

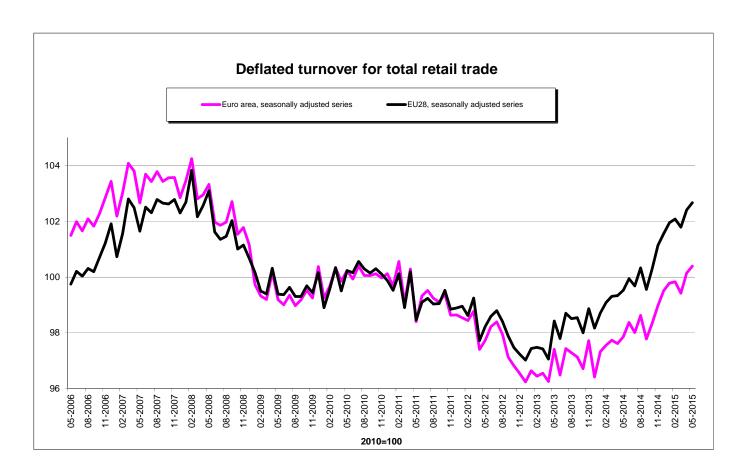
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May 2015 compared with April 2015

Volume of retail trade up by 0.2% in euro area Up by 0.3% in EU28

In May 2015 compared with April 2015, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade¹ rose by 0.2% in the **euro area**² (EA19) and by 0.3% in the **EU28**², according to estimates from **Eurostat**, **the statistical office of the European Union**. In April³ retail trade increased by 0.7% and 0.6% respectively.

In May 2015 compared with May 2014⁴ the retail sales index increased by 2.4% in the **euro area** and by 3.0% in the **EU28**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The 0.2% increase in the volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in May 2015, compared with April 2015, is due to rises of 0.4% for both "Food, drinks and tobacco" and non-food products, while automotive fuel fell by 0.7%. In the **EU28**, the 0.3% increase in the retail trade volume is due to rises of 0.4% for "Food, drinks and tobacco" and of 0.3% for non-food products, while automotive fuel fell by 0.6%.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in total retail trade were registered in **Poland** (+1.5%), **Estonia** (+1.4%) and **Malta** (+1.1%), while the largest decreases were observed in **Ireland** (-2.5%), **Denmark** (-1.4%) and **Lithuania** (-1.2%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The 2.4% increase in the volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in May 2015, compared with May 2014, is due to rises of 3.4% for non-food products, of 1.7% for "Food, drinks and tobacco" and of 0.7% for automotive fuel. In the **EU28**, the 3.0% increase in retail trade volume is due to rises of 4.2% for non-food products, of 2.0% for "Food, drinks and tobacco" and of 1.3% for automotive fuel.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in total retail trade were observed in **Poland** (+7.6%), **Estonia** (+5.7%) and **Ireland** (+5.6%), while decreases were observed in **Luxembourg** (-10.6%), **Denmark** (-2.4%) and **Belgium** (-1.5%).

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:

 $\underline{\text{http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Retail_trade_volume_index_overview}$

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 97/2015 of 3 June 2015. The monthly percentage changes for April 2015 remain unchanged at +0.7% in the euro area and at +0.6% in the EU28. The annual percentage changes have been revised from +2.2% to +2.7% in the euro area and from +2.6% to +2.9% in the EU28.
- 4. Based on data adjusted for working days.

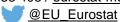
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Volume of retail trade

% change compared with the previous month*

	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15
EA19						
Total retail trade	0.5	0.3	0.0	-0.4	0.7	0.2
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.3	0.8	-0.7	-0.5	1.3	0.4
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.6	0.4	0.6	-0.3	0.3	0.4
Textiles, clothing, footwear	0.2	0.7	2.0	-2.4	0.7	:
Electrical goods and furniture	-0.1	1.5	-0.4	0.0	-0.9	:
Computer equipment, books and other	0.3	1.3	0.5	-0.3	1.0	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.2	:
Mail orders and internet	1.2	-2.7	1.4	2.9	-2.2	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	1.8	0.7	-0.8	-1.0	0.3	-0.7
EU28						
Total retail trade	0.4	0.4	0.1	-0.3	0.6	0.3
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.4	0.5	-0.5	-0.2	0.8	0.4
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.2	0.4	0.7	-0.2	0.5	0.3
Textiles, clothing, footwear	0.1	0.3	1.8	-1.6	1.3	:
Electrical goods and furniture	-1.2	2.2	-0.2	0.4	-0.7	:
Computer equipment, books and other	1.1	0.2	0.5	-0.4	1.0	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.1	:
Mail orders and internet	0.7	-1.4	0.9	2.6	-1.3	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	1.7	1.2	-0.1	-1.7	0.4	-0.6

Total retail trade	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15
EA19	0.5	0.3	0.0	-0.4	0.7	0.2
EU28	0.4	0.4	0.1	-0.3	0.6	0.3
Belgium	0.5	-0.4	-0.3	-0.4	0.8	0.4
Bulgaria	1.4	-0.2	-0.4	-1.4	-0.1	0.2
Czech Republic	0.9	2.1	0.4	-0.9	0.8	С
Denmark	-1.5	0.4	0.0	0.9	-1.1	-1.4
Germany	0.9	0.8	-0.3	-0.9	1.3	0.5
Estonia	-1.2	0.3	-0.6	-0.1	0.8	1.4
Ireland	1.8	-0.1	0.7	-0.7	3.4	-2.5
Greece	-1.3	0.8	-1.1	1.5	-0.5	С
Spain	1.1	-0.2	-0.5	0.2	0.9	0.3
France	0.5	-0.1	0.8	-0.7	0.8	0.6
Croatia	-0.2	0.8	-0.5	0.2	1.2	С
Italy	-0.1	0.4	-0.3	0.3	0.3	С
Cyprus	-2.0	3.4	-0.6	0.8	1.0	С
Latvia	-1.1	1.9	1.2	0.6	-0.1	-0.9
Lithuania	0.6	-1.1	1.5	1.5	-0.1	-1.2
Luxembourg	2.7	-7.2	0.7	1.7	-1.7	-0.9
Hungary	0.5	1.5	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.4
Malta	-0.5	3.5	-2.8	2.4	-1.9	1.1
Netherlands	0.4	0.3	0.4	-0.3	-0.1	С
Austria	1.4	0.8	0.5	-1.0	0.3	-0.9
Poland	0.3	2.6	0.0	2.3	-2.7	1.5
Portugal	-0.2	4.3	-0.3	-3.3	0.7	0.2
Romania	0.4	1.2	-1.6	-0.5	3.1	-0.9
Slovenia	-0.3	1.4	0.8	-1.4	0.5	0.8
Slovakia	0.5	-1.1	0.1	1.0	-0.6	0.6
Finland	0.0	0.7	1.6	0.7	-1.3	-0.3
Sweden	-1.4	1.9	0.2	0.7	-0.2	-0.5
United Kingdom	0.3	-0.2	0.7	-0.5	1.0	0.3
Norway	-0.2	-0.5	0.8	0.6	2.0	-3.4
Switzerland	1.7	-3.0	-0.6	0.7	2.1	:





Volume of retail trade

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

	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15
EA19						
Total retail trade	3.2	2.5	2.4	1.8	2.7	2.4
Food, drinks, tobacco	2.1	2.1	0.9	0.1	1.5	1.7
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	4.0	3.1	3.6	3.2	3.8	3.4
Textiles, clothing, footwear	2.4	1.1	3.2	-0.1	3.2	:
Electrical goods and furniture	3.2	3.9	3.2	3.6	2.3	:
Computer equipment, books and other	4.6	5.5	5.6	5.1	6.0	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	4.1	3.6	3.8	4.1	3.7	:
Mail orders and internet	8.7	4.8	5.9	7.8	6.0	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	2.7	2.7	3.2	8.0	2.6	0.7
EU28						
Total retail trade	3.4	3.2	3.1	2.7	2.9	3.0
Food, drinks, tobacco	2.1	2.4	1.3	1.6	1.0	2.0
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	4.3	4.0	4.4	4.1	4.5	4.2
Textiles, clothing, footwear	2.4	1.8	3.7	1.1	4.3	:
Electrical goods and furniture	3.1	4.5	3.8	4.7	3.4	:
Computer equipment, books and other	5.3	5.5	5.3	4.5	6.1	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	4.9	4.3	4.3	4.8	4.0	:
Mail orders and internet	12.4	11.5	10.7	12.1	10.5	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	2.5	3.2	4.3	0.2	2.8	1.3

Total retail trade	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15
EA19	3.2	2.5	2.4	1.8	2.7	2.4
EU28	3.4	3.2	3.1	2.7	2.9	3.0
Belgium	2.8	-0.2	1.5	-1.2	0.8	-1.5
Bulgaria	6.1	4.3	4.2	0.8	0.5	0.8
Czech Republic	4.2	7.2	7.3	4.8	6.0	С
Denmark	0.8	2.3	0.9	3.0	0.6	-2.4
Germany	5.4	4.0	3.0	2.0	3.8	4.2
Estonia	7.8	2.8	5.1	2.6	1.7	5.7
Ireland	5.3	5.0	5.7	6.4	6.9	5.6
Greece	-1.3	0.6	-1.7	1.0	-1.9	С
Spain	6.4	4.0	2.5	3.1	4.0	3.4
France	2.2	2.3	3.3	1.6	3.2	1.9
Croatia	2.1	3.5	1.8	0.9	3.7	С
Italy	0.9	2.4	1.3	1.7	1.9	С
Cyprus	-2.7	5.1	3.9	-0.8	1.5	С
Latvia	3.0	6.9	9.0	6.4	3.6	4.9
Lithuania	6.1	2.6	5.4	5.7	5.3	2.4
Luxembourg	8.0	-13.8	-11.7	-5.0	-9.1	-10.6
Hungary	5.7	8.7	6.5	5.2	5.0	5.2
Malta	4.1	13.1	7.6	12.9	1.8	4.9
Netherlands	1.8	2.5	3.2	2.3	1.9	С
Austria	1.4	2.3	2.2	1.2	1.5	0.8
Poland	3.1	6.8	7.6	9.2	4.7	7.6
Portugal	2.0	3.4	3.1	2.0	3.4	1.8
Romania	6.0	7.3	3.7	-0.7	8.1	4.1
Slovenia	-1.7	0.0	2.7	0.1	-0.5	3.0
Slovakia	3.8	0.0	-0.3	1.4	-0.2	1.8
Finland	-2.9	-1.6	1.4	1.5	-1.3	0.0
Sweden	1.9	4.1	3.7	4.0	3.0	2.8
United Kingdom	4.3	4.9	4.8	5.3	3.2	4.7
Norway	2.5	1.5	1.8	1.6	3.7	-0.4
Switzerland	1.7	-1.1	-2.7	-2.4	1.7	:





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

	05/14	06/14	07/14	08/14	09/14	10/14	11/14	12/14	01/15	02/15	03/15	04/15	05/15
EA19	97.9	98.4	98.0	98.6	97.8	98.3	99.0	99.5	99.8	99.8	99.4	100.1	100.4
EU28	99.5	99.9	99.7	100.3	99.6	100.3	101.1	101.6	102.0	102.1	101.8	102.4	102.7
Belgium	103.8	103.3	103.0	103.2	101.8	103.0	102.6	103.1	102.7	102.3	101.9	102.7	103.1
Bulgaria	113.3	113.8	114.9	115.5	116.2	116.1	116.1	117.7	117.5	117.1	115.4	115.3	115.5
Czech Republic	101.4	102.4	101.4	102.8	102.9	104.3	104.1	105.1	107.3	107.8	106.8	107.6	С
Denmark	96.4	95.3	95.0	96.2	94.8	95.7	97.1	95.6	96.0	96.0	96.9	95.8	94.5
Germany	102.2	103.5	102.8	103.5	101.7	103.6	104.4	105.3	106.1	105.8	104.8	106.2	106.7
Estonia	118.3	119.4	119.9	120.4	121.0	121.4	124.4	122.8	123.2	122.4	122.3	123.3	125.0
Ireland	101.5	102.7	102.8	102.7	102.7	103.8	104.3	106.2	106.1	106.9	106.1	109.7	107.0
Greece	71.3	73.2	72.3	73.6	72.5	73.2	72.6	71.6	72.2	71.4	72.5	72.1	С
Spain	82.4	82.4	82.6	83.1	83.0	82.9	83.8	84.7	84.6	84.2	84.3	85.1	85.3
France	105.2	105.5	104.7	105.7	104.8	104.7	105.8	106.3	106.2	107.0	106.3	107.1	107.7
Croatia	94.6	95.6	94.6	96.4	96.9	96.0	97.2	97.0	97.8	97.3	97.5	98.7	С
Italy	92.6	92.8	92.9	93.0	93.2	93.3	93.8	93.7	94.1	93.8	94.1	94.4	С
Cyprus	84.3	85.1	83.7	83.9	82.9	82.7	83.7	82.0	84.8	84.2	84.9	85.8	С
Latvia	117.3	116.5	119.5	118.7	118.5	120.2	121.6	120.3	122.6	124.0	124.7	124.6	123.5
Lithuania	121.0	120.9	121.9	121.8	122.0	122.5	123.3	124.0	122.6	124.4	126.3	126.2	124.6
Luxembourg	183.6	182.7	177.5	177.1	176.8	174.5	173.2	178.0	165.2	166.3	169.2	166.2	164.7
Hungary	104.3	104.2	104.3	104.9	105.9	106.7	107.4	107.9	109.5	109.3	109.3	109.4	109.8
Malta	97.7	99.2	98.5	98.3	99.3	99.4	101.1	100.7	104.2	101.3	103.7	101.8	102.9
Netherlands	92.4	92.7	92.6	93.1	92.2	93.0	93.7	94.1	94.4	94.8	94.5	94.4	С
Austria	98.0	99.4	98.0	99.1	99.4	98.1	97.8	99.2	100.0	100.5	99.5	99.8	98.9
Poland	102.8	103.2	104.1	104.9	103.4	104.9	106.4	106.7	109.5	109.5	112.0	109.0	110.6
Portugal	85.8	85.2	87.1	89.2	86.8	85.7	86.4	86.2	89.9	89.6	86.6	87.2	87.4
Romania	110.8	110.1	110.6	110.8	110.4	111.0	113.6	114.0	115.4	113.5	112.9	116.4	115.4
Slovenia	94.1	94.3	96.0	96.4	97.2	94.9	95.2	94.9	96.2	97.0	95.6	96.1	96.9
Slovakia	99.4	99.8	100.1	99.9	100.5	101.6	100.8	101.3	100.2	100.3	101.3	100.7	101.3
Finland	102.1	101.3	102.1	101.7	100.8	102.1	100.7	100.7	101.4	103.0	103.7	102.4	102.1
Sweden	107.2	107.4	105.8	108.4	107.5	108.7	109.5	108.0	110.0	110.2	111.0	110.8	110.3
United Kingdom	104.7	104.9	105.1	105.4	104.9	106.3	108.0	108.3	108.1	108.9	108.3	109.4	109.7
Norway	109.5	110.5	108.6	109.4	109.3	109.8	110.3	110.1	109.5	110.4	111.1	113.3	109.4
Switzerland	106.4	109.7	106.4	108.1	107.3	107.5	107.5	109.2	106.0	105.4	106.1	108.3	:

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

	05/12	05/13	05/14	06/14	07/14	08/14	09/14	10/14	11/14	12/14	01/15	02/15	03/15	04/15	05/15
EA19	96.1	96.0	96.5	96.7	101.1	97.3	95.6	100.3	99.2	121.2	96.1	87.7	97.3	97.9	98.8
EU28	96.8	97.1	98.3	98.7	102.4	99.3	97.4	102.0	102.8	123.9	96.5	90.0	99.4	99.9	101.2
Belgium	99.4	102.5	104.6	103.1	104.5	98.2	99.8	106.0	99.4	122.4	103.1	90.6	102.1	102.7	103.1
Bulgaria	105.8	108.6	110.5	114.0	126.2	127.1	124.3	122.2	115.0	131.4	101.2	99.3	107.2	110.7	111.4
Czech Republic	101.3	101.4	102.6	102.1	98.3	102.6	101.8	106.2	109.1	129.3	95.9	93.9	106.0	105.9	С
Denmark	98.7	97.5	99.6	96.4	93.8	97.0	89.6	93.9	98.9	119.9	88.6	82.7	95.8	95.6	97.2
Germany	100.9	101.9	101.9	101.5	102.6	100.8	99.3	106.4	108.3	123.3	98.7	94.2	107.0	106.2	106.2
Estonia	113.2	119.0	123.0	125.0	128.0	127.0	119.0	123.0	121.0	138.0	112.0	104.0	118.0	120.0	130.0
Ireland	94.4	94.6	98.0	98.6	104.9	99.9	96.6	100.8	108.3	149.0	99.5	99.7	97.4	104.1	103.4
Greece	74.8	73.1	68.6	72.3	73.6	77.7	71.9	71.3	70.4	82.1	68.7	69.2	68.2	71.2	С
Spain	86.1	80.7	81.3	82.1	89.7	82.4	80.8	81.9	80.6	100.2	87.6	74.6	81.0	81.6	84.1
France	97.9	99.7	100.9	104.2	109.4	106.0	102.8	107.3	104.4	132.7	103.7	92.9	101.4	103.1	102.8
Croatia	95.6	99.2	95.7	102.6	114.1	118.5	103.1	96.1	88.3	102.6	79.9	77.5	92.0	95.3	С
Italy	94.3	92.7	92.6	88.9	98.0	89.3	91.9	96.9	93.0	117.4	92.5	80.4	90.9	91.7	С
Cyprus	84.3	81.7	83.8	87.4	92.9	89.2	83.9	82.1	80.5	101.8	78.2	70.0	76.0	81.3	С
Latvia	106.7	113.2	115.9	118.0	127.5	129.3	121.8	123.9	117.8	138.4	110.9	106.2	118.4	118.9	121.6
Lithuania	110.3	118.1	123.9	121.8	130.3	131.9	122.0	125.4	120.7	143.2	109.6	104.8	121.5	122.8	126.9
Luxembourg	125.9	145.1	168.4	165.4	163.7	156.2	159.8	171.1	205.4	308.2	157.3	139.0	161.4	154.1	150.6
Hungary	95.8	97.9	101.8	102.9	109.6	111.2	108.7	113.3	110.2	134.3	91.3	88.2	104.1	107.3	107.1
Malta	99.9	99.3	98.9	100.0	103.3	98.3	96.9	103.4	102.1	113.1	101.7	89.2	98.0	101.2	103.8
Netherlands	98.1	93.8	94.4	94.6	94.3	93.1	89.5	94.2	94.1	109.6	89.4	83.1	92.5	93.0	С
Austria	96.6	98.1	96.1	96.5	99.2	96.9	96.4	100.7	98.6	120.0	94.3	90.0	100.2	99.7	96.9
Poland	99.1	103.3	102.8	103.0	106.8	109.2	105.8	109.6	102.7	125.8	98.4	94.9	113.7	108.0	110.6
Portugal	84.8	82.6	83.8	82.5	93.1	96.1	86.1	85.3	85.4	110.0	82.4	75.9	81.9	81.7	85.3
Romania	105.2	100.8	110.4	109.5	115.2	120.5	114.6	115.7	118.1	128.2	96.9	94.4	108.4	115.3	114.9
Slovenia	96.3	94.7	92.5	95.8	98.8	98.8	99.6	99.9	92.1	105.9	88.8	84.3	94.9	96.2	95.3
Slovakia	95.0	97.2	98.9	100.9	101.3	100.7	100.6	104.0	102.3	116.7	90.9	91.1	100.8	97.5	100.7
Finland	106.7	106.9	105.0	106.0	108.9	104.8	97.6	101.6	97.4	123.2	91.5	86.6	99.2	99.4	105.0
Sweden	105.3	108.3	110.2	114.2	110.8	111.8	103.9	108.7	107.8	129.8	98.2	92.5	107.3	108.8	113.3
United Kingdom	96.8	98.3	101.8	103.2	104.9	101.3	100.8	105.9	118.0	134.9	98.9	100.4	103.6	105.0	106.6
Norway	110.3	112.7	113.0	117.3	110.0	113.0	106.0	108.5	112.0	139.3	101.2	92.9	103.0	104.4	112.6
Switzerland	103.2	104.9	104.4	110.6	107.5	103.6	100.9	108.3	108.5	141.0	101.0	88.9	108.2	105.3	:

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