

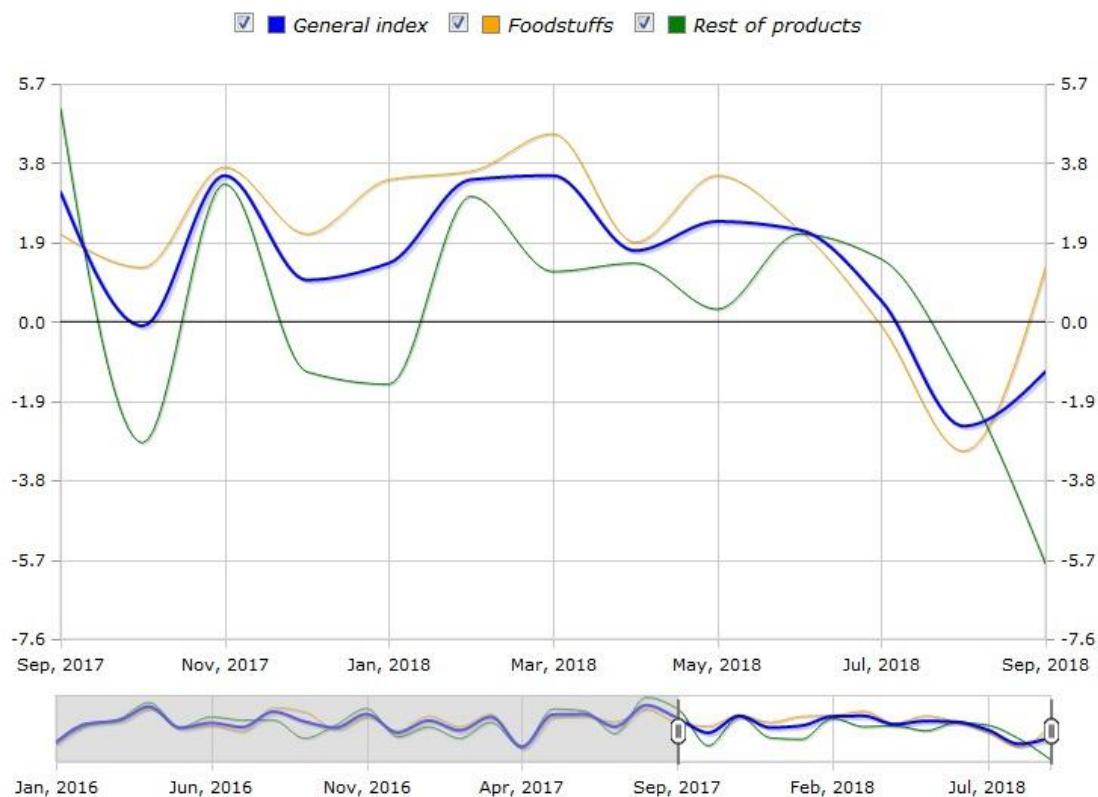
LARGE STORES AND FOOD CHAINS TRADE INDEX OF THE BASQUE COUNTRY, SEPTEMBER 2018

Sales in large stores and food chains in the Basque Country fell by 1.2% in September 2018

The accumulated total for the first nine months of the year closed with 1.2% growth

Sales at large stores and food chains in the Basque Country in September 2018 experienced a year-on-year downturn at constant prices of 1.2% in homogenous terms of the working calendar, according to Eustat data. Compared to August, 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 down 1.3%, and sales corresponding to other items fell by 5.8%, with respect to the same month of the previous year.

Compared to the previous month, August 2018, food sales increased by 0.7% and sales of other items decreased by 1.9%, at constant prices and in deseasonalised terms.

By province, Gipuzkoa saw an increase of 1.4% but in Bizkaia there was a fall of 2.6% and in Álava sales were down by 2.3%, 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 3.2% compared to the same month of the previous year.

Balance for the first nine months of 2018

Sales at large stores and food chains in the Basque Country experienced a year-on-year upturn at constant prices of 1.2% in the accumulated total for the first three quarters of 2018. This growth was due to the increase in sales of food products, which were up by 1.9%, given that sales corresponding to other items remained unchanged (0.0%).

The number of people employed in large stores and food chains in the Basque Country rose by 3.2% in the first nine 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. September.

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

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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