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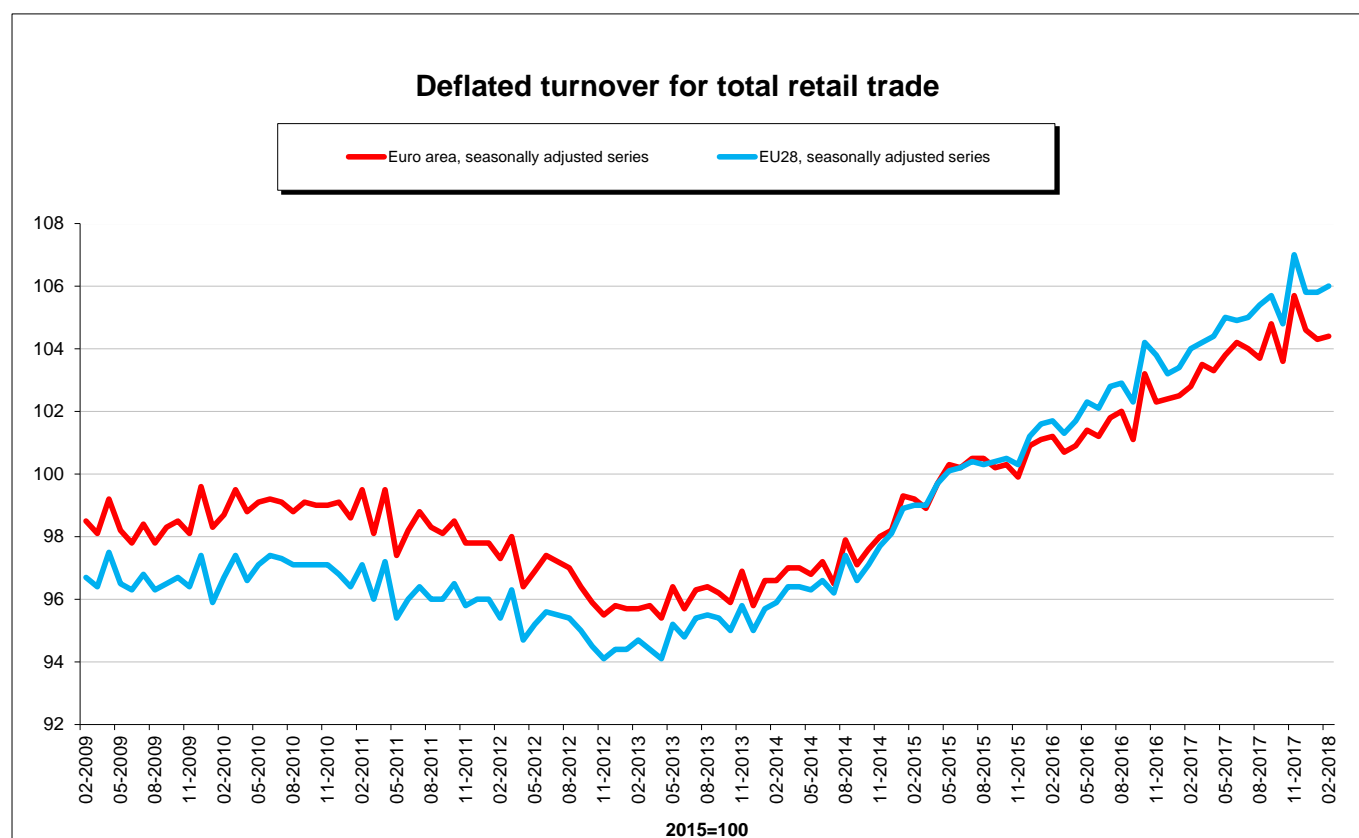
February 2018 compared with January 2018

Volume of retail trade up by 0.1% in euro area

Up by 0.2% in EU28

In February 2018 compared with January 2018, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade increased by 0.1% in the **euro area** (EA19) and by 0.2% in the **EU28**, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In January, the retail trade volume fell by 0.3% in the **euro area** and remained unchanged in the **EU28**.

In February 2018 compared with February 2017, the calendar adjusted retail sales index increased by 1.8% in the **euro area** and by 2.0% in the **EU28**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The 0.1% increase in the volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in February 2018, compared with January 2018, is due to rises of 0.9% for automotive fuel and of 0.8% for “Food, drinks and tobacco”, while non-food products fell by 0.5%. In the **EU28**, the 0.2% increase in the volume of retail trade is due to rises of 1.0% for automotive fuel and of 0.8% for “Food, drinks and tobacco”, while non-food products fell by 0.5%.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Estonia** (+2.0%), **Belgium** (+1.6%), **Malta** and **Poland** (both +1.5%), while the largest decreases were observed in **Latvia** and **Romania** (both -2.3%) and **Austria** (-1.5%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The 1.8% increase in the volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in February 2018, compared with February 2017, is due to rises of 2.3% for non-food products, of 1.2% for “Food, drinks and tobacco”, while automotive fuel fell by 0.1%. In the **EU28**, the 2.0% increase in retail trade volume is due to rises of 2.4% for non-food products, of 1.4% for automotive fuel and of 1.2% for “Food, drinks and tobacco”.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Malta** (+11.7%), **Poland** (+7.9%) and **Ireland** (+7.1%), while decreases were observed in **Slovenia** (-1.6%) and **Austria** (-1.2%).

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 36/2018 of 5 March 2018. The monthly percentage change for January 2018 has been revised from -0.1% to -0.3% in the euro area and from -0.1% to 0.0% in the EU28. The annual percentage change has been revised from +2.3% to +1.5% in the euro area and from +2.7% to +2.1% 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*

	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18
EA19						
Total retail trade	1.1	-1.1	2.0	-1.0	-0.3	0.1
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.2	-1.6	1.4	-0.3	-0.7	0.8
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.7	-1.2	2.9	-1.5	0.0	-0.5
Textiles, clothing, footwear	3.0	-6.6	6.8	-2.6	-1.1	-0.2
Electrical goods and furniture	0.4	-0.4	1.5	-1.8	1.3	-0.7
Computer equipment, books and other	0.2	-1.0	2.0	-0.7	0.6	0.1
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.6	-0.6	1.0	0.0	-0.2	0.4
Mail orders and internet	1.7	-1.9	5.0	-2.6	-1.9	-1.8
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.1	-0.2	0.5	-0.3	-0.1	0.9
EU28						
Total retail trade	0.3	-0.9	2.1	-1.1	0.0	0.2
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.4	-1.1	1.4	-0.5	-0.5	0.8
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.3	-1.4	3.0	-1.3	0.1	-0.5
Textiles, clothing, footwear	2.9	-5.5	5.6	-2.3	-0.6	-0.5
Electrical goods and furniture	0.9	0.3	1.6	-2.4	1.4	-0.3
Computer equipment, books and other	-2.6	-2.8	5.0	-0.3	0.3	-0.6
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.7	-0.1	1.0	-0.1	0.0	1.3
Mail orders and internet	1.1	-1.3	3.8	-2.5	-1.3	-0.9
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.5	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.0	1.0

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

Total retail trade	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18
EA19	1.1	-1.1	2.0	-1.0	-0.3	0.1
EU28	0.3	-0.9	2.1	-1.1	0.0	0.2
Belgium	1.1	-1.2	3.1	-1.1	-2.4	1.6
Bulgaria	0.0	0.7	0.3	0.5	-0.2	0.1
Czech Republic	1.1	-0.4	1.4	0.4	0.8	c
Denmark	1.1	-0.6	0.8	-7.5	8.5	0.1
Germany	1.2	-0.8	1.6	-0.8	-0.3	-0.7
Estonia	1.0	-0.3	0.0	1.7	-2.4	2.0
Ireland	0.1	0.0	2.3	-1.2	1.3	0.5
Greece	-0.1	0.3	-1.0	1.5	-0.1	c
Spain	0.7	-1.7	2.3	-1.1	0.2	0.5
France	1.7	-2.2	3.4	-1.5	-0.6	0.7
Croatia	-0.8	-0.5	1.2	-0.3	1.8	c
Italy	c	c	c	c	c	c
Cyprus	1.6	-0.4	1.2	-1.0	2.1	c
Latvia	-0.6	-0.2	1.7	0.4	1.5	-2.3
Lithuania	-0.2	0.2	1.3	1.1	0.2	-1.1
Luxembourg	1.5	-0.9	0.9	-0.9	0.6	0.0
Hungary	1.2	0.6	0.5	0.4	1.1	-0.1
Malta	2.0	-0.3	-0.4	2.9	-0.4	1.5
Netherlands	0.9	-0.3	1.8	-1.7	1.0	c
Austria	1.2	-1.8	2.3	-2.5	1.2	-1.5
Poland	0.7	0.3	2.6	-0.9	1.0	1.5
Portugal	1.2	-2.5	4.3	0.0	-0.4	-1.1
Romania	0.2	-0.5	1.0	1.7	-1.4	-2.3
Slovenia	0.3	0.7	2.2	-2.2	-0.4	-0.4
Slovakia	0.1	0.3	1.0	1.1	-1.5	0.6
Finland	0.6	-0.2	1.5	-0.7	0.5	-0.8
Sweden	0.6	0.1	1.1	-0.7	-0.6	0.1
United Kingdom	-2.6	-0.6	2.9	-1.3	0.0	0.5
Norway	-0.8	-0.1	2.0	-1.1	-0.3	-0.6
Switzerland	1.0	-0.7	2.0	-0.9	-0.3	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-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18
EA19						
Total retail trade	3.9	0.2	3.7	2.0	1.5	1.8
Food, drinks, tobacco	2.1	-0.5	1.7	1.3	0.0	1.2
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	5.7	0.5	5.5	2.9	3.0	2.3
Textiles, clothing, footwear	12.9	-6.5	5.6	1.7	-0.6	-1.3
Electrical goods and furniture	4.7	1.9	5.0	0.9	2.7	1.6
Computer equipment, books and other	2.4	-0.5	3.5	1.7	2.8	2.3
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	2.7	1.7	2.6	1.7	2.2	3.3
Mail orders and internet	13.3	4.1	13.4	7.4	7.0	4.8
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.3	-0.2	0.4	-0.2	-1.0	-0.1
EU28						
Total retail trade	3.4	0.4	3.4	2.6	2.1	2.0
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.3	-0.5	1.3	1.1	0.0	1.2
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	5.8	0.9	5.1	3.8	3.6	2.4
Textiles, clothing, footwear	11.9	-4.9	5.1	3.0	0.4	-0.7
Electrical goods and furniture	4.5	2.6	4.4	1.4	3.2	2.3
Computer equipment, books and other	1.1	-3.5	3.0	2.1	2.9	0.4
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	4.5	3.8	5.5	4.4	3.5	5.7
Mail orders and internet	15.3	8.0	13.6	10.3	9.3	6.5
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.5	0.7	1.3	1.3	0.6	1.4

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Total retail trade	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18
EA19	3.9	0.2	3.7	2.0	1.5	1.8
EU28	3.4	0.4	3.4	2.6	2.1	2.0
Belgium	1.1	-2.4	1.6	-1.7	-2.7	1.2
Bulgaria	2.0	4.0	3.8	4.8	4.4	3.0
Czech Republic	7.6	3.6	7.4	6.9	8.1	c
Denmark	1.4	-0.8	1.5	2.7	1.9	1.7
Germany	5.2	0.8	4.0	2.5	2.5	1.3
Estonia	1.7	1.1	-0.9	2.4	-0.9	2.5
Ireland	6.2	5.9	8.5	6.3	6.4	7.1
Greece	-0.9	-0.9	-2.6	1.7	1.5	c
Spain	1.8	-1.7	2.5	0.1	2.0	2.2
France	6.2	1.1	6.1	3.9	2.4	2.9
Croatia	3.1	1.4	4.3	2.1	5.3	c
Italy	c	c	c	c	c	c
Cyprus	7.4	4.4	6.0	5.7	9.3	c
Latvia	5.0	4.4	5.5	7.4	6.4	3.6
Lithuania	2.2	1.8	4.6	5.5	5.2	3.2
Luxembourg	-28.0	1.4	4.9	2.0	1.6	1.7
Hungary	6.0	6.9	6.5	6.7	7.8	6.5
Malta	8.5	4.4	0.3	8.6	7.0	11.7
Netherlands	4.3	1.0	3.9	2.4	2.7	c
Austria	2.0	-1.8	2.4	-0.4	0.7	-1.2
Poland	5.9	6.5	8.4	8.6	5.6	7.9
Portugal	4.4	1.6	5.3	5.0	5.5	4.0
Romania	14.8	12.8	12.1	15.1	11.7	5.1
Slovenia	8.3	2.5	5.7	1.7	-0.1	-1.6
Slovakia	5.5	5.1	6.1	6.6	3.9	5.0
Finland	3.1	2.5	3.9	5.7	3.4	2.1
Sweden	2.3	1.6	2.2	2.9	0.9	0.9
United Kingdom	0.6	-2.1	0.7	1.7	1.8	0.6
Norway	1.2	0.4	3.5	4.2	2.0	0.1
Switzerland	0.3	-2.0	0.6	1.5	-0.3	-0.2

* Calendar adjusted

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Deflated turnover indices for total retail trade, calendar and seasonally adjusted
(base year 2015)

	02/17	03/17	04/17	05/17	06/17	07/17	08/17	09/17	10/17	11/17	12/17	01/18	02/18
EA19	102.8	103.5	103.3	103.8	104.2	104.0	103.7	104.8	103.6	105.7	104.6	104.3	104.4
EU28	104.0	104.2	104.4	105.0	104.9	105.0	105.4	105.7	104.8	107.0	105.8	105.8	106.0
Belgium	98.3	99.5	98.9	101.4	101.1	98.2	98.3	99.4	98.2	101.2	100.1	97.7	99.3
Bulgaria	108.3	109.2	108.7	109.8	109.5	109.9	110.5	110.5	111.3	111.6	112.2	112.0	112.1
Czech Republic	108.2	109.4	109.2	110.3	110.8	111.0	111.7	112.9	112.5	114.1	114.6	115.5	c
Denmark	101.2	100.6	101.1	101.0	101.1	101.1	100.5	101.6	101.0	101.8	94.2	102.2	102.3
Germany	103.7	104.6	104.5	104.6	105.5	105.1	104.7	106.0	105.2	106.9	106.0	105.7	105.0
Estonia	104.4	106.2	105.7	106.0	106.9	105.3	104.9	106.0	105.7	105.7	107.5	104.9	107.0
Ireland	104.2	104.8	105.0	107.3	107.1	107.5	108.0	108.1	108.1	110.6	109.3	110.7	111.3
Greece	103.3	99.3	100.9	99.2	101.6	103.3	100.3	100.2	100.5	99.5	101.0	100.9	c
Spain	103.4	104.6	104.8	105.1	105.8	104.9	104.9	105.6	103.8	106.2	105.0	105.2	105.7
France	105.7	106.0	105.5	106.4	106.0	106.7	106.8	108.6	106.2	109.8	108.1	107.4	108.1
Croatia	104.9	105.2	102.8	103.0	106.4	106.3	106.5	105.7	105.2	106.5	106.2	108.1	c
Italy	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
Cyprus	109.0	108.2	110.1	111.4	112.0	111.1	111.2	113.0	112.6	113.9	112.8	115.2	c
Latvia	104.1	104.2	105.8	106.4	106.0	107.0	107.8	107.2	107.0	108.8	109.2	110.8	108.2
Lithuania	109.7	110.8	110.2	111.9	110.7	111.1	111.9	111.7	111.9	113.3	114.5	114.7	113.4
Luxembourg	33.7	34.2	34.3	34.3	34.4	34.4	34.1	34.6	34.3	34.6	34.3	34.5	34.5
Hungary	107.5	108.6	107.9	109.5	110.3	109.9	110.3	111.6	112.3	112.9	113.3	114.6	114.5
Malta	101.7	104.4	105.7	105.8	106.1	106.2	106.8	108.9	108.6	108.2	111.3	110.9	112.6
Netherlands	102.7	104.0	104.1	104.7	104.8	105.3	104.4	105.3	105.0	106.9	105.1	106.2	c
Austria	101.7	102.8	101.8	102.2	103.0	102.7	101.6	102.8	101.0	103.3	100.7	101.9	100.4
Poland	109.7	110.6	110.3	111.2	112.0	112.3	112.3	113.1	113.4	116.3	115.3	116.5	118.2
Portugal	104.3	106.6	106.2	106.4	108.2	107.9	106.6	107.9	105.2	109.7	109.7	109.3	108.1
Romania	119.3	121.0	120.6	125.0	123.2	125.2	128.8	129.0	128.4	129.7	131.9	130.1	127.1
Slovenia	113.6	113.0	110.7	111.7	111.9	112.8	111.6	111.9	112.7	115.2	112.7	112.3	111.8
Slovakia	105.4	107.0	107.6	108.4	109.2	107.7	108.8	108.9	109.2	110.3	111.5	109.8	110.5
Finland	103.6	103.1	104.1	103.8	104.6	104.9	104.9	105.5	105.3	106.9	106.2	106.7	105.8
Sweden	103.9	103.0	103.3	104.1	103.9	104.6	104.2	104.8	104.9	106.1	105.4	104.8	104.9
United Kingdom	106.1	104.1	106.1	106.7	104.4	105.2	108.4	105.6	105.0	108.0	106.6	106.6	107.1
Norway	101.0	101.3	101.4	102.9	102.3	102.7	102.0	101.2	101.1	103.1	102.0	101.7	101.1
Switzerland	98.5	100.1	97.3	97.8	98.8	97.7	96.9	97.9	97.2	99.1	98.2	97.9	98.3

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Deflated turnover indices for total retail trade, calendar adjusted
(base year 2015)

	02/15	02/16	02/17	03/17	04/17	05/17	06/17	07/17	08/17	09/17	10/17	11/17	12/17	01/18	02/18
EA19	87.5	89.5	90.9	101.6	101.0	102.8	103.3	104.5	105.2	102.4	104.8	106.2	125.7	99.4	92.5
EU28	87.7	90.3	92.3	101.5	102.3	104.0	104.2	105.7	106.1	103.3	105.9	109.6	127.8	98.9	94.1
Belgium	88.2	87.6	86.3	100.5	98.7	102.3	102.3	100.4	92.1	97.5	100.1	98.2	119.3	97.5	87.3
Bulgaria	86.1	88.7	92.4	106.4	105.9	109.0	111.5	117.8	119.6	113.1	114.5	111.1	125.0	97.9	95.2
Czech Republic	84.2	88.7	93.0	108.2	106.5	111.5	112.2	108.0	109.4	112.1	113.6	123.2	139.0	102.6	c
Denmark	85.7	89.5	92.0	94.7	100.6	103.1	106.2	96.8	94.2	98.1	99.5	106.7	117.0	96.7	93.6
Germany	88.0	90.9	92.6	106.9	104.3	104.1	103.2	105.7	101.1	103.1	107.2	111.3	125.4	97.7	93.8
Estonia	82.9	87.6	88.5	102.2	102.8	110.5	111.8	112.7	109.5	103.9	107.0	102.7	122.0	96.0	90.7
Ireland	90.7	98.2	98.6	95.0	99.5	102.6	104.0	105.0	106.0	102.8	104.1	121.9	150.8	101.6	105.6
Greece	97.2	90.6	99.6	93.6	100.3	94.3	101.2	107.8	105.5	99.2	99.4	95.8	116.5	96.1	c
Spain	87.1	90.7	90.7	100.4	100.6	102.8	106.5	115.1	103.7	104.0	102.0	103.3	123.3	106.4	92.7
France	86.0	89.5	92.9	101.8	102.6	104.7	105.5	94.3	120.4	105.2	107.2	108.5	134.5	104.5	95.6
Croatia	77.6	78.7	82.8	97.3	99.0	102.5	113.3	130.2	130.6	110.5	104.4	96.3	112.4	87.6	c
Italy	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
Cyprus	81.7	85.3	91.3	98.6	106.4	110.6	115.5	122.4	115.6	115.4	113.6	109.3	136.4	103.9	c
Latvia	85.6	87.1	89.1	98.8	101.5	107.1	107.4	114.5	117.1	108.7	109.9	105.3	124.0	101.1	92.3
Lithuania	82.4	87.7	94.4	106.3	105.7	114.3	111.9	116.8	119.5	110.7	114.3	110.8	132.7	104.9	97.4
Luxembourg	120.0	44.5	29.7	34.2	34.1	34.4	34.6	35.6	30.9	34.2	35.5	34.3	40.4	32.2	30.2
Hungary	80.5	85.5	88.2	104.8	105.2	107.5	110.3	115.7	116.2	113.5	117.5	115.6	135.8	96.7	93.9
Malta	83.8	95.5	90.4	98.7	105.2	107.6	108.8	111.3	107.6	106.1	110.1	106.6	128.7	100.5	101.0
Netherlands	87.7	88.4	89.5	102.0	102.3	107.5	107.5	107.7	101.4	102.4	107.0	108.0	121.5	102.2	c
Austria	90.2	91.0	90.9	103.6	101.3	100.5	101.6	104.4	99.7	100.6	103.6	103.7	119.3	95.8	89.8
Poland	86.3	90.0	95.6	112.1	110.3	111.4	112.4	114.5	115.2	114.3	117.4	111.8	134.0	104.2	103.2
Portugal	85.7	89.3	90.5	100.8	100.1	103.1	105.4	116.3	116.8	107.6	105.2	107.9	133.4	100.6	94.1
Romania	78.5	93.2	99.9	115.5	120.2	124.1	122.2	132.0	140.6	134.2	132.8	135.6	148.0	109.6	105.0
Slovenia	87.0	87.6	99.3	111.9	109.4	108.7	113.1	116.9	114.3	114.6	117.6	113.4	124.8	105.6	97.7
Slovakia	89.4	89.7	93.8	106.4	106.1	109.4	112.5	106.9	107.9	108.3	111.2	113.3	130.0	98.5	98.5
Finland	84.1	84.3	86.6	98.4	100.5	107.1	110.0	112.3	108.5	102.3	105.0	105.3	128.8	94.8	88.4
Sweden	83.2	85.5	87.8	99.3	101.2	107.8	110.5	109.0	105.8	100.8	105.8	107.1	124.3	94.1	88.6
United Kingdom	90.9	94.2	97.2	97.6	104.1	104.4	101.8	104.7	104.3	101.4	104.8	120.0	133.6	95.7	97.8
Norway	85.1	84.3	85.3	94.9	93.7	107.9	109.2	103.9	105.4	97.3	100.3	106.5	126.2	93.1	85.4
Switzerland	87.5	86.6	86.9	99.6	93.8	99.7	97.8	97.6	91.4	93.9	97.9	104.9	120.1	93.6	86.7

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