

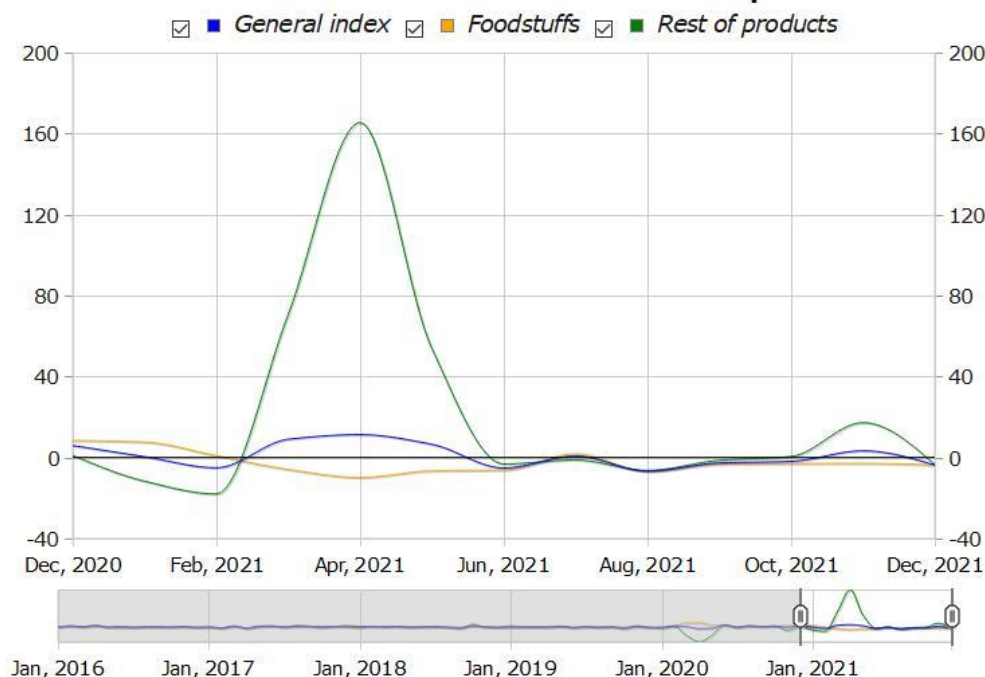
Sales in large stores and food chains in the Basque Country closed 2021 with annual growth of 0.2%

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In the cumulative total for 2021, sales in large stores and food chains in the Basque Country increased by 0.2% compared to 2020 and at constant prices, according to Eustat data. Sales of food products saw a downturn of 3.4% whereas sales of other products were up 8.6%.

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

By province, in Bizkaia and Álava sales at constant prices in 2021 as a whole in this type of establishments rose by 1.9% and 1.0%, respectively. In contrast, in Gipuzkoa sales had a negative evolution, with a 2.9% drop in cumulative sales in 2021 compared to 2020.

The number of individuals employed in large stores and food chains in the Basque Country rose by 3.9% in 2021 in relation to 2020.

Analysing data exclusively from **December 2021** sales in large stores and food chains in the Basque Country registered a year-on-year downturn at constant prices of 3.7%, in homogenous terms of the working calendar. Compared to November, sales were down 1.6%, in deseasonalised terms.

This year-on-year decrease in sales in large stores and food chains in December 2021 was registered in both food products (-3.7%) and other products (-3.5%).

By province, the drop in sales in year-on-year terms (December 2021 compared to December 2020) was generalised. In Álava, the decrease stood at 2.0%, in Bizkaia it was 3.9% and, lastly, in Gipuzkoa it was 4.0%.

Finally, the index of people employed in large stores and food chains in the Basque Country during December 2021 was down 0.1% in relation to the previous month. Compared to the same month of the previous year, however, the index of employed people rose by 3.7%.

Large Stores and Food Chains Trade Index of the Basque Country by province and month. Inter-annual and inter-mensual variation rates (p). December 2021

	Constant prices		
	m / m-12	m / m-1	A (m) / A (m-12)
SALES INDEX by historic territory			
Basque Country	-3,7	-1,6	0,2
Araba/Álava	-2,0	-1,7	1,0
Bizkaia	-3,9	-1,6	1,9
Gipuzkoa	-4,0	-1,7	-2,9
SALES INDEX by sector			
Foodstuffs	-3,7	-1,1	-3,4
Rest of products	-3,5	-2,7	8,6
PERSONNEL INDEX			
Basque Country	3,7	-0,1	3,9

(p)Provisional data

m / m-12 Year-on-year variation. Data corrected for calendar effects

m / m-1 Month-on-month variation. Deseasonalised data

A(m)/A(m-12) Interannual variation rate of the accumulated period from January to the current month over the same accumulated period of the previous year

Date January 28, 2022

Source: Eustat. Large Stores and Food Chains Trade Index- (ISGC)

NOTE

Year-on-year variations are calculated using the series corrected for calendar effects and the month-on-month variations are calculated using the deseasonalised series.

Included as persons employed considered in this and other short-term indices, are those covered by an ERTE (Temporary Labour Force Adjustment Plan), following the definition of persons employed indicated by the Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat) in its manual [Methodology of Short Term Business Statistics](#).

The models used in the correction of calendar effects and deseasonalisation of the series include the effect of COVID-19 on the variables studied, following the recommendations of the Statistical Office of the European Union (Eurostat) in its methodological note [Guidance on Time Series Treatment in the context of the COVID-19 crisis](#).

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