

Retail Trade Indices. Base 2005
March 2009. Provisional data

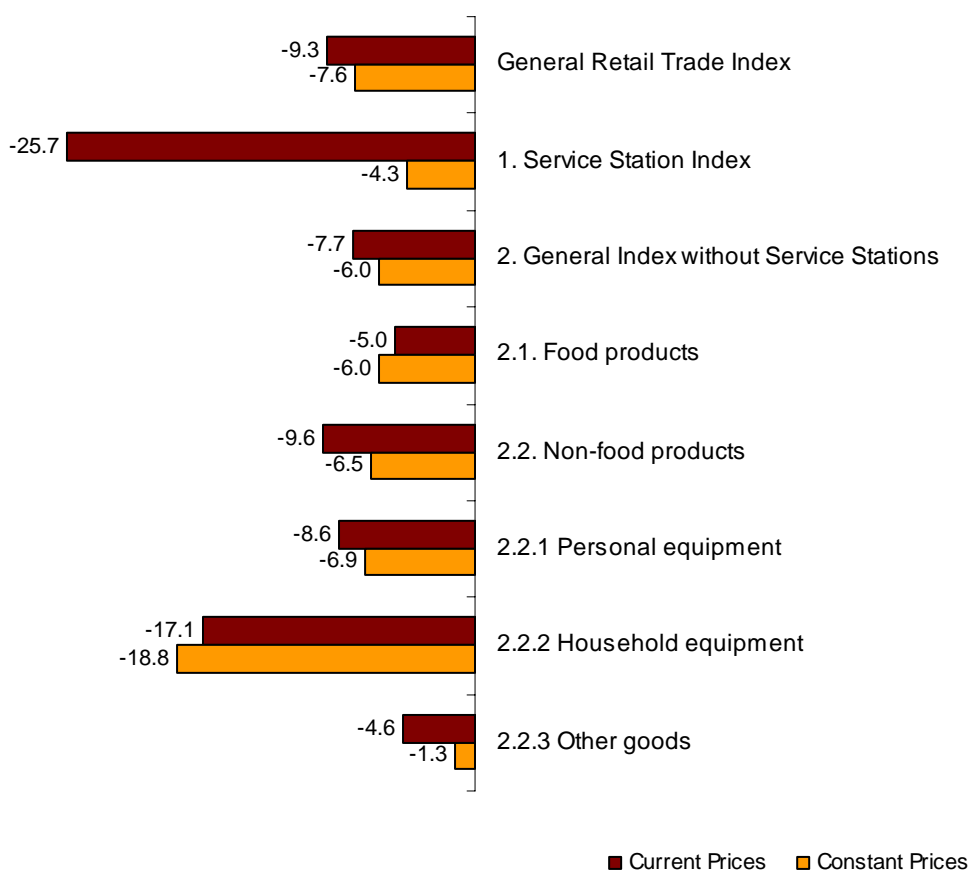
Retail trade at constant prices decreases 7.6% in March, as compared with the same month in 2008

Retail trade at constant prices (in other words, after adjusting the prices' effect) decreased 7.6% in March, as compared with the same month in 2008.

Sales excluding service stations showed a variation rate in constant terms of -6.0%, as compared with March 2008. The breakdown of these sales by product type showed a 6.0% decrease in food products, and a 6.5% drop in non-food products. Among the latter, the 18.8% decrease registered by retail sales of Household equipment, as compared with the same month the previous year, was of note.

Sales in service stations, after adjusting the prices' effect, registered a 4.3% decrease in March, as compared with the same month in 2008.

Annual rate



All distribution classes experience a decrease in sales in March

The breakdown of the General Deflated Retail Trade Index by different distribution classes, showed a decrease in sales in March as compared with the previous year in all trade formulas. The smallest decrease was recorded in large chain stores, with a rate of (-3.6%), while Department stores recorded the greatest decrease (-10.6%).

National Indices by distribution class

	Deflated Index	% variation on same month previous year
General Retail Trade Index	89.3	-7.6
1. Service Station	101.4	-4.3
2. General Index without Service	89.2	-6.0
2.1. Single retail stores	86.3	-4.6
2.2. Small chain	84.8	-5.9
2.3. Large chain stores	108.5	-3.6
2.4. Department	81.8	-10.6

Sales in large chain stores decrease 10.6%

The General Department Store Index, which reflects the behaviour of sales in premises larger than 2,500m², registered an interannual decrease of 10.6% in constant terms in March. Food products and non-food products decreased 11.7% and 10.0%, respectively.

Department Store Indices

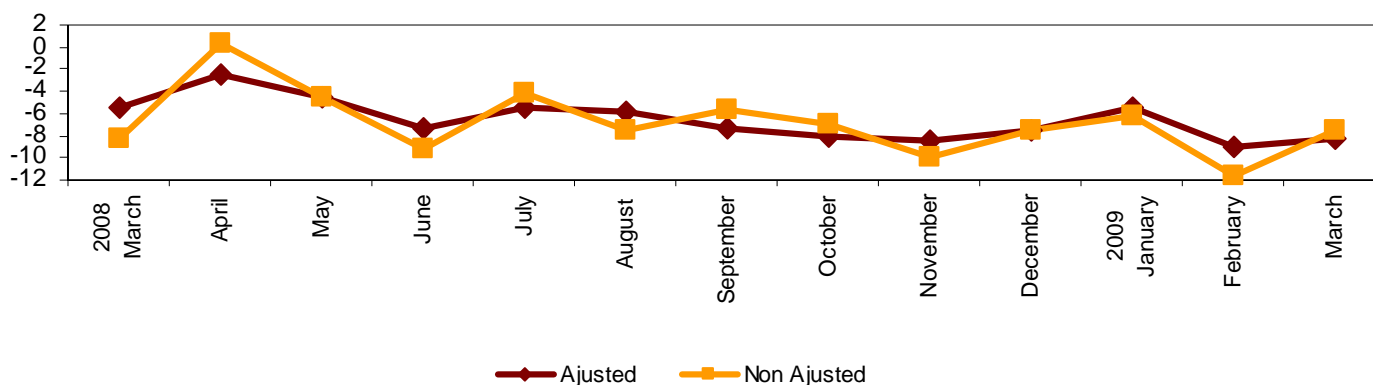
	Deflated Index	% variation on same month previous year
Department Stores Index	81.8	-10.6
1. Food	84.7	-11.7
2. Non-food products	80.6	-10.0

After eliminating the calendar effect, the interannual rate of the General Retail Trade Index is –8.2%

After eliminating the calendar effect (that is, the difference between the number of working days in a given month in different years), the deflated retail trade index registered a decrease, as compared with March 2008, of –8.2% as compared with –7.6% for the adjusted index. This adjustment was due to the Easter effect, since this year Easter was held in April, whereas in 2008 it was held in March.

Annual Variation Rate

Deflated General Retail Trade Index



Employment in the retail sector decreases 4.0% in March

In March 2009, the Retail Sector Employment Index (which shows the evolution for both paid and unpaid workers) registered an interannual variation rate of –4.0% for the sector as a whole.

All trade distribution classes experienced a decrease in employment, particularly small chain stores and department stores, which registered decreases in employment of 7.1% and 7.5% respectively. Employment in service stations decreased 4.2%, as compared with March 2008.

Nacional Employment Indices

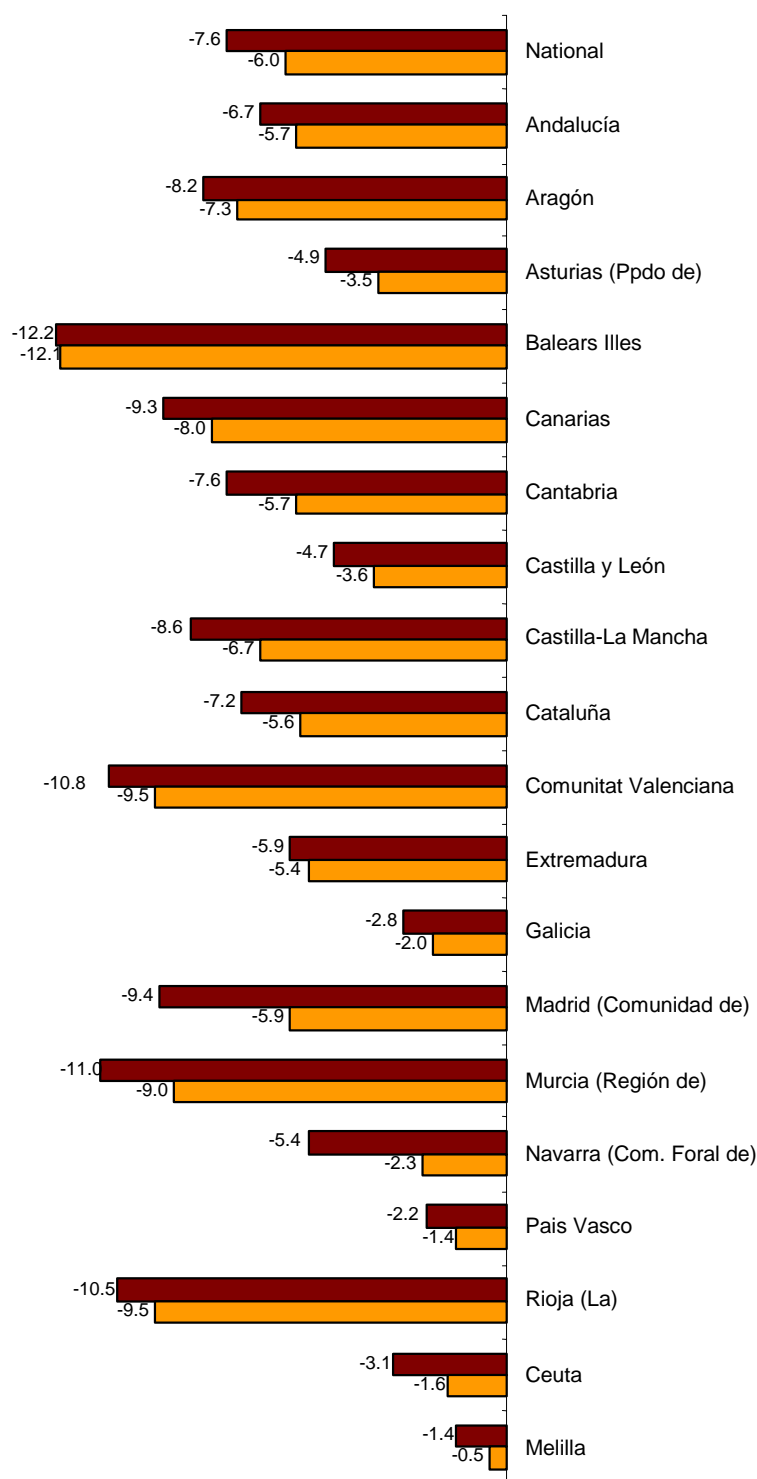
	Index	% variation on same month previous year
General Retail Trade Index	99.3	-4.0
1. Service Station	98.6	-4.2
2. General Index without Service	99.4	-4.0
2.1. Single retail stores	98.3	-2.5
2.2. Small chain	95.2	-7.1
2.3. Large chain stores	112.2	-1.4
2.4. Department	97.5	-7.5

Retail trade shows an interannual rate decrease in all Autonomous Communities

All Autonomous Communities recorded a decrease in retail trade in constant terms, as compared with the same month the previous year. Disregarding service stations, sales also fell in all Autonomous Communities.

The Autonomous Communities which showed the greatest decreases were Illes Balears (-12.2%), Región de Murcia (11.0%), Comunitat Valenciana, (-10.8%), and La Rioja (-10.5%).

Deflated Indices Rate of Annual Variation

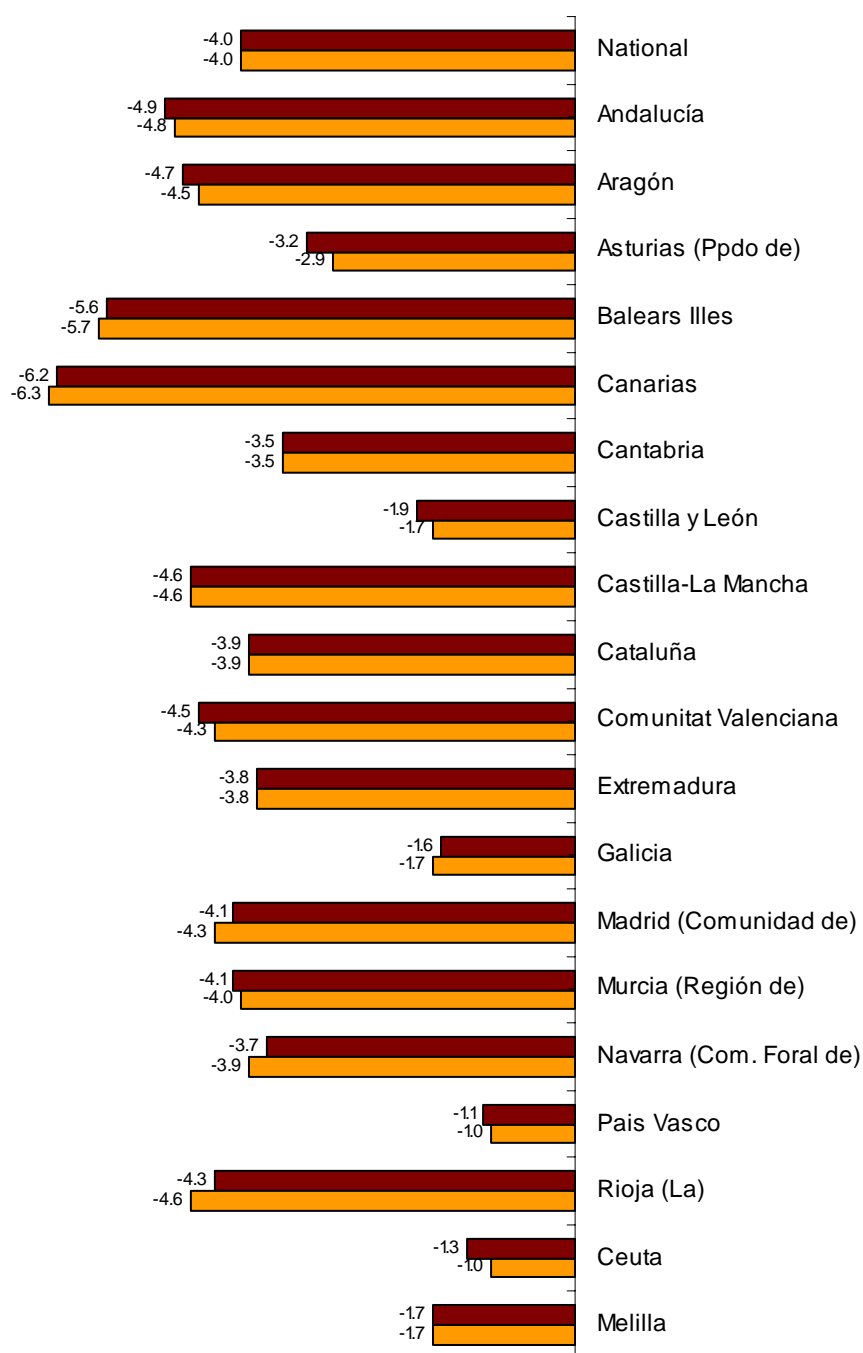


All Autonomous Communities showed negative employment rates

By Autonomous Community, employment in the retail trade showed a generalised decrease, both considering employment in service stations, and where this is not accounted for.

The greatest decreases in employment for the retail trade total were shown in Canarias (–6.2%), and Illes Balears (–5.6%).

General Employment Index Rate of annual variation



Methodological note

National Classification of Economic Activities 2009 (NCEA-2009)

The European Parliament and Council approved the new classification of economic activities for statistical purposes within the European Union, known as NACE Rev.2, on 20 December 2006 by means of Regulation (CE) no. 1893/2006. This Regulation also stipulates the use of the new classification in community statistics, in order to ensure its harmonised implementation. The short-term statistics are to be found among these, including the *Retail Trade Indices*.

Adaptation to the new European classification (NACE Rev.2) and to its national version (NCEA-2009) has caused changes in the *Retail Trade Indices* survey. For some activities, the new classification has only entailed a change of code, but not of content; but in other cases, the activities are incorporated into different branches or sectors. The main difference in the retail sector is the introduction, in this sector, of companies whose main activity is the retail trade of automotive fuel in specialist establishments (service stations).

The introduction of this new activity within division 47 (Retail trade) has given rise to changes in the indices which have been published thus far. **The following indicators within the *Retail Trade Indices* statistics for the national total** have been disseminated since January 2009:

–**General Retail Trade Index.** This shows the evolution both of sales (at current prices, constant prices and adjusted for calendar effect) and of employment, in the division 47 total.

–**Service Stations Index.** This shows the evolution both of sales (at current prices, constant prices and adjusted for calendar effect) and of employment, in the group 47.3. Retail Trade of Automotive Fuel in Specialist Establishments.

–**General Index without Service Stations.** This shows the evolution both of sales (at current prices, constant prices and adjusted for calendar effect) and of employment, in the division 47 except group 47.3, and is comparable to the previous General Index which had been published until January 2009.

Moreover, a breakdown is published of the now **General Index without Service Stations by product: Food and Non-Food** (distinguishing Personal goods, Household equipment and Other goods) and by **distribution class: Single retail stores, Small chain stores, Large chain stores and Department stores**. These indices, by product and by distribution class, correspond with those which had been published until January 2009.

By Autonomous Community, both the General Retail Trade Indices and the General Indices without Service Stations, showing the evolution in each Autonomous Community of sales and employment for the total of division 47 and for the total of division 47, excluding service stations, are disseminated.

On 29 May 2008, Commission Regulation (CE) no. 472/2008 on the transmission in NACE Rev.2 of short-term statistics, wherein European directives are established for the dissemination of results in a new classification, was approved. Pursuant to the provisions of

this Regulation, as of the reference month of January 2009, the indices were published for the first time in the new classification, NCEA-2009.

Furthermore, **in order to guarantee comparability of information over time, the INE publishes the retrospective series of this new classification in INEBASE.**

At the following link on the INE website, there appears complete information regarding all the changes arising from the new encoding of branches of activity:

<http://www.ine.es/jaxi/menu.do?type=pcaxis&path=%2Ft40%2Fcned%0F&file=inebase&L=1&divi=&his>

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1. National indices

	Index	% variation on previous year		Deflated index	% variation on previous year	
		Same month	Year-to-date average		Same month	Year-to-date average
General Retail Trade Index	95.2	-9.3	-9.6	89.3	-7.6	-8.5
1. Service Station Index	96.0	-25.7	-23.7	101.4	-4.3	-4.6
2. General Index without Service Stations	95.1	-7.7	-8.3	89.2	-6.0	-7.2
2.1. Food products	106.9	-5.0	-4.1	93.4	-6.0	-5.7
2.2. Non-food products	88.0	-9.6	-11.0	86.1	-6.5	-8.4
2.2.1 Personal equipment	87.8	-8.6	-6.9	90.7	-6.9	-5.3
2.2.2 Household equipment	77.4	-17.1	-19.3	70.9	-18.8	-21.0
2.2.3 Other goods	96.9	-4.6	-7.4	94.8	-1.3	-4.7

2. National Indices by distribution class

	Index	% variation on previous year		Deflated index	% variation on previous year	
		Same month	Year-to-date average		Same month	Year-to-date average
General Retail Trade Index	95.2	-9.3	-9.6	89.3	-7.6	-8.5
1. Service Station Index	96.0	-25.7	-23.7	101.4	-4.3	-4.6
2. General Index without Service Stations	95.1	-7.7	-8.3	89.2	-6.0	-7.2
2.1. Single retail stores	92.0	-6.3	-9.3	86.3	-4.6	-8.2
2.2. Small chain stores	90.4	-7.6	-10.7	84.8	-5.9	-9.6
2.3. Large chain stores	115.7	-5.3	-3.8	108.5	-3.6	-2.5
2.4. Department stores	87.2	-12.2	-7.8	81.8	-10.6	-6.7

3. Department Store Indices

	Index	% variation on previous year		Deflated index	% variation on previous year	
		Same month	Year-to-date average		Same month	Year-to-date average
Department Store Index	87.2	-12.2	-7.8	81.8	-10.6	-6.7
1. Food products	97.0	-10.8	-5.3	84.7	-11.7	-6.8
2. Non-food products	82.4	-13.1	-9.0	80.6	-10.0	-6.4

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4. National Indices. Adjusted for calendar effect

	Index	% variation on previous year		Deflated index	% variation on previous year	
		Same month	Year-to-date average		Same month	Year-to-date average
General Retail Trade Index	96.5	-10.2	-8.8	90.6	-8.2	-7.5
1. Service Station Index	96.9	-25.6	-23.5	102.3	-4.1	-4.3
2. General Index without Service Stations	96.4	-9.0	-7.5	90.5	-7.2	-6.2
2.1. Department Store Index	88.0	-12.1	-6.7	82.5	-10.4	-5.6

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5. National Employment Indices by distribution class

	Index	% variation on		
		Previous month	Same month	Year-to-date average
General Retail Trade Index	99.3	-0.2	-4.0	-3.6
1. Service Station Index	98.6	0.0	-4.2	-3.8
2. General Index without Service Stations	99.4	-0.2	-4.0	-3.6
2.1. Single retail stores	98.3	0.1	-2.5	-2.2
2.2. Small chain stores	95.2	-0.4	-7.1	-6.4
2.3. Large chain stores	112.2	-0.2	-1.4	-1.5
2.4. Department stores	97.5	-0.6	-7.5	-6.7

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6. General Retail Trade Indices of Autonomous Communities

	Index	% variation on previous year		Deflated index	% variation on previous year	
		Same month	Year-to-date average		Same month	Year-to-date average
National total	95.2	-9.3	-9.6	89.3	-7.6	-8.5
Andalucía	95.9	-8.4	-8.5	89.9	-6.7	-7.4
Aragón	98.7	-9.9	-9.1	92.3	-8.2	-8.1
Asturias (Principado de)	101.4	-7.0	-5.9	96.1	-4.9	-4.5
Balears (Illes)	80.3	-13.5	-12.4	75.5	-12.2	-11.4
Canarias	95.4	-11.0	-10.5	89.7	-9.3	-9.4
Cantabria	97.2	-9.5	-7.3	90.6	-7.6	-6.2
Castilla y León	97.0	-6.9	-6.8	90.7	-4.7	-5.2
Castilla-La Mancha	99.2	-11.1	-10.6	93.4	-8.6	-8.8
Cataluña	94.2	-8.5	-9.5	88.0	-7.2	-8.7
Comunitat Valenciana	89.5	-12.2	-12.0	84.0	-10.8	-11.1
Extremadura	104.1	-7.2	-5.8	97.6	-5.9	-5.0
Galicia	97.4	-4.9	-6.1	91.7	-2.8	-4.6
Madrid (Comunidad de)	95.5	-11.3	-12.0	90.0	-9.4	-10.7
Murcia (Región de)	95.6	-12.7	-11.6	89.2	-11.0	-10.4
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	100.0	-7.4	-9.4	94.6	-5.4	-8.2
País Vasco	99.6	-3.4	-5.2	92.9	-2.2	-4.5
Rioja (La)	94.5	-12.1	-12.4	88.6	-10.5	-11.4
Ceuta	108.3	-3.0	-5.4	99.7	-3.1	-5.5
Melilla	103.7	-2.3	-1.2	95.8	-1.4	-0.4

7. General Indices without Service Stations, by Autonomous Community

	Index	% variation on previous year		Deflated index	% variation on previous year	
		Same month	Year-to-date average		Same month	Year-to-date average
National total	95.1	-7.7	-8.3	89.2	-6.0	-7.2
Andalucía	96.3	-7.4	-7.7	90.3	-5.7	-6.6
Aragón	98.8	-9.0	-8.4	92.3	-7.3	-7.3
Asturias (Principado de)	102.0	-5.6	-4.6	96.6	-3.5	-3.1
Balears (Illes)	80.1	-13.3	-12.1	75.3	-12.1	-11.2
Canarias	95.2	-9.7	-9.8	89.5	-8.0	-8.7
Cantabria	96.9	-7.6	-5.9	90.3	-5.7	-4.7
Castilla y León	96.8	-5.9	-6.1	90.5	-3.6	-4.4
Castilla-La Mancha	100.3	-9.2	-8.9	94.4	-6.7	-7.0
Cataluña	94.6	-6.9	-8.0	88.4	-5.6	-7.2
Comunitat Valenciana	89.2	-11.0	-10.8	83.8	-9.5	-9.9
Extremadura	102.7	-6.7	-5.3	96.2	-5.4	-4.5
Galicia	96.7	-4.2	-5.4	91.0	-2.0	-3.9
Madrid (Comunidad de)	94.8	-7.8	-9.8	89.4	-5.9	-8.4
Murcia (Región de)	96.1	-10.7	-9.6	89.6	-9.0	-8.4
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	99.4	-4.3	-7.0	94.1	-2.3	-5.7
País Vasco	99.0	-2.6	-4.7	92.3	-1.4	-4.0
Rioja (La)	95.2	-11.2	-11.5	89.2	-9.5	-10.4
Ceuta	109.7	-1.6	-4.7	101.1	-1.6	-4.7
Melilla	104.0	-1.5	-1.1	96.0	-0.5	-0.2

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8. General Employment Indices of Autonomous Communities

	Index	% variation on		
		Previous month	Same month previous year	Year-to-date average
National total	99.3	-0.2	-4.0	-3.6
Andalucía	96.4	-0.2	-4.9	-4.5
Aragón	99.8	-0.2	-4.7	-4.7
Asturias (Principado de)	102.5	-0.8	-3.2	-1.7
Balears (Illes)	94.8	0.9	-5.6	-4.8
Canarias	96.4	-0.6	-6.2	-5.6
Cantabria	102.8	0.0	-3.5	-3.4
Castilla y León	103.2	0.4	-1.9	-2.1
Castilla-La Mancha	99.4	-0.2	-4.6	-4.6
Cataluña	98.3	0.0	-3.9	-3.5
Comunitat Valenciana	98.2	-0.2	-4.5	-3.7
Extremadura	101.4	0.6	-3.8	-3.9
Galicia	102.4	-0.7	-1.6	-1.2
Madrid (Comunidad de)	101.7	-0.3	-4.1	-3.8
Murcia (Región de)	104.1	-1.2	-4.1	-4.1
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	102.3	-0.8	-3.7	-3.2
País Vasco	101.7	-0.6	-1.1	-0.6
Rioja (La)	98.9	-0.5	-4.3	-4.1
Ceuta	102.0	-1.4	-1.3	-0.1
Melilla	100.9	-0.1	-1.7	-1.8

9. General Employment Indices without Service Stations, by Autonomous Community

	Index	% variation on		
		Previous month	Same month previous year	Year-to-date average
National total	99.4	-0.2	-4.0	-3.6
Andalucía	96.5	-0.2	-4.8	-4.4
Aragón	99.8	-0.2	-4.5	-4.5
Asturias (Principado de)	102.9	-0.9	-2.9	-1.3
Balears (Illes)	94.7	0.9	-5.7	-4.9
Canarias	95.9	-0.7	-6.3	-5.7
Cantabria	102.8	0.1	-3.5	-3.5
Castilla y León	103.7	0.5	-1.7	-1.9
Castilla-La Mancha	99.9	-0.2	-4.6	-4.6
Cataluña	98.3	0.0	-3.9	-3.5
Comunitat Valenciana	98.3	-0.1	-4.3	-3.6
Extremadura	101.6	0.6	-3.8	-4.0
Galicia	102.7	-0.7	-1.7	-1.2
Madrid (Comunidad de)	101.4	-0.3	-4.3	-3.9
Murcia (Región de)	104.3	-1.2	-4.0	-4.0
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	102.4	-1.0	-3.9	-3.2
País Vasco	101.6	-0.6	-1.0	-0.7
Rioja (La)	98.6	-0.4	-4.6	-4.3
Ceuta	102.4	-1.3	-1.0	0.1
Melilla	101.0	-0.1	-1.7	-1.8