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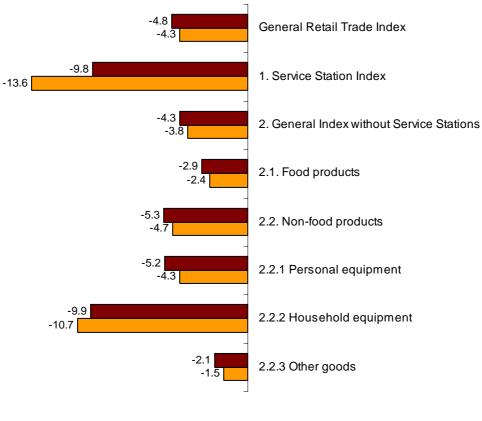
Retail Trade Indices. Base 2005 November 2009. Provisional data

Retail trade at constant prices decreases 4.3% in November, as compared with the same month in 2008

Retail trade at constant prices (in other words, after adjusting the prices' effect) decreased 4.3% in November, as compared with the same month the previous year.

Sales, excluding service stations, showed a variation rate in constant terms of -3.8%, as compared with November 2008. The breakdown of these sales by type of product showed a 2.4% decrease in food products, and a 4.7% drop in non-food products. Among the latter, the 10.7% interannual decrease registered by retail sales of Household equipment, was of particular note.

Sales in service stations, after adjusting the prices' effect, registered a 13.6% decrease in November, as compared with the same month of 2008.



Annual rate

Current Prices Constant Prices

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

The breakdown of the General Deflated Retail Trade Index, by distribution class, showed a decrease in sales in November in all trade formulas. Large chain stores recorded the smallest negative rate (-0.3%).

National Indices by distribution class

| | Deflated Index | % variation on same month previous year |
|---|-------------------|---|
| General Retail Trade Index | 88.0 | -4.3 |
| 1. Service Station Index | 95.2 | -13.6 |
| 2. General Index without Service Stations | 87.4 | -3.8 |
| 2.1. Single retail stores | 81.8 | -4.1 |
| 2.2. Small chain stores | 82.7 | -2.8 |
| 2.3. Large chain stores | 107.6 | -0.3 |
| 2.4. Department stores | 85.0 | -7.6 |

Sales in Department stores decrease 7.6%

The Department Store Index, which reflects the behaviour of sales in premises larger than $2,500m^2$, registered an interannual decrease of 7.6%, in constant terms, in November. This decrease in sales was more pronounced in food products (-10.9%) than in non-food products (-5.8%).

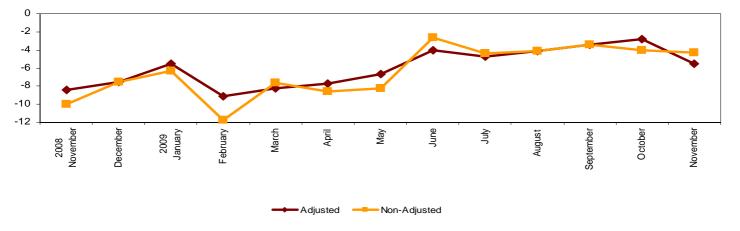
Department Store Indices

| | Deflated Index | % variation on same month previous year | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|---|--|
| Department stores index | 85.0 | -7.6 | |
| 1. Food | 82.8 | -10.9 | |
| 2. Non-food products | 86.7 | -5.8 | |

Eliminating the calendar effect, the interannual rate of the deflated General Retail Trade Index is -5.5%

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 -5.5% rate as compared with November 2008.

Annual Variation Rate Deflated General Retail Trade Index



Employment in the retail sector decreases 3.5% in November

In November 2009, the retail trade sector employment index (which shows the evolution of both paid and unpaid employment) registered an interannual variation rate of -3.5%.

Employment decreased in all distribution classes, in particular in department stores (-7.6%). Employment decreased 1.8% in service stations as compared with November 2008.

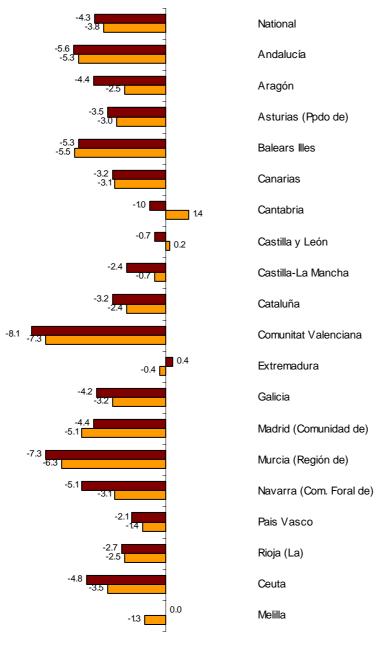
National Employment Indices

| | İndex | % variation on same month previous year |
|---|-------|---|
| General Retail Trade Index | | -3.5 |
| 1. Service Station Index | 99.6 | -1.8 |
| 2. General Index without Service Stations | 98.6 | -3.6 |
| 2.1. Single retail stores | 97.3 | -2.4 |
| 2.2. Small chain stores | 94.1 | -4.5 |
| 2.3. Large chain stores | 111.4 | -3.1 |
| 2.4. Department stores | 96.5 | -7.6 |

Sales decrease in all Autonomous Communities except in Extremadura

The only Autonomous Community increasing its sales as compared with November 2008 in constant terms was Extremadura, with a rate of 0.4%. The greatest decreases were registered in Comunitat Valenciana (-8.1%) and Región de Murcia (-7.3%).

Without considering service stations, Cantabria (1.4%) and Castilla y León (0.2%) presented positive interannual rates. Comunitat Valenciana once again presented the most negative rate (-7.3%).



Deflated Indices Annual variation rate

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General Retail Trade Index

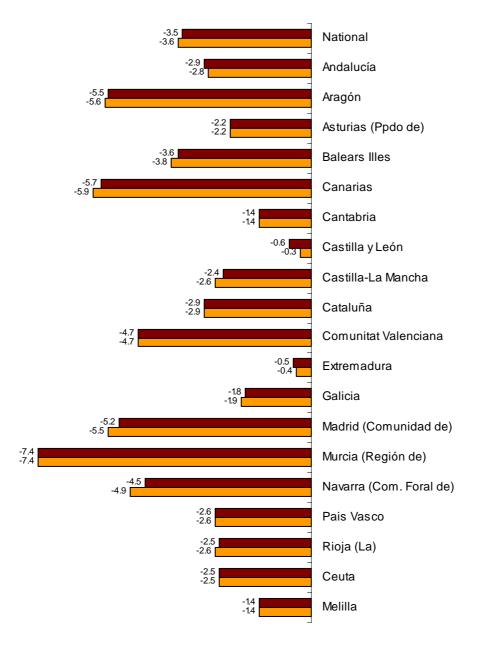
General Index without Service Stations

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 Región de Murcia (-7.4%), Canarias (-5.7%) and Aragón (-5.5%).

General Employment Index Annual variation rate



General Retail Trade Index

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:

http://www.ine.es/jaxi/menu.do?type=pcaxis&path=%2Ft40%2Fclasrev&file=inebase&L=1&divi=&his

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Provisional data

1. National indices

| | Index | dex % variation on previous year | | Deflated | % variation on previous year | |
|---|-------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | Same month | Year-to-date average | index | Same month | Year-to-date average |
| General Retail Trade Index | 96.5 | -4.8 | -7.9 | 88.0 | -4.3 | -5.9 |
| 1. Service Station Index | 105.1 | -9.8 | -21.2 | 95.2 | -13.6 | -4.8 |
| 2. General Index without Service Stations | 95.8 | -4.3 | -6.7 | 87.4 | -3.8 | -4.6 |
| 2.1. Food products | 104.1 | -2.9 | -3.6 | 91.1 | -2.4 | -3.8 |
| 2.2. Non-food products | 90.8 | -5.3 | -8.7 | 85.1 | -4.7 | -5.5 |
| 2.2.1 Personal equipment | 92.9 | -5.2 | -6.0 | 83.9 | -4.3 | -4.3 |
| 2.2.2 Household equipment | 79.2 | -9.9 | -16.0 | 71.9 | -10.7 | -17.2 |
| 2.2.3 Other goods | 99.1 | -2.1 | -5.2 | 92.9 | -1.5 | -1.8 |

2. National Indices by distribution class

| | | ndex % variation on previous year | | Deflated | % variation on previous year | |
|---|-------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | Same month | Year-to-date average | index | Same month | Year-to-date average |
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| 2.1. Single retail stores | 89.7 | -4.6 | -8.0 | 81.8 | -4.1 | -6.0 |
| 2.2. Small chain stores | 90.7 | -3.4 | -8.2 | 82.7 | -2.8 | -6.2 |
| 2.3. Large chain stores | 118.0 | -0.9 | -2.4 | 107.6 | -0.3 | -0.3 |
| 2.4. Department stores | 93.2 | -8.1 | -6.9 | 85.0 | -7.6 | -4.8 |

3. Department Store Indices

| | Index | % variation on previous year | | Deflated | % variation on previous year | |
|------------------------|-------|------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | Same month | Year-to-date average | index | Same month | Year-to-date average |
| Department Store Index | 93.2 | -8.1 | -6.9 | 85.0 | -7.6 | -4.8 |
| 1. Food products | 94.7 | -11.3 | -7.9 | 82.8 | -10.9 | -8.1 |
| 2. Non-food products | 92.5 | -6.4 | -6.3 | 86.7 | -5.8 | -2.9 |



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4. National Indices. Adjusted for calendar effect

| | Index | dex % variation on previous year | | Deflated | % variation on previous year | |
|---|-------|----------------------------------|--------------|----------|------------------------------|--------------|
| | - | | Year-to-date | index | | Year-to-date |
| | | Same month | average | | Same month | average |
| General Retail Trade Index | 97.8 | -5.9 | -7.6 | 89.2 | -5.5 | -5.6 |
| 1. Service Station Index | 106.0 | -10.5 | -21.1 | 96.1 | -14.3 | -4.7 |
| 2. General Index without Service Stations | 97.1 | -5.5 | -6.3 | 88.6 | -5.0 | -4.2 |
| 2.1. Department Store Index | 94.1 | -8.9 | -6.6 | 85.8 | -8.3 | -4.5 |



Provisional data

5. National Employment Indices by distribution class

| | Index | % variation on | | |
|---|-------|----------------|------------|-------------------------|
| | | Previous month | Same month | Year-to-date average |
| General Retail Trade Index | 98.6 | 0.1 | -3.5 | -4.1 |
| 1. Service Station Index | 99.6 | -0.9 | -1.8 | -3.4 |
| 2. General Index without Service Stations | 98.6 | 0.1 | -3.6 | -4.1 |
| 2.1. Single retail stores | 97.3 | 0.0 | -2.4 | -2.7 |
| 2.2. Small chain stores | 94.1 | -0.1 | -4.5 | -6.3 |
| 2.3. Large chain stores | 111.4 | 0.2 | -3.1 | -2.5 |
| 2.4. Department stores | 96.5 | 1.2 | -7.6 | -8.5 |

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6. General Retail Trade Indices of Autonomous Communities

| | Index | Index % variation on previous year | | Deflated | % variation on previous year | |
|------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | Same month | Year-to-date average | index | Same month | Year-to-date average |
| National total | 96.5 | -4.8 | -7.9 | 88.0 | -4.3 | -5.9 |
| Andalucía | 93.2 | -6.2 | -7.5 | 85.2 | -5.6 | -5.4 |
| Aragón | 97.7 | -5.1 | -7.6 | 88.6 | -4.4 | -5.4 |
| Asturias (Principado de) | 99.9 | -4.3 | -5.3 | 91.2 | -3.5 | -2.7 |
| Balears (Illes) | 80.9 | -5.5 | -10.7 | 74.3 | -5.3 | -8.9 |
| Canarias | 95.5 | -5.0 | -9.4 | 88.7 | -3.2 | -6.8 |
| Cantabria | 98.2 | -1.2 | -5.7 | 88.6 | -1.0 | -3.6 |
| Castilla y León | 99.5 | -1.4 | -4.0 | 90.2 | -0.7 | -1.4 |
| Castilla-La Mancha | 100.4 | -3.3 | -9.4 | 91.8 | -2.4 | -6.5 |
| Cataluña | 96.9 | -3.4 | -6.9 | 88.0 | -3.2 | -5.2 |
| Comunitat Valenciana | 88.9 | -8.6 | -10.6 | 81.3 | -8.1 | -8.8 |
| Extremadura | 105.5 | -0.1 | -4.3 | 96.2 | 0.4 | -2.5 |
| Galicia | 98.2 | -4.7 | -4.8 | 89.5 | -4.2 | -2.4 |
| Madrid (Comunidad de) | 101.4 | -4.7 | -9.7 | 93.1 | -4.4 | -7.7 |
| Murcia (Región de) | 95.9 | -7.7 | -9.8 | 86.5 | -7.3 | -7.9 |
| Navarra (Comunidad Foral de) | 99.8 | -5.6 | -8.6 | 91.5 | -5.1 | -6.4 |
| País Vasco | 102.0 | -2.3 | -5.4 | 92.0 | -2.1 | -4.1 |
| Rioja (La) | 95.0 | -3.7 | -9.3 | 85.9 | -2.7 | -7.2 |
| Ceuta | 106.6 | -4.1 | -3.7 | 95.9 | -4.8 | -3.1 |
| Melilla | 107.4 | 0.5 | -1.5 | 96.0 | 0.0 | -0.3 |

7. General Indices without Service Stations, by Autonomous Community

| | Index | % variation or | n previous year | Deflated | % variation on previous year | |
|------------------------------|-------|----------------|-------------------------|----------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | Same month | Year-to-date average | index | Same month | Year-to-date average |
| National total | 95.8 | -4.3 | -6.7 | 87.4 | -3.8 | -4.6 |
| Andalucía | 93.7 | -5.9 | -6.7 | 85.6 | -5.3 | -4.7 |
| Aragón | 98.3 | -3.1 | -6.6 | 89.2 | -2.5 | -4.4 |
| Asturias (Principado de) | 99.9 | -3.8 | -4.0 | 91.3 | -3.0 | -1.4 |
| Balears (Illes) | 80.7 | -5.6 | -10.4 | 74.0 | -5.5 | -8.6 |
| Canarias | 94.9 | -4.9 | -8.5 | 88.1 | -3.1 | -5.9 |
| Cantabria | 97.9 | 1.2 | -3.7 | 88.3 | 1.4 | -1.6 |
| Castilla y León | 99.2 | -0.5 | -3.3 | 90.0 | 0.2 | -0.7 |
| Castilla-La Mancha | 101.7 | -1.6 | -7.6 | 93.0 | -0.7 | -4.6 |
| Cataluña | 97.1 | -2.7 | -5.5 | 88.1 | -2.4 | -3.8 |
| Comunitat Valenciana | 88.4 | -7.9 | -9.2 | 80.9 | -7.3 | -7.3 |
| Extremadura | 103.4 | -0.9 | -4.1 | 94.3 | -0.4 | -2.3 |
| Galicia | 97.7 | -3.7 | -3.8 | 89.0 | -3.2 | -1.4 |
| Madrid (Comunidad de) | 97.9 | -5.4 | -7.9 | 89.9 | -5.1 | -5.9 |
| Murcia (Región de) | 96.1 | -6.7 | -7.6 | 86.7 | -6.3 | -5.7 |
| Navarra (Comunidad Foral de) | 98.3 | -3.7 | -6.0 | 90.1 | -3.1 | -3.7 |
| País Vasco | 101.1 | -1.6 | -4.7 | 91.2 | -1.4 | -3.3 |
| Rioja (La) | 95.4 | -3.5 | -8.5 | 86.2 | -2.5 | -6.3 |
| Ceuta | 109.0 | -2.8 | -2.6 | 98.1 | -3.5 | -2.0 |
| Melilla | 106.6 | -0.9 | -1.9 | 95.3 | -1.3 | -0.7 |

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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 | 98.6 | 0.1 | -3.5 | -4.1 | | | |
| Andalucía | 97.1 | 0.5 | -2.9 | -4.8 | | | |
| Aragón | 97.4 | -0.4 | -5.5 | -5.1 | | | |
| Asturias (Principado de) | 103.2 | -0.5 | -2.2 | -2.2 | | | |
| Balears (Illes) | 93.6 | -3.4 | -3.6 | -4.9 | | | |
| Canarias | 95.1 | 0.6 | -5.7 | -6.2 | | | |
| Cantabria | 103.9 | 0.1 | -1.4 | -3.0 | | | |
| Castilla y León | 103.7 | 0.2 | -0.6 | -1.3 | | | |
| Castilla-La Mancha | 99.8 | 0.3 | -2.4 | -4.7 | | | |
| Cataluña | 97.4 | 0.4 | -2.9 | -3.6 | | | |
| Comunitat Valenciana | 96.7 | 0.0 | -4.7 | -4.7 | | | |
| Extremadura | 102.6 | -0.2 | -0.5 | -3.2 | | | |
| Galicia | 102.8 | -0.3 | -1.8 | -1.9 | | | |
| Madrid (Comunidad de) | 99.5 | 0.2 | -5.2 | -4.5 | | | |
| Murcia (Región de) | 100.1 | -1.4 | -7.4 | -5.5 | | | |
| Navarra (Comunidad Foral de) | 100.9 | -0.4 | -4.5 | -4.5 | | | |
| País Vasco | 100.4 | 0.3 | -2.6 | -1.7 | | | |
| Rioja (La) | 98.1 | -0.1 | -2.5 | -3.3 | | | |
| Ceuta | 102.1 | 0.7 | -2.5 | -1.4 | | | |
| Melilla | 100.7 | 0.5 | -1.4 | -1.5 | | | |

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 | 98.6 | 0.1 | -3.6 | -4.1 |
| Andalucía | 97.3 | 0.6 | -2.8 | -4.8 |
| Aragón | 97.4 | -0.4 | -5.6 | -5.0 |
| Asturias (Principado de) | 103.6 | -0.5 | -2.2 | -2.0 |
| Balears (Illes) | 93.5 | -3.5 | -3.8 | -5.0 |
| Canarias | 94.6 | 0.7 | -5.9 | -6.5 |
| Cantabria | 103.9 | 0.1 | -1.4 | -3.0 |
| Castilla y León | 104.4 | 0.4 | -0.3 | -1.2 |
| Castilla-La Mancha | 100.1 | 0.3 | -2.6 | -4.7 |
| Cataluña | 97.3 | 0.4 | -2.9 | -3.5 |
| Comunitat Valenciana | 96.7 | 0.1 | -4.7 | -4.7 |
| Extremadura | 102.9 | -0.2 | -0.4 | -3.2 |
| Galicia | 103.1 | -0.2 | -1.9 | -2.0 |
| Madrid (Comunidad de) | 99.1 | 0.1 | -5.5 | -4.8 |
| Murcia (Región de) | 100.3 | -1.5 | -7.4 | -5.4 |
| Navarra (Comunidad Foral de) | 100.8 | -0.4 | -4.9 | -4.8 |
| País Vasco | 100.2 | 0.4 | -2.6 | -1.7 |
| Rioja (La) | 98.0 | 0.0 | -2.6 | -3.3 |
| Ceuta | 102.3 | 0.7 | -2.5 | -1.3 |
| Melilla | 100.8 | 0.6 | -1.4 | -1.5 |