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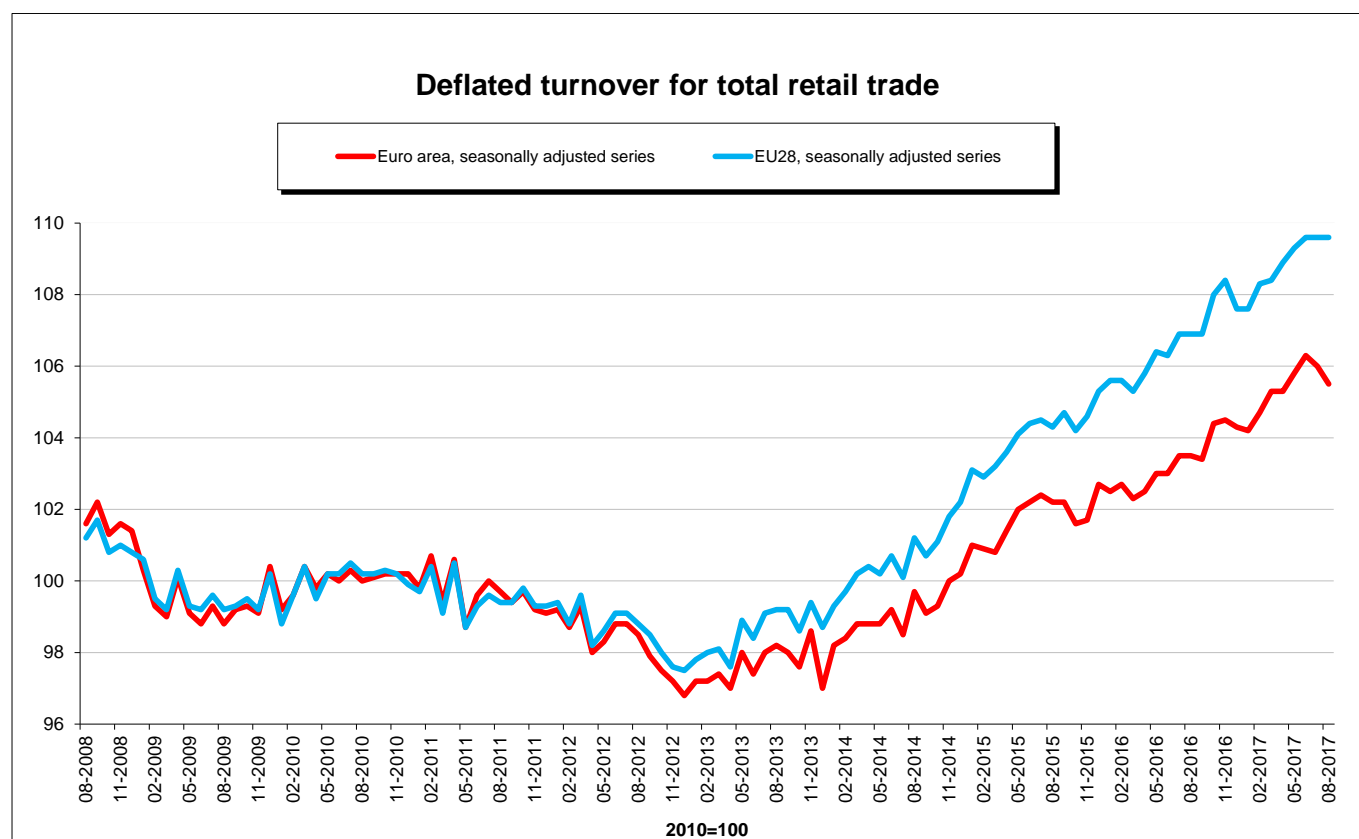
August 2017 compared with July 2017

Volume of retail trade down by 0.5% in euro area

Stable in EU28

In August 2017 compared with July 2017, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade fell by 0.5% in the **euro area** (EA19), while it remained stable in the **EU28**, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In July, the retail trade volume decreased by 0.3% in the **euro area** and remained stable in the **EU28**.

In August 2017 compared with August 2016, the calendar adjusted retail sales index increased by 1.2% in the **euro area** and by 2.0% 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 August 2017, compared with July 2017, is due to falls of 0.9% for automotive fuel, of 0.4% for non-food products and of 0.3% for "Food, drinks and tobacco". In the **EU28**, the stable volume of retail trade is due to decreases of 0.5% for automotive fuel and of 0.1% for "Food, drinks and tobacco", while non-food products rose by 0.2%.

Among Member States for which data are available, the largest decreases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Portugal** (-1.3%), **Austria** (-1.0%) and **Belgium** (-0.9%), while the highest increases were observed in **Romania** (+2.3%), the **United Kingdom** (+1.9%) and **Malta** (+1.5%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The 1.2% increase in the volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in August 2017, compared with August 2016, is due to rises of 2.3% for non-food products and of 1.1% for "Food, drinks and tobacco", while automotive fuel fell by 0.2%. In the **EU28**, the 2.0% increase in retail trade volume is due to rises of 3.3% for non-food products, of 1.2% for "Food, drinks and tobacco" and of 0.8% for automotive fuel.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Romania** (+15.8%), **Slovenia** (+7.5%), **Malta** (+6.9%), **Slovakia** (+6.8%) and **Poland** (+6.7%), while decreases were observed in **Luxembourg** (-25.6%) and **Belgium** (-2.4%).

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 [134/2017](#) of 5 September 2017. The monthly percentage change for July 2017 remains unchanged at -0.3% in the euro area and has been revised from -0.2% to 0.0% in the EU28. The annual percentage change has been revised from +2.6% to +2.3% in the euro area and from +2.7% to +2.4% 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*

	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17
EA19						
Total retail trade	0.6	0.0	0.5	0.5	-0.3	-0.5
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.1	1.2	-0.6	0.6	-0.6	-0.3
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	1.3	-0.9	1.0	0.5	0.0	-0.4
<i>Textiles, clothing, footwear</i>	0.1	-1.2	0.6	-0.4	0.3	-0.1
<i>Electrical goods and furniture</i>	1.4	0.0	-0.7	1.2	0.0	-0.5
<i>Computer equipment, books and other</i>	2.0	-1.0	0.8	0.4	0.6	:
<i>Pharmaceutical and medical goods</i>	1.5	-0.2	1.5	-0.2	-0.6	0.9
<i>Mail orders and internet</i>	2.4	-1.0	4.0	-1.9	4.8	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.5	-0.6	1.2	1.0	-0.9	-0.9
EU28						
Total retail trade	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.0
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.0	1.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.3	-0.1	0.5	0.9	0.1	0.2
<i>Textiles, clothing, footwear</i>	0.3	-1.0	1.2	-0.5	0.2	0.0
<i>Electrical goods and furniture</i>	1.3	0.4	-1.4	1.5	0.4	-0.9
<i>Computer equipment, books and other</i>	-0.9	-0.7	1.2	1.7	0.3	0.4
<i>Pharmaceutical and medical goods</i>	1.3	-0.2	1.3	0.3	-0.6	0.8
<i>Mail orders and internet</i>	-0.5	2.2	1.6	0.2	1.4	1.7
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.1	0.3	1.2	0.5	-0.6	-0.5

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

Total retail trade	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17
EA19	0.6	0.0	0.5	0.5	-0.3	-0.5
EU28	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.0
Belgium	0.4	0.6	1.5	-0.3	-1.0	-0.9
Bulgaria	-0.3	0.9	0.2	-0.7	0.5	0.4
Czech Republic	1.4	-0.6	1.2	0.6	-1.0	c
Denmark	0.2	0.6	-0.8	0.4	0.1	-0.5
Germany	1.2	0.0	0.2	1.3	-1.2	-0.4
Estonia	1.6	-0.5	0.2	0.7	-1.0	-0.5
Ireland	0.2	0.4	1.6	-0.2	0.1	0.6
Greece	-3.7	1.6	-1.8	2.6	c	c
Spain	0.9	0.8	0.3	0.6	-0.4	0.1
France	0.4	-0.6	0.8	-0.5	0.4	-0.6
Croatia	0.6	-2.3	0.6	3.3	0.0	0.4
Italy	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	c
Cyprus	0.8	1.2	0.0	1.0	-1.4	c
Latvia	0.6	1.5	1.0	-0.6	1.0	0.5
Lithuania	1.0	-0.1	1.5	-1.3	0.5	0.7
Luxembourg	1.7	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.6	-0.4
Hungary	1.7	-0.7	1.7	0.5	-0.4	0.6
Malta	2.0	1.0	-0.1	0.2	0.3	1.5
Netherlands	1.0	0.1	0.7	0.2	0.8	c
Austria	1.6	-1.1	0.6	0.9	-0.5	-1.0
Poland	0.7	0.1	0.6	0.7	1.0	-0.7
Portugal	2.2	-0.3	0.2	1.7	-0.4	-1.3
Romania	0.8	0.4	1.0	-0.3	3.1	2.3
Slovenia	-0.9	-1.9	0.9	0.8	1.0	-0.7
Slovakia	1.2	0.6	0.9	0.5	-0.8	1.2
Finland	-0.3	0.7	-0.3	0.7	0.3	0.3
Sweden	-0.7	0.3	0.9	-0.3	1.4	-0.2
United Kingdom	-3.1	3.2	-0.3	-0.3	0.5	1.9
Norway	0.3	0.4	1.5	-0.7	0.5	-0.6
Switzerland	1.4	-2.9	0.4	1.0	-1.0	-0.2

* 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*

	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17
EA19						
Total retail trade	3.0	2.8	2.7	3.5	2.3	1.2
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.6	3.5	2.1	2.7	1.5	1.1
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	4.4	2.7	3.6	3.8	3.6	2.3
<i>Textiles, clothing, footwear</i>	7.2	2.8	3.6	1.7	1.8	2.2
<i>Electrical goods and furniture</i>	4.2	2.4	2.6	4.0	4.0	3.6
<i>Computer equipment, books and other</i>	5.4	2.7	3.2	4.4	4.5	:
<i>Pharmaceutical and medical goods</i>	2.0	2.2	3.9	3.4	1.3	2.6
<i>Mail orders and internet</i>	11.1	6.6	11.7	6.9	12.8	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	1.2	0.0	-0.1	4.1	1.1	-0.2
EU28						
Total retail trade	2.8	3.0	2.7	3.3	2.4	2.0
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.3	3.5	2.0	2.0	1.3	1.2
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	4.3	3.1	3.4	4.3	3.8	3.3
<i>Textiles, clothing, footwear</i>	7.3	3.7	4.4	2.8	2.2	2.8
<i>Electrical goods and furniture</i>	4.4	3.6	2.2	4.2	4.3	3.5
<i>Computer equipment, books and other</i>	3.1	0.0	1.3	3.9	3.5	4.7
<i>Pharmaceutical and medical goods</i>	2.9	3.0	4.5	4.7	2.4	3.2
<i>Mail orders and internet</i>	13.4	11.9	13.0	11.7	12.6	12.7
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	1.0	0.2	1.0	4.1	1.4	0.8

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Total retail trade	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17
EA19	3.0	2.8	2.7	3.5	2.3	1.2
EU28	2.8	3.0	2.7	3.3	2.4	2.0
Belgium	1.1	-1.0	0.7	2.1	-1.6	-2.4
Bulgaria	5.9	2.3	6.2	2.6	2.4	3.0
Czech Republic	7.8	5.3	7.4	6.9	4.7	c
Denmark	1.5	1.0	0.3	0.3	1.0	0.0
Germany	4.9	4.2	3.5	5.1	3.1	2.5
Estonia	4.8	2.1	1.5	3.4	1.6	1.5
Ireland	4.4	8.4	7.6	7.3	7.6	6.6
Greece	-1.2	2.1	0.3	3.7	2.3	c
Spain	1.5	1.6	3.0	2.9	0.7	1.7
France	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.0	3.4	0.2
Croatia	5.5	0.5	1.8	8.1	6.0	6.1
Italy	0.7	0.7	0.2	1.6	0.7	c
Cyprus	3.9	5.2	8.3	7.5	5.6	c
Latvia	2.3	3.5	4.1	3.7	4.6	5.3
Lithuania	6.8	4.5	6.6	3.0	3.3	2.6
Luxembourg	-25.6	-25.0	-24.8	-25.2	-24.0	-25.6
Hungary	5.2	1.7	5.5	5.7	4.2	4.6
Malta	3.3	6.1	4.3	2.9	2.1	6.9
Netherlands	3.3	3.4	2.9	3.6	3.9	c
Austria	3.0	0.7	1.3	2.8	2.3	0.1
Poland	7.4	3.9	4.5	5.8	7.9	6.7
Portugal	5.2	4.5	5.5	5.0	4.0	2.8
Romania	9.2	5.5	13.8	7.3	9.6	15.8
Slovenia	12.8	7.8	9.1	9.1	9.6	7.5
Slovakia	6.0	6.6	7.9	8.1	4.9	6.8
Finland	1.3	3.3	1.3	2.8	3.1	3.0
Sweden	1.6	1.7	0.2	1.1	3.6	2.5
United Kingdom	-0.6	3.9	1.4	2.0	0.4	2.7
Norway	2.5	2.3	2.5	2.4	3.4	2.5
Switzerland	2.5	-1.3	-0.8	1.7	0.0	-0.1

* Calendar adjusted

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

	08/16	09/16	10/16	11/16	12/16	01/17	02/17	03/17	04/17	05/17	06/17	07/17	08/17
EA19	103.5	103.4	104.4	104.5	104.3	104.2	104.7	105.3	105.3	105.8	106.3	106.0	105.5
EU28	106.9	106.9	108.0	108.4	107.6	107.6	108.3	108.4	108.9	109.3	109.6	109.6	109.6
Belgium	103.8	102.9	104.3	104.8	105.6	104.1	102.6	103.0	103.6	105.2	104.9	103.9	103.0
Bulgaria	141.7	141.8	142.2	142.8	142.8	143.4	144.6	144.1	145.4	145.7	144.7	145.4	146.0
Czech Republic	115.0	115.9	116.0	118.0	116.3	117.8	118.9	120.6	119.9	121.3	122.0	120.8	c
Denmark	96.9	97.4	98.2	97.8	96.3	97.4	97.1	97.3	97.9	97.1	97.5	97.6	97.1
Germany	109.2	108.7	110.4	110.1	111.3	109.8	110.7	112.0	112.0	112.2	113.7	112.3	111.8
Estonia	129.3	130.8	131.1	133.4	132.1	131.9	130.9	133.0	132.3	132.5	133.4	132.0	131.3
Ireland	117.3	117.8	118.3	122.0	119.1	121.0	121.8	122.0	122.5	124.5	124.3	124.4	125.2
Greece	70.4	71.6	72.0	72.1	70.7	70.8	73.4	70.7	71.8	70.5	72.3	c	c
Spain	89.1	89.1	89.1	89.3	89.0	88.1	88.5	89.3	90.0	90.3	90.8	90.4	90.5
France*	117.9	117.7	119.5	119.9	119.4	119.6	120.8	121.3	120.6	121.6	121.0	121.5	120.8
Croatia	101.2	101.7	102.6	101.6	103.1	103.1	104.8	105.4	103.0	103.6	107.0	107.0	107.4
Italy	95.0	95.2	95.8	95.3	95.1	96.0	95.4	95.6	95.6	95.6	95.9	96.0	c
Cyprus	91.7	93.1	95.5	95.9	95.2	94.4	95.9	96.7	97.9	97.9	98.9	97.5	c
Latvia	127.1	126.4	127.2	128.5	126.8	130.4	128.4	129.2	131.2	132.5	131.7	133.0	133.7
Lithuania	139.4	139.0	140.3	139.5	140.3	141.8	140.9	142.3	142.1	144.3	142.4	143.1	144.1
Luxembourg	64.3	64.8	45.8	45.0	45.4	45.7	46.1	46.9	47.3	47.5	47.7	48.0	47.8
Hungary	116.7	117.1	116.8	118.1	118.1	118.6	118.2	120.2	119.3	121.3	121.9	121.4	122.1
Malta	107.5	107.5	107.5	108.9	107.9	109.1	107.6	109.8	110.9	110.8	111.0	111.3	113.0
Netherlands	95.7	95.3	98.5	97.6	96.3	97.7	96.9	97.9	98.0	98.7	98.9	99.7	c
Austria	101.4	101.5	102.4	101.3	100.1	101.3	101.1	102.7	101.6	102.2	103.1	102.6	101.6
Poland	117.3	118.7	118.2	119.7	118.1	122.9	122.2	123.1	123.2	124.0	124.9	126.2	125.3
Portugal	91.0	91.2	91.3	92.1	91.7	91.4	92.0	94.0	93.7	93.9	95.5	95.1	93.9
Romania	137.2	137.2	138.3	140.2	140.1	140.7	143.7	144.8	145.4	146.9	146.4	151.0	154.4
Slovenia	100.7	100.3	104.6	105.8	106.2	107.8	109.4	108.4	106.3	107.3	108.2	109.3	108.5
Slovakia	104.5	105.0	105.1	106.6	107.3	107.6	107.6	108.9	109.5	110.5	111.1	110.2	111.5
Finland	103.7	104.2	104.5	105.5	100.2	105.5	105.3	105.0	105.7	105.4	106.1	106.4	106.7
Sweden	118.1	117.9	119.0	121.1	118.1	119.3	119.4	118.6	119.0	120.1	119.7	121.4	121.1
United Kingdom	116.7	116.7	118.7	120.0	116.3	114.9	117.7	114.1	117.7	117.4	117.0	117.6	119.8
Norway	108.5	108.3	109.1	109.4	106.9	108.4	109.7	110.0	110.4	112.1	111.3	111.9	111.2
Switzerland	103.7	103.9	104.9	105.2	103.2	104.4	105.1	106.6	103.5	103.9	104.9	103.9	103.7

: Data not available

* See [explanatory methodological note](#).

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

	08/14	08/15	08/16	09/16	10/16	11/16	12/16	01/17	02/17	03/17	04/17	05/17	06/17	07/17	08/17
EA19	101.0	103.8	105.0	100.7	106.7	104.4	127.2	100.3	92.4	103.1	102.9	104.2	104.8	105.2	106.3
EU28	102.1	105.3	107.8	104.3	110.1	110.4	131.4	101.5	95.8	105.5	106.5	107.9	108.4	109.4	110.0
Belgium	98.1	99.3	97.5	100.5	107.0	100.9	126.5	103.9	89.6	104.0	102.4	106.0	107.1	105.6	95.2
Bulgaria	134.8	146.4	154.1	146.9	146.0	141.6	158.1	123.9	122.5	140.9	140.1	145.1	147.7	156.2	158.7
Czech Republic	102.6	106.5	112.7	114.4	118.2	124.1	141.7	106.1	104.0	120.1	118.0	123.1	123.1	116.2	c
Denmark	96.9	98.4	97.6	92.0	98.0	101.3	118.1	90.1	83.0	93.9	98.2	100.8	98.7	96.8	97.6
Germany	100.4	104.1	105.8	104.7	113.2	114.1	132.0	102.0	99.2	114.1	111.8	111.5	110.9	112.9	108.4
Estonia	127.0	133.0	135.0	128.0	132.8	130.0	149.5	121.6	110.9	127.9	128.7	138.0	139.6	141.2	137.0
Ireland	100.0	108.2	113.1	112.5	115.1	134.2	173.5	109.0	113.0	109.3	114.9	118.3	121.2	120.1	120.6
Greece	77.7	76.1	74.5	71.2	71.4	70.0	81.5	67.4	70.9	66.6	71.4	67.1	72.0	76.5	c
Spain	82.4	85.0	87.8	87.3	88.6	86.0	105.4	89.7	77.8	86.1	86.4	88.3	91.4	98.9	89.3
France*	124.3	131.0	132.6	115.2	122.2	118.2	152.0	116.4	106.5	116.8	116.8	117.3	119.0	105.5	132.8
Croatia	117.0	120.2	122.3	106.7	102.8	92.0	110.3	83.0	82.7	97.7	99.5	103.2	113.8	130.2	129.8
Italy	89.3	92.4	91.6	93.6	100.5	94.0	117.6	95.7	82.2	91.4	92.3	95.2	92.5	101.6	c
Cyprus	92.1	95.2	95.4	94.1	95.3	92.3	119.3	86.1	80.6	88.6	95.0	96.4	101.2	107.3	c
Latvia	129.0	136.4	138.1	128.5	130.6	124.1	143.5	118.1	110.2	122.7	125.8	133.3	133.4	142.0	145.4
Lithuania	131.8	140.6	149.7	139.4	145.0	136.5	161.2	128.1	121.2	136.2	136.2	147.3	143.9	150.2	153.6
Luxembourg	152.4	60.3	59.3	62.2	48.9	44.9	53.9	42.9	40.3	46.5	47.4	47.5	47.3	49.9	44.1
Hungary	111.7	117.0	122.2	119.1	121.5	120.8	145.3	98.3	96.8	115.0	116.9	119.9	123.7	127.8	127.8
Malta	98.4	104.7	108.9	104.1	111.1	110.1	122.1	100.6	95.8	103.8	109.3	110.9	111.9	116.8	116.4
Netherlands	91.7	92.6	93.0	92.4	100.3	97.9	112.3	94.0	84.2	95.7	96.3	101.5	101.7	102.3	c
Austria	97.0	97.5	99.3	98.7	105.5	101.3	120.2	95.1	90.8	103.6	101.3	100.1	101.2	104.2	99.4
Poland	108.6	112.5	120.6	120.2	122.9	114.7	137.3	109.5	106.2	124.6	123.0	124.1	125.2	129.0	128.7
Portugal	96.1	97.1	99.8	90.8	91.1	90.2	111.9	84.0	79.7	88.7	88.1	90.8	92.8	102.4	102.6
Romania	120.3	131.1	146.6	141.1	142.5	148.0	157.9	118.3	120.8	139.0	145.0	149.0	146.2	157.6	169.7
Slovenia	98.6	98.7	102.4	102.0	110.5	103.2	118.6	102.1	96.3	107.6	105.2	104.2	108.9	112.4	110.1
Slovakia	100.2	101.8	103.7	104.7	107.3	109.0	124.9	96.8	95.7	108.7	108.1	112.3	115.0	108.4	110.8
Finland	104.9	105.1	106.8	100.4	103.8	102.9	122.7	95.6	88.5	100.2	102.1	108.8	111.0	113.5	110.0
Sweden	112.0	117.5	120.4	113.5	119.9	120.8	139.2	107.4	101.1	114.4	116.5	124.2	127.3	127.1	123.4
United Kingdom	101.7	105.2	111.9	112.0	118.9	133.6	146.8	104.6	107.7	106.9	114.5	114.5	114.0	116.8	114.9
Norway	112.0	113.2	111.9	104.5	108.7	111.9	131.8	99.4	92.7	103.1	101.9	117.2	119.0	113.2	114.7
Switzerland	103.7	101.3	98.7	97.0	106.4	106.8	132.6	99.8	88.8	109.4	99.5	101.1	107.2	105.0	98.6

: Data not available

* See [explanatory methodological note](#).

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