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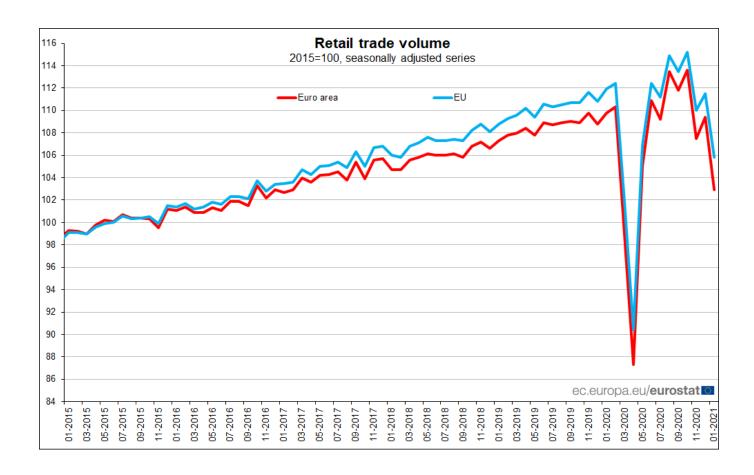
January 2021 compared with December 2020

Volume of retail trade down by 5.9% in euro area and by 5.1% in the EU

Down by 6.4% and 5.4% compared with January 2020

In January 2021, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade fell by 5.9% in the **euro area** and by 5.1% in the **EU**, compared with December 2020, according to estimates from **Eurostat**, **the statistical office of the European Union**. In December 2020, the retail trade volume rose by 1.8% in the **euro area** and by 1.4% in the **EU**.

In January 2021 compared with January 2020, the calendar adjusted volume of retail trade decreased by 6.4% in the **EU**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the euro area in January 2021, compared with December 2020, the volume of retail trade decreased by 12.0% for non-food products and by 1.1% for automotive fuels, while it increased by 1.1% for food, drinks and tobacco. In the **EU** the volume of retail trade decreased by 9.9% for non-food products and by 0.3% for automotive fuels, while it increased by 1.0% for food, drinks and tobacco.

Among Member States for which data are available, the largest decreases in total retail trade were registered in Austria (-16.6%), Ireland (-15.7%) and Slovakia (-11.1%). The highest increases were observed in Sweden (+3.5%), **Bulgaria** (+1.8%) and **Estonia** (+1.7%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the euro area in January 2021, compared with January 2020, the volume of retail trade decreased by 18.3% for automotive fuels and by 13.6% for non-food products (within this category mail orders and internet increased by 39.1%), while it increased by 5.9% for food, drinks and tobacco. In the EU, the volume of retail trade decreased by 15.7% for automotive fuels and by 11.5% for non-food products (mail orders and internet increased by 40.0%), while it increased by 5.4% for food, drinks and tobacco.

Among Member States for which data are available, the largest decreases in total retail trade volume were registered in Austria and Slovakia (both -16.8%), Slovenia (-13.0%) and Portugal (-10.9%). The highest increases were observed in Estonia (+8.0%), Belgium (+4.2%) and Finland (+3.8%).

Geographical information

The euro area (EA19) includes Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland.

The European Union (EU27) includes Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechia, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland and Sweden.

Methods and definitions

The index of the volume of retail trade measures the evolution of the turnover in retail trade, adjusted for price changes (deflated), i.e. the evolution of the total amount of goods sold, based on data adjusted for calendar and seasonal effects.

Seasonal adjustment is a statistical method for removing the effects of recurring seasonal influences, which have been observed in the past from an economic time series, thus showing non-seasonal trends more clearly. Calendar adjustment is a statistical method for removing the variation caused by the changing number of particular weekdays or holidays in different months or other time periods (quarters, years). The annual comparisons are based on data adjusted for calendar effects only.

Seasonally adjusted euro area and EU series are calculated by aggregating the seasonally adjusted national data. Eurostat carries out the seasonal adjustment of the data for those countries that do not adjust their data for seasonal effects.

Missing observations from Member States for recent months are estimated for the calculation of the euro area and the EU aggregates.

Revisions and timetable

Data of previous months have been revised compared to those issued in the News Release 20/2021 of 4 February 2021. The monthly percentage change for December 2020 has been revised from +2.0% to +1.8% in the euro area and remained at +1.4% in the EU. The annual percentage change has been revised from +0.6% to +0.9% in the euro area and from +0.5% to +0.9% in the EU.

For more information

Eurostat database section on short-term business statistics Eurostat Statistics Explained article on the index of retail trade The weights of the Member States in the EU and euro area aggregates (See file NEWS_RELEASE_WEIGHTINGS_2015) Eurostat €-indicators release calendar European Statistics Code of Practice

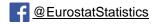
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Volume of retail trade

% change compared with the previous month*

	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21
Euro area						
Total retail trade	3.9	-1.5	1.6	-5.4	1.8	-5.9
Food, drinks, tobacco	2.1	-1.4	2.3	-2.2	2.3	1.1
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	5.6	-1.7	1.7	-7.3	1.0	-12.0
Mail orders and internet	13.8	-6.0	7.9	4.5	-1.5	7.1
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	1.8	-1.6	-3.6	-11.4	4.7	-1.1
EU						
Total retail trade	3.3	-1.2	1.5	-4.5	1.4	-5.1
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.9	-1.2	2.1	-1.9	2.0	1.0
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	4.7	-1.4	1.7	-6.2	0.4	-9.9
Mail orders and internet	11.6	-4.9	7.2	5.1	-1.6	6.4
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	1.6	-1.5	-3.3	-8.6	3.7	-0.3

Source dataset: sts_trtu_m

Total retail trade	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21
Euro area	3.9	-1.5	1.6	-5.4	1.8	-5.9
EU	3.3	-1.2	1.5	-4.5	1.4	-5.1
Belgium	6.0	-4.5	2.9	-11.4	14.9	-2.4
Bulgaria	2.2	2.1	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.8
Czechia	0.0	-0.5	-1.6	-5.8	8.3	С
Denmark	-1.2	-1.1	8.6	-2.8	-8.7	-6.3
Germany	1.9	-1.4	2.9	1.6	-9.1	-4.5
Estonia	-0.2	1.1	1.1	0.9	-0.5	1.7
Ireland	0.9	2.0	0.6	-10.3	11.0	-15.7
Greece	1.0	-0.4	3.4	-6.4	-3.1	С
Spain	С	С	С	С	С	С
France	6.9	-3.6	2.6	-15.6	20.6	-9.9
Croatia	-1.7	1.7	4.4	2.9	-1.9	С
Italy	11.0	0.0	-0.6	С	С	С
Cyprus	2.0	0.9	3.2	1.6	0.9	С
Latvia	1.1	0.6	0.9	-1.8	-5.8	-5.0
Lithuania	0.6	-0.1	1.5	-1.1	-5.1	-5.1
Luxembourg	-0.6	-0.6	0.0	-0.3	-0.6	0.6
Hungary	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.5	-0.9	0.6
Malta	3.3	0.7	2.0	1.7	2.1	-1.6
Netherlands	1.6	-2.3	-1.0	3.2	-10.3	-5.1
Austria	-0.7	0.3	-0.8	-9.8	6.9	-16.6
Poland	0.5	-0.2	-0.3	0.8	0.8	-0.2
Portugal	-1.1	2.3	1.7	-3.4	-0.1	-4.8
Romania	-1.4	3.0	1.5	0.5	0.2	-3.3
Slovenia	-4.2	-1.0	-1.0	-5.5	0.4	1.3
Slovakia	0.8	1.2	-1.9	-2.4	-0.9	-11.1
Finland	1.3	-0.3	0.4	1.8	-3.3	1.2
Sweden	-0.1	0.7	0.0	1.3	-4.0	3.5
Norway	-4.9	0.4	1.2	2.9	-5.7	-0.1
Switzerland	-0.6	-1.2	3.2	-2.1	2.4	-5.3

^{*} Calendar and seasonally adjusted c Confidential

Volume of retail trade

% change compared with the same month of the previous year*

	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21
Euro area						
Total retail trade	4.5	2.5	4.4	-1.9	0.9	-6.4
Food, drinks, tobacco	3.8	2.7	5.0	2.4	5.6	5.9
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	6.3	3.5	5.6	-2.6	-0.6	-13.6
Mail orders and internet	26.9	17.9	30.7	35.0	30.1	39.1
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-3.8	-5.3	-9.2	-18.4	-14.7	-18.3
EU						
Total retail trade	4.1	2.3	4.2	-1.1	0.9	-5.4
Food, drinks, tobacco	3.1	2.3	4.5	2.0	5.0	5.4
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	6.2	3.8	5.7	-1.3	-0.3	-11.5
Mail orders and internet	27.7	19.8	31.7	37.0	31.4	40.0
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-4.0	-5.7	-9.2	-16.1	-13.3	-15.7

Source dataset: sts_trtu_m

Total retail trade	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21
Euro area	4.5	2.5	4.4	-1.9	0.9	-6.4
EU	4.1	2.3	4.2	-1.1	0.9	-5.4
Belgium	11.7	2.6	6.5	-7.4	7.1	4.2
Bulgaria	-12.0	-6.1	-5.1	-5.8	-10.7	-3.9
Czechia	1.5	0.1	-0.8	-4.5	1.4	С
Denmark	4.4	2.8	12.6	9.3	0.3	-6.1
Germany	6.9	5.0	8.5	9.0	0.2	-5.5
Estonia	4.1	4.9	6.5	6.2	6.0	8.0
Ireland	9.8	13.6	14.5	1.2	10.9	-6.0
Greece	-0.6	-4.0	4.7	-7.4	-11.0	С
Spain	С	С	С	С	С	С
France	6.3	2.6	5.2	-11.5	7.8	-4.4
Croatia	-6.5	-6.0	-0.3	1.5	-1.6	С
Italy	1.0	0.0	-0.3	С	С	С
Cyprus	-2.1	-3.4	0.2	0.4	1.5	С
Latvia	4.4	5.9	6.5	1.6	-4.6	-9.0
Lithuania	7.4	6.5	8.5	6.4	-0.3	-4.0
Luxembourg	6.8	2.9	1.8	0.9	-2.1	-1.0
Hungary	-0.8	-1.9	-2.0	-0.7	-3.9	-1.8
Malta	-8.6	-12.1	-8.0	-4.0	2.2	-3.4
Netherlands	8.3	4.0	3.2	7.3	-5.7	-9.0
Austria	4.3	4.5	3.6	-7.3	-0.1	-16.8
Poland	6.2	5.5	3.3	1.7	4.5	1.3
Portugal	-4.3	0.5	-0.4	-5.1	-3.6	-10.9
Romania	1.6	4.0	4.8	4.1	2.7	1.7
Slovenia	-7.3	-8.5	-10.7	-15.3	-13.1	-13.0
Slovakia	3.9	5.9	2.8	-0.3	-0.6	-16.8
Finland	5.1	3.7	4.8	8.0	2.8	3.8
Sweden	0.8	1.4	1.6	3.8	-1.8	2.2
Norway	8.2	8.7	10.6	13.8	8.0	8.2
Switzerland	4.5	2.4	5.5	2.8	5.4	-0.5

^{*} Calendar adjusted c Confidential

Volume of retail trade, calendar and seasonally adjusted indices (base year 2015)

	01/20	02/20	03/20	04/20	05/20	06/20	07/20	08/20	09/20	10/20	11/20	12/20	01/21
Euro area	109.8	110.3	98.9	87.3	105.0	110.9	109.2	113.5	111.8	113.6	107.5	109.4	102.9
EU	111.9	112.4	101.8	90.4	106.9	112.4	111.2	114.9	113.5	115.2	110.0	111.5	105.8
Belgium	103.2	103.9	94.8	86.1	104.3	106.9	103.9	110.1	105.1	108.2	95.9	110.2	107.6
Bulgaria	122.3	123.7	101.2	101.0	102.0	103.8	104.6	106.9	109.1	110.6	112.0	113.5	115.5
Czechia	125.0	124.8	112.1	109.9	121.6	122.7	124.9	124.9	124.3	122.3	115.2	124.8	С
Denmark	104.1	104.5	102.0	101.2	110.8	112.1	110.8	109.5	108.3	117.6	114.3	104.4	97.8
Germany	112.6	113.0	111.5	104.5	118.1	116.6	116.8	119.0	117.3	120.7	122.6	111.4	106.4
Estonia	114.8	115.8	113.7	105.7	112.2	115.1	116.7	116.5	117.8	119.1	120.2	119.6	121.6
Ireland	122.5	122.3	122.5	95.7	108.6	131.2	132.5	133.7	136.4	137.2	123.1	136.7	115.2
Greece	105.3	103.0	102.5	77.1	99.3	101.1	100.2	101.2	100.8	104.2	97.5	94.5	С
Spain	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С
France	114.1	113.8	95.8	78.3	107.8	117.0	113.3	121.1	116.7	119.7	101.0	121.8	109.8
Croatia	117.8	117.8	107.8	86.2	107.6	109.0	108.8	106.9	108.7	113.5	116.8	114.6	С
Italy	100.9	101.3	77.8	68.9	86.3	98.4	90.9	100.9	100.9	100.3	С	С	С
Cyprus	128.5	128.3	124.3	86.4	114.3	112.5	116.5	118.8	119.9	123.7	125.7	126.8	С
Latvia	114.8	119.8	113.0	105.2	112.9	116.9	116.1	117.4	118.1	119.2	117.0	110.2	104.7
Lithuania	128.2	130.5	116.2	108.0	124.7	132.8	133.4	134.2	134.0	136.0	134.5	127.7	121.2
Luxembourg	33.5	33.5	27.2	20.8	29.0	33.6	34.1	33.9	33.7	33.7	33.6	33.4	33.6
Hungary	129.6	131.1	129.1	111.8	119.5	123.4	125.7	126.6	127.0	127.4	128.1	127.0	127.7
Malta	120.3	121.3	117.5	88.4	97.2	104.4	106.7	110.2	111.0	113.2	115.1	117.5	115.6
Netherlands	110.7	112.6	109.5	104.3	114.4	116.7	116.1	117.9	115.2	114.1	117.8	105.7	100.3
Austria	104.1	106.2	92.1	86.8	109.1	106.6	109.0	108.2	108.5	107.6	97.1	103.8	86.6
Poland	131.4	132.0	123.4	111.2	123.0	128.2	131.6	132.2	131.9	131.5	132.5	133.5	133.2
Portugal	120.1	124.5	108.8	89.9	103.2	108.9	113.4	112.1	114.7	116.6	112.6	112.5	107.1
Romania	152.2	150.8	145.6	113.7	133.3	141.4	147.4	145.4	149.7	151.9	152.6	152.9	147.9
Slovenia	121.0	119.6	104.2	95.9	111.3	115.0	116.5	111.6	110.5	109.4	103.4	103.8	105.2
Slovakia	114.2	114.7	109.1	100.5	102.8	108.9	111.0	111.9	113.2	111.1	108.4	107.4	95.5
Finland	110.5	112.1	110.3	110.2	114.2	115.4	113.5	115.0	114.7	115.2	117.3	113.4	114.8
Sweden	108.0	110.0	108.0	105.3	107.2	109.0	108.8	108.7	109.5	109.5	110.9	106.5	110.2
Norway	101.7	103.5	102.5	107.3	110.4	116.6	117.4	111.7	112.1	113.5	116.8	110.1	110.0
Switzerland	103.0	103.2	96.1	83.3	109.7	107.4	106.8	106.2	104.9	108.3	106.0	108.5	102.7

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Volume of retail trade, calendar adjusted indices

(base year 2015)

	01/18	01/19	01/20	02/20	03/20	04/20	05/20	06/20	07/20	08/20	09/20	10/20	11/20	12/20	01/21
Euro area	99.6	102.0	104.3	98.1	97.4	85.4	103.9	110.7	108.7	116.2	108.6	114.9	109.4	130.7	97.6
EU	99.6	102.2	105.1	99.4	100.1	88.5	106.1	112.7	111.4	117.7	110.6	116.7	112.1	132.5	99.4
Belgium	98.5	98.3	100.5	91.9	95.0	85.6	105.1	110.5	104.1	104.8	100.5	110.2	93.4	131.1	104.7
Bulgaria	98.2	104.9	107.6	103.4	97.3	92.6	96.2	101.8	109.4	117.7	117.8	120.2	119.5	126.1	103.4
Czechia	103.1	108.1	113.2	108.0	113.1	106.0	121.6	121.4	120.5	120.8	121.1	124.2	128.3	153.1	С
Denmark	94.4	94.1	95.8	89.3	98.4	101.0	114.4	114.5	109.6	110.1	103.6	115.0	120.8	127.6	90.0
Germany	98.1	101.8	104.3	101.6	113.1	105.4	117.4	115.9	117.5	115.0	113.4	122.2	129.5	128.6	98.6
Estonia	95.8	101.2	104.5	103.0	112.7	95.1	117.2	121.5	122.2	121.4	116.1	121.1	119.4	133.7	112.9
Ireland	104.7	109.9	113.7	115.2	112.0	89.9	103.5	126.2	126.7	130.4	135.0	134.5	134.6	187.2	106.9
Greece	95.6	92.5	98.2	98.5	97.2	74.9	91.1	101.3	104.9	111.0	102.9	107.0	94.8	101.9	С
Spain	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С
France	104.5	107.3	110.2	100.1	93.5	77.0	106.8	116.9	97.0	139.8	111.5	120.4	101.1	151.0	105.4
Croatia	87.6	92.1	96.8	95.3	102.1	83.1	104.0	117.0	131.2	127.4	112.5	112.9	108.7	121.4	С
Italy	93.8	95.8	96.7	91.3	74.5	62.9	83.0	94.7	97.9	100.1	99.5	103.3	С	С	С
Cyprus	105.1	104.3	110.7	107.8	112.2	82.6	114.6	123.1	130.3	123.5	120.1	122.6	124.5	153.8	С
Latvia	101.1	102.3	103.8	103.5	108.6	101.3	115.4	120.3	124.7	127.0	118.0	119.9	113.2	123.9	94.5
Lithuania	104.4	110.1	115.8	112.2	113.1	104.5	127.6	134.4	141.0	143.4	133.1	138.4	132.1	144.5	111.2
Luxembourg	28.6	29.7	31.2	29.4	27.5	20.6	28.5	34.3	37.5	31.4	32.3	34.7	33.6	37.7	30.9
Hungary	99.6	105.3	113.0	115.5	125.7	110.0	120.6	126.2	130.0	130.6	123.7	130.3	132.1	146.4	111.0
Malta	99.7	102.8	110.3	110.7	106.7	86.9	99.1	113.1	110.6	108.0	103.7	113.1	116.3	139.7	106.5
Netherlands	102.2	103.0	105.0	97.4	107.4	103.5	118.3	120.3	119.5	114.1	111.6	115.5	121.0	121.0	95.5
Austria	95.8	95.8	97.2	95.3	92.8	86.8	107.2	105.2	111.4	106.1	105.5	110.5	98.0	122.9	80.9
Poland	104.1	107.4	116.3	114.8	124.7	111.9	125.1	131.5	136.1	135.4	131.6	134.3	127.7	152.6	117.8
Portugal	100.8	106.4	111.1	108.5	105.2	84.9	101.2	107.5	121.5	121.4	113.7	115.7	112.6	137.4	99.0
Romania	109.6	117.8	130.9	127.3	136.4	110.6	131.4	142.6	155.2	155.8	154.6	157.3	161.0	170.1	133.1
Slovenia	105.1	114.6	113.4	104.8	103.0	94.3	108.6	116.8	121.1	115.0	113.5	113.5	101.5	114.1	98.7
Slovakia	99.0	103.5	102.5	102.4	106.0	94.5	100.7	111.5	111.6	112.4	115.1	117.1	114.2	126.1	85.3
Finland	94.9	95.2	97.2	93.9	104.4	104.9	119.3	122.5	121.2	119.4	112.3	114.8	117.0	135.5	100.9
Sweden	93.0	95.2	97.1	92.3	104.3	103.6	110.0	115.6	112.6	110.5	106.6	110.3	114.6	123.6	99.2
Norway	93.1	94.1	92.5	87.0	96.9	100.3	117.4	124.0	119.4	115.8	107.8	111.3	122.6	133.5	100.1
Switzerland	95.9	96.4	97.3	91.2	95.8	81.2	110.8	107.2	107.4	100.1	99.3	109.1	112.8	132.5	96.8

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