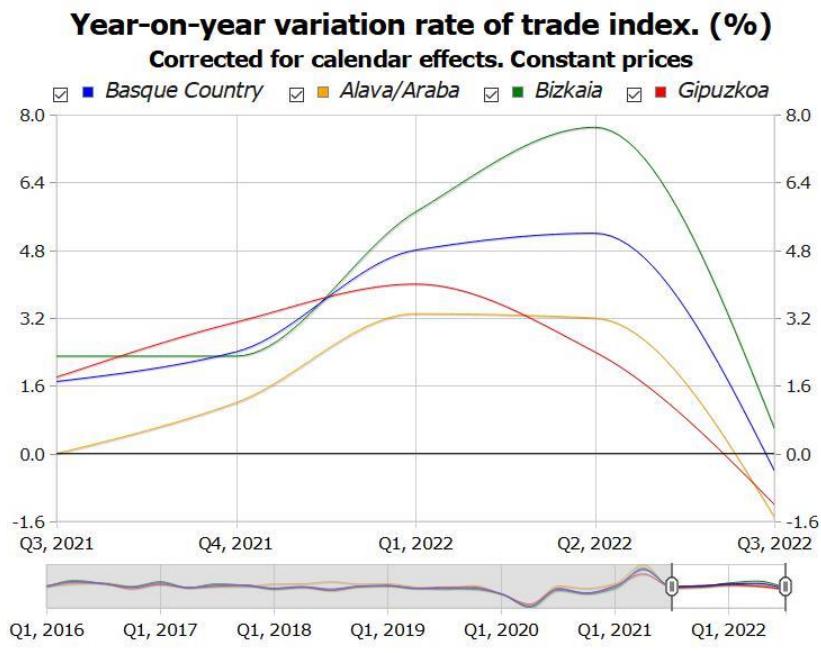


Sales in the Trade sector in the Basque Country were down 0.4% in the third quarter of 2022

In respect of the second quarter of the year, sales in this sector fell by 1.4%

In the third quarter of 2022, sales in the *Trade* sector, which encompasses *Wholesale Trade*, *Retail Trade*, and *Sale and Repair of Motor Vehicles*, were down 0.4% 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 fell by 1.4% in the third quarter of 2022.



Within *Trade*, the year-on-year evolution of sales varied across the branches included in this sector. Thus, in *Retail Trade*, sales increased by 0.9%, while sales in *Wholesale Trade* remained stable (0.0%). In contrast, sales in the branch of *Sale and Repair of Motor Vehicles* fell by 8.7% in relation to the third quarter of 2021.

Compared to the previous quarter, sales were down in *Wholesale Trade* and *Sale and Repair of Motor Vehicles*, by 0.9% and 0.1%, respectively. However, in the *Retail Trade* branch, sales remained stable (0.0%) in quarter-on-quarter terms.

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

	Constant prices		
	t / t-4	t / t-1	A (t) / A (t-4)
GENERAL INDEX	-0,4	-1,4	3,2
Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles	-8,7	-0,1	-8,7
Wholesale trade	0,0	-0,9	4,8
Retail trade	0,9	0,0	3,7
HISTORIC TERRITORIES			
Araba/Álava	-1,5	-2,0	1,7
Bizkaia	0,6	-1,6	4,7
Gipuzkoa	-1,2	-0,8	1,6
EMPLOYMENT	0,9	0,5	1,6

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 November 15, 2022

Source: Eustat. Service Index

By province, in the *Trade* sector as a whole, in Bizkaia sales increased by 0.6% in year-on-year terms at constant prices in the third quarter of the year, whilst in Álava and Gipuzkoa they fell by 1.5% and 1.2%, respectively.

Compared to the second quarter of 2022, sales were down in all three provinces. In effect, the quarter-on-quarter drop was 2.0% in Álava, 1.6% in Bizkaia and 0.8% in Gipuzkoa.

The index of people employed in the *Trade* sector in the Basque Country rose by 0.9% in the third quarter of 2022 in relation to the third quarter of 2021. Compared to the second quarter of the year, employment was up 0.5%.

NOTE

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 **96.0% coverage**.

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