

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

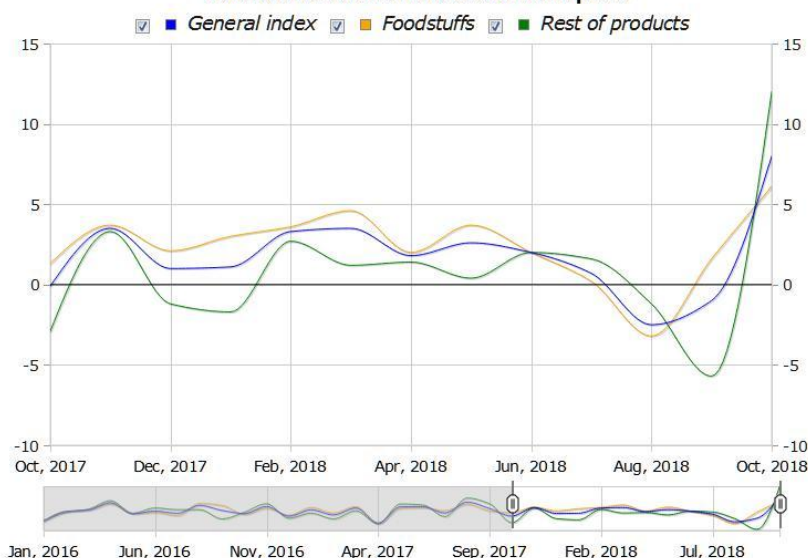
## Sales in large stores and food chains in the Basque Country rose by 8.0% in October 2018

***The accumulated rate for the first ten months of the year closed with 1.9% growth***

Sales at large stores and food chains in the Basque Country in October 2018 experienced a year-on-year upturn at constant prices of 8.0% in homogenous terms of the working calendar, according to Eustat data. Compared to September, sales were up 2.9% 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



Sales of food products were up 6.1%, and sales corresponding to other items were up 12.0%, with respect to the same month of the previous year.

Compared to the previous month, September 2018, food sales increased by 1.7% and sales of other items increased by 5.3%, at constant prices and in deseasonalised terms.

By province, Bizkaia saw an increase of 9.0%, in Gipuzkoa there was a rise of 8.5% and in Álava an increase of 3.0%, 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 4.0% compared to the same month of the previous year.

### **Balance for the first ten months of 2018**

Sales at large stores and food chains in the Basque Country experienced a year-on-year upturn at constant prices of 1.9% in the accumulated total for the first ten months of 2018. This growth was due, above all, to the increase in sales of food products, which were up by 2.4%, given that sales corresponding to other items, although they also rose, did so to a lesser extent (1.1%).

The number of people employed in large stores and food chains in the Basque Country rose by 3.3% in the first ten 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. October. 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>8,0</b>	<b>2,9</b>	<b>1,9</b>
Araba/Álava	3,0	0,4	-0,5
Bizkaia	9,0	3,9	2,0
Gipuzkoa	8,5	2,5	2,8
<b>SALES INDEX by sector</b>			
Food	6,1	1,7	2,4
Non food products	12,0	5,3	1,1
<b>EMPLOYMENT INDEX</b>			
<b>Basque Country</b>	<b>4,0</b>	<b>1,1</b>	<b>3,3</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

**Source: Eustat. Large Stores and Food Chains Trade Index-IGSC**

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