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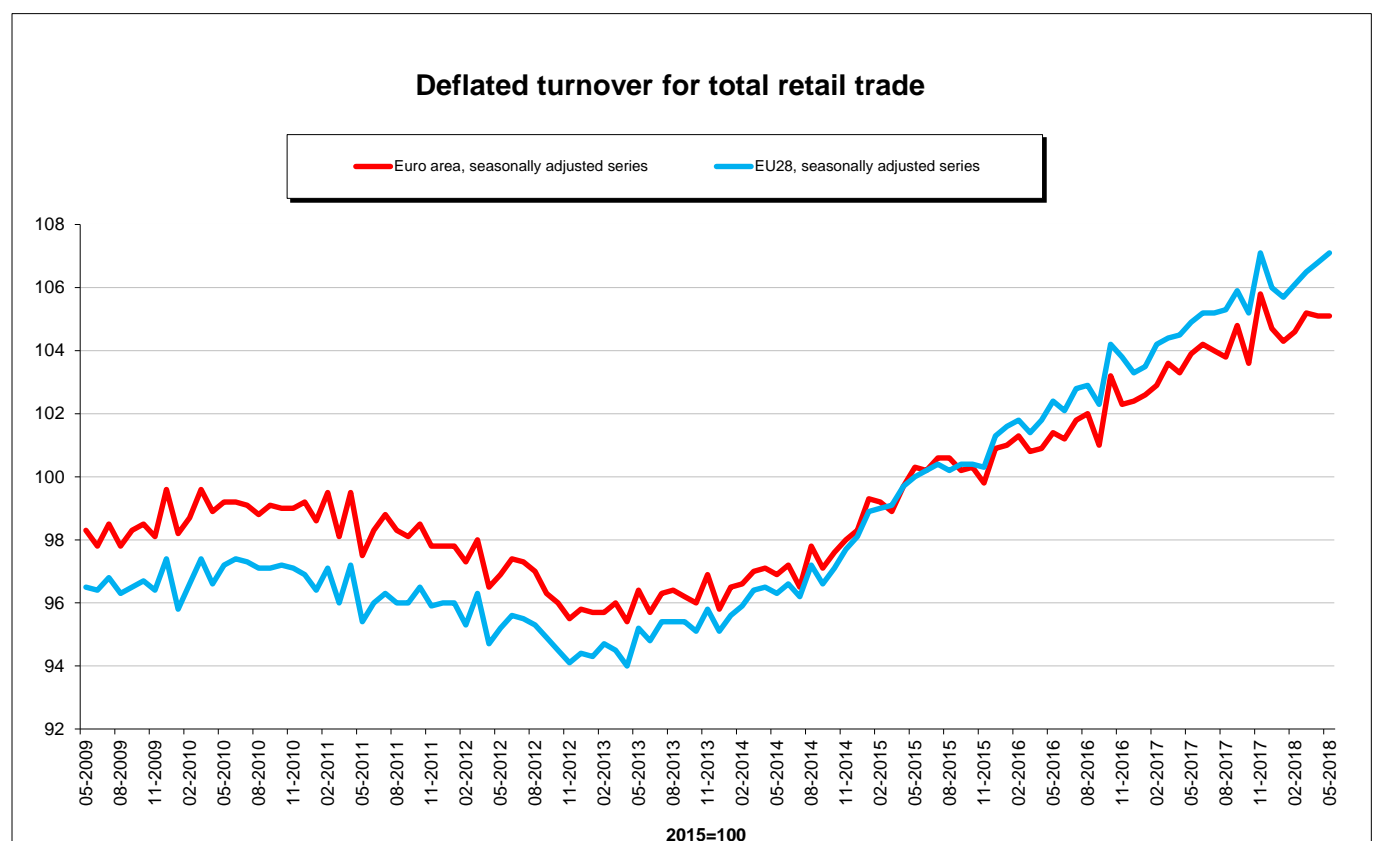
May 2018 compared with April 2018

Volume of retail trade unchanged in euro area

Up by 0.3% in EU28

In May 2018 compared with April 2018, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade did not change in the **euro area** (EA19) and increased by 0.3% in the **EU28**, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In April, the retail trade volume decreased by 0.1% in the **euro area** and increased by 0.3% in the **EU28**.

In May 2018 compared with May 2017 the calendar adjusted retail sales index increased by 1.4% in the **euro area** and by 2.3% in the **EU28**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The unchanged volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in May 2018, compared with April 2018, is due to a rise of 1.1% in "food, drinks and tobacco", while non-food products fell by 1.0%, and the volume of automotive fuels did not change. In the **EU28**, the 0.3% increase in the volume of retail trade is due to increases in "food, drinks and tobacco" by 1.2% and automotive fuel by 0.1%, 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 **Portugal** (+4.7%), **Latvia** (+3.4%), and **Slovenia** (+3.1%). Decreases were observed in **Germany** (-2.1%), **Austria** (-0.7%) as well as **Spain** and **Poland** both (-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 May 2018, compared with May 2017, is due to rises of 1.7% for "food, drinks and tobacco" and of 1.6% for non-food products, while automotive fuel fell by 0.3%. In the **EU28**, the 2.3% increase in retail trade volume is due to rises of 2.8% for non-food products, of 2.1% for automotive fuel and of 2.0% for "food, drinks, tobacco".

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest yearly increases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Hungary** (+7.7%), **Romania** (+7.1%) and **Latvia** (+6.9%). The largest decreases were observed in **Malta** (-1.8%), **Luxembourg** (-1.2%), and **Spain** (-0.4%).

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 [92/2018](#) of 5 June 2018. The monthly percentage change for April 2018 has been revised from +0.1% to -0.1% in the euro area and from +0.4% to +0.3% in the EU28. The annual percentage changes were revised from +1.7% to +1.6% in the euro area and remained at +1.7% 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*

	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18
EA19						
Total retail trade	-1.0	-0.4	0.3	0.6	-0.1	0.0
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.2	-0.6	1.0	0.8	-1.4	1.1
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-1.8	-0.1	-0.3	0.1	1.6	-1.0
<i>Textiles, clothing, footwear</i>	-2.7	-1.5	0.7	0.3	2.7	-3.1
<i>Electrical goods and furniture</i>	-2.1	1.3	-1.0	0.2	1.2	-0.6
<i>Computer equipment, books and other</i>	-0.7	0.3	-0.4	0.0	1.6	-0.5
<i>Pharmaceutical and medical goods</i>	-0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	-0.6
<i>Mail orders and internet</i>	-3.5	-1.6	-2.8	4.2	2.9	-1.7
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.5	0.0	0.9	-0.3	-0.3	0.0
EU28						
Total retail trade	-1.0	-0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.3	-0.7	1.2	0.5	-0.9	1.2
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-1.6	0.0	-0.4	0.3	1.6	-0.5
<i>Textiles, clothing, footwear</i>	-2.3	-0.9	-0.1	0.1	3.1	-2.5
<i>Electrical goods and furniture</i>	-2.6	1.2	-0.7	0.2	1.6	-0.1
<i>Computer equipment, books and other</i>	-0.2	-0.1	-0.9	-0.6	2.2	-0.3
<i>Pharmaceutical and medical goods</i>	-0.8	1.5	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.0
<i>Mail orders and internet</i>	-3.2	-1.3	-1.4	3.2	1.5	0.4
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.1	0.5	0.9	-1.1	1.2	0.1

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

Total retail trade	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18
EA19	-1.0	-0.4	0.3	0.6	-0.1	0.0
EU28	-1.0	-0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
Belgium	-1.0	-2.4	1.3	0.6	-1.6	2.9
Bulgaria	0.5	-0.2	-0.2	0.9	1.3	0.6
Czech Republic	0.4	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.5	c
Denmark	-0.2	-0.5	0.0	0.8	-0.5	1.4
Germany	-0.9	-0.6	-0.1	0.2	1.6	-2.1
Estonia	1.7	-2.5	2.0	0.7	-1.7	2.9
Ireland	-1.2	1.1	0.1	-2.1	2.1	2.0
Greece	1.6	-0.5	1.2	-0.7	0.5	c
Spain	-1.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	-0.7	-0.1
France	-1.8	-0.7	0.9	1.7	-1.8	0.8
Croatia	-0.5	1.8	-1.2	0.7	0.2	c
Italy	c	c	c	c	c	c
Cyprus	-0.6	2.7	-0.2	0.9	-0.8	c
Latvia	0.4	1.6	-2.3	2.2	-1.2	3.4
Lithuania	1.1	0.2	-0.7	1.2	2.0	0.2
Luxembourg	-0.9	0.6	-0.6	1.4	-1.4	0.3
Hungary	0.4	1.2	0.0	1.0	-0.2	1.5
Malta	2.0	-0.6	-0.3	0.0	-1.6	0.4
Netherlands	-1.6	1.0	-0.8	0.8	2.1	c
Austria	-2.4	1.3	-0.6	1.7	0.0	-0.7
Poland	-0.9	1.0	0.9	-0.2	0.3	-0.1
Portugal	0.4	0.0	-0.2	1.7	-3.8	4.7
Romania	1.7	-1.4	-2.8	1.0	2.1	2.1
Slovenia	-2.0	-0.5	-0.2	1.2	-1.7	3.1
Slovakia	0.7	-0.9	0.5	0.9	-0.4	0.8
Finland	-0.7	0.6	-0.4	0.3	-0.5	1.5
Sweden	-1.0	-0.9	-0.3	2.0	0.7	0.4
United Kingdom	-1.1	-0.3	0.9	-0.8	2.0	1.1
Norway	-0.9	-0.5	0.4	0.4	0.7	1.8
Switzerland	-0.7	-0.3	0.6	0.2	0.4	-1.3

* 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*

	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18
EA19						
Total retail trade	2.2	1.4	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.4
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.3	0.1	1.9	2.5	-0.4	1.7
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	3.0	3.0	1.9	1.0	3.4	1.6
<i>Textiles, clothing, footwear</i>	1.7	-0.6	-1.6	-2.4	2.8	-1.5
<i>Electrical goods and furniture</i>	1.1	2.8	0.8	-0.5	1.3	1.3
<i>Computer equipment, books and other</i>	1.8	2.5	1.4	-0.8	2.4	1.5
<i>Pharmaceutical and medical goods</i>	1.8	2.5	3.6	2.5	2.9	0.9
<i>Mail orders and internet</i>	8.1	7.5	4.0	6.1	10.2	5.9
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.0	-1.2	0.7	0.6	0.4	-0.3
EU28						
Total retail trade	2.6	1.9	1.8	2.4	1.7	2.3
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.2	-0.2	1.4	2.6	-1.0	2.0
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	3.9	3.7	2.0	2.2	3.6	2.8
<i>Textiles, clothing, footwear</i>	2.8	0.4	-1.2	-2.2	3.1	-0.5
<i>Electrical goods and furniture</i>	1.6	3.1	1.2	0.3	1.4	3.0
<i>Computer equipment, books and other</i>	2.2	2.5	-0.3	0.0	4.1	1.5
<i>Pharmaceutical and medical goods</i>	3.7	4.7	6.2	5.0	5.5	4.7
<i>Mail orders and internet</i>	10.6	9.1	5.6	8.3	8.3	8.5
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	1.5	1.2	2.7	1.6	2.5	2.1

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Total retail trade	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18
EA19	2.2	1.4	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.4
EU28	2.6	1.9	1.8	2.4	1.7	2.3
Belgium	-1.7	-2.7	0.8	-0.1	-1.5	-0.3
Bulgaria	4.8	4.4	3.0	2.4	5.1	6.2
Czech Republic	7.0	8.1	6.2	4.5	5.0	c
Denmark	2.1	0.1	0.5	1.8	0.0	3.5
Germany	2.8	2.3	1.2	0.0	3.3	0.3
Estonia	2.4	-1.1	2.3	1.6	-0.6	3.2
Ireland	6.3	6.4	6.5	3.4	3.1	5.2
Greece	1.7	1.0	-0.4	1.5	1.3	c
Spain	0.1	2.0	2.1	1.7	0.2	-0.4
France	3.8	2.4	2.9	4.5	2.1	2.9
Croatia	2.1	5.3	0.0	2.0	5.2	c
Italy	c	c	c	c	c	c
Cyprus	5.7	10.8	7.6	8.9	5.8	c
Latvia	7.3	6.3	3.5	6.3	3.0	6.9
Lithuania	5.5	5.2	3.0	5.2	7.0	5.9
Luxembourg	2.8	2.8	1.3	5.5	-0.6	-1.2
Hungary	6.8	7.8	6.7	7.1	6.1	7.7
Malta	8.0	7.5	6.3	4.6	-2.9	-1.8
Netherlands	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.1	4.9	c
Austria	-0.4	0.8	0.1	0.5	1.6	-0.2
Poland	8.6	5.5	7.1	6.0	6.6	5.6
Portugal	5.2	5.7	4.5	5.5	0.8	5.2
Romania	15.1	11.7	4.7	4.3	7.2	7.1
Slovenia	1.7	-0.5	-1.6	0.6	-0.7	3.8
Slovakia	5.6	4.3	5.0	5.1	2.8	3.5
Finland	5.5	3.4	2.5	3.3	1.5	4.0
Sweden	2.6	0.0	-0.2	3.0	3.4	3.5
United Kingdom	1.6	1.7	0.7	3.8	-0.4	3.9
Norway	4.0	1.9	1.1	1.1	1.9	3.2
Switzerland	1.5	-0.4	0.3	-1.0	2.9	-0.1

* Calendar adjusted

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

	05/17	06/17	07/17	08/17	09/17	10/17	11/17	12/17	01/18	02/18	03/18	04/18	05/18
EA19	103.9	104.2	104.0	103.8	104.8	103.6	105.8	104.7	104.3	104.6	105.2	105.1	105.1
EU28	104.9	105.2	105.2	105.3	105.9	105.2	107.1	106.0	105.7	106.1	106.5	106.8	107.1
Belgium	101.1	101.0	98.1	98.3	99.3	98.1	101.1	100.1	97.7	99.0	99.6	98.0	100.8
Bulgaria	109.8	109.5	109.9	110.5	110.5	111.3	111.6	112.2	112.0	111.8	112.8	114.3	115.0
Czech Republic	110.4	110.9	111.0	111.6	112.7	112.2	113.7	114.1	114.9	114.9	115.1	115.7	c
Denmark	101.0	101.7	102.1	101.7	102.7	101.6	103.2	103.0	102.5	102.5	103.3	102.8	104.2
Germany	104.6	105.5	105.1	104.6	106.1	105.1	107.1	106.1	105.5	105.4	105.6	107.3	105.0
Estonia	105.7	106.7	105.2	104.8	105.9	105.7	105.7	107.5	104.8	106.9	107.6	105.8	108.9
Ireland	107.2	107.1	107.6	108.0	108.1	108.0	110.4	109.1	110.3	110.4	108.1	110.4	112.6
Greece	99.1	101.4	103.3	100.3	100.3	100.5	99.6	101.2	100.7	101.9	101.2	101.7	c
Spain	105.3	105.9	105.0	105.0	105.6	103.8	106.2	104.9	105.1	105.5	105.9	105.2	105.1
France	106.6	106.1	106.7	106.8	108.5	106.3	110.1	108.1	107.3	108.3	110.1	108.1	109.0
Croatia	102.9	106.2	106.3	106.5	105.6	105.2	106.5	106.0	107.9	106.6	107.3	107.5	c
Italy	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
Cyprus	111.7	111.8	111.4	111.5	113.2	113.0	114.1	113.4	116.5	116.3	117.3	116.4	c
Latvia	106.0	105.8	106.8	107.7	107.1	107.1	108.9	109.3	111.0	108.4	110.8	109.5	113.2
Lithuania	111.9	110.7	111.1	111.9	111.7	111.9	113.3	114.5	114.7	113.9	115.3	117.6	117.8
Luxembourg	34.5	34.5	34.5	34.2	34.7	34.4	34.8	34.5	34.7	34.5	35.0	34.5	34.6
Hungary	109.7	110.3	109.9	110.4	111.7	112.5	113.1	113.5	114.9	114.9	116.0	115.8	117.5
Malta	107.3	107.3	107.1	107.4	109.0	108.1	107.2	109.3	108.6	108.3	108.3	106.6	107.0
Netherlands	104.6	104.7	105.2	104.3	105.3	105.1	107.0	105.3	106.4	105.5	106.3	108.5	c
Austria	102.7	103.3	102.8	101.6	102.9	100.9	103.2	100.7	102.0	101.4	103.1	103.1	102.4
Poland	111.2	112.0	112.3	112.3	113.1	113.4	116.3	115.3	116.4	117.4	117.2	117.6	117.5
Portugal	106.7	107.7	107.6	107.1	108.0	106.2	109.4	109.8	109.8	109.6	111.5	107.3	112.3
Romania	125.0	123.2	125.2	128.8	129.0	128.4	129.7	131.9	130.1	126.5	127.8	130.5	133.3
Slovenia	111.0	111.7	112.7	111.5	111.8	112.7	115.1	112.8	112.2	112.0	113.3	111.4	114.8
Slovakia	108.4	109.0	107.5	108.9	108.7	109.3	110.3	111.1	110.1	110.6	111.6	111.1	112.0
Finland	103.5	104.5	104.9	104.9	105.4	105.2	106.7	106.0	106.6	106.2	106.5	106.0	107.6
Sweden	103.7	103.9	104.6	104.2	104.8	104.9	106.4	105.3	104.3	104.0	106.1	106.8	107.2
United Kingdom	105.6	106.1	106.3	107.5	106.5	107.1	107.9	106.7	106.4	107.4	106.5	108.6	109.8
Norway	102.4	102.2	102.7	102.1	101.2	101.1	103.2	102.3	101.8	102.2	102.6	103.3	105.2
Switzerland	98.0	98.8	97.7	96.9	97.9	97.3	99.1	98.4	98.1	98.7	98.9	99.3	98.0

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

	05/15	05/16	05/17	06/17	07/17	08/17	09/17	10/17	11/17	12/17	01/18	02/18	03/18	04/18	05/18
EA19	99.3	100.4	102.9	103.4	104.6	105.2	102.5	104.8	106.3	125.9	99.4	92.6	103.3	102.6	104.3
EU28	99.1	101.5	104.0	104.5	106.0	106.1	103.5	106.4	109.6	128.1	98.8	94.0	103.9	104.1	106.4
Belgium	101.6	101.3	102.2	102.3	100.4	92.1	97.5	100.1	98.2	119.3	97.5	87.0	100.4	97.3	101.9
Bulgaria	96.2	103.3	109.0	111.5	117.8	119.6	113.1	114.5	111.1	125.0	97.9	95.2	109.0	111.3	115.8
Czech Republic	100.3	104.2	111.5	112.1	107.9	109.3	112.0	113.5	123.2	139.1	102.8	98.8	113.2	111.9	c
Denmark	101.0	105.4	105.5	102.9	101.2	102.2	97.5	100.5	107.6	126.0	94.6	87.4	99.9	102.9	109.2
Germany	100.4	101.2	104.2	103.2	105.7	101.2	103.3	107.2	111.4	125.8	97.6	93.8	106.8	107.9	104.5
Estonia	102.7	108.6	110.5	111.8	112.7	109.5	103.9	107.0	102.7	122.0	95.8	90.5	103.8	102.2	114.0
Ireland	92.5	99.3	102.6	104.0	105.0	106.0	102.8	104.1	121.9	150.8	101.6	105.0	98.2	102.6	107.9
Greece	100.3	94.0	94.3	101.2	107.8	105.5	99.2	99.4	95.8	116.5	95.6	99.2	95.0	101.6	c
Spain	98.0	100.3	102.8	106.5	115.1	103.7	104.0	102.0	103.3	123.3	106.4	92.6	102.1	100.8	102.4
France	98.1	101.3	104.8	105.5	94.2	120.4	105.1	107.2	108.5	134.4	104.5	95.6	106.4	104.8	107.8
Croatia	99.6	101.5	102.5	113.3	130.2	130.6	110.5	104.4	96.3	112.4	87.6	82.8	99.2	104.1	c
Italy	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
Cyprus	99.7	99.5	110.2	115.2	122.5	115.6	115.7	113.9	109.3	136.3	105.5	97.7	108.0	113.0	c
Latvia	99.4	102.8	107.2	107.4	114.5	117.1	108.8	109.9	105.3	124.0	101.0	92.2	105.1	104.5	114.6
Lithuania	101.3	107.3	114.3	111.9	116.8	119.5	110.7	114.3	110.8	132.7	104.9	97.2	111.8	113.1	121.1
Luxembourg	130.0	48.0	34.5	34.6	35.6	31.0	34.4	35.4	34.4	40.7	32.5	30.1	36.2	34.0	34.1
Hungary	95.9	102.2	108.9	110.4	115.7	116.2	113.5	117.5	115.6	135.8	96.7	94.1	112.4	112.2	117.3
Malta	101.0	101.7	108.3	109.7	112.4	108.9	107.6	110.8	107.5	128.4	101.2	96.7	104.1	102.9	106.4
Netherlands	101.7	104.2	107.6	107.5	107.6	101.3	102.4	107.0	107.9	121.6	102.2	91.6	104.1	107.3	c
Austria	97.3	99.3	100.5	101.6	104.3	99.7	100.6	103.7	103.7	119.3	95.9	91.0	104.2	102.9	100.3
Poland	100.2	106.6	111.4	112.4	114.5	115.2	114.3	117.4	111.8	134.0	104.1	102.4	118.8	117.6	117.6
Portugal	97.4	97.7	103.3	105.5	116.5	117.0	107.9	105.6	108.2	133.7	100.8	94.4	106.4	100.7	108.7
Romania	95.9	108.4	124.1	122.2	132.0	140.6	134.2	132.8	135.6	148.0	109.6	104.6	120.5	128.9	132.9
Slovenia	98.9	98.8	108.7	113.0	116.9	114.3	114.5	117.7	113.3	124.7	105.2	97.7	112.6	108.6	112.8
Slovakia	98.1	102.1	109.8	112.4	106.2	108.2	107.8	111.1	113.3	129.3	99.0	98.5	111.8	108.7	113.6
Finland	103.3	105.5	107.1	110.0	112.3	108.5	102.2	104.9	104.9	128.4	94.7	88.8	101.6	101.8	111.4
Sweden	102.1	107.5	107.8	110.5	109.0	105.8	100.8	105.9	107.2	124.0	93.3	87.6	102.3	104.6	111.6
United Kingdom	97.5	102.3	103.5	103.7	106.1	103.5	102.2	107.1	119.6	133.5	95.6	97.9	101.3	103.7	107.5
Norway	103.2	105.2	107.9	109.2	103.9	105.4	97.3	100.3	106.5	126.1	93.0	86.2	95.9	95.5	111.3
Switzerland	102.0	100.2	99.7	97.8	97.6	91.4	93.9	97.8	104.8	120.2	93.5	87.2	98.5	96.5	99.6

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