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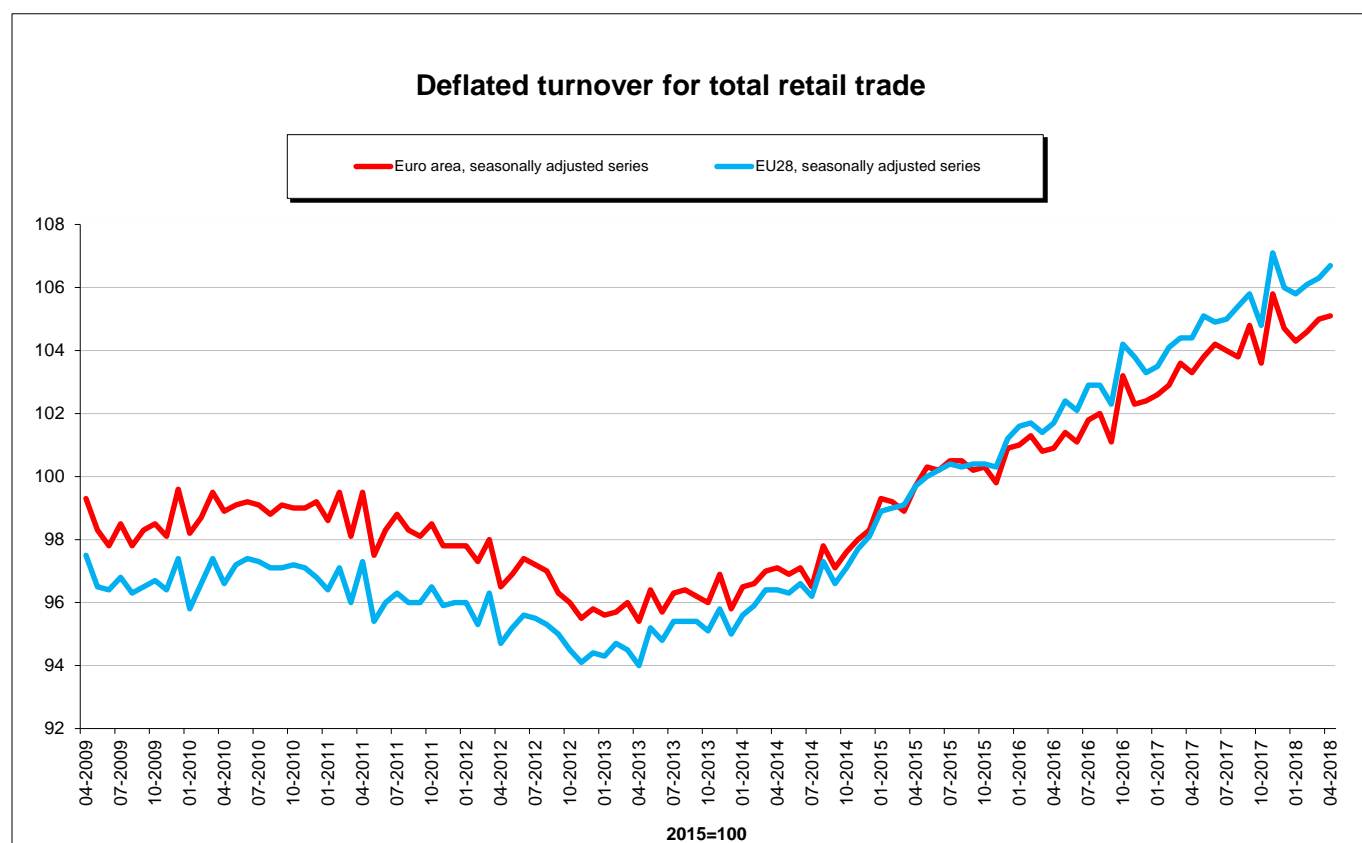
April 2018 compared with March 2018

Volume of retail trade up by 0.1% in euro area

Up by 0.4% in EU28

In April 2018 compared with March 2018, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade increased by 0.1% in the **euro area** (EA19) and increased by 0.4% in the **EU28**, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In March, the retail trade volume increased by 0.4% in the **euro area** and by 0.2% in the **EU28**.

In April 2018 compared with April 2017 the calendar adjusted retail sales index increased by 1.7% both in the **euro area** and 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 April 2018, compared with March 2018, is due to a rise of 1.7% in non-food products, while "food, drinks and tobacco" fell by 0.7% and automotive fuels by 0.8%. In the **EU28**, the 0.4% increase in the volume of retail trade is due to increases in non-food products by 1.5%, and in automotive fuel by 0.6%, while "food, drinks and tobacco" fell by 0.5%.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Germany** (+2.3%) and **Romania** (+1.7%). **Ireland**, **Lithuania** and the **United Kingdom** all increased by 1.5%. The largest decreases were observed in **Portugal** (-4.1%), **Slovenia** (-2.0%) and **Estonia** (-1.8%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The 1.7% increase in the volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in April 2018, compared with April 2017, is due to a rise of 3.2% for non-food products and by 0.4% for "food, drinks and tobacco", while automotive fuel fell by 0.7%. In the **EU28**, the 1.7% increase in retail trade volume is due to rises of 3.4% for non-food products and of 1.3% for automotive fuel, while "food, drinks and tobacco" fell by 0.3%.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest yearly increases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Romania** (+7.4%), **Poland** (+6.6%) and **Lithuania** (+6.5%). The largest decreases were observed in **Malta** (-3.1%), **Belgium** (-1.5%), and **Slovenia** (-1.4%).

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 [79/2018](#) of 4 May 2018. The monthly percentage change for March 2018 has been revised from +0.1% to +0.4% in the euro area and from -0.1% to +0.2% in the EU28. The annual percentages were revised from +0.8% to +1.5% in the euro area and from +1.8% to +2.3% 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-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18
EA19						
Total retail trade	2.1	-1.0	-0.4	0.3	0.4	0.1
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.2	-0.2	-0.7	1.1	0.6	-0.7
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	3.1	-1.8	0.0	-0.3	-0.2	1.7
<i>Textiles, clothing, footwear</i>	6.8	-2.6	-1.5	0.8	-0.1	3.7
<i>Electrical goods and furniture</i>	1.6	-2.0	1.3	-1.0	0.1	0.6
<i>Computer equipment, books and other</i>	2.0	-0.6	0.3	-0.6	-0.1	2.1
<i>Pharmaceutical and medical goods</i>	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.7	0.9
<i>Mail orders and internet</i>	5.9	-3.5	-1.5	-2.4	3.6	2.5
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.4	-0.5	-0.1	1.0	-0.4	-0.8
EU28						
Total retail trade	2.2	-1.0	-0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.4	-0.5	-0.5	1.0	0.6	-0.5
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	3.2	-1.5	0.0	-0.4	0.0	1.5
<i>Textiles, clothing, footwear</i>	5.6	-2.2	-1.0	0.0	-0.2	3.2
<i>Electrical goods and furniture</i>	1.7	-2.4	1.0	-0.5	0.1	0.8
<i>Computer equipment, books and other</i>	5.1	-0.2	0.0	-1.0	-0.7	2.4
<i>Pharmaceutical and medical goods</i>	1.0	0.0	0.1	0.9	-0.7	1.0
<i>Mail orders and internet</i>	4.3	-3.1	-1.0	-1.4	2.7	1.6
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.9	-1.2	0.6

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

Total retail trade	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18
EA19	2.1	-1.0	-0.4	0.3	0.4	0.1
EU28	2.2	-1.0	-0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4
Belgium	3.1	-1.0	-2.4	1.3	0.6	-1.7
Bulgaria	0.3	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	0.9	0.9
Czech Republic	1.3	0.4	0.8	0.0	0.1	c
Denmark	1.6	-0.2	-0.6	0.0	0.7	-0.5
Germany	1.9	-0.9	-0.6	-0.1	-0.4	2.3
Estonia	-0.1	1.7	-2.6	2.0	0.6	-1.8
Ireland	2.2	-1.3	1.0	-0.1	-1.9	1.5
Greece	-0.9	1.6	-0.5	1.2	-0.9	c
Spain	2.3	-1.1	0.2	0.4	0.4	-0.7
France	3.6	-1.8	-0.6	0.9	1.5	-1.2
Croatia	1.2	-0.5	1.8	-1.2	0.7	c
Italy	c	c	c	c	c	c
Cyprus	1.2	-0.9	2.9	0.1	0.4	c
Latvia	1.6	0.4	1.5	-2.4	2.3	-1.3
Lithuania	1.3	1.1	0.2	-0.7	1.2	1.5
Luxembourg	1.2	-0.6	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.3
Hungary	0.5	0.3	1.1	-0.1	0.9	-0.2
Malta	-0.9	2.1	-0.5	-0.4	-0.2	-1.5
Netherlands	1.8	-1.6	1.0	-0.8	0.8	c
Austria	2.3	-2.4	1.4	-0.7	1.6	-0.5
Poland	2.6	-0.9	1.0	0.9	-0.2	0.3
Portugal	3.0	0.4	0.0	-0.2	1.8	-4.1
Romania	1.0	1.7	-1.4	-2.8	1.0	1.7
Slovenia	2.1	-2.2	-0.5	-0.4	1.2	-2.0
Slovakia	0.9	0.6	-0.9	0.5	0.9	-0.5
Finland	1.3	-0.7	0.6	-0.4	0.1	-1.5
Sweden	1.3	-0.9	-0.9	-0.3	2.0	0.3
United Kingdom	2.9	-1.3	-0.1	0.6	-0.7	1.5
Norway	2.1	-1.0	-0.4	0.2	0.4	0.6
Switzerland	1.7	-0.6	-0.5	0.8	0.2	0.0

* 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*

	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18
EA19						
Total retail trade	3.7	2.2	1.4	1.8	1.5	1.7
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.7	1.3	0.0	1.9	2.3	0.4
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	5.7	3.0	3.0	1.9	0.8	3.2
<i>Textiles, clothing, footwear</i>	5.7	1.7	-0.6	-1.3	-2.8	3.4
<i>Electrical goods and furniture</i>	5.3	1.1	2.8	0.8	-0.4	0.5
<i>Computer equipment, books and other</i>	3.5	1.8	2.7	1.1	-1.1	2.6
<i>Pharmaceutical and medical goods</i>	2.6	1.9	2.5	3.5	2.0	2.5
<i>Mail orders and internet</i>	14.5	8.1	7.5	4.0	6.1	8.9
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.4	-0.1	-1.3	0.7	0.5	-0.7
EU28						
Total retail trade	3.4	2.6	1.9	1.8	2.3	1.7
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.3	1.0	0.0	1.5	2.6	-0.3
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	5.2	3.9	3.6	2.0	2.0	3.4
<i>Textiles, clothing, footwear</i>	5.1	2.9	0.4	-1.1	-2.4	2.9
<i>Electrical goods and furniture</i>	4.7	1.6	3.1	1.3	0.4	0.9
<i>Computer equipment, books and other</i>	3.0	2.1	2.7	-0.3	-0.1	4.3
<i>Pharmaceutical and medical goods</i>	5.6	4.6	3.8	5.8	4.2	4.8
<i>Mail orders and internet</i>	14.2	10.7	9.6	5.8	8.5	8.2
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	1.3	1.4	0.7	2.3	1.0	1.3

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

Total retail trade	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18
EA19	3.7	2.2	1.4	1.8	1.5	1.7
EU28	3.4	2.6	1.9	1.8	2.3	1.7
Belgium	1.6	-1.7	-2.7	0.8	-0.1	-1.5
Bulgaria	3.8	4.8	4.4	3.0	2.4	5.1
Czech Republic	7.4	6.9	8.3	6.1	4.3	c
Denmark	1.5	2.1	0.1	0.5	1.8	0.0
Germany	4.0	2.8	2.3	1.2	-0.5	3.4
Estonia	-0.9	2.4	-1.1	2.3	1.6	-0.6
Ireland	8.5	6.3	6.4	6.5	3.4	2.9
Greece	-2.6	1.7	1.0	-0.4	1.5	c
Spain	2.5	0.1	2.0	2.1	1.7	0.2
France	6.1	3.7	2.4	2.9	4.3	2.7
Croatia	4.3	2.1	5.3	0.0	2.0	c
Italy	c	c	c	c	c	c
Cyprus	6.0	5.7	10.8	7.6	8.7	c
Latvia	5.5	7.3	6.3	3.5	6.5	3.1
Lithuania	4.6	5.5	5.2	3.0	5.2	6.5
Luxembourg	5.2	2.5	2.8	3.0	3.8	4.1
Hungary	6.5	6.8	7.8	6.7	7.1	6.1
Malta	0.8	7.9	7.8	6.2	3.9	-3.1
Netherlands	3.8	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.1	c
Austria	2.3	-0.4	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.8
Poland	8.4	8.6	5.5	7.1	6.0	6.6
Portugal	5.6	5.2	5.7	4.5	5.6	-1.2
Romania	12.1	15.1	11.7	4.7	4.3	7.4
Slovenia	5.6	1.7	-0.5	-1.7	0.6	-1.4
Slovakia	6.1	5.6	4.3	5.0	5.1	2.8
Finland	3.7	5.6	3.5	2.9	3.0	-0.3
Sweden	2.3	2.6	0.1	-0.2	3.0	3.1
United Kingdom	0.7	1.7	1.8	0.6	3.8	-0.6
Norway	3.5	4.1	1.9	1.1	1.2	1.8
Switzerland	0.5	1.6	-0.5	0.3	-1.1	2.1

* Calendar adjusted

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

	04/17	05/17	06/17	07/17	08/17	09/17	10/17	11/17	12/17	01/18	02/18	03/18	04/18
EA19	103.3	103.8	104.2	104.0	103.8	104.8	103.6	105.8	104.7	104.3	104.6	105.0	105.1
EU28	104.4	105.1	104.9	105.0	105.4	105.8	104.8	107.1	106.0	105.8	106.1	106.3	106.7
Belgium	99.4	101.2	101.0	98.1	98.3	99.3	98.1	101.1	100.1	97.7	99.0	99.6	97.9
Bulgaria	108.7	109.8	109.5	109.9	110.5	110.5	111.3	111.6	112.2	112.0	111.8	112.8	113.8
Czech Republic	109.4	110.4	110.8	111.0	111.6	112.7	112.2	113.7	114.1	115.0	115.0	115.1	c
Denmark	102.4	101.5	101.8	102.1	101.8	102.7	101.5	103.1	102.9	102.3	102.3	103.0	102.5
Germany	104.0	104.6	105.5	105.1	104.6	106.1	105.1	107.1	106.1	105.5	105.4	105.0	107.4
Estonia	105.9	106.2	107.0	105.4	104.9	106.0	105.7	105.6	107.4	104.6	106.7	107.3	105.4
Ireland	105.1	107.4	107.2	107.6	108.1	108.2	108.1	110.5	109.1	110.2	110.1	108.0	109.6
Greece	100.9	99.1	101.4	103.3	100.3	100.2	100.5	99.6	101.2	100.7	101.9	101.0	c
Spain	105.0	105.1	105.8	105.0	104.9	105.6	103.8	106.2	105.0	105.2	105.6	106.0	105.3
France	105.4	106.5	106.0	106.6	106.7	108.6	106.3	110.1	108.1	107.4	108.4	110.0	108.7
Croatia	102.1	102.9	106.2	106.3	106.5	105.6	105.2	106.5	106.0	107.9	106.6	107.3	c
Italy	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
Cyprus	110.4	111.5	112.0	111.2	111.3	113.1	112.8	114.1	113.1	116.4	116.5	117.0	c
Latvia	105.9	106.4	106.0	107.0	107.8	107.2	107.1	108.8	109.2	110.8	108.1	110.6	109.2
Lithuania	110.2	111.9	110.7	111.1	111.9	111.7	111.9	113.3	114.5	114.7	113.9	115.3	117.0
Luxembourg	34.2	34.3	34.5	34.5	34.2	34.8	34.5	34.9	34.7	34.9	35.0	35.2	35.3
Hungary	108.4	110.1	110.4	110.0	110.4	111.7	112.5	113.1	113.4	114.7	114.6	115.6	115.4
Malta	107.8	107.2	107.3	107.0	107.3	108.9	108.0	107.0	109.2	108.6	108.2	108.0	106.4
Netherlands	103.6	104.6	104.7	105.2	104.3	105.3	105.1	107.0	105.3	106.4	105.5	106.3	c
Austria	101.8	102.3	103.1	102.7	101.6	102.9	101.0	103.3	100.8	102.2	101.5	103.1	102.6
Poland	110.3	111.2	112.0	112.3	112.3	113.1	113.4	116.3	115.3	116.4	117.4	117.2	117.6
Portugal	106.3	106.7	107.7	107.6	107.1	108.0	106.2	109.4	109.8	109.8	109.6	111.6	107.0
Romania	120.6	125.0	123.2	125.2	128.8	129.0	128.4	129.7	131.9	130.1	126.5	127.8	130.0
Slovenia	111.4	111.8	111.9	112.8	111.6	111.8	112.6	115.0	112.5	111.9	111.5	112.8	110.5
Slovakia	107.7	108.6	109.0	107.5	108.9	108.7	109.3	110.3	111.0	110.0	110.5	111.5	110.9
Finland	104.6	103.8	104.6	104.9	104.9	105.4	105.2	106.6	105.9	106.5	106.1	106.2	104.6
Sweden	103.2	104.1	103.9	104.5	104.1	104.8	104.9	106.3	105.3	104.3	104.0	106.1	106.4
United Kingdom	106.0	106.8	104.4	105.3	108.5	105.6	105.0	108.0	106.6	106.5	107.1	106.3	107.9
Norway	101.3	102.8	102.3	102.7	102.1	101.3	101.1	103.2	102.2	101.8	102.0	102.4	103.0
Switzerland	96.9	97.8	98.8	97.7	96.9	97.9	97.3	99.0	98.4	97.9	98.7	98.9	98.9

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

	04/15	04/16	04/17	05/17	06/17	07/17	08/17	09/17	10/17	11/17	12/17	01/18	02/18	03/18	04/18
EA19	97.6	98.7	101.0	102.9	103.4	104.6	105.2	102.5	104.8	106.3	125.9	99.4	92.6	103.1	102.7
EU28	97.3	99.6	102.4	104.2	104.2	105.8	106.3	103.4	106.0	109.7	128.1	98.8	94.0	103.8	104.1
Belgium	100.7	99.2	98.8	102.2	102.3	100.4	92.1	97.5	100.1	98.2	119.3	97.5	87.0	100.4	97.3
Bulgaria	95.8	103.0	105.9	109.0	111.5	117.8	119.6	113.1	114.5	111.1	125.0	97.9	95.2	109.0	111.3
Czech Republic	96.0	101.4	106.5	111.5	112.2	108.0	109.4	112.1	113.6	123.2	139.0	102.8	98.7	112.9	c
Denmark	99.1	101.7	102.9	105.5	102.9	101.2	102.3	97.5	100.5	107.6	126.0	94.6	87.4	99.9	102.9
Germany	99.2	101.0	104.4	104.2	103.2	105.7	101.2	103.3	107.2	111.4	125.8	97.6	93.8	106.3	108.0
Estonia	95.7	100.3	102.8	110.5	111.8	112.7	109.5	103.9	107.0	102.7	122.0	95.8	90.5	103.8	102.2
Ireland	93.1	96.3	99.5	102.6	104.0	105.0	106.0	102.8	104.1	121.9	150.8	101.6	105.0	98.2	102.4
Greece	100.2	98.2	100.3	94.3	101.2	107.8	105.5	99.2	99.4	95.8	116.5	95.6	99.2	95.0	c
Spain	95.1	99.5	100.6	102.8	106.5	115.1	103.7	104.0	102.0	103.3	123.3	106.4	92.6	102.1	100.8
France	96.8	99.1	102.6	104.8	105.5	94.2	120.4	105.2	107.2	108.5	134.3	104.5	95.6	106.2	105.4
Croatia	96.8	98.7	99.0	102.5	113.3	130.2	130.6	110.5	104.4	96.3	112.4	87.6	82.8	99.2	c
Italy	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
Cyprus	94.1	101.4	106.4	110.6	115.5	122.4	115.6	115.4	113.6	109.3	136.4	105.4	98.2	107.2	c
Latvia	95.7	98.0	101.5	107.1	107.4	114.5	117.1	108.7	109.9	105.3	124.0	101.0	92.2	105.3	104.6
Lithuania	95.8	101.6	105.7	114.3	111.9	116.8	119.5	110.7	114.3	110.8	132.7	104.9	97.2	111.8	112.6
Luxembourg	126.6	47.3	34.2	34.5	34.6	35.6	31.0	34.4	35.5	34.4	40.6	32.5	30.6	35.6	35.6
Hungary	96.3	102.6	105.7	108.8	110.4	115.7	116.2	113.5	117.5	115.6	135.8	96.7	94.1	112.4	112.1
Malta	98.9	98.9	106.0	108.3	109.7	112.3	108.8	107.5	110.8	107.3	128.3	101.4	96.6	103.4	102.7
Netherlands	98.4	98.2	102.3	107.6	107.5	107.6	101.3	102.4	107.0	107.9	121.6	102.2	91.6	104.1	c
Austria	99.8	100.4	101.3	100.6	101.6	104.4	99.7	100.6	103.7	103.7	119.3	95.9	91.0	104.1	102.1
Poland	99.4	106.3	110.3	111.4	112.4	114.5	115.2	114.3	117.4	111.8	134.0	104.1	102.4	118.8	117.6
Portugal	94.0	95.8	99.9	103.3	105.5	116.5	117.0	107.9	105.6	108.2	133.7	100.8	94.4	106.6	98.7
Romania	95.8	114.0	120.2	124.1	122.2	132.0	140.6	134.2	132.8	135.6	148.0	109.6	104.6	120.5	129.1
Slovenia	100.0	100.7	109.4	108.7	113.0	116.9	114.3	114.5	117.7	113.3	124.7	105.2	97.6	112.6	107.9
Slovakia	95.9	99.4	105.7	109.8	112.4	106.2	108.2	107.8	111.1	113.3	129.3	99.0	98.5	111.8	108.7
Finland	96.6	97.0	100.4	107.1	110.0	112.3	108.5	102.2	104.9	105.0	128.5	94.8	89.0	101.5	100.1
Sweden	97.8	99.5	101.2	107.8	110.5	109.0	105.8	100.8	105.9	107.2	124.0	93.4	87.6	102.3	104.3
United Kingdom	95.5	99.5	104.1	104.4	101.8	104.7	104.3	101.4	104.8	120.0	133.6	95.7	97.8	101.3	103.5
Norway	95.5	91.7	93.8	107.8	109.2	103.9	105.4	97.3	100.3	106.5	126.2	93.0	86.2	95.9	95.5
Switzerland	97.0	95.1	93.8	99.7	97.8	97.6	91.4	93.9	97.9	104.8	120.2	93.4	87.2	98.5	95.8

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