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

**Retail trade at constant prices grows 4.3% in August in comparison with the same month of 2006**

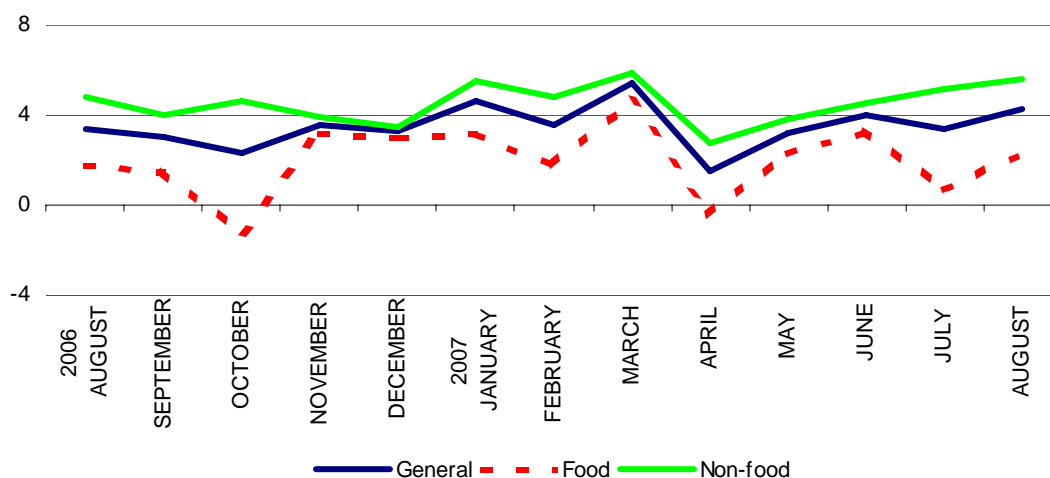
The general retail trade index in constant terms (that is, after having corrected the price effect) recorded a 4.3% interannual growth in August. *Foodstuffs* increased 2.3%, and *Non-food products* grew 5.6%. A breakdown of the latter by type of product shows annual growth amounting to 6.6% for *Personal goods*, 1.0% in *Furniture and household equipment* and 5.4% in *Other goods*.

This month was not influenced by the calendar effect, as it had the same number of working days as August 2006, therefore the adjusted General Retail Trade Index at constant prices showed a 4.3% increase.

**National indices: general and groups**

	Index	% variation Same month previous year	Deflated Index	% variation Same month previous year
<b>General Index</b>	<b>102.7</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>98.4</b>	<b>4.3</b>
1. Food	113.0	5.6	105.0	2.3
2. Non-food	96.3	5.4	94.1	5.6
2.1 Personal equipment	93.3	7.7	98.1	6.6
2.2 Household equipment	99.3	3.6	94.4	1.0
2.3 Other goods	96.3	5.2	94.1	5.4
<b>General Index: Calendar effects corrected</b>	<b>103.3</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>98.9</b>	<b>4.3</b>

**Annual rates (constant prices)**



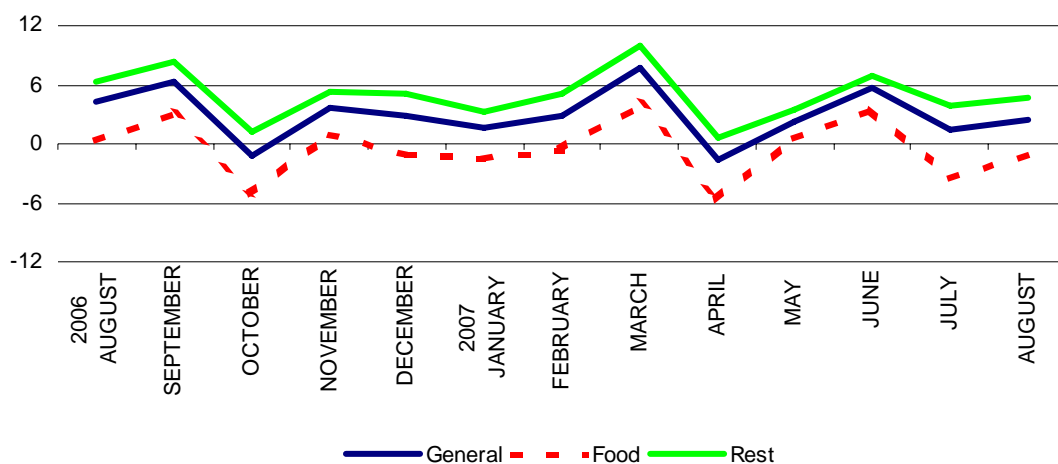
## Sales in department stores present a 2.4% increase in the interannual rate in constant terms.

The general index for department stores, which analyses the evolution of sales in premises larger than 2,500 square metres, recorded a 2.4% interannual increase at constant prices in August. *Foodstuffs* presented a variation of -1.1%, and *Non-food products* presented a variation of 4.6%.

### Department Stores index: general and by groups

	Index	% variation Same month previous year	Deflated Index	% variation Same month previous year
<b>General Index</b>	<b>108.5</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>103.9</b>	<b>2.4</b>
1. Food	109.5	2.0	101.6	-1.1
2. Non-food	108.0	4.5	105.5	4.6
<b>General Index: Calendar effects corrected</b>	<b>108.8</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>104.2</b>	<b>2.4</b>

### Department Store annual rates (constant prices)



## La Rioja and Comunidad de Madrid are the Autonomous Communities with the greatest interannual increases in sales

By Autonomous Community, the greatest interannual increases in the Retail Trade Index at constant prices in the month of August were registered in La Rioja (7.6%), Comunidad de Madrid (7.4%), Aragón (6.6%), Extremadura (6.1%) and Castilla-La Mancha (6.0%).

The lowest interannual increases were registered in Comunidad Foral de Navarra (1.3%) and Illes Balears (2.0%). Castilla y León recorded a negative rate (-0.1%).

### Indices by Autonomous Community

	Index	% variation Same month previous year	Deflated Index	% variation Same month previous year
<b>National total</b>	102.7	5.5	98.4	4.3
Andalucía	107.2	3.6	102.6	2.3
Aragón	103.6	7.9	99.2	6.6
Asturias (Principado de)	110.8	4.3	106.6	3.4
Balears (Illes)	132.5	3.1	126.6	2.0
Canarias	108.6	6.6	104.8	5.8
Cantabria	124.7	3.5	118.5	2.1
Castilla y León	112.9	1.3	107.5	-0.1
Castilla-La Mancha	110.5	6.9	105.8	6.0
Cataluña	95.6	6.9	91.4	5.7
Comunitat Valenciana	108.1	5.4	103.6	4.0
Extremadura	111.6	7.4	107.3	6.1
Galicia	116.7	4.4	112.2	3.5
Madrid (Comunidad de)	83.9	8.4	80.6	7.4
Murcia (Región de)	107.4	6.4	102.4	4.5
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	112.4	2.2	108.4	1.3
País Vasco	90.2	3.9	86.6	2.5
Rioja (La)	108.3	8.8	103.4	7.6
Ceuta	113.5	6.5	109.2	5.8
Melilla	112.3	5.4	107.4	4.0

## Employment in the retail sector increases 1.8% in August.

The employment index in the retail trade sector (showing the evolution of employment, for both employees and self-employed workers) yielded a 1.8% interannual growth for the whole of the retail sector, during August 2007. In department stores as a whole, employment increased 2.1%.

### National employment indices

	Index	% variation among	
		Previous month	Same month previous year
<b>General index</b>	104.4	-0.2	1.8
Department stores	109.1	-0.6	2.1

**Región de Murcia yields the greatest occupation rate increase with regard to the same month from the previous year.**

By Autonomous Community, the greatest interannual employment increases were accounted for in Región de Murcia (5.8%) and Extremadura (4.4%).

Cataluña (0.6%) and Illes Balears (1.0%) were the Autonomous Communities showing the lowest annual increases in occupation.

### Employment indices by Autonomous Community

	Index	% variation among	
		Previous month	Same month previous year
<b>National total</b>	104.4	-0.2	1.8
Andalucía	102.8	0.4	1.7
Aragón	106.3	-0.2	3.7
Asturias (Principado de)	105.4	-0.1	1.8
Balears (Illes)	108.9	0.2	1.0
Canarias	102.4	-0.5	1.3
Cantabria	109.3	-0.2	2.2
Castilla y León	106.1	0.4	3.1
Castilla-La Mancha	105.5	-0.3	1.4
Cataluña	102.4	-0.8	0.6
Comunitat Valenciana	104.9	-0.4	2.0
Extremadura	105.4	0.6	4.4
Galicia	107.4	-0.1	2.9
Madrid (Comunidad de)	104.1	-0.4	1.7
Murcia (Región de)	113.8	-0.1	5.8
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	105.7	-0.6	2.0
País Vasco	103.0	-0.4	1.4
Rioja (La)	103.4	-0.6	2.2
Ceuta	104.8	-0.6	4.7
Melilla	102.4	-1.4	1.5

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