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Retail Trade Indices (RTI)

October 2026. Provisional data

Main results

- The annual rate of the General Retail Trade Index at constant prices stood at -1.0% in the seasonal and calendar adjusted series.
- The monthly variation in retail sales at constant prices was 0.3% after seasonal and calendar adjustment.
- Employment in retail trade increased by 1.1% in annual rate.

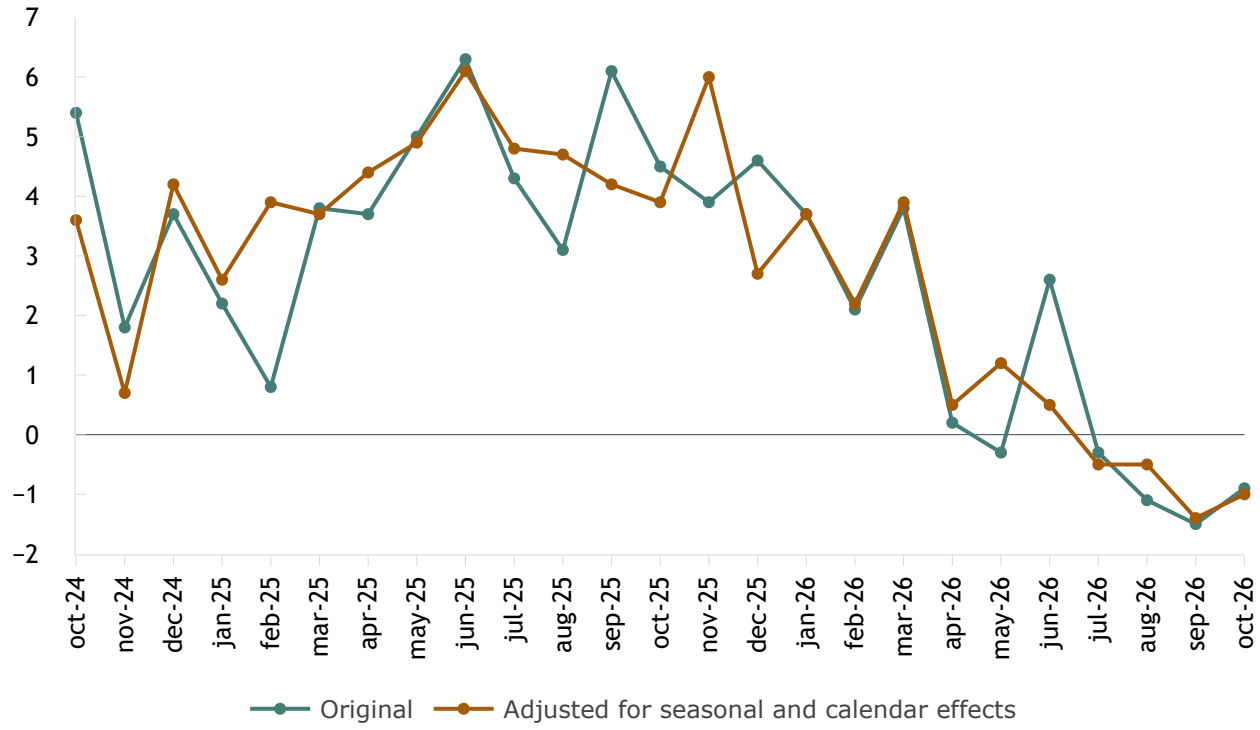
More information

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

In October, the General Retail Trade Index at constant prices, once adjusted for seasonal and calendar effects, registered a variation of -1.0% as compared with the same month of the previous year. This rate was four tenths higher than the one registered in September.

The original RTI series at constant prices registered an annual variation of -0.9%, this rate was six tenths above the rate of the previous month.

Retail Trade General Index at constant prices
Annual rates. Percentage

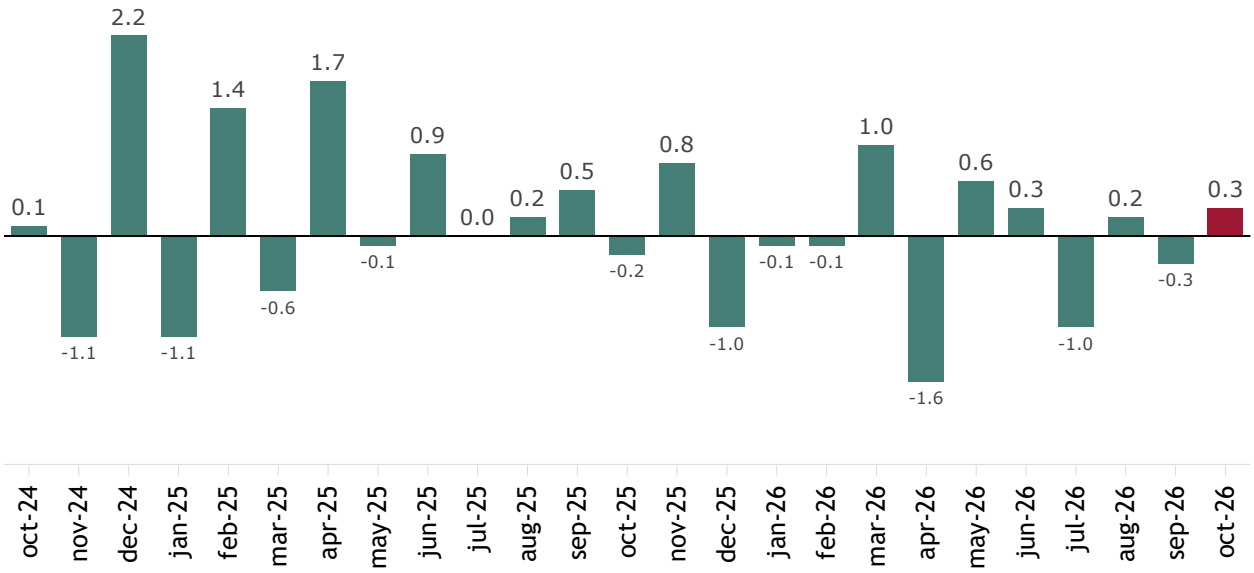


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Monthly trend of sales in retail trade

The monthly variation of the RTI between the months of October and September, stood at 0.3%. This rate was six tenths higher than the previous month.

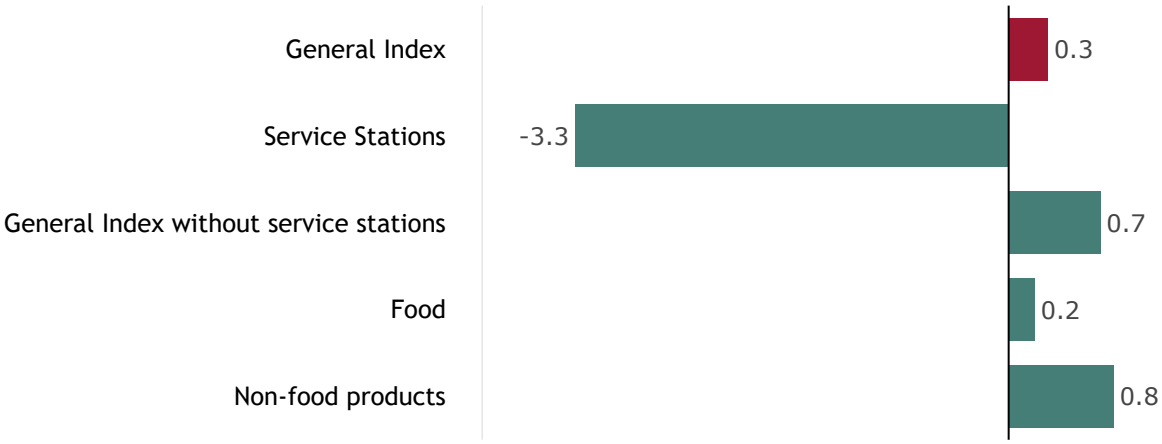
General Retail Trade Index at constant prices
Seasonally and calendar adjusted. Monthly rate. Percentage



All distribution classes showed positive monthly rates, except for *E-commerce* (-2.1%). *Small chain stores* registered the greatest increase (1.7%).

The general index, excluding service stations, recorded a monthly rate of 0.7%. By products, Food increased by 0.2% and Non-food products by 0.8%.

Sales indices at constant prices. General and by type of product. October 2026
Seasonally and calendar adjusted. Monthly rate. Percentage

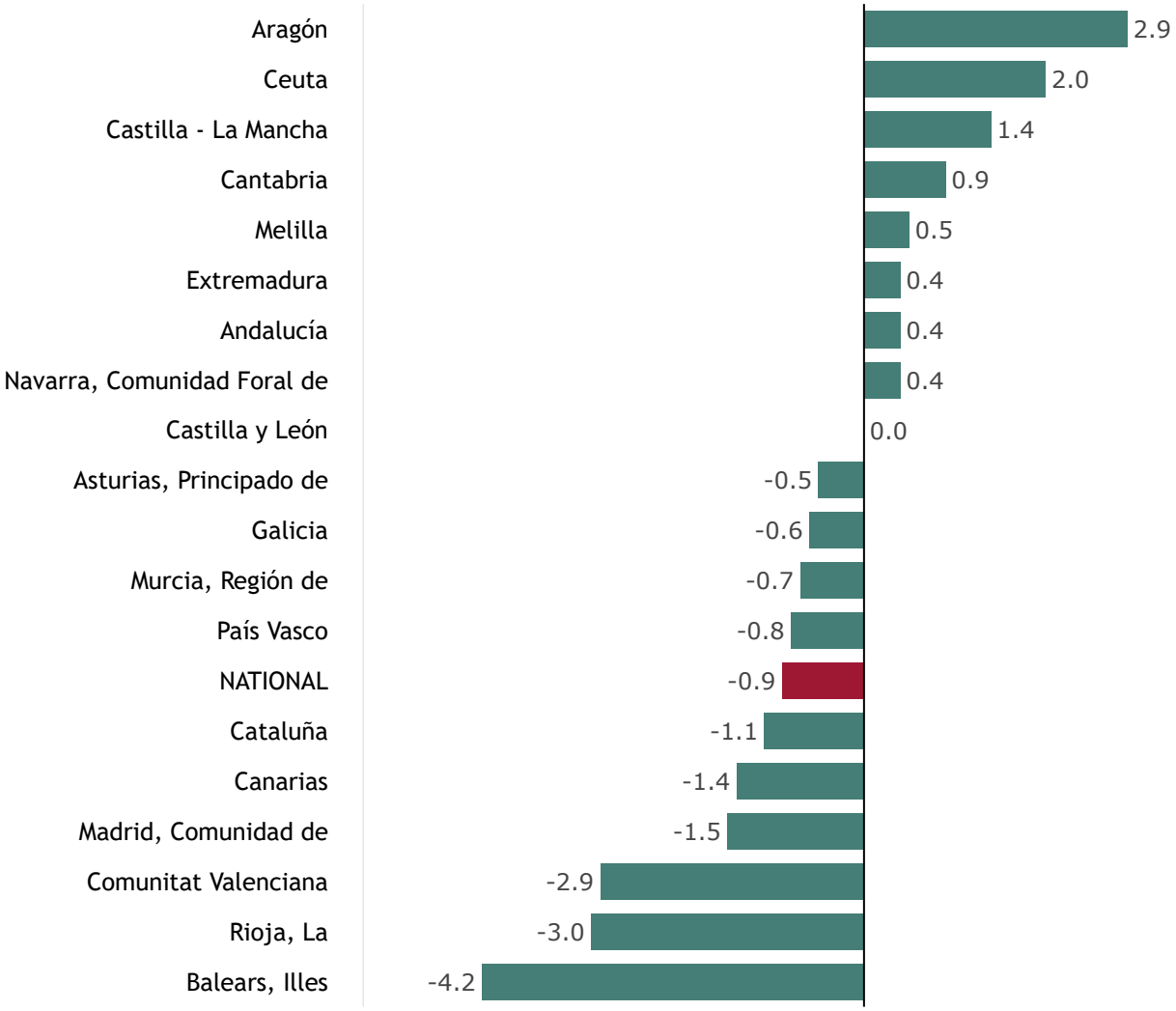


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Results by Autonomous Community

Retail sales at constant prices rose year-on-year in October in six autonomous communities and fell in 10.

General indices at constant prices: national and by Autonomous City and Community.
October 2026
Annual sales rate. Percentage



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Employment trend

In October, the employment index in the retail trade sector registered a variation of 1.1% as compared to the same month of 2025. This rate was three tenths above that recorded in September.

Employment indices: General and by distribution type. October 2026

	Index	Rate (%)		
		Monthly	Annual	Year-to-date average
GENERAL INDEX	108.2	-0.7	1.1	0.6
Service stations	106.6	-2.1	-0.8	-0.2
General Index without service stations	108.3	-0.6	1.2	0.6
- Single retail stores	106.7	-0.5	0.6	0.6
- Small chain stores	102.3	-1.1	-0.7	-4.3
- Large chain stores	115.3	-0.6	2.7	2.8
- Department stores	105.4	-0.7	1.8	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.

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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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