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

**Retail Trade at constant prices grows 3.0% in October in
comparison with the same month of 2006**

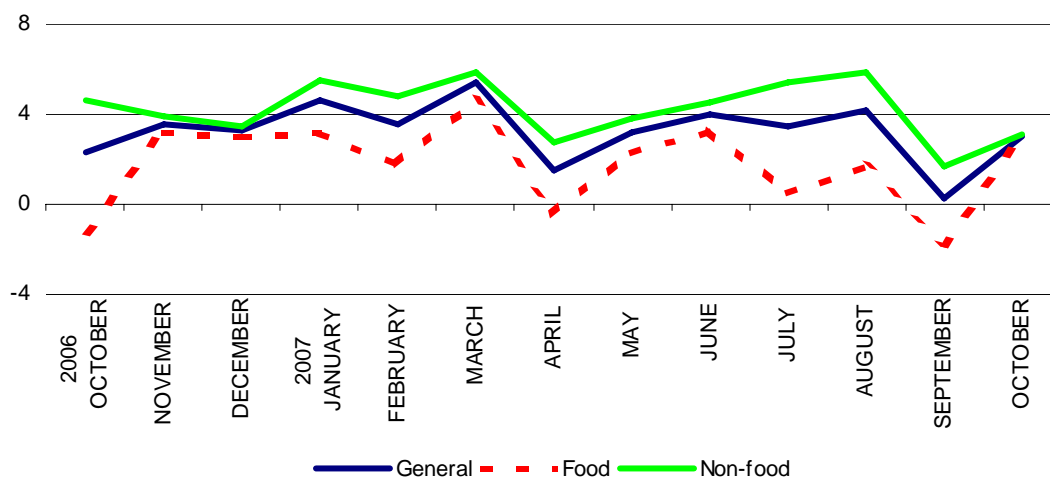
The General Retail Trade Index in constant terms (that is, after having corrected the price effect) recorded a 3.0% interannual growth in October. *Foodstuffs* increased 3.0%, and *Non-food products* grew 3.1%. A breakdown of the latter by type of product shows annual growth amounting to 7.1% for *Personal goods*, 2.9% in *Other goods* and *Furniture and household equipment* recorded no variation.

After eliminating the calendar effect (i.e. the difference between the number of working days in a given month in different years) the Retail Trade Index at constant prices registered a 1.3% increase

National indices: general and groups

	Index	% variation Same month previous year	Deflated Index	% variation Same month previous year
General Index	112.7	6.6	104.9	3.0
1. Food stuffs	113.3	8.8	102.6	3.0
2. Non-food products	112.3	5.2	106.4	3.1
2.1 Personal goods	121.0	8.1	112.8	7.1
2.2 Furniture household equipment	109.3	2.6	103.3	0.0
2.3 Other goods	108.6	5.1	102.9	2.9
General Index: Calendar effects corrected	113.4	4.8	105.6	1.3

Annual rates (constant prices)



Sales in department stores present a 2.9% increase in the interannual rate in constant terms.

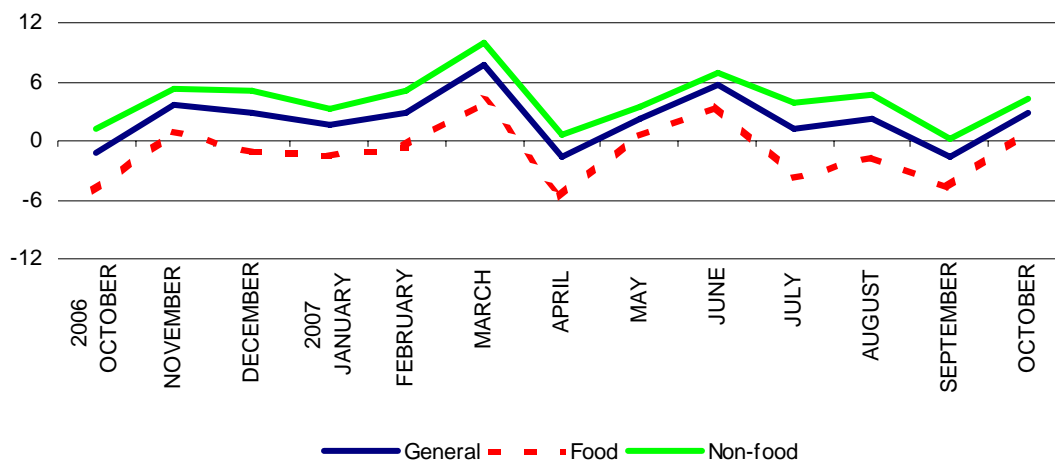
The General Index for department stores, which analyses the evolution of sales in premises larger than 2,500 square metres, recorded a 2.9% interannual increase at constant prices in October. *Foodstuffs* presented a variation of 1.0%, and *Non-food products* presented a variation of 4.2%.

Having corrected for calendar effect, this index saw an increase of 1.9%.

Department Stores index: general and by groups

	Index	% variation Same month previous year	Deflated Index	% variation Same month previous year
General Index	105.6	6.5	98.3	2.9
1. Food stuffs	106.7	6.7	96.6	1.0
2. Non-food products	105.1	6.4	99.6	4.2
General Index: Calendar effects corrected	106.0	5.4	98.7	1.9

Department Store annual rates (constant prices)



Extremadura 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 October were registered in Extremadura (6.1%), Comunidad de Madrid (5.3%), Aragón (5.0%) and Castilla-La Mancha (5.0%).

The lowest interannual increases were registered in Andalucía (0.9%) and Illes Balears (1.3%).

Indices by Autonomous Community

	Index	% variation Same month previous year	Deflated Index	% variation Same month previous year
National total	112.7	6.6	104.9	3.0
Andalucía	110.7	4.3	103.1	0.9
Aragón	115.6	8.6	107.1	5.0
Asturias (Principado de)	111.3	5.8	104.1	2.7
Balears (Illes)	111.3	4.5	104.7	1.3
Canarias	107.8	7.2	101.8	3.7
Cantabria	111.0	6.9	102.9	3.3
Castilla y León	112.2	6.9	103.7	3.0
Castilla-La Mancha	121.2	8.7	112.3	5.0
Cataluña	110.8	5.6	103.2	2.2
Comunitat Valenciana	109.2	6.1	101.7	2.4
Extremadura	115.2	10.1	107.0	6.1
Galicia	114.4	7.4	106.3	3.9
Madrid (Comunidad de)	117.3	8.7	109.5	5.3
Murcia (Región de)	117.3	6.4	108.3	1.9
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	116.7	8.1	109.5	4.7
País Vasco	112.7	7.1	104.6	3.5
Rioja (La)	115.3	8.1	106.8	4.6
Ceuta	110.4	3.4	102.8	1.1
Melilla	118.0	7.2	108.7	3.7

Employment in the retail sector increases 2.0% in October.

The Employment Index in the retail trade sector (showing the evolution of employment, for both employees and self-employed workers) yielded a 2.0% interannual growth for the whole of the retail sector, in October 2007. In department stores as a whole, employment increased 3.9%.

National Employment Indices

	Index	% variation among	
		Previous month	Same month previous year
General index	103.8	0.3	2.0
Department stores	105.7	-1.2	3.9

Región de Murcia yields the greatest employment 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 (3.9%), Extremadura (3.5%), Aragón (3.4%), and Castilla y León (3.4%).

Castilla-La Mancha (0.8%) and Cataluña (0.8%) were the Autonomous Communities showing the lowest annual increases in employment .

Employment Indices by Autonomous Community

	Index	% variation on	
		Previous month	Same month previous year
National total	103.8	0.3	2.0
Andalucía	102.5	0.6	2.8
Aragón	105.5	0.6	3.4
Asturias (Principado de)	104.5	-0.1	2.8
Balears (Illes)	105.4	-2.4	2.0
Canarias	103.6	-0.3	1.6
Cantabria	108.2	-0.1	3.2
Castilla y León	105.0	0.2	3.4
Castilla-La Mancha	105.2	0.0	0.8
Cataluña	101.7	0.8	0.8
Comunitat Valenciana	102.7	0.0	1.7
Extremadura	104.1	-0.1	3.5
Galicia	105.6	-0.3	1.9
Madrid (Comunidad de)	105.2	1.1	1.9
Murcia (Región de)	111.7	-0.4	3.9
Navarra (Comunidad Foral de)	105.4	0.6	1.9
País Vasco	102.9	0.1	1.4
Rioja (La)	102.9	0.1	3.2
Ceuta	104.9	-0.2	3.9
Melilla	103.6	0.0	0.8

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