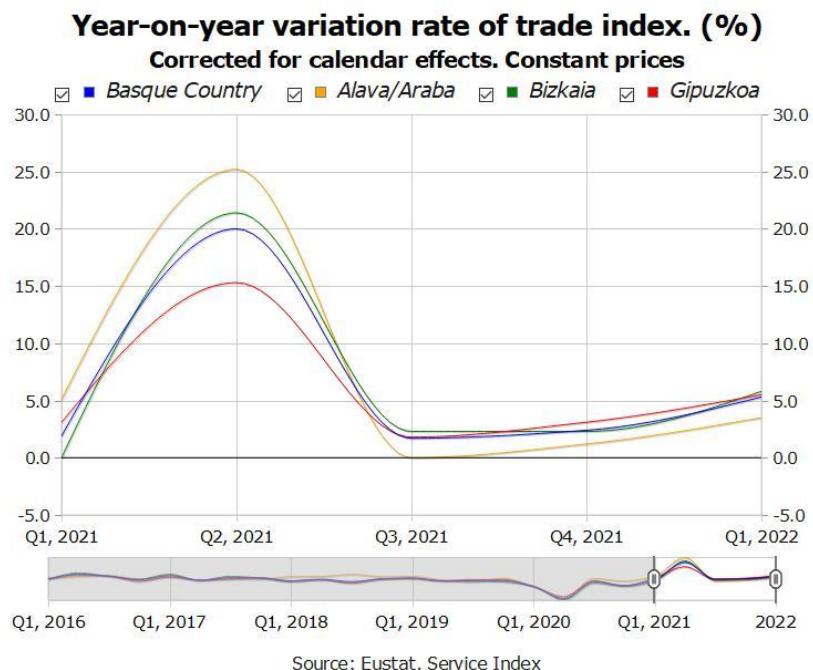


Sales in the Trade sector in the Basque Country rose by 5.3% in the first quarter of 2022

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In the first quarter of 2022 sales in the *Trade* sector, which encompasses *Wholesale Trade*, *Retail Trade*, and *Sale & Repair of Motor Vehicles*, increased by 5.3% in year-on-year terms, at constant prices and once corrected for calendar effects, according to Eustat data.

Compared to the previous quarter and once corrected for seasonal effects, sales increased by 1.9% in the first quarter of 2022.



Within *Trade*, the year-on-year evolution in real sales was positive in the branches of *Wholesale Trade* (7.8%) and *Retail Trade* (4.9%), whereas in *Sale & Repair of Motor Vehicles* it was negative (-7.3%).

In relation to the previous quarter, sales recovered by 1.4% in *Sale & Repair of Motor Vehicles*; by 1.2% in *Retail Trade*; and by 1.0% in *Wholesale Trade*.

Service index of the Basque Country. Trade. Provisional data. 2022/I

	Constant prices		
	t / t-4	t / t-1	A (t) / A (t-4)
GENERAL INDEX	5.3	1.9	5.3
Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles	-7.3	1.4	-7.3
Wholesale trade	7.8	1.0	7.8
Retail trade	4.9	1.2	4.9
HISTORIC TERRITORIES			
Araba/Álava	3.5	1.9	3.5
Bizkaia	5.8	2.0	5.8
Gipuzkoa	5.5	1.7	5.5
EMPLOYMENT	2.7	0.4	2.7

t / t-4 Year-on-year variation. Data corrected for calendar effects

t / t-1 Interquarterly variation. Deseasonalised data

A(t) / A(t-4) Year-on-year change so far this year. Data corrected for calendar effects

Date May 16, 2022

Source: Eustat. Service Index

By province, in the first quarter of 2022, in Bizkaia there was a drop in sales in year-on-year terms in the *Trade* sector of 5.8%, Gipuzkoa saw a decrease of 5.5%, and in Álava sales fell by 3.5%.

In respect of the fourth quarter of 2021, the evolution was also positive. In Bizkaia sales increased by 2.0% in year-on-year terms, in Álava by 1.9% and, finally, in Gipuzkoa, they were up 1.7%.

The index of people employed in the *Trade* sector in the Basque Country rose by 2.7% in the first quarter of 2022 in relation to the first quarter of 2021. In respect of the fourth quarter of 2021, the increase stood at 0.4%.

NOTE

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](#).

Eustat would like to thank all the establishments that have collaborated in making this effort despite the circumstances. As a result, the index for the first quarter was calculated with **96.31% coverage**.

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