

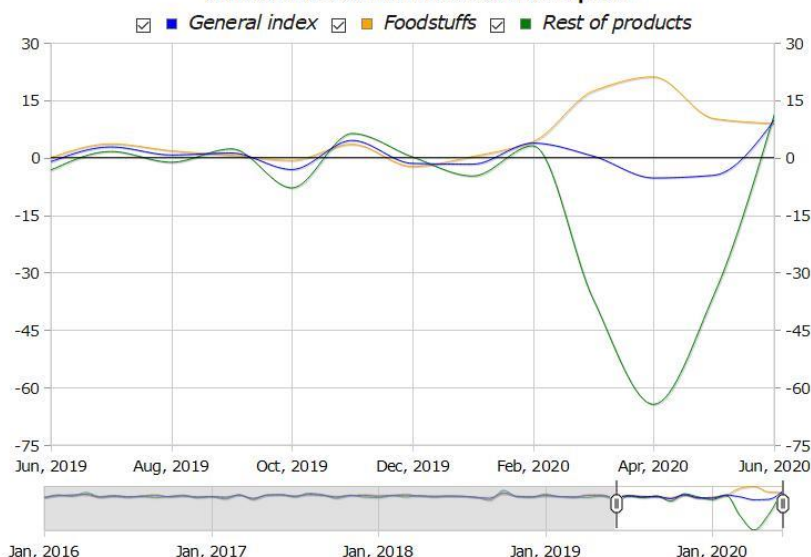
Sales in large stores and food chains in the Basque Country rose by 9.7% in June 2020

Sales of food products grew by 8.9%, while sales of other products were up 11.2%

Sales at large stores and food chains in the Basque Country in June 2020 experienced a year-on-year increase at constant prices of 9.7% in homogenous terms of the working calendar, according to Eustat data. Compared to May 2020, sales were up 14.9% 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 year-on-year rise of 8.9%, and sales corresponding to other items experienced an upturn of 11.2%, with respect to the same month of the previous year, once corrected for calendar effects.

In relation to May, and once corrected for seasonal effects, food sales at constant prices were down -2.5%, whereas sales of other products increased by 74.6%, primarily due to the complete reopening of establishments in June 2020.

Large Stores and Food Chains Trade Index of the Basque Country. Year-on-year and month-on-month growth rates. June 2020 (p)

	CONSTANT PRICES		
	m / m-12	m / m-1	A (m) / A (m-12)
SALES INDEX by historic territory			
Basque Country	9,7	14,9	0,3
Araba/Álava	11,5	15,7	1,3
Bizkaia	9,5	17,2	-1,1
Gipuzkoa	9,1	10,9	2,3
SALES INDEX by sector			
Food	8,9	-2,5	10,5
Non food products	11,2	74,6	-20,0
EMPLOYMENT INDEX			
Basque Country	1,2	0,1	1,5

(p) provisional data

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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By province, all three registered a year-on-year increase in sales at constant prices, with a rise, once corrected for calendar effects, of 11.5% in Álava; 9.5% in Bizkaia; and 9.1% in Gipuzkoa. Performance was also positive in relation to the previous month: sales were up 15.7% in Álava; 17.2% in Bizkaia; and 10.9% in Gipuzkoa.

In the accumulated total for January to June 2020, the Sales index in large stores and food chains was up 0.3%, due to the 20.0% decrease in sales of other products, given that food sales registered an accumulated increase of 10.5%. The provinces of Álava and Bizkaia posted increases in the year-to-date of 1.3% and 2.3% respectively, whereas the year-to-date trend was negative in the case of Gipuzkoa with a decrease of 1.1%, all at constant prices and in homogeneous terms of the working calendar.

The number of people employed in large stores and food chains in the Basque Country rose by 1.2% compared to the same month of the previous year and was up 0.1% on the previous month, in deseasonalised terms. In the accumulated total for these six months of 2020 the number of people employed was up 1.5% on the same period of 2019.

Included as persons employed considered in this and other short-term indices, are those covered by an ERTE (Temporary Labour Force Adjustment Plan), following the definition of persons employed indicated by the Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat) in its manual [Methodology of Short Term Business Statistics](#).

NOTE ON THE EFFECT OF THE COVID-19 CRISIS ON THE LARGE STORES AND FOOD CHAINS TRADE INDEX

The state of alarm declared in Royal Decree 463/2020 of 14 March in order to manage the health crisis caused by COVID-19 ended on 21 June. The exceptional measures adopted during the state of alarm have had a direct impact on the establishments that participate in this index.

Eustat would like to thank all the establishments that have collaborated in making this effort despite the extraordinary circumstances. As a result, the June index was calculated with **88.10% coverage** of the sample - whose information was collected during July.

The models used in the correction of calendar effects and deseasonalisation of the series include the effect of COVID-19 on the variables studied, following the recommendations of the Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat) (Eurostat) in its methodological note [Guidance on Time Series Treatment in the context of the COVID-19 crisis](#).

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