

LARGE STORES AND FOOD CHAINS TRADE INDEX OF THE BASQUE COUNTRY, JULY 2018

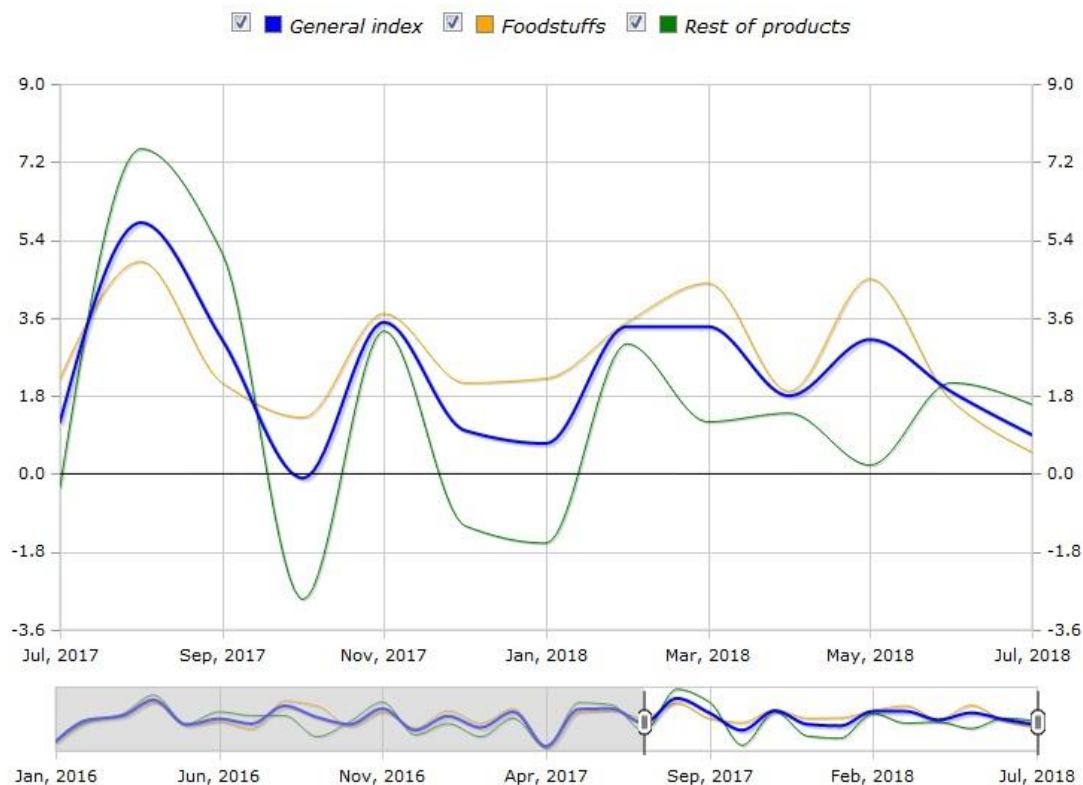
The sales index of large stores and food chains in the Basque Country rose by 0.9% in July 2018

The accumulated total for the first seven months of the year closed with 2.1% growth

Sales at large stores and food chains in the Basque Country in July 2018 experienced a year-on-year upturn at constant prices of 0.9% in homogenous terms of the working calendar, according to Eustat data. Compared to June, sales were down 0.2% 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 0.5%, and sales corresponding to other items rose by 1.6%, with respect to the same month of the previous year.

Compared to the previous month, June 2018, food sales remained stable (0.0%) and sales of other items decreased by 0.6%, at constant prices and in deseasonalised terms.

By province, Bizkaia saw an increase of 1.6% and in Gipuzkoa there was a rise of 1.5%, however in Álava sales were down by 2.7%, in all cases over the year-on-year period.

The number of people employed in large stores and food chains in the Basque Country rose by 3.1% compared to the same month of the previous year.

Balance for the first seven months of 2018

Sales at large stores and food chains in the Basque Country experienced a year-on-year upturn at constant prices of 2.1% in the accumulated total for the first seven months of 2018. This growth was distributed into sales of food products, which were up by 2.7%, and sales corresponding to other items, which increased by 1.0%.

The number of people employed in large stores and food chains in the Basque Country rose by 3.1% in the first seven months of 2018.

Table 1. Large Stores and Food Chains Trade Index of the Basque Country. Year-on-year and month-on-month growth rates. July. 2018

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

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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