

Retail trade sales in the Basque Country rose by 2.5% in the first quarter of 2025.

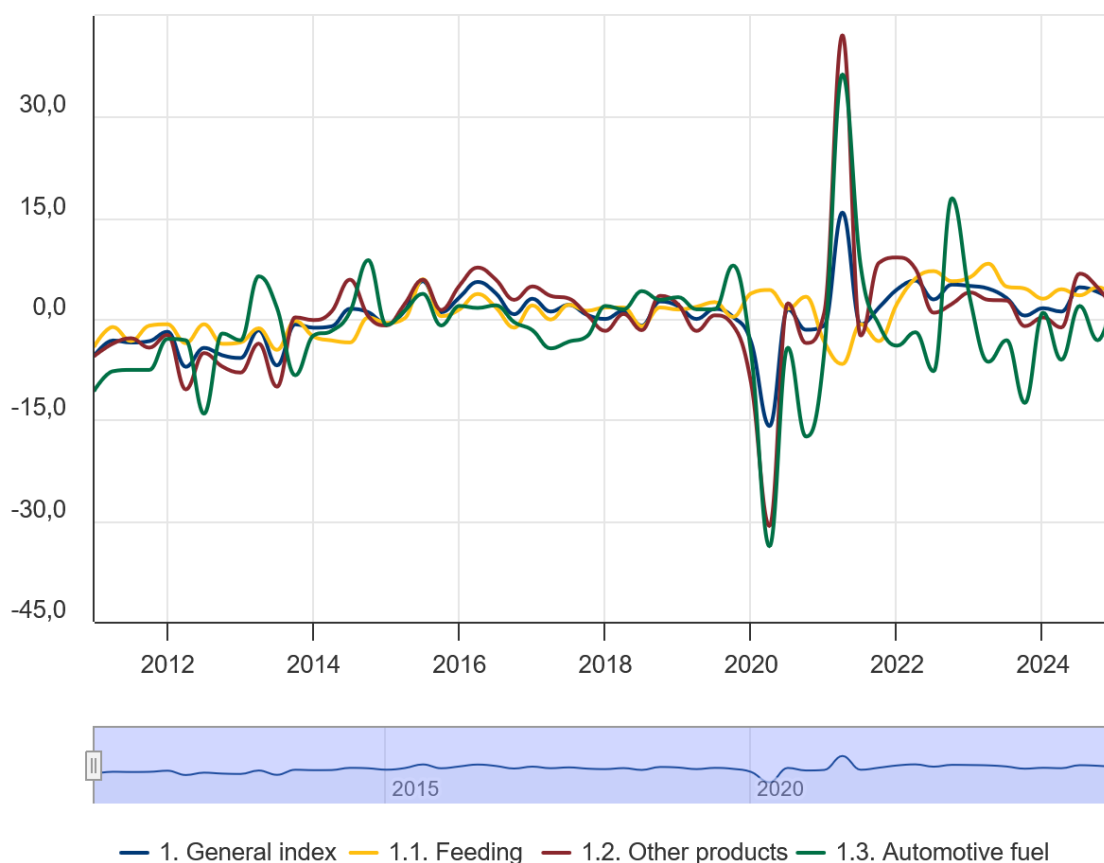
In relation to the previous quarter, the increase in sales stood at 0.4%

In the first quarter of 2025 sales in the retail trade sector of the Basque Country rose by 2.5% 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 was 2.3%.

In respect of the previous quarter, once seasonal effects had been eliminated, the sales index increased by 0.4% during the first quarter of 2025.

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*, in *Other Products* and in the *Automotive fuel* sector increased by 3.4% ,1.1% and 4.7% respectively compared to the same quarter of 2024.

In comparison to the fourth quarter of 2024, in deseasonalised terms and at constant prices, sales in *Automotive fuel* registered growth of 5.0%, while sales in *Food Products* and *Other Products* were down 0.3% and 1.0%, respectively.

Retail Trade Index in the Basque Country. Inter-annual and inter-mensual variation rates (p). 2025/I

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

(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 Products* sector, sales have increased both in *Specialised trade in food, beverages and tobacco* (establishments such as greengrocers, butchers, fishmongers, etc.) and in *Non-specialised trade with food products, beverages and tobacco predominating* (mainly supermarkets and hypermarkets), by 3.4% compared to the first quarter of 2024.

With regard to sales in *Other products*, in the *Specialised trade in personal goods* sector (clothes, footwear, cosmetic and hygiene products), there has been no variation in sales in year-on-year terms. On the other hand, the *Specialised trade in household goods* sector (including domestic appliances, furniture and telecommunications equipment), increased by 2.9%, and the *Specialised trade in other consumer goods* sector (including, among others, sporting goods, games and toys) had a 4.1% increase. In contrast, sales in the *Non-specialised trade with other products predominating* sector (by mail order or online) fell by 3.0%.

The retail trade sales index for the first quarter of 2025 registered a year-on-year increase in all three provinces. In Álava the index rose by 3.5%, in Gipuzkoa by 2.7% and in Bizkaia the increase was 2.1%.

Compared to the previous quarter, the evolution in sales was also positive in Álava and Gipuzkoa, with increases of 1.3% and 0.5% respectively. However, in Bizkaia, sales were down 0.1% in quarter-on-quarter terms.

The number of people employed in the retail trade sector in the Basque Country as a whole in the first quarter of 2025 did not vary compared to the first quarter of the previous year. However, compared to the fourth quarter of 2024, employment fell by 0.2%.

NOTE

Year-on-year variations are calculated using the series corrected for calendar effects, and month-on-month variations are calculated using the deseasonalised series.

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