

Sales in the retail trade sector of the Basque Country increased by 1.0% on a year-on-year basis in the third quarter of 2015

Retail trade sales rose by 2.5% in constant terms once the price effect had been eliminated

The retail trade sector of the Basque Country posted a 1.0% increase in nominal sales in the third quarter of 2015 with regards to the same quarter of the previous year in homogenous terms of the working calendar, according to data provided by Eustat.

With respect to the previous quarter, sales in the retail sector were up a nominal 0.2%, once any seasonal effects had been eliminated.

Table 1. Retail trade index of the Basque Country. Year-on-year and quarter-on-quarter growth rates. III/2015

	CURRENT PRICES		CONSTANT PRICES	
	q / q-4	q / q-1	q / q-4	q / q-1
SALES INDEX by historic territory				
Basque Country	1,0	0,2	2,5	0,7
Araba	0,5	0,2	3,5	1,4
Bizkaia	1,4	0,4	2,5	0,5
Gipuzkoa	0,6	-0,3	2,1	0,8
SALES INDEX by sector				
Food	0,7	0,5	-0,3	-0,3
Specialized in food	-3,5	-0,6	-5,7	-1,6
Non specialized but predominantly food	3,1	1,7	2,8	1,4
Rest of products	4,0	1,5	4,4	1,9
Specialized in personal equipment	2,6	1,8	2,8	3,8
Specialized in household equipment	6,6	1,3	7,6	1,2
Specialized in other consumer goods	4,9	2,1	5,4	2,2
Non specialized but predominantly non food products	2,1	0,6	2,5	0,4
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-11,8	-3,5	2,6	-1,4
SALES INDEX except automotive fuel	2,6	1,1	2,5	1,0
EMPLOYMENT INDEX				
Basque Country	0,0	0,1		

q / q-4 Year-on-year growth. Data corrected for calendar effects

q / q-1 Quarter-on-quarter growth. Seasonally adjusted data

Source: Eustat. Retail trade index (ICIm)

By sector, food products registered a rise of 0.7% in nominal sales in the third quarter of 2015, retail trade of other products saw a rise of 4.0% and sales of automotive fuel dropped by 11.8%.

In the retail food sector, specialised trade was down by 3.5%, as non-specialised trade in mainly food products rose by 3.1%. There were increases in all sectors of retail trade for other products: specialised trade in household equipment rose by 6.6%, specialised trade of other consumer goods grew 4.9%, specialised trade in personal equipment increased by 2.6%, and non-specialised trade in mainly other products saw a 2.1% rise.

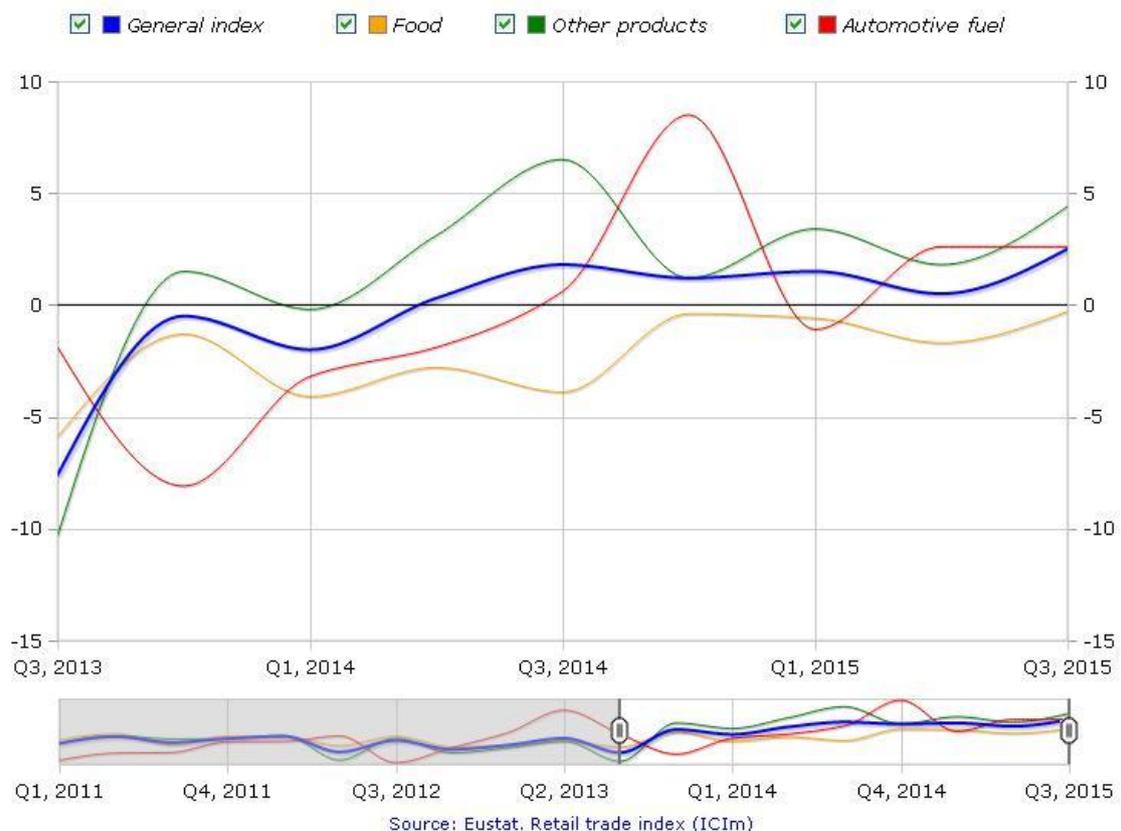
By Province, there were increases in the third quarter of 2015 in nominal sales in the retail sector in the three provinces: in Bizkaia, a year-on-year upturn of 1.4% was posted, in Gipuzkoa it was 0.6% and Álava saw a 0.5% increase in nominal sales.

In constant prices, or prices without the price effect, sales in the retail sector rose by 2.5% in the third quarter, in year-on-year terms

For their part, retail trade sales, not including service stations, also posted an upturn in constant terms of 2.5% with respect to the third quarter of 2014.

In more disaggregated terms, trade in the retail food sector registered a negative 0.3% rate of growth, whereas for other products there was an increase of 4.4% with respect to the same quarter of 2014, all in real rates. Retail sales of automotive fuel, for its part, increased by 2.6% at constant prices.

Year-on-year variation rate of the retail trade index of the Basque Country (%). Constant prices



Within retail food trade the year-on-year trend in real terms for specialised food trade was negative, with a fall of 5.7%, whereas non-specialised retail trade in mainly food

posted an upturn of 2.8%. There were increases in all sectors of retail trade for other products. Specialised trade in household equipment grew by 7.6%, specialised trade of other consumer goods rose by 5.4%, specialised trade in personal equipment was up 2.8% and non-specialised retail trade in mainly other products increased by 2.5%.

Álava registered an increase at constant prices and a year-on-year rate of 3.5%, Bizkaia saw a 2.5% increase and in Gipuzkoa it rose by 2.1%.

With regards to the previous quarter, there was a rise of 0.7% in real retail trade sales in the Basque Country, once seasonal effects had been eliminated.

The number of people employed in the retail trade sector in the Basque Country overall in the third quarter of 2015 was up by 0.1% on the second quarter of 2015.

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