

29 May 2012**Retail Trade Indices (RTI). Base 2005**
*April 2012. Provisional data***Main results**

- The **General Retail Trade Index** at constant prices showed an interannual variation of **-11.3%** in April, more than seven points below that registered in March.
- The average rate of retail sector sales stood at **-5.9%** during the first quarter of the year, as compared with the same period of 2011.
- All *Large chain stores* experienced a decrease in sales, as compared with the same month of 2011.
- **Employment** in the retail sector **decreased 0.9%** as compared with April 2011.
- All Autonomous Communities showed negative interannual variations in their retail sales. Employment decreased in all of them, except in La Rioja.

Evolution of trade, in general and by type of product

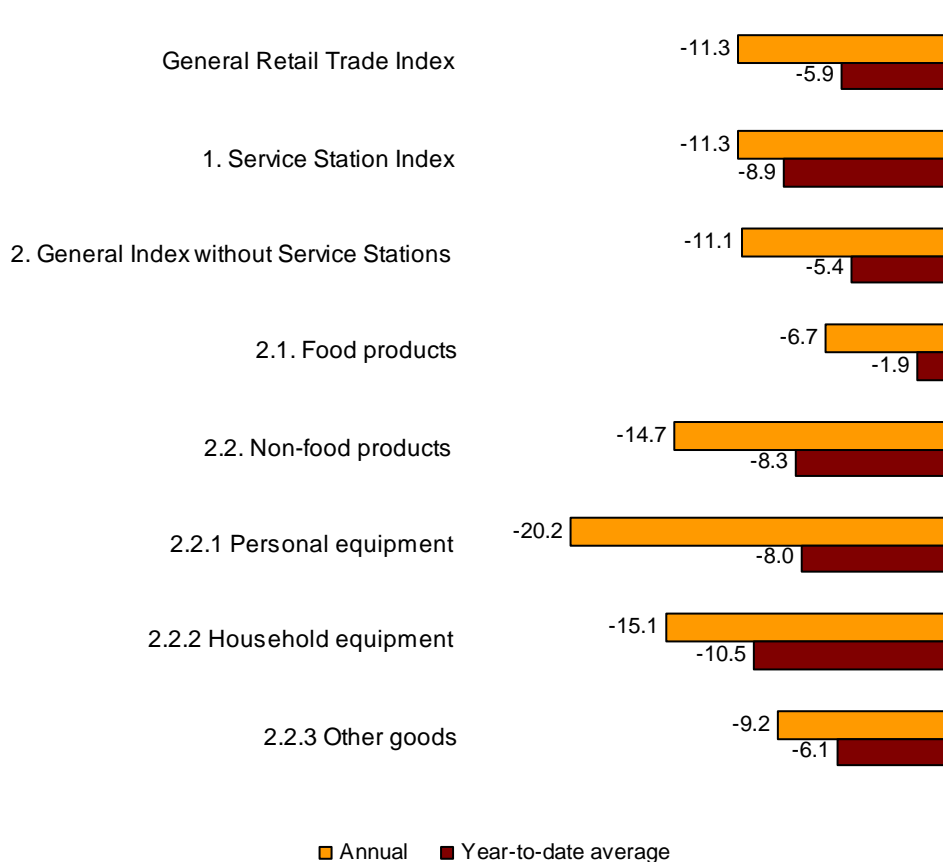
Sales in retail trade at constant prices (that is, after eliminating the prices effect) registered an interannual variation of -11.3% in April, indicating a decrease of 7.3 points, as compared with the rate from March.

Sales, excluding service stations, presented an annual rate of -11.1%. The breakdown of these sales by type of product showed a negative rate in food products (-6.7%) and non-food products (-14.7). Among the latter, Household equipment (-20.2%) registered the greatest decrease.

In turn, sales in service stations, after adjusting the prices effect, decreased 11.3%, as compared with April 2011.

The average rate of the General Retail Trade Index during the first quarter of the year presented a -5.9% 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**



Evolution of trade, by distribution class

All distribution classes experienced a decrease in their sales in April, as compared with the same month the previous year, *Large chain stores* registered the lowest decrease (-8.1).

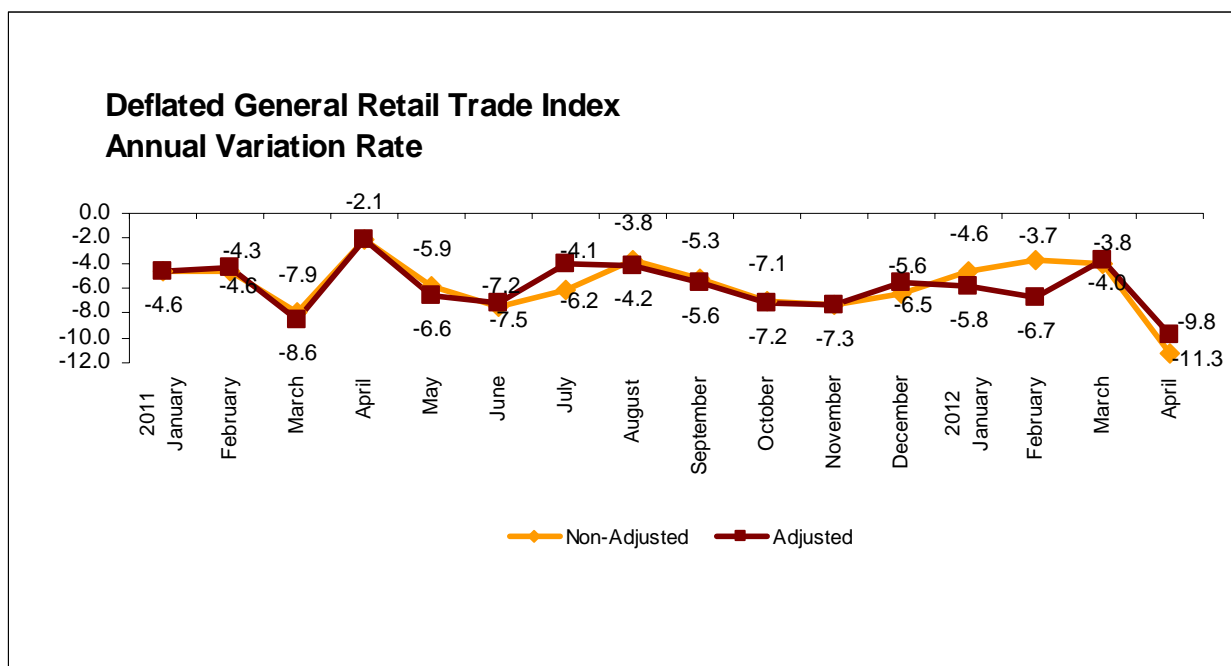
During the first quarter of the year, the average of sales had a negative variation in all distribution classes.

National Indices by distribution class

	Deflated Index	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
General Retail Trade Index	75.7	-11.3	-5.9
1. Service Station Index	78.1	-11.3	-8.9
2. General Index without Service Stations	76.6	-11.1	-5.4
2.1. Single retail stores	69.9	-10.3	-6.3
2.2. Small chain stores	67.9	-12.6	-7.1
2.3. Large chain stores	107.0	-8.1	-1.5
2.4. Department stores	67.5	-16.9	-8.5

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 **-9.8%** in April, six points below that registered in March.



Evolution of employment, by distribution class

The employment index in the Retail Trade sector in April showed an annual rate of **-1.2%**, two tenths below that registered in March. Employment decreased 0.2% in *Service stations*.

By distribution class, only *Large chain stores* registered a positive interannual rate, 0.4%.

In the retail sector as a whole, average employment registered a rate of **-1.1%** in the first quarter of the year, as compared with the same period the previous year.

Nacional Employment Indices

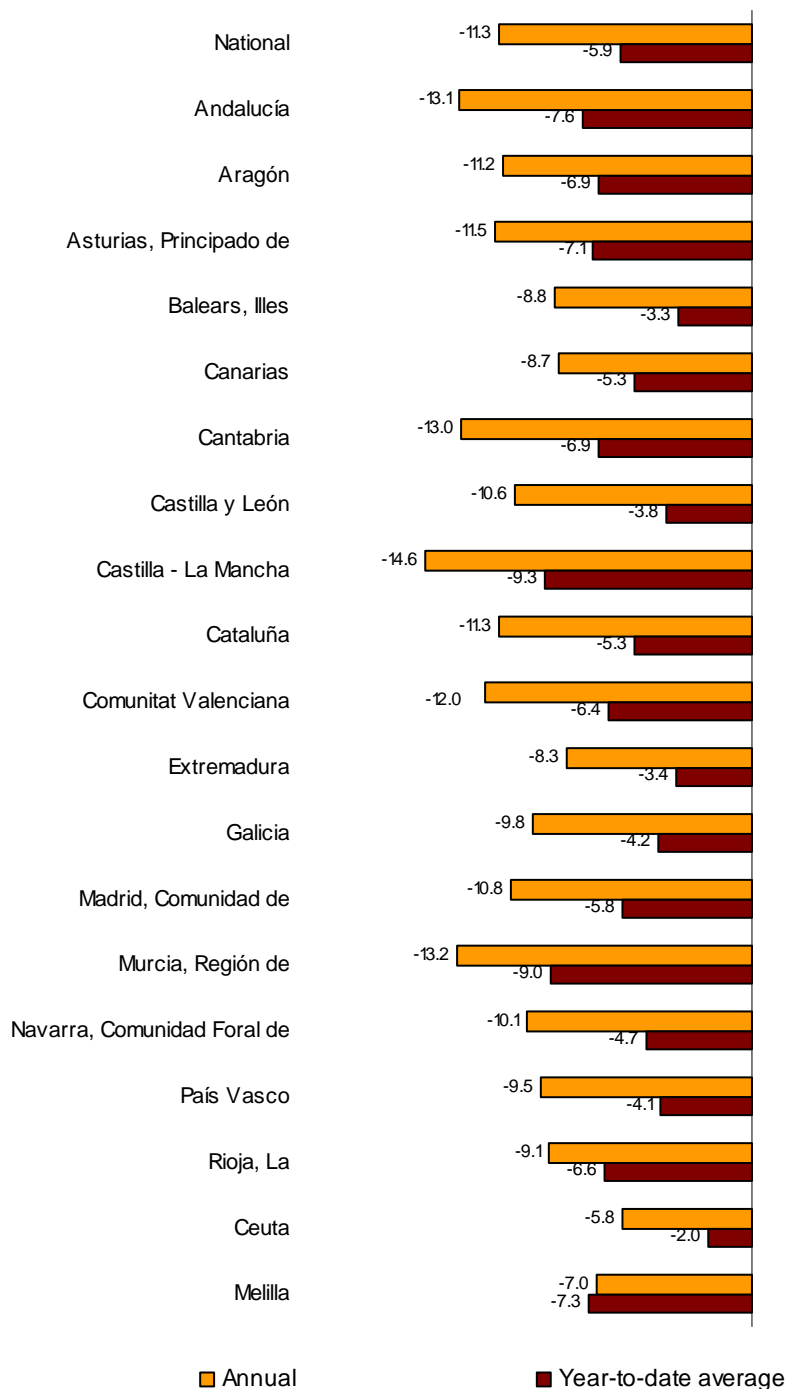
	Index	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
General Retail Trade Index	95.9	-1.2	-1.1
1. Service Station Index	97.7	-0.2	-0.3
2. General Index without Service Stations	95.8	-1.2	-1.1
2.1. Single retail stores	96.2	-0.4	-0.4
2.2. Small chain stores	86.3	-4.1	-3.8
2.3. Large chain stores	111.8	0.4	0.5
2.4. Department stores	89.5	-4.2	-3.2

Results by Autonomous Community. Variation rates in sales

Retail sales decreased in the interannual rate in all Autonomous Communities in April. The greatest decrease was registered in Castilla-La Mancha (-14.6%).

Extremadura (-8.3%), Canarias (-8.7) and Illes Balears (-8.8%) showed the lowest decreases.

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

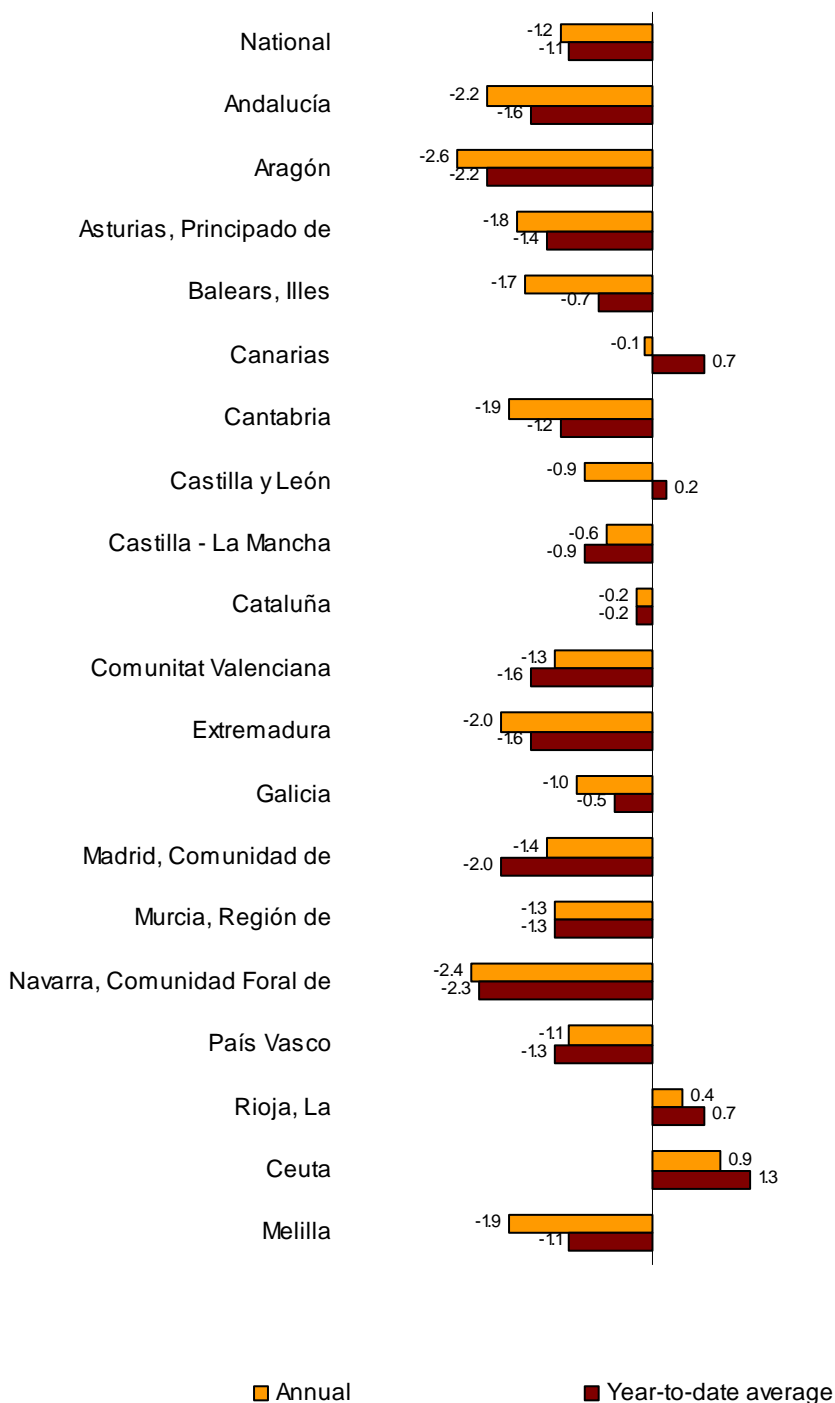


Results by Autonomous Community. Employment variation rates

In all Autonomous Communities, except in La Rioja, were registered a decrease in employment in retail trade, as compared with April 2011.

Aragón (-2.6%), Comunidad Foral de Navarra (-2.4) and Andalucía (-2.2%) showed the lowest decreases.

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



Retail Trade Index. Base 2005

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1. National indices

	Index	% variation		Deflated index	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average		Annual	Year-to-date average
General Retail Trade Index	91.0	-8.8	-3.7	75.7	-11.3	-5.9
1. Service Station Index	121.5	-3.8	-0.7	78.1	-11.3	-8.9
2. General Index without Service Stations	88.7	-9.4	-4.0	76.6	-11.1	-5.4
2.1. Food products	107.3	-4.3	0.5	88.3	-6.7	-1.9
2.2. Non-food products	77.3	-13.3	-7.1	69.6	-14.7	-8.3
2.2.1 Personal equipment	81.6	-19.8	-8.2	77.0	-20.2	-8.0
2.2.2 Household equipment	62.3	-14.3	-9.6	55.5	-15.1	-10.5
2.2.3 Other goods	86.9	-7.6	-4.9	78.2	-9.2	-6.1

2. National Indices by distribution class

	Index	% variation		Deflated index	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average		Annual	Year-to-date average
General Retail Trade Index	91.0	-8.8	-3.7	75.7	-11.3	-5.9
1. Service Station Index	121.5	-3.8	-0.7	78.1	-11.3	-8.9
2. General Index without Service Stations	88.7	-9.4	-4.0	76.6	-11.1	-5.4
2.1. Single retail stores	80.9	-8.6	-4.8	69.9	-10.3	-6.3
2.2. Small chain stores	78.6	-10.9	-5.7	67.9	-12.6	-7.1
2.3. Large chain stores	123.8	-6.3	0.0	107.0	-8.1	-1.5
2.4. Department stores	78.1	-15.3	-7.2	67.5	-16.9	-8.5

3. Department Store Indices

	Index	% variation		Deflated index	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average		Annual	Year-to-date average
Department Store Index	78.1	-15.3	-7.2	67.5	-16.9	-8.5
1. Food products	89.2	-7.7	-3.3	73.4	-10.1	-5.6
2. Non-food products	72.6	-19.4	-9.0	65.3	-20.7	-10.1

4. National Indices. Adjusted for calendar effect

	Index	% variation		Deflated index	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average		Annual	Year-to-date average
General Retail Trade Index	93.0	-7.4	-4.2	77.1	-9.8	-6.5
1. Service Station Index	122.1	-2.9	-0.6	78.4	-10.6	-8.8
2. General Index without Service Stations	90.9	-7.8	-4.6	78.5	-9.5	-6.1
2.1. Department Store Index	78.5	-14.5	-7.8	67.8	-16.1	-9.1

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
2011 April	2.7	2.7	-2.1	-2.1	1.8	1.8	-1.5	-1.5
May	-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
August	-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
August	-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	-4.0	-4.2	-5.4
February	-1.5	-4.5	-3.7	-6.7	-1.9	-5.3	-3.3	-6.6
March	-1.7	-1.5	-4.0	-3.8	-1.5	-1.3	-2.9	-2.7
April	-8.8	-7.4	-11.3	-9.8	-9.4	-7.8	-11.1	-9.5

¹ Index rates adjusted for calendar effects

6. National Employment Indices by distribution class

	Index	% variation on		
		Previous month	Same month	Year-to-date average
General Retail Trade Index	95.9	0.1	-1.2	-1.1
1. Service Station Index	97.7	0.2	-0.2	-0.3
2. General Index without Service Stations	95.8	0.1	-1.2	-1.1
2.1. Single retail stores	96.2	0.1	-0.4	-0.4
2.2. Small chain stores	86.3	0.0	-4.1	-3.8
2.3. Large chain stores	111.8	0.1	0.4	0.5
2.4. Department stores	89.5	0.2	-4.2	-3.2

7. General Retail Trade Indices of Autonomous Cities and Communities

	Index	% variation		Deflated index	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average		Annual	Year-to-date average
National total	91.0	-8.8	-3.7	75.7	-11.3	-5.9
Andalucía	85.9	-10.9	-5.6	71.5	-13.1	-7.6
Aragón	90.8	-8.7	-4.5	75.2	-11.2	-6.9
Asturias, Principado de	95.1	-9.4	-5.0	79.6	-11.5	-7.1
Balears, Illes	83.2	-6.5	-1.3	69.9	-8.8	-3.3
Canarias	87.8	-6.8	-3.6	75.4	-8.7	-5.3
Cantabria	94.5	-11.1	-5.0	78.5	-13.0	-6.9
Castilla y León	101.1	-7.4	-1.0	83.0	-10.6	-3.8
Castilla - La Mancha	90.5	-12.2	-7.0	74.9	-14.6	-9.3
Cataluña	92.9	-8.6	-2.7	76.5	-11.3	-5.3
Comunitat Valenciana	86.0	-9.3	-4.0	71.4	-12.0	-6.4
Extremadura	107.2	-5.6	-1.2	88.9	-8.3	-3.4
Galicia	96.1	-7.5	-1.8	80.4	-9.8	-4.2
Madrid, Comunidad de	92.2	-8.6	-3.6	77.3	-10.8	-5.8
Murcia, Región de	87.7	-10.9	-6.8	72.1	-13.2	-9.0
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	100.0	-7.6	-2.1	83.8	-10.1	-4.7
País Vasco	93.8	-7.2	-1.9	78.0	-9.5	-4.1
Rioja, La	92.1	-6.3	-3.9	75.3	-9.1	-6.6
Ceuta	96.9	-3.4	0.2	81.1	-5.8	-2.0
Melilla	105.0	-4.6	-5.5	87.5	-7.0	-7.3

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

	Index	% variation		Deflated index	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average		Annual	Year-to-date average
National total	88.7	-9.4	-4.0	76.6	-11.1	-5.4
Andalucía	84.5	-11.5	-5.9	73.2	-13.1	-7.1
Aragón	90.3	-9.2	-4.8	77.2	-11.1	-6.5
Asturias, Principado de	93.6	-10.3	-5.4	81.3	-11.8	-6.7
Balears, Illes	82.3	-6.9	-1.5	72.1	-8.5	-2.5
Canarias	85.0	-7.9	-4.3	77.0	-8.9	-4.8
Cantabria	91.0	-12.8	-6.2	78.8	-13.9	-7.2
Castilla y León	99.4	-6.7	-0.5	84.7	-9.0	-2.5
Castilla - La Mancha	89.6	-13.3	-7.9	76.9	-15.1	-9.4
Cataluña	91.8	-8.9	-2.9	78.4	-10.8	-4.7
Comunitat Valenciana	83.9	-10.2	-4.6	72.7	-11.9	-6.0
Extremadura	101.8	-6.7	-2.1	87.4	-8.8	-3.6
Galicia	93.1	-8.6	-2.6	81.0	-10.2	-4.1
Madrid, Comunidad de	86.8	-8.2	-3.0	75.6	-9.8	-4.4
Murcia, Región de	86.3	-12.3	-8.0	73.8	-13.9	-9.3
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	93.6	-9.8	-4.0	81.2	-11.7	-5.8
País Vasco	91.5	-7.6	-2.3	78.6	-9.3	-3.7
Rioja, La	91.5	-6.2	-3.8	77.4	-8.5	-5.9
Ceuta	99.5	-2.6	0.8	86.4	-4.4	-0.7
Melilla	104.1	-6.1	-6.7	90.3	-7.4	-7.6

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	0.1	-1.2	-1.1
Andalucía	91.9	-0.1	-2.2	-1.6
Aragón	93.6	-0.4	-2.6	-2.2
Asturias, Principado de	99.9	-0.4	-1.8	-1.4
Balears, Illes	92.4	2.2	-1.7	-0.7
Canarias	94.7	-0.4	-0.1	0.7
Cantabria	101.7	-0.6	-1.9	-1.2
Castilla y León	104.3	-0.2	-0.9	0.2
Castilla - La Mancha	96.7	-0.2	-0.6	-0.9
Cataluña	95.8	0.0	-0.2	-0.2
Comunitat Valenciana	94.1	0.3	-1.3	-1.6
Extremadura	99.3	-0.2	-2.0	-1.6
Galicia	101.8	-0.1	-1.0	-0.5
Madrid, Comunidad de	95.8	0.3	-1.4	-2.0
Murcia, Región de	96.9	0.5	-1.3	-1.3
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	96.5	0.0	-2.4	-2.3
País Vasco	99.3	0.2	-1.1	-1.3
Rioja, La	97.9	0.8	0.4	0.7
Ceuta	101.5	0.1	0.9	1.3
Melilla	102.2	1.4	-1.9	-1.1

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	0.1	-1.2	-1.1
Andalucía	92.0	0.0	-2.2	-1.6
Aragón	93.4	-0.4	-2.8	-2.3
Asturias, Principado de	100.2	-0.4	-1.9	-1.5
Balears, Illes	92.4	2.3	-1.8	-0.7
Canarias	93.7	-0.4	-0.3	0.5
Cantabria	101.5	-0.6	-1.9	-1.1
Castilla y León	104.9	-0.2	-0.8	0.2
Castilla - La Mancha	97.0	-0.2	-0.7	-0.9
Cataluña	95.8	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Comunitat Valenciana	93.9	0.2	-1.4	-1.7
Extremadura	99.8	-0.2	-1.8	-1.5
Galicia	102.1	-0.1	-1.1	-0.4
Madrid, Comunidad de	95.4	0.3	-1.4	-2.0
Murcia, Región de	96.9	0.5	-1.5	-1.5
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	96.3	0.0	-2.5	-2.5
País Vasco	99.1	0.2	-1.1	-1.4
Rioja, La	98.2	0.8	0.5	0.9
Ceuta	101.7	0.1	1.0	1.3
Melilla	102.5	1.4	-1.9	-1.0

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