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## Retail Trade Indices. Base 2005 April 2008. Provisional data

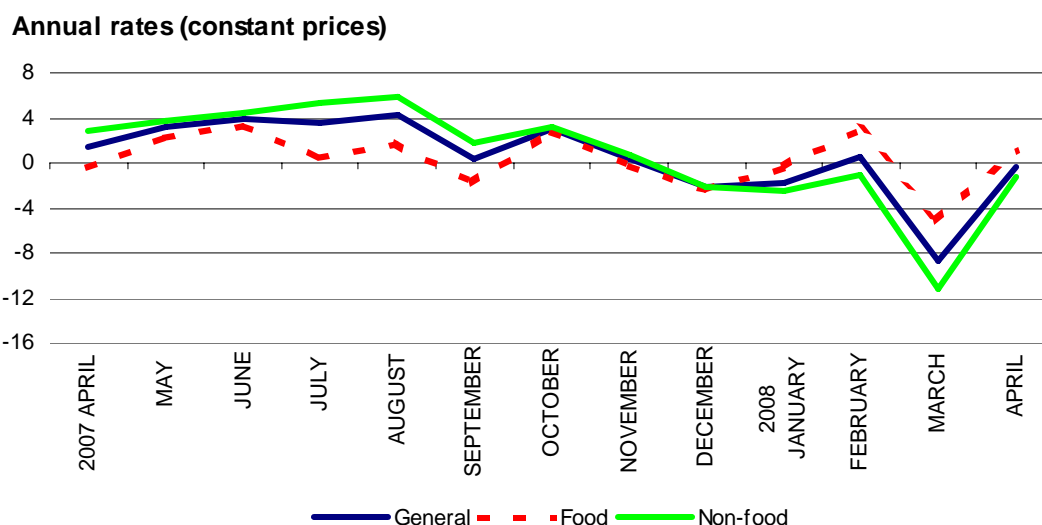
### Retail trade at constant prices decreases 0.3% in April, as compared to the same month in 2007

The general retail trade index in constant terms (in other words, after adjusting the prices' effect) registered a 0.3% interannual decrease in the month of April. Foodstuffs increased 1.2%, while non-food products decreased 1.3%. A breakdown of the latter by type of product showed the following rates: -0.8% for *Personal Goods*, -5.8% in *Furniture and household equipment* and 3.7% in *Other goods*.

Eliminating the calendar effect, the Retail Trade Index at constant prices decreased 3.4%. The calendar effect for this month was determined both by the difference in number of working days such as as a result of Easter, which last year was held in April, whereas this year it was held in March.

### National indices: general and groups

	Index	% variation previous year		Deflated Index	% variation previous year	
		Same month	Year-to-Date Average		Same month	Year-to-Date Average
<b>General Index</b>	<b>107.0</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>97.0</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-2.7</b>
1. Foodstuffs	112.2	7.7	6.1	98.8	1.2	-0.4
2. Non-food products	103.8	2.1	-0.7	95.8	-1.3	-4.1
2.1 Personal goods	104.1	0.0	0.7	96.6	-0.8	-0.1
2.2 Furniture household equipment	97.9	-3.5	-6.1	90.9	-5.8	-8.4
2.3 Other goods	107.5	7.3	1.9	99.2	3.7	-1.5
<b>General Index:</b>						
<b>Calendar effects corrected</b>	<b>106.2</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>96.1</b>	<b>-3.4</b>	<b>-3.5</b>



**The large chain stores are the only type of trade distribution whose sales increase as compared with the previous year**

The breakdown of the general index of the retail sector by different means of distribution shows that large chains recorded an interannual rate of 5.9% at constant prices.

Conversely, other types of commercial distribution recorded negative interannual rates.

**General indices by type of distribution**

	Index	% variation previous year		Deflated Index	% variation previous year	
		Same month	Year-to-Date Average		Same month	Year-to-Date Average
<b>General Index</b>	<b>107.0</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>97.0</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-2.7</b>
1. Companies with a single outlet	104.5	2.4	-0.9	94.6	-2.1	-5.3
2. Small Chains	103.5	2.4	0.4	93.7	-2.1	-4.0
3. Large Chains	123.4	10.8	8.5	111.8	5.9	3.7
4. Department Stores	98.3	2.2	1.8	89.1	-2.3	-2.7

**Sales in department stores present a 2.3% decrease in constant terms**

The general index for department stores, which analyses the evolution of sales in outlets covering an area of more than 2,500 square metres, presented a 2.3% interannual decrease at constant prices in April. Foodstuffs increased 0.4% and non-food products decreased 3.4%.

After adjusting for the calendar effect, sales of department stores decreased 3.3%.

**Department Stores index: general and by groups**

	Index	% variation previous year		Deflated Index	% variation previous year	
		Same month	Year-to-Date Average		Same month	Year-to-Date Average
<b>General Index</b>	<b>98.3</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>89.1</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>-2.7</b>
1. Foodstuffs	104.3	6.7	6.1	91.8	0.4	-0.4
2. Non-food products	95.4	0.0	-0.2	88.0	-3.4	-3.6
<b>General Index:</b>						
<b>Calendar effects corrected</b>	<b>97.8</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>88.6</b>	<b>-3.3</b>	<b>-3.4</b>

## País Vasco is the Autonomous Community with the greatest increase in sales

The Autonomous Communities recording the lowest increases were País Vasco (3,1%), La Rioja (2.9%) and Castilla-La Mancha (2,8%).

Among the Autonomous Communities decreasing sales as compared with April 2007, it is worth noting Canarias (-3.5%), Galicia (-2.8%) and Cantabria (-1.6%).

## Indices by Autonomous Community

	Index	% variation previous year		Deflated Index	% variation previous year	
		Same month	Year-to-Date Average		Same month	Year-to-Date Average
<b>National total</b>	107.0	4.3	1.8	97.0	-0.3	-2.7
Andalucía	105.6	3.1	1.8	95.6	-1.3	-2.7
Aragón	112.0	6.8	4.4	101.0	1.9	-0.4
Asturias (Principado de)	108.8	6.2	4.0	98.8	1.4	-0.6
Balears (Illes)	100.8	4.3	2.5	92.2	0.0	-1.7
Canarias	101.8	1.6	0.5	92.7	-3.5	-4.2
Cantabria	106.5	3.5	1.5	95.8	-1.6	-3.6
Castilla y León	107.3	7.6	5.3	96.6	2.4	0.1
Castilla-La Mancha	114.5	7.9	6.7	103.2	2.8	1.5
Cataluña	106.9	2.9	0.7	96.9	-1.5	-3.7
Comunitat Valenciana	106.3	3.9	1.3	96.3	-0.4	-3.0
Extremadura	111.3	4.7	4.7	100.8	0.0	0.0
Galicia	103.7	1.9	1.3	93.9	-2.8	-3.4
Madrid (Comunidad de)	107.8	5.2	1.3	98.3	0.8	-3.0
Murcia (Región de)	111.6	4.5	1.1	99.9	0.0	-3.4
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	110.6	3.9	2.9	101.0	-0.6	-1.5
País Vasco	109.8	7.8	1.5	99.6	3.1	-3.0
Rioja (La)	113.7	7.7	4.3	101.9	2.9	-0.4
Ceuta	109.8	7.0	6.0	99.1	2.6	1.9
Melilla	110.5	4.7	1.2	99.8	0.7	-2.5

## Employment in the retail sector increases 1.0% in April

During April 2008, the retail trade sector employment index (showing the evolution of employment, for both employees and self-employed workers) yielded a 1.0% interannual variation rate for the whole of the sector. Employment registered positive interannual rates in department stores (5.1%), large chains (4.3%) and companies with a single outlet (0.2%). However, in small chains there was a decrease of 0.9%.

## National Employment Indices

	Index	% variation among		
		Previous month	Same month previous year	Year-to-Date Average
<b>General index</b>	<b>103.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>
1. Companies with a single outlet	100.4	0.0	0.2	0.5
2. Small Chains	103.0	0.4	-0.9	-0.5
3. Large Chains	114.2	0.3	4.3	4.7
4. Department Stores	105.6	0.2	5.1	4.9

**Principado de Asturias registers the greatest employment rate increase as compared with the same month the previous year**

By Autonomous Community, the greatest interannual employment increases were accounted for in Principado de Asturias (3.2%), Castilla-La Mancha (2.7%), Extremadura (2.4%) and Comunidad de Madrid (2.4%).

The lowest growth rates were recorded in Galicia (-0.2%), Illes Balears and La Rioja, both with -0.1%.

**Employment Indices by Autonomous Community**

	Index	% variation among		
		Previous month	Same month previous year	Year-to-Date Average
<b>National total</b>	103.5	0.2	1.0	1.3
Andalucía	101.2	0.1	0.8	1.2
Aragón	104.8	0.8	1.2	1.4
Asturias (Principado de)	105.4	0.4	3.2	2.9
Balears (Illes)	101.4	2.2	-0.1	0.3
Canarias	102.9	0.1	0.3	0.8
Cantabria	105.4	-0.7	0.5	1.3
Castilla y León	105.1	0.0	2.0	2.8
Castilla-La Mancha	106.8	1.2	2.7	2.1
Cataluña	102.2	-0.2	0.4	1.6
Comunitat Valenciana	101.9	-0.1	0.4	0.4
Extremadura	105.0	-0.1	2.4	2.0
Galicia	104.9	0.2	-0.2	0.2
Madrid (Comunidad de)	105.7	0.2	2.4	2.0
Murcia (Región de)	111.0	1.3	0.6	1.6
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	106.5	0.3	1.9	1.9
País Vasco	103.3	0.2	1.6	0.7
Rioja (La)	102.8	-0.5	-0.1	1.3
Ceuta	104.0	-0.2	0.7	2.1
Melilla	102.2	-0.5	-0.4	0.4

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