

Retail Trade Indices (RTI). Base 2005

March 2010. *Provisional data*

Main Results

- The **General Retail Trade Index** registers an **interannual variation of 3.5%** in March, at constant prices, this being the first positive rate since February 2008. After adjusting for the calendar effect, the interannual rate stands at 2.1%.
- The **average rate** of retail sales stands at **-0.8%** in the first quarter of the year.
- **All of the distribution classes present positive annual rates.** *Large chain stores* present the greatest increase, with a rate of **9.3%**.
- **Employment** in the retail sector **decreases 2.3%** as compared with March 2009.
- Retail sales at constant prices present positive interannual rates in almost all of the **Autonomous Communities**. Employment only increases in two Communities.

Evolution of trade in general, and by type of product

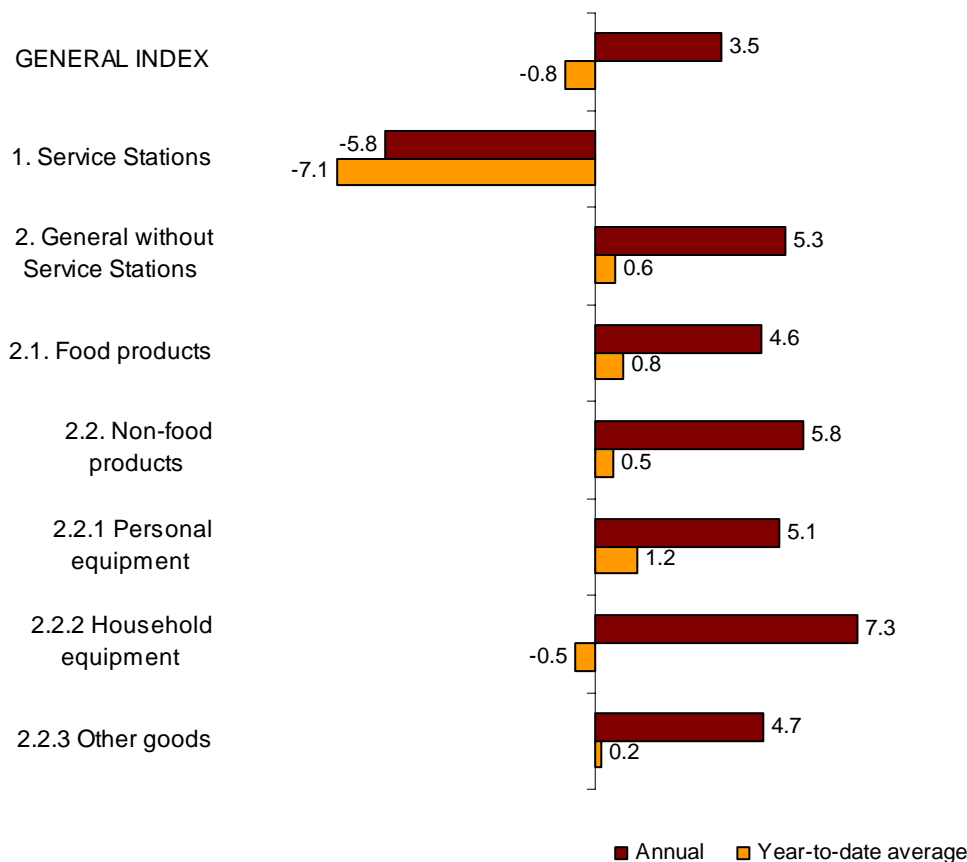
Sales in retail trade at constant prices (that is, after eliminating the prices' effect) registered an interannual rate of **3.5%** in March 2010, indicating an increase of more than four points as compared with February.

Sales, excluding service stations, presented an annual rate, in constant terms, of **5.3%**. The breakdown of these sales by type of product showed an increase of 4.6% in food products and 5.8% in non-food products. Among the latter, Personal Equipment was that which increased the most, with a rate of 7.3%.

In turn, sales in service stations, after adjusting for the prices' effect, decreased 5.8% in March, as compared with the same month of 2009.

The average rate of General Retail Trade Index for the first quarter of the year decreased - **0.8%** as compared with the first quarter the previous year, increasing more than two points over the average rate of the first two months of the year.

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 experienced increases in sales as compared with the same month the previous year. *Large chain stores* (9.3%) and *Department stores* (7.7%) were the distribution classes that presented the greatest increases.

In the first quarter, *Large chain stores* and *Department stores* presented positive average rates, whereas *Small chain stores* and *Single retail stores* recorded decreases in sales as compared with the same quarter the previous year.

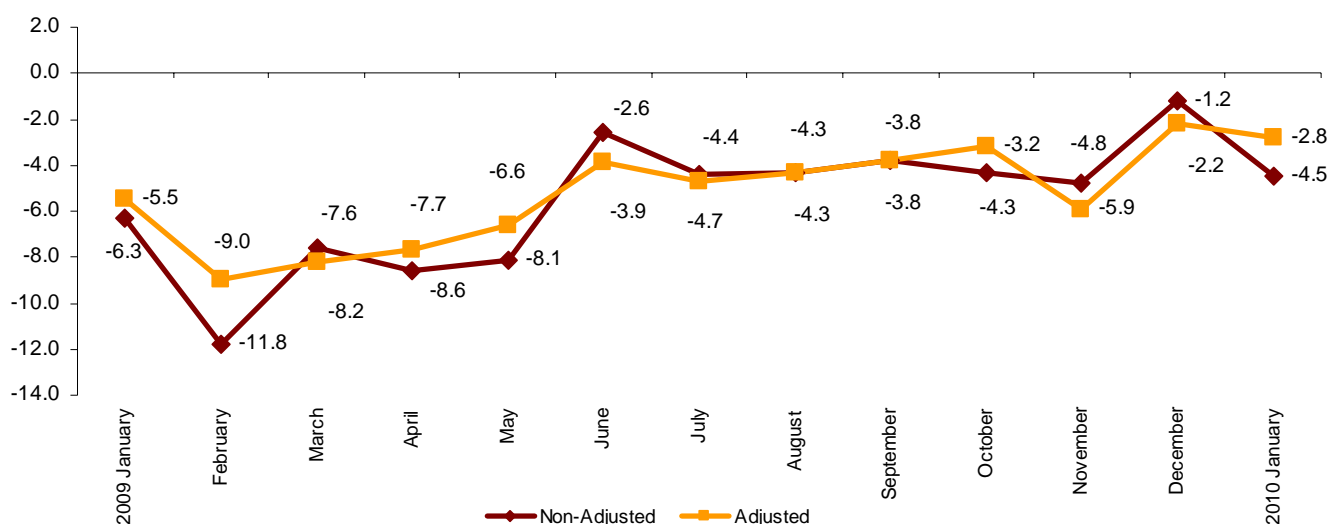
National Indices by distribution class

	Deflated Index	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
GENERAL INDEX	91.9	3.5	-0.8
1. Service Station Index	97.0	-5.8	-7.1
2. General Index without Service Stations	92.2	5.3	0.6
2.1. Single retail stores	86.5	1.9	-1.5
2.2. Small chain stores	84.4	1.6	-3.1
2.3. Large chain stores	116.6	9.3	4
2.4. Department stores	86.5	7.7	1.9

Evolution of trade, adjusted for the calendar effect

After eliminating the calendar effect, that is, the difference between the number of working days in a given month in different years, the General Retail Trade Index at constant prices registered a variation of **2.1%** in March, over the same month the previous year. This rate increased more than three points as compared with that registered in February 2010. This was the first positive rate since November 2007.

**Annual Evolution of the Deflated RTI
Adjusted and Non-adjusted General Index**



Evolution of employment, by distribution class

The Retail Trade Employment Index registered an annual rate of **-2.3%** in March, equal to the rate recorded in February.

Employment decreased in all of the distribution classes. *Small chain stores* (-4.0%) and *Department stores* (-3.4%) presented the greatest decreases. In *Service stations*, employment decreased -1.5% as compared with March 2009.

In the retail sector group, the average employment rate decreased **-2.4%** in the first quarter of the year as compared with the same period the previous year.

Nacional Employment Indices

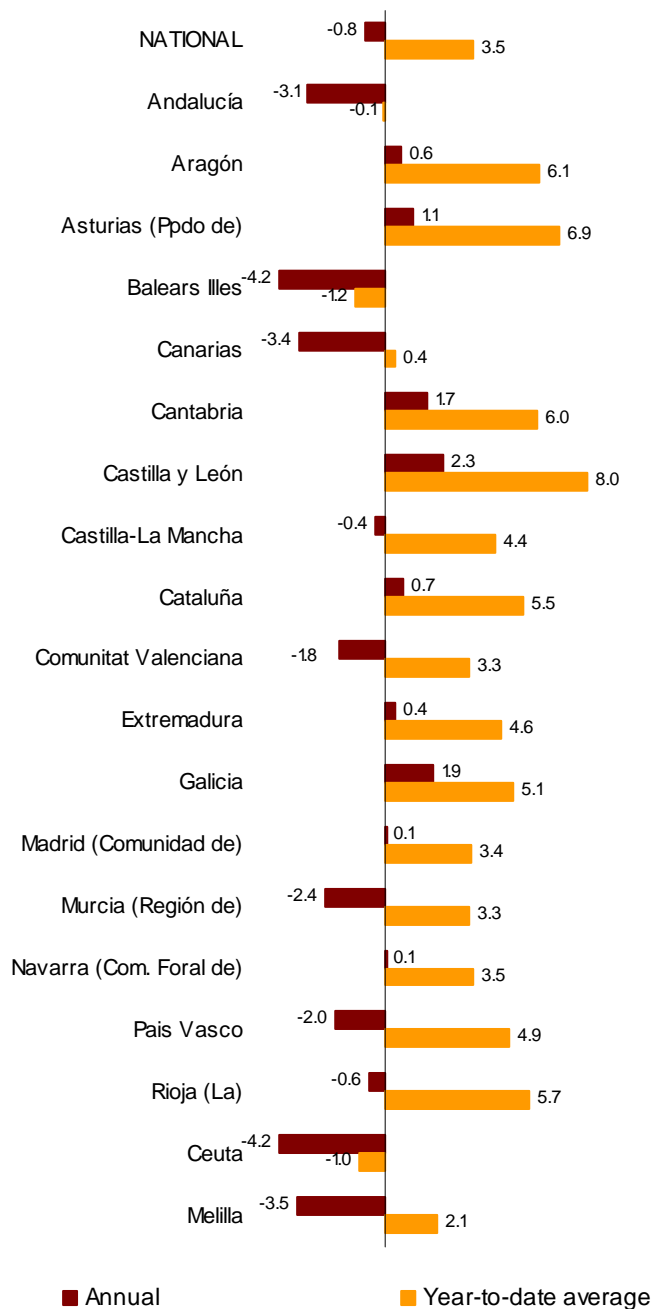
	Deflated Index	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
GENERAL INDEX	97.0	-2.3	-2.4
1. Service Stations	97.8	-1.5	-1.2
2. General without Service Stations	97.0	-2.3	-2.5
2.1. Single retail stores	96.3	-1.9	-1.9
2.2. Small chain stores	91.4	-4.0	-4.2
2.3. Large chain stores	109.9	-2.0	-2.1
2.4. Department stores	94.3	-3.4	-4.3

Results by Autonomous Community. Variation rates in sales

In March 2010, all of the Autonomous Communities experienced a increase in retail trade sales at constant prices, except Andalucía (-0.1%) and Illes Balears (-1.2%).

Castilla y León (8.0%) and Principado de Asturias (6.9%) were the Communities that registered the greatest increases.

**Annual and average rate at constant prices
General Index by Autonomous Community**

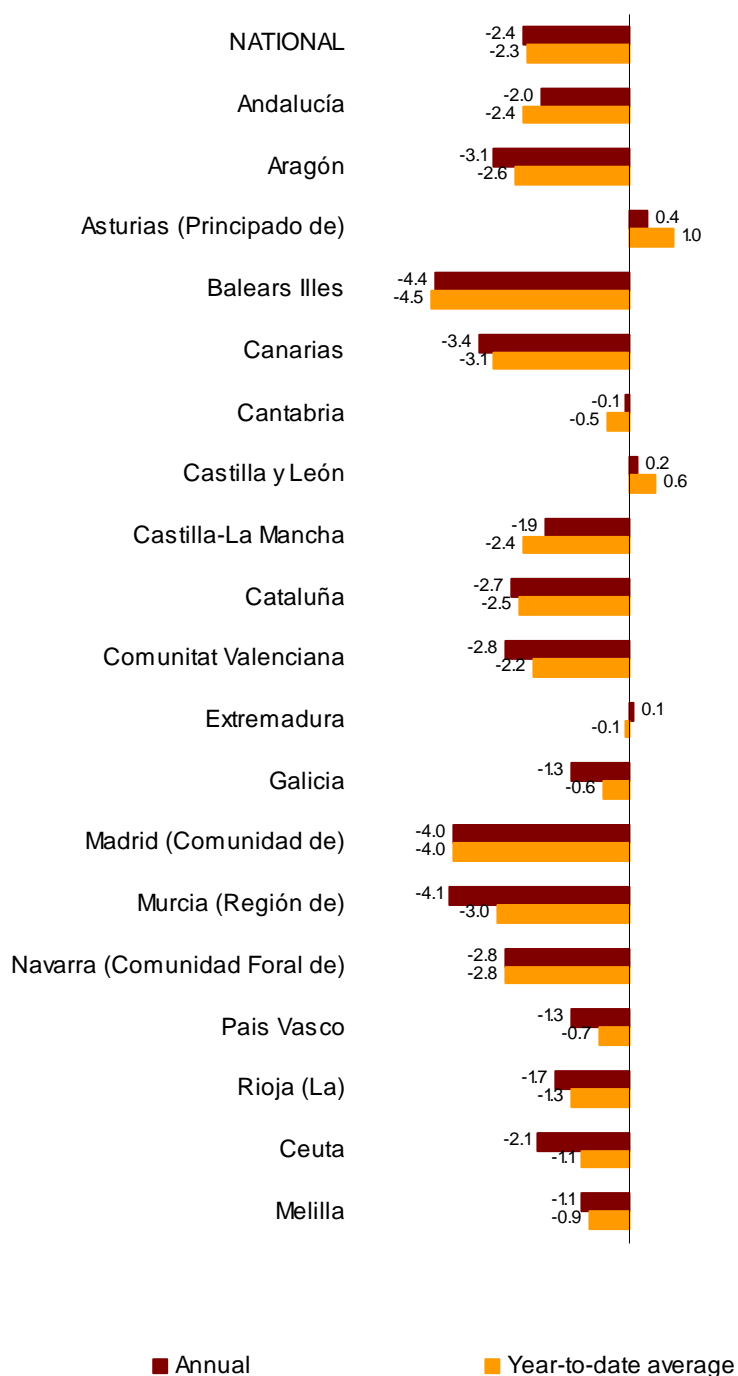


Results by Autonomous Community. Employment variation rates

Employment in retail trade in March presented positive rates in the Communities of Principado de Asturias (1.0%) and Castilla y León (0.6%).

Illes Balears (-4.5%) and Comunidad de Madrid (-4.0%) registered the greatest decreases in employment.

**Annual and average rate of the employment index
General Index by Autonomous Community**



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1. National indices

	Index	% variation		Deflated index	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average		Annual	Year-to-date average
GENERAL INDEX	100.7	5.7	0.8	91.9	3.5	-0.8
1. Service Stations	114.0	16.8	12.2	97.0	-5.8	-7.1
2. General Index without Service Stations	99.6	4.8	0.0	92.2	5.3	0.6
2.1. Food products	111.4	4.3	0.2	97.7	4.6	0.8
2.2. Non-food products	92.4	5.2	-0.2	89.8	5.8	0.5
2.2.1 Personal equipment	91.8	4.0	0.1	95.8	5.1	1.2
2.2.2 Household equipment	83.6	7.8	0.0	76.3	7.3	-0.5
2.2.3 Other goods	100.2	4.1	-0.5	97.3	4.7	0.2

2. National Indices by distribution class

	Index	% variation		Deflated index	% variationr	
		Annual	Year-to-date average		Annual	Year-to-date average
GENERAL INDEX	100.7	5.7	0.8	91.9	3.5	-0.8
1. Service Station Index	114.0	16.8	12.2	97.0	-5.8	-7.1
2. General Index without Service Stations	99.6	4.8	0.0	92.2	5.3	0.6
2.1. Single retail stores	93.4	1.4	-2.1	86.5	1.9	-1.5
2.2. Small chain stores	91.1	1.2	-3.7	84.4	1.6	-3.1
2.3. Large chain stores	125.9	8.9	3.4	116.6	9.3	4.0
2.4. Department stores	93.4	7.2	1.3	86.5	7.7	1.9

3. Department Store Indices

	Index	% variation		Deflated index	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average		Annual	Year-to-date average
DEPARTMENT STORE INDEX	93.4	7.2	1.3	86.5	7.7	1.9
1. Food products	97.2	0.3	-4.2	85.2	0.5	-3.6
2. Non-food products	91.5	11.3	4.0	88.9	12.0	4.7

4. National Indices. Adjusted for calendar effect

	Index	% variation		Deflated index	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average		Annual	Year-to-date average
GENERAL INDEX	100.7	4.2	0.9	91.9	2.1	-0.7
1. Service Stations	114.0	15.8	12.2	97.0	-6.9	-7.1
2. General Index without Service Stations	99.6	3.4	0.0	92.2	3.8	0.7
2.1. Department Store Index	93.4	6.2	1.4	86.5	6.7	2.0

5. Annual rates of National indices

	General Retail Trade Index				General Index without Service Stations			
	Current Prices		Constant Prices		Current Prices		Constant Prices	
	Original	Adjusted ¹	Original	Adjusted ¹	Original	Adjusted ¹	Original	Adjusted ¹
2009 March	-9.3	-10.1	-7.6	-8.2	-7.8	-9.0	-8.4	-9.4
April	-10.6	-9.5	-8.6	-7.7	-8.9	-7.4	-8.7	-7.4
May	-10.9	-9.5	-8.1	-6.6	-9.4	-7.9	-8.8	-7.3
June	-5.5	-6.8	-2.6	-3.9	-3.8	-5.1	-3.0	-4.3
July	-7.7	-8.0	-4.4	-4.7	-6.1	-6.4	-4.9	-5.2
August	-6.5	-6.5	-4.3	-4.3	-5.5	-5.5	-4.5	-4.5
July	-6.1	-6.1	-3.8	-3.8	-5.0	-5.0	-3.8	-3.8
October	-6.0	-4.8	-4.3	-3.2	-5.1	-4.0	-3.9	-2.8
November	-4.7	-5.9	-4.8	-5.9	-4.3	-5.4	-3.5	-4.7
December	-0.3	-1.2	-1.2	-2.2	-0.8	-1.7	-0.1	-1.1
2010 January *	-3.0	-1.3	-4.5	-2.8	-3.8	-2.1	-3.2	-1.4
February *	0.2	-0.1	-0.9	-1.2	-0.6	-0.9	0.2	-0.1
March	5.7	4.2	3.5	2.1	4.8	3.4	5.3	3.8

¹ Index rates adjusted for calendar effects

* Revised figure

6. National Employment Indices by distribution class

	Index	% variation on		
		Previous month	Same month	Year-to-date average
GENERAL INDEX	97.0	-0.2	-2.3	-2.4
1. Service Stations	97.8	0.0	-1.5	-1.2
2. General Index without Service Stations	97.0	-0.3	-2.3	-2.5
2.1. Single retail stores	96.3	-0.2	-1.9	-1.9
2.2. Small chain stores	91.4	-0.3	-4.0	-4.2
2.3. Large chain stores	109.9	-0.6	-2.0	-2.1
2.4. Department stores	94.3	0.7	-3.4	-4.3

7. General Retail Trade Indices of Autonomous Communities

	Index	% variation		Deflated index	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average		Annual	Year-to-date average
NATIONAL INDEX	100.7	5.7	0.8	91.9	3.5	-0.8
Andalucía	97.7	1.8	-1.6	89.3	-0.1	-3.1
Aragón	106.9	8.4	2.1	97.3	6.1	0.6
Asturias (Principado de)	110.4	8.9	2.5	102.1	6.9	1.1
Balears (Illes)	81.2	0.8	-2.4	74.3	-1.2	-4.2
Canarias	95.9	1.4	-2.8	88.7	0.4	-3.4
Cantabria	105.6	8.4	3.5	95.8	6.0	1.7
Castilla y León	107.3	10.4	4.0	97.6	8.0	2.3
Castilla-La Mancha	105.6	6.7	1.1	96.8	4.4	-0.4
Cataluña	101.3	8.0	2.6	91.8	5.5	0.7
Comunitat Valenciana	94.1	5.3	-0.3	86.2	3.3	-1.8
Extremadura	111.3	6.5	1.8	101.9	4.6	0.4
Galicia	104.3	7.2	3.5	95.8	5.1	1.9
Madrid (Comunidad de)	102.0	5.8	1.9	93.5	3.4	0.1
Murcia (Región de)	101.1	5.7	-0.6	91.6	3.3	-2.4
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	105.8	5.9	1.9	97.3	3.5	0.1
País Vasco	106.4	6.8	-0.6	96.8	4.9	-2.0
Rioja (La)	101.7	7.6	0.7	93.1	5.7	-0.6
Ceuta	109.2	0.8	-2.6	98.5	-1.0	-4.2
Melilla	109.3	5.0	-1.1	97.7	2.1	-3.5

8. General Indices without Service Stations, by Autonomous Community

	Index	% variation		Deflated index	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average		Annual	Year-to-date average
NATIONAL INDEX	99.6	4.8	0.0	92.2	5.3	0.6
Andalucía	97.9	1.6	-1.9	90.9	2.3	-1.0
Aragón	107.1	8.6	1.9	98.6	8.7	2.4
Asturias (Principado de)	110.3	8.1	1.8	103.6	8.9	2.7
Balears (Illes)	80.9	1.4	-2.5	75.1	2.1	-2.0
Canarias	95.1	1.0	-3.4	89.6	3.0	-1.6
Cantabria	104.7	8.0	3.6	96.3	8.5	4.2
Castilla y León	106.4	10.0	3.6	98.0	10.1	4.0
Castilla-La Mancha	106.3	6.4	0.8	99.1	6.7	1.5
Cataluña	100.9	7.2	1.8	92.6	7.2	2.0
Comunitat Valenciana	93.4	4.8	-0.8	86.9	5.4	0.0
Extremadura	108.9	5.6	1.0	101.0	6.1	1.6
Galicia	103.1	6.8	3.0	96.1	7.3	3.7
Madrid (Comunidad de)	97.9	2.5	-0.9	91.0	2.8	-0.5
Murcia (Región de)	101.5	5.6	-0.5	93.1	6.0	0.0
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	103.4	4.2	0.4	96.3	4.1	0.5
País Vasco	105.2	6.5	-0.9	96.8	6.8	-0.4
Rioja (La)	101.5	6.7	0.1	94.2	7.2	0.8
Ceuta	111.5	1.6	-1.6	102.9	2.3	-1.0
Melilla	110.3	6.0	-1.2	100.5	5.6	-1.6

9. General Employment Indices of Autonomous Communities

	Index	% variation on		
		Previous month	Same month previous year	Year-to-date average
NATIONAL INDEX	97.0	-0.2	-2.3	-2.4
Andalucía	93.9	-1.2	-2.4	-2.0
Aragón	97.2	0.0	-2.6	-3.1
Asturias (Principado de)	103.8	-0.2	1.0	0.4
Balears (Illes)	90.7	0.5	-4.5	-4.4
Canarias	93.4	-0.6	-3.1	-3.4
Cantabria	102.3	-0.5	-0.5	-0.1
Castilla y León	103.7	0.4	0.6	0.2
Castilla-La Mancha	97.0	-0.7	-2.4	-1.9
Cataluña	95.9	0.2	-2.5	-2.7
Comunitat Valenciana	96.1	0.4	-2.2	-2.8
Extremadura	101.4	0.2	-0.1	0.1
Galicia	101.6	-0.1	-0.6	-1.3
Madrid (Comunidad de)	97.4	-0.7	-4.0	-4.0
Murcia (Región de)	100.7	0.0	-3.0	-4.1
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	99.4	-0.8	-2.8	-2.8
País Vasco	101.2	0.6	-0.7	-1.3
Rioja (La)	97.4	-0.2	-1.3	-1.7
Ceuta	100.9	-0.8	-1.1	-2.1
Melilla	100.2	-0.7	-0.9	-1.1

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

	Index	% variation on		
		Previous month	Same month previous year	Year-to-date average
NATIONAL INDEX	97.0	-0.3	-2.3	-2.5
Andalucía	94.1	-1.3	-2.3	-2.0
Aragón	97.3	0.1	-2.6	-3.1
Asturias (Principado de)	104.3	-0.1	1.1	0.4
Balears (Illes)	90.5	0.5	-4.6	-4.5
Canarias	92.9	-0.5	-3.2	-3.6
Cantabria	102.2	-0.4	-0.5	-0.1
Castilla y León	104.4	0.3	0.8	0.5
Castilla-La Mancha	97.2	-0.8	-2.6	-2.0
Cataluña	95.8	0.2	-2.6	-2.7
Comunitat Valenciana	96.1	0.4	-2.2	-2.9
Extremadura	101.7	0.2	0.1	0.3
Galicia	101.8	-0.1	-0.7	-1.3
Madrid (Comunidad de)	97.0	-0.7	-4.1	-4.1
Murcia (Región de)	101.0	0.0	-3.0	-4.1
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	99.3	-0.8	-2.9	-3.1
País Vasco	101.1	0.6	-0.7	-1.3
Rioja (La)	97.3	-0.2	-1.3	-1.7
Ceuta	101.1	-0.7	-1.3	-2.2
Melilla	100.4	-0.7	-0.9	-1.1

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