

**Short-Term Stock and Inventory Survey (ECSE). Base 2015**  
Third quarter 2022. Provisional data

**The index of inventory levels in the Trade sector increases by  
17.3% in the annual rate**

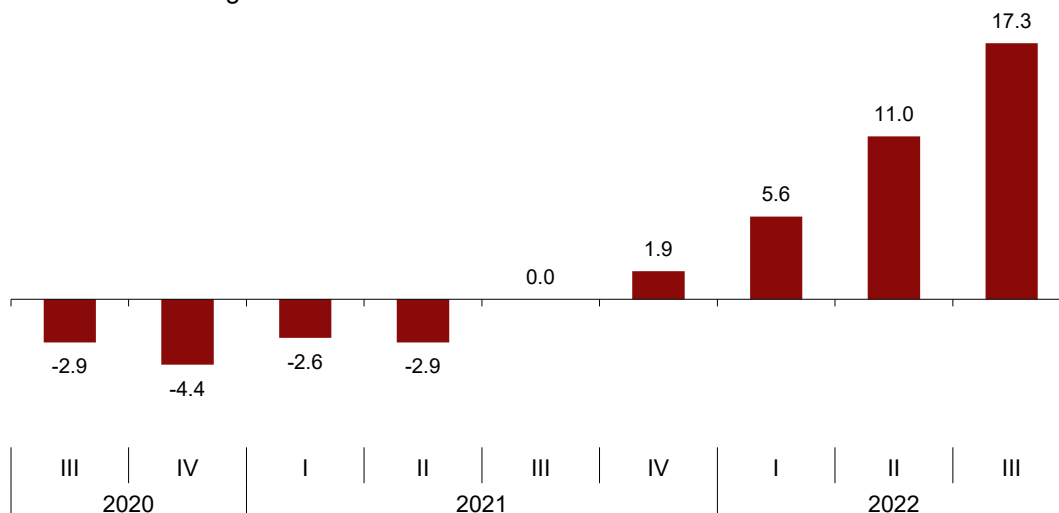
**Within the third quarter, the highest annual rate was registered in  
September, with an increase of 18.7%**

**Quarterly evolution of inventory levels in the Trade sector**

The general index of inventory levels in the Trade sector registered an annual variation of 17.3% in the third quarter of 2022. This rate was 6.3 points higher than that recorded for the second quarter.

**General index of inventory levels in the Trade sector**

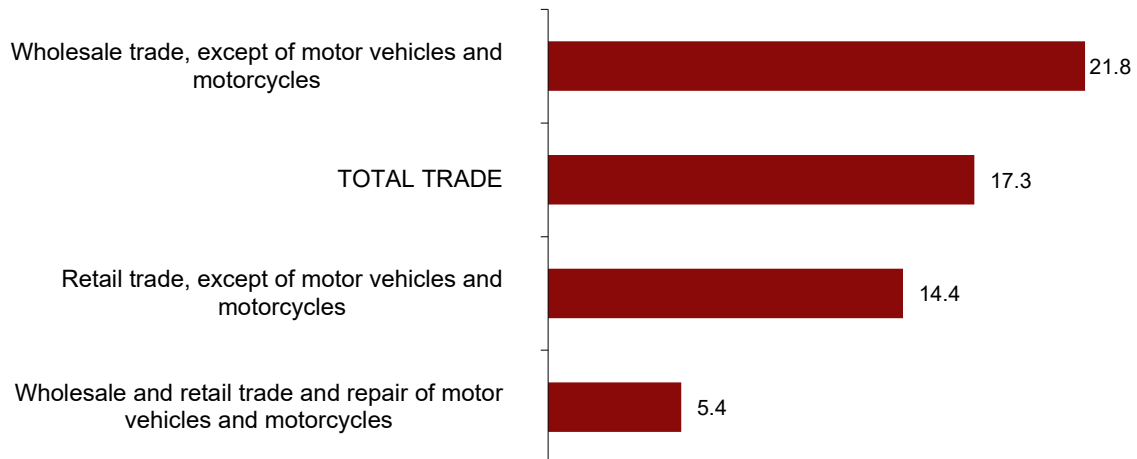
Annual rate. Percentage



All sectors showed positive annual rates. *Retail trade except for motor vehicles and motorcycles* recorded the lowest increase (21.8%).

**Inventory level indices in the Trade sector**

**General and by activity sector. II Quarter 2022.** Annual rate. Percentage



**Indices of inventory levels in the Trade sector by activity sector**

Annual rates and year-to-date average rates. Percentage

		Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles		Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles		Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	
		Annual	Year-to-date average	Annual	Year-to-date average	Annual	Year-to-date average
2020	III	-7.0	2.2	-1.8	-1.0	-2.0	-1.2
	IV	-12.4	-1.5	-2.4	-1.4	-2.6	-1.5
2021	I	-9.7	-9.7	-0.4	-0.4	-1.5	-1.5
	II	-16.6	-13.2	1.6	0.6	-0.9	-1.2
	III	-15.6	-13.9	5.6	2.3	-0.8	-1.1
	IV	-15.2	-14.2	8.0	3.7	1.0	-0.5
2022	I	-18.3	-18.3	14.4	14.4	4.6	4.6
	II	-9.5	-14.0	18.1	16.3	9.9	7.3
	III	5.4	-8.3	21.8	18.2	14.4	9.6

**Monthly evolution of inventory levels in the Trade sector**

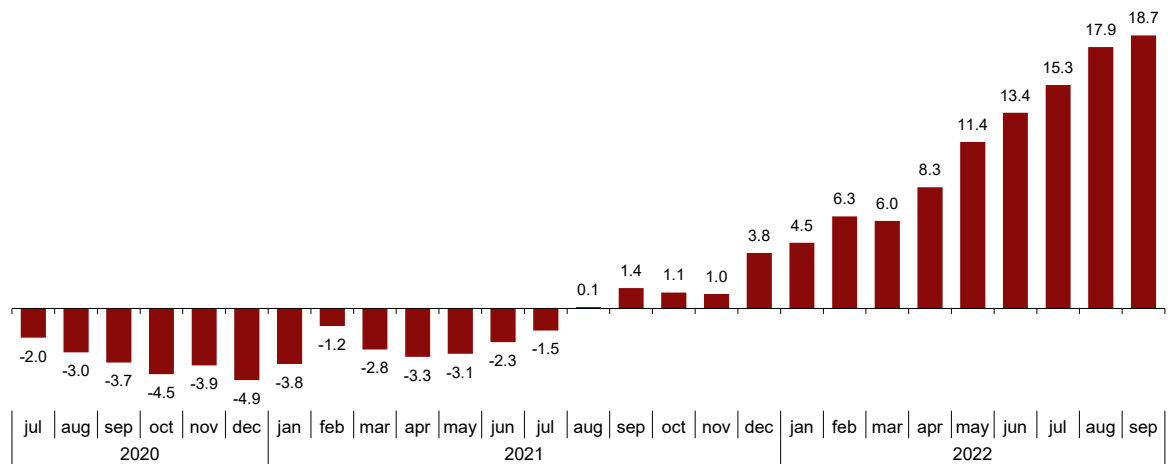
The general index of inventory levels in the Trade sector registered an annual variation of 15.3% in July. This rate is 1.9 points higher than that observed in June.

In August the increase was 17.9%, 2.6 points higher than that of July.

In September, the annual rate was 18.7%, which was eight tenths more than in August.

**General index of inventory levels in the Trade sector**

Annual rate. Percentage



All of the sectors registered positive annual rates in the months of July, August and September.

**Indices of inventory levels in the Trade sector by activity sector**

Annual rates and year-to-date average rates. Percentage

		Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles		Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles		Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	
		Annual	Year-to-date average	Annual	Year-to-date average	Annual	Year-to-date average
2021	July	-17.3	-13.7	4.2	1.1	-1.5	-1.2
	August	-14.9	-13.9	5.5	1.6	-0.7	-1.2
	September	-14.4	-13.9	7.2	2.3	-0.1	-1.1
	October	-15.9	-14.1	7.6	2.8	-0.8	-1.0
	November	-15.3	-14.2	6.4	3.1	0.8	-0.9
	December	-14.5	-14.2	10.0	3.7	3.2	-0.5
2022	January	-17.1	-17.1	12.3	12.3	3.5	3.5
	February	-19.2	-18.2	15.6	14.0	5.2	4.3
	March	-18.4	-18.3	15.2	14.4	5.0	4.6
	April	-14.2	-17.3	16.5	14.9	7.1	5.2
	May	-9.6	-15.8	18.9	15.7	10.0	6.2
	June	-4.0	-14.0	18.9	16.3	12.7	7.3
	July	0.7	-12.1	20.2	16.8	13.5	8.1
	August	5.1	-10.3	22.7	17.6	14.8	9.0
	September	10.6	-8.3	22.4	18.2	15.1	9.6

**Review and update of data**

Coinciding with today's publication, the INE has updated the data of the ECSE series in the Trade sector corresponding to the last five months. The results are available at INEBase.

## Methodological note

The main objective of the Short-term Stock and Inventory Survey (ECSE) is to provide the information necessary to obtain a short-term indicator that measures in the short-term the evolution of the value of inventory level in Trade and Industry.

At present, only the evolution of the level of inventories in the trade sector is published, for which a value index for the level of merchandise at the end of the month is calculated. The indices are published quarterly, although series are available both quarterly and monthly. The publication starts with the indices of the level of inventories in the Trade sector for January 2013.

**Type of survey:** quarterly continuous survey.

**Base year:** 2015.

**Population scope:** economic units whose main activity, classified according to CNAE-2009, is included in Section G: Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, except group 46.1: Wholesale on a fee or contract basis.

**Geographic scope:** the entire national territory except Ceuta and Melilla. For the statistical units whose main activity belongs to division 47 of the CNAE-2009: Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles also includes these Autonomous Cities.

**Sample size:** approximately 4,900 companies from the Retail Trade Indices (RTI) sample and 3,800 from the Services Sector Activity Indicators (SSAI) sample.

**Type of sampling:** stratified random sampling in companies from RTI and SSAI.

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

For more information you can access the methodology at:

[http://www.ine.es/metodologia/t37/t3730063\\_2015.pdf](http://www.ine.es/metodologia/t37/t3730063_2015.pdf)

And the standardised methodological report at:

<http://www.ine.es/dynt3/metadatos/en/RespuestaDatos.html?oe=30063>

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### 1. Inventory level indices for merchandise in the Trade sector General and by sector. Third quarter 2022.

	Index	Rate (%)		
		Quarterly	Annual	Year-to-date average
<b>Total trade</b>	136.9	4.6	17.3	11.3
Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	132.1	0.0	5.4	-8.3
Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	150.4	6.7	21.8	18.2
Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	114.3	2.5	14.4	9.6

### 2. Inventory level indices for merchandise in the Trade sector General and by sector. July, August and September 2022

	Index	Rate (%)		
		Monthly	Annual	Year-to-date average
<b>Total trade</b>				
July	133.4	0.3	15.3	9.3
August	136.8	2.6	17.9	10.4
September	140.3	2.5	18.7	11.3
Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles				
July	129.5	-2.2	0.7	-12.1
August	130.5	0.8	5.1	-10.3
September	136.4	4.5	10.6	-8.3
Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles				
July	145.7	1.3	20.2	16.8
August	151.2	3.8	22.7	17.6
September	154.3	2.0	22.4	18.2
Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles				
July	112.7	-0.8	13.5	8.1
August	113.5	0.7	14.8	9.0
September	116.6	2.7	15.1	9.6

**3. Inventory level indices for merchandise in the Trade sector**  
**General and by sector. Annual rate by period. Percentage**

		Total Trade	Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and	Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles
2018		5.1	11.2	6.2	-1.0
2019		3.8	7.6	4.0	0.6
2020		-1.4	-1.5	-1.4	-1.5
2021		-0.9	-14.2	3.7	-0.5
2022 <sup>1</sup>		11.3	-8.3	18.2	9.6
2020	III	-2.9	-7.0	-1.8	-2.0
	IV	-4.4	-12.4	-2.4	-2.6
2021	I	-2.6	-9.7	-0.4	-1.5
	II	-2.9	-16.6	1.6	-0.9
	III	0.0	-15.6	5.6	-0.8
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2022	I	5.6	-18.3	14.4	4.6
	II	11.0	-9.5	18.1	9.9
	III	17.3	5.4	21.8	14.4
2021	July	-1.5	-17.3	4.2	-1.5
	August	0.1	-14.9	5.5	-0.7
	September	1.4	-14.4	7.2	-0.1
	October	1.1	-15.9	7.6	-0.8
	November	1.0	-15.3	6.4	0.8
	December	3.8	-14.5	10.0	3.2
2022	January	4.5	-17.1	12.3	3.5
	February	6.3	-19.2	15.6	5.2
	March	6.0	-18.4	15.2	5.0
	April	8.3	-14.2	16.5	7.1
	May	11.4	-9.6	18.9	10.0
	June	13.4	-4.0	18.9	12.7
	July	15.3	0.7	20.2	13.5
	August	17.9	5.1	22.7	14.8
	September	18.7	10.6	22.4	15.1

Note 1: Annual rate calculated as the variation of the period elapsed in the current year as compared with the same period of the previous year.

**4. Inventory level indices for merchandise in the Trade sector**

**General and by sector. Rate compared with the last month of the previous quarter. Percentage**

		Total Trade	Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles and	Wholesale trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles	Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles
2020	September	-2.9	-15.3	0.6	-0.2
	December	-1.0	-1.9	-1.2	0.1
2021	March	3.2	12.0	1.6	0.5
	June	-1.5	-12.8	2.4	-1.1
	September	0.7	-10.6	4.3	0.4
	December	1.4	-2.0	1.4	3.4
2022	March	5.4	6.8	6.4	2.3
	June	5.3	2.5	5.7	6.1
	September	5.4	3.0	7.3	2.5