

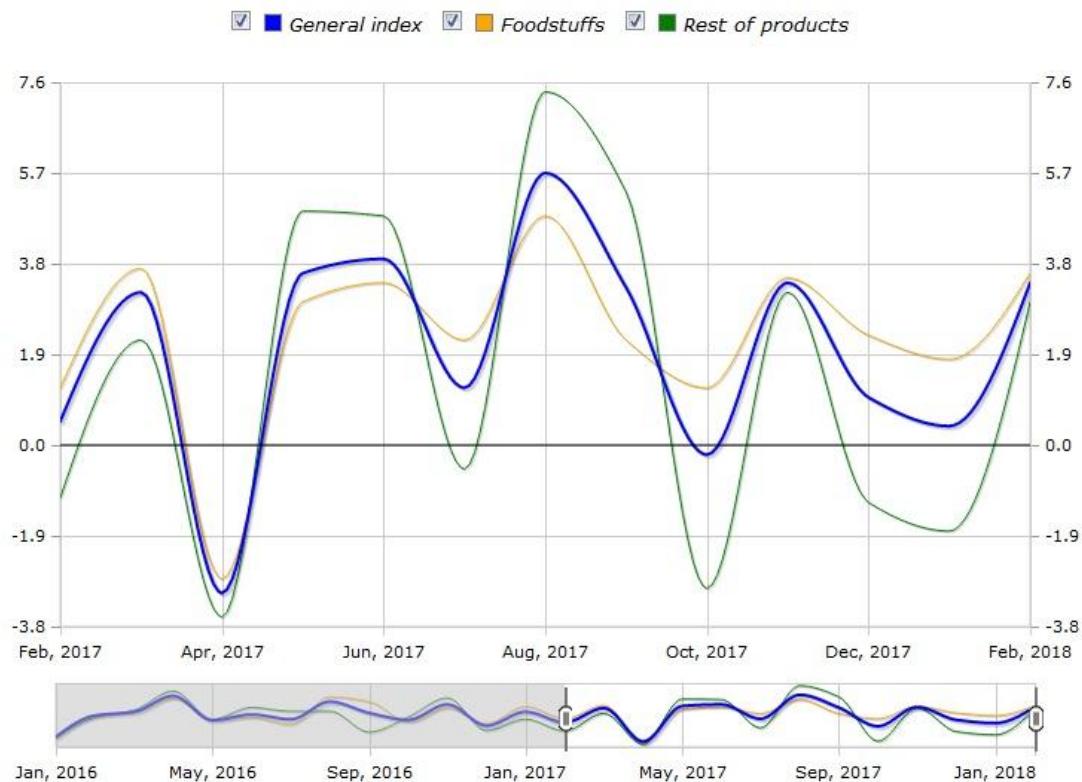
LARGE STORES AND FOOD CHAINS TRADE INDEX (IGSC). FEBRUARY 2018

## Sales in large stores and food chains in the Basque Country rose by 3.4% in February 2018

***The accumulated rate for the first two months of 2017 closed with 1.8% growth***

Sales at large stores and food chains in the Basque Country in February 2018 experienced a year-on-year upturn at constant prices of 3.4% in homogenous terms of the working calendar, according to Eustat data. Compared to January, sales were up 0.8% 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 3.6%, and sales corresponding to other items experienced a rise of 3.0%, with respect to the same month of the previous year.

There were rises in all three provinces: Gipuzkoa saw an increase of 4.1%, in Bizkaia there was a rise of 3.3% and in Álava sales were up by 1.9%, in all cases over the year-on-year period.

Compared to the previous month, January 2018, food sales have increased by 0.6% and there was no variation in other items (1.3%) at constant prices and in deseasonalised terms.

By province, compared to the previous month, January 2018, at constant prices and in deseasonalised terms, Gipuzkoa saw a rise of 0.9%, Bizkaia was up 0.8% and Álava 0.5%.

The number of individuals employed in large stores and food chains in the Basque Country rose by 2.9% compared to the same month of the previous year. It was also up 0.5% 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. February. 2018**

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

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

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