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

**Main results**

- The **General Retail Trade Index** at constant prices shows an interannual variation of **-6.9%** in July, two-and-a-half points below that registered in June.
- The average rate of retail sector sales stands at **-5.6%** during the first seven months of the year, as compared with the same period of 2011.
- All of the distribution classes experience an increase in sales.
- **Employment** in the retail sector **decreases 1.3%** as compared with July 2011.
- All Autonomous Communities show negative interannual variations in their retail sales and employment.

**Evolution of trade, in general and by type of product**

Sales in retail trade at constant prices (that is, after eliminating the prices effect) showed an interannual variation of **-6.9%** in July, two-and-a-half points below that registered in June.

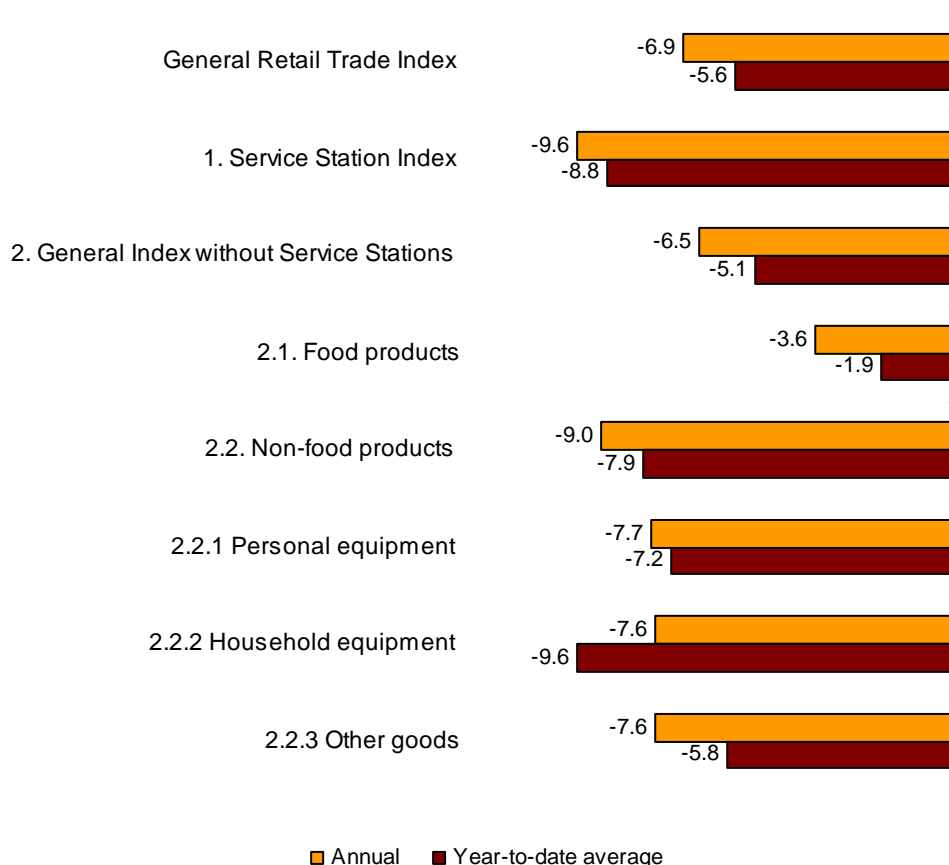
Sales, excluding service stations, presented an annual rate of **-6.5%**.

The breakdown of these sales by type of product showed a negative rate in Food products (**-3.6%**) and Non-food products (**-9.0%**).

In turn, sales in service stations, after adjusting the prices effect, decreased **9.6%**, as compared with July 2011.

The average rate of the General Retail Trade Index during the first seven months of the year presented a variation of **-5.6%** as compared with the same period last year. By type of products 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 of the distribution classes presented a decrease in sales as compared with July 2011. *Large chain stores* presented the lowest decrease, with an interannual rate of -2.5%.

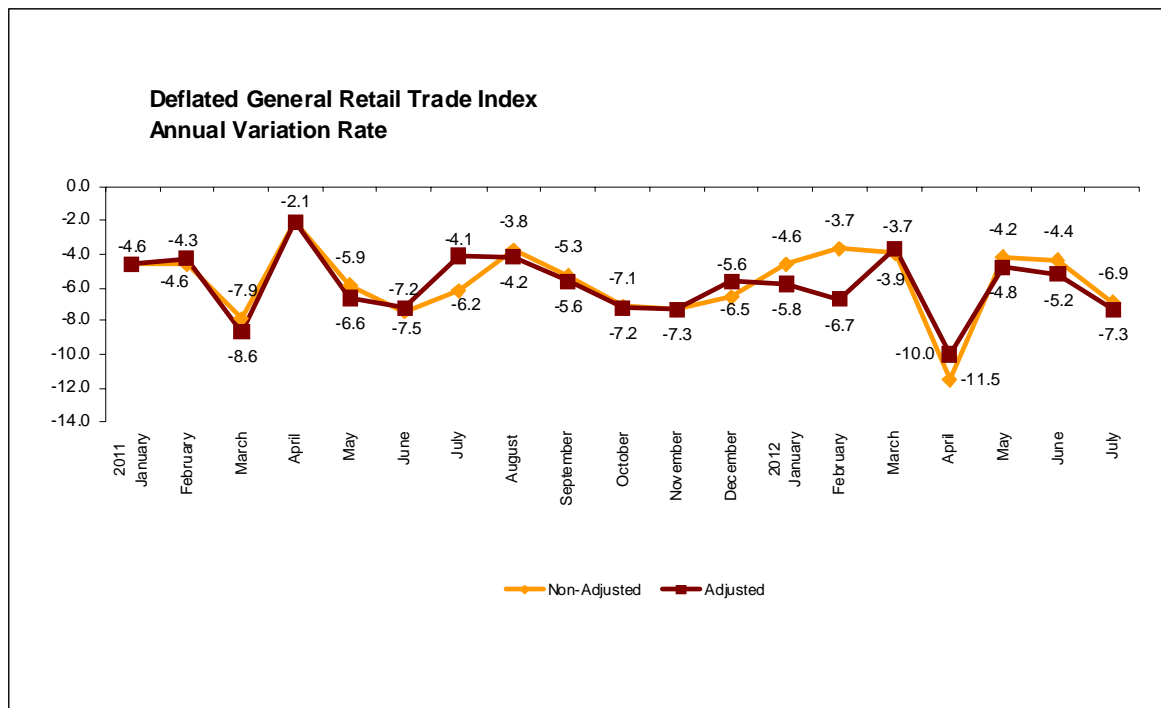
During the first seven months of the year, the average of sales had a negative variation in all distribution classes.

## National Indices by distribution class

	Deflated Index	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
<b>General Retail Trade Index</b>	<b>87.2</b>	<b>-6.9</b>	<b>-5.6</b>
1. Service Station Index	87.2	-9.6	-8.8
2. General Index without Service Stations	88.4	-6.5	-5.1
2.1. Single retail stores	76.5	-7.5	-6.4
2.2. Small chain stores	81.2	-8.2	-6.7
2.3. Large chain stores	122.3	-2.5	-0.9
2.4. Department stores	86.8	-10.4	-8.2

## 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 **-7.3%** in July, more than two points below that registered in June.



## Evolution of employment, by distribution class

The employment index in the Retail Trade sector in July showed an annual rate of **-1.3%**, two tenths below that registered in June. Employment decreased 1.7% in *Service stations*.

All distribution classes registered negative interannual rates, except *Large chain stores* that increased the employment 0.2 % as compared with the same month of 2011.

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

## Nacional Employment Indices

	Index	% variation	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
<b>General Retail Trade Index</b>	<b>97.3</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>-1.1</b>
1. Service Station Index	100.2	-1.7	-0.9
2. General Index without Service Stations	97.2	-1.3	-1.1
2.1. Single retail stores	96.4	-0.9	-0.5
2.2. Small chain stores	87.4	-3.6	-3.7
2.3. Large chain stores	115.0	0.2	0.4
2.4. Department stores	94.2	-2.7	-3.2

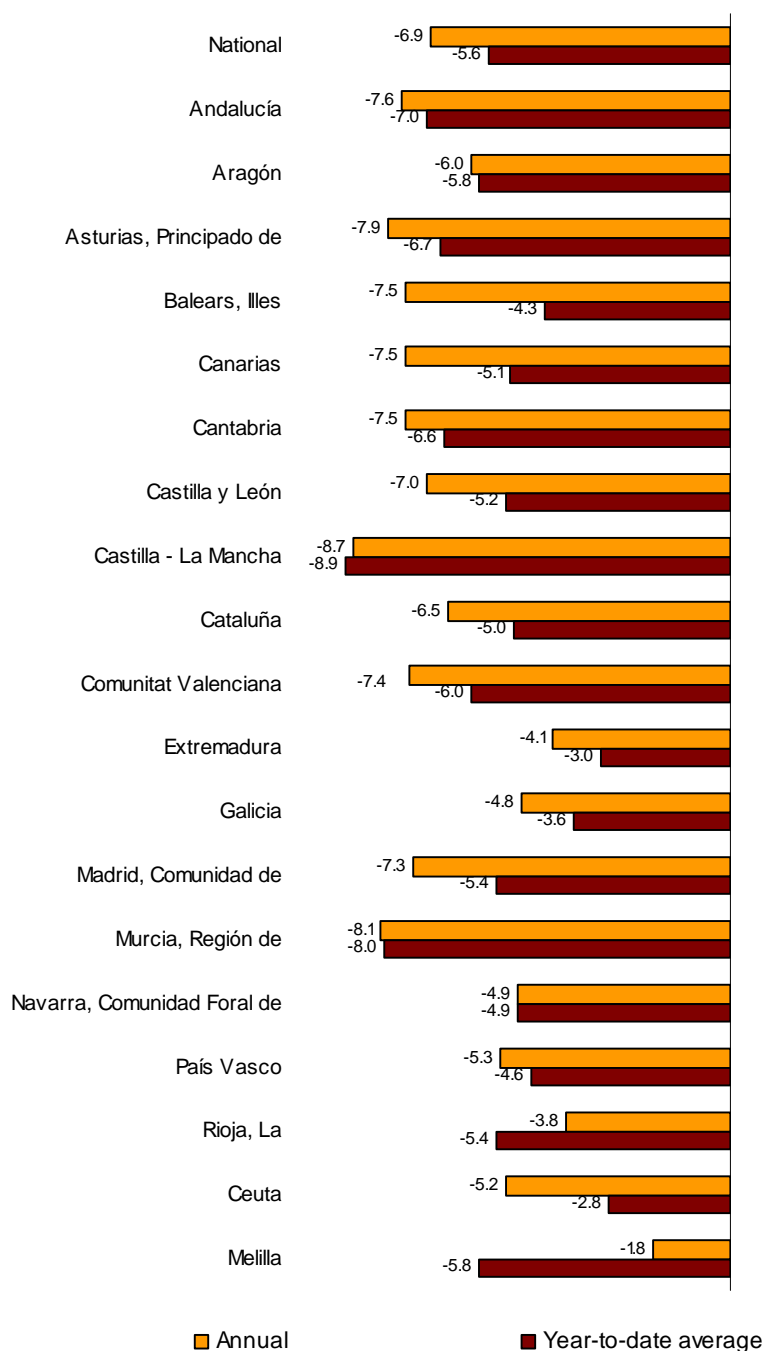
## Results by Autonomous Community. Variation rates in sales

Retail sales decreased in the interannual rate in all Autonomous Communities in July.

The greatest decreases were registered in Castilla-La Mancha (–8.7%) and Región de Murcia (–8.1%). In turn, La Rioja (–3.8%) and Extremadura (–4.1%) 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 were registered a decrease in employment in retail trade, as compared July 2011.

Illes Balears (–3.6%) and Principado de Asturias (–2.9%) showed the highest decreases. In turn, the lowest decreases were registered in La Rioja (–0.4%), Cataluña and Comunidad de Madrid (–0.7% both)

### Annual and average rates of the employment index

#### General index by Autonomous Cities and Communities

