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# Spanish retailers cheer signs of a Christmas recovery

- Tax cuts, low inflation and falling energy prices have helped bump up family budgets this year.
- 850,000 jobs could be added between November and January. See page 17



High streets braced for a bumper Christmas.



Ciudadanos party leader Albert Rivera.

## PP tops pre-election survey, newcomer Ciudadanos second

● A new survey has put Spain's market-friendly political newcomer Ciudadanos ('Citizens') in second place behind the ruling Partido Popular (PP) eight days before a general election, pushing the opposition Socialists into fourth.

The DYM poll was the worst showing yet for the Socialists, suggesting they had lost support heavily to Ciudadanos and another newcomer, the left-wing anti-austerity movement Podemos ('We can').

However, 26 percent of

respondents said they had not yet decided who to vote for on 20 December.

Surveys indicate that no single party is on course to win a parliamentary majority, raising the prospect of a coalition or minority government.

Spaniards, still reeling from the effects of a deep recession that officially ended 18 months ago, are turning away in droves from the two main parties that have ruled Spain since it emerged from dictatorship in the late 1970s.

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