

Sales in large stores and food chains in the Basque Country rose by 0.3% in 2024

Food sales increased by 0.6%, whereas sales in Other products decreased by 0.3%

In **2024 as a whole**, sales at large stores and food chains registered cumulative growth of 0.3%, according to Eustat data. In the case of the *Food* sector, sales were up 0.6% compared to the previous year, whereas in the *Other Products* sector they were down 0.3%.

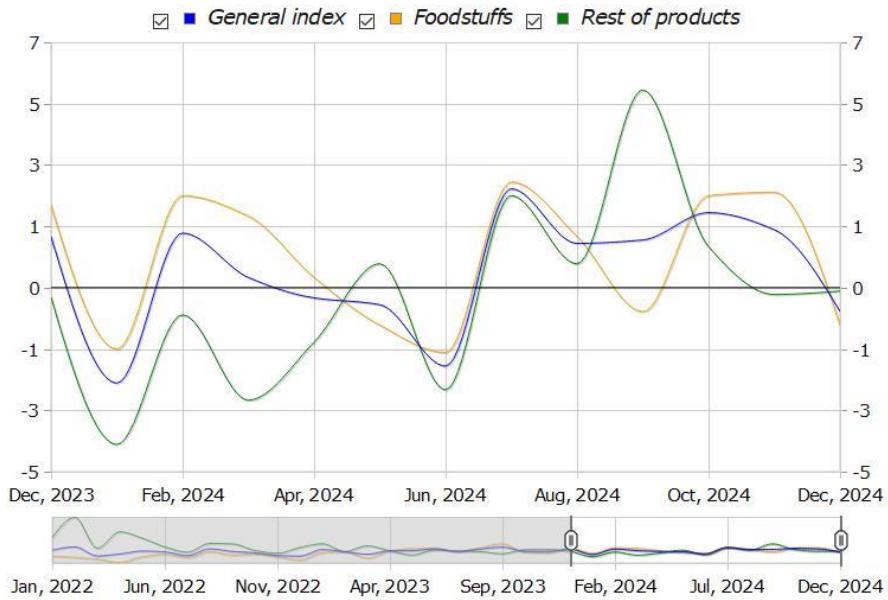
Cumulative variation over the course of the year was positive in all three provinces: in Álava sales increased by 0.4% compared to 2023, and in both Gipuzkoa and Bizkaia they were up 0.3%.

The index of people employed in the sector showed a cumulative rise of 1.6% in 2024.

Large store and food chain sales in the Basque Country were down 0.7% in **December 2024** compared to the same month of the previous year, at constant prices once corrected for the appropriate calendar effects. Compared to the previous month (November 2024), sales at constant prices and once corrected for seasonal effects were down 1.6%.

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

Sales were down 2.2% in month-on-month terms in the *Food* sector. In the *Other products* sector, there was a 0.4% decrease in relation to the previous month. In year-on-year terms (December 2024 compared to December 2023), the evolution of sales at constant prices was negative in both *Food*, with a 1.1% decrease, and *Other Products*, down 0.1%.

Large Stores and Food Chains Trade Index of the Basque Country by province and month. Inter-annual and inter-mensual variation rates (p). December 2024 (P)



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

(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, 2025

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

By province, sales in large stores and food chains increased in year-on-year terms in December 2024 in Álava, up 0.5%. By contrast, in Bizkaia and Gipuzkoa, sales were down by 1.2% and 0.5%, respectively.

Similarly, in month-on-month terms, in Álava sales rose by 0.2%, while in Bizkaia and Gipuzkoa, they fell by 2.2% and 1.3% respectively.

Lastly, the **number of people employed** in large stores and food chains in the Basque Country rose by 2.1% in comparison with December 2023. In month-on-month terms, the index recorded a rise of 0.2%.

NOTE

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

Eustat would like to thank all the establishments that have collaborated in preparing the Large Stores and Food Chains Trade Index. The index for this month was calculated with **100.00% coverage**.

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