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December 2015 compared with November 2015

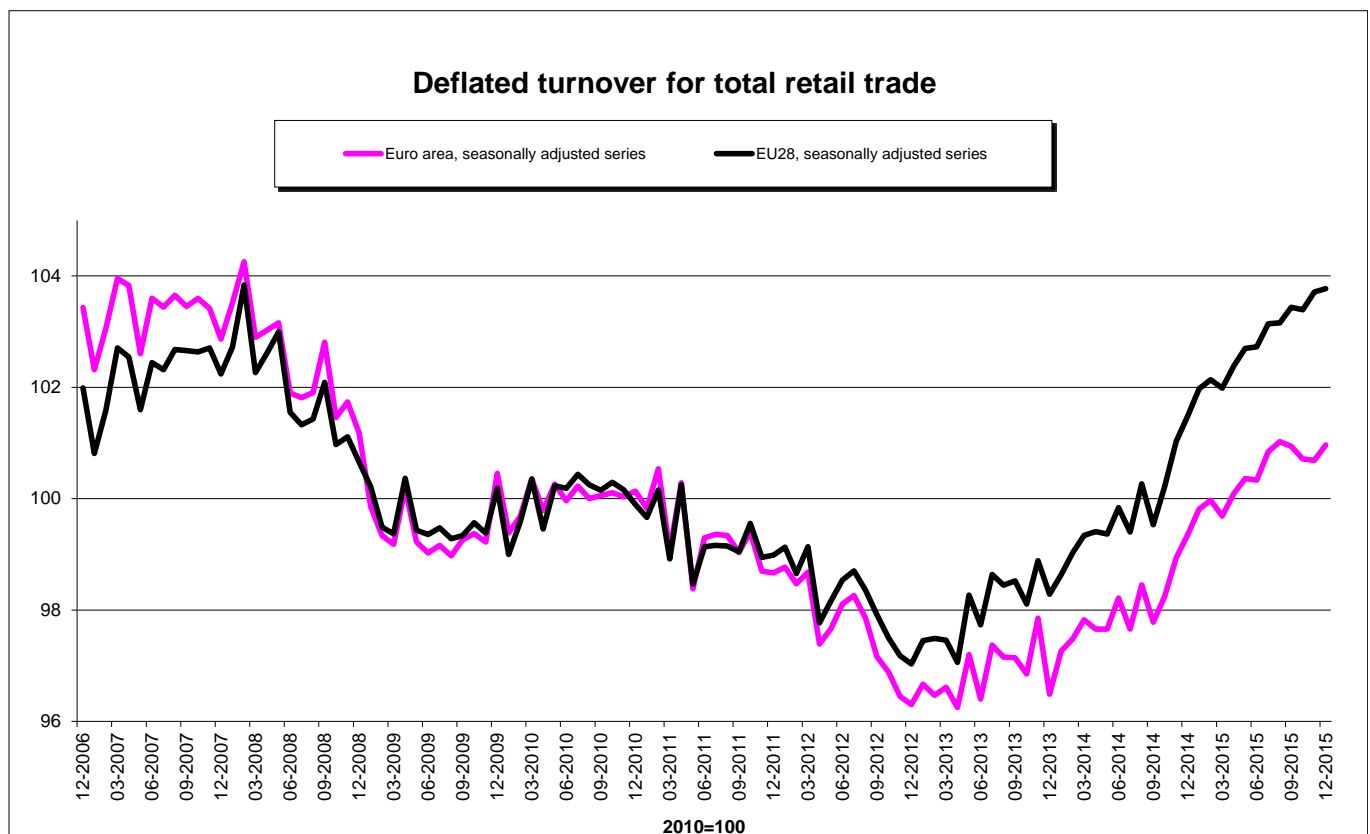
Volume of retail trade up by 0.3% in euro area

Up by 0.1% in EU28

In December 2015 compared with November 2015, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade increased by 0.3% in the **euro area** (EA19) and by 0.1% in the **EU28**, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In November retail trade remained stable in the euro area and rose by 0.3% in the EU28.

In December 2015 compared with December 2014 the calendar adjusted retail sales index increased by 1.4% in the euro area and by 2.0% in the **EU28**.

The average retail trade for the year 2015, compared with 2014, rose by 2.4% in the **euro area** and by 3.0% in the **EU28**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The 0.3% increase in the volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in December 2015, compared with November 2015, is due to rises of 0.6% for “Food, drinks and tobacco” and of 0.2% for non-food products, while automotive fuel fell by 0.1%. In the **EU28**, the 0.1% increase in the volume of retail trade is due to rise of 0.8% for “Food, drinks and tobacco”, while non-food products and automotive fuel both fell by 0.4%.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in total retail trade were registered in **Estonia** (+2.1%), **France** (+1.3%) and **Luxembourg** (+1.1%), and the largest decreases in **Portugal** (-1.8%), **Sweden** (-1.7%) and **Denmark** (-1.4%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The 1.4% increase in the volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in December 2015, compared with December 2014, is due to rises of 1.8% for non-food products and of 0.8% for “Food, drinks and tobacco”, while automotive fuel fell by 0.8%. In the **EU28**, the 2.0% increase in retail trade volume is due to rises of 2.3% for non-food products, of 1.5% for “Food, drinks and tobacco” and of 0.1% for automotive fuel.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in total retail trade were observed in **Romania** (+14.3%), **Ireland** (+6.1%), **Estonia** (+5.8%) and **Poland** (+5.5%), while decreases were observed in **Portugal** (-1.3%), **Belgium** (-1.2%) and **Denmark** (-0.3%).

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, 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.

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 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.

Revisions and timetable

Data of previous months have been revised compared to those issued in the News Release [4/2016](#) of 7 January 2016. The monthly percentage changes for November 2015 have been revised from -0.3% to 0.0% in the euro area and from +0.2% to +0.3% in the EU28. The annual percentage changes have been revised from +1.4% to +1.6% in the euro area and from +2.6% to +2.7% in the EU28.

For more information

Eurostat's [database section](#) on short-term business statistics

Eurostat's [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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Volume of retail trade
% change compared with the previous month*

	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15
EA19						
Total retail trade	0.5	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.3
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.5	0.6	-0.6	-0.4	0.0	0.6
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.6	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.2
Textiles, clothing, footwear	0.0	-0.7	0.2	0.0	-2.5	:
Electrical goods and furniture	0.1	-0.2	0.7	0.2	0.0	:
Computer equipment, books and other	-0.2	0.6	-0.7	-0.6	0.4	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.7	0.1	-0.2	0.3	1.3	:
Mail orders and internet	0.9	0.7	-1.4	1.4	-1.1	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.2	1.8	-0.9	0.0	0.3	-0.1
EU28						
Total retail trade	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.1
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.3	0.4	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	0.8
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.6	-0.4	0.4	0.1	0.4	-0.4
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-0.5	-0.3	0.1	-0.1	-1.3	:
Electrical goods and furniture	0.6	-0.9	1.2	0.1	0.9	:
Computer equipment, books and other	0.3	0.2	-0.5	0.0	0.1	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.4	1.4	:
Mail orders and internet	1.1	-0.1	0.3	0.7	1.3	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.1	1.5	-0.3	0.6	0.4	-0.4

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Total retail trade	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15
EA19	0.5	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.3
EU28	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.1
Belgium	-0.2	-0.9	-1.3	-0.1	-0.4	0.7
Bulgaria	-1.1	-0.8	0.4	0.7	1.3	0.2
Czech Republic	0.6	-1.0	1.7	1.0	-0.4	c
Denmark	0.8	0.0	-0.5	0.8	0.2	-1.4
Germany	1.3	-0.3	0.2	-0.3	0.4	-0.2
Estonia	2.0	-1.1	0.1	2.0	-1.5	2.1
Ireland	1.0	0.6	0.7	-1.0	3.9	-1.2
Greece	-4.2	3.6	-1.5	0.7	-1.7	c
Spain	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.3	-0.2	0.1
France	0.0	0.4	-0.2	-0.5	-0.6	1.3
Croatia	1.7	-0.6	0.0	0.9	1.4	c
Italy	0.6	0.3	-0.4	-0.5	0.7	c
Cyprus	1.6	-0.3	0.9	-1.2	-0.2	c
Latvia	0.6	0.0	-0.7	1.4	-3.1	0.8
Lithuania	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.6	-0.1	0.3
Luxembourg	2.4	0.2	1.1	-1.2	-1.4	1.1
Hungary	0.5	-0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3
Malta	1.2	-0.9	0.0	0.3	-0.3	-0.2
Netherlands	-0.2	0.2	-0.2	0.1	0.0	c
Austria	-0.4	-0.2	0.7	-0.4	-0.7	0.9
Poland	-2.2	-0.1	-0.4	2.1	1.6	0.0
Portugal	1.0	1.6	-2.1	0.7	-1.7	-1.8
Romania	1.2	0.3	1.8	2.0	2.3	0.6
Slovenia	0.0	0.1	0.6	-1.2	0.5	-0.9
Slovakia	-0.1	0.0	0.7	0.4	0.0	0.5
Finland	0.2	-0.3	-0.6	0.7	0.5	-0.5
Sweden	0.6	-0.4	1.0	0.7	0.4	-1.7
United Kingdom	0.4	-0.5	1.8	-0.3	1.3	-0.6
Norway	0.5	0.1	-0.9	0.8	0.5	-1.3
Switzerland	-0.3	-0.6	-0.4	0.2	-0.8	:

* Calendar and seasonally adjusted

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

	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15
EA19						
Total retail trade	3.5	2.7	3.3	2.5	1.6	1.4
Food, drinks, tobacco	2.3	2.7	1.6	1.1	0.8	0.8
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	4.2	2.6	4.8	3.5	2.2	1.8
Textiles, clothing, footwear	3.4	-1.1	7.2	3.9	-0.9	:
Electrical goods and furniture	2.4	1.2	3.3	2.9	1.9	:
Computer equipment, books and other	5.3	4.8	3.7	2.0	2.1	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	4.2	3.7	3.7	3.2	4.3	:
Mail orders and internet	7.9	6.8	8.6	8.0	5.6	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	3.2	4.3	2.2	1.9	2.4	-0.8
EU28						
Total retail trade	3.9	2.9	3.9	3.1	2.7	2.0
Food, drinks, tobacco	2.5	2.8	2.2	1.6	1.2	1.5
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	5.0	2.9	5.4	4.2	3.5	2.3
Textiles, clothing, footwear	3.9	-0.3	7.5	4.3	0.8	:
Electrical goods and furniture	4.6	1.8	4.5	3.6	3.3	:
Computer equipment, books and other	4.8	4.6	3.7	2.6	2.4	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	4.2	3.7	3.9	3.7	4.6	:
Mail orders and internet	13.3	10.0	12.2	10.7	10.3	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	2.8	3.7	2.8	3.2	3.7	0.1

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Total retail trade	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15
EA19	3.5	2.7	3.3	2.5	1.6	1.4
EU28	3.9	2.9	3.9	3.1	2.7	2.0
Belgium	1.9	-1.5	0.2	-1.3	-2.2	-1.2
Bulgaria	0.1	-1.9	-2.5	-1.3	2.0	2.7
Czech Republic	7.1	3.5	6.4	6.8	5.6	c
Denmark	2.7	1.7	1.6	2.3	1.7	-0.3
Germany	4.1	2.6	3.7	2.5	2.4	1.5
Estonia	7.0	4.7	4.2	6.5	1.7	5.8
Ireland	6.2	6.9	7.5	4.9	9.4	6.1
Greece	-7.2	-2.1	-3.3	-2.4	-4.5	c
Spain	4.1	3.1	4.7	6.1	3.3	2.3
France	4.4	3.3	3.8	2.8	1.0	1.7
Croatia	6.1	2.4	1.3	3.7	4.9	c
Italy	2.5	3.5	2.2	0.9	1.5	c
Cyprus	4.2	2.8	5.9	3.0	1.3	c
Latvia	4.5	5.8	4.5	5.6	-0.6	2.0
Lithuania	5.5	6.2	6.1	6.7	4.7	4.1
Luxembourg	12.8	12.5	14.5	9.3	3.6	3.7
Hungary	6.8	4.7	5.1	4.7	4.3	4.5
Malta	8.0	6.9	5.5	5.5	3.4	2.0
Netherlands	2.4	1.4	3.7	1.9	0.5	c
Austria	2.4	0.7	2.0	2.0	1.1	1.1
Poland	4.4	3.4	4.3	5.6	5.9	5.5
Portugal	1.7	0.7	1.2	3.4	0.8	-1.3
Romania	9.8	9.0	12.0	13.4	14.6	14.3
Slovenia	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.6	1.2	0.2
Slovakia	1.6	1.3	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.5
Finland	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1	2.2	1.4
Sweden	6.4	2.8	5.3	5.1	5.1	3.3
United Kingdom	4.4	3.3	6.1	4.3	4.8	2.6
Norway	1.6	1.1	-0.5	0.6	0.9	-1.2
Switzerland	1.1	-1.4	-1.4	-1.1	-2.1	:

* Calendar adjusted

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

	12/14	01/15	02/15	03/15	04/15	05/15	06/15	07/15	08/15	09/15	10/15	11/15	12/15
EA19	99.4	99.8	100.0	99.7	100.1	100.4	100.3	100.8	101.0	100.9	100.7	100.7	101.0
EU28	101.5	102.0	102.1	102.0	102.4	102.7	102.7	103.1	103.2	103.4	103.4	103.7	103.8
Belgium	103.3	102.7	102.3	101.8	102.7	103.3	104.1	103.9	103.0	101.6	101.6	101.2	101.9
Bulgaria	117.7	117.5	117.1	115.4	115.3	116.0	116.3	115.0	114.1	114.6	115.4	116.9	117.1
Czech Republic	105.0	107.2	107.7	106.7	107.1	107.9	108.1	108.7	107.7	109.5	110.6	110.1	c
Denmark	96.3	96.3	96.3	97.3	96.3	93.0	96.5	97.3	97.3	96.8	97.6	97.8	96.4
Germany	104.4	105.6	105.6	105.0	105.0	105.5	104.7	106.1	105.8	106.0	105.7	106.1	105.9
Estonia	122.7	123.2	122.4	123.0	123.3	124.4	125.2	127.7	126.2	126.4	128.9	127.0	129.7
Ireland	105.9	105.8	106.5	106.2	109.8	108.2	108.0	109.1	109.8	110.5	109.4	113.6	112.2
Greece	71.4	71.9	71.1	72.3	71.8	72.9	71.9	68.9	71.4	70.3	70.8	69.6	c
Spain	84.7	84.6	84.2	84.4	85.1	85.3	85.0	85.7	86.0	86.7	87.0	86.8	86.9
France	106.4	106.4	107.3	106.7	107.5	107.9	108.4	108.4	108.8	108.6	108.1	107.4	108.8
Croatia	96.2	97.3	96.8	97.2	98.5	98.9	98.4	100.1	99.5	99.5	100.4	101.8	c
Italy	93.8	94.2	93.9	94.1	94.6	94.5	94.5	95.1	95.4	95.0	94.5	95.2	c
Cyprus	81.4	84.5	83.7	84.4	85.2	85.7	84.6	85.9	85.6	86.4	85.3	85.1	c
Latvia	120.8	122.6	124.1	125.1	124.6	123.6	124.4	125.1	125.1	124.2	126.0	122.0	123.0
Lithuania	124.9	123.8	125.2	126.9	127.4	127.6	128.7	128.7	128.8	129.1	129.9	129.8	130.1
Luxembourg	185.1	179.6	181.9	185.4	182.0	185.7	188.0	192.5	192.9	195.0	192.6	190.0	192.1
Hungary	108.2	109.6	109.5	109.5	109.6	110.1	110.8	111.3	111.0	111.6	112.0	112.5	112.8
Malta	101.1	99.9	100.1	103.4	102.4	104.0	102.9	104.1	103.2	103.2	103.5	103.3	103.1
Netherlands	94.0	94.4	94.8	94.5	94.5	94.4	95.0	94.8	95.0	94.8	95.0	94.9	c
Austria	99.2	100.0	100.5	99.5	99.9	98.9	100.6	100.2	100.0	100.7	100.3	99.6	100.5
Poland	106.7	109.5	109.5	112.0	110.6	112.6	111.4	109.0	108.9	108.5	110.8	112.6	112.6
Portugal	86.2	89.9	89.6	86.6	87.4	87.4	87.6	88.5	89.9	88.0	88.6	87.1	85.5
Romania	114.0	115.4	113.5	112.9	116.4	115.9	118.6	120.0	120.4	122.6	125.1	128.0	128.8
Slovenia	95.0	96.1	97.1	95.6	96.2	96.9	96.1	96.1	96.2	96.8	95.6	96.1	95.2
Slovakia	101.2	100.2	100.4	101.4	100.9	101.6	102.1	102.0	102.0	102.7	103.1	103.1	103.6
Finland	100.6	101.2	102.6	103.1	102.0	102.3	102.1	102.3	102.0	101.4	102.1	102.6	102.1
Sweden	108.8	110.3	110.5	111.6	111.6	111.5	112.0	112.7	112.2	113.3	114.1	114.6	112.7
United Kingdom	108.4	108.0	108.4	108.1	108.9	109.4	109.4	109.9	109.3	111.2	110.9	112.4	111.7
Norway	109.4	108.5	109.3	109.8	112.0	108.0	108.9	109.4	109.5	108.5	109.4	109.9	108.5
Switzerland	109.2	106.0	105.4	106.2	106.8	106.2	107.5	107.2	106.5	106.1	106.3	105.4	:

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

	12/12	12/13	12/14	01/15	02/15	03/15	04/15	05/15	06/15	07/15	08/15	09/15	10/15	11/15	12/15
EA19	117.5	117.5	120.9	96.1	87.7	97.4	97.8	99.1	98.8	104.5	99.7	98.7	102.5	100.6	122.5
EU28	118.9	119.8	123.7	96.5	90.0	99.5	99.9	101.5	101.5	106.2	102.1	101.2	105.0	105.3	126.1
Belgium	122.3	119.1	122.3	103.0	90.6	102.2	102.8	103.2	104.7	106.5	96.7	100.0	104.6	97.1	120.9
Bulgaria	116.0	123.9	131.4	101.2	99.3	107.2	110.7	111.4	117.1	126.3	124.6	121.2	120.6	117.3	135.0
Czech Republic	123.2	124.0	129.3	95.9	93.9	106.0	105.0	109.3	107.7	105.3	106.2	108.4	113.4	115.3	c
Denmark	119.5	119.0	119.9	88.6	82.7	95.8	95.5	97.2	97.3	96.5	98.5	91.1	96.1	100.5	119.5
Germany	116.8	117.0	121.9	98.1	93.9	107.0	105.7	105.4	102.7	106.3	103.0	102.9	108.3	110.0	123.7
Estonia	126.0	128.0	138.0	112.0	104.0	119.0	120.0	129.0	131.0	137.0	133.0	124.0	131.0	123.0	146.0
Ireland	136.4	141.5	149.0	99.5	99.7	97.4	104.1	104.5	103.2	111.4	106.7	103.8	105.7	118.5	158.2
Greece	88.7	83.2	82.1	68.7	69.2	68.2	71.3	71.4	72.0	68.3	76.1	69.5	69.6	67.2	c
Spain	95.2	94.2	100.2	87.6	74.6	81.0	81.6	83.9	83.9	93.3	84.9	84.6	86.9	83.3	102.6
France	127.4	129.8	132.7	103.7	92.9	101.4	103.1	104.0	107.8	114.2	109.5	106.7	110.2	105.4	134.9
Croatia	102.2	100.6	102.7	79.9	77.5	92.0	95.3	100.1	104.9	121.1	121.3	104.5	99.7	92.6	c
Italy	118.5	116.3	117.4	92.6	80.4	90.9	91.7	94.3	90.0	100.6	92.4	94.0	97.7	94.4	c
Cyprus	104.8	104.7	101.7	78.0	69.7	75.5	80.2	85.5	85.3	95.9	91.3	88.8	84.5	81.4	c
Latvia	128.7	134.2	138.4	110.8	106.3	118.6	119.2	121.9	126.3	133.3	136.7	127.4	131.0	117.0	141.2
Lithuania	129.8	135.0	143.1	109.6	104.8	121.4	122.8	130.1	131.1	137.4	140.2	129.4	133.9	126.4	148.9
Luxembourg	260.2	285.2	307.5	177.9	156.0	177.2	164.1	170.9	172.9	184.4	175.9	182.3	186.5	212.4	318.8
Hungary	122.8	127.1	134.6	91.3	88.2	104.1	107.3	107.3	109.3	117.5	116.8	114.3	118.6	115.8	140.7
Malta	108.3	108.0	112.4	91.2	85.1	96.3	102.1	106.9	104.8	111.4	104.7	102.5	109.9	104.6	114.6
Netherlands	109.4	107.6	109.6	89.4	83.1	92.5	92.9	96.0	97.7	96.5	94.5	92.8	96.1	94.6	c
Austria	118.8	118.4	120.0	94.3	90.0	100.2	99.8	96.8	98.3	101.6	97.7	98.2	102.7	99.7	121.3
Poland	115.8	122.0	125.8	98.4	94.9	113.7	109.9	113.1	111.4	111.5	112.9	110.4	115.7	108.8	132.7
Portugal	108.4	107.8	110.0	82.4	75.9	81.9	81.9	85.2	84.9	94.7	96.8	87.1	88.2	86.1	108.6
Romania	114.6	120.9	128.2	96.9	94.4	108.4	115.3	115.3	118.5	126.5	131.3	128.4	131.2	135.3	146.5
Slovenia	108.0	107.7	105.8	88.7	84.3	94.9	96.1	95.1	97.4	98.8	98.7	99.7	100.5	93.2	106.0
Slovakia	111.7	112.5	116.7	90.9	91.1	100.8	97.5	100.7	103.6	103.0	102.1	102.9	106.3	104.6	119.6
Finland	128.9	126.9	123.1	91.3	86.2	98.5	99.0	105.5	106.9	109.3	105.1	97.7	101.6	99.4	124.8
Sweden	125.7	127.4	130.1	98.4	92.7	108.0	109.3	114.8	119.2	118.1	115.0	109.6	114.5	113.5	134.4
United Kingdom	125.6	129.3	135.2	99.0	100.0	103.6	104.4	106.3	107.4	109.5	104.7	106.9	110.4	123.5	138.8
Norway	132.6	133.7	136.5	99.7	92.4	102.5	103.9	112.2	116.2	111.0	113.2	105.0	108.5	111.7	134.9
Switzerland	135.1	138.6	141.0	100.9	88.9	108.3	103.0	103.5	109.7	108.7	102.2	99.5	107.1	106.3	:

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