

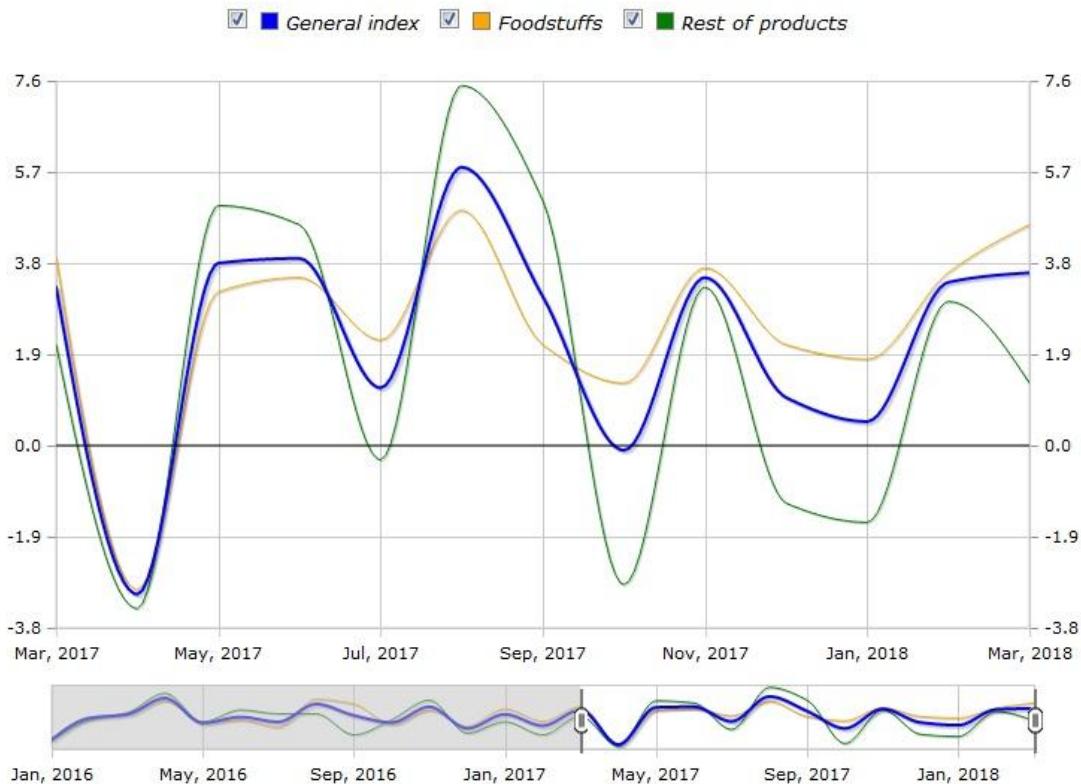
LARGE STORES AND FOOD CHAINS TRADE INDEX (IGSC). MARCH 2018

Sales in large stores and food chains in the Basque Country rose by 3.6% in March 2018

The accumulated rate for the first quarter of the year closed with 2.4% growth

Sales at large stores and food chains in the Basque Country in March 2018 experienced a year-on-year upturn at constant prices of 3.6% in homogenous terms of the working calendar, according to Eustat data. Compared to February, sales were up 0.5% 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 were up 4.6%, and sales corresponding to other items experienced a rise of 1.3%, with respect to the same month of the previous year.

There were rises in all three provinces: Bizkaia saw an increase of 3.9%, in Álava there was a rise of 3.7% and in Gipuzkoa sales were up by 3.0%, in all cases over the year-on-year period.

Compared to the previous month, February 2018, food sales have increased by 0.8% and there was no variation in other items (0.0%) at constant prices and in deseasonalised terms.

The number of individuals employed in large stores and food chains in the Basque Country rose by 3.0% compared to the same month of the previous year. It was also up 0.2% on the previous month, 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. March. 2018

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

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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