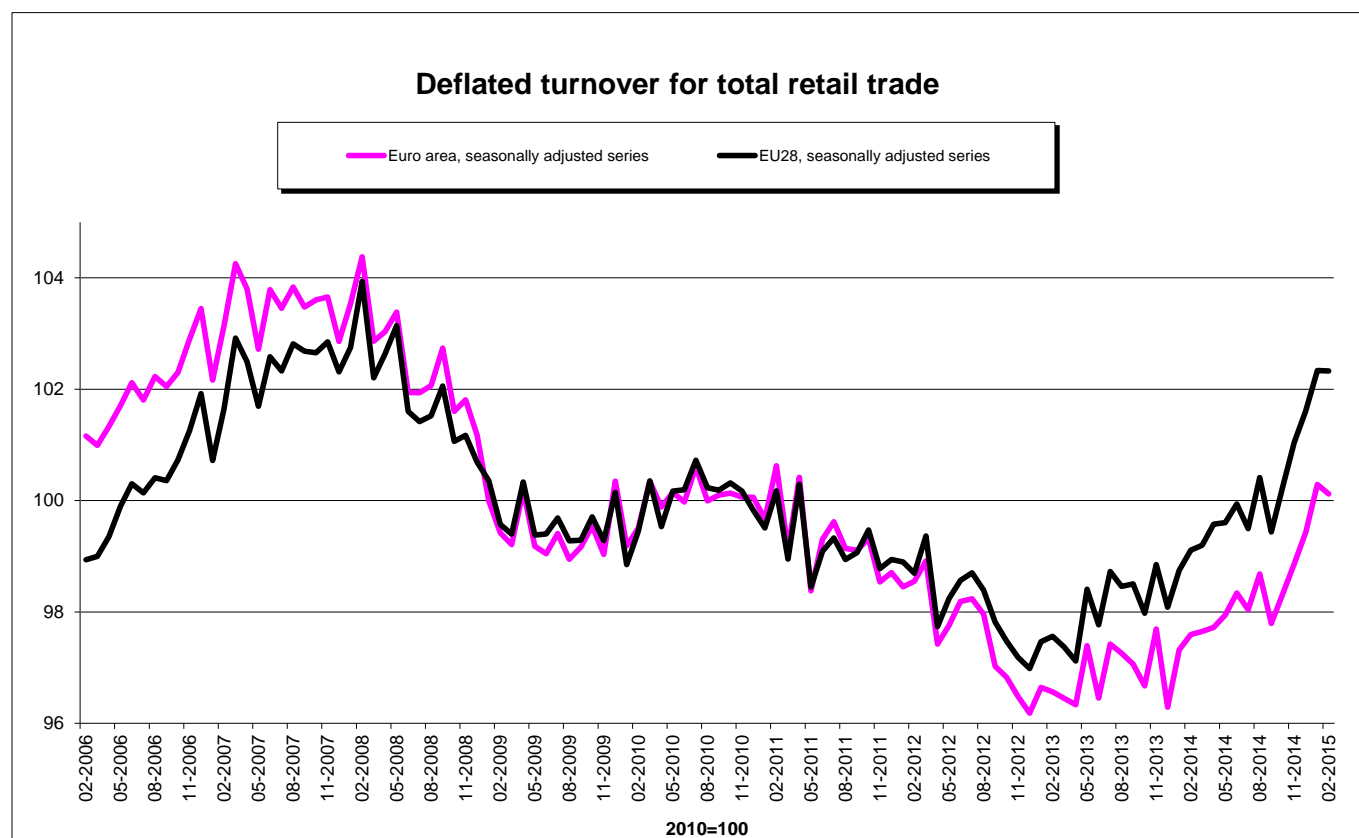


February 2015 compared with January 2015

Volume of retail trade down by 0.2% in euro area Stable in EU28

In February 2015 compared with January 2015, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade¹ fell by 0.2% in the **euro area**² (EA19) and remained stable in the **EU28**², according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In January³ retail trade rose by 0.9% and 0.7% respectively.

In February 2015 compared with February 2014⁴ the retail sales index increased by 3.0% in the **euro area** and by 3.6% in the **EU28**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The 0.2% decrease in the volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in February 2015, compared with January 2015, is due to falls of 0.8% for "Food, drinks and tobacco" and of 0.4% for automotive fuel, while the non-food sector rose by 0.1%. The stable volume of retail trade in the **EU28** is due to a fall of 0.5% for "Food, drinks and tobacco" while both the non-food sector and automotive fuel rose by 0.3%.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in total retail trade were registered in **Latvia** (+1.2%), **Malta** and **Slovenia** (both +1.1%) and **Lithuania** (+1.0%) and the largest decreases in **Romania** (-1.4%), **Portugal** (-1.2%) and **Spain** (-0.7%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The 3.0% increase in the volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in February 2015, compared with February 2014, is due to rises of 4.3% for the non-food sector, of 4.2% for automotive fuel and of 1.0% for "Food, drinks and tobacco". In the **EU28**, the 3.6% increase in retail trade is due to rises of 5.5% for automotive fuel, of 4.9% for the non-food sector and of 1.5% for "Food, drinks and tobacco".

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in total retail trade were observed in **Luxembourg** (+10.2%), **Latvia** (+9.0%) and **Poland** (+8.3%), while a decrease was observed in **Slovakia** (-0.3%).

1. 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 working day 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.

The weights of the Member States in the EU and euro area aggregates can be found at:

<https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/5e6d1e48-056c-4c6a-8278-3ab138bcf575>

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More detailed data can be found in the short-term business statistics database on the Eurostat website:

<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/short-term-business-statistics/data/database>

More information about the index of retail trade can be found in Statistics Explained:

http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Retail_trade_volume_index_overview

2. 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, the Czech Republic, 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.
The tables also include Norway and Switzerland.
3. Data of previous months have been revised compared to those issued in the News Release 40/2015 of 4 March 2015. The monthly percentage changes for January 2015 have been revised from +1.1% to +0.9% in the euro area and from +0.8% to +0.7% in the EU28. The annual percentage changes have been revised from +3.7% to +3.2% in the euro area and from +4.0% to +3.7% in the EU28.
4. Based on data adjusted for working days.

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

	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15
EA19						
Total retail trade	-0.9	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.9	-0.2
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.4	-0.2	0.2	0.3	0.9	-0.8
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-1.7	0.8	1.1	0.4	1.1	0.1
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-7.7	1.9	2.2	0.0	0.7	:
Electrical goods and furniture	-1.1	0.6	1.2	-0.1	1.5	:
Computer equipment, books and other	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.1	1.4	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	-0.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.1	:
Mail orders and internet	-4.2	2.1	3.7	0.0	2.7	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.2	0.4	0.3	1.6	1.3	-0.4
EU28						
Total retail trade	-1.0	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.0
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.6	-0.5
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-1.9	1.3	1.4	0.3	0.8	0.3
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-7.4	2.2	2.5	-0.2	0.7	:
Electrical goods and furniture	-1.1	0.8	1.6	-0.9	1.5	:
Computer equipment, books and other	-1.7	2.4	0.3	1.4	0.3	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.1	0.3	0.7	0.3	-0.2	:
Mail orders and internet	-1.4	1.1	4.0	0.0	1.8	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.4	0.3	0.4	1.8	1.6	0.3

Total retail trade	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15
EA19	-0.9	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.9	-0.2
EU28	-1.0	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.0
Belgium	-1.4	1.2	-0.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.2
Bulgaria	0.6	-0.1	0.0	1.4	-0.2	0.5
Czech Republic	-0.2	1.3	0.2	1.1	2.2	-0.1
Denmark	-1.4	0.9	1.5	-1.4	0.5	-0.1
Germany	-1.7	2.0	0.3	1.1	2.3	-0.5
Estonia	0.5	0.4	2.4	-1.3	0.2	-0.6
Ireland	0.0	1.0	0.5	1.8	-0.4	0.8
Greece	-1.7	0.9	-1.0	-1.4	0.3	c
Spain	-0.5	-0.7	1.7	1.3	-0.4	-0.7
France	-0.9	-0.1	1.0	0.4	0.2	0.0
Croatia	0.4	-1.0	1.1	-0.4	0.8	c
Italy	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	c
Cyprus	-1.3	-0.6	0.8	c	c	c
Latvia	-0.2	1.5	1.2	-1.0	1.9	1.2
Lithuania	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.6	-1.1	1.0
Luxembourg	0.8	-0.2	0.2	3.8	1.1	0.8
Hungary	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.5	1.5	0.0
Malta	0.8	-0.4	1.6	-0.2	0.3	1.1
Netherlands	-1.0	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.3	c
Austria	0.4	-1.4	-0.3	1.5	0.7	0.6
Poland	-1.4	1.5	1.4	0.3	3.1	0.1
Portugal	-2.4	-1.8	2.1	-2.8	6.4	-1.2
Romania	-0.4	0.5	2.3	0.4	1.2	-1.4
Slovenia	0.8	-2.4	0.3	-0.3	1.4	1.1
Slovakia	0.6	1.4	-1.3	1.0	-1.4	0.1
Finland	-0.9	1.4	-1.5	0.3	0.7	0.5
Sweden	-0.6	1.0	0.8	-0.9	1.3	0.3
United Kingdom	-1.6	2.0	1.6	1.0	-0.9	0.8
Norway	-0.1	0.5	0.4	-0.2	-0.6	0.8
Switzerland	-0.8	0.2	0.3	1.0	-2.1	:

* Working day and seasonally adjusted

: Data not available

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

	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15
EA19						
Total retail trade	0.4	1.5	1.4	3.2	3.2	3.0
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.7	0.1	-0.3	2.1	2.2	1.0
Non food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.4	2.5	2.9	4.0	4.2	4.3
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-5.1	-0.8	-0.3	2.4	1.1	:
Electrical goods and furniture	-0.3	1.7	3.2	3.2	3.8	:
Computer equipment, books and other	4.0	5.7	4.2	4.6	5.6	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	2.4	3.8	3.9	4.0	3.8	:
Mail orders and internet	0.3	4.7	8.6	8.2	10.1	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.5	1.0	0.2	2.8	3.1	4.2
EU28						
Total retail trade	0.7	2.1	2.5	3.5	3.7	3.6
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.0	0.7	0.5	2.1	2.5	1.5
Non food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.7	3.4	4.4	4.5	4.7	4.9
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-4.4	0.2	1.1	2.6	2.2	:
Electrical goods and furniture	0.7	2.9	4.7	3.5	3.9	:
Computer equipment, books and other	1.9	5.8	4.9	5.5	5.8	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	3.1	4.0	4.5	4.9	3.9	:
Mail orders and internet	6.9	9.4	14.2	11.6	13.5	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.2	0.3	-0.1	2.6	3.6	5.5

Total retail trade	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15
EA19	0.4	1.5	1.4	3.2	3.2	3.0
EU28	0.7	2.1	2.5	3.5	3.7	3.6
Belgium	0.4	4.1	0.5	3.0	-0.1	1.2
Bulgaria	5.7	3.4	2.3	6.1	4.3	4.2
Czech Republic	1.8	4.8	1.9	4.6	6.9	6.3
Denmark	-0.7	2.2	3.3	0.7	2.4	0.9
Germany	-0.2	2.6	1.8	5.2	5.1	3.6
Estonia	8.2	6.0	9.0	7.8	2.8	5.1
Ireland	3.4	4.7	4.0	5.3	5.0	5.1
Greece	0.0	2.2	-1.2	-1.3	-0.1	c
Spain	1.1	0.8	1.9	6.5	4.0	2.7
France	0.8	0.7	1.1	2.2	2.5	3.9
Croatia	1.9	0.6	2.3	2.1	3.5	c
Italy	-0.1	0.3	2.0	1.1	2.5	c
Cyprus	0.7	-0.8	2.6	c	c	c
Latvia	3.1	4.7	4.6	2.9	7.2	9.0
Lithuania	5.1	5.5	5.6	6.1	2.6	5.0
Luxembourg	3.5	0.5	-1.1	9.1	10.5	10.2
Hungary	4.5	5.2	5.1	5.7	8.7	6.3
Malta	-0.9	-2.6	2.1	0.8	2.0	5.2
Netherlands	-1.6	1.5	2.8	1.8	2.3	c
Austria	1.4	-0.1	-2.1	1.4	2.3	2.2
Poland	-1.1	1.9	2.3	3.1	7.5	8.3
Portugal	1.8	0.6	-1.0	1.6	2.5	2.0
Romania	3.6	4.0	6.9	6.0	7.3	3.3
Slovenia	3.6	-1.0	-1.0	-1.8	0.1	3.3
Slovakia	3.0	6.5	2.4	4.3	0.0	-0.3
Finland	-2.2	-0.4	-2.1	-2.2	-1.1	0.4
Sweden	1.9	3.6	3.6	2.7	4.2	4.1
United Kingdom	1.5	4.4	6.7	4.9	4.4	5.0
Norway	1.0	2.5	2.8	2.6	1.4	1.6
Switzerland	0.5	0.6	-0.6	1.9	-0.3	:

* Working day adjusted
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Deflated turnover indices for total retail trade, working day and seasonally adjusted
(base year 2010)

	02/14	03/14	04/14	05/14	06/14	07/14	08/14	09/14	10/14	11/14	12/14	01/15	02/15
EA19	97.6	97.6	97.7	97.9	98.3	98.0	98.7	97.8	98.3	98.9	99.4	100.3	100.1
EU28	99.1	99.2	99.6	99.6	99.9	99.5	100.4	99.4	100.3	101.0	101.6	102.3	102.3
Belgium	101.2	102.5	102.5	103.8	103.3	103.0	103.2	101.8	103.0	102.7	103.1	102.9	102.7
Bulgaria	114.0	113.5	113.2	113.3	113.8	114.9	115.5	116.2	116.1	116.1	117.7	117.5	118.2
Czech Republic	101.4	101.7	101.7	101.4	102.3	101.1	102.7	102.5	103.8	104.0	105.2	107.5	107.4
Denmark	95.4	95.0	95.3	95.7	95.2	95.0	96.1	94.8	95.7	97.1	95.7	96.2	96.1
Germany	103.3	103.0	102.4	102.2	103.5	102.8	103.5	101.7	103.7	104.0	105.1	107.5	107.0
Estonia	116.3	118.7	121.0	118.5	119.5	120.0	120.4	121.0	121.5	124.4	122.8	123.1	122.4
Ireland	101.1	100.6	102.0	101.8	102.8	102.8	102.6	102.6	103.6	104.1	105.9	105.6	106.4
Greece	71.8	72.7	73.3	71.6	73.3	72.3	73.6	72.4	73.1	72.3	71.3	71.5	c
Spain	81.7	81.3	82.3	82.9	82.4	82.5	83.5	83.0	82.5	83.9	84.9	84.5	83.9
France	103.7	104.3	104.0	105.3	105.4	104.8	105.7	104.8	104.7	105.7	106.1	106.3	106.3
Croatia	95.0	96.3	95.6	95.0	95.9	94.8	96.5	96.9	95.9	97.0	96.6	97.4	c
Italy	92.7	92.7	93.0	92.9	93.0	93.2	93.2	93.2	93.4	93.7	93.7	94.0	c
Cyprus	80.5	86.8	86.5	85.5	85.7	84.1	84.0	82.8	82.3	83.0	c	c	c
Latvia	113.7	117.6	120.6	117.1	116.5	119.2	118.7	118.5	120.2	121.6	120.4	122.7	124.2
Lithuania	118.8	120.5	121.5	121.0	120.9	121.9	121.8	122.0	122.5	123.3	124.0	122.6	123.8
Luxembourg	173.9	172.9	176.0	177.7	178.6	175.2	176.3	177.6	177.2	177.6	184.4	186.3	187.7
Hungary	103.5	104.3	104.5	104.4	104.2	104.3	104.9	106.0	106.9	107.7	108.2	109.8	109.8
Malta	95.9	94.5	99.4	98.1	98.3	97.5	97.3	98.0	97.7	99.3	99.0	99.4	100.4
Netherlands	92.6	92.5	92.6	92.3	92.6	92.5	93.0	92.1	93.0	93.7	94.1	94.4	c
Austria	98.8	98.1	98.6	97.7	99.4	98.0	99.1	99.5	98.1	97.8	99.3	100.0	100.6
Poland	101.8	103.1	103.9	102.8	103.2	104.1	104.9	103.4	104.9	106.4	106.7	110.0	110.1
Portugal	86.9	84.8	83.8	86.2	84.8	86.9	88.8	86.7	85.1	86.9	84.5	89.9	88.8
Romania	110.0	112.2	108.4	110.8	110.1	110.6	110.8	110.4	111.0	113.6	114.0	115.4	113.8
Slovenia	94.4	95.2	96.8	94.5	94.4	96.0	96.4	97.2	94.9	95.2	94.9	96.2	97.3
Slovakia	99.7	100.3	100.6	99.4	99.9	100.2	99.5	100.2	101.6	100.3	101.2	99.9	99.9
Finland	101.9	102.9	103.8	102.0	101.4	102.1	101.7	100.8	102.2	100.7	101.0	101.7	102.2
Sweden	106.8	108.1	109.3	107.7	108.1	106.6	109.0	108.3	109.4	110.3	109.3	110.7	111.0
United Kingdom	103.7	103.3	105.4	104.8	104.9	103.5	105.6	103.9	106.0	107.7	108.8	107.9	108.8
Norway	108.5	109.7	110.1	109.2	110.5	108.5	109.4	109.3	109.9	110.3	110.1	109.4	110.3
Switzerland	107.0	108.1	107.4	106.5	109.8	106.5	108.3	107.5	107.7	108.0	109.1	106.8	:

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Deflated turnover indices for total retail trade, working days adjusted
(base year 2010)

	02/12	02/13	02/14	03/14	04/14	05/14	06/14	07/14	08/14	09/14	10/14	11/14	12/14	01/15	02/15
EA19	86.4	84.7	85.6	95.6	95.3	96.5	96.7	101.1	97.2	95.5	100.2	99.2	121.1	96.7	88.1
EU28	86.9	85.9	87.3	96.7	97.3	98.3	98.7	102.1	99.4	97.3	101.9	102.7	124.0	96.9	90.4
Belgium	91.6	89.0	89.2	103.3	102.0	104.7	103.1	104.4	98.2	99.8	106.0	99.4	122.5	103.1	90.3
Bulgaria	89.6	87.1	95.4	106.4	110.1	110.5	114.0	126.2	127.1	124.3	122.2	115.0	131.4	101.2	99.3
Czech Republic	83.6	84.6	87.3	100.9	99.9	102.6	102.3	98.4	102.6	101.4	105.7	109.1	129.7	95.6	92.8
Denmark	80.8	81.1	82.0	92.9	95.0	99.6	96.4	93.9	97.0	89.7	93.9	98.8	119.9	88.7	82.7
Germany	88.9	89.3	91.4	104.9	102.4	101.9	101.5	102.7	100.9	99.3	106.5	108.4	123.1	99.7	94.7
Estonia	98.0	94.0	99.0	115.0	118.0	123.0	125.0	128.0	127.0	119.0	123.0	121.0	138.0	112.0	104.0
Ireland	90.5	91.8	94.3	91.6	97.4	98.0	98.6	104.9	99.9	96.6	100.8	108.3	149.0	99.5	99.1
Greece	84.5	72.5	70.4	67.5	72.6	68.6	72.3	73.6	77.7	71.9	71.3	70.4	82.1	68.2	c
Spain	80.5	73.0	72.7	78.6	78.4	81.3	82.2	89.7	82.4	80.8	81.9	80.7	100.2	87.6	74.7
France	89.4	89.4	89.9	99.8	99.9	100.9	104.2	109.4	106.0	102.8	107.3	104.4	132.6	103.9	93.4
Croatia	75.3	77.1	76.1	91.2	91.9	95.7	102.6	114.1	118.5	103.1	96.1	88.3	102.6	79.9	c
Italy	81.7	79.4	79.4	89.4	90.1	92.6	89.0	98.0	89.3	91.8	96.9	93.0	117.5	92.6	c
Cyprus	79.8	69.3	67.4	76.7	80.0	83.8	87.5	92.8	89.3	84.6	82.6	81.0	c	c	c
Latvia	92.6	96.6	97.6	111.3	114.8	115.8	118.0	127.2	129.4	121.8	123.9	117.7	138.4	111.1	106.4
Lithuania	92.9	94.6	99.4	114.9	116.5	123.9	121.8	130.3	131.9	122.0	125.4	120.7	143.2	109.6	104.4
Luxembourg	112.2	132.9	153.8	166.3	165.8	164.7	161.8	160.8	152.8	156.3	167.4	199.7	301.2	196.5	169.4
Hungary	79.4	77.5	82.8	99.0	102.9	102.6	102.7	109.6	111.2	108.7	113.3	110.2	134.3	91.3	88.0
Malta	87.6	86.0	82.8	87.1	99.0	99.8	99.0	103.0	99.6	97.8	103.4	100.7	109.6	91.4	87.1
Netherlands	83.2	80.0	80.5	90.5	91.2	94.4	94.6	94.3	93.1	89.5	94.2	94.1	109.6	89.2	c
Austria	86.8	86.6	88.1	99.0	98.2	96.1	96.5	99.2	96.9	96.4	100.8	98.5	120.0	94.3	90.0
Poland	87.3	87.2	88.2	104.1	103.2	102.8	103.0	106.8	109.2	105.8	109.6	102.7	125.8	99.0	95.5
Portugal	77.9	72.6	73.9	80.2	78.9	83.8	82.3	92.7	95.5	85.6	84.7	85.0	109.5	81.9	75.4
Romania	82.2	84.0	91.0	109.2	106.7	110.4	109.5	115.2	120.5	114.6	115.7	118.1	128.2	96.9	94.0
Slovenia	86.9	83.4	82.1	94.8	96.7	92.5	95.8	98.7	98.8	99.5	99.9	92.1	105.8	88.9	84.8
Slovakia	89.5	87.9	91.4	98.6	98.2	98.7	100.7	101.7	100.2	100.3	104.5	101.6	116.6	91.0	91.2
Finland	86.3	87.1	85.4	97.7	100.7	105.0	106.0	108.9	104.8	97.6	101.9	97.5	124.1	92.0	85.7
Sweden	85.3	88.2	89.9	104.1	106.5	111.0	115.0	111.8	112.4	104.6	109.4	108.6	131.2	99.1	93.6
United Kingdom	91.0	92.4	95.8	97.8	102.7	101.9	103.3	103.1	101.9	99.9	105.6	117.7	135.6	98.4	100.6
Norway	88.0	90.7	91.3	101.5	100.6	113.2	117.2	110.0	112.9	105.9	108.6	111.9	139.3	101.2	92.8
Switzerland	88.1	90.3	91.3	111.0	103.6	104.4	110.7	107.5	103.7	100.8	108.4	108.6	141.1	101.7	:

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