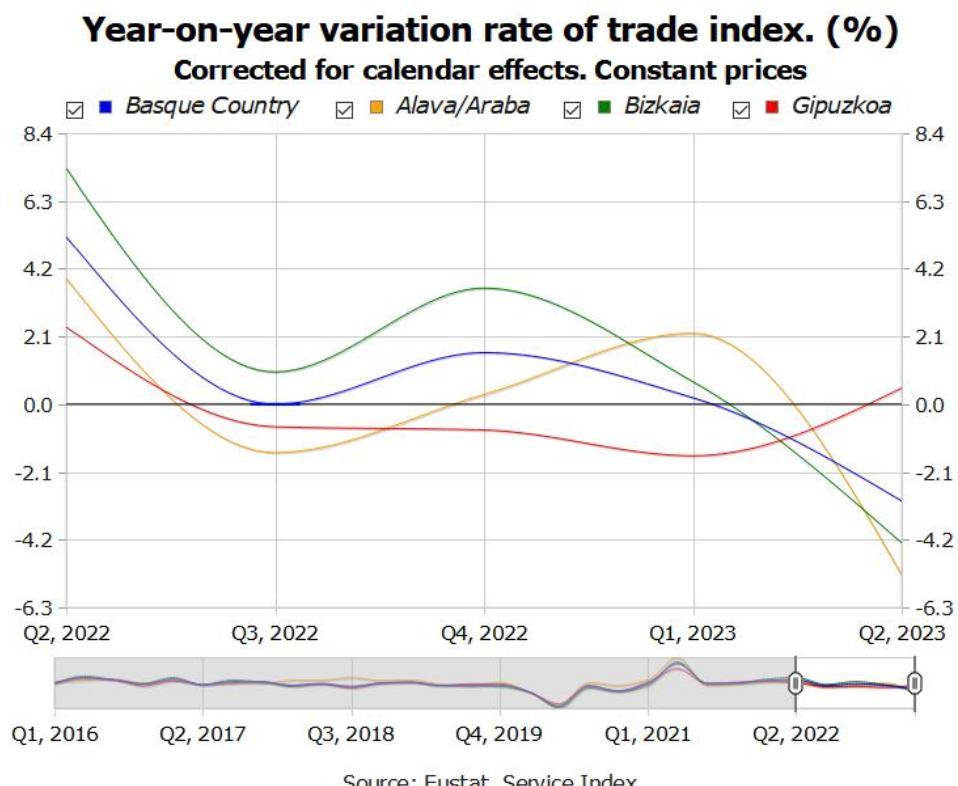


Sales in the Trade sector in the Basque Country were down 3.0% in the second quarter of 2023

Compared to the previous quarter, the decrease was 1.5%

In the second quarter of 2023 sales in the *Trade* sector, which encompasses *Wholesale Trade*, *Retail Trade*, and *Sale & Repair of Motor Vehicles*, were down 3.0% 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 1.5% in the second 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 3.0%, and the *Retail Trade* sector, where sales were 1.1% higher than in the second quarter of the previous year. In contrast, in the *Wholesale trade* sector, sales were 6.9% lower than those seen in the second 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 a downturn in both *Sale & Repair of Motor Vehicles* and *Wholesale Trade*, with quarter-on-quarter decreases of 2.0% and 1.9%, respectively. In contrast, sales in the *Retail Trade* sub-sector rose by 0.5% in relation to the previous quarter.

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

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

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 September 13, 2023

Source: Eustat. Service Index

By province, in the *Trade* sector as a whole, sales in Álava and Bizkaia decreased in year-on-year terms at constant prices by 5.3% and 4.3%, respectively. In the case of Gipuzkoa, however, sales increased by 0.5%.

In relation to the first quarter of 2023, sales fell by 3.3% in Álava and by 2.2% in Bizkaia. In Gipuzkoa, in contrast, there was a quarter-on-quarter rise in sales of 0.6%.

The index of people employed in the *Trade* sector in the Basque Country rose by 1.4% in the second quarter of 2023 in relation to the second quarter of 2022. With respect to the first quarter of the year, growth stood at 0.3%.

NOTE

Eustat would like to thank all the establishments that have collaborated in the collection of information. As a result, the index for this quarter was calculated with **95.0% coverage**.

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