

**Retail Trade Indices. Base 2005**  
**February 2007. Provisional data**

**Retail trade at constant prices grows 3.9% in February, as compared to the same month in 2006.**

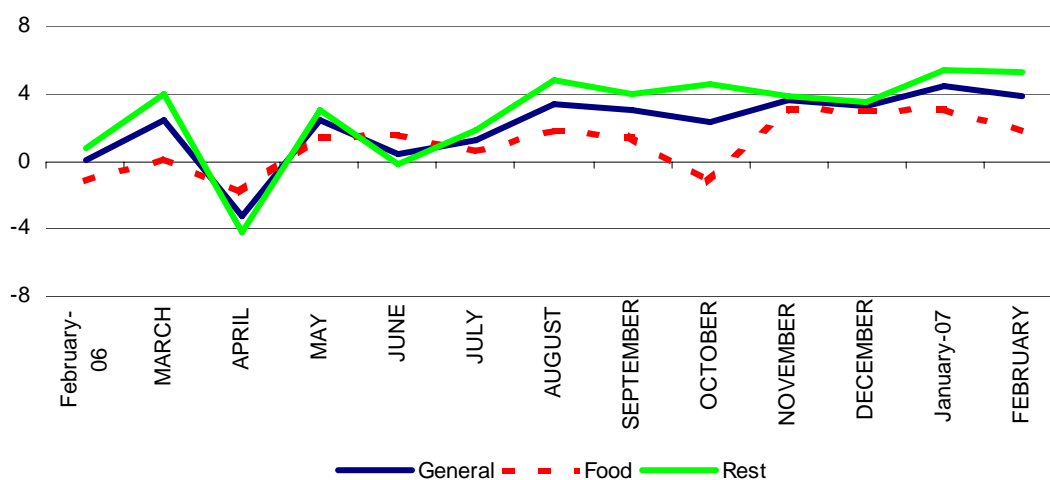
The general retail trade index in constant terms (in other words, after eliminating the price effect) registered a 3.9% interannual increase in the month of February. Foodstuff increased 1.8%, whilst non-food produce grew 5.3%. A breakdown of the latter by type of product shows annual growth amounting to 6.3% for Personal Goods, 1.5% in Furniture and household equipment and 5.4% in Other goods.

Regarding the previous year, the calendar effect does not affect this month, as the number of working days is the same as that in February 2006.

**National Indices: general and groups**

	Index	% of variation Same month previous year	Index deflated	% of variation Same month previous year
<b>General Index 1983</b>	<b>95.0</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>92.4</b>	<b>3.9</b>
1. Food	95.2	5.4	89.9	1.8
2. Rest	94.9	5.6	94.1	5.3
2.1 Personal Goods	86.2	7.4	91.1	6.3
2.2 Household equipment	99.0	4.1	95.4	1.5
2.3 Other goods	97.8	5.7	96.9	5.4
<b>General Index: Calendar Effect Corrected</b>	<b>94.9</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>92.3</b>	<b>3.9</b>

**Annual rates (constant prices)**



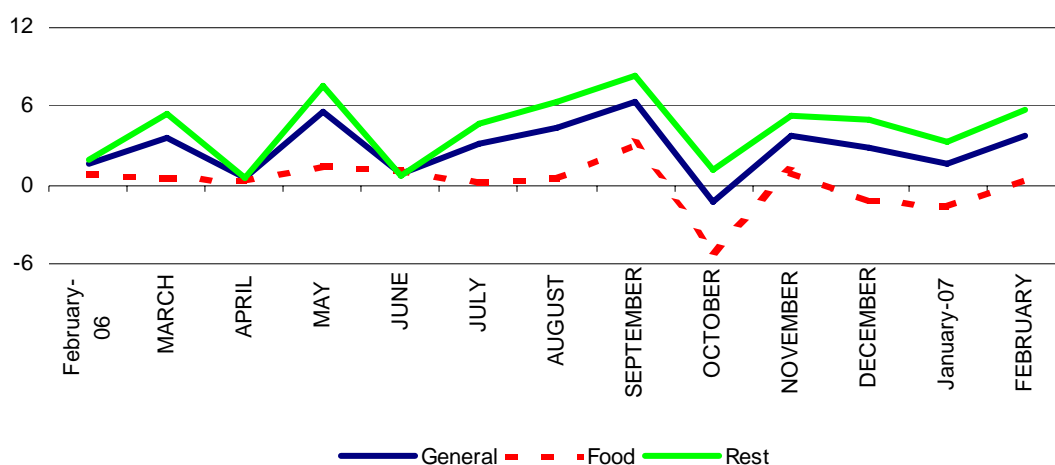
## Sales in department stores presented a 3.7% increase of the interannual rate in constant terms.

The general index for department stores, which analyses the evolution of sales in premises that spread out over more than 2,500 square metres, showed a 3.7% interannual increase at constant prices in February 2007. Foodstuff increased 0.4%, whilst non-food produce grew 5.7%.

### Indices for department stores: general and groups

	Index	% of variation Same month previous year	Index deflated	% of variation Same month previous year
<b>General Index 1983</b>	<b>89.4</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>87.0</b>	<b>3.7</b>
1. Food	89.9	4.0	84.9	0.4
2. Rest	89.2	6.0	88.4	5.7
<b>General Index: Calendar Effect Corrected</b>	<b>89.4</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>86.9</b>	<b>3.7</b>

### Annual rates for Department Stores (constant prices)



## Región de Murcia and La Rioja are the autonomous communities where greater interannual increase in sales rates have been registered

By Autonomous Communities, the highest increase in constant terms of the retail trade index in the month of February corresponded to Región de Murcia (7.9%), La Rioja (7.8%) and Extremadura (5.7%).

The lowest interannual increases are registered in Andalucía (1.2%), Castilla y León (2.4%) and Comunidad de Madrid (2.7%).

## Indices for Autonomous Communities

	Index	% of variation	Index deflated	% of variation
		Same month previous year		Same month previous year
<b>National total</b>	95.0	5.6	92.4	3.9
Andalucía	91.5	3.2	88.9	1.2
Aragón	98.1	4.9	95.3	3.2
Asturias (Principado de)	95.5	5.9	93.3	4.7
Balears (Illes)	81.6	7.0	79.5	5.6
Canarias	95.6	5.6	93.5	4.7
Cantabria	92.2	6.1	89.4	4.5
Castilla y León	92.9	4.3	90.1	2.4
Castilla - La Mancha	99.0	6.7	96.3	5.5
Cataluña	96.2	7.0	93.4	5.3
Comunidad Valenciana	93.8	5.6	91.3	4.0
Extremadura	96.5	7.2	94.2	5.7
Galicia	94.6	6.8	92.3	5.5
Madrid (Comunidad de)	97.7	4.4	95.0	2.7
Murcia (Región de)	99.4	10.3	96.1	7.9
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	96.0	5.0	94.1	3.9
País Vasco	98.3	6.1	95.8	4.4
Rioja (La)	99.4	9.5	96.4	7.8
Ceuta	100.5	6.7	97.8	5.0
Melilla	104.5	7.9	100.9	5.3

**Employment in the retail sector increased 1.8% in February 2007, as compared to the same month in the previous year.**

The employment index (showing the evolution of employment, both for employees and self-employed workers) yielded a 1.8% interannual growth for the whole of the retail sector, during February 2007. In department stores overall employment has increased by 2.2%.

## National Occupation Indices

	Index	% variation on	
		Previous month	Same month previous year
<b>General Index 1983</b>	101.8	-0.5	1.8
Department stores	101.3	-1.7	2.2

**Región de Murcia yielded the greatest occupation rate increases with regards to the same month from the previous year**

On an Autonomous Community basis, the greatest interannual employment increases have been accounted for in Región de Murcia (5.3%), Canarias (3.7%) and Galicia (3.2%).

The communities with lower increase rates are Andalucía (0.4%), Illes Balears (0.5%) and Cataluña (0.5%).

### Occupation Indices for Autonomous Communities

	Index	% variation on	
		Previous month	Same month previous year
<b>National total</b>	101.8	-0.5	1.8
Andalucía	99.7	-0.7	0.4
Aragón	103.3	-0.1	2.0
Asturias (Principado de)	101.8	-0.2	0.9
Balears (Illes)	97.1	-1.4	0.5
Canarias	102.4	-0.6	3.7
Cantabria	104.0	-0.8	2.3
Castilla y León	102.3	0.2	2.0
Castilla - La Mancha	104.1	0.0	2.3
Cataluña	99.9	-0.6	0.5
Comunidad Valenciana	101.2	-0.1	1.9
Extremadura	103.5	0.2	2.8
Galicia	104.7	0.1	3.2
Madrid (Comunidad de)	103.6	-1.0	2.8
Murcia (Región de)	108.2	-0.8	5.3
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	104.3	0.4	1.8
País Vasco	102.8	-0.7	2.5
Rioja (La)	101.3	0.0	1.5
Ceuta	101.6	0.4	0.6
Melilla	102.8	-1.0	2.7

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