

Sales in the Basque Country retail sector rose by 0.7% in the third quarter of 2023

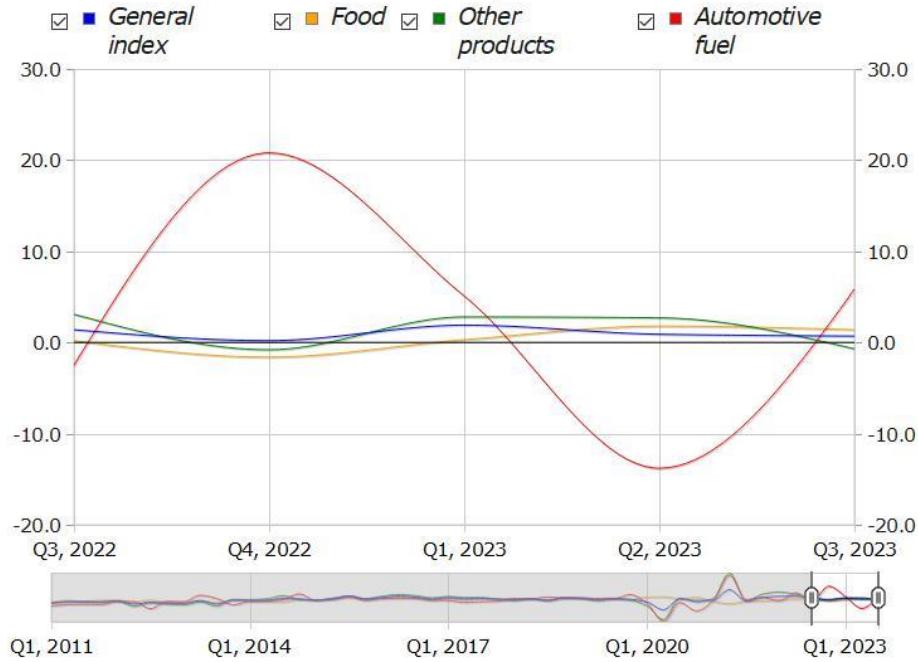
In the cumulative total for the first three quarters of 2023, retail trade sales increased by 1.1%

In the third quarter of 2023 sales in the retail trade sector of the Basque Country rose by 0.7% compared to the same quarter of the previous year, once corrected for calendar effects and at constant prices, according to Eustat data. Without taking service stations into consideration, the year-on-year increase in sales stood at 0.3%.

In respect of the previous quarter, once seasonal effects had been eliminated, the sales index decreased by 0.1% during the third quarter of 2023.

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

Constant prices



Source: Eustat. Retail trade index (ICIm)

Sales at constant prices in *Food products* increased by 1.4% in relation to the third quarter of 2022. However, in the *Other products* sector, there was a year-on-year decrease in sales of 0.7%. Lastly, in the *Automotive Fuel* sector, sales were up 5.8% on those observed in the same quarter of the previous year.

Compared to the second quarter of 2023, in deseasonalised terms and at constant prices, sales in *Food* increased by 0.2%, while in *Other products* sales decreased by 2.4%. Sales in *Automotive fuel* obtained a positive result, with a quarter-on-quarter increase of 4.8%.

Retail Trade Index in the Basque Country. Inter-annual and inter-mensual variation rates (p). 2023/III

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

(p)Provisional data

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

t / t-1 Interquarterly variation. Deseasonalised data

At / At(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 (At(t-4))

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Source: Eustat. Retail Trade Index (IClm)

Within the *Food* retail trade, sales in *Specialised trade in food, beverages and tobacco* (establishments such as greengrocers, butchers and fishmongers) decreased by 2.0% in relation to the third quarter of 2022. In contrast, sales in retail trade that is *Non-specialised with food, beverages and tobacco predominating* (primarily supermarkets and hypermarkets), increased by 3.0% in year-on-year terms.

Within the retail trade of *Other Products*, sales in the *Specialised trade in other consumer goods* sector (including, for example, sporting goods, games and toys) rose by 5.6% compared to the third quarter of the previous year. In the *Specialised trade in consumer goods* (clothes, footwear, cosmetic or hygiene products) sector, sales increased by 5.0%. In the *Non-specialised trade with other products predominating* sector (mail order or online), the year-on-year increase in sales stood at 3.3%. However, in the *Household amenities* sector (domestic appliances, furniture and telecommunications equipment), sales decreased by 8.8%.

By province, the sales index in the third quarter of 2023 registered a year-on-year increase of 2.9% in Bizkaia and 1.1% in Álava. However, in Gipuzkoa there was a decrease of 2.6%.

In relation to the previous quarter, the evolution in sales was positive only in the province of Bizkaia, with quarter-on-quarter growth of 0.7%. In Álava, sales fell in the third quarter by 0.3% in quarter-on-quarter terms and in Gipuzkoa they decreased by 1.2%.

The number of people employed in the retail trade sector in the Basque Country as a whole in the third quarter of 2023 rose by 1.2% in relation to the third quarter of the previous year. With respect to the second quarter of the year, the increase stood at 0.3%.

NOTE

Eustat would like to thank all the establishments that have collaborated with gathering information. As a result, the index for this quarter was calculated with **95.3%** coverage of the sample.

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