

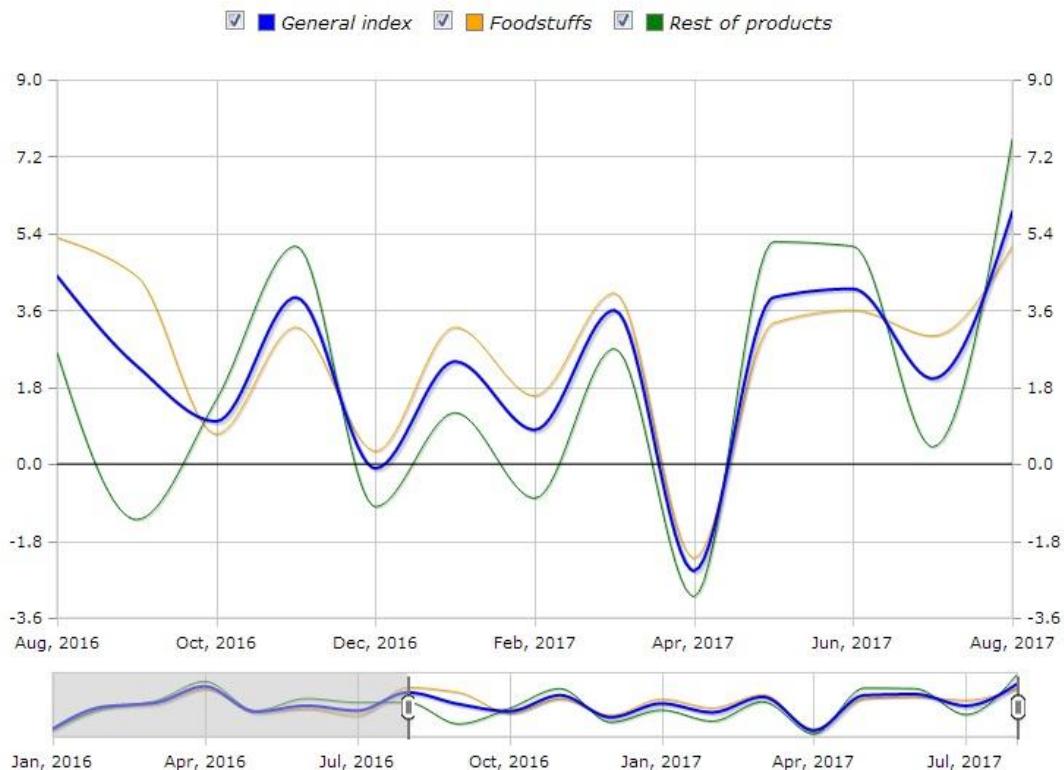
LARGE STORES AND FOOD CHAINS TRADE INDEX (IGSC). AUGUST 2017

## The sales index of large stores and food chains in the Basque Country rose by 5.9% in August 2017

***The balance of the first eight months of 2017 closed with 2.5% growth***

Sales at large stores and food chains in the Basque Country in August 2017 experienced a year-on-year upturn at constant prices of 5.9% in homogenous terms of the working calendar, according to Eustat data. Compared to July, sales were up 2.2% 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 7.6%.

There were increases in the three provinces: 6.6% in Bizkaia, 6.3% in Álava, and 4.7% in Gipuzkoa.

Over the first eight months of the year as a whole, sales in large stores and food chains in the Basque Country were up 2.5% 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 saw a 2.7% upturn overall and other products saw an increase of 2.2%.

By province, in Bizkaia sales in the first eight months of the year rose by 2.6% at constant prices and with respect to the same period of the previous year; they were up by 2.5% in Gipuzkoa, and in Álava 2.2% rise was recorded.

The number of individuals employed in large stores and food chains in the Basque Country rose by 3.9% compared to the same month of the previous year.

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

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

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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