

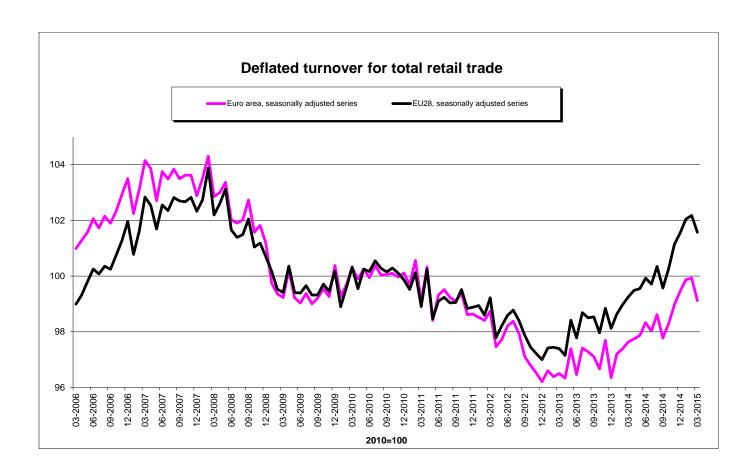
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### March 2015 compared with February 2015

# Volume of retail trade down by 0.8% in euro area Down by 0.6% in EU28

In March 2015 compared with February 2015, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade<sup>1</sup> fell by 0.8% in the **euro area**<sup>2</sup> (EA19) and by 0.6% in the **EU28**<sup>2</sup>, according to estimates from **Eurostat**, **the statistical office of the European Union**. In February<sup>3</sup> retail trade rose by 0.1% in both zones.

In March 2015 compared with March 2014<sup>4</sup> the retail sales index increased by 1.6% in the **euro area** and by 2.5% in the **EU28**.



#### Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The 0.8% decrease in the volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in March 2015, compared with February 2015, is due to falls of 2.7% for automotive fuel, of 0.8% for the non-food sector and of 0.6% for "Food, drinks and tobacco". In the **EU28**, the 0.6% decrease in retail trade is due to falls of 2.9% for automotive fuel, of 0.5% for the non-food sector and of 0.3% for "Food, drinks and tobacco".

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in total retail trade were registered in **Poland** (+1.5%), **Slovakia** (+1.1%) and **Denmark** (+0.9%), while the largest decreases were observed in **Portugal** (-3.5%), **Slovenia** (-2.8%) and **Germany** (-2.3%).

#### Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The 1.6% increase in the volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in March 2015, compared with March 2014, is due to rises of 3.0% for the non-food sector and of 0.1% for "Food, drinks and tobacco", while automotive fuel fell by 0.7%. In the **EU28**, the 2.5% increase in retail trade is due to rises of 3.8% for the non-food sector and of 1.7% for "Food, drinks and tobacco", while automotive fuel fell by 1.0%.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in total retail trade were observed in **Malta** (+8.9%), **Poland** (+8.7%), **Latvia** (+6.5%) and **Ireland** (+6.4%), while decreases were observed in **Slovenia** (-1.8%), **Romania** (-1.3%), **Belgium** (-0.9%) and **Finland** (-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, Slovania, 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 60/2015 of 8 April 2015. The monthly percentage changes for February 2015 have been revised from -0.2% to +0.1% in the euro area and from 0.0% to +0.1% in the EU28. The annual percentage changes have been revised from +3.0% to +2.8% in the euro area and from +3.6% to +3.4% 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\*

	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15
EA19						
Total retail trade	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.1	-0.8
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.2	0.3	0.3	0.7	-0.7	-0.6
Non food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.9	1.1	0.6	0.5	0.7	-0.8
Textiles, clothing, footwear	2.1	2.1	0.3	0.7	2.1	:
Electrical goods and furniture	0.7	1.3	-0.2	1.5	-0.4	:
Computer equipment, books and other	0.7	0.2	0.3	1.2	0.3	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.5	0.6	0.5	-0.1	0.6	:
Mail orders and internet	2.1	3.7	1.1	-2.8	2.2	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.4	0.0	1.7	1.1	-1.0	-2.7
EU28						
Total retail trade	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.5	0.1	-0.6
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.5	-0.5	-0.3
Non food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	1.0	1.3	0.2	0.5	0.7	-0.5
Textiles, clothing, footwear	1.9	2.2	0.1	0.4	1.8	:
Electrical goods and furniture	1.0	1.7	-1.2	1.9	-0.2	:
Computer equipment, books and other	1.3	0.1	1.1	0.0	0.4	
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.4	0.8	0.4	-0.1	0.5	
Mail orders and internet	1.6	4.4	0.6	-1.0	1.5	
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.4	0.3	1.8	1.5	-0.3	-2.9

Total retail trade	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15
EA19	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.1	-0.8
EU28	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.5	0.1	-0.6
Belgium	1.1	-0.3	0.5	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2
Bulgaria	-0.1	0.0	1.4	-0.2	-0.4	-1.3
Czech Republic	1.3	0.2	1.1	2.2	-0.1	С
Denmark	1.1	1.5	-1.4	0.5	0.1	0.9
Germany	1.8	0.9	0.8	0.9	-0.1	-2.3
Estonia	0.4	2.4	-1.3	0.8	-0.5	-0.2
Ireland	1.1	0.5	1.8	-0.2	0.5	
Greece	1.0	-0.9	-1.3	0.7	-1.2	
Spain	-0.2	1.2	1.0	-0.2	-0.6	-0.2
France	-0.1	1.1	0.4	0.0	0.7	-0.3
Croatia	-1.1	1.1	-0.3	0.7	-0.6	
Italy	0.0	0.6	-0.2	0.4	-0.4	_
Cyprus	-0.3	1.1	-2.3	3.1	-0.5	
Latvia	1.5	1.2	-1.0	1.9	1.0	0.7
Lithuania	0.4	0.6	0.6	-1.1	1.4	8.0
Luxembourg	-0.4	0.0	3.2	-0.4	2.2	-1.5
Hungary	0.8	0.7	0.6	1.4	0.0	0.0
Malta	0.5	1.6	-0.3	0.5	1.1	-0.4
Netherlands	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.2	С
Austria	-1.4	-0.3	1.5	0.7	0.6	
Poland	1.5	1.4	0.3	3.1	0.1	1.5
Portugal	-1.3	0.8	-0.2	4.3	-0.3	-3.5
Romania	0.5	2.3	0.4	1.2	-1.6	-1.7
Slovenia	-2.4	0.3	-0.4	1.2	0.9	-2.8
Slovakia	1.4	-1.2	1.0	-1.3	0.1	1.1
Finland	1.2	-1.4	0.1	8.0	0.9	-0.1
Sweden	1.1	0.8	-0.9	1.2	0.2	0.7
United Kingdom	1.2	1.5	0.3	-0.1	0.7	-0.5
Norway	0.5	0.4	-0.2	-0.6	0.8	
Switzerland	0.2	0.0	1.5	-2.6	-1.2	:

<sup>\*</sup> Working day and seasonally adjusted : Data not available c Confidential



### Volume of retail trade

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

	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15
EA19						
Total retail trade	1.5	1.3	3.2	2.8	2.8	1.6
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.1	-0.2	2.1	2.1	0.9	0.1
Non food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	2.4	2.8	4.0	3.6	4.2	3.0
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-0.7	-0.3	2.4	1.1	3.2	:
Electrical goods and furniture	1.7	3.2	3.2	3.9	3.2	:
Computer equipment, books and other	5.7	4.1	4.6	5.5	5.4	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	3.8	3.8	4.1	3.5	3.7	:
Mail orders and internet	3.8	7.7	8.5	4.7	6.4	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	1.1	0.3	2.8	2.9	3.4	-0.7
EU28						
Total retail trade	2.1	2.5	3.4	3.5	3.4	2.5
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.7	0.5	2.1	2.4	1.5	1.7
Non food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	3.5	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.7	3.8
Textiles, clothing, footwear	0.2	1.0	2.5	1.9	3.8	:
Electrical goods and furniture	3.0	4.7	3.2	4.3	3.5	:
Computer equipment, books and other	6.2	4.8	5.3	5.3	5.0	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	3.9	4.5	4.9	4.0	4.1	:
Mail orders and internet	9.0	14.6	12.4	12.1	11.7	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.4	0.0	2.7	3.5	4.5	-1.0

Total retail trade	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15
EA19	1.5	1.3	3.2	2.8	2.8	1.6
EU28	2.1	2.5	3.4	3.5	3.4	2.5
Belgium	4.1	0.5	2.8	-0.2	1.6	-0.9
Bulgaria	3.4	2.3	6.1	4.3	4.2	0.8
Czech Republic	4.8	1.9	4.6	6.9	6.3	С
Denmark	2.2	3.2	0.8	2.3	1.0	3.1
Germany	2.5	1.7	5.3	4.0	3.3	0.9
Estonia	6.0	9.0	7.8	3.7	6.1	3.5
Ireland	4.7	4.0	5.3	5.0	5.7	6.4
Greece	2.2	-1.2	-1.3	0.6	-1.8	С
Spain	0.8	1.9	6.5	4.0	2.5	2.8
France	0.7	1.1	2.2	2.3	3.3	2.1
Croatia	0.6	2.3	2.1	3.5	1.8	С
Italy	0.3	1.9	1.1	2.4	1.3	С
Cyprus	-1.5	1.9	-2.7	4.6	4.2	С
Latvia	4.7	4.6	2.9	7.1	8.9	6.5
Lithuania	5.5	5.6	6.1	2.6	5.3	4.7
Luxembourg	0.5	-1.1	7.8	5.0	10.1	3.8
Hungary	5.2	5.1	5.7	8.7	6.5	5.2
Malta	-1.1	5.1	4.8	6.2	10.2	8.9
Netherlands	1.5	2.8	1.8	2.3	2.9	С
Austria	-0.1	-2.0	1.4	2.3	2.2	0.8
Poland	1.9	2.3	3.1	7.5	8.3	8.7
Portugal	1.3	-0.6	2.0	3.4	3.3	1.9
Romania	4.0	6.9	6.0	7.3	3.7	-1.3
Slovenia	-1.0	-1.0	-1.8	-0.1	2.7	-1.8
Slovakia	6.5	2.4	4.3	0.0	-0.3	1.9
Finland	-0.7	-2.2	-2.8	-1.4	0.6	-0.3
Sweden	3.6	3.6	2.7	4.1	3.9	3.8
United Kingdom	4.7	6.9	4.2	4.9	4.8	5.3
Norway	2.5	2.8	2.6	1.4	1.8	1.0
Switzerland	0.7	-0.7	1.8	-0.5	-2.7	:

<sup>\*</sup> Working day adjusted : Data not available c Confidential



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

	03/14	04/14	05/14	06/14	07/14	08/14	09/14	10/14	11/14	12/14	01/15	02/15	03/15
EA19	97.6	97.7	97.9	98.3	98.0	98.6	97.8	98.3	99.0	99.5	99.9	99.9	99.1
EU28	99.3	99.5	99.5	99.9	99.7	100.3	99.6	100.3	101.1	101.5	102.0	102.2	101.6
Belgium	102.7	102.6	103.8	103.3	103.0	103.2	101.8	103.0	102.6	103.1	102.7	102.4	102.2
Bulgaria	113.5	113.2	113.3	113.8	114.9	115.5	116.2	116.1	116.1	117.7	117.5	117.1	115.6
Czech Republic	101.7	101.7	101.4	102.3	101.1	102.7	102.5	103.8	104.0	105.2	107.5	107.4	С
Denmark	94.7	95.3	95.7	95.2	95.0	96.1	94.8	95.8	97.2	95.8	96.3	96.4	97.3
Germany	102.9	102.4	102.1	103.4	102.8	103.5	101.7	103.5	104.4	105.2	106.1	106.0	103.6
Estonia	118.8	121.1	118.5	119.5	120.0	120.5	121.1	121.5	124.5	122.9	123.9	123.2	123.0
Ireland	100.5	101.9	101.8	102.7	102.8	102.6	102.6	103.7	104.1	106.0	105.8	106.4	105.4
Greece	72.1	73.2	71.5	73.2	72.3	73.7	72.5	73.2	72.6	71.6	72.2	71.3	С
Spain	81.7	82.3	82.7	82.5	82.7	83.2	83.0	82.8	83.8	84.6	84.5	83.9	83.8
France	104.3	104.0	105.3	105.4	104.8	105.7	104.8	104.7	105.8	106.2	106.2	106.9	106.6
Croatia	96.3	95.6	94.9	95.8	94.8	96.5	97.0	95.9	97.0	96.7	97.4	96.8	С
Italy	92.4	93.1	92.8	92.9	92.9	93.0	93.2	93.2	93.8	93.6	94.0	93.6	С
Cyprus	85.5	86.0	85.0	85.3	84.0	84.0	82.8	82.5	83.4	81.5	84.1	83.6	С
Latvia	117.3	120.5	117.1	116.5	119.2	118.7	118.5	120.2	121.6	120.5	122.8	124.0	124.9
Lithuania	120.5	121.5	121.0	120.9	121.9	121.8	122.0	122.5	123.3	124.0	122.6	124.4	125.4
Luxembourg	174.5	176.5	178.0	178.7	175.1	175.8	176.8	176.1	176.1	181.7	181.0	184.9	182.1
Hungary	104.5	104.6	104.4	104.2	104.3	104.9	106.0	106.9	107.6	108.2	109.7	109.7	109.7
Malta	95.9	99.4	98.1	98.8	98.3	98.5	99.1	99.6	101.2	100.9	101.4	102.6	102.2
Netherlands	92.6	92.7	92.4	92.6	92.5	93.0	92.1	93.0	93.7	94.1	94.3	94.5	С
Austria	98.4	98.6	97.7	99.4	98.0	99.1	99.4	98.0	97.7	99.2	99.9	100.5	99.3
Poland	103.1	103.9	102.8	103.2	104.1	104.9	103.4	104.9	106.4	106.7	110.0	110.1	111.8
Portugal	85.0	84.3	85.8	85.2	87.1	89.2	86.8	85.7	86.4	86.2	89.9	89.6	86.5
Romania	112.2	108.4	110.8	110.1	110.6	110.8	110.4	111.0	113.6	114.0	115.4	113.5	111.6
Slovenia	95.6	96.8	94.5	94.4	96.0	96.4	97.1	94.8	95.1	94.7	95.8	96.7	94.0
Slovakia	99.9	100.5	99.3	99.8	100.2	99.6	100.3	101.7	100.5	101.5	100.2	100.3	101.4
Finland	102.7	103.8	101.9	101.3	102.1	101.6	100.8	102.0	100.6	100.7	101.5	102.4	102.3
Sweden	107.8	109.3	107.7	108.1	106.6	109.1	108.3	109.5	110.4	109.4	110.7	110.9	111.7
United Kingdom	103.8	104.7	104.8	104.9	105.1	105.4	104.9	106.2	107.9	108.2	108.0	108.7	108.2
Norway	109.5	110.1	109.2	110.5	108.6	109.4	109.3	109.9	110.3	110.1	109.4	110.3	110.6
Switzerland	108.1	107.5	106.5	109.8	106.5	108.2	107.4	107.6	107.6	109.2	106.4	105.1	:

<sup>:</sup> Data not available



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## Deflated turnover indices for total retail trade working days adjusted

(base year 2010)

	03/12	03/13	03/14	04/14	05/14	06/14	07/14	08/14	09/14	10/14	11/14	12/14	01/15	02/15	03/15
EA19	97.0	94.7	95.6	95.3	96.5	96.7	101.1	97.2	95.6	100.2	99.2	121.1	96.3	87.9	97.1
EU28	97.0	95.2	96.8	97.1	98.2	98.7	102.4	99.3	97.4	102.0	102.7	123.8	96.7	90.3	99.2
Belgium	103.3	103.4	103.3	102.0	104.6	103.1	104.5	98.2	99.8	106.0	99.4	122.4	103.1	90.6	102.4
Bulgaria	100.8	100.4	106.4	110.1	110.5	114.0	126.2	127.1	124.3	122.2	115.0	131.4	101.2	99.3	107.2
Czech Republic	98.8	98.0	100.9	99.9	102.6	102.3	98.4	102.6	101.4	105.7	109.1	129.7	95.6	92.8	С
Denmark	94.4	92.1	92.9	95.0	99.6	96.4	93.9	96.9	89.7	93.9	98.8	119.9	88.6	82.8	95.8
Germany	103.4	102.9	104.9	102.4	101.8	101.4	102.6	100.8	99.3	106.4	108.3	123.2	98.7	94.4	105.8
Estonia	106.9	109.0	115.0	118.0	123.0	125.0	128.0	127.0	119.0	123.0	121.0	138.0	113.0	105.0	119.0
Ireland	89.2	90.5	91.6	97.4	98.0	98.6	104.9	99.9	96.6	100.8	108.3	149.0	99.5	99.7	97.4
Greece	74.3	69.9	67.5	72.6	68.6	72.3	73.6	77.7	71.9	71.3	70.4	82.1	68.7	69.1	С
Spain	88.2	79.1	78.6	78.4	81.3	82.2	89.7	82.4	80.8	81.9	80.7	100.2	87.6	74.6	80.8
France	98.8	98.3	99.8	99.9	100.9	104.2	109.4	106.0	102.8	107.3	104.4	132.6	103.7	92.9	101.9
Croatia	91.6	90.3	91.2	91.9	95.7	102.6	114.1	118.5	103.1	96.1	88.3	102.6	79.9	77.5	С
Italy	93.6	90.1	89.4	90.1	92.6	89.0	98.0	89.3	91.8	96.9	93.0	117.5	92.5	80.4	С
Cyprus	80.6	72.0	76.7	80.1	83.8	87.5	92.9	89.3	83.9	82.1	80.5	101.7	77.8	70.2	С
Latvia	100.9	107.1	111.4	114.8	115.8	118.0	127.2	129.3	121.9	123.9	117.8	138.5	111.1	106.1	118.6
Lithuania	103.9	108.0	114.9	116.5	123.9	121.8	130.3	131.9	122.0	125.4	120.7	143.2	109.6	104.7	120.3
Luxembourg	130.7	150.0	166.3	165.9	164.8	161.9	160.9	152.8	156.4	167.7	199.7	297.7	186.9	169.4	172.6
Hungary	94.1	91.7	99.0	102.9	102.6	102.7	109.6	111.2	108.8	113.3	110.2	134.3	91.3	88.2	104.1
Malta	93.7	94.2	86.8	99.1	100.0	99.6	102.7	98.5	96.6	105.0	103.7	113.8	95.3	91.2	94.5
Netherlands	95.2	89.8	90.5	91.2	94.4	94.6	94.3	93.1	89.5	94.2	94.1	109.6	89.2	82.8	С
Austria	101.2	98.1	99.0	98.2	96.1	96.5	99.2	96.9	96.3	100.8	98.6	120.0	94.3	90.0	99.8
Poland	100.9	102.1	104.1	103.2	102.8	103.0	106.8	109.2	105.8	109.6	102.7	125.8	99.0	95.5	113.2
Portugal	83.7	79.7	80.3	79.0	83.8	82.5	93.1	96.1	86.1	85.3	85.4	110.0	82.4	76.0	81.8
Romania	98.8	96.9	109.2	106.7	110.4	109.5	115.2	120.5	114.6	115.7	118.1	128.2	96.9	94.4	107.8
Slovenia	100.7	94.9	94.8	96.7	92.5	95.8	98.8	98.8	99.6	99.9	92.1	105.8	88.7	84.3	93.1
Slovakia	94.1	93.3	98.6	98.2	98.7	100.7	101.7	100.2	100.3	104.5	101.6	116.6	91.0	91.2	100.5
Finland	99.2	97.7	97.7	100.7	105.0	106.0	108.9	104.8	97.5	101.6	97.4	123.4	91.7	85.9	97.4
Sweden	98.0	100.5	104.1	106.5	111.0	115.0	111.8	112.4	104.6	109.4	108.6	131.2	99.0	93.4	108.1
United Kingdom	95.9	95.4	98.4	101.7	101.8	103.2	104.9	101.3	100.8	105.8	117.9	134.8	98.9	100.4	103.6
Norway	97.3	99.6	101.5	100.6	113.2	117.2	110.0	112.9	105.9	108.6	111.9	139.3	101.2	92.9	102.5
Switzerland	108.3	107.4	111.0	103.5	104.4	110.7	107.5	103.6	100.8	108.4	108.6	141.0	101.5	88.9	:

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