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**Retail Trade Indices (RTI). Base 2015**  
March 2019. Provisional data

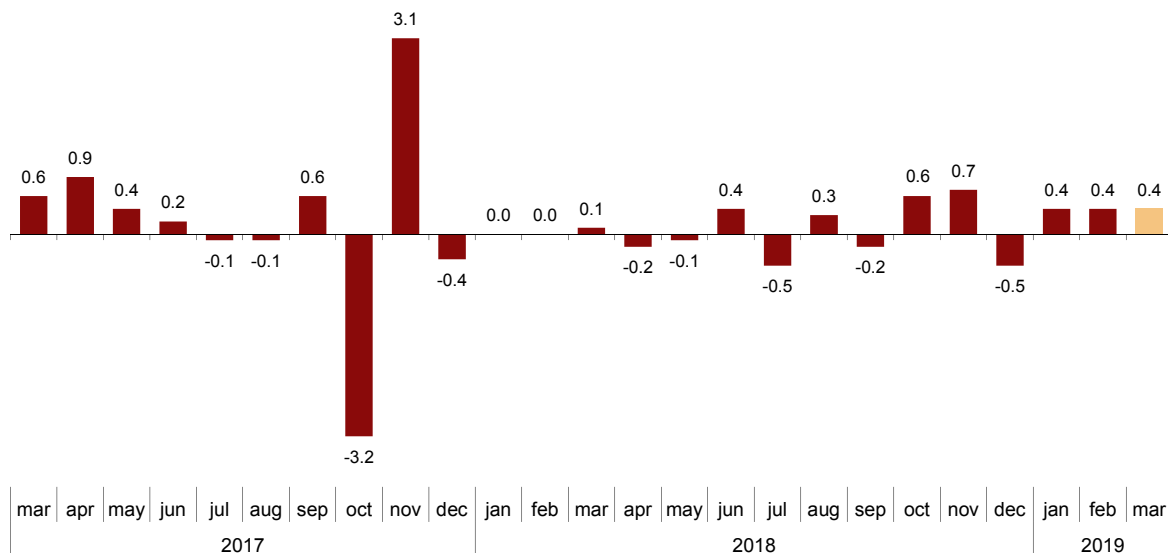
**The monthly variation of the Retail Trade Index at constant prices is 0.4% after seasonal and calendar adjustment**

**The annual rate of the General Retail Trade Index at constant prices stands at 1.7% in the seasonal and calendar adjusted series and at 0.3% in the original series**

**Monthly trend of sales in retail trade**

The monthly variation of the seasonally and calendar adjusted general Retail Trade Index (RTI) at constant prices between the months of March and February, stood at 0.4%. This rate was the same as the previous month.

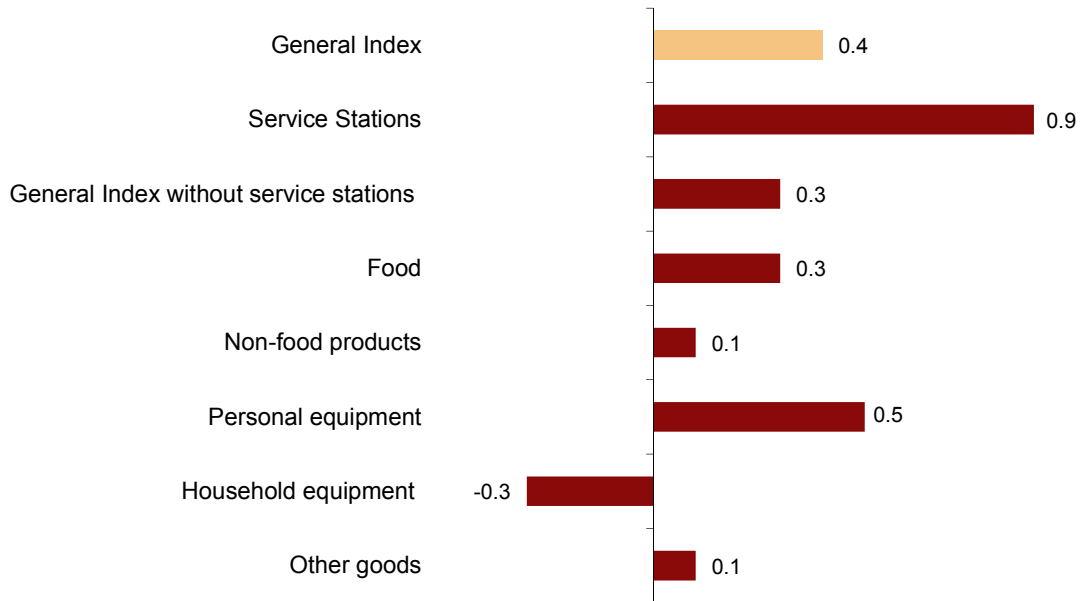
**General Retail Trade Index at constant prices**  
Seasonally and calendar adjusted. Monthly rate. Percentage



The general index, excluding service stations, recorded a monthly rate of 0.3%.

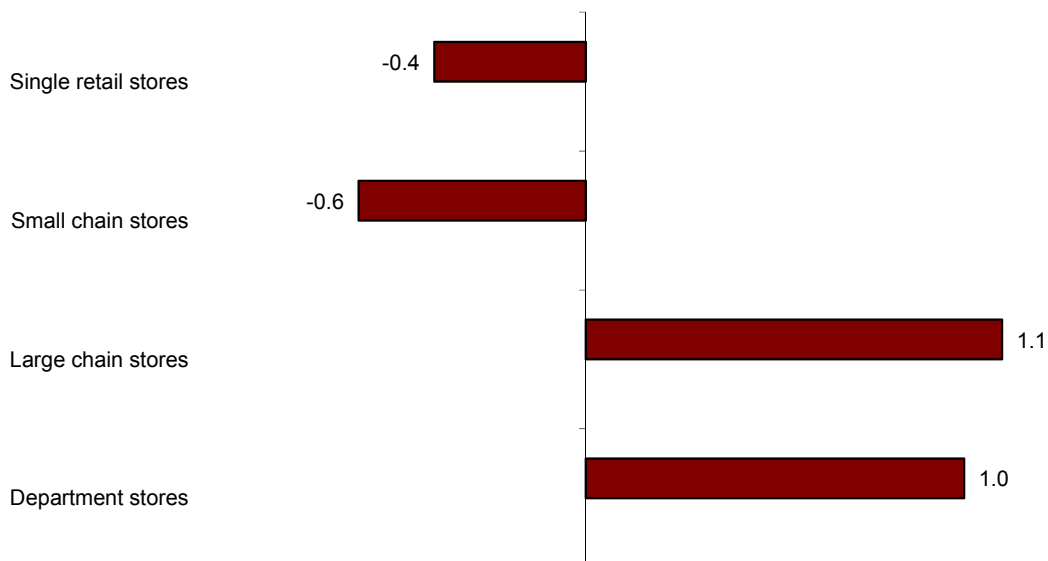
By products, *Food* increased by 0.3% and *Non-food products* by 0.1%. If the latter is broken down by type of product, *Personal equipment* increased the most (0.5%).

**Sales indices at constant prices: General and by type of products**  
 Seasonally and calendar adjusted. March 2019. Monthly rate. Percentage



By distribution type, *Large chain stores* increased the most (1.1%), followed by *Department stores* (1.0%). On the other hand, *Small chain stores* (-0.6%) and *Single retail stores* (-0.4%) showed negative rates.

**Sales indices at constant prices by distribution type**  
 Seasonally and calendar adjusted. March 2019. Monthly rate. Percentage



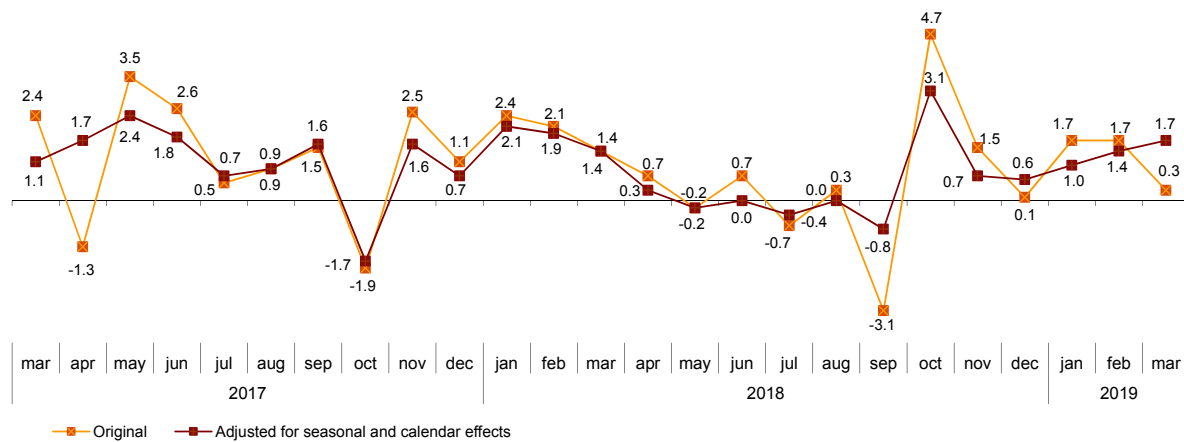
## Annual trend of sales in retail trade

In March, the General Retail Trade Index, once adjusted for seasonal and calendar effects, registered a variation of 1.7% as compared with the same month of the previous year. This rate was three tenths higher than the one registered in February.

The original RTI series at constant prices registered an annual variation of 0.3%, this rate was 1.4 points below the rate of the previous month.

## Retail Trade General Index at constant prices

Annual rates. Percentage



The seasonally and calendar adjusted index excluding service stations registered an annual variation of 1.6% in March. If these sales are broken down by type of product, *Food* and *Non-food products* increased by 1.6% in both cases.

## Retail trade sector sales. Annual rates at constant prices March 2019

	Original index	Seasonally and calendar adjusted index
	Annual rate (%)	Annual rate (%)
<b>GENERAL INDEX</b>	0.3	1.7
Service stations	0.6	1.9
General Index without service stations	0.3	1.6
- Food	-0.8	1.6
- Non-food products	1.1	1.6
- Personal equipment	1.8	2.0
- Household equipment	0.0	0.9
- Other goods	1.6	1.6
<b>Distribution class</b>		
- Single retail stores	-0.3	0.6
- Small chain stores	1.7	2.1
- Large chain stores	1.0	2.7
- Department stores	-1.0	0.9

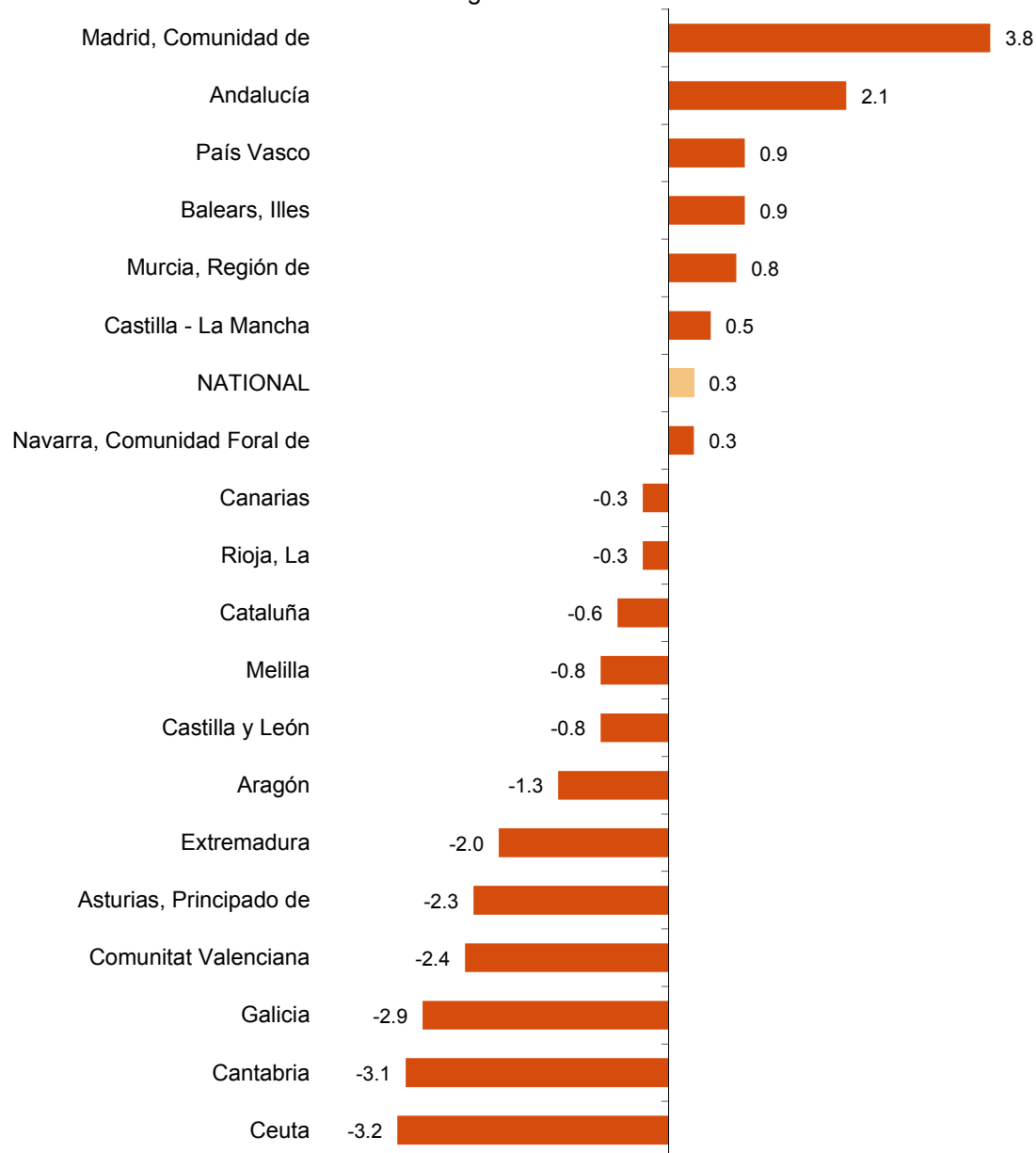
**Results by Autonomous Community. Annual rates of sales. Original series**

Retail trade sector sales increased in the annual rate in seven Autonomous Communities in March and decreased in 10.

Comunidad de Madrid (3.8%), Andalucía (2.1%) and País Vasco and Illes Balears (both with 0.9%) registered the greatest increases. In turn, Cantabria (-3.1%), Galicia (-2.9%) and Comunitat Valenciana (-2.4%) registered the greatest decreases.

**General indices: national and by Autonomous City and Community**

**March 2019.** Annual sales rate. Percentage



## Employment trend

In March, the employment index in the retail trade sector registered a variation of 1.0% as compared to the same month of 2018. This rate was two tenths below that recorded in February. Employment increased by 2.5% in *Service stations*.

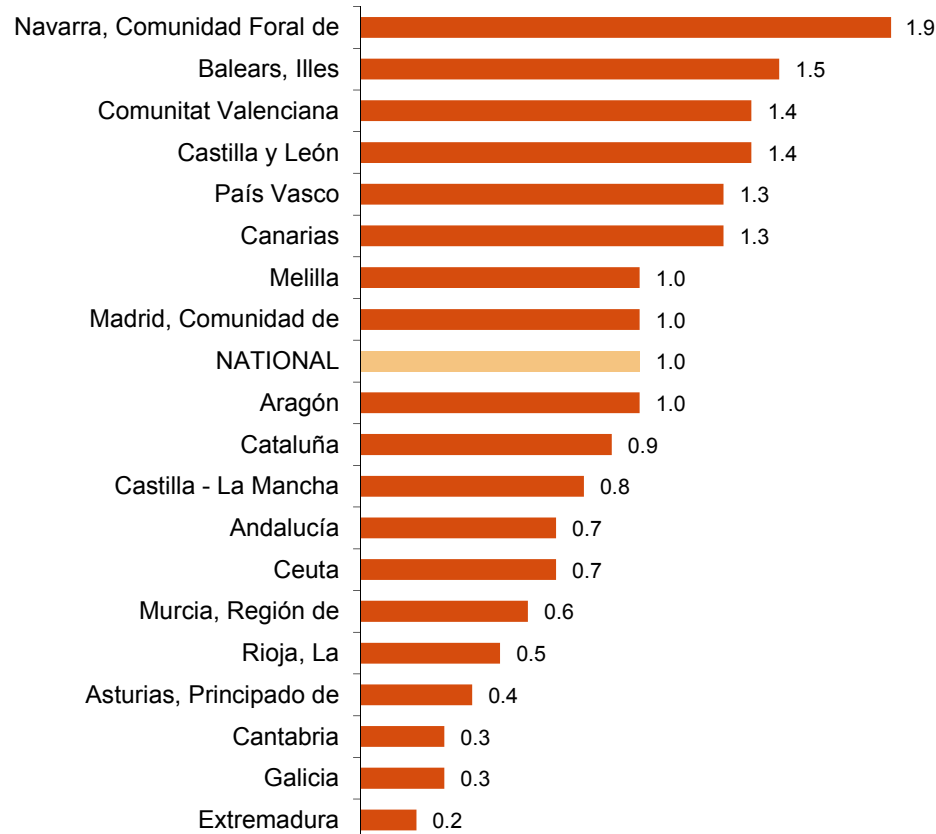
## Employment indices: General and by distribution type March 2019

	Index	Rate (%)		
		Monthly	Annual	Year-to-date average
GENERAL INDEX	103.3	0.2	1.0	1.1
Service stations	104.3	0.4	2.5	2.4
General Index without service stations	103.3	0.2	0.9	1.1
- Single retail stores	100.7	0.2	0.4	0.4
- Small chain stores	100.4	0.4	0.2	0.6
- Large chain stores	111.9	-0.1	3.2	3.3
- Department stores	102.2	0.2	-0.6	-0.1

## Results by Autonomous Community. Annual employment rate

Employment in retail trade increased in all Autonomous Communities in the annual rate. Comunidad Foral de Navarra registered the greatest increase (1.9%).

## General indices: national and by Autonomous Communities and Cities March 2019. Annual employment rate. Percentage



## Revisions and update of data

On the press release day, INE has updated RTI data series corresponding to the last three months. In the case of calendar adjusted and seasonally and calendar adjusted series, according to INE standard, series are revised since its beginning. Results are available on INEBase.

## Methodological note

The main objective of the Retail Trade Indices (RTI) is to ascertain the fundamental characteristics of the companies engaged in retail trade in Spain, which make it possible to measure, in the short term, the trend of activity in the sector.

**Survey type:** continuous monthly survey.

**Base year:** 2015.

**Population scope:** companies whose main activity is included within division 47 of the CNAE-2009 Retail trade, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles.

**Geographical scope:** the whole country.

**Sample size:** Approximately 12.000 companies.

**Type of sampling:** stratified random sampling.

**Collection method:** fill in a questionnaire by the respondent using one of the following methods: internet (IRIA system), e-mail, fax, telephone or by post.

Further information is available in the methodology:

[http://www.ine.es/en/daco/daco43/notaccm15\\_en.pdf](http://www.ine.es/en/daco/daco43/notaccm15_en.pdf)

And in the standardised methodological report:

<http://www.ine.es/dynt3/metadatos/en/RespuestaDatos.html?oe=30103>

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### 1. Sales indices: General, by products and by distribution type Seasonally and calendar adjusted

	Index	Rate (%)			Deflated index	Rate (%)		
		Monthly	Annual	Year-to-date average		Monthly	Annual	Year-to-date average
GENERAL INDEX	110.6	0.6	3.1	2.6	107.3	0.4	17	14
Service stations	113.2	2.3	8.8	4.8	103.5	0.9	19	15
General Index without service stations	109.9	0.3	2.4	2.2	107.5	0.3	16	14
- Food	109.8	0.4	2.7	2.4	104.8	0.3	16	13
- Non-food products	109.7	0.2	2.4	2.0	109.2	0.1	16	12
- Personal equipment	109.7	0.7	3.2	2.3	106.9	0.5	2.0	13
- Household equipment	114.5	-0.3	1.4	2.5	114.3	-0.3	0.9	2.0
- Other goods	106.5	0.3	2.5	1.4	106.1	0.1	16	0.6
Distribution class								
- Single retail stores	104.1	-0.3	1.5	1.2	101.7	-0.4	0.6	0.3
- Small chain stores	107.2	-0.4	3.0	3.0	104.8	-0.6	2.1	2.1
- Large chain stores	118.4	1.0	3.6	3.7	115.8	1.1	2.7	2.8
- Department stores	108.6	0.9	1.5	1.0	106.2	1.0	0.9	0.2

### 2. Sales indices: General, by products and by distribution type Calendar adjusted

	Index	Rate (%)		Deflated index	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average		Annual	Year-to-date average
GENERAL INDEX	105.8	3.2	2.6	103.8	1.8	1.5
Service stations	112.0	8.8	4.8	102.9	1.8	1.6
General Index without service stations	104.6	2.5	2.2	103.5	1.8	1.4
- Food	109.1	2.7	2.7	104.2	1.7	1.6
- Non-food products	101.3	2.7	2.0	103.1	2.0	1.3
- Personal equipment	92.9	4.1	2.5	95.6	3.0	1.5
- Household equipment	109.3	1.1	2.3	109.1	0.7	1.8
- Other goods	102.2	2.7	1.4	104.0	1.9	0.7
Distribution class						
- Single retail stores	102.6	1.5	1.2	101.4	0.6	0.3
- Small chain stores	101.2	3.5	3.1	100.1	2.6	2.2
- Large chain stores	113.3	3.8	3.7	112.1	2.9	2.8
- Department stores	95.5	2.3	1.3	94.3	1.3	0.4

### 3. Sales indices: General, by products and by distribution type Unadjusted

	Index	Rate (%)		Deflated index	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average		Annual	Year-to-date average
GENERAL INDEX	105.0	19	2.4	103.0	0.3	12
Service stations	111.3	7.4	4.5	102.4	0.6	13
General Index without service stations	103.8	11	2.0	102.7	0.3	12
- Food	107.9	0.1	2.0	103.1	-0.8	0.9
- Non-food products	100.7	2.0	2.1	102.4	1.1	13
- Personal equipment	92.3	2.7	2.3	95.0	18	14
- Household equipment	108.6	0.6	2.6	108.3	0.0	2.0
- Other goods	101.8	2.4	16	103.5	16	0.9
Distribution class						
- Single retail stores	101.9	0.5	12	100.8	-0.3	0.3
- Small chain stores	100.6	2.6	3.1	99.5	17	2.2
- Large chain stores	112.2	19	3.3	111.0	10	2.5
- Department stores	94.3	-0.2	0.8	93.3	-10	-0.1
- Food	96.5	-4.9	-2.7	92.3	-5.8	-3.7
- Non-food products	93.2	2.5	2.1	94.8	16	13

### 4. Sales indices: National and by Autonomous City and Community Unadjusted

	Index	Rate (%)		Deflated index	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average		Annual	Year-to-date average
NATIONAL	105.0	19	2.4	103.0	0.3	12
Andalucía	104.5	3.3	3.4	103.0	2.1	2.6
Aragón	105.2	0.1	14	103.5	-13	0.3
Asturias, Principado de	100.8	-0.7	0.0	99.4	-2.3	-1.1
Baleares, Illes	99.2	2.3	3.3	97.7	0.9	2.3
Canarias	109.2	10	18	107.5	-0.3	0.6
Cantabria	95.7	-14	0.2	93.5	-3.1	-1.1
Castilla y León	100.8	12	2.0	98.6	-0.8	0.5
Castilla - La Mancha	106.6	2.2	2.8	104.2	0.5	17
Cataluña	102.4	11	18	99.2	-0.6	0.5
Comunitat Valenciana	102.2	-11	12	101.4	-2.4	0.3
Extremadura	97.0	-0.9	-0.9	96.1	-2.0	-1.7
Galicia	101.6	-15	0.1	99.8	-2.9	-0.8
Madrid, Comunidad de	114.3	6.0	4.5	111.7	3.8	2.9
Murcia, Región de	105.7	18	2.9	104.8	0.8	2.3
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	106.0	2.5	3.0	103.6	0.3	12
País Vasco	105.7	2.7	2.4	103.2	0.9	1.1
Rioja, La	105.8	17	16	104.1	-0.3	0.0
Ceuta	93.9	-19	-0.8	92.2	-3.2	-1.7
Melilla	101.5	-0.4	11	100.5	-0.8	1.3



## 5. Employment Indices: General and by distribution type

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Murcia, Región de	104.0	0.2	0.6	12
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Pais Vasco	103.0	0.2	13	14
Rioja, La	103.6	0.1	0.5	0.5
Ceuta	101.3	-0.5	0.7	0.3
Melilla	104.4	-0.7	10	10