

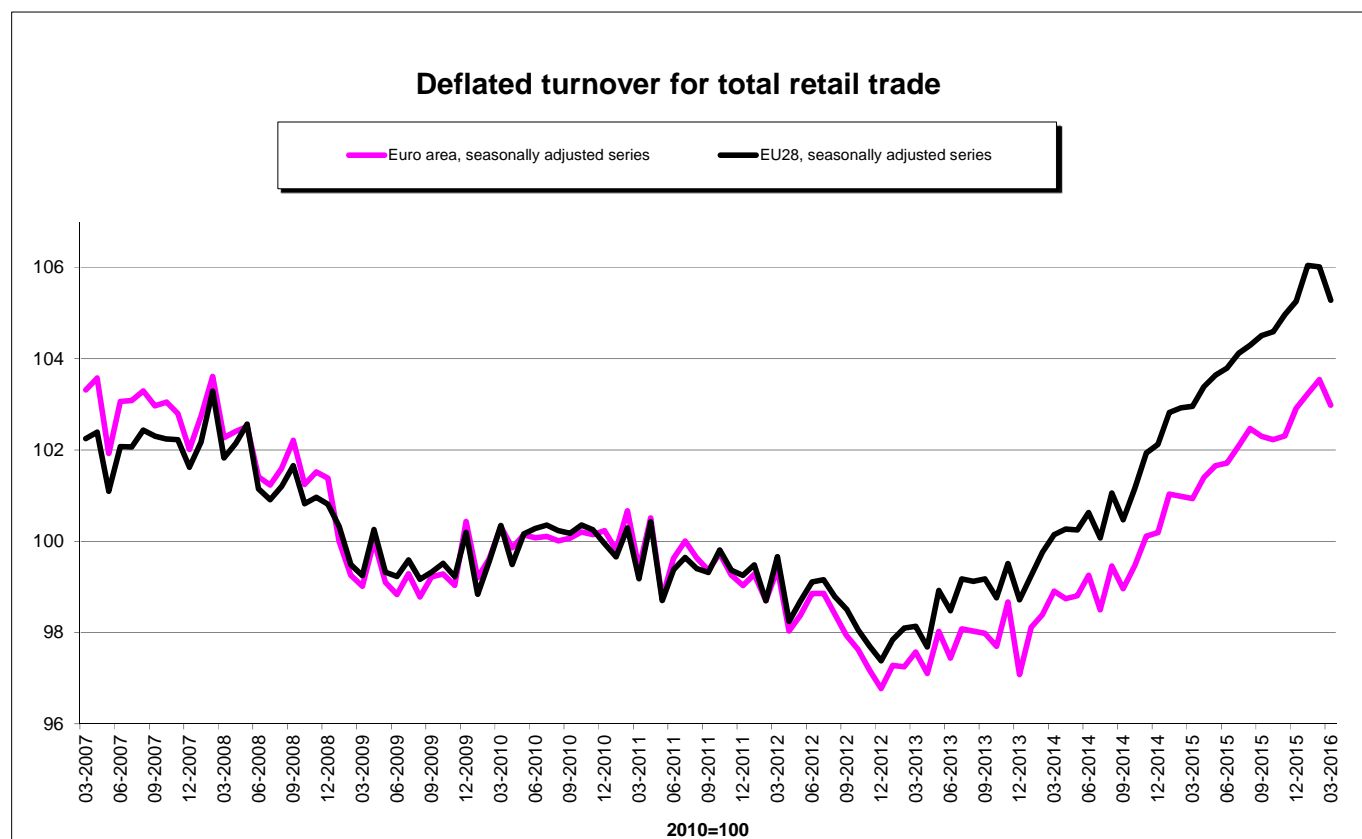
March 2016 compared with February 2016

Volume of retail trade down by 0.5% in euro area

Down by 0.7% in EU28

In March 2016 compared with February 2016, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade fell by 0.5% in the **euro area** (EA19) and by 0.7% in the **EU28**, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In February the retail trade volume rose by 0.3% in the **euro area** and remained stable in the **EU28**.

In March 2016 compared with March 2015 the calendar adjusted retail sales index increased by 2.1% in the **euro area** and by 2.4% in the **EU28**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The 0.5% decrease in the volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in March 2016, compared with February 2016, is due to falls of 1.3% for “Food, drinks and tobacco”, of 0.5% for non-food products and of 0.4% for automotive fuel. In the **EU28**, the 0.7% decrease in the volume of retail trade is due to decreases of 1.3% for “Food, drinks and tobacco”, of 0.6% for non-food products and of 0.1% for automotive fuel.

Among Member States for which data are available, the largest decreases in total retail trade were observed in **Portugal** (-5.2%), **Denmark** (-3.9%) and **Estonia** (-1.8%), while the highest increases were registered in **Finland** (+1.1%), **Slovakia** (+0.9%) and **Bulgaria** (+0.8%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The 2.1% increase in the volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in March 2016, compared with March 2015, is due to rises of 2.5% for automotive fuel, of 2.1% for non-food products and for 1.5% for “Food, drinks and tobacco”. In the **EU28**, the 2.4% increase in retail trade volume is due to rises of 3.6% for automotive fuel, of 2.5% for non-food products 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 **Romania** (+18.4%), **Luxembourg** (+14.8%), **Bulgaria** (+6.2%) and **Ireland** (6.1%), while the highest decreases were observed in **Denmark** (-4.9%) and **Belgium** (-2.2%).

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 [64/2016](#) of 5 April 2016. The monthly percentage changes for February 2016 have been revised from +0.2% to +0.3% in the euro area and from -0.1% to 0.0% in the EU28. The annual percentage changes have been revised from +2.4% to +2.7% in the euro area and from +3.0% to +3.2% in the EU28.

For more information

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

Eurostat [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*

	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16
EA19						
Total retail trade	-0.1	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.3	-0.5
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.3	-0.1	0.7	0.3	0.4	-1.3
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.0	-0.1	0.6	0.5	0.1	-0.5
Textiles, clothing, footwear	0.0	-2.9	2.3	1.7	-0.7	:
Electrical goods and furniture	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.8	0.6	:
Computer equipment, books and other	0.2	0.3	0.3	-0.3	-0.1	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.2	0.9	0.0	-0.6	0.3	:
Mail orders and internet	0.5	0.6	0.1	2.3	-0.8	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.3	0.2	1.4	-0.3	0.0	-0.4
EU28						
Total retail trade	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.0	-0.7
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.3	-0.1	0.8	0.6	0.1	-1.3
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.2	0.5	0.0	1.0	-0.1	-0.6
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-0.1	-1.7	0.3	2.0	-0.7	:
Electrical goods and furniture	0.3	0.8	-0.7	1.1	0.8	:
Computer equipment, books and other	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.8	-0.5	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.2	1.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	:
Mail orders and internet	0.4	1.7	-0.7	2.4	-1.2	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.4	0.4	1.0	0.3	-0.1	-0.1

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

Total retail trade	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16
EA19	-0.1	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.3	-0.5
EU28	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.0	-0.7
Belgium	0.1	-0.8	0.5	-1.2	0.5	-0.5
Bulgaria	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.6	1.8	0.8
Czech Republic	1.0	-0.4	0.6	1.3	-0.5	c
Denmark	0.8	0.2	-1.5	1.1	-1.0	-3.9
Germany	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.1	0.0	-1.1
Estonia	1.3	-1.0	2.5	1.8	-2.3	-1.8
Ireland	-1.1	4.0	-1.7	0.8	0.7	-0.1
Greece	0.6	-2.1	1.7	-1.0	-2.9	c
Spain	0.4	-0.2	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.4
France	-0.1	-0.4	1.1	1.0	0.3	-0.7
Croatia	1.1	1.0	1.1	-3.5	-0.5	c
Italy	-0.4	0.6	0.0	0.1	0.4	c
Cyprus	-0.4	0.1	2.3	-0.9	0.8	c
Latvia	0.8	-2.7	0.3	1.7	0.2	-0.1
Lithuania	0.6	-0.1	0.8	0.6	0.9	-0.2
Luxembourg	-4.2	4.5	3.9	0.8	0.8	0.3
Hungary	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	1.4	-0.2
Malta	0.8	-0.9	1.3	-0.2	-0.6	-0.4
Netherlands	0.1	-0.1	1.0	-1.1	0.5	c
Austria	-0.3	-0.9	1.2	-1.1	1.3	-0.7
Poland	2.6	1.3	0.9	3.4	-2.9	-0.9
Portugal	0.7	-1.9	-1.3	4.7	4.4	-5.2
Romania	1.5	2.4	0.7	2.4	0.5	0.5
Slovenia	-0.9	0.6	-0.3	1.1	-1.2	-0.3
Slovakia	0.1	0.3	0.3	-1.1	0.1	0.9
Finland	0.6	1.4	-0.7	0.6	-0.3	1.1
Sweden	0.7	0.7	-1.5	1.4	-0.1	-0.6
United Kingdom	-0.3	1.2	-0.9	1.9	-0.8	-1.3
Norway	0.8	0.4	-1.4	0.8	-0.5	-0.7
Switzerland	0.4	-0.6	0.7	-0.6	-0.5	-0.3

* Calendar and seasonally adjusted

: Data not available

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

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

	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16
EA19						
Total retail trade	2.6	2.1	2.8	2.2	2.7	2.1
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.3	1.0	1.5	1.3	2.6	1.5
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	3.7	2.8	3.7	3.4	3.0	2.1
Textiles, clothing, footwear	3.8	-1.6	0.9	1.9	0.0	:
Electrical goods and furniture	2.6	1.8	2.4	2.4	3.2	:
Computer equipment, books and other	4.5	4.4	4.5	3.3	1.8	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	3.3	4.3	3.8	2.4	3.1	:
Mail orders and internet	8.4	6.5	5.7	7.7	7.3	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	1.4	2.0	2.8	-0.6	0.8	2.5
EU28						
Total retail trade	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.2	2.4
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.6	1.3	1.8	2.0	3.0	1.5
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	4.4	3.9	3.7	4.3	3.7	2.5
Textiles, clothing, footwear	4.3	0.4	0.4	2.2	0.3	:
Electrical goods and furniture	3.6	3.3	3.5	3.4	4.4	:
Computer equipment, books and other	4.4	3.9	3.1	3.8	1.9	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	3.4	4.0	3.5	2.9	3.9	:
Mail orders and internet	11.4	11.2	6.6	11.0	10.0	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	2.8	3.4	3.3	0.8	1.1	3.6

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Total retail trade	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16
EA19	2.6	2.1	2.8	2.2	2.7	2.1
EU28	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.2	2.4
Belgium	-1.3	-2.3	-1.0	-3.5	-1.6	-2.2
Bulgaria	-0.5	0.9	1.7	1.3	3.3	6.2
Czech Republic	6.8	5.6	5.5	6.0	4.0	c
Denmark	2.3	1.7	-0.6	1.5	-0.8	-4.9
Germany	2.6	2.5	3.3	1.8	1.7	0.5
Estonia	5.7	1.7	6.5	8.9	5.8	2.5
Ireland	4.9	9.4	5.4	6.3	6.9	6.1
Greece	-2.4	-4.4	0.2	-1.7	-6.6	c
Spain	6.2	3.3	2.3	3.6	4.2	4.5
France	3.7	2.5	3.6	3.6	4.4	4.6
Croatia	4.3	5.4	6.7	1.6	1.4	c
Italy	1.0	1.2	0.9	1.0	2.6	c
Cyprus	3.8	2.4	7.6	3.6	6.7	c
Latvia	5.8	0.9	2.5	2.8	2.4	0.3
Lithuania	6.7	4.7	5.2	6.5	8.5	4.6
Luxembourg	-2.0	9.1	18.2	19.7	18.2	14.8
Hungary	4.7	4.3	4.5	2.2	6.6	4.3
Malta	5.2	1.7	5.7	6.4	3.3	-0.1
Netherlands	1.9	0.6	2.0	0.1	0.2	c
Austria	2.1	1.0	1.6	-0.5	0.9	0.5
Poland	5.1	7.9	7.3	7.5	6.2	4.3
Portugal	3.6	0.8	-0.5	0.2	4.7	2.6
Romania	13.2	14.6	14.5	15.7	19.0	18.4
Slovenia	0.5	1.4	1.1	2.0	-1.2	-0.2
Slovakia	1.9	3.2	2.7	0.5	0.5	2.0
Finland	-0.4	3.1	1.9	2.2	0.2	1.4
Sweden	5.2	5.7	3.8	4.5	4.1	2.1
United Kingdom	4.3	4.7	2.2	5.3	3.9	2.4
Norway	0.6	0.9	-1.2	0.5	-0.5	-1.7
Switzerland	-0.8	-1.4	-1.8	-0.3	-0.4	-1.3

* Calendar adjusted

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

	03/15	04/15	05/15	06/15	07/15	08/15	09/15	10/15	11/15	12/15	01/16	02/16	03/16
EA19	100.9	101.4	101.7	101.7	102.1	102.5	102.3	102.2	102.3	102.9	103.2	103.5	103.0
EU28	103.0	103.4	103.6	103.8	104.1	104.3	104.5	104.6	105.0	105.3	106.0	106.0	105.3
Belgium	102.1	102.8	103.3	104.0	103.8	102.9	101.5	101.6	100.8	101.3	100.0	100.6	100.1
Bulgaria	122.1	122.3	122.2	122.4	122.3	122.0	122.2	122.5	122.7	123.0	123.7	125.9	126.9
Czech Republic	106.6	107.1	107.9	108.1	108.8	107.8	109.6	110.7	110.3	110.9	112.4	111.9	c
Denmark	97.3	96.3	93.0	96.5	97.2	97.3	96.7	97.5	97.7	96.2	97.3	96.3	92.5
Germany	105.3	105.3	105.7	104.9	106.2	105.8	105.9	106.0	106.4	107.0	107.1	107.1	105.9
Estonia	123.6	123.7	124.7	125.5	127.8	126.3	126.5	128.1	126.8	130.0	132.3	129.2	126.9
Ireland	106.3	109.9	108.3	108.0	109.2	109.9	110.5	109.3	113.6	111.7	112.5	113.3	113.2
Greece	72.4	71.7	72.9	72.4	68.9	71.2	70.4	70.8	69.3	70.5	69.8	67.8	c
Spain	84.4	85.0	85.3	85.0	85.7	86.1	86.7	87.0	86.9	87.0	87.4	87.7	88.0
France	111.9	113.3	113.7	114.3	114.0	115.5	114.9	114.8	114.3	115.6	116.7	117.1	116.3
Croatia	97.7	99.3	99.0	99.0	99.6	99.5	99.9	101.0	102.0	103.1	99.5	99.0	c
Italy	94.3	94.5	94.5	94.5	95.1	95.2	94.9	94.5	95.1	95.1	95.2	95.6	c
Cyprus	84.3	85.2	85.7	84.9	86.2	86.0	86.5	86.2	86.3	88.2	87.4	88.1	c
Latvia	125.6	124.6	123.9	125.0	125.9	126.1	126.1	127.0	123.6	124.0	126.1	126.4	126.2
Lithuania	127.0	127.4	127.7	128.8	128.8	128.9	129.2	129.9	129.8	130.8	131.7	132.9	132.7
Luxembourg	184.6	181.5	185.6	188.7	194.0	195.4	198.6	190.3	198.9	206.7	208.4	210.0	210.8
Hungary	109.9	109.6	110.2	110.8	111.4	111.2	111.8	112.3	112.7	113.2	113.4	115.0	114.8
Malta	104.5	103.1	104.2	104.4	106.1	104.7	104.5	105.4	104.5	105.8	105.7	105.0	104.6
Netherlands	94.4	94.5	94.1	95.5	94.6	95.1	94.8	94.8	94.7	95.6	94.6	95.1	c
Austria	99.7	99.9	98.9	100.6	100.2	100.0	100.7	100.4	99.5	100.7	99.6	100.9	100.2
Poland	111.7	110.4	111.3	111.8	109.1	109.3	108.9	111.7	113.2	114.2	118.1	114.7	113.7
Portugal	87.0	87.6	87.6	87.9	88.8	90.2	88.2	88.8	87.1	86.0	90.0	94.0	89.1
Romania	112.8	116.4	116.3	118.6	120.7	121.2	123.5	125.3	128.3	129.2	132.3	132.9	133.6
Slovenia	95.9	96.1	97.0	96.3	96.3	96.2	96.8	95.9	96.5	96.2	97.3	96.1	95.8
Slovakia	101.4	100.9	101.4	102.2	102.1	101.8	102.6	102.6	102.9	103.3	102.1	102.3	103.2
Finland	102.7	101.9	102.3	102.2	102.3	102.0	101.3	101.9	103.3	102.6	103.2	102.9	104.0
Sweden	111.8	111.6	111.5	112.0	112.7	112.2	113.4	114.2	115.0	113.3	114.9	114.8	114.1
United Kingdom	108.2	109.0	109.5	109.4	109.9	109.3	111.3	111.0	112.3	111.3	113.4	112.5	111.0
Norway	109.8	112.1	108.0	108.9	109.4	109.4	108.5	109.4	109.8	108.3	109.2	108.7	107.9
Switzerland	106.5	106.8	106.2	107.6	107.0	106.5	106.2	106.5	105.9	106.7	106.0	105.5	105.2

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

	03/13	03/14	03/15	04/15	05/15	06/15	07/15	08/15	09/15	10/15	11/15	12/15	01/16	02/16	03/16
EA19	95.6	96.8	98.7	99.3	100.3	100.0	101.5	104.3	100.0	103.8	102.0	126.2	99.5	91.3	100.8
EU28	95.9	97.6	100.3	101.1	102.3	102.4	104.1	105.3	102.3	106.1	106.3	128.8	100.4	93.8	102.7
Belgium	103.5	103.3	102.1	102.8	103.2	104.7	106.6	96.8	100.1	104.5	97.1	121.1	99.4	89.1	99.9
Bulgaria	100.2	112.3	113.4	117.3	117.6	122.1	133.4	131.7	128.5	128.0	122.1	140.9	109.2	108.4	120.5
Czech Republic	97.8	101.2	106.0	105.0	109.3	107.7	105.3	106.2	108.4	113.4	115.2	136.4	101.6	97.6	c
Denmark	92.1	92.9	95.8	95.5	97.1	97.3	96.5	98.6	91.1	96.1	100.5	119.3	89.9	82.0	91.1
Germany	102.8	105.1	106.9	105.7	105.3	102.7	106.3	103.0	102.9	108.5	110.1	125.8	100.0	95.5	107.4
Estonia	109.0	115.0	119.0	120.0	129.0	131.0	137.0	133.0	124.0	130.0	123.0	147.0	122.0	110.0	122.0
Ireland	90.5	91.6	97.4	104.1	104.5	103.2	111.4	106.7	103.8	105.7	118.5	157.1	105.8	106.5	103.3
Greece	69.9	67.5	68.2	71.3	71.4	72.0	68.3	76.1	69.5	69.6	67.3	82.3	67.5	64.6	c
Spain	78.9	78.6	81.1	81.5	83.9	84.0	93.3	85.0	84.6	86.9	83.4	102.5	90.7	77.8	84.8
France	102.9	105.1	107.4	109.8	109.7	113.2	100.3	130.8	112.7	116.8	111.4	146.6	113.3	102.8	112.3
Croatia	89.3	90.7	90.0	96.7	99.3	105.3	121.0	120.4	104.6	100.0	92.4	109.6	81.0	78.4	c
Italy	90.1	89.3	90.9	91.7	94.3	90.0	100.6	92.3	94.0	97.8	94.1	118.4	93.5	82.6	c
Cyprus	72.0	75.8	75.6	80.2	85.6	85.6	96.0	91.4	88.0	85.1	82.4	109.4	80.8	74.5	c
Latvia	107.0	110.9	119.6	119.2	124.0	126.8	133.7	136.9	127.9	130.8	119.2	142.1	114.0	109.1	120.0
Lithuania	108.2	115.0	121.4	122.8	130.1	131.1	137.4	140.2	129.4	133.9	126.4	150.6	116.6	113.7	127.0
Luxembourg	152.8	169.8	177.2	164.2	170.9	173.0	184.6	175.9	182.5	167.2	223.8	363.5	212.8	184.5	203.4
Hungary	91.7	99.0	105.0	107.3	107.4	109.3	117.4	116.8	114.2	118.6	115.8	140.7	93.7	94.7	109.5
Malta	93.8	86.6	97.4	103.9	106.9	107.8	117.3	104.0	100.8	108.9	103.3	121.9	97.7	91.0	97.3
Netherlands	90.0	90.6	92.6	93.2	96.2	97.9	96.2	93.0	92.6	96.2	94.9	112.1	89.7	83.3	c
Austria	98.1	99.0	100.2	99.8	96.8	98.3	101.5	97.6	98.2	102.8	99.6	121.8	93.8	90.8	100.7
Poland	102.9	101.7	110.2	111.6	111.3	111.4	113.9	110.2	111.6	117.7	107.6	133.5	104.9	99.4	114.9
Portugal	79.7	80.3	82.2	82.1	85.5	85.1	95.1	97.1	87.3	88.4	86.1	109.4	82.6	79.5	84.3
Romania	95.4	108.0	107.3	114.2	115.0	117.5	126.6	131.1	128.5	131.1	135.1	146.4	111.8	112.1	127.0
Slovenia	94.9	94.8	94.9	95.9	95.1	97.5	99.0	98.7	99.7	100.4	93.3	107.0	91.3	83.5	94.7
Slovakia	93.3	98.6	100.5	97.8	100.1	103.7	103.9	101.8	103.2	106.5	104.9	119.8	91.5	91.6	102.5
Finland	97.7	97.8	98.5	99.0	105.6	106.9	109.2	105.0	97.4	101.1	100.3	125.4	93.2	86.4	99.9
Sweden	100.3	103.5	108.0	109.3	114.8	119.2	118.1	115.0	109.6	114.6	114.0	135.1	102.8	96.5	110.3
United Kingdom	95.3	98.3	103.6	104.4	106.3	107.4	109.5	104.7	106.9	110.4	123.4	138.2	104.2	103.9	106.1
Norway	99.7	101.2	102.4	104.0	112.1	116.2	111.0	113.2	105.0	108.5	111.6	134.9	100.1	91.8	100.7
Switzerland	107.4	110.9	108.3	103.0	103.5	109.7	108.7	102.1	99.5	107.5	107.1	138.5	100.6	88.5	106.8

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