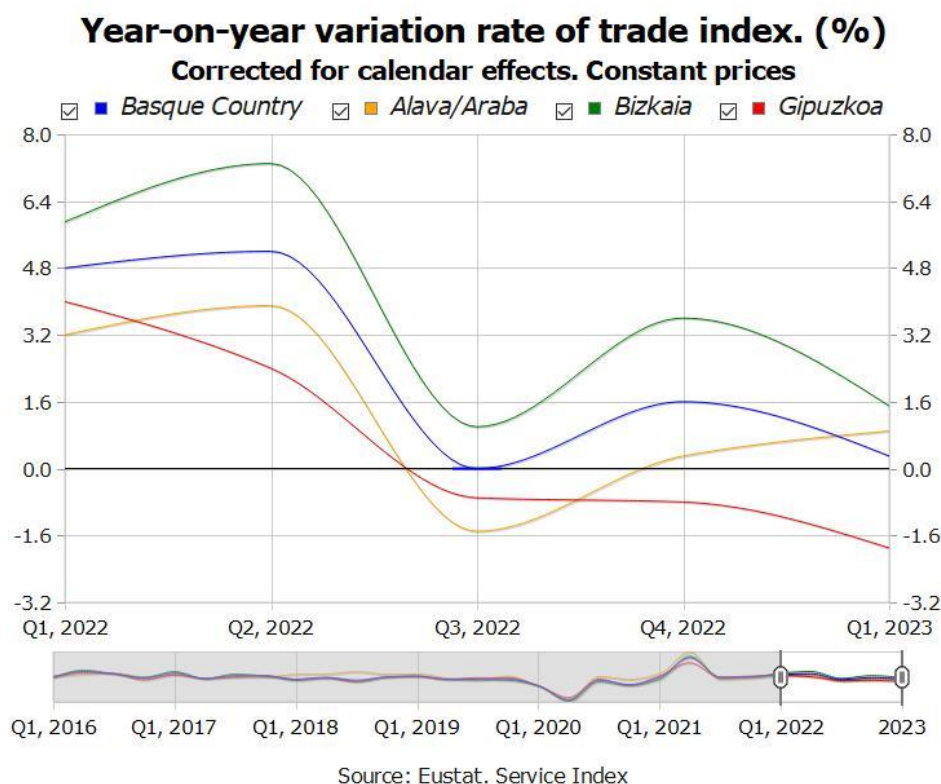


Sales in the Trade sector in the Basque Country rose by 0.3% in the first quarter of 2023

With regard to the previous quarter, the increase was also 0.3%

In the first quarter of 2023 sales in the *Trade* sector, which encompasses *Wholesale Trade*, *Retail Trade*, and *Sale & Repair of Motor Vehicles*, increased by 0.3% 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 also increased by 0.3% in the first quarter of 2023.



Within *Trade*, the year-on-year evolution in sales was positive in both the *Sale & Repair of Motor Vehicles* sector, with growth of 1.9%, and the *Retail Trade* sector, where sales were 1.7% higher than in the first quarter of the previous year. In contrast, in the *Wholesale trade* sector, sales were 0.9% lower than those seen in the first quarter of 2022, at constant prices and once corrected for calendar effects.

In relation to the previous quarter, once corrected for seasonal effects, there was an increase in both *Sale & Repair of Motor Vehicles* and *Retail Trade*, with quarter-on-quarter growth of 3.8% and 0.6%, respectively. In the *Wholesale Trade* sub-sector, however, sales fell by 0.3% compared to the previous quarter.

Service index of the Basque Country. Trade. Provisional data. 2023/I

	Constant prices		
	t / t-4	t / t-1	A (t) / A (t-4)
GENERAL INDEX	0.3	0.3	0.3
Wholesale and retail trade and repair of motor vehicles	1.9	3.8	1.9
Wholesale trade	-0.9	-0.3	-0.9
Retail trade	1.7	0.6	1.7
HISTORIC TERRITORIES			
Araba/Álava	0.9	1.0	0.9
Bizkaia	1.5	0.3	1.5
Gipuzkoa	-1.9	-0.2	-1.9
EMPLOYMENT	1.0	0.1	1.0

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, 2023

Source: Eustat. Service Index

By province, in the *Trade* sector as a whole, sales increased in year-on-year terms at constant prices by 1.5% and 0.9% in Bizkaia and Álava respectively. In contrast, sales in Gipuzkoa were down 1.9%.

In relation to the fourth quarter of 2022, sales increased by 1.0% in Álava and by 0.3% in Bizkaia. In Gipuzkoa, however, there was a quarter-on-quarter decrease of 0.2%.

The index of people employed in the *Trade* sector in the Basque Country rose by 1.0% in the first quarter of 2023 in relation to the first quarter of 2022. With respect to the fourth quarter of the previous year, growth stood at 0.1%.

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 this quarter was calculated with **95.4% coverage**.

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