

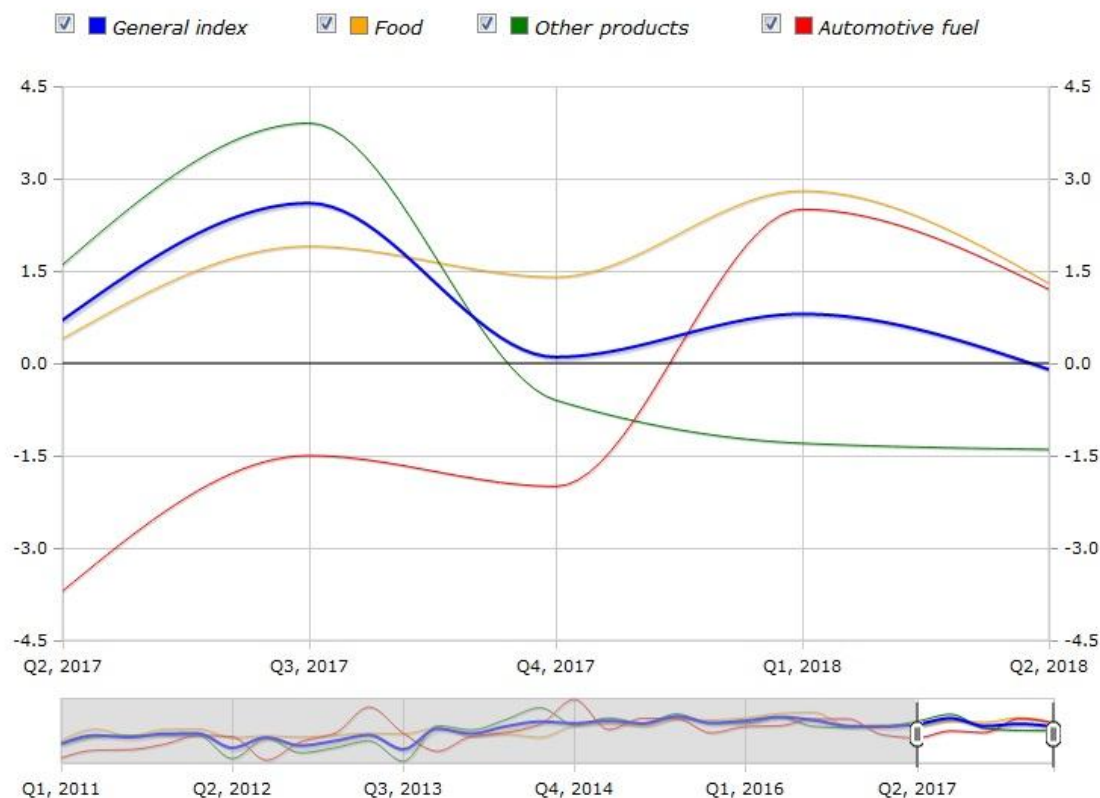
Sales in the retail trade sector of the Basque Country dropped by 0.1% in the second quarter of 2018

Not including petrol stations, retail trade was down 0.2% at constant prices

The retail trade sector of the Basque Country registered a 0.1% rise in nominal sales in the second quarter of 2018 with regards to the same period of the previous year, once the price effect had been discounted, according to data provided by Eustat. Sales in the sector, not including service stations, were down by 0.2% in year-on-year terms.

With respect to the previous quarter, the sales index was up 0.1% in real terms, once any seasonal effects had been eliminated.

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



Source: Eustat. Retail trade index (ICIm)

By sector, food products registered a rise of 1.3% in sales in the second quarter of 2018, but retail trade of other products was down 1.4%; sales of automotive fuel were up 1.2%, all with regards to the second quarter of 2017 and at constant prices.

In the retail food sector, specialised trade was down by 2.2%, as non-specialised trade in mainly food products rose by 3.0%.

There were decreases in all sectors of retail trade for other products. Specialised trade in personal equipment fell by 1.6% and the sector specialising in household equipment was down 0.6%; specialised trade in other consumer goods registered the largest decrease, 2.8%, and, finally, non-specialised trade in mainly other products was down 0.4%, all at constant prices.

By province, in both Álava and Gipuzkoa there was an increase of 0.1% in year-on-year sales, in real terms. However, in Bizkaia there was a decrease of 0.3% compared to the second quarter of 2017.

The number of people employed in the retail trade sector in the Basque Country overall in the second quarter of 2018 was up by 0.3% with respect to the same quarter of the previous year, and was also up by 0.3% on the first quarter of 2018.

Table 1. Retail trade index of the Basque Country. Year-on-year and quarter-on-quarter growth rates. II/2018

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

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)

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