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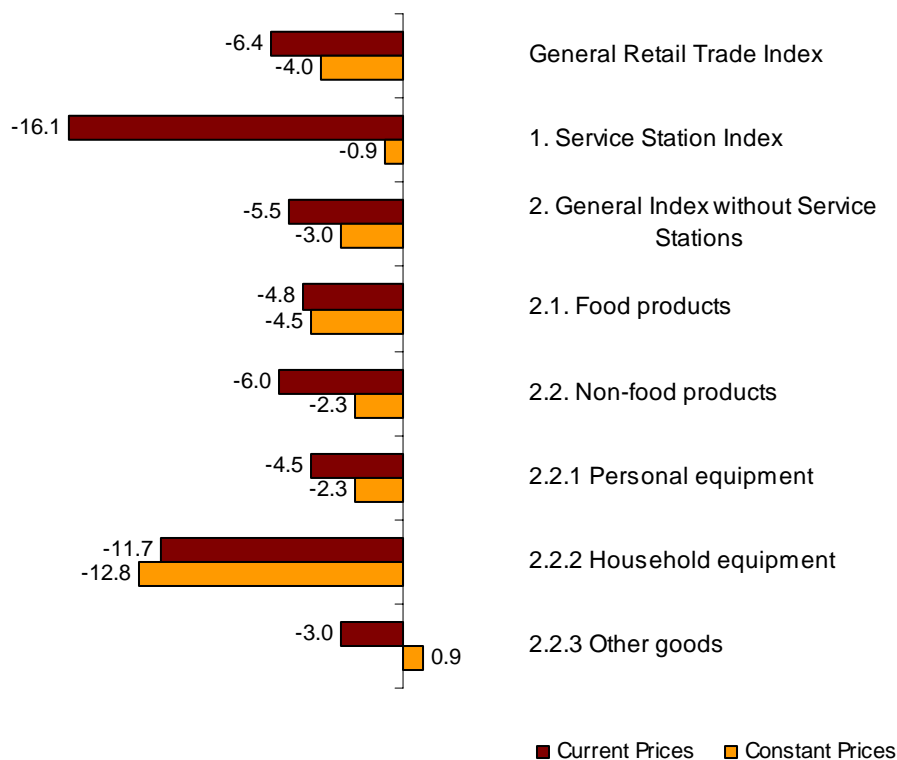
Retail trade at constant prices decreases 4.0% in August, as compared with the same month in 2008

Retail trade at constant prices (in other words, after adjusting the prices' effect) decreased 4.0% in August, as compared with the same month the previous year.

Sales, excluding service stations, showed a variation rate in constant terms of -3.0%, as compared with August 2008. The breakdown of these sales by type of product showed a 4.5% decrease in food products, and a 2.3% drop in non-food products. Among the latter, the 12.8% interannual decrease registered by retail sales of Household equipment, and the 0.9% increase in Other goods, were of particular note.

Sales in service stations, after adjusting the prices' effect, registered a 0.9% decrease in August, as compared with the same month of 2008.

Annual rates



All of the distribution classes record a decrease in sales, as compared with August 2008

The breakdown of the General Deflated Retail Trade Index, by distribution class, showed a decrease in all of the distribution classes in August. Large chain stores recorded the smallest negative rate (-0.4%), while Single retail stores presented the greatest decrease (-6.3%).

National Indices by distribution class

	Deflated Index	% variation on same month previous year
General Retail Trade Index	88.2	-4.0
1. Service Station Index	96.2	-0.9
2. General Index without Service Stations	87.3	-3.0
2.1. Single retail stores	73.5	-6.3
2.2. Small chain stores	82.5	-4.9
2.3. Large chain stores	114.8	-0.4
2.4. Department stores	91.7	-4.4

Sales in Department stores decrease 4.4%

The Department Store Index, which reflects the behaviour of sales in premises larger than 2,500m², registered an interannual decrease of 4.4%, in constant terms, in August. This decrease in sales was more pronounced in food-products (-11.2%) than in non-food products (-0.5%).

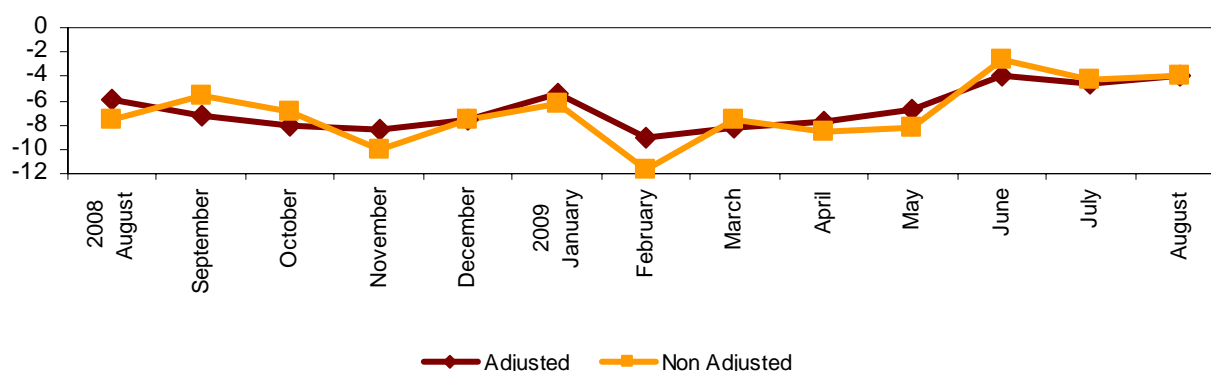
Department Store Indices

	Deflated Index	% variation on same month previous year
Department Store Index	91.7	-4.4
1. Food products	89.3	-11.2
2. Non-food products	93.6	-0.5

Eliminating the calendar effect, the interannual rate of the deflated General Retail Trade Index is **-4.0%**

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 showed a -4.0% rate as compared with August 2008.

Deflated General Retail Trade Index Annual variation rate



Employment in the retail sector decreases 4.6% in August

In August 2009, the retail trade sector employment index (which shows the evolution of both paid and unpaid employment) registered an interannual variation rate of -4.6%.

Employment decreased in all distribution classes, in particular in department stores (-10.5%) and small chain stores (-7.1%). Employment decreased 3.1% in service stations as compared with August 2008.

National Employment Indices

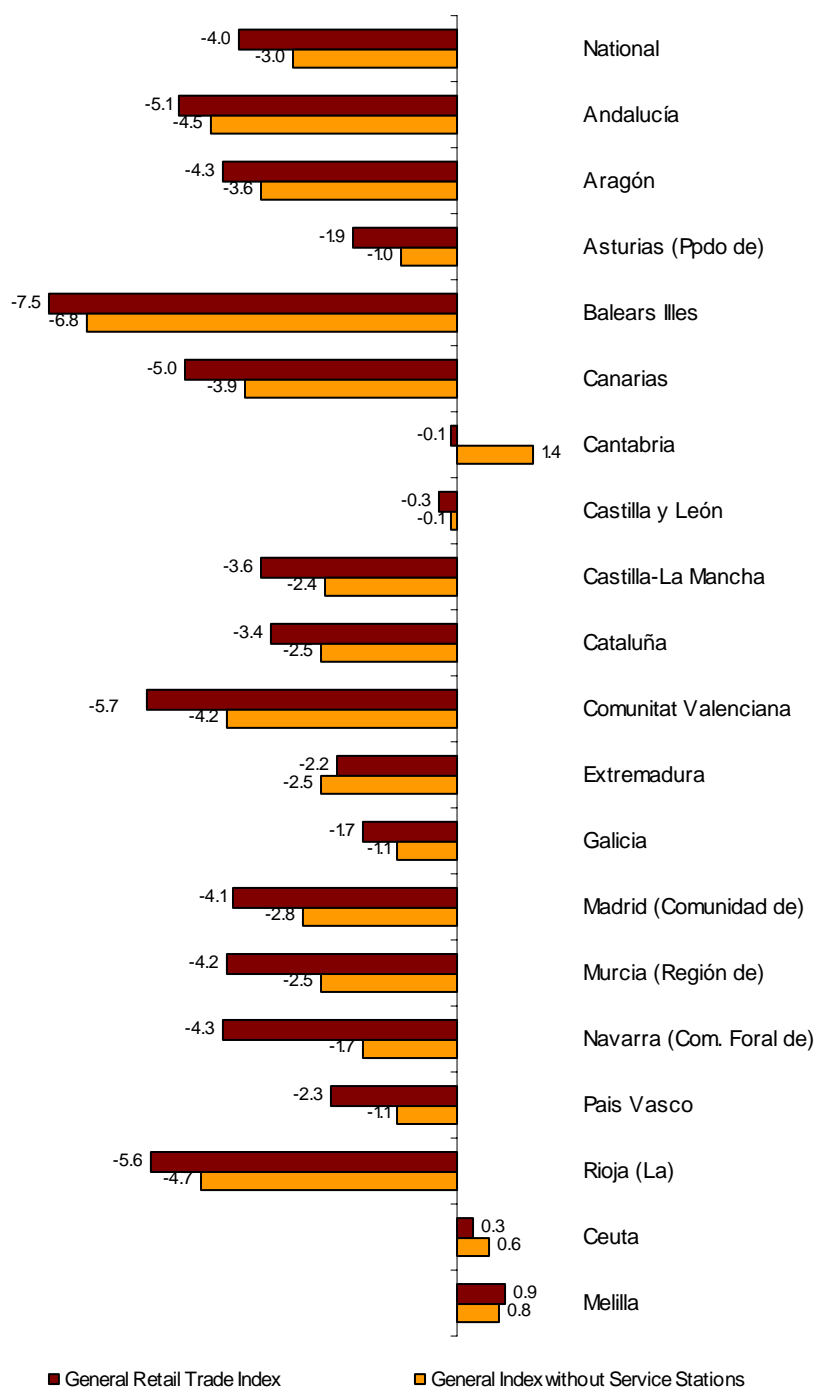
	Index	% variation on same month previous year
General Retail Trade Index	99.4	-4.6
1. Service Station Index	103.8	-3.1
2. General Index without Service Stations	99.3	-4.6
2.1. Single retail stores	97.4	-3.1
2.2. Small chain stores	94.9	-7.1
2.3. Large chain stores	112.8	-2.7
2.4. Department stores	98.8	-10.5

Sales decrease in all Autonomous Communities

Illes Balears was the Community that presented, in August, the greatest decrease in sales, with a rate of -7.5%. The smallest decrease was registered in Cantabria (-0.1%).

Without considering service stations, Illes Balears also registered the most negative rate (-6.8%), whereas Cantabria was the only Community to present a positive rate (1.4%).

Deflated Indices Annual variation rate

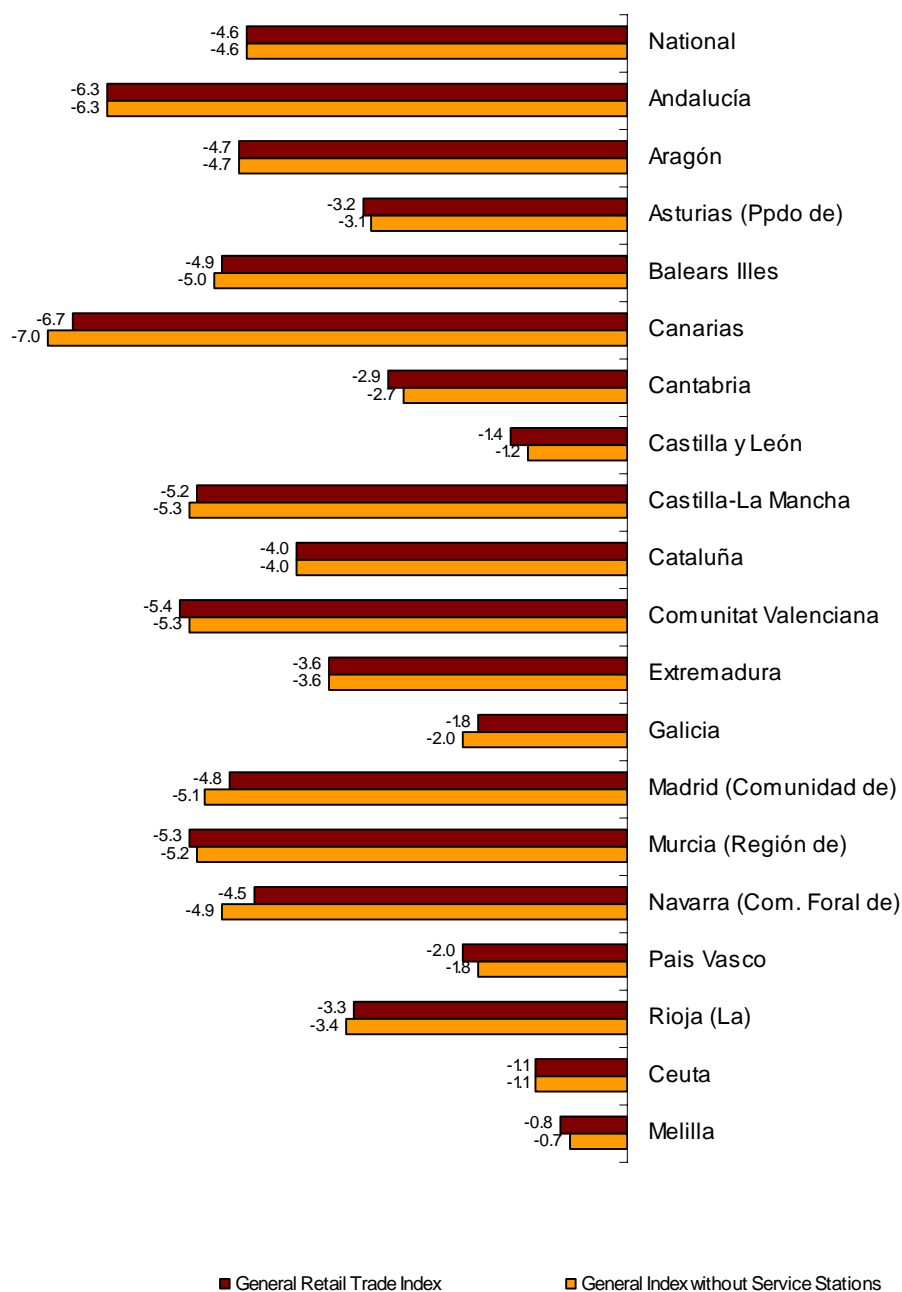


All Autonomous Communities present negative employment rates

Employment in retail trade showed a generalised decrease in all Autonomous Communities, regardless of whether or not employment in service stations was recorded.

The greatest decreases in employment for the retail trade total were in Canarias (–6.7%) and Andalucía (–6.3%).

General Employment Index Annual variation rate



Methodological note

New National Classification of Economic Activities 2009 (CNAE-2009)

The European Parliament and Council passed the new classification of economic activities for statistical purposes within the European Union, known as NACE Rev.2, on 20 December 2006, via Regulation (EC) no. 1893/2006. This Regulation also stipulates the use of the new classification in the statistics of the community scope, for the purpose of ensuring the harmonised implementation thereof. Among these statistics are the short-term statistics, which include the *Retail Trade Indices*.

The adaptation to the new European classification (NACE Rev.2) and to the national version thereof (CNAE-2009) has caused changes in the *Retail Trade Indices* survey. For some activities, the new classification has only caused a change in code, and not in content; in other cases, however, they have changed to different branches or sectors. In the retail sector, the main difference is the introduction, into this sector, of the companies whose main activity is the retail trade of fuel for automotion in specialised establishments (service stations).

The introduction of this new activity within division 47 (Retail trade) has led to changes in the indices that have been published to date. As of January 2009, **the following indicators are disseminated within the *Retail Trade Indices* statistics, for the national total:**

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

– **Service Station Index.** Shows the evolution of both sales (at current prices, constant prices and prices adjusted for the calendar effect) and employment, in group 47.3, retail trade of fuel for automotion in specialised establishments.

– **General Index without Service Stations.** Shows the evolution of both sales (at current prices, constant prices and prices adjusted for the calendar effect) and employment, of division 47, except group 47.3, and is comparable with the previous General Index that was published until January 2009.

In addition, the breakdown of the current **General Index without Service Stations is being published, by product: Food Products and Non-Food Products** (distinguishing Personal equipment, Household equipment and Other goods) and by trade distribution class: **Single retail stores, Small chain stores, Large chain stores and Department stores.** These indices, by product and by trade distribution class, correspond to those that were published until January 2009.

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

On 29 May 2008, Commission (EC) Regulation no. 472/2008 was passed on the transfer in NACE Rev.2 of short-term statistics, establishing the European guidelines for the dissemination of results in the new classification. Pursuant to this Regulation, beginning with reference month January 2009, the indices began to be published in the new classification, CNAE-2009.

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

In the following link on the INE website, complete information is provided regarding all the changes arising from the new encoding of branches of activity:

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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	94.5	-6.4	-8.7	88.2	-4.0	-6.6
1. Service Station Index	106.4	-16.1	-23.6	96.2	-0.9	-3.7
2. General Index without Service Stations	93.6	-5.5	-7.3	87.3	-3.0	-5.2
2.1. Food products	109.7	-4.8	-3.9	95.9	-4.5	-4.4
2.2. Non-food products	83.8	-6.0	-9.6	81.3	-2.3	-6.0
2.2.1 Personal equipment	82.6	-4.5	-6.2	88.5	-2.3	-4.5
2.2.2 Household equipment	73.3	-11.7	-17.6	67.1	-12.8	-19.0
2.2.3 Other goods	93.3	-3.0	-5.9	90.6	0.9	-2.2

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	94.5	-6.4	-8.7	88.2	-4.0	-6.6
1. Service Station Index	106.4	-16.1	-23.6	96.2	-0.9	-3.7
2. General Index without Service Stations	93.6	-5.5	-7.3	87.3	-3.0	-5.2
2.1. Single retail stores	78.8	-8.7	-8.9	73.5	-6.3	-6.8
2.2. Small chain stores	88.4	-7.3	-9.5	82.5	-4.9	-7.4
2.3. Large chain stores	123.1	-3.0	-2.7	114.8	-0.4	-0.5
2.4. Department stores	98.3	-6.9	-7.0	91.7	-4.4	-4.9

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	98.3	-6.9	-7.0	91.7	-4.4	-4.9
1. Food products	102.2	-11.4	-7.5	89.3	-11.2	-7.9
2. Non-food products	96.4	-4.3	-6.8	93.6	-0.5	-3.2

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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	96.6	-6.4	-8.3	90.3	-4.0	-6.2
1. Service Station Index	107.9	-16.1	-23.5	97.6	-0.9	-3.6
2. General Index without Service Stations	95.7	-5.5	-6.8	89.4	-3.0	-4.6
2.1. Department Store Index	99.8	-6.9	-6.6	93.1	-4.4	-4.5

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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	99.4	-0.4	-4.6	-4.2
1. Service Station Index	103.8	0.2	-3.1	-3.8
2. General Index without Service Stations	99.3	-0.4	-4.6	-4.2
2.1. Single retail stores	97.4	-0.3	-3.1	-2.7
2.2. Small chain stores	94.9	-0.7	-7.1	-7.0
2.3. Large chain stores	112.8	-0.4	-2.7	-2.1
2.4. Department stores	98.8	-0.2	-10.5	-8.6

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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	94.5	-6.4	-8.7	88.2	-4.0	-6.6
Andalucía	96.9	-7.5	-8.0	90.5	-5.1	-5.9
Aragón	97.0	-7.3	-8.4	90.6	-4.3	-6.1
Asturias (Principado de)	107.5	-4.9	-5.6	101.4	-1.9	-3.0
Balears (Illes)	113.7	-9.6	-12.1	106.0	-7.5	-10.2
Canarias	95.6	-8.8	-10.2	90.3	-5.0	-7.8
Cantabria	119.2	-2.5	-6.5	109.9	-0.1	-4.2
Castilla y León	109.6	-3.4	-4.6	101.9	-0.3	-1.9
Castilla-La Mancha	100.4	-7.1	-10.1	94.2	-3.6	-7.0
Cataluña	87.7	-5.5	-7.9	81.4	-3.4	-6.1
Comunitat Valenciana	96.9	-8.1	-11.4	90.5	-5.7	-9.5
Extremadura	108.0	-4.5	-5.3	100.9	-2.2	-3.4
Galicia	109.2	-4.4	-4.8	102.2	-1.7	-2.2
Madrid (Comunidad de)	80.5	-6.4	-11.0	75.4	-4.1	-8.9
Murcia (Región de)	97.3	-6.3	-10.9	90.1	-4.2	-8.9
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	105.1	-6.9	-9.0	99.2	-4.3	-6.8
País Vasco	86.4	-3.9	-5.9	80.2	-2.3	-4.4
Rioja (La)	95.7	-8.2	-10.3	89.2	-5.6	-8.2
Ceuta	107.0	-1.1	-3.6	99.6	0.3	-2.8
Melilla	105.7	-0.5	-2.5	97.9	0.9	-1.1

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	93.6	-5.5	-7.3	87.3	-3.0	-5.2
Andalucía	96.9	-6.8	-7.2	90.5	-4.5	-5.1
Aragón	96.6	-6.6	-7.4	90.2	-3.6	-5.1
Asturias (Principado de)	107.1	-4.1	-4.1	101.0	-1.0	-1.4
Balears (Illes)	113.7	-8.8	-11.7	106.0	-6.8	-9.8
Canarias	94.6	-7.7	-9.2	89.4	-3.9	-6.8
Cantabria	118.2	-1.1	-4.5	109.1	1.4	-2.2
Castilla y León	108.2	-3.2	-3.8	100.6	-0.1	-1.0
Castilla-La Mancha	101.3	-6.0	-8.2	95.0	-2.4	-5.1
Cataluña	87.7	-4.6	-6.3	81.4	-2.5	-4.6
Comunitat Valenciana	96.9	-6.5	-9.9	90.4	-4.2	-8.0
Extremadura	105.7	-4.8	-4.9	98.7	-2.5	-3.0
Galicia	108.2	-3.8	-3.7	101.2	-1.1	-1.1
Madrid (Comunidad de)	75.4	-5.2	-8.6	70.6	-2.8	-6.4
Murcia (Región de)	97.1	-4.6	-8.5	89.9	-2.5	-6.5
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	104.0	-4.5	-6.1	98.1	-1.7	-3.8
País Vasco	85.2	-2.8	-5.1	79.0	-1.1	-3.6
Rioja (La)	96.2	-7.3	-9.3	89.7	-4.7	-7.1
Ceuta	106.9	-0.8	-2.7	99.4	0.6	-1.9
Melilla	104.7	-0.6	-2.7	97.0	0.8	-1.3

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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	99.4	-0.4	-4.6	-4.2
Andalucía	95.6	-0.7	-6.3	-5.5
Aragón	99.8	-0.2	-4.7	-5.1
Asturias (Principado de)	104.6	-0.1	-3.2	-2.4
Balears (Illes)	100.7	-0.4	-4.9	-5.0
Canarias	94.6	-1.0	-6.7	-6.4
Cantabria	105.1	0.1	-2.9	-3.4
Castilla y León	104.7	-0.3	-1.4	-1.6
Castilla-La Mancha	99.6	0.2	-5.2	-5.2
Cataluña	98.8	-0.4	-4.0	-3.7
Comunitat Valenciana	98.4	-0.7	-5.4	-4.7
Extremadura	101.1	0.0	-3.6	-3.8
Galicia	104.4	-0.3	-1.8	-1.9
Madrid (Comunidad de)	100.3	-0.2	-4.8	-4.3
Murcia (Región de)	104.5	-0.2	-5.3	-5.3
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	102.2	-0.2	-4.5	-4.4
País Vasco	101.0	0.0	-2.0	-1.4
Rioja (La)	99.6	-0.6	-3.3	-3.4
Ceuta	102.9	0.8	-1.1	-1.0
Melilla	100.6	0.4	-0.8	-1.7

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	99.3	-0.4	-4.6	-4.2
Andalucía	95.6	-0.7	-6.3	-5.5
Aragón	99.7	-0.2	-4.7	-4.9
Asturias (Principado de)	105.0	-0.1	-3.1	-2.1
Balears (Illes)	100.7	-0.5	-5.0	-5.2
Canarias	94.0	-1.1	-7.0	-6.6
Cantabria	105.1	0.1	-2.7	-3.4
Castilla y León	105.0	-0.3	-1.2	-1.5
Castilla-La Mancha	99.8	0.2	-5.3	-5.1
Cataluña	98.7	-0.5	-4.0	-3.7
Comunitat Valenciana	98.3	-0.7	-5.3	-4.7
Extremadura	101.2	0.0	-3.6	-3.8
Galicia	104.6	-0.3	-2.0	-1.9
Madrid (Comunidad de)	99.8	-0.3	-5.1	-4.5
Murcia (Región de)	104.7	-0.2	-5.2	-5.2
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	102.0	-0.3	-4.9	-4.7
País Vasco	100.9	0.0	-1.8	-1.3
Rioja (La)	99.2	-0.7	-3.4	-3.5
Ceuta	103.0	0.8	-1.1	-0.8
Melilla	100.6	0.4	-0.7	-1.7