

29 September 2020

**Retail Trade Indices (RTI). Base 2015**  
August 2020. Provisional data

**The monthly variation of the Retail Trade Index at constant prices is 1.8% after seasonal and calendar adjustment**

**The annual rate of the General Retail Trade Index at constant prices stands at -2.4% in the seasonal and calendar adjusted series and at -4.6% in the original series**

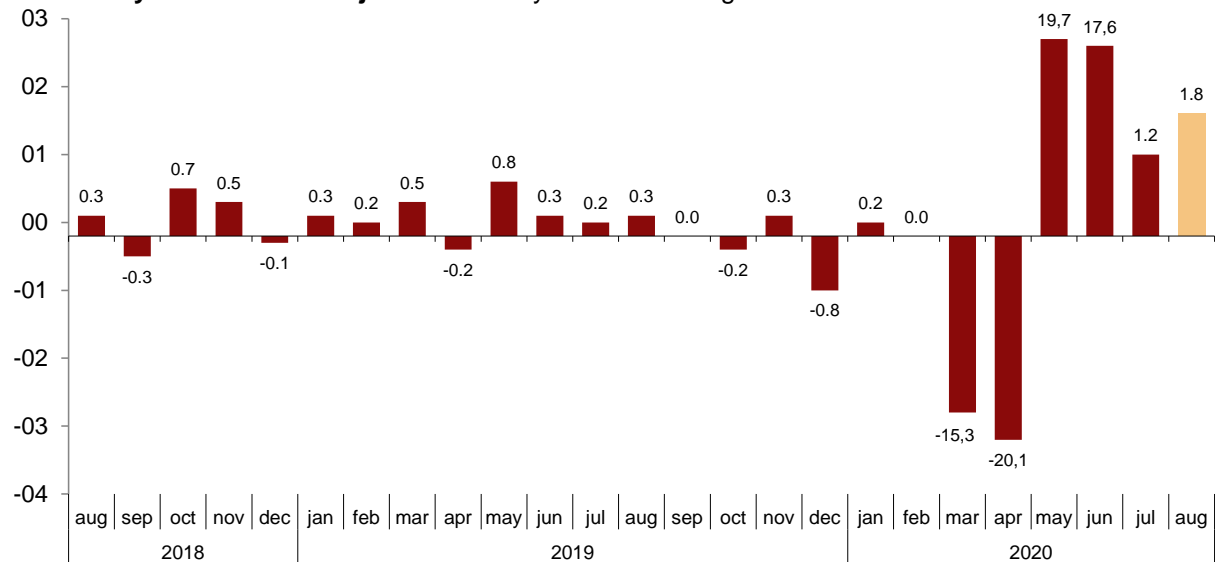
**Main results**

- Retail sales increased 1.8% in August compared to July. This increase is generalized across all products, with the exception of *Food*, which fell by 0.2%. The most growth was seen in *Home equipment* (5.9%) and *Personal equipment* (2.6%).
- The greatest dynamism was observed in the *Large chains* (1.6%); while sales fell in *Small chains* (-1.1%) and *Single retail stores* (-0.4%).
- Compared to August of last year, retail trade registered a decrease of 2.4%. *Large chain stores* was the only type of distribution where sales increased.
- The continuance of telecommuting in companies and the decline in tourism continued to prevent *Service Station* sales from reaching the levels of a year ago. In August they registered an annual rate of -7.6%.
- By products, *Personal equipment* had the greatest decrease (with an annual rate of -20.3%), while *Home equipment* registered the greatest increase (12.6%).
- *Online* commerce showed an annual increase of 41.1% and a rate of 21.4% compared to July.
- The communities that are the most dependent on tourism suffered the greatest decreases in retail sales, with annual rates of -15.3% in *Illes Balears* and -14.2% in *Canarias*. Employment was likewise affected in these communities, especially in *Illes Balears*, with an annual rate of -9.4%.

**Monthly trend of sales in retail trade**

The monthly variation of the seasonally and calendar adjusted general Retail Trade Index (RTI) at constant prices between the months of August and July, stood at 1.8%. This rate was six tenths higher than the previous month.

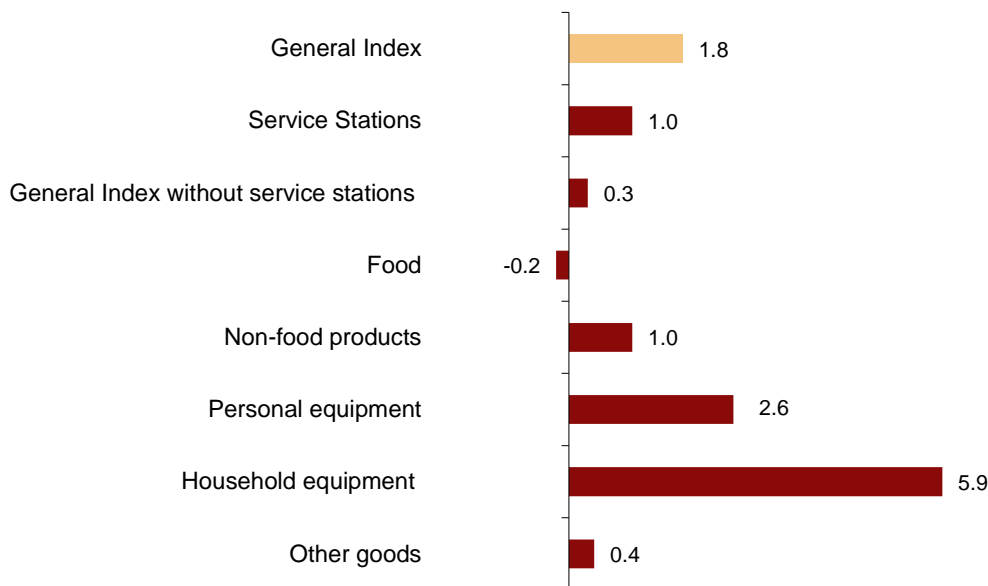
**General Retail Trade Index at constant prices**  
Seasonally and calendar adjusted. Monthly rate. Percentage



The general index, excluding service stations, recorded a monthly rate of 0.3%.

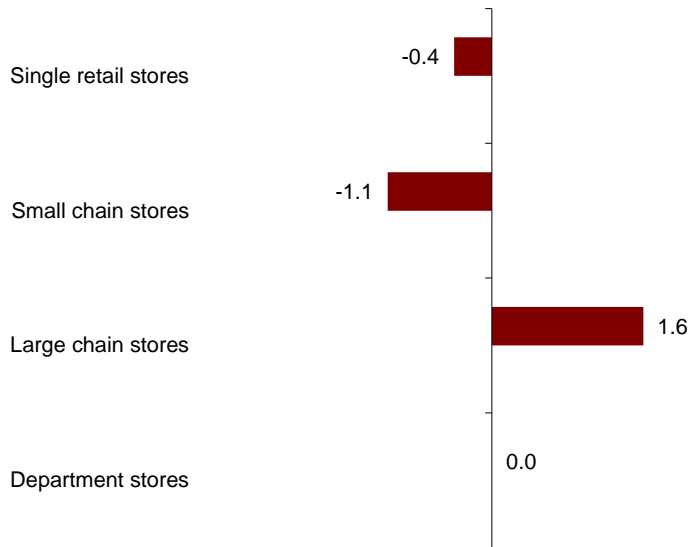
By products, *Food* decreased by 0.2% and *Non-food products* increased by 1.0%. If the latter is broken down by type of product, *Household equipment* increased the most (5.9%).

**Sales indices at constant prices: General and by type of products**  
Seasonally and calendar adjusted. August 2020. Monthly rate. Percentage



By distribution modes, only *Large chains* (1.6%) increased their sales compared to July. *Small chain stores* (-1.1%) and *Single retail stores* (-0.4%) showed negative monthly rates.

**Sales indices at constant prices by distribution type**  
Seasonally and calendar adjusted. August 2020. Monthly rate. Percentage

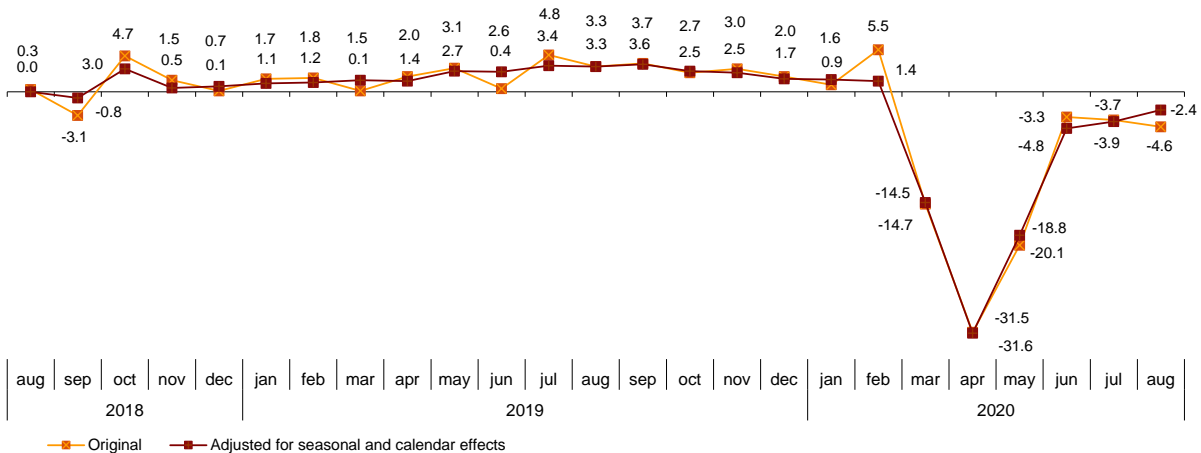


**Annual trend of sales in retail trade**

In August, the General Retail Trade Index, once adjusted for seasonal and calendar effects, registered a variation of  $-2.4\%$  as compared with the same month of the previous year. This rate was 1.5 points higher than the one registered in July.

The original RTI series at constant prices registered an annual variation of  $-4.6\%$ , this rate was nine tenths below the rate of the previous month.

**Retail Trade General Index at constant prices**  
Annual rates. Percentage



The seasonally and calendar adjusted index excluding service stations registered an annual variation of -2.6% in August. If these sales are broken down by type of product, *Food* decreased by 2.9%, and *Non-food products* by 1.7%.

**Retail trade sector sales. Annual rates at constant prices  
August 2020**

	Original index	Seasonally and calendar adjusted index
	Annual rate (%)	Annual rate (%)
<b>GENERAL INDEX</b>	-4.6	-2.4
Service stations	-8.5	-7.6
General Index without service stations	-4.3	-2.6
- Food	-5.2	-2.9
- Non-food products	-3.5	-1.7
- Personal equipment	-21.4	-20.3
- Household equipment	10.2	12.6
- Other goods	-2.4	-0.3
<b>Distribution class</b>		
- Single retail stores	-5.7	-3.7
- Small chain stores	-15.4	-13.9
- Large chain stores	0.5	2.3
- Department stores	-2.5	-0.8

**Trade in food and other goods by distribution types**

In regard to distribution mode, sales in all establishments decreased compared to August of the previous year, with the exception of *Large chains* (0.5%).

By products, food grew in *Supermarkets* (0.7%) and decreased in all other distribution modes, especially in *Small chains* (-14.3%).

On the other hand, sales of the *rest* of goods decreased for all types of commerce in the annual rate, with the exception of *Large chains* (1.8%).

**Annual sales rates by distribution class**

**Unadjusted**

	Annual rate (%)			Deflated annual rate (%)		
	General	Food	Non-food products	General	Food	Non-food products
General without service stations	-4.1	-3.3	-4.8	-4.3	-5.2	-3.5
<b>Distribution class</b>						
- Single retail stores	-5.6	-10.0	-2.6	-5.7	-11.8	-1.3
- Small chain stores	-15.3	-12.6	-16.9	-15.4	-14.3	-15.8
- Large chain stores	0.7	0.9	0.5	0.5	-1.1	1.8
- Department stores	-2.4	2.7	-4.7	-2.5	0.7	-3.4

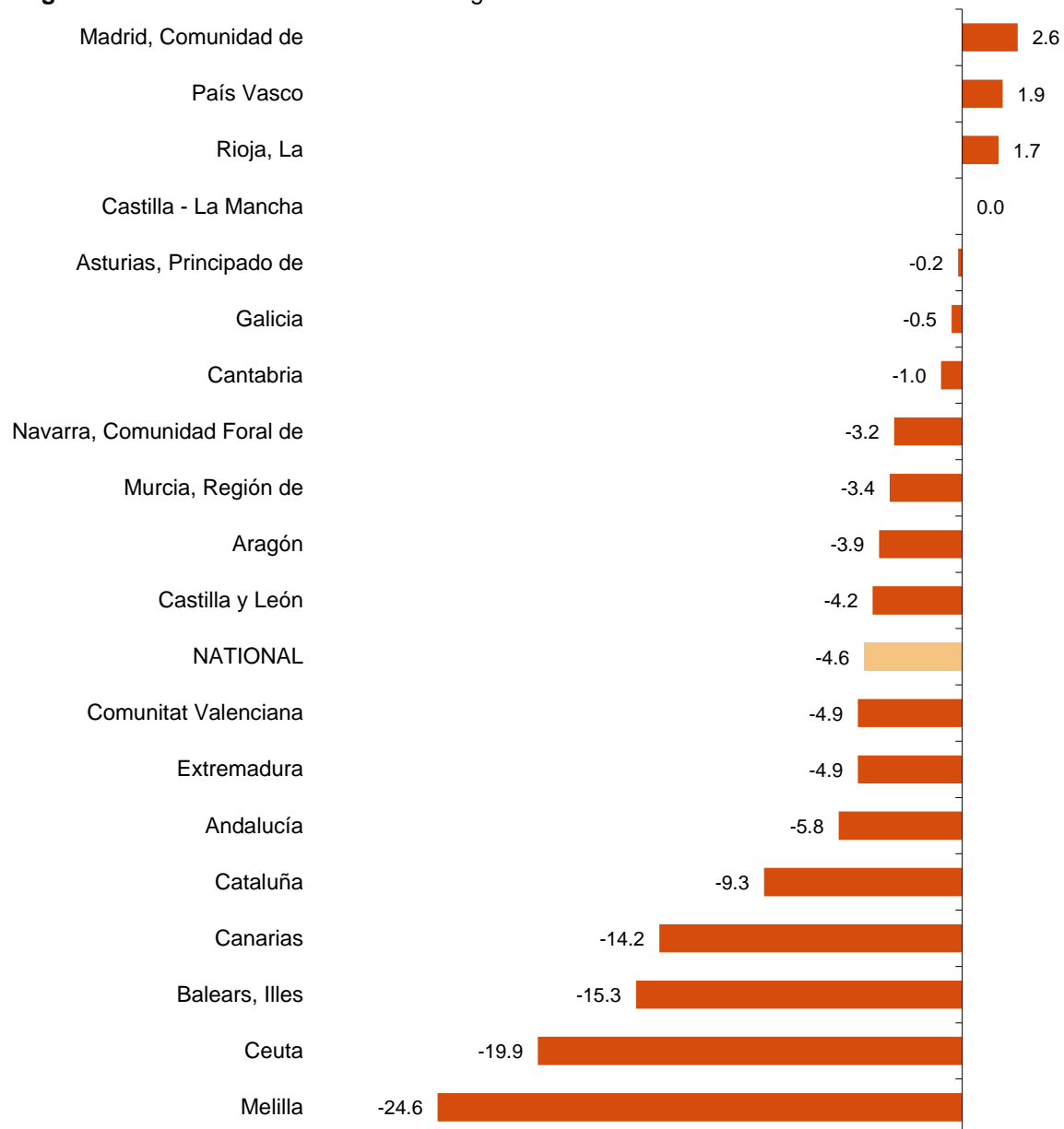
**Results by Autonomous Community. Annual rates of sales. Original series**

Sales increased in the annual rate in three Autonomous Communities in August and decreased in 13.

Comunidad de Madrid (2.6%), País Vasco (1.9%) and La Rioja (1.7%) registered the greatest increases. In turn, Illes Balears (-15.3%), Canarias (-14.2%) and Cataluña (-9.3%) registered the greatest decreases.

**General indices: national and by Autonomous City and Community**

**August 2020.** Annual sales rate. Percentage



## Employment trend

In August, the employment index in the retail trade sector registered a variation of  $-3.4\%$  as compared to the same month of 2019. This rate was equal to that recorded in July. Employment decreased by  $-5.3\%$  in *Service stations*.

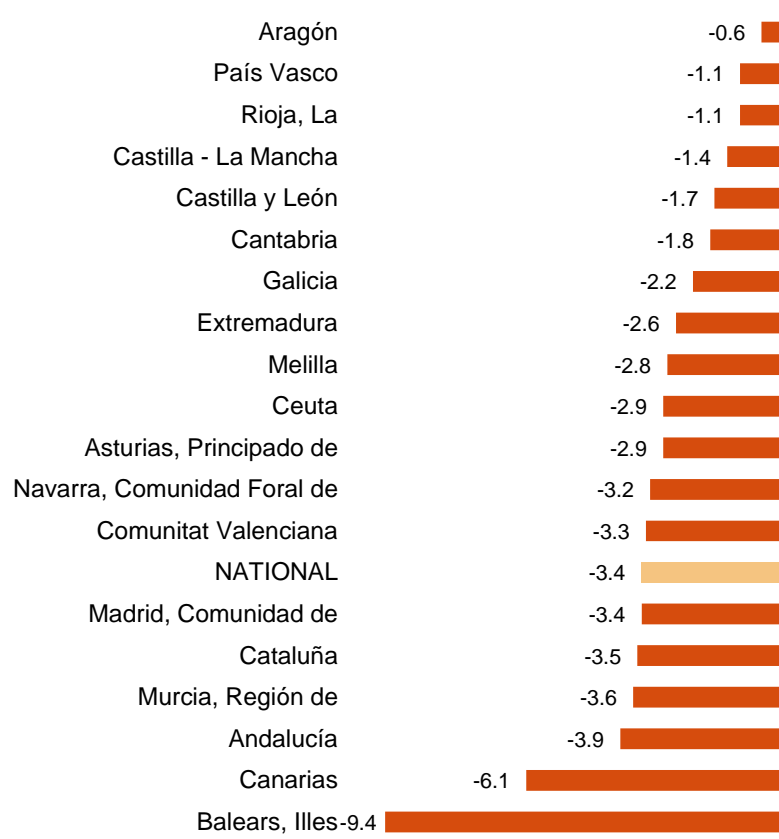
## Employment indices: General and by distribution type August 2020

	Index	Rate (%)		
		Monthly	Annual	Year-to-date average
GENERAL INDEX	102.7	-0.3	-3.4	-2.0
Service stations	106.3	0.6	-5.3	-2.3
General Index without service stations	102.5	-0.3	-3.3	-2.0
- Single retail stores	98.4	-0.3	-3.9	-2.4
- Small chain stores	94.9	0.4	-7.7	-5.7
- Large chain stores	116.1	-0.7	-0.1	1.5
- Department stores	105.6	-0.8	-1.8	-2.3

## Results by Autonomous Community. Annual employment rate

Employment in retail trade decreased in Autonomous Communities in the annual rate. Illes Balears registered the greatest decrease ( $-9.4\%$ ).

## General indices: national and by Autonomous Communities and Cities August 2020. Annual employment rate. Percentage



## Revisions and update of data

On the press release day, INE has updated RTI data series corresponding to the last three months. In the case of calendar adjusted and seasonally and calendar adjusted series, according to INE standard, series are revised since its beginning. Results are available on INEbase.

## Methodological note

The main objective of the Retail Trade Indices (RTI) is to ascertain the fundamental characteristics of the companies engaged in retail trade in Spain, which make it possible to measure, in the short term, the trend of activity in the sector.

**Survey type:** continuous monthly survey.

**Base year:** 2015.

**Population scope:** companies whose main activity is included within division 47 of the CNAE-2009 Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles.

**Geographical scope:** the whole country.

**Sample size:** Approximately 12.000 companies.

**Type of sampling:** stratified random sampling.

**Collection method:** fill in a questionnaire by the respondent using one of the following methods: internet (IRIA system), e-mail, fax, telephone or by post.

Further information is available in the methodology:

[http://www.ine.es/en/daco/daco43/notaccm15\\_en.pdf](http://www.ine.es/en/daco/daco43/notaccm15_en.pdf)

And in the standardised methodological report:

<http://www.ine.es/dynt3/metadatos/en/RespuestaDatos.html?oe=30103>

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## Retail Trade Indices (RTI). Base 2015

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### 1. Sales indices: General, by products and by distribution type Seasonally and calendar adjusted

	Index	Rate (%)			Deflated index	Rate (%)		
		Monthly	Annual	Year-to-date average		Monthly	Annual	Year-to-date average
<b>GENERAL INDEX</b>	106.6	1.1	-4.2	-10.2	106.2	1.8	-2.4	-9.1
Service stations	92.8	2.4	-17.8	-27.7	95.5	1.0	-7.6	-22.1
<b>General Index without service stations</b>	108.2	0.3	-2.4	-8.0	106.1	0.3	-2.6	-7.8
- Food	110.1	-0.1	-0.9	2.3	102.2	-0.2	-2.9	0.1
- Non-food products	107.0	0.9	-3.1	-16.2	109.8	1.0	-1.7	-14.3
- Personal equipment	88.5	2.7	-19.5	-31.6	85.2	2.6	-20.3	-32.3
- Household equipment	131.8	5.8	13.1	-9.9	130.5	5.9	12.6	-10.3
- Other goods	105.4	0.4	-1.7	-9.3	108.0	0.4	-0.3	-7.2
<b>Distribution class</b>								
- Single retail stores	100.4	-0.2	-3.5	-10.6	98.4	-0.4	-3.7	-10.4
- Small chain stores	93.4	-1.1	-13.8	-19.7	91.6	-1.1	-13.9	-19.6
- Large chain stores	122.9	1.6	2.5	1.7	120.4	1.6	2.3	2.0
- Department stores	110.1	0.3	-0.3	-12.3	107.4	0.0	-0.8	-12.1

### 2. Sales indices: General, by products and by distribution type Calendar adjusted

	Index	Rate (%)		Deflated index	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average		Annual	Year-to-date average
<b>GENERAL INDEX</b>	104.2	-4.2	-10.1	104.0	-3.1	-9.0
Service stations	98.8	-17.8	-28.2	101.8	-7.6	-22.0
<b>General Index without service stations</b>	104.3	-2.5	-7.9	103.8	-2.7	-7.7
- Food	113.0	-1.8	2.5	105.2	-3.8	0.1
- Non-food products	97.7	-3.1	-16.0	102.7	-1.8	-13.9
- Personal equipment	78.9	-19.5	-30.9	83.3	-20.3	-30.4
- Household equipment	122.7	13.5	-9.4	121.9	13.0	-9.7
- Other goods	96.5	-1.8	-9.3	101.4	-0.5	-7.1
<b>Distribution class</b>						
- Single retail stores	92.5	-3.7	-10.7	92.0	-3.9	-10.5
- Small chain stores	90.7	-13.7	-19.8	90.3	-13.8	-19.6
- Large chain stores	122.9	2.6	1.7	122.3	2.4	1.9
- Department stores	107.2	-1.1	-11.5	106.6	-1.5	-11.4



### 3. Sales indices: General, by products and by distribution type Unadjusted

	Index	Rate (%)		Deflated index	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average		Annual	Year-to-date average
GENERAL INDEX	103.1	-5.8	-10.0	102.9	-4.6	-8.9
Service stations	98.3	-18.5	-28.1	101.2	-8.5	-21.8
General Index without service stations	103.2	-4.1	-7.8	102.7	-4.3	-7.6
- Food	111.9	-3.3	2.6	104.2	-5.2	0.2
- Non-food products	96.6	-4.8	-15.9	101.5	-3.5	-13.8
- Personal equipment	78.2	-20.5	-30.7	82.7	-21.4	-30.2
- Household equipment	120.6	10.7	-9.3	119.8	10.2	-9.7
- Other goods	95.3	-3.7	-9.3	100.2	-2.4	-7.1
Distribution class						
- Single retail stores	91.4	-5.6	-10.7	90.9	-5.7	-10.4
- Small chain stores	89.6	-15.3	-19.7	89.2	-15.4	-19.5
- Large chain stores	121.3	0.7	1.4	120.8	0.5	1.6
- Department stores	106.3	-2.4	-11.4	105.8	-2.5	-11.2
- Food	109.6	2.7	9.1	102.1	0.7	6.6
- Non-food products	104.8	-4.7	-20.1	110.2	-3.4	-18.2

### 4. Sales indices: National and by Autonomous City and Community Unadjusted

	Index	Rate (%)		Deflated index	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average		Annual	Year-to-date average
NATIONAL	103.1	-5.8	-10.0	102.9	-4.6	-8.9
Andalucía	106.5	-6.7	-10.8	106.9	-5.8	-9.9
Aragón	101.0	-5.5	-10.1	101.4	-3.9	-8.5
Asturias, Principado de	109.1	-1.8	-7.6	110.0	-0.2	-6.0
Balears, Illes	117.0	-16.3	-18.1	117.4	-15.3	-17.0
Canarias	94.9	-13.7	-15.7	93.6	-14.2	-16.0
Cantabria	118.5	-2.2	-8.0	117.4	-1.0	-6.9
Castilla y León	109.7	-5.7	-10.2	109.5	-4.2	-8.9
Castilla - La Mancha	110.9	-1.5	-6.8	111.0	0.0	-5.4
Cataluña	94.4	-10.6	-12.6	93.3	-9.3	-11.3
Comunitat Valenciana	108.6	-5.9	-8.6	109.5	-4.9	-7.4
Extremadura	99.6	-5.6	-9.3	100.2	-4.9	-8.4
Galicia	115.2	-1.6	-5.6	115.4	-0.5	-4.4
Madrid, Comunidad de	99.0	1.2	-7.5	98.9	2.6	-6.2
Murcia, Región de	104.7	-4.5	-10.7	105.5	-3.4	-9.8
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	105.8	-4.9	-10.6	105.6	-3.2	-9.2
País Vasco	94.8	1.0	-6.6	94.1	1.9	-5.8
Rioja, La	113.0	0.1	-7.6	113.1	1.7	-6.2
Ceuta	77.8	-20.0	-17.7	78.1	-19.9	-17.0
Melilla	80.2	-24.8	-21.4	80.5	-24.6	-20.9

## 5. Employment Indices: General and by distribution type

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Aragón	103.8	-0.3	-0.6	-0.6
Asturias, Principado de	104.4	0.0	-2.9	-2.3
Baleares, Illes	107.9	0.5	-9.4	-6.4
Canarias	102.3	-0.2	-6.1	-3.5
Cantabria	103.5	0.2	-1.8	-1.7
Castilla y León	103.8	-0.2	-1.7	-1.2
Castilla - La Mancha	101.5	0.2	-1.4	-1.5
Cataluña	102.1	-0.9	-3.5	-1.7
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Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	101.1	-0.3	-3.2	-2.5
País Vasco	102.4	-0.3	-1.1	-0.9
Rioja, La	105.4	0.0	-1.1	-0.5
Ceuta	100.8	0.7	-2.9	-1.8
Melilla	100.9	0.1	-2.8	-2.1