

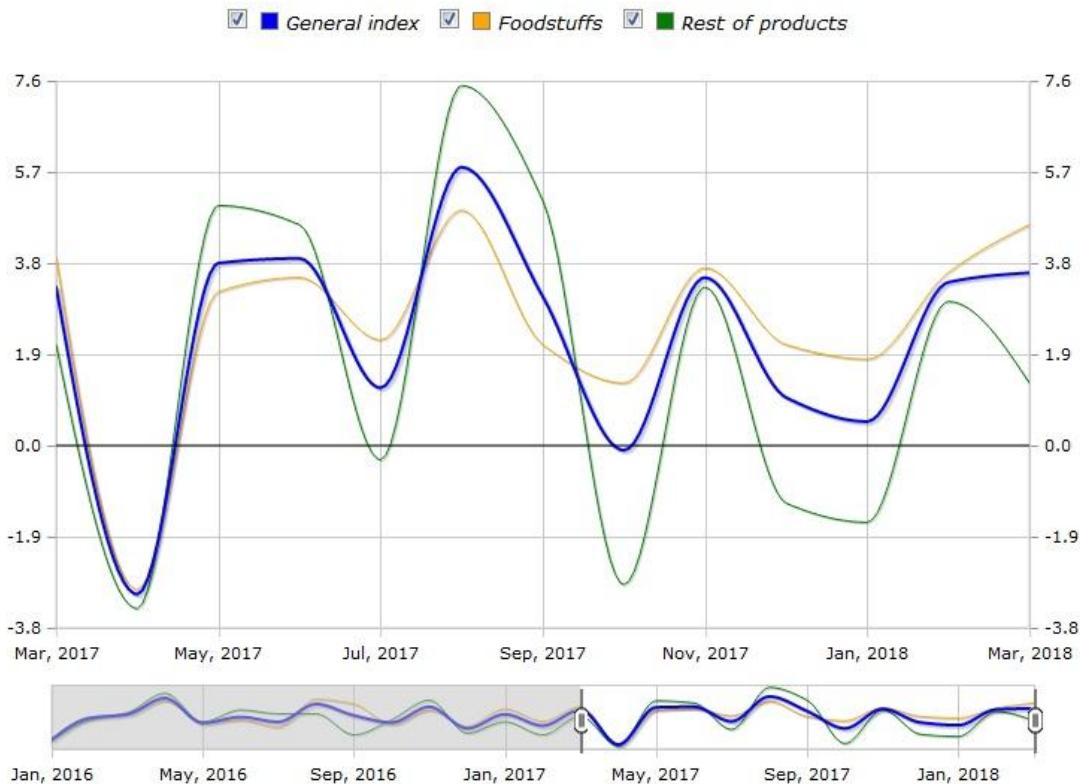
LARGE STORES AND FOOD CHAINS TRADE INDEX (IGSC). MARCH 2018

## Sales in large stores and food chains in the Basque Country rose by 3.6% in March 2018

***The accumulated rate for the first quarter of the year closed with 2.4% growth***

Sales at large stores and food chains in the Basque Country in March 2018 experienced a year-on-year upturn at constant prices of 3.6% in homogenous terms of the working calendar, according to Eustat data. Compared to February, sales were up 0.5% 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 4.6%, and sales corresponding to other items experienced a rise of 1.3%, with respect to the same month of the previous year.

There were rises in all three provinces: Bizkaia saw an increase of 3.9%, in Álava there was a rise of 3.7% and in Gipuzkoa sales were up by 3.0%, in all cases over the year-on-year period.

Compared to the previous month, February 2018, food sales have increased by 0.8% and there was no variation in other items (0.0%) at constant prices and in deseasonalised terms.

The number of individuals employed in large stores and food chains in the Basque Country rose by 3.0% compared to the same month of the previous year. It was also up 0.2% 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. March. 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>3,6</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>2,4</b>
Araba/Álava	3,7	0,4	1,6
Bizkaia	3,9	0,7	2,4
Gipuzkoa	3,0	0,2	2,7
<b>SALES INDEX by sector</b>			
Food	4,6	0,8	3,4
Non food products	1,3	0,0	0,6
<b>EMPLOYMENT INDEX</b>			
<b>Basque Country</b>	<b>3,0</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>2,8</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 year

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