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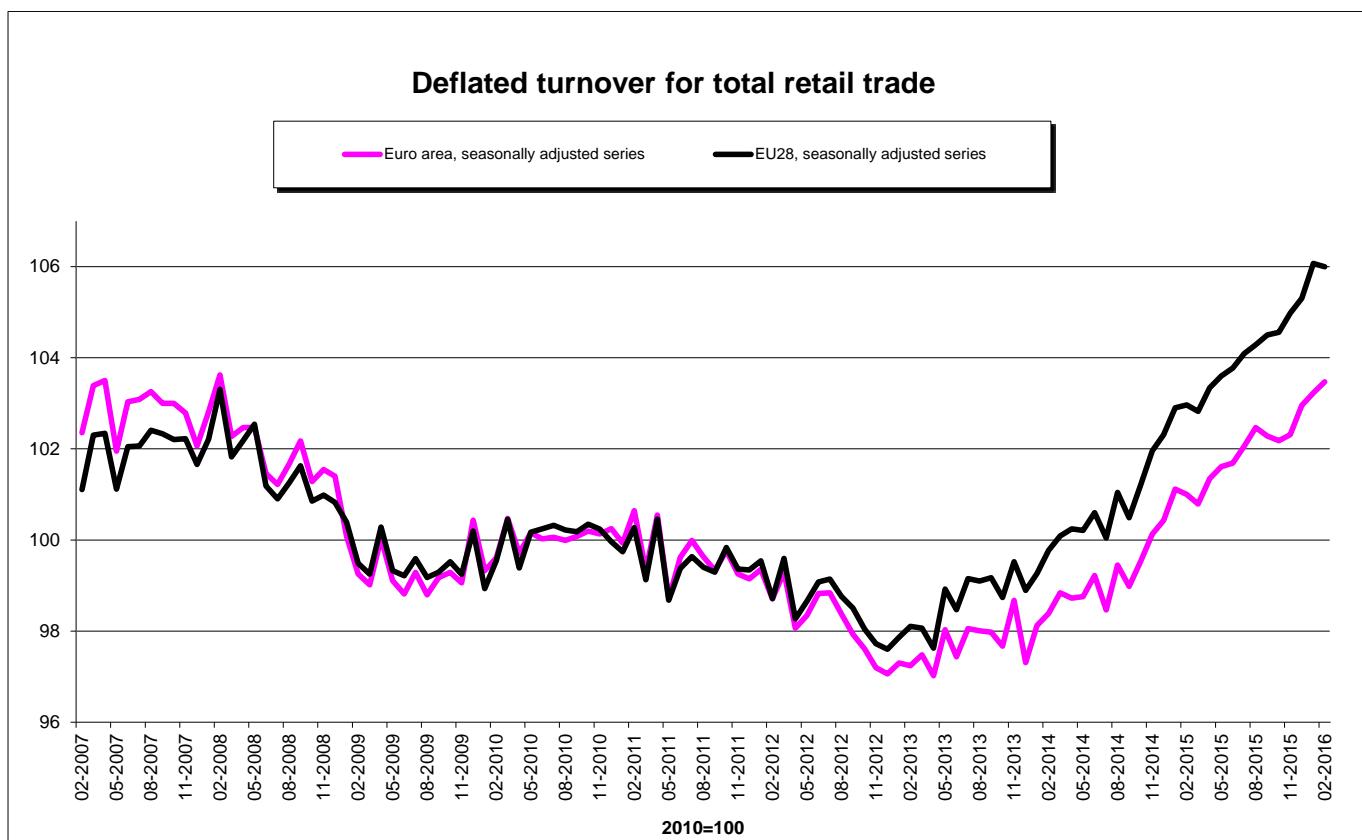
February 2016 compared with January 2016

Volume of retail trade up by 0.2% in euro area

Down by 0.1% in EU28

In February 2016 compared with January 2016, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade increased by 0.2% in the **euro area** (EA19) and fell by 0.1% in the **EU28**, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In January retail trade rose by 0.3% in the euro area and by 0.7% in the EU28.

In February 2016 compared with February 2015 the calendar adjusted retail sales index 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 0.2% increase in the volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in February 2016, compared with January 2016, is due to a rise of 0.5% for "Food, drinks and tobacco", while both non-food products and automotive fuel decreased by 0.2%. In the **EU28**, the 0.1% decrease in the volume of retail trade is due to decreases of 0.4% for automotive fuel and of 0.3% for non-food products, while "Food, drinks and tobacco" rose by 0.2%.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in total retail trade were registered in **Luxembourg** (+4.9%) and **Portugal** (+2.7%), while the largest decreases were observed in **Poland** (-2.9%) and **Estonia** (-2.2%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The 2.4% increase in the volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in February 2016, compared with February 2015, is due to rises of 2.9% for "Food, drinks and tobacco" and of 1.7% for non-food products, while automotive fuel fell by 0.5%. In the **EU28**, the 3.0% increase in retail trade volume is due to rises of 3.2% for "Food, drinks and tobacco", of 2.8% for non-food products, while automotive fuel remained stable.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in total retail trade were observed in **Romania** (+19.3%) and **Luxembourg** (+18.3%), while decreases were observed in **Belgium** (-2.4%), **Slovenia** (-1.4%) and **Denmark** (-1.0%).

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 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 [43/2016](#) of 3 March 2016. The monthly percentage changes for January 2016 have been revised from +0.4% to +0.3% in the euro area and from +0.8% to +0.7% in the EU28. The annual percentage change remains unchanged at +2.0% in the euro area and has been revised from +2.8% to +3.0% 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
(See file EU-28_EA-19_NEWS_RELEASE_WEIGHTINGS_2010)

Eurostat's [€-indicators release calendar](#)

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

	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16
EA19						
Total retail trade	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.2
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.8	-0.3	0.0	0.6	0.4	0.5
Non food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.7	0.5	-0.2
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-0.2	0.1	-2.9	2.3	1.3	:
Electrical goods and furniture	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.9	:
Computer equipment, books and other	-0.4	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.1	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.2	0.2	0.9	-0.1	-0.5	:
Mail orders and internet	-0.9	0.5	0.6	0.0	1.8	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.8	-0.3	0.4	1.3	-0.1	-0.2
EU28						
Total retail trade	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.7	-0.1
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1	0.7	0.7	0.2
Non food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.0	1.0	-0.3
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-0.3	0.0	-1.6	0.3	1.8	:
Electrical goods and furniture	1.1	0.4	0.8	-0.7	1.1	:
Computer equipment, books and other	-0.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	1.2	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.5	0.2	1.0	-0.1	0.0	:
Mail orders and internet	0.5	0.4	1.7	-0.7	2.1	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.3	0.3	0.5	0.9	0.3	-0.4

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

Total retail trade	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16
EA19	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.2
EU28	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.7	-0.1
Belgium	-1.3	0.2	-0.7	0.1	-0.7	0.5
Bulgaria	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.5
Czech Republic	1.7	1.0	-0.4	0.6	1.3	c
Denmark	-0.6	0.8	0.2	-1.5	1.1	-1.2
Germany	0.1	-0.1	0.5	1.0	-0.1	-0.4
Estonia	0.2	1.4	-1.0	2.6	1.8	-2.2
Ireland	0.7	-1.0	3.9	-1.6	0.9	0.1
Greece	-1.5	0.9	-1.5	1.6	-1.0	c
Spain	0.7	0.3	-0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2
France	-0.5	-0.1	-0.4	1.0	1.0	0.6
Croatia	0.4	1.1	1.0	1.1	-3.5	c
Italy	-0.3	-0.3	0.6	0.0	0.1	c
Cyprus	0.5	-0.4	0.1	2.3	-0.8	c
Latvia	0.0	0.8	-2.7	0.3	1.7	0.1
Lithuania	0.2	0.6	-0.1	0.8	0.6	1.1
Luxembourg	1.4	-4.3	4.4	1.1	-1.0	4.9
Hungary	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	1.4
Malta	-0.3	1.3	-1.1	1.5	-0.2	-0.4
Netherlands	-0.4	0.1	-0.1	1.0	-1.0	c
Austria	0.6	-0.4	-0.8	1.1	-1.1	1.0
Poland	-0.4	2.6	1.3	0.9	3.4	-2.9
Portugal	-2.1	0.7	-1.7	-1.5	5.2	2.7
Romania	1.9	1.5	2.4	0.7	2.4	1.8
Slovenia	0.6	-0.8	0.6	-0.3	1.1	-1.4
Slovakia	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.3	-1.2	0.1
Finland	-0.6	0.6	1.4	-0.7	1.2	-0.9
Sweden	1.1	0.7	0.7	-1.4	1.4	-0.3
United Kingdom	1.8	-0.3	1.3	-0.9	2.0	-0.8
Norway	-0.8	0.8	0.5	-1.5	0.9	-0.5
Switzerland	-0.3	0.4	-0.6	0.8	-0.5	-0.4

* 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*

	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16
EA19						
Total retail trade	3.4	2.5	2.1	2.5	2.0	2.4
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.6	1.2	1.0	1.4	1.2	2.9
Non food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	4.2	2.8	2.1	2.6	2.5	1.7
Textiles, clothing, footwear	6.1	3.8	-1.5	0.9	2.1	:
Electrical goods and furniture	2.8	2.7	1.9	2.4	2.5	:
Computer equipment, books and other	4.7	4.1	4.0	4.2	3.5	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	4.1	3.3	4.3	3.8	2.5	:
Mail orders and internet	9.1	8.2	6.3	5.5	7.2	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	2.1	1.4	2.1	2.8	-0.6	-0.5
EU28						
Total retail trade	4.0	3.2	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.0
Food, drinks, tobacco	2.3	1.6	1.3	1.8	2.0	3.2
Non food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	4.9	3.7	3.4	2.9	3.7	2.8
Textiles, clothing, footwear	6.7	4.3	0.4	0.4	2.4	:
Electrical goods and furniture	4.2	3.7	3.4	3.4	3.4	:
Computer equipment, books and other	4.4	4.1	3.6	2.8	3.9	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	3.9	3.4	4.0	3.6	3.0	:
Mail orders and internet	12.5	11.3	11.1	6.4	10.7	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	2.7	2.8	3.4	3.3	0.8	0.0

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Total retail trade	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16
EA19	3.4	2.5	2.1	2.5	2.0	2.4
EU28	4.0	3.2	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.0
Belgium	0.2	-1.3	-2.2	-1.0	-3.5	-2.4
Bulgaria	-1.8	-0.5	0.9	1.7	1.3	3.1
Czech Republic	6.4	6.8	5.6	5.5	5.8	c
Denmark	1.6	2.3	1.7	-0.6	1.5	-1.0
Germany	3.7	2.5	2.3	3.0	1.9	1.6
Estonia	4.2	5.7	1.7	6.5	8.9	5.8
Ireland	7.5	4.9	9.4	5.4	6.3	7.4
Greece	-3.3	-2.4	-4.4	0.2	-2.2	c
Spain	4.7	6.2	3.3	2.4	3.6	4.2
France	4.0	3.7	2.5	3.5	3.7	3.5
Croatia	1.2	4.3	5.4	6.7	1.6	c
Italy	2.3	0.9	1.2	0.9	1.0	c
Cyprus	5.0	3.8	2.4	7.6	3.8	c
Latvia	4.8	5.8	0.9	2.5	2.8	2.3
Lithuania	6.1	6.7	4.7	5.2	6.5	8.0
Luxembourg	14.5	-2.0	9.1	9.1	5.0	18.3
Hungary	5.0	4.7	4.3	4.5	2.2	6.4
Malta	3.3	6.2	1.2	5.2	5.0	2.8
Netherlands	4.0	1.9	0.6	2.0	0.2	c
Austria	1.9	2.2	1.0	1.4	-0.5	0.3
Poland	5.5	5.1	7.9	7.3	7.5	6.2
Portugal	1.2	3.4	0.8	-0.8	0.5	3.4
Romania	12.0	13.2	14.6	14.5	15.7	19.3
Slovenia	0.1	0.5	1.4	1.1	2.1	-1.4
Slovakia	3.0	1.9	3.2	2.7	0.5	0.5
Finland	0.0	-0.4	3.2	2.1	3.3	0.5
Sweden	5.2	5.2	5.6	3.8	4.6	3.7
United Kingdom	6.1	4.3	4.7	2.2	5.3	3.9
Norway	-0.5	0.6	0.9	-1.2	0.5	-0.5
Switzerland	-1.3	-0.8	-1.5	-1.8	-0.1	-0.2

* Calendar adjusted

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

	02/15	03/15	04/15	05/15	06/15	07/15	08/15	09/15	10/15	11/15	12/15	01/16	02/16
EA19	101.0	100.8	101.3	101.6	101.7	102.1	102.5	102.3	102.2	102.3	103.0	103.2	103.5
EU28	103.0	102.8	103.3	103.6	103.8	104.1	104.3	104.5	104.6	105.0	105.3	106.1	106.0
Belgium	102.5	101.9	102.7	103.3	104.0	103.8	102.9	101.5	101.7	100.9	101.1	100.3	100.9
Bulgaria	122.6	122.1	122.3	122.2	122.4	122.3	122.0	122.2	122.5	122.7	123.0	123.7	124.3
Czech Republic	107.5	106.6	107.0	107.9	108.1	108.8	107.8	109.7	110.8	110.3	111.0	112.4	c
Denmark	96.7	97.3	96.3	93.0	96.5	97.3	97.3	96.7	97.5	97.7	96.2	97.3	96.1
Germany	105.3	104.9	105.1	105.6	104.8	106.2	105.8	105.9	105.8	106.3	107.4	107.3	106.9
Estonia	122.6	123.0	123.4	124.5	125.3	127.7	126.3	126.6	128.3	127.1	130.4	132.7	129.8
Ireland	105.8	106.0	109.7	108.2	107.9	109.1	109.9	110.6	109.5	113.7	112.0	113.0	113.1
Greece	71.0	72.2	71.8	72.9	72.0	69.0	71.5	70.4	71.0	69.9	71.0	70.3	c
Spain	84.1	84.4	85.0	85.3	85.0	85.7	86.1	86.7	87.0	86.8	87.0	87.3	87.5
France	112.7	111.9	113.3	113.7	114.4	113.9	115.5	114.9	114.8	114.3	115.5	116.6	117.3
Croatia	97.5	97.7	99.3	99.0	99.0	99.6	99.5	99.9	101.0	102.0	103.1	99.5	c
Italy	93.7	94.2	94.5	94.4	94.5	95.1	95.2	94.9	94.6	95.2	95.2	95.3	c
Cyprus	83.5	84.3	85.2	85.7	84.9	86.3	86.0	86.5	86.1	86.2	88.2	87.5	c
Latvia	123.8	125.5	124.6	123.9	125.0	125.9	126.1	126.0	127.0	123.7	124.1	126.2	126.3
Lithuania	125.3	127.0	127.4	127.7	128.8	128.8	128.9	129.2	129.9	129.8	130.8	131.7	133.2
Luxembourg	177.8	184.1	181.1	184.9	187.6	192.5	193.5	196.2	187.8	196.0	198.2	196.2	205.7
Hungary	109.5	109.8	109.6	110.1	110.8	111.4	111.2	111.8	112.3	112.8	113.2	113.4	115.0
Malta	102.4	104.1	102.9	104.1	104.2	106.1	104.8	104.4	105.8	104.6	106.2	106.0	105.6
Netherlands	95.0	94.3	94.5	94.1	95.4	94.6	95.1	94.7	94.9	94.8	95.7	94.7	c
Austria	100.4	99.6	99.9	98.9	100.7	100.2	100.1	100.7	100.3	99.5	100.6	99.5	100.5
Poland	109.8	111.7	110.4	111.3	111.8	109.1	109.3	108.9	111.7	113.2	114.2	118.1	114.7
Portugal	89.6	86.6	87.4	87.4	87.6	88.5	89.9	88.0	88.6	87.1	85.8	90.3	92.7
Romania	113.8	112.8	116.4	116.3	118.6	120.7	121.2	123.5	125.3	128.3	129.2	132.3	134.7
Slovenia	97.3	95.7	96.0	96.9	96.3	96.3	96.2	96.8	96.0	96.6	96.3	97.4	96.0
Slovakia	100.8	101.7	101.0	101.4	102.2	102.1	101.8	102.5	102.5	102.8	103.1	101.9	102.0
Finland	102.6	103.0	101.9	102.3	102.2	102.3	102.0	101.4	102.0	103.4	102.7	103.9	103.0
Sweden	110.5	111.6	111.6	111.5	112.0	112.7	112.2	113.4	114.2	115.0	113.4	115.0	114.6
United Kingdom	108.5	108.1	108.9	109.4	109.4	109.9	109.3	111.2	111.0	112.4	111.4	113.6	112.6
Norway	109.4	109.8	112.0	108.0	108.9	109.4	109.4	108.5	109.4	109.9	108.3	109.3	108.7
Switzerland	105.7	106.2	106.8	106.2	107.6	107.0	106.5	106.1	106.6	105.9	106.8	106.3	105.9

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

	02/13	02/14	02/15	03/15	04/15	05/15	06/15	07/15	08/15	09/15	10/15	11/15	12/15	01/16	02/16
EA19	85.5	86.6	88.9	98.7	99.2	100.3	100.0	101.5	104.3	100.0	103.8	102.0	125.9	99.3	91.0
EU28	86.5	88.1	90.9	100.4	101.0	102.3	102.5	104.1	105.4	102.3	106.1	106.3	128.6	100.3	93.6
Belgium	89.0	89.2	90.6	102.2	102.8	103.3	104.7	106.5	96.8	100.0	104.5	97.1	121.1	99.4	88.4
Bulgaria	86.9	100.7	104.9	113.4	117.3	117.6	122.1	133.4	131.7	128.5	128.0	122.1	140.9	109.2	108.2
Czech Republic	84.6	87.5	93.9	106.0	105.0	109.3	107.7	105.3	106.2	108.4	113.4	115.2	136.4	101.4	c
Denmark	81.1	81.9	82.6	95.8	95.5	97.1	97.3	96.5	98.6	91.1	96.1	100.5	119.3	89.9	81.8
Germany	89.3	91.1	93.9	107.0	105.6	105.3	102.7	106.3	103.0	102.9	108.3	109.9	125.5	100.1	95.4
Estonia	94.0	99.0	104.0	119.0	120.0	129.0	131.0	137.0	133.0	124.0	130.0	123.0	147.0	122.0	110.0
Ireland	91.8	94.3	99.7	97.4	104.1	104.5	103.2	111.4	106.7	103.8	105.7	118.5	157.1	105.8	107.0
Greece	72.5	70.4	69.2	68.2	71.3	71.4	72.0	68.3	76.1	69.5	69.6	67.3	82.3	67.2	c
Spain	73.0	72.8	74.6	81.1	81.5	83.9	84.0	93.3	85.0	84.6	86.9	83.4	102.6	90.7	77.7
France	93.0	94.7	98.4	107.4	109.8	109.7	113.5	100.3	130.9	112.7	116.8	111.4	146.5	113.4	101.8
Croatia	76.9	75.9	77.3	90.0	96.7	99.3	105.3	121.0	120.4	104.6	100.0	92.4	109.6	81.0	c
Italy	79.4	79.4	80.4	90.9	91.7	94.3	90.0	100.6	92.3	94.0	97.7	94.1	118.4	93.5	c
Cyprus	69.3	67.9	69.8	75.6	80.2	85.6	85.6	96.0	91.4	88.1	85.1	82.4	109.4	81.0	c
Latvia	96.2	97.2	106.5	119.6	119.1	123.9	126.8	133.7	136.9	127.8	130.8	119.2	142.1	114.0	108.9
Lithuania	94.6	99.4	104.8	121.4	122.8	130.1	131.1	137.4	140.2	129.4	133.9	126.4	150.6	116.6	113.2
Luxembourg	135.0	157.1	156.0	177.2	164.2	170.9	173.0	184.6	175.9	182.5	167.2	223.8	335.5	186.7	184.6
Hungary	77.5	82.8	88.8	105.0	107.3	107.4	109.3	117.4	116.8	114.2	118.6	115.8	140.7	93.7	94.5
Malta	85.5	82.7	88.1	97.4	104.0	107.3	107.5	117.2	104.6	100.2	109.8	102.9	121.2	96.3	90.5
Netherlands	80.0	80.6	83.1	92.6	93.2	96.2	97.9	96.2	93.0	92.6	96.2	94.9	112.1	89.8	c
Austria	86.6	88.1	90.0	100.2	99.7	96.8	98.3	101.5	97.6	98.1	102.8	99.6	121.7	93.8	90.3
Poland	88.1	89.1	93.6	110.2	111.6	111.3	111.4	113.9	110.2	111.6	117.7	107.6	133.5	104.9	99.4
Portugal	72.6	73.6	75.9	81.9	81.9	85.2	84.9	94.7	96.8	87.1	88.2	86.1	109.1	82.8	78.5
Romania	84.0	90.9	94.2	107.3	114.2	115.0	117.5	126.6	131.1	128.5	131.1	135.1	146.4	111.8	112.4
Slovenia	83.4	82.3	84.4	94.9	95.9	95.1	97.5	99.0	98.7	99.7	100.4	93.3	107.0	91.4	83.2
Slovakia	87.9	91.4	91.2	100.5	97.8	100.1	103.7	103.9	101.8	103.2	106.5	104.9	119.8	91.5	91.6
Finland	87.1	85.5	86.2	98.5	99.0	105.5	106.9	109.2	105.0	97.5	101.2	100.4	125.7	94.2	86.6
Sweden	88.1	89.3	92.7	108.0	109.3	114.8	119.2	118.1	115.0	109.6	114.6	114.0	135.1	102.9	96.1
United Kingdom	92.3	95.7	100.0	103.6	104.4	106.3	107.4	109.5	104.7	106.9	110.4	123.4	138.2	104.2	103.9
Norway	90.5	91.1	92.3	102.4	103.9	112.1	116.2	111.0	113.3	105.0	108.5	111.7	134.9	100.1	91.8
Switzerland	90.2	91.3	88.9	108.3	103.0	103.5	109.7	108.7	102.1	99.5	107.5	106.9	138.5	100.8	88.8

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