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Retail Trade Indices (RTI). Base 2015
December 2018 and year 2018. Provisional data

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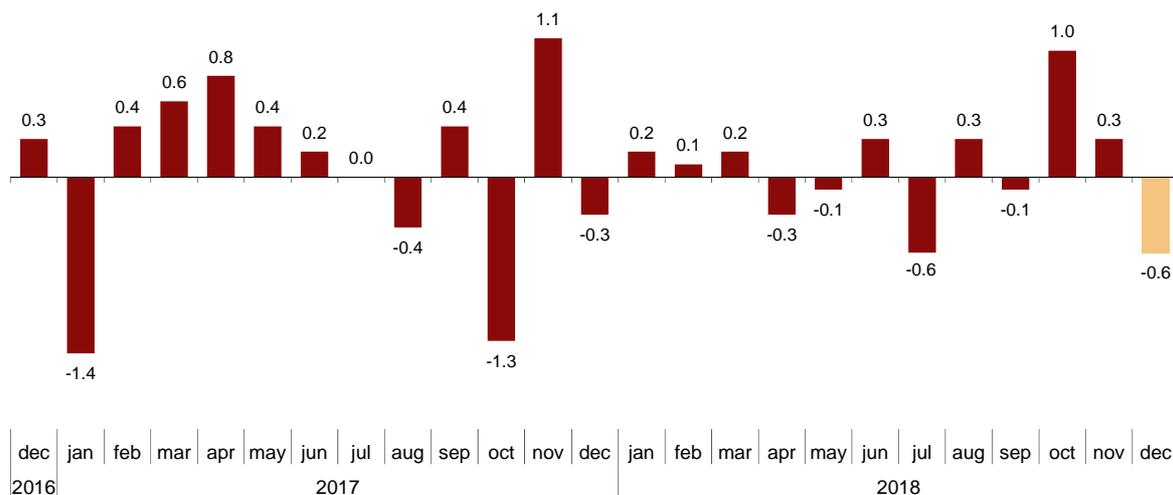
The annual rate of the General Retail Trade Index at constant prices stands at 0.8% in the series adjusted for seasonal and calendar effects and at 0.0% in the original series

Throughout the year 2018, retail sales increased by 0.7% in the adjusted series and 0.8% in the original series

Monthly trend of sales in retail trade

The monthly variation of the General Retail Trade Index at constant prices stood at -0.6% between December and November, after adjusting for seasonal and calendar effects. This rate is nine tenths lower than that of the previous month.

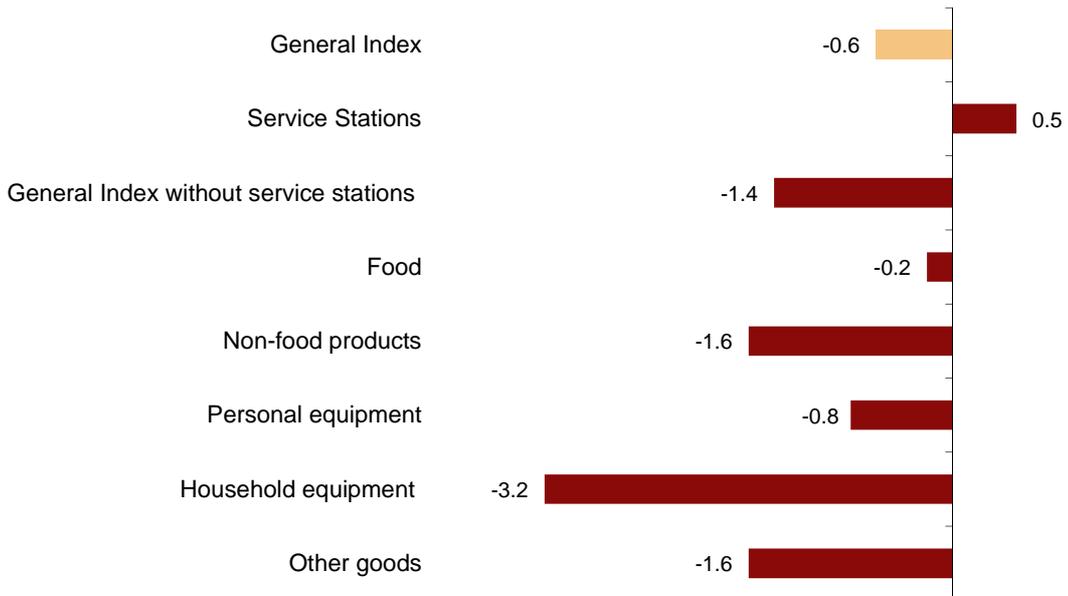
General Retail Trade Index at constant prices
Seasonally and calendar adjusted. Monthly rate. Percentage



The general index, excluding service stations, recorded a monthly rate of -1.4%.

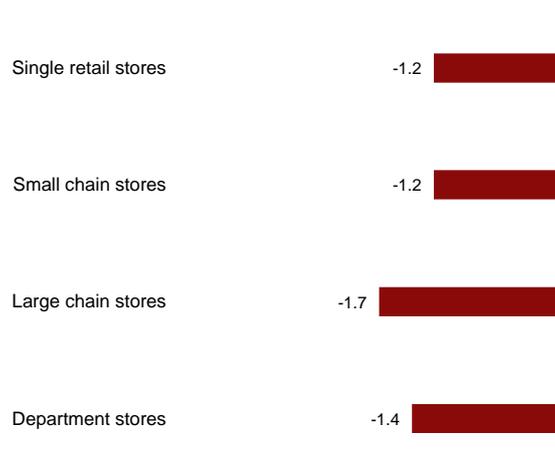
By products, *Food* decreased by 0.2% and *Non-food products* by 1.6%. If the latter is broken down by type of product, *HomeHousehold equipment* decreased the most (-3.2%).

Sales indices at constant prices: General and by type of products
 Seasonally and calendar adjusted. December 2018. Monthly rate. Percentage



All distribution classes registered negative monthly rates. *Large chain stores* showed the greatest decrease (-1.7%).

Sales indices at constant prices by distribution type
 Seasonally and calendar adjusted. December 2018. Monthly rate. Percentage



Annual trend of sales in retail trade

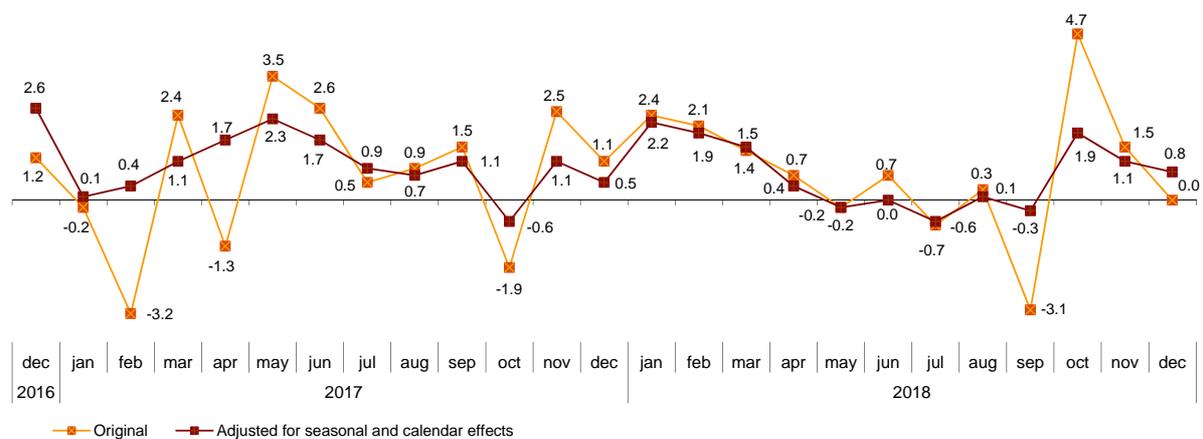
In December, the General Retail Trade Index registered a variation of 0.8% as compared with the same month of the previous year, after adjusting for seasonal and calendar effects. This rate is three tenths lower than that registered in November.

The original series of the RTI at constant prices registered a 0.0% annual variation, standing 1.5 points below the rate of the previous month.

Throughout the year 2018, retail sales increased by 0.7% in the series adjusted for seasonal and calendar effects and 0.8% in the original series.

Retail Trade General Index at constant prices

Annual rates. Percentage



The general index excluding service stations and adjusted for seasonal and calendar effects registered an annual variation of 0.0% in December.

For the year 2018 as a whole, the variation in this index was 0.7%.

Retail trade sector sales. Annual rates at constant prices December 2018 and year 2018

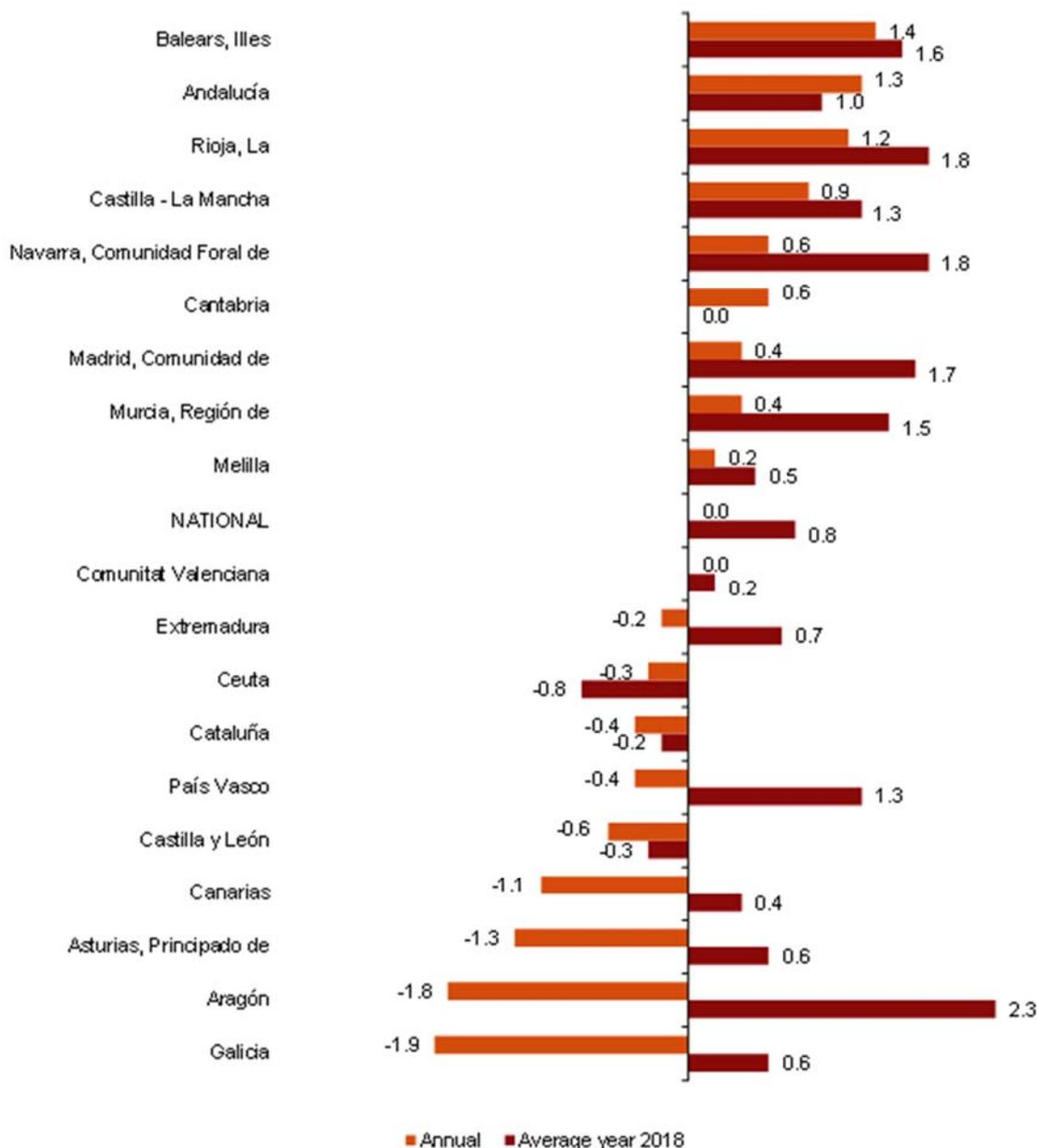
	Original index		Seasonally and calendar adjusted index	
	Annual rate (%)	Annual rate (%)	Annual rate (%)	Average year 2018 (%)
GENERAL INDEX	0.0	0.8	0.7	
Service stations	2.9	2.7	-0.1	
General Index without service stations	-0.2	0.0	0.7	
- Food	-0.3	0.5	0.7	
- Non-food products	-0.1	0.1	0.8	
- Personal equipment	0.3	-0.5	-0.7	
- Household equipment	2.5	3.5	4.3	
- Other goods	-1.6	-1.4	0.1	
Distribution class				
- Single retail stores	-0.5	-0.3	-0.8	
- Small chain stores	-1.0	-1.1	0.9	
- Large chain stores	0.6	0.7	2.4	
- Department stores	-0.8	1.0	0.6	

Results by Autonomous Communities. Annual rates of sales. Original series

Sales increased in the annual rate in eight Autonomous Communities in December. Illes Balears (1.4%), Andalucía (1.3%) and La Rioja (1.2%) registered the greatest increases. In turn, Galicia (-1.9%), Aragón (-1.8%) and Principado de Asturias (-1.3%) registered the largest decreases.

In the whole of 2018, Aragón (2.3%), Comunidad Foral de Navarra and La Rioja (both with 1.8%) have the highest rates. On the contrary, Castilla y León (-0.3%) and Catalonia (-0.2%) presented negative rates.

General indices: national and by Autonomous City and Community December 2018 and year 2018. Annual sales rate. Percentage



Employment trend

In December, the employment index in the retail trade sector registered a variation of 1.0%, as compared to the same month of 2017. This rate stood two tenths below that recorded in November. Employment increased by 1.0% for the year 2018 as a whole.

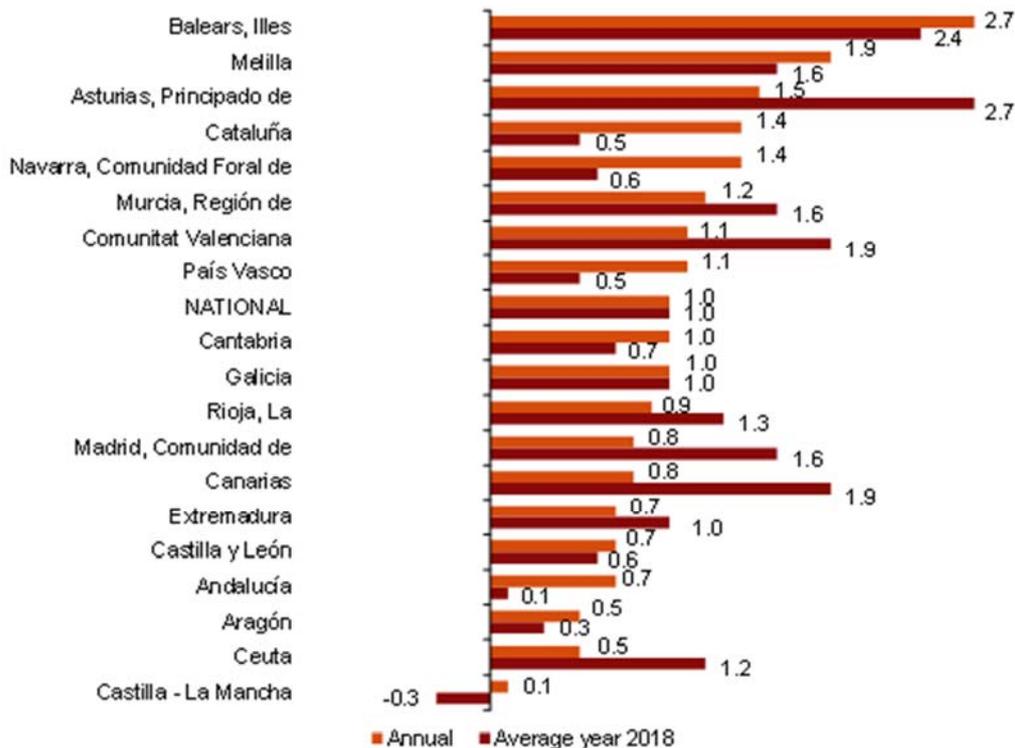
Employment Indices: General and by distribution type December 2018 and year 2018

	Index	Rate (%)		
		Monthly	Annual	Average year 2018
GENERAL INDEX	105.7	1.0	1.0	1.0
Service stations	104.7	-0.3	2.4	2.1
General Index without service stations	105.7	1.1	1.0	0.9
- Single retail stores	101.6	0.7	0.4	0.3
- Small chain stores	103.3	1.3	1.1	0.5
- Large chain stores	114.1	1.0	2.4	2.8
- Department stores	111.8	2.5	0.2	0.4

Results by Autonomous Communities. Annual employment rate

Employment in retail trade increased in all Autonomous Communities in the annual rate. Illes Balears registered the greatest increase (2.7%). In the whole of the year, Castilla-La Mancha is the only Community with a negative rate (-0.3%).

General indices: national and by Autonomous Communities and Cities December 2018 and year 2018. 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

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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Provisional data

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

	Index	Rate (%)			Deflated index	Rate (%)		
		Monthly	Annual	Average year 2018		Monthly	Annual	Average year 2018
GENERAL INDEX	109.1	-0.6	2.5	2.6	105.9	-0.6	0.8	0.7
Service stations	107.9	-4.2	2.9	7.6	103.6	0.5	2.7	-0.1
General Index without service stations	108.1	-12	14	19	105.4	-14	0.0	0.7
- Food	108.0	-11	10	2.3	103.4	-0.2	0.5	0.7
- Non-food products	107.8	-13	12	16	107.1	-16	0.1	0.8
- Personal equipment	107.7	-0.9	0.6	0.2	105.3	-0.8	-0.5	-0.7
- Household equipment	113.1	-3.4	3.8	4.4	113.2	-3.2	3.5	4.3
- Other goods	104.2	-13	-0.2	0.8	103.5	-16	-14	0.1
Distribution class								
- Single retail stores	102.6	-12	0.9	0.3	100.2	-12	-0.3	-0.8
- Small chain stores	103.6	-11	0.2	2.1	1012	-12	-11	0.9
- Large chain stores	115.7	-16	2.0	3.6	113.1	-17	0.7	2.4
- Department stores	109.2	-12	2.5	18	106.3	-14	10	0.6

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

	Index	Rate (%)		Deflated index	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Average year 2018		Annual	Average year 2018
GENERAL INDEX	127.9	10	2.6	123.3	0.0	0.6
Service stations	105.4	2.7	7.8	103.2	2.8	-0.2
General Index without service stations	129.9	0.8	19	125.1	-0.3	0.7
- Food	127.7	0.9	2.2	122.0	-0.4	0.5
- Non-food products	131.5	0.7	16	127.4	-0.3	0.8
- Personal equipment	138.5	12	0.1	124.0	0.2	-0.8
- Household equipment	129.1	2.7	4.5	128.6	2.4	4.4
- Other goods	128.1	-0.7	0.8	124.0	-1.7	0.1
Distribution class						
- Single retail stores	114.4	0.6	0.3	110.1	-0.6	-0.8
- Small chain stores	126.2	0.0	2.0	121.5	-1.1	0.8
- Large chain stores	138.9	1.7	3.5	133.6	0.5	2.3
- Department stores	151.7	0.3	14	146.0	-0.9	0.2

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

	Index	Rate (%)		Deflated index	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Average year 2018		Annual	Average year 2018
GENERAL INDEX	127.8	1.1	2.7	123.3	0.0	0.8
Service stations	105.4	2.7	7.9	103.2	2.9	-0.1
General Index without service stations	129.8	0.9	2.0	125.0	-0.2	0.8
- Food	127.7	1.0	2.4	122.0	-0.3	0.7
- Non-food products	131.4	0.8	1.7	127.3	-0.1	0.9
- Personal equipment	138.4	1.2	0.2	123.9	0.3	-0.7
- Household equipment	128.9	2.8	4.7	128.4	2.5	4.5
- Other goods	128.0	-0.6	1.0	123.9	-1.6	0.2
Distribution class						
- Single retail stores	114.3	0.7	0.5	110.0	-0.5	-0.7
- Small chain stores	126.1	0.2	2.2	121.4	-1.0	1.0
- Large chain stores	138.7	1.8	3.6	133.5	0.6	2.4
- Department stores	151.6	0.4	1.5	145.9	-0.8	0.4
- Food	154.2	-1.2	0.4	147.3	-2.5	-1.2
- Non-food products	150.2	1.1	2.1	145.5	0.2	1.3

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

	Index	Rate (%)		Deflated index	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Average year 2018		Annual	Average year 2018
NATIONAL	127.8	1.1	2.7	123.3	0.0	0.8
Andalucía	125.2	1.9	2.6	121.2	1.3	1.0
Aragón	126.8	-0.9	4.2	122.6	-1.8	2.3
Asturias, Principado de	123.0	-0.2	2.3	118.5	-1.3	0.6
Baleares, Illes	109.9	1.9	3.3	106.6	1.4	1.6
Canarias	138.1	0.8	2.5	133.0	-1.1	0.4
Cantabria	121.7	1.5	2.1	116.7	0.6	0.0
Castilla y León	123.2	0.5	1.7	118.9	-0.6	-0.3
Castilla - La Mancha	126.5	1.9	3.5	121.8	0.9	1.3
Cataluña	124.3	1.0	2.0	118.5	-0.4	-0.2
Comunitat Valenciana	123.7	0.7	1.9	120.5	0.0	0.2
Extremadura	117.4	0.5	2.3	114.2	-0.2	0.7
Galicia	127.7	-1.1	2.4	123.0	-1.9	0.6
Madrid, Comunidad de	143.2	1.8	3.7	138.3	0.4	1.7
Murcia, Región de	124.3	1.1	3.1	121.0	0.4	1.5
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	123.2	1.6	3.8	119.0	0.6	1.8
País Vasco	126.5	0.2	3.0	122.1	-0.4	1.3
Rioja, La	129.7	2.2	3.6	124.8	1.2	1.8
Ceuta	113.5	0.3	0.1	110.1	-0.3	-0.8
Melilla	120.9	0.0	1.8	116.9	0.2	0.5

5. Employment Indices: General and by distribution type

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GENERAL INDEX	105.7	10	10	10
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Canarias	112.1	1.4	0.8	1.9
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Castilla y León	104.1	0.8	0.7	0.6
Castilla - La Mancha	103.0	1.0	0.1	-0.3
Cataluña	105.3	1.5	1.4	0.5
Comunitat Valenciana	108.1	0.7	1.1	1.9
Extremadura	104.1	0.7	0.7	1.0
Galicia	104.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Madrid, Comunidad de	107.1	1.0	0.8	1.6
Murcia, Región de	105.6	0.8	1.2	1.6
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Rioja, La	107.1	0.9	0.9	1.3
Ceuta	106.6	1.6	0.5	1.2
Melilla	106.1	0.7	1.9	1.6