
Extremadura	100.9	1.2	-0.3	87.1	-0.7	-2.2
Galicia	93.1	1.2	0.1	80.5	-1.2	-2.3
Madrid, Comunidad de	90.9	-1.4	-1.9	78.3	-3.7	-4.2
Murcia, Región de	83.8	-4.2	-4.7	71.4	-6.4	-6.9
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	94.4	0.5	-0.7	81.7	-2.2	-3.3
País Vasco	94.0	0.1	-0.2	80.9	-2.1	-2.4
Rioja, La	85.5	-1.9	-2.3	72.9	-4.5	-5.0
Ceuta	94.6	2.7	1.6	82.4	0.6	-0.6
Melilla	103.5	-1.5	-5.1	89.6	-3.3	-6.7

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

	Index	ndex % variation		Deflated	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average	index	Annual	Year-to-date average
National total	84.8	-1.5	-2.2	75.6	-2.9	-3.6
Andalucía	78.3	-2.6	-4.2	70.2	-3.7	-5.2
Aragón	88.0	-2.2	-3.5	77.8	-3.8	-5.1
Asturias, Principado de	92.2	-3.2	-3.9	82.6	-4.5	-5.2
Balears, Illes	71.5	0.9	-0.3	64.5	0.1	-1.1
Canarias	84.2	-1.8	-2.2	78.3	-2.2	-2.6
Cantabria	88.0	-1.7	-3.8	78.0	-2.8	-4.8
Castilla y León	96.3	2.7	2.8	84.5	0.7	0.9
Castilla - La Mancha	88.4	-4.4	-5.8	78.4	-5.9	-7.4
Cataluña	85.9	-1.8	-1.2	75.5	-3.4	-2.8
Comunitat Valenciana	81.4	-1.4	-2.8	72.9	-2.6	-4.1
Extremadura	95.8	0.6	-1.4	85.6	-0.6	-2.5
Galicia	90.3	0.5	-0.6	81.1	-1.0	-2.1
Madrid, Comunidad de	84.5	-1.1	-1.7	75.5	-2.6	-3.2
Murcia, Región de	82.6	-5.5	-5.9	73.2	-6.6	-7.2
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	88.6	-1.0	-2.3	79.2	-2.9	-4.2
País Vasco	92.0	-0.2	-0.6	81.7	-1.6	-2.0
Rioja, La	83.7	-2.4	-2.6	73.7	-4.3	-4.5
Ceuta	96.6	3.1	1.8	87.4	1.7	0.3
Melilla	102.1	-2.6	-6.2	91.9	-3.4	-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	-0.7	-1.1	-1.0
Andalucía	92.4	-0.5	-1.2	-1.5
Aragón	93.5	-1.0	-2.3	-2.2
Asturias, Principado de	100.7	-0.3	-1.1	-1.3
Balears, Illes	90.4	-0.3	0.4	0.0
Canarias	95.6	-0.6	1.0	1.2
Cantabria	102.7	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8
Castilla y León	104.5	-0.4	0.3	0.7
Castilla - La Mancha	97.3	-0.7	-1.2	-1.0
Cataluña	95.4	-0.9	-0.5	-0.3
Comunitat Valenciana	93.4	-0.6	-1.8	-1.9
Extremadura	99.7	-0.1	-1.3	-1.5
Galicia	102.3	-0.6	-0.5	-0.1
Madrid, Comunidad de	95.2	-1.0	-2.3	-2.3
Murcia, Región de	96.6	0.0	-1.1	-1.3
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	96.8	-0.3	-2.1	-2.1
País Vasco	99.0	-0.5	-1.5	-1.4
Rioja, La	97.1	-0.3	0.8	0.9
Ceuta	104.0	1.1	3.0	1.8
Melilla	101.5	-1.1	-0.7	-0.5

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	95.8	-0.7	-1.1	-1.1
Andalucía	92.5	-0.5	-1.2	-1.5
Aragón	93.3	-1.0	-2.5	-2.3
Asturias, Principado de	101.0	-0.3	-1.1	-1.4
Balears, Illes	90.2	-0.3	0.4	-0.1
Canarias	94.7	-0.7	0.8	1.1
Cantabria	102.5	-0.8	-0.7	-0.8
Castilla y León	105.0	-0.4	0.3	0.8
Castilla - La Mancha	97.7	-0.8	-1.2	-0.9
Cataluña	95.4	-0.9	-0.5	-0.3
Comunitat Valenciana	93.4	-0.6	-2.0	-2.0
Extremadura	100.2	-0.1	-1.2	-1.3
Galicia	102.6	-0.7	-0.4	0.0
Madrid, Comunidad de	94.9	-1.0	-2.3	-2.3
Murcia, Región de	96.7	0.1	-1.2	-1.5
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	96.5	-0.3	-2.2	-2.3
País Vasco	98.8	-0.5	-1.6	-1.5
Rioja, La	97.4	-0.3	1.0	1.0
Ceuta	104.2	1.0	3.0	1.9
Melilla	101.7	-1.1	-0.6	-0.3

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