

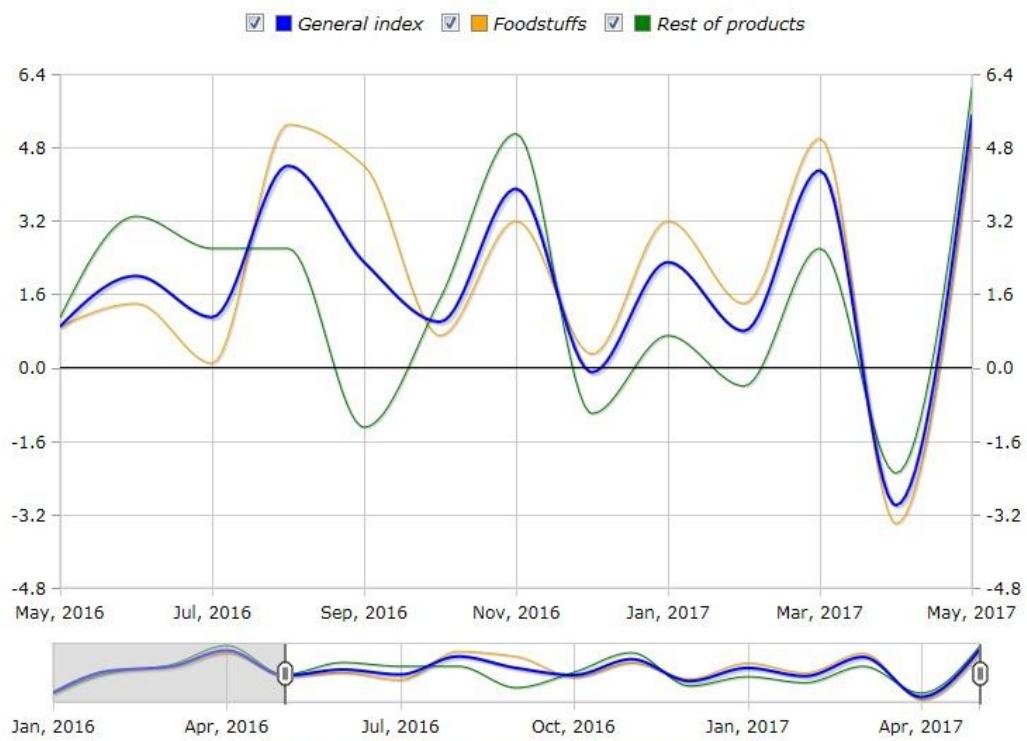
LARGE STORES AND FOOD CHAINS TRADE INDEX OF THE BASQUE COUNTRY, MAY 2017

The sales index of large stores and food chains in the Basque Country rose by 5.5% in May 2017

The balance of the first five months of 2017 closed with 1.9% growth

Sales at large stores and food chains in the Basque Country in May 2017 experienced a year-on-year upturn at constant prices of 5.5% in homogenous terms of the working calendar, according to the new Large Stores and Food Chains Index created by Eustat. Compared to April, sales were up 1.8% in deseasonalised terms.

Year-on-year growth rate of the index of trade by large stores and food chains in the Basque Country. (%)
 Corrected for calendar effects. Constant prices



Source: Eustat. Large Stores and Food Chains Trade Index-IGSC

Sales of food products at large stores and food chains reflected a rise of 5.1%, and sales corresponding to other items were also up by 6.1%.

There were increases in the three provinces: 5.7% in Bizkaia, 5.6% in Gipuzkoa, and 4.3% in Álava.

Over the first five months of the year as a whole, sales in large stores and food chains in the Basque Country were up 1.9% with respect to the same period of the previous year, in homogeneous terms of the working calendar and at constant prices. In this period, food sales at large stores and food chains saw a 2.3% upturn overall, and other products saw an increase of 1.3%.

By province, in Álava sales at large stores and food chains in the first five months of the year rose by 0.9% at constant prices and with respect to the same period of the

previous year; they were up in Bizkaia by 2.2%, and in Gipuzkoa a 1.9% rise was recorded.

The number of individuals employed in large stores and food chains in the Basque Country rose by 0.9% in May 2017 compared to April 2017, in deseasonalised terms.

Table 1. Large Stores and Food Chains Trade Index of the Basque Country. Year-on-year and month-on-month growth rates. May. 2017

| | CONSTANT PRICES | | |
|--|-----------------|------------|------------------|
| | m / m-12 | m / m-1 | A (m) / A (m-12) |
| SALES INDEX by historic territory | | | |
| Basque Country | 5,5 | 1,8 | 1,9 |
| Araba/Álava | 4,3 | 2,7 | 0,9 |
| Bizkaia | 5,7 | 1,4 | 2,2 |
| Gipuzkoa | 5,6 | 2,0 | 1,9 |
| SALES INDEX by sector | | | |
| Food | 5,1 | 2,2 | 2,3 |
| Non food products | 6,1 | 0,9 | 1,3 |
| EMPLOYMENT INDEX | | | |
| Basque Country | 4,9 | 0,9 | 3,8 |

m / m-12 Year-on-year growth. Data corrected for calendar effects

m / m-1 Month-on-month growth. Seasonally adjusted data

A(m) / A(m-12) Year-on-year variation rate for the accumulated period from January to the current month of current year compared to the same accumulated period last year

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