

Retail Trade Indices (RTI) May 2026. Provisional data

Main results

- The annual rate of the General Retail Trade Index at constant prices stood at 1.3% in the seasonal and calendar adjusted series.
- The monthly variation in retail sales at constant prices was 0.6% after seasonal and calendar adjustment.
- Employment in retail trade increased by 0.4% in annual rate.

More information

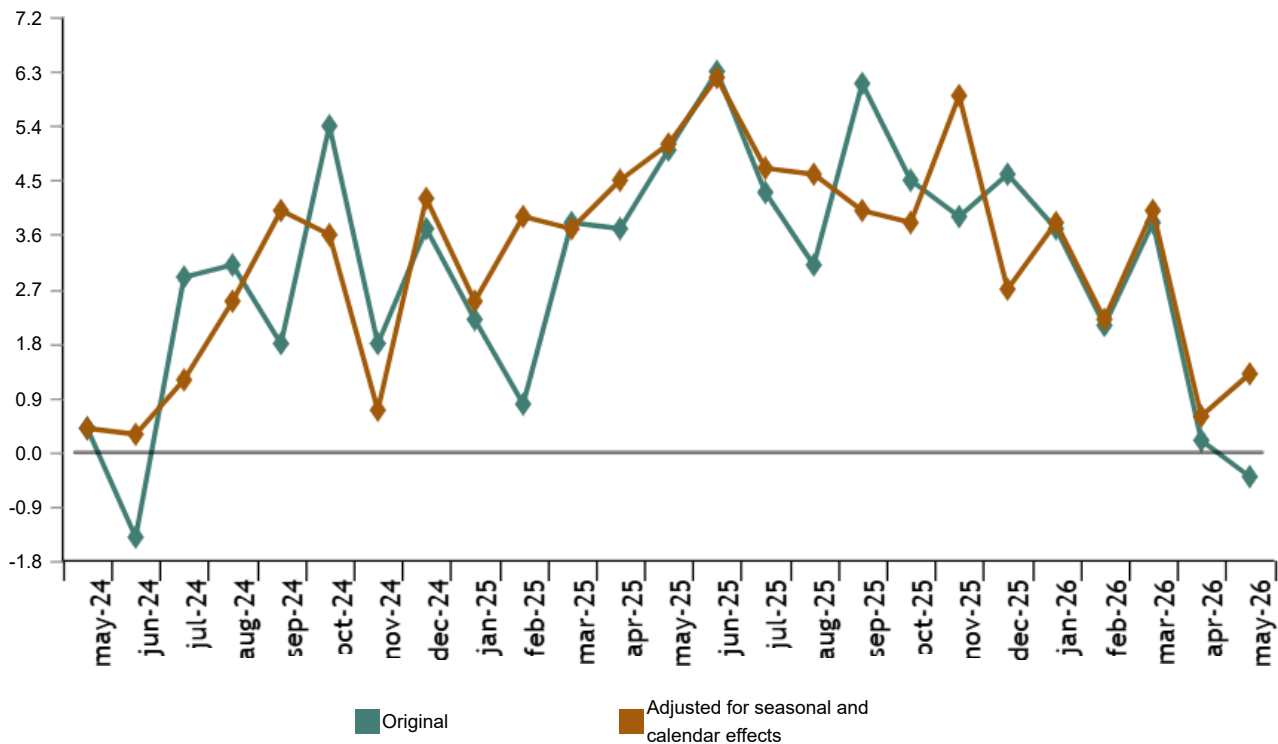
- [Tables annex](#) (includes information on CCAA and original and adjusted series by sectors)
- [Detailed results \(monthly data\)](#)

In May, the General Retail Trade Index at constant prices, once adjusted for seasonal and calendar effects, registered a variation of 1.3% as compared with the same month of the previous year. This rate was seven tenths higher than the one registered in April.

The original RTI series at constant prices registered an annual variation of -0.4%, this rate was six tenths below the rate of the previous month.

Retail Trade General Index at constant prices

Annual rates. Percentage

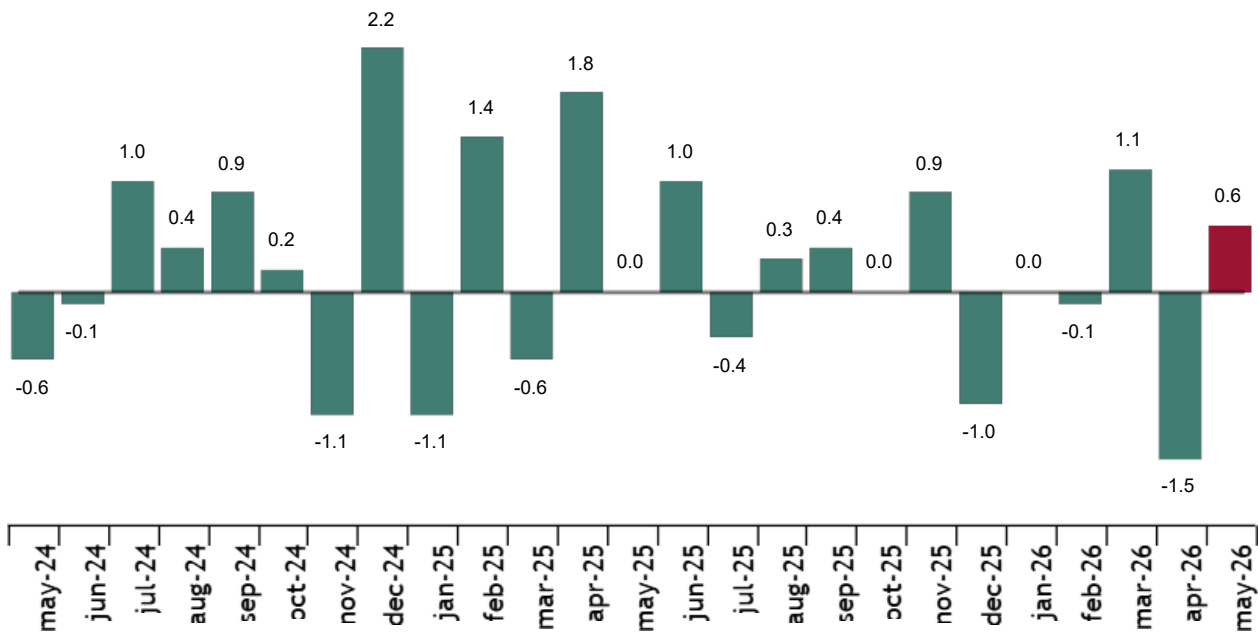


Monthly trend of sales in retail trade

The monthly variation of the RTI between the months of May and April, stood at 0.6%. This rate was 2.1 points higher than the previous month.

General Retail Trade Index at constant prices

Seasonally and calendar adjusted. Monthly rate. Percentage

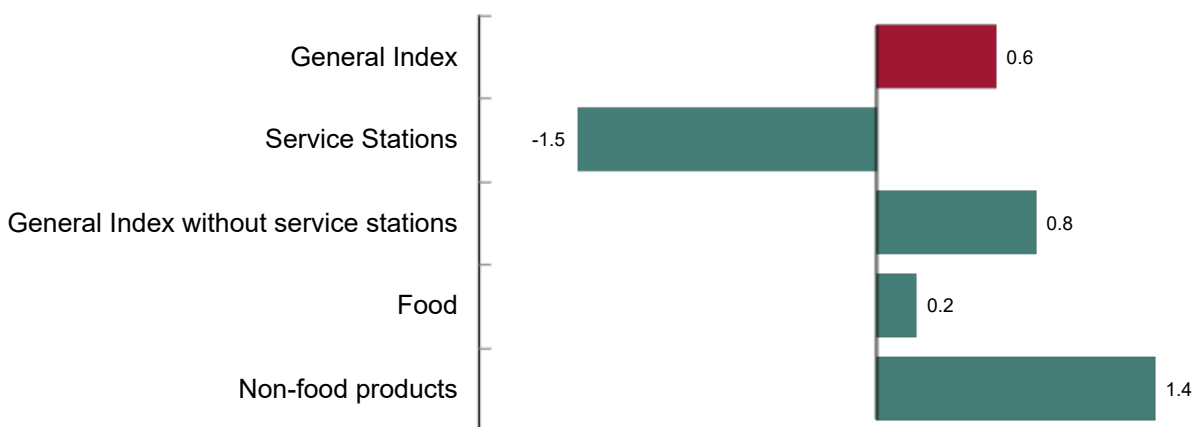


All distribution classes showed positive monthly rates, except for *Small chain stores* (-0.2%). *E-commerce* had the greatest increase (1.6%).

The general index, excluding service stations, recorded a monthly rate of 0.8%. By products, Food increased by 0.2% and Non-food products by 1.4%.

Sales indices at constant prices. General and by type of product. May 2026

Seasonally and calendar adjusted. Monthly rate. Percentage



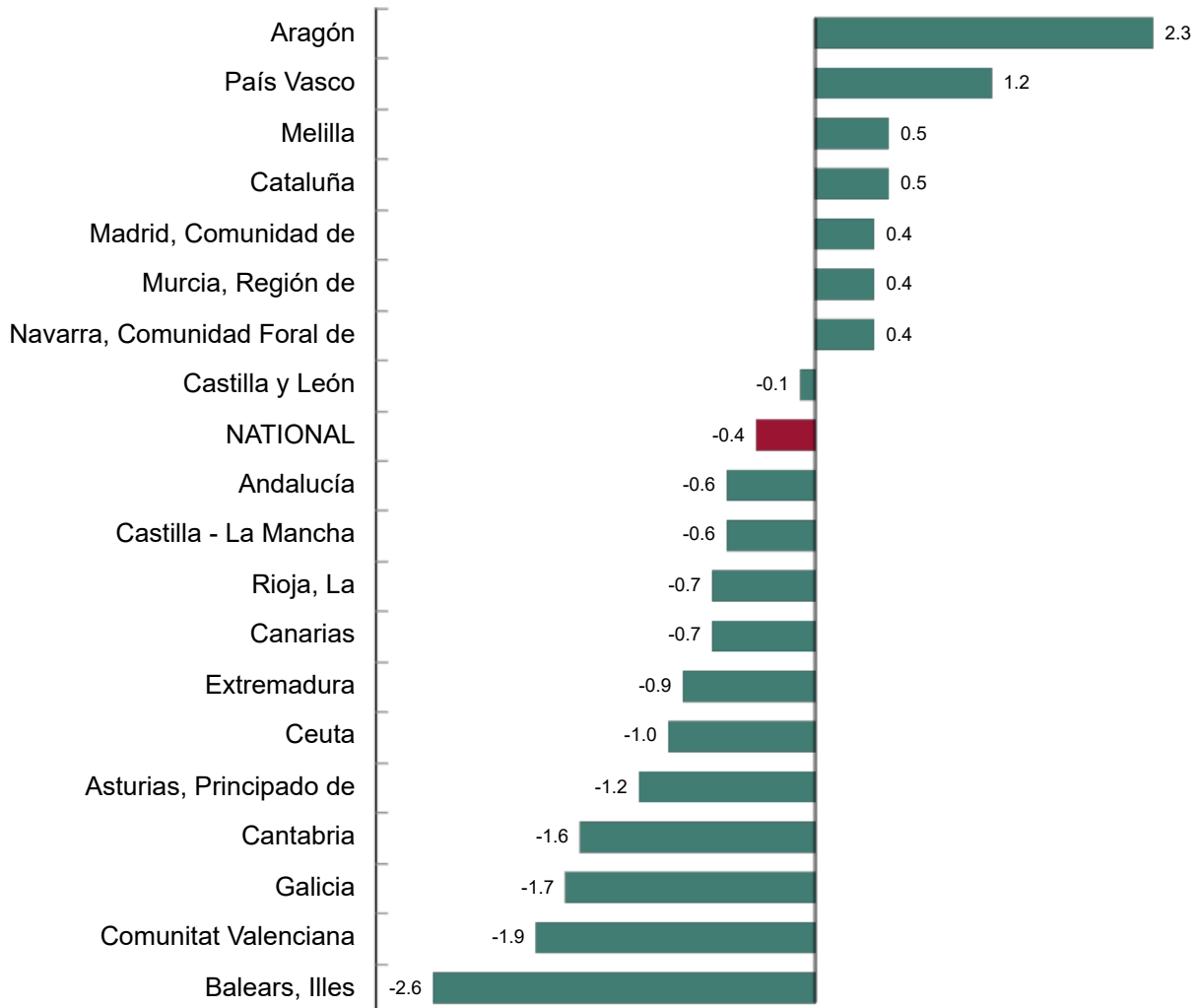
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Results by Autonomous Community

Retail sales at constant prices decreased in the annual rate in 11 Autonomous Communities in May and increased in six.

General indices at constant prices: national and by Autonomous City and Community. May 2026

Annual sales rate. Percentage



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Employment trend

In May, the employment index in the retail trade sector registered a variation of 0.4% as compared to the same month of 2025. This rate was five tenths below that recorded in April.

Employment indices: General and by distribution type. May 2026

	Index	Rate (%)		
		Monthly	Annual	Year-to-date average
GENERAL INDEX	107.2	0.4	0.4	0.8
Service stations	105.9	0.7	-0.4	0.1
General Index without service stations	107.2	0.4	0.4	0.8
- Single retail stores	106.1	0.4	0.7	0.5
- Small chain stores	102.7	1.1	-4.0	-2.6
- Large chain stores	112.3	0.1	1.6	2.6
- Department stores	105.6	0.3	2.3	1.5

Data revisions and updates 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](#).

In accordance with [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2023/137](#), the INE has begun to work on incorporating the new National Classification of Economic Activities NACE-2025 in all of its statistical operations.

In the case of the RTI, the first publication of results with NACE-2025 will take place in March 2028.

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: 2021.

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](#) and in the [standardised methodological report](#).

INE statistics are produced in accordance with the Code of Good Practice for European Statistics. More information in [Quality at INE](#) and the [Code of Best Practices](#).

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