

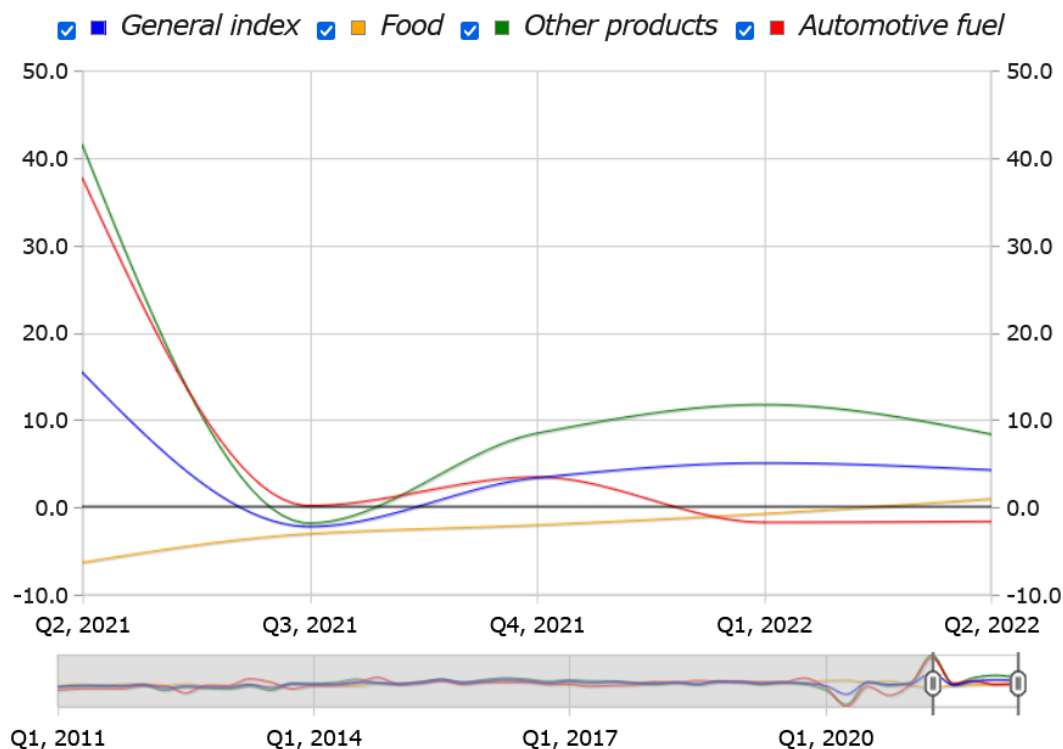
Retail sector sales in the Basque Country were up 4.2% in the second quarter of 2022

With regard to the previous quarter, the increase stood at 0.8%

The retail sector in the Basque Country grew sales by 4.2% in the second quarter of 2022 compared to the same quarter of the previous year, after calendar adjustment and at constant prices, according to Eustat data. Sales in the sector, excluding service stations, increased by 4.8% in relation to the second quarter of 2021.

Compared to the previous quarter, and once any seasonal effects had been eliminated, the sales index in the second quarter of 2022 rose by 0.8%.

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



Source: Eustat. Retail trade index (ICIm)

By sectors, in relation to the second quarter of 2021, sales at constant prices in *Other Products*, excluding food, grew by 8.3% during the second quarter of 2022. Also, but to a lesser degree, sales in the *Food* sector have had positive results, up 0.9%. In contrast, the *Automotive Fuel* sector was down 1.7%.

Compared to the first quarter of 2022, in deseasonalised terms and at constant prices, sales in *Food* and in *Other Products* rose by 0.2% and 0.9%, respectively. However, sales in *Automotive Fuel* were down 0.1%.

Retail Trade Index in the Basque Country. Inter-annual and inter-mensual variation rates (p). 2022/II




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| | Constant prices | | |
|--|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| | t / t-4 | t / t-1 | At / At-4 |
| SALES INDEX by historic territory | | | |
| Basque Country | 4,2 | 0,8 | 4,6 |
| Araba/Álava | 1,8 | 0,6 | 0,5 |
| Bizkaia | 4,5 | 1,0 | 4,2 |
| Gipuzkoa | 5,0 | 0,7 | 7,3 |
| SALES INDEX by sector | | | |
| Foodstuffs | 0,9 | 0,2 | 0,0 |
| Establishments specialized in food | 3,1 | -0,3 | 3,0 |
| Nonspecialist establishments mainly selling food products | -0,1 | -1,2 | -1,3 |
| Rest of products | 8,3 | 0,9 | 9,9 |
| Establishments specialising in personal equipment | 20,3 | 3,9 | 16,4 |
| Establishments specialising in household equipment | 6,1 | -2,6 | 16,1 |
| Establishments specialising in other consumer goods | -0,8 | 0,6 | -2,7 |
| Nonspecialist establishments mainly selling other products | -4,6 | 0,6 | -6,5 |
| Automotive fuel | -1,7 | -0,1 | -1,7 |
| GENERAL INDEX without service station | 4,8 | 0,6 | 5,1 |
| PERSONNEL INDEX | | | |
| Basque Country | 0,9 | -0,1 | 2,3 |

(p)Provisional data

t / t-4 Year-on-year variation. Data corrected for calendar effects

t / t-1 Interquarterly variation. Deseasonalised data

At / A(t-4) Year-on-year variation rate in the accumulated period from the 1st quarter to the last quarter observed (At) with regards to the same accumulated period in the previous year (A(t-4))

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Source: Eustat. Retail Trade Index (ICIm)

Within the *Food* retail trade, *Specialised trade in food, beverages and tobacco* (establishments such as greengrocers, butchers and fishmongers) increased by 3.1% in relation to the second quarter of 2021. By contrast, retail trade that is *Non-specialised with food, beverages and tobacco predominating* (primarily supermarkets and hypermarkets), decreased by 0.1%.

In the retail trade of *Other Products*, the evolution of sales in the second quarter of 2022 in relation to the same quarter of the previous year was not homogeneous. Thus, *Specialised trade in personal goods*, including, clothes, footwear, cosmetic or hygiene products, among others, increased by 20.3% and *Specialised trade in household goods*

(domestic appliances, furniture and telecommunications equipment) by 6.1%. On the other hand, sales in *Specialised in other consumer goods* (sports items, games or toys) and *Non-specialised trade with other products predominating* (by mail order or online) fell by 0.8% and 4.6%, respectively.

By province, the sales index for the second quarter of 2022 registered a year-on-year increase of 5.0% in Gipuzkoa, 4.5% in Bizkaia and 1.8% in Álava. Also, in quarter-on-quarter terms, the evolution of sales was positive in all the provinces, up 1.0% in Bizkaia, 0.7% in Gipuzkoa and 0.6% in Álava.

The number of people employed in the retail trade sector in the whole of the Basque Country in the second quarter of 2022 rose 0.9% in relation to the second quarter of the previous year. Compared to the first quarter of 2022, it was down 0.1%.

NOTE

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](#).

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