

Retail Trade Indices. Base 2005
April 2007. Provisional data

Retail trade at constant prices grows 1.6% in April, as compared to the same month in 2006.

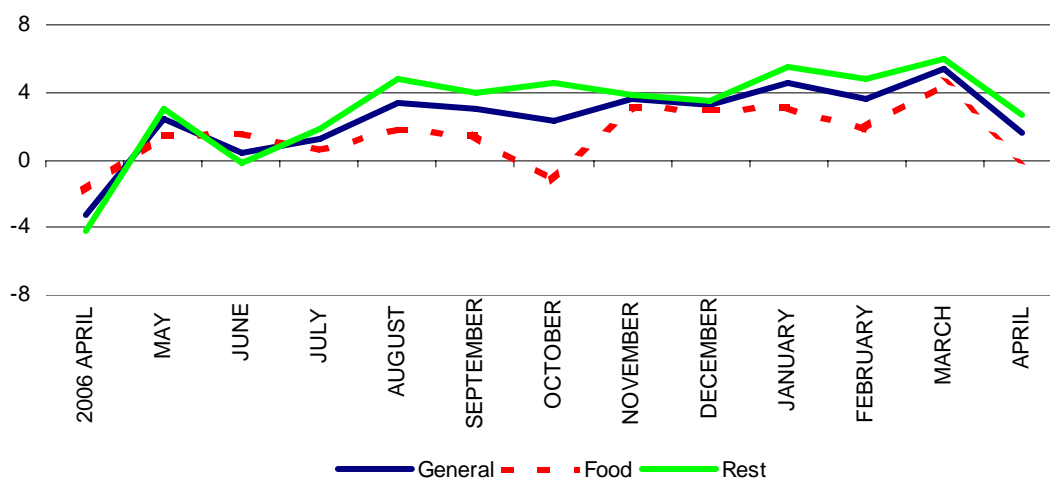
The general retail trade index in constant terms (that is, after eliminating the price effect) registered a 1.6% interannual increase in the month of April. Foodstuffs decreased 0.1%, whilst non-food products grew 2.7%. A breakdown of the latter by product type shows a negative annual rate of -0.3% for Personal Goods and positive rates of 1.5% in Household equipment and 3.6% in Other goods.

This month was not influenced by the calendar effect, as it had the same number of working days as the month of April 2006.

National Indices: general and groups

	Index	% variation Same month previous year	Index deflated	% variation Same month previous year
General Index	102.7	3.2	97.3	1.6
1. Food	104.4	3.4	97.8	-0.1
2. Rest	101.6	3.1	97.1	2.7
2.1 Personal Goods	104.1	0.7	97.4	-0.3
2.2 Household equipment	101.3	4.2	96.4	1.5
2.3 Other goods	100.2	4.0	95.7	3.6
General Index: Calendar Effect Corrected	105.2	3.2	99.5	1.6

Annual rates (constant prices)



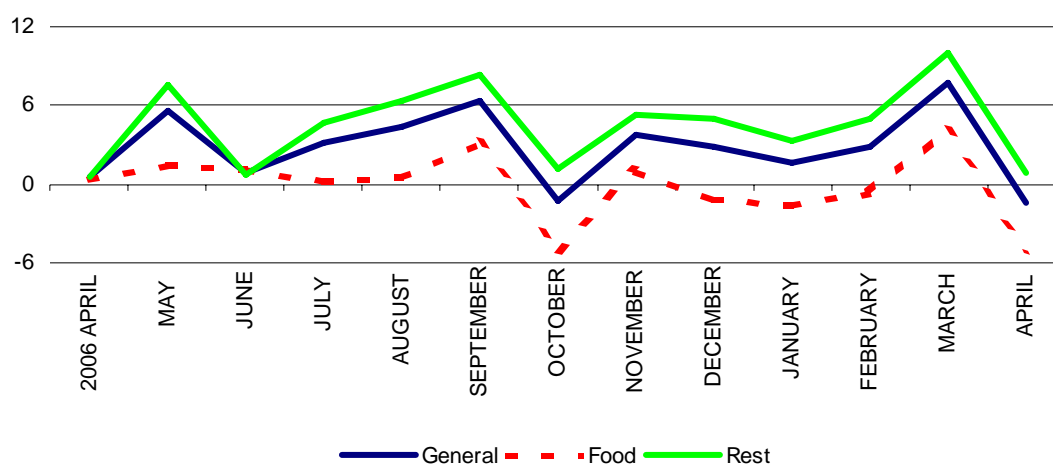
Sales in department stores present a 1.4% decrease in the interannual rate in constant terms.

The general index for department stores, which analyses the evolution of sales in premises larger than 2,500 square metres, showed a 1.4% interannual decrease at constant prices in April 2007. Foodstuffs decreased 5.1%, whilst non-food products grew 0.9%.

Indices for department stores: general and groups

	Index	% variation Same month previous year	Index deflated	% variation Same month previous year
General Index	96.5	0.2	91.5	-1.4
1. Food	98.4	-1.7	92.1	-5.1
2. Rest	95.6	1.2	91.3	0.9
General Index: Calendar Effect Corrected	97.0	0.2	91.9	-1.4

Annual rates for Department Stores (constant prices)



Aragón, Cantabria and Galicia are the autonomous communities where greater interannual increases in sales rates have been registered

By Autonomous Communities, the highest increase of the retail trade index in constant terms in the month of April corresponded to Aragón (4.1%), Cantabria (3.9%), Galicia (3.9%), Comunidad Foral de Navarra (3.5%) and La Rioja (3.4%)

The lowest interannual increases were registered in Cataluña (0.4%), Castilla y León (0.6%) and Andalucía (1.0%).

Indices by Autonomous Communities

	Index	% variation Same month previous year	Index deflated	% variation Same month previous year
National total	102.7	3.2	97.3	1.6
Andalucía	102.5	2.6	96.9	1.0
Aragón	104.6	5.7	98.9	4.1
Asturias (Principado de)	102.4	3.4	97.4	2.2
Balears (Illes)	96.9	4.6	92.5	3.1
Canarias	100.2	2.4	96.1	1.4
Cantabria	102.9	5.3	97.4	3.9
Castilla y León	99.8	2.4	94.4	0.6
Castilla - La Mancha	106.2	4.3	100.5	2.9
Cataluña	103.8	2.1	98.4	0.4
Comunitat Valenciana	102.3	3.6	96.7	1.7
Extremadura	106.3	3.3	100.8	1.6
Galicia	101.9	5.1	96.8	3.9
Madrid (Comunidad de)	102.7	3.1	97.7	1.7
Murcia (Región de)	106.9	3.8	100.1	1.1
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	106.5	4.7	101.7	3.5
País Vasco	101.9	3.7	96.6	2.0
Rioja (La)	105.4	5.0	99.0	3.4
Ceuta	102.6	4.7	96.6	2.8
Melilla	104.7	3.4	98.2	1.3

Employment in the retail sector increases 1.7% in April 2007.

The employment rate index (showing the evolution of employment, both for employees and self-employed workers) yielded a 1.7% interannual growth for the whole of the retail sector, during April 2007. In department stores overall employment increased 1.2%.

National Employment Rate Indices

	Index	% variation on	
		Previous month	Same month previous year
General Index	102.4	0.3	1.7
Department stores	101.0	0.4	1.2

Región de Murcia and La Rioja yield the greatest employment rate increases with regards to the same month from the previous year.

Based on the Autonomous Communities, the greatest interannual employment rate increases were accounted for in Región de Murcia (3.9%), La Rioja (3.0%), Extremadura (2.8%) and Galicia (2.8%).

Illes Balears was the only Autonomous Community that showed a decrease in its annual employment rate (-0,1%).

Employment Rate Indices by Autonomous Communities

	Index	% variation on	
		Previous month	Same month previous year
National total	102.4	0.3	1.7
Andalucía	100.5	0.3	0.9
Aragón	103.5	0.3	1.4
Asturias (Principado de)	101.9	-0.1	1.4
Balears (Illes)	101.4	3.1	-0.1
Canarias	102.1	0.3	2.6
Cantabria	105.1	0.2	1.3
Castilla y León	103.0	0.1	2.6
Castilla - La Mancha	104.1	0.2	1.8
Cataluña	101.7	0.9	1.8
Comunitat Valenciana	101.5	-0.4	1.0
Extremadura	102.6	-0.1	2.8
Galicia	105.1	0.6	2.8
Madrid (Comunidad de)	103.1	-0.4	2.3
Murcia (Región de)	108.8	0.0	3.9
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	104.5	-0.1	2.0
País Vasco	101.7	-0.8	1.0
Rioja (La)	102.6	0.6	3.0
Ceuta	103.3	0.8	0.4
Melilla	102.7	0.9	2.0

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