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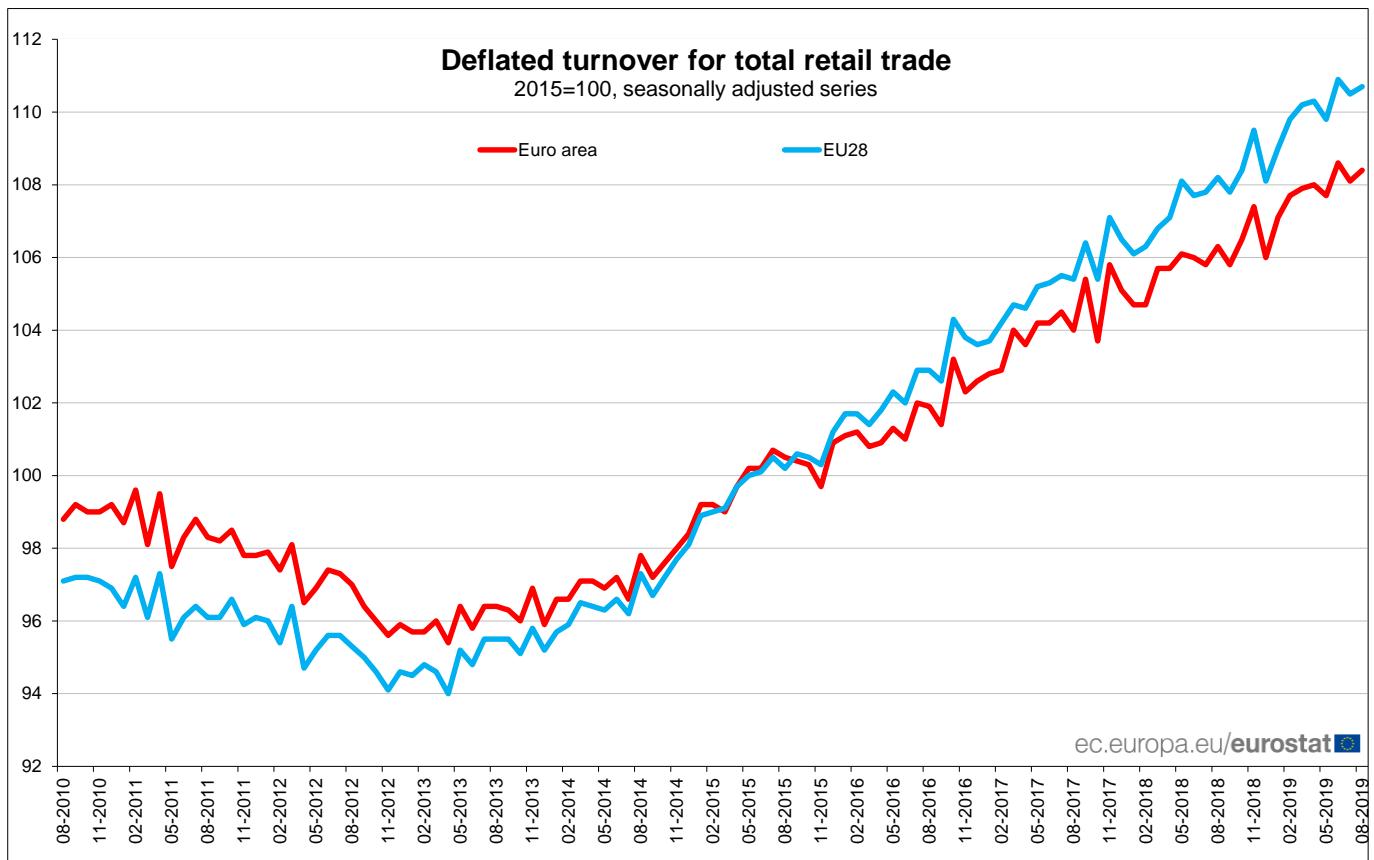
August 2019 compared with July 2019

Volume of retail trade up by 0.3% in euro area

Up by 0.2% in EU28

In August 2019 compared with July 2019, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade increased by 0.3% in the **euro area** (EA19) and by 0.2% in the **EU28**, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In July 2019, the retail trade volume fell by 0.5% in the **euro area** and by 0.4% in the **EU28**.

In August 2019 compared with August 2018, the calendar adjusted retail sales index increased by 2.1% in the **euro area** and by 2.5% in the **EU28**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in August 2019, compared with July 2019, the volume of retail trade increased by 0.4% for non-food products and by 0.1% for automotive fuels, while food, drinks and tobacco remained unchanged. In the **EU28**, the retail trade volume increased by 0.3% for non-food products, by 0.2% for automotive fuels, and by 0.1% for food, drinks and tobacco.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Portugal** (+1.1%), **Estonia** (+1.0%) and **Finland** (+0.8%). The largest decreases were observed in **Austria**, **Slovakia** (both -1.3%) and **Croatia** (-1.1%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in August 2019, compared with August 2018, the volume of retail trade increased by 4.1% for non-food products, by 2.1% for automotive fuel and by 0.4% for food, drinks and tobacco. In the **EU28**, the retail trade volume increased by 4.2% for non-food products, by 3.0% for automotive fuel, and by 0.7% for food, drinks and tobacco.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest yearly increases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Romania** (+7.4%), **Malta** (+6.2%), and **Hungary** (+5.9%). Decreases were observed in **Slovakia** (-3.0%) and **Luxembourg** (-1.5%).

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** (EU28) 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, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

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.

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 [135/2019](#) of 4 September 2019. The monthly percentage change for July 2019 has been revised from -0.6% to -0.5% in the euro area and from -0.5% to -0.4% in the EU28. The annual percentage change remained at +2.2% in the euro area and was revised from +2.6% to +2.5% in the EU28.

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](#)

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[Eurostat €-indicators release calendar](#)

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Volume of retail trade
 % change compared with the previous month*

	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19
EA19						
Total retail trade	0.2	0.1	-0.3	0.8	-0.5	0.3
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.4	0.0	-0.9	1.4	-0.7	0.0
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-0.1	0.3	0.0	1.2	-0.7	0.4
Textiles, clothing, footwear	0.2	-1.3	-1.2	4.6	-3.5	0.7
Electrical goods and furniture	0.3	-0.5	0.2	0.8	-0.6	0.7
Computer equipment, books and other	-0.5	0.6	0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.8
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	-1.3	1.4	0.4	-0.4	-0.9	1.6
Mail orders and internet	2.4	-0.3	1.4	1.4	0.5	0.3
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.7	-0.1	-1.5	1.6	-0.1	0.1
EU28						
Total retail trade	0.4	0.1	-0.5	1.0	-0.4	0.2
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.4	0.2	-0.9	1.1	-0.5	0.1
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.4	0.1	-0.1	1.3	-0.5	0.3
Textiles, clothing, footwear	0.3	-0.5	-1.6	4.0	-2.6	0.6
Electrical goods and furniture	0.7	-0.8	0.5	0.7	-0.8	0.6
Computer equipment, books and other	-0.6	1.0	-0.1	0.3	-0.1	0.8
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	-1.8	1.7	0.6	-0.4	-0.3	1.3
Mail orders and internet	3.3	-0.2	1.0	1.5	2.0	-0.4
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.2	-0.5	-1.7	1.6	0.0	0.2

The source dataset is available [here](#).

Total retail trade	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19
EA19	0.2	0.1	-0.3	0.8	-0.5	0.3
EU28	0.4	0.1	-0.5	1.0	-0.4	0.2
Belgium	-0.7	0.4	1.2	0.5	-1.2	-0.8
Bulgaria	0.2	0.4	-0.3	1.0	0.7	-0.3
Czechia	0.7	0.2	-1.0	1.7	-0.1	c
Denmark	0.6	-0.2	-1.2	1.3	-0.1	0.1
Germany	0.4	-0.6	-0.5	1.8	-0.8	0.5
Estonia	0.6	0.0	-2.4	0.4	0.6	1.0
Ireland	-0.1	1.0	-2.0	-0.7	1.9	0.7
Greece	4.2	-3.6	0.4	2.6	-2.4	c
Spain	0.2	-0.6	1.3	0.1	0.0	0.5
France	-0.2	0.7	-0.2	0.3	-0.9	0.6
Croatia	-0.3	-1.0	-2.5	3.5	-1.4	-1.1
Italy	-0.2	0.5	-0.8	c	c	c
Cyprus	1.0	0.1	-0.4	1.6	-0.2	c
Latvia	0.3	0.8	-1.1	-0.1	-0.4	0.2
Lithuania	2.7	1.1	-2.7	1.5	-0.3	-0.4
Luxembourg	-0.8	1.4	-1.1	-0.3	-0.3	0.3
Hungary	0.2	0.6	-0.1	0.8	0.6	0.4
Malta	0.6	1.3	-1.4	2.0	0.8	0.1
Netherlands	0.3	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	0.3	c
Austria	-0.3	1.3	-1.9	1.6	1.1	-1.3
Poland	0.5	1.8	-1.8	2.7	-1.3	0.4
Portugal	1.7	-0.7	1.3	-1.5	0.6	1.1
Romania	0.6	-0.4	-0.5	1.5	0.4	0.4
Slovenia	-2.4	1.8	-1.8	-0.7	1.4	0.0
Slovakia	-0.1	1.7	-2.1	0.7	-0.2	-1.3
Finland	0.5	0.7	-1.1	1.9	-0.9	0.8
Sweden	0.5	2.5	-3.1	1.2	-0.2	0.4
United Kingdom	1.1	-0.5	-0.3	0.6	0.5	-0.1
Norway	0.7	1.9	-1.3	-0.4	0.8	0.0
Switzerland	-0.2	0.4	-0.8	1.3	-0.2	-1.6

* Calendar and seasonally adjusted

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The source dataset is available [here](#).

Volume of retail trade
 % change compared with the same month of the previous year*

	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19
EA19						
Total retail trade	2.1	2.2	1.3	2.8	2.2	2.1
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.5	2.3	-0.3	1.3	1.0	0.4
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	3.7	1.9	2.5	4.4	3.3	4.1
Textiles, clothing, footwear	1.8	-4.6	-2.4	4.7	0.0	-1.3
Electrical goods and furniture	4.1	2.5	2.2	3.1	3.4	3.4
Computer equipment, books and other	4.8	3.2	3.6	4.1	4.0	4.2
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	2.0	2.5	3.7	2.3	0.7	2.7
Mail orders and internet	10.6	8.0	9.6	8.7	10.2	9.7
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	1.8	1.5	-0.9	1.1	1.4	2.1
EU28						
Total retail trade	2.9	3.4	1.4	3.2	2.5	2.5
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.5	3.6	-0.2	1.2	1.0	0.7
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	4.8	3.4	2.8	5.1	3.9	4.2
Textiles, clothing, footwear	3.0	-1.4	-1.8	4.7	0.4	0.2
Electrical goods and furniture	4.8	3.1	2.5	3.5	3.8	3.2
Computer equipment, books and other	5.1	3.5	3.2	4.8	4.4	3.8
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	3.0	4.2	4.9	3.4	1.8	3.1
Mail orders and internet	13.7	11.5	11.4	11.4	13.6	11.5
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	3.7	1.4	-1.3	1.3	1.9	3.0

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Total retail trade	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19
EA19	2.1	2.2	1.3	2.8	2.2	2.1
EU28	2.9	3.4	1.4	3.2	2.5	2.5
Belgium	-1.0	1.0	-0.4	0.2	1.4	0.2
Bulgaria	0.5	1.2	0.3	0.1	3.8	2.0
Czechia	6.5	5.3	2.7	6.3	4.6	c
Denmark	2.3	2.1	-1.8	0.9	1.3	0.7
Germany	4.0	0.8	1.7	3.8	2.4	3.2
Estonia	5.5	8.2	1.6	3.8	3.9	4.6
Ireland	7.4	8.3	3.5	2.3	4.7	4.7
Greece	5.0	-2.6	-2.2	2.4	-3.0	c
Spain	1.6	0.9	3.1	2.6	3.2	3.2
France	1.1	4.1	2.3	2.3	1.4	2.3
Croatia	8.2	5.3	-1.3	7.2	3.6	0.4
Italy	-0.3	1.5	-1.8	c	c	c
Cyprus	3.0	4.5	2.1	4.0	3.9	c
Latvia	3.9	6.4	1.2	2.2	1.8	3.1
Lithuania	8.1	11.0	3.4	6.1	5.1	3.2
Luxembourg	2.2	7.4	2.3	-0.3	-1.6	-1.5
Hungary	6.2	7.1	2.5	5.4	6.3	5.9
Malta	3.7	7.3	-0.4	5.6	6.7	6.2
Netherlands	3.0	2.0	2.3	2.2	1.7	c
Austria	-0.6	1.4	-0.7	1.9	3.8	0.3
Poland	5.5	6.5	2.6	5.9	4.2	5.4
Portugal	4.6	6.9	4.4	4.0	4.8	4.7
Romania	9.5	6.4	3.3	5.8	7.0	7.4
Slovenia	7.1	12.5	5.5	3.3	6.4	5.3
Slovakia	-2.0	1.8	-2.6	-0.4	-0.8	-3.0
Finland	2.1	4.0	-0.4	4.8	2.4	3.5
Sweden	1.3	3.7	-1.2	2.8	2.5	1.9
United Kingdom	4.3	6.8	1.8	3.1	3.0	2.2
Norway	0.0	1.6	-2.3	0.4	0.9	0.4
Switzerland	-0.8	-0.5	-0.7	0.9	1.4	-1.4

* Calendar adjusted

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Deflated turnover indices for total retail trade, calendar and seasonally adjusted
 (base year 2015)

	08/18	09/18	10/18	11/18	12/18	01/19	02/19	03/19	04/19	05/19	06/19	07/19	08/19
EA19	106.3	105.8	106.5	107.4	106.0	107.1	107.7	107.9	108.0	107.7	108.6	108.1	108.4
EU28	108.2	107.8	108.4	109.5	108.1	109.0	109.8	110.2	110.3	109.8	110.9	110.5	110.7
Belgium	98.5	97.6	98.6	100.0	98.8	97.6	99.3	98.6	99.0	100.2	100.7	99.5	98.7
Bulgaria	117.2	117.1	118.0	118.7	118.1	117.6	116.9	117.1	117.6	117.2	118.4	119.2	118.8
Czechia	116.7	117.5	117.5	118.8	118.8	119.6	120.8	121.6	121.8	120.6	122.7	122.6	c
Denmark	103.9	104.7	103.4	104.9	104.0	103.3	104.3	104.9	104.7	103.4	104.7	104.6	104.7
Germany	107.5	107.3	108.1	109.7	106.2	109.7	110.3	110.7	110.0	109.4	111.4	110.5	111.0
Estonia	107.0	108.7	107.8	110.2	108.1	110.2	111.7	112.4	112.4	109.7	110.1	110.8	111.9
Ireland	115.9	117.8	116.9	117.6	117.2	118.3	120.4	120.3	121.5	119.1	118.3	120.5	121.4
Greece	103.0	102.6	98.8	102.3	101.4	99.5	100.0	104.2	100.4	100.8	103.4	100.9	c
Spain	105.4	104.9	105.7	106.9	105.7	106.4	107.1	107.3	106.7	108.1	108.2	108.2	108.7
France	111.1	109.8	111.0	111.0	110.5	110.7	111.9	111.7	112.5	112.3	112.6	111.6	112.3
Croatia	111.2	111.1	111.7	113.3	112.5	114.0	115.3	115.0	113.8	111.0	114.9	113.3	112.0
Italy	100.0	99.6	99.9	100.1	100.0	100.5	100.1	99.9	100.4	99.6	c	c	c
Cyprus	116.5	117.6	116.1	119.5	119.0	118.1	119.6	120.8	120.9	120.4	122.3	122.0	c
Latvia	109.9	111.4	110.6	113.1	111.7	112.4	114.0	114.3	115.2	113.9	113.8	113.3	113.5
Lithuania	120.1	120.1	120.5	121.3	121.4	121.2	122.6	125.9	127.3	123.9	125.7	125.3	124.8
Luxembourg	35.9	35.5	36.0	36.1	36.0	35.9	36.2	35.9	36.4	36.0	35.9	35.8	35.9
Hungary	119.0	119.3	120.1	120.4	120.8	121.6	122.6	122.8	123.5	123.4	124.4	125.1	125.6
Malta	109.2	109.1	109.8	110.1	110.2	111.1	111.4	112.1	113.6	112.0	114.2	115.1	115.2
Netherlands	108.3	107.9	108.2	110.0	107.8	108.0	109.2	109.5	110.3	110.1	109.9	110.2	c
Austria	103.2	101.8	103.3	103.0	103.5	102.6	103.3	103.0	104.3	102.3	103.9	105.0	103.6
Poland	119.1	119.3	120.6	122.6	121.2	120.6	123.0	123.6	125.8	123.5	126.8	125.1	125.6
Portugal	111.8	110.4	113.0	113.9	114.4	115.7	114.6	116.5	115.7	117.2	115.5	116.2	117.5
Romania	131.1	133.3	135.5	136.8	135.5	138.8	138.7	139.6	139.0	138.3	140.4	141.0	141.6
Slovenia	116.5	118.5	128.5	126.2	125.4	122.7	125.0	122.0	124.2	122.0	121.1	122.8	122.8
Slovakia	112.4	112.5	114.6	115.3	112.5	113.5	110.7	110.6	112.5	110.1	110.9	110.7	109.3
Finland	106.1	106.9	106.3	108.1	108.3	107.2	107.9	108.4	109.2	108.0	110.0	109.0	109.9
Sweden	106.1	106.7	105.7	107.6	105.3	106.6	106.8	107.3	110.0	106.6	107.9	107.7	108.1
United Kingdom	111.1	110.2	110.2	111.6	110.5	111.1	112.0	113.2	112.6	112.3	113.0	113.6	113.5
Norway	102.9	102.5	102.1	103.4	101.2	102.9	101.7	102.4	104.3	102.9	102.5	103.3	103.3
Switzerland	98.4	95.9	98.4	98.4	98.0	97.9	98.3	98.1	98.5	97.7	99.0	98.8	97.2

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Deflated turnover indices for total retail trade, calendar adjusted
 (base year 2015)

	08/16	08/17	08/18	09/18	10/18	11/18	12/18	01/19	02/19	03/19	04/19	05/19	06/19	07/19	08/19
EA19	103.4	105.5	108.0	102.9	107.9	108.7	126.8	101.8	95.5	105.8	105.5	106.6	108.8	108.3	110.3
EU28	103.7	106.3	109.2	105.0	109.6	112.7	129.7	101.6	97.3	107.2	107.9	108.7	110.8	111.1	111.9
Belgium	93.7	92.2	91.8	95.5	100.6	97.5	118.0	97.1	87.5	99.4	98.4	101.7	102.5	101.5	92.0
Bulgaria	116.2	122.2	127.9	119.1	122.0	120.6	130.7	102.6	96.4	111.6	113.2	118.1	120.3	129.4	130.4
Czechia	104.0	109.3	113.9	115.4	119.6	129.2	145.2	108.0	104.3	120.1	118.4	120.6	123.0	118.8	c
Denmark	102.2	102.3	104.5	100.3	101.4	110.5	127.1	94.2	88.8	102.2	105.0	107.1	106.8	103.4	105.2
Germany	99.3	101.9	103.9	103.9	110.0	114.6	125.0	101.4	98.6	112.1	110.6	108.9	110.7	110.9	107.2
Estonia	108.1	109.5	111.5	106.8	109.0	107.7	122.3	101.1	95.3	109.5	109.1	114.1	114.0	117.9	116.6
Ireland	103.5	109.4	113.8	113.2	112.9	130.0	159.6	109.9	114.3	108.3	113.8	114.4	115.9	117.1	119.1
Greece	104.7	105.5	109.3	102.1	95.3	98.7	116.3	92.5	96.1	99.6	99.3	96.0	105.3	107.0	c
Spain	102.9	103.8	104.1	102.4	104.9	104.8	123.3	107.4	94.2	103.8	101.6	105.8	109.6	117.8	107.4
France	116.5	120.5	125.9	105.9	112.5	110.5	136.5	107.0	98.9	107.8	109.4	110.6	112.5	97.2	128.8
Croatia	124.0	130.6	135.8	115.9	110.3	103.1	118.6	92.1	92.2	107.6	109.4	110.4	123.0	138.1	136.3
Italy	98.2	98.2	98.8	97.9	102.6	100.8	121.1	95.8	88.5	95.7	94.4	97.1	c	c	c
Cyprus	108.9	115.9	120.4	119.6	114.7	115.7	143.3	105.9	100.6	112.8	117.2	119.0	128.0	133.3	c
Latvia	111.1	117.0	118.6	112.4	112.5	109.5	126.7	102.2	97.5	109.2	111.3	115.8	115.5	121.4	122.3
Lithuania	116.1	119.5	129.0	119.5	123.1	118.6	139.1	110.1	105.0	120.8	125.6	126.6	127.3	132.0	133.1
Luxembourg	48.2	30.8	32.4	34.4	37.4	36.5	42.7	34.0	31.8	36.8	36.4	35.9	35.5	36.4	31.9
Hungary	110.7	116.0	124.6	118.9	124.4	121.9	143.3	104.8	103.0	121.0	121.9	122.6	126.6	129.4	131.9
Malta	105.1	109.7	110.2	107.7	112.5	109.6	127.2	102.5	97.6	106.6	112.8	110.7	117.8	121.6	117.0
Netherlands	98.5	101.3	104.6	104.6	110.0	111.8	123.6	103.3	94.8	107.3	109.6	113.8	112.9	113.3	c
Austria	99.5	99.9	101.4	99.0	106.1	103.5	122.2	95.9	92.9	103.7	104.3	100.6	102.7	107.3	101.7
Poland	108.1	115.2	121.7	120.0	124.6	118.3	140.4	107.4	107.3	125.3	126.8	124.0	128.2	127.5	128.3
Portugal	113.4	117.0	121.5	109.5	112.3	113.4	138.8	106.8	99.3	111.3	108.3	114.5	113.6	125.1	127.2
Romania	121.6	140.6	142.7	138.8	140.6	145.1	152.7	117.8	114.4	132.0	137.2	137.2	139.7	147.8	153.3
Slovenia	106.3	114.2	119.1	122.0	134.3	124.0	139.5	114.5	110.0	120.6	121.9	119.2	122.4	127.0	125.4
Slovakia	101.6	108.2	111.4	111.7	117.8	119.4	130.1	103.5	98.6	109.6	110.7	110.6	113.2	109.9	108.1
Finland	105.5	108.5	109.6	103.8	105.6	106.7	131.8	95.0	90.3	103.5	105.2	111.9	115.5	116.4	113.4
Sweden	104.5	105.8	107.9	103.0	106.4	109.7	123.2	95.2	90.0	103.5	109.0	110.4	114.0	111.5	109.9
United Kingdom	101.2	103.5	107.0	105.6	109.9	123.7	136.1	99.1	101.9	105.8	109.7	109.4	110.2	113.7	109.4
Norway	102.9	105.4	106.6	98.4	100.9	106.9	124.5	94.0	85.4	95.8	97.1	108.8	109.1	104.9	107.0
Switzerland	92.5	91.4	92.3	91.2	99.2	104.4	119.7	93.3	86.6	97.5	96.1	99.1	98.9	98.8	91.0

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