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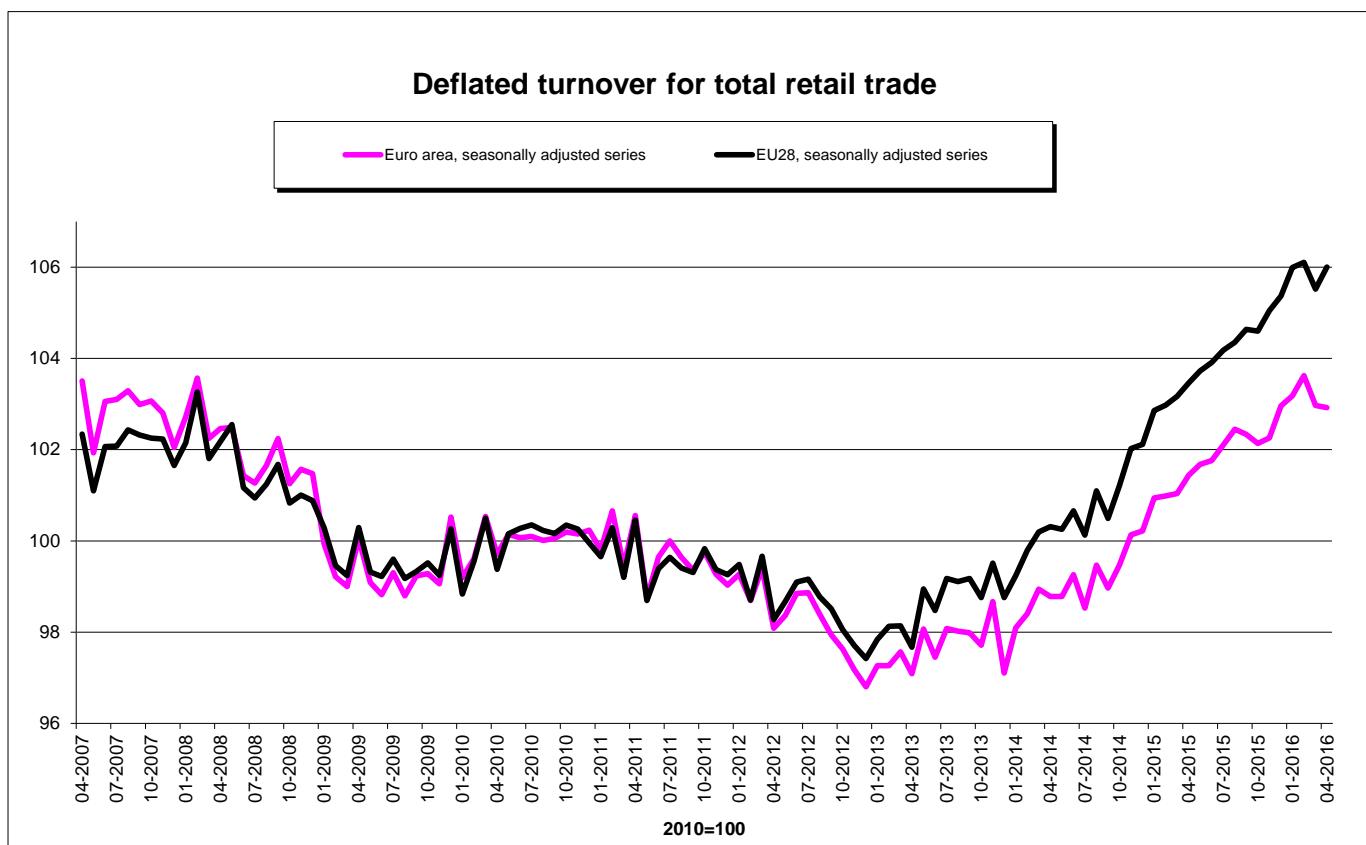
April 2016 compared with March 2016

Volume of retail trade stable in euro area

Up by 0.5% in EU28

In April 2016 compared with March 2016, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade remained stable in the **euro area** (EA19) and rose by 0.5% in the **EU28**, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In March the retail trade volume fell by 0.6% in both zones.

In April 2016 compared with April 2015 the calendar adjusted retail sales index increased by 1.4% in the euro area and by 2.4% in the **EU28**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The stable volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in April 2016, compared with March 2016, is due to a rise of 0.5% for "Food, drinks and tobacco", while non-food products remained stable and automotive fuel decreased by 0.1%. In the **EU28**, the 0.5% increase in the volume of retail trade is due to rises of 0.7% for non-food products, of 0.5% 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 registered in **Denmark** (+4.5%), **Poland** (+3.7%) and **Romania** (+2.8%), while decreases were observed in **Finland** (-1.2%), **Germany** (-0.9%) and **Malta** (-0.1%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The 1.4% increase in the volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in April 2016, compared with April 2015, is due to rises of 2.2% for automotive fuel, of 1.9% for non-food products and of 0.8% for "Food, drinks and tobacco". In the **EU28**, the 2.4% increase in retail trade volume is due to rises of 3.1% for automotive fuel, of 2.9% for non-food products and of 1.9% for "Food, drinks and tobacco".

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in total retail trade were observed in **Romania** (+20.1%), **Luxembourg** (+16.7%) and **Poland** (+6.6%), while decreases were observed in **Belgium** (-2.3%) and **Germany** (-0.6%).

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 [90/2016](#) of 4 May 2016. The monthly percentage changes for March 2016 have been revised from -0.5% to -0.6% in the euro area and from -0.7% to -0.6% in the EU28. The annual percentage changes have been revised from +2.1% to +1.8% in the euro area and +2.4% to +2.2% 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*

	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16
EA19						
Total retail trade	0.1	0.7	0.2	0.4	-0.6	0.0
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.0	0.6	0.4	0.4	-1.1	0.5
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.0	0.8	0.3	0.5	-0.7	0.0
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-2.9	2.4	1.4	-0.4	-3.3	:
Electrical goods and furniture	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.9	-0.9	:
Computer equipment, books and other	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.1	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	1.0	-0.1	-0.4	0.8	0.6	:
Mail orders and internet	0.9	0.8	1.6	-0.6	-4.7	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.2	1.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1
EU28						
Total retail trade	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.1	-0.6	0.5
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.0	0.7	0.6	0.2	-0.9	0.5
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.5	0.1	0.7	0.2	-0.7	0.7
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-1.6	0.5	1.9	-0.6	-2.9	:
Electrical goods and furniture	0.9	-0.6	0.7	1.1	-1.2	:
Computer equipment, books and other	-0.1	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.1	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	1.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.8	0.5	:
Mail orders and internet	1.9	-0.3	1.6	-0.8	-1.9	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.4	0.8	0.8	-0.6	-0.2	0.1

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

Total retail trade	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16
EA19	0.1	0.7	0.2	0.4	-0.6	0.0
EU28	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.1	-0.6	0.5
Belgium	-0.8	0.4	-1.2	0.4	-0.6	1.1
Bulgaria	0.2	0.2	0.6	1.8	0.8	0.3
Czech Republic	-0.4	0.6	1.3	-0.5	0.0	c
Denmark	0.2	-1.5	1.1	-1.1	-3.8	4.5
Germany	0.5	0.8	-0.1	0.4	-1.4	-0.9
Estonia	-1.0	2.6	1.8	-2.2	-1.7	2.5
Ireland	4.0	-1.7	0.7	0.7	-0.2	0.6
Greece	-1.6	1.7	-0.7	-3.1	3.2	c
Spain	-0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4
France	-0.4	1.2	0.9	0.4	-0.3	0.3
Croatia	0.9	1.7	-2.7	-0.2	0.7	c
Italy	0.6	0.0	0.1	0.4	-0.6	c
Cyprus	0.4	2.6	-1.3	1.3	0.8	c
Latvia	-2.7	0.3	1.7	0.2	-0.1	0.3
Lithuania	-0.1	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.1	1.2
Luxembourg	4.4	3.9	-0.7	1.3	0.0	2.3
Hungary	0.4	0.4	0.3	1.4	-0.1	0.9
Malta	-1.1	1.9	-1.0	0.7	-0.8	-0.1
Netherlands	-0.2	1.0	-1.1	0.4	-0.7	c
Austria	-0.9	1.2	-1.1	1.3	-0.9	1.0
Poland	1.3	0.9	1.8	-0.9	-0.2	3.7
Portugal	-1.9	-1.3	4.8	4.3	-5.3	1.3
Romania	2.4	0.7	2.4	0.5	1.4	2.8
Slovenia	0.6	-0.2	1.1	-1.3	0.4	0.9
Slovakia	0.3	0.4	-1.1	0.2	0.9	0.5
Finland	1.3	-0.7	0.5	0.0	0.5	-1.2
Sweden	1.0	-2.5	0.9	0.1	-0.5	0.1
United Kingdom	1.5	-1.0	1.8	-1.1	-0.3	1.4
Norway	0.4	-1.3	0.6	-0.6	-0.6	0.0
Switzerland	-0.6	0.7	-0.6	-0.6	-0.4	0.1

* 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*

	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16
EA19						
Total retail trade	2.1	2.9	2.2	2.8	1.8	1.4
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.1	1.5	1.3	2.7	1.6	0.8
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	2.7	3.7	3.3	3.2	1.9	1.9
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-1.6	1.1	2.1	0.2	-3.3	:
Electrical goods and furniture	1.8	2.6	2.4	3.2	1.2	:
Computer equipment, books and other	3.9	4.7	3.3	2.1	2.0	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	4.2	3.5	2.5	3.7	3.5	:
Mail orders and internet	6.3	6.4	7.9	7.5	0.0	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	2.2	2.9	0.0	1.2	2.0	2.2
EU28						
Total retail trade	3.1	3.2	2.9	3.3	2.2	2.4
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.2	1.9	2.0	3.1	1.8	1.9
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.7	2.3	2.9
Textiles, clothing, footwear	0.1	0.5	2.5	0.3	-3.1	:
Electrical goods and furniture	3.7	3.6	3.3	4.5	1.8	:
Computer equipment, books and other	3.6	3.2	3.2	1.9	1.8	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	4.0	3.3	2.7	4.2	3.9	:
Mail orders and internet	11.3	7.1	10.7	9.8	4.4	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	4.0	4.0	1.1	1.5	2.8	3.1

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Total retail trade	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16
EA19	2.1	2.9	2.2	2.8	1.8	1.4
EU28	3.1	3.2	2.9	3.3	2.2	2.4
Belgium	-2.3	-1.0	-3.6	-1.6	-2.4	-2.3
Bulgaria	0.9	1.7	1.3	3.3	6.3	5.4
Czech Republic	5.6	5.5	6.0	4.0	4.3	c
Denmark	1.7	-0.6	1.5	-0.8	-4.8	0.2
Germany	2.3	3.4	2.0	2.1	0.4	-0.6
Estonia	1.7	6.5	8.9	5.8	2.5	5.8
Ireland	9.4	5.4	6.3	6.9	6.0	3.6
Greece	-4.4	0.2	-1.7	-6.8	-1.6	c
Spain	3.3	2.3	3.6	4.2	4.5	4.3
France	2.5	3.7	3.7	4.5	4.1	3.8
Croatia	5.4	6.7	1.6	1.7	2.8	c
Italy	1.2	0.9	1.0	2.6	0.2	c
Cyprus	3.1	8.6	3.6	7.8	7.6	c
Latvia	0.9	2.5	2.8	2.4	0.3	1.8
Lithuania	4.7	5.2	6.5	8.5	5.0	6.3
Luxembourg	9.1	18.2	14.3	15.1	11.1	16.7
Hungary	4.3	4.5	2.2	6.6	4.3	6.4
Malta	1.8	5.8	5.1	5.9	2.0	0.5
Netherlands	0.6	2.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	c
Austria	1.0	1.6	-0.4	1.0	0.2	1.3
Poland	7.9	7.3	5.5	6.7	5.3	6.6
Portugal	0.8	-0.5	0.2	4.9	2.4	2.9
Romania	14.6	14.5	15.7	19.0	18.6	20.1
Slovenia	1.4	1.2	2.1	-1.1	0.6	1.9
Slovakia	3.2	2.7	0.5	0.5	2.0	3.7
Finland	3.0	1.9	2.0	0.7	0.9	0.0
Sweden	8.1	5.8	3.3	2.8	1.3	1.2
United Kingdom	4.6	2.5	5.1	3.9	2.7	4.6
Norway	0.8	-1.2	0.5	-0.9	-1.6	-4.4
Switzerland	-1.4	-1.8	-0.3	-0.7	-1.6	-1.9

* Calendar adjusted

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

	04/15	05/15	06/15	07/15	08/15	09/15	10/15	11/15	12/15	01/16	02/16	03/16	04/16
EA19	101.4	101.7	101.8	102.1	102.4	102.3	102.1	102.3	103.0	103.2	103.6	103.0	102.9
EU28	103.5	103.7	103.9	104.2	104.4	104.6	104.6	105.0	105.4	106.0	106.1	105.5	106.0
Belgium	102.8	103.3	104.1	103.8	102.8	101.5	101.6	100.8	101.2	100.0	100.4	99.8	100.9
Bulgaria	122.3	122.2	122.4	122.3	122.0	122.2	122.5	122.7	123.0	123.7	125.9	126.9	127.3
Czech Republic	107.0	107.8	108.0	108.7	107.7	109.5	110.6	110.1	110.7	112.2	111.6	111.6	c
Denmark	96.3	93.0	96.5	97.2	97.3	96.7	97.5	97.7	96.2	97.3	96.2	92.5	96.7
Germany	105.5	105.8	105.1	106.4	105.7	106.0	105.7	106.2	107.1	107.0	107.4	105.9	104.9
Estonia	123.3	124.5	125.3	127.7	126.3	126.5	128.2	126.9	130.2	132.5	129.5	127.3	130.5
Ireland	109.9	108.3	108.0	109.2	109.9	110.6	109.2	113.6	111.7	112.4	113.2	113.0	113.6
Greece	71.4	72.7	72.2	68.8	71.3	70.5	70.9	69.8	71.0	70.5	68.3	70.5	c
Spain	84.9	85.2	85.0	85.7	86.1	86.7	87.0	86.9	87.1	87.4	87.7	88.1	88.5
France	113.2	113.7	114.3	113.8	115.5	114.9	114.8	114.3	115.7	116.7	117.2	116.8	117.1
Croatia	99.2	99.1	99.0	99.6	99.2	99.6	100.5	101.4	103.1	100.3	100.1	100.8	c
Italy	94.6	94.5	94.5	95.1	95.2	94.9	94.4	95.0	95.0	95.1	95.5	94.9	c
Cyprus	84.3	85.7	84.8	86.2	86.3	86.9	86.7	87.0	89.3	88.2	89.3	90.0	c
Latvia	124.6	123.9	125.0	125.9	126.1	126.1	127.0	123.6	124.0	126.1	126.4	126.3	126.7
Lithuania	127.4	127.7	128.8	128.8	128.9	129.2	129.9	129.8	130.8	131.7	132.9	133.1	134.6
Luxembourg	180.8	185.5	188.3	193.5	194.8	197.7	189.4	197.8	205.4	204.0	206.7	206.7	211.4
Hungary	109.4	110.1	111.0	111.4	111.2	111.8	112.4	112.8	113.3	113.6	115.2	115.1	116.1
Malta	103.2	104.1	104.4	106.0	104.7	104.2	105.8	104.6	106.6	105.5	106.2	105.4	105.3
Netherlands	94.8	94.2	95.5	94.7	95.1	94.8	94.8	94.6	95.5	94.5	94.9	94.3	c
Austria	99.8	98.9	100.6	100.2	100.0	100.8	100.4	99.5	100.7	99.6	100.9	100.0	101.0
Poland	110.4	111.3	111.8	109.1	109.3	108.9	111.7	113.2	114.2	116.3	115.2	115.0	119.3
Portugal	87.6	87.6	87.9	88.8	90.2	88.2	88.8	87.1	86.0	90.1	94.0	89.0	90.2
Romania	116.4	116.3	118.6	120.7	121.2	123.5	125.3	128.3	129.2	132.3	132.9	134.7	138.5
Slovenia	95.8	96.9	96.3	96.3	96.3	96.9	96.0	96.6	96.4	97.5	96.2	96.6	97.5
Slovakia	100.6	101.3	102.1	102.0	101.8	102.6	102.7	103.1	103.4	102.3	102.5	103.5	104.0
Finland	102.2	102.3	102.2	102.3	102.0	101.4	101.9	103.2	102.5	103.0	103.0	103.5	102.3
Sweden	114.9	114.3	114.9	115.5	114.9	116.1	117.3	118.5	115.5	116.5	116.6	116.0	116.1
United Kingdom	108.8	109.5	109.5	109.8	109.4	111.5	110.9	112.6	111.4	113.5	112.3	111.9	113.5
Norway	112.6	108.1	108.8	109.4	109.5	108.5	109.3	109.7	108.3	109.0	108.3	107.6	107.6
Switzerland	107.0	106.2	107.6	107.0	106.4	106.1	106.5	105.9	106.6	106.0	105.3	104.9	105.0

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

	04/13	04/14	04/15	05/15	06/15	07/15	08/15	09/15	10/15	11/15	12/15	01/16	02/16	03/16	04/16
EA19	94.8	96.7	99.3	100.3	100.0	101.5	104.2	100.1	103.8	101.9	126.2	99.4	91.4	100.6	100.7
EU28	95.2	98.2	101.2	102.4	102.6	104.2	105.4	102.4	106.2	106.4	128.9	100.3	93.8	102.7	103.6
Belgium	99.1	102.0	102.7	103.2	104.7	106.6	96.7	100.1	104.6	97.1	121.1	99.4	89.1	99.7	100.3
Bulgaria	107.8	116.0	117.3	117.6	122.1	133.4	131.7	128.5	128.0	122.1	140.9	109.2	108.4	120.6	123.6
Czech Republic	97.2	99.9	104.2	109.3	107.7	105.3	106.2	108.4	113.4	115.2	136.4	101.6	97.6	110.2	c
Denmark	93.2	95.0	95.5	97.1	97.3	96.5	98.6	91.1	96.1	100.5	119.3	89.9	82.0	91.2	95.7
Germany	101.6	102.5	105.9	105.4	102.9	106.5	102.9	103.0	108.2	109.9	125.9	99.9	95.8	107.4	105.3
Estonia	108.0	118.0	120.0	129.0	131.0	137.0	133.0	124.0	130.0	123.0	147.0	122.0	110.0	122.0	127.0
Ireland	90.9	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	107.9
Greece	69.1	72.6	71.3	71.4	72.0	68.3	76.1	69.5	69.6	67.3	82.3	67.5	64.5	67.1	c
Spain	77.9	78.5	81.5	83.9	84.0	93.3	85.0	84.6	86.9	83.4	102.5	90.7	77.7	84.8	85.0
France	103.2	105.8	109.7	109.7	113.2	100.1	130.8	112.7	116.9	111.4	146.7	113.4	102.9	112.0	113.9
Croatia	93.7	92.1	96.7	99.3	105.3	121.0	120.4	104.6	100.0	92.4	109.6	81.0	78.5	92.5	c
Italy	88.7	90.0	91.7	94.3	90.0	100.6	92.3	94.0	97.8	94.1	118.4	93.5	82.6	91.1	c
Cyprus	73.7	78.8	80.3	85.6	85.6	96.0	91.7	88.4	85.5	82.9	110.5	80.7	75.2	81.4	c
Latvia	103.9	114.7	119.2	124.0	126.8	133.7	136.8	127.9	130.8	119.2	142.1	114.0	109.1	120.0	121.3
Lithuania	107.5	116.5	122.8	130.1	131.1	137.4	140.2	129.4	133.9	126.4	150.6	116.6	113.7	127.4	130.5
Luxembourg	147.6	169.2	164.2	170.9	173.0	184.6	175.9	182.5	167.2	223.8	363.5	203.4	179.7	196.8	191.6
Hungary	96.8	102.2	107.3	107.2	109.9	117.4	116.9	114.2	118.6	115.8	140.7	93.7	94.7	109.5	114.2
Malta	94.1	98.5	103.9	107.0	107.9	117.4	103.9	100.8	108.9	103.4	122.0	96.5	93.2	99.3	104.4
Netherlands	89.4	91.4	93.2	96.2	97.9	96.2	93.0	92.6	96.2	94.9	112.1	89.7	83.3	92.6	c
Austria	97.8	98.3	99.8	96.8	98.3	101.5	97.6	98.2	102.9	99.6	121.8	93.8	90.9	100.4	101.1
Poland	99.0	104.8	111.6	111.3	111.4	113.9	110.2	111.6	117.7	107.6	133.5	103.0	99.9	116.0	119.0
Portugal	79.4	79.0	82.1	85.5	85.1	95.1	97.1	87.3	88.4	86.1	109.4	82.6	79.6	84.2	84.5
Romania	102.8	106.7	114.2	115.0	117.5	126.6	131.1	128.5	131.1	135.1	146.4	111.8	112.1	127.3	137.2
Slovenia	94.7	96.7	96.0	95.1	97.5	99.0	98.7	99.7	100.4	93.3	107.1	91.3	83.5	95.5	97.8
Slovakia	92.9	98.2	97.8	100.1	103.7	103.9	101.8	103.2	106.5	104.9	119.8	91.5	91.6	102.5	101.4
Finland	98.9	100.7	99.0	105.6	107.0	109.2	105.0	97.5	101.2	100.2	125.4	93.0	86.8	99.4	99.0
Sweden	99.8	105.8	112.7	117.6	122.3	120.8	117.6	112.1	117.5	116.7	137.6	104.6	98.5	112.7	114.0
United Kingdom	94.4	101.9	104.5	106.4	107.5	109.4	104.8	107.1	110.6	123.8	138.1	104.1	103.3	106.7	109.3
Norway	97.0	100.8	104.1	112.2	116.1	111.1	113.2	105.0	108.5	111.6	134.9	100.2	91.6	100.6	99.5
Switzerland	102.7	103.6	103.0	103.5	109.7	108.7	102.1	99.5	107.5	107.1	138.5	100.6	88.3	106.5	101.0

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