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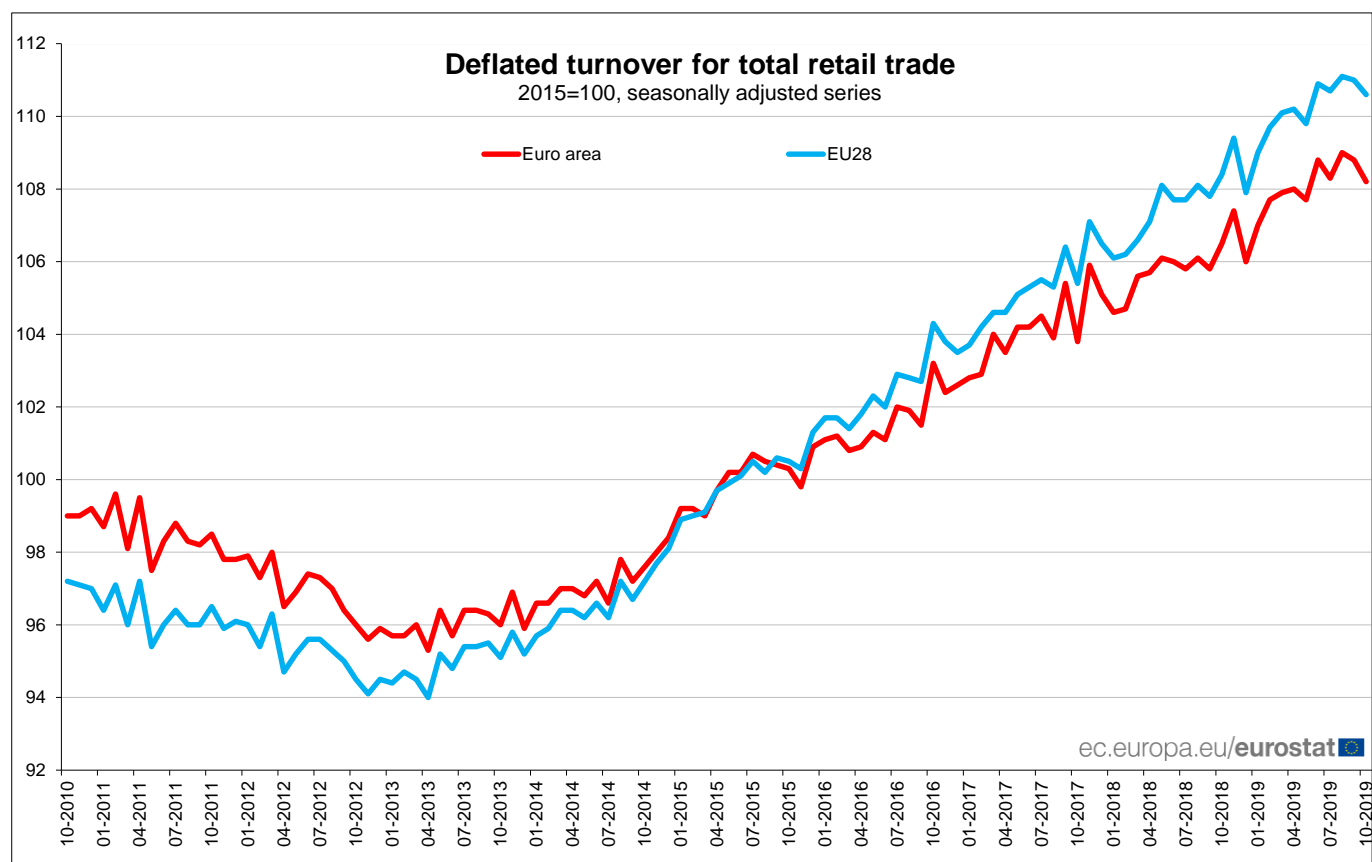
October 2019 compared with September 2019

Volume of retail trade down by 0.6% in euro area

Down by 0.4% in EU28

In October 2019 compared with September 2019, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade decreased by 0.6% in the **euro area** (EA19) and by 0.4% in the **EU28**, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In September 2019, the retail trade volume decreased by 0.2% in the **euro area** and by 0.1% in the **EU28**.

In October 2019 compared with October 2018, the calendar adjusted retail sales index increased by 1.4% in the **euro area** and by 1.9% in the **EU28**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in October 2019, compared with September 2019, the volume of retail trade decreased by 1.1% for non-food products, while food, drinks and tobacco increased by 0.3% and automotive fuels by 0.6%. In the **EU28**, the volume of retail trade decreased by 0.8% for non-food products while food, drinks and tobacco increased by 0.2% and automotive fuels by 0.6%.

Among Member States for which data are available, the largest decreases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Germany** and **Ireland** (both -1.9%) and **Finland** (-1.2%). The highest increases were observed in **Portugal** (+2.1%), **Poland** (+0.9%), **Belgium** and **Romania** (both +0.8%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in October 2019, compared with October 2018, the volume of retail trade increased by 2.3% for non-food products, by 1.4% for automotive fuel and by 0.3% for food, drinks and tobacco. In the **EU28**, the retail trade volume increased by 2.8% for non-food products, by 2.0% for automotive fuel, and by 0.9% for food, drinks and tobacco.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest yearly increases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Romania** (+6.9%), **Hungary** (+6.2%) and **Malta** (+5.1%). Decreases were observed in **Slovenia** (-5.4%), **Slovakia** (-3.3%) and **Latvia** (-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, Czechia, 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 [171/2019](#) of 6 November 2019. The monthly percentage change for September 2019 has been revised from +0.1% to -0.2% in the euro area and from +0.2% to -0.1% in the EU28. The annual percentage change was revised from +3.1% to +2.7% in the euro area and from +3.2% to +3.0% 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*

	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19
EA19						
Total retail trade	-0.3	1.0	-0.5	0.6	-0.2	-0.6
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.7	1.0	-0.5	0.6	-0.8	0.3
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.0	1.1	-0.4	0.7	0.1	-1.1
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-1.1	4.7	-3.4	1.0	-0.3	-0.8
Electrical goods and furniture	0.2	0.6	-0.2	0.5	-0.4	-0.5
Computer equipment, books and other	0.4	0.1	0.1	1.1	-0.6	-0.2
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.3	0.0	-0.2	1.3	0.4	-0.9
Mail orders and internet	1.3	2.0	0.3	1.0	-0.2	-2.5
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-1.4	1.5	-0.1	0.2	-0.3	0.6
EU28						
Total retail trade	-0.4	1.0	-0.2	0.4	-0.1	-0.4
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.8	0.9	-0.4	0.5	-0.4	0.2
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-0.1	1.1	-0.2	0.3	0.1	-0.8
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-1.5	4.0	-2.5	0.8	0.1	-1.0
Electrical goods and furniture	0.4	0.6	-0.4	0.4	0.1	-0.5
Computer equipment, books and other	-0.2	0.3	0.4	0.7	-0.4	-0.5
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.7	-0.1	0.1	0.6	-0.7	-0.3
Mail orders and internet	1.0	1.8	1.9	-0.2	-0.6	-1.3
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-1.6	1.6	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.6

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Total retail trade	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19
EA19	-0.3	1.0	-0.5	0.6	-0.2	-0.6
EU28	-0.4	1.0	-0.2	0.4	-0.1	-0.4
Belgium	1.1	0.6	-1.3	-0.7	-0.2	0.8
Bulgaria	-0.3	1.0	0.7	-0.3	0.0	-0.1
Czechia	-1.0	1.7	-0.1	0.1	0.7	c
Denmark	-1.2	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.3	-0.4
Germany	-0.5	1.9	-0.5	0.1	0.0	-1.9
Estonia	-2.4	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.4	0.0
Ireland	-2.0	-0.7	1.9	0.4	2.1	-1.9
Greece	0.6	2.7	-1.7	2.2	1.5	c
Spain	1.2	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.1	-0.2
France	-0.2	0.4	-1.1	2.9	-1.5	0.1
Croatia	-2.5	3.5	-1.4	-1.1	2.6	-0.1
Italy	-0.7	1.3	-0.2	c	c	c
Cyprus	-0.3	0.7	0.2	1.3	0.0	c
Latvia	-1.2	-0.2	-0.6	-0.1	-1.2	-0.2
Lithuania	-2.7	1.5	-0.3	-0.2	0.6	0.2
Luxembourg	-1.1	1.1	0.5	-0.3	0.5	0.5
Hungary	0.0	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.6
Malta	-2.6	3.2	-0.4	-0.1	1.7	-0.2
Netherlands	-0.2	-0.1	0.3	-0.9	1.3	c
Austria	-1.8	1.6	1.0	-1.3	0.2	-0.1
Poland	-1.8	2.7	-1.0	-0.5	-0.5	0.9
Portugal	1.3	-1.5	0.9	0.8	-2.5	2.1
Romania	-0.5	1.5	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.8
Slovenia	-1.9	-0.7	1.3	-0.8	-0.4	0.7
Slovakia	-2.1	0.8	-0.2	-1.2	0.3	0.6
Finland	-1.2	1.8	-0.5	0.8	0.5	-1.2
Sweden	-2.9	1.0	0.0	0.1	0.6	-0.3
United Kingdom	-0.2	0.5	0.7	-0.4	0.1	-0.1
Norway	-1.3	-0.5	0.9	0.0	-0.1	-0.8
Switzerland	-0.6	1.3	-0.5	-0.8	-0.2	1.0

* 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*

	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19
EA19						
Total retail trade	1.3	2.8	2.4	2.8	2.7	1.4
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.3	1.2	1.0	1.2	0.6	0.3
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	2.5	4.5	3.6	4.2	4.7	2.3
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-2.5	4.6	0.2	0.2	3.1	-0.3
Electrical goods and furniture	2.3	3.2	3.3	4.0	2.5	2.3
Computer equipment, books and other	3.5	4.1	4.5	5.5	4.8	3.1
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	3.7	2.4	1.6	3.6	4.2	2.5
Mail orders and internet	9.6	9.3	10.2	11.2	11.1	6.7
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-1.0	0.9	1.2	1.9	0.7	1.4
EU28						
Total retail trade	1.4	3.2	2.7	2.8	3.0	1.9
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.2	1.2	1.1	1.3	1.1	0.9
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	2.8	5.1	4.2	4.2	4.5	2.8
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-1.9	4.7	0.6	1.0	3.2	0.7
Electrical goods and furniture	2.5	3.4	3.9	3.5	2.6	2.3
Computer equipment, books and other	3.1	4.7	4.8	4.4	4.2	2.3
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	5.2	3.7	3.0	3.8	3.3	1.8
Mail orders and internet	11.3	11.7	13.8	12.8	12.0	9.4
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-1.4	1.2	1.9	2.9	1.4	2.0

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Total retail trade	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19
EA19	1.3	2.8	2.4	2.8	2.7	1.4
EU28	1.4	3.2	2.7	2.8	3.0	1.9
Belgium	-0.4	0.4	1.4	0.3	0.6	0.4
Bulgaria	0.3	0.1	3.8	2.0	2.6	1.2
Czechia	2.7	6.3	4.6	4.7	5.1	c
Denmark	-1.8	0.9	1.3	0.8	0.7	0.8
Germany	1.6	3.9	3.0	3.4	3.4	0.8
Estonia	1.6	3.8	3.9	4.6	3.7	4.3
Ireland	3.5	2.3	4.7	4.4	4.9	3.5
Greece	-2.2	2.4	-2.2	2.2	5.1	c
Spain	3.1	2.6	3.2	3.3	3.6	2.5
France	2.4	2.4	1.1	4.3	2.6	1.4
Croatia	-1.3	7.2	3.6	0.4	3.3	2.6
Italy	-1.8	2.8	1.8	c	c	c
Cyprus	1.5	2.0	3.1	5.2	4.5	c
Latvia	1.2	2.2	1.4	2.5	-0.8	-0.4
Lithuania	3.4	6.1	5.1	3.4	4.5	4.2
Luxembourg	2.3	3.9	5.4	3.4	4.4	4.3
Hungary	2.4	5.4	6.3	5.9	5.7	6.2
Malta	-0.4	5.1	5.4	3.8	5.9	5.1
Netherlands	2.3	2.2	1.8	0.9	2.8	c
Austria	-0.7	1.9	3.8	0.3	1.9	0.4
Poland	2.6	5.9	4.8	4.8	3.9	3.8
Portugal	4.4	4.0	5.1	4.5	3.7	3.3
Romania	3.3	5.8	7.0	7.4	7.1	6.9
Slovenia	5.5	3.3	6.3	4.1	1.7	-5.4
Slovakia	-2.6	-0.4	-0.8	-3.0	-2.7	-3.3
Finland	-0.5	4.5	2.6	3.9	4.0	2.6
Sweden	-1.2	2.7	2.7	1.5	2.0	2.3
United Kingdom	1.8	3.1	3.2	2.3	2.7	2.6
Norway	-2.3	0.4	0.9	0.4	0.8	-0.3
Switzerland	-0.5	1.0	1.1	-0.5	1.5	0.7

* Calendar adjusted

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

	10/18	11/18	12/18	01/19	02/19	03/19	04/19	05/19	06/19	07/19	08/19	09/19	10/19
EA19	106.5	107.4	106.0	107.0	107.7	107.9	108.0	107.7	108.8	108.3	109.0	108.8	108.2
EU28	108.4	109.4	107.9	109.0	109.7	110.1	110.2	109.8	110.9	110.7	111.1	111.0	110.6
Belgium	98.8	100.0	98.8	97.5	99.3	98.6	99.0	100.1	100.7	99.4	98.7	98.5	99.3
Bulgaria	118.0	118.7	118.1	117.6	116.9	117.1	117.6	117.2	118.4	119.2	118.9	118.9	118.8
Czechia	117.5	118.8	118.8	119.5	120.8	121.6	121.8	120.6	122.7	122.6	122.7	123.6	c
Denmark	103.5	104.9	104.0	103.3	104.3	104.9	104.7	103.4	104.7	104.7	104.7	105.0	104.6
Germany	108.2	109.7	106.2	109.6	110.2	110.6	110.0	109.5	111.6	111.0	111.1	111.1	109.0
Estonia	107.8	110.2	108.1	110.2	111.7	112.4	112.4	109.7	110.1	110.9	112.0	112.5	112.5
Ireland	116.9	117.6	117.2	118.3	120.4	120.3	121.5	119.1	118.3	120.5	121.0	123.5	121.1
Greece	98.5	102.2	101.4	99.6	100.3	104.5	100.8	101.4	104.1	102.3	104.5	106.1	c
Spain	105.8	106.9	105.7	106.5	107.1	107.3	106.7	108.0	108.2	108.2	108.6	108.7	108.5
France	111.0	111.0	110.5	110.7	112.1	111.8	112.6	112.4	112.8	111.6	114.8	113.1	113.2
Croatia	111.7	113.3	112.5	114.0	115.3	115.0	113.8	111.0	114.9	113.3	112.0	114.9	114.8
Italy	99.9	100.1	100.0	100.5	100.1	100.0	100.4	99.7	101.0	100.8	c	c	c
Cyprus	116.1	119.4	118.7	117.0	118.6	119.9	119.9	119.5	120.3	120.6	122.2	122.2	c
Latvia	111.1	113.3	111.8	112.5	114.0	114.1	115.0	113.6	113.4	112.7	112.6	111.2	111.0
Lithuania	120.5	121.3	121.4	121.2	122.6	125.9	127.3	123.9	125.7	125.3	125.0	125.8	126.1
Luxembourg	36.0	36.2	36.2	36.1	36.5	36.3	36.9	36.5	36.9	37.1	37.0	37.2	37.4
Hungary	120.3	120.7	121.0	121.8	122.8	123.1	123.7	123.7	124.7	125.4	125.9	126.5	127.2
Malta	109.5	109.5	109.3	111.5	110.8	112.3	113.4	110.4	113.9	113.4	113.3	115.2	115.0
Netherlands	107.8	110.0	107.7	108.0	109.3	109.5	110.3	110.1	110.0	110.3	109.3	110.7	c
Austria	103.3	103.1	103.5	102.6	103.3	102.8	104.3	102.4	104.0	105.0	103.6	103.8	103.7
Poland	120.6	122.6	121.2	120.6	123.0	123.6	125.8	123.5	126.8	125.5	124.9	124.3	125.4
Portugal	113.0	113.9	114.4	115.7	114.6	116.5	115.7	117.2	115.5	116.5	117.4	114.5	116.9
Romania	135.5	136.8	135.5	138.8	138.7	139.6	139.0	138.3	140.4	141.0	141.6	142.9	144.1
Slovenia	128.6	126.3	125.5	122.7	125.0	121.9	124.1	121.8	120.9	122.5	121.5	121.0	121.8
Slovakia	114.9	115.2	112.4	113.5	110.7	110.6	112.5	110.1	111.0	110.8	109.5	109.8	110.5
Finland	106.5	108.0	108.2	107.1	107.9	108.4	109.1	107.8	109.7	109.2	110.1	110.7	109.4
Sweden	105.7	107.6	105.3	106.6	106.8	107.3	109.9	106.7	107.8	107.8	107.9	108.5	108.2
United Kingdom	110.1	111.4	109.5	111.1	111.6	112.9	112.3	112.1	112.7	113.5	113.1	113.2	113.1
Norway	102.3	103.4	101.2	103.0	101.7	102.4	104.3	102.9	102.4	103.3	103.3	103.2	102.4
Switzerland	98.1	98.4	98.0	97.9	98.3	98.1	98.5	97.9	99.2	98.7	97.9	97.7	98.7

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

	10/16	10/17	10/18	11/18	12/18	01/19	02/19	03/19	04/19	05/19	06/19	07/19	08/19	09/19	10/19
EA19	104.7	105.1	107.9	108.7	126.8	101.8	95.5	105.8	105.5	106.6	108.8	108.5	111.0	105.7	109.4
EU28	105.7	106.6	109.6	112.7	129.7	101.6	97.3	107.1	108.0	108.7	110.8	111.3	112.3	108.0	111.7
Belgium	102.6	100.1	100.6	97.5	118.0	97.1	87.5	99.4	98.4	101.7	102.6	101.5	92.1	96.1	101.0
Bulgaria	109.6	115.7	122.0	120.6	130.7	102.6	96.4	111.6	113.2	118.1	120.3	129.4	130.4	122.2	123.5
Czechia	110.0	114.1	119.6	129.2	145.2	108.0	104.3	120.1	118.4	120.6	123.0	118.8	119.2	121.3	c
Denmark	102.2	100.4	101.4	110.5	127.1	94.2	88.8	102.2	105.0	107.1	106.8	103.4	105.3	101.0	102.2
Germany	106.6	107.9	110.0	114.6	125.1	101.3	98.6	112.1	110.7	108.8	110.8	111.6	107.3	107.4	110.9
Estonia	105.8	107.0	109.0	107.7	122.3	101.1	95.3	109.5	109.1	114.1	114.0	117.9	116.6	110.7	113.7
Ireland	101.6	107.8	112.9	130.0	159.6	109.9	114.3	108.3	113.8	114.4	115.9	117.1	118.8	118.8	116.9
Greece	100.3	99.4	95.3	98.7	116.3	92.5	96.1	99.6	99.3	96.0	105.3	107.9	111.7	107.3	c
Spain	103.8	102.0	104.9	104.8	123.3	107.4	94.2	103.8	101.6	105.8	109.6	117.8	107.5	106.1	107.5
France	106.0	107.3	112.5	110.5	136.5	107.1	98.9	107.8	109.5	110.7	112.6	97.0	131.3	108.3	114.1
Croatia	102.9	104.3	110.3	103.1	118.6	92.1	92.2	107.6	109.4	110.4	123.0	138.1	136.3	119.7	113.2
Italy	103.8	102.0	102.6	100.8	121.1	95.8	88.5	95.7	94.4	97.1	100.1	108.9	c	c	c
Cyprus	109.0	114.0	115.5	116.2	143.6	104.3	99.3	111.9	116.4	118.1	125.2	131.3	126.4	124.5	c
Latvia	105.3	109.9	112.5	109.5	126.7	102.2	97.5	109.2	111.3	115.8	115.5	121.0	121.7	111.4	112.0
Lithuania	112.3	114.3	123.1	118.6	139.1	110.1	105.0	120.8	125.6	126.6	127.3	132.0	133.4	124.9	128.3
Luxembourg	35.0	35.3	37.4	36.5	42.8	34.0	31.8	36.8	36.3	35.9	37.1	39.0	33.5	35.9	39.0
Hungary	111.0	116.5	125.0	123.1	143.8	104.8	103.0	121.0	121.9	122.5	126.6	129.4	131.9	125.8	132.8
Malta	106.1	112.1	112.7	109.6	126.7	101.7	96.7	106.2	112.0	110.7	118.0	120.1	113.9	113.5	118.4
Netherlands	105.9	107.0	110.0	111.8	123.6	103.3	94.8	107.3	109.6	113.8	112.9	113.4	105.5	107.5	c
Austria	105.4	103.4	106.1	103.5	122.3	95.9	92.8	103.7	104.3	100.6	102.7	107.3	101.7	100.9	106.5
Poland	110.2	117.4	124.6	118.3	140.4	107.4	107.3	125.3	126.8	124.0	128.2	128.3	127.6	124.7	129.3
Portugal	103.5	105.6	112.3	113.4	138.8	106.8	99.3	111.3	108.3	114.5	113.6	125.5	127.0	113.6	116.0
Romania	117.7	132.8	140.6	145.1	152.7	117.8	114.4	132.0	137.2	137.2	139.7	147.8	153.3	148.7	150.3
Slovenia	114.7	117.6	134.3	124.0	139.5	114.5	110.0	120.6	121.9	119.2	122.4	126.9	124.0	124.1	127.0
Slovakia	105.2	111.1	117.8	119.4	130.1	103.5	98.6	109.6	110.7	110.6	113.2	109.9	108.1	108.7	113.9
Finland	102.3	105.0	105.5	106.7	131.7	94.9	90.2	103.5	104.9	111.6	115.1	116.7	113.8	108.0	108.2
Sweden	104.1	105.9	106.4	109.7	123.3	95.2	90.0	103.6	109.0	110.4	114.0	111.7	109.5	105.1	108.8
United Kingdom	107.0	107.3	109.7	123.6	136.0	99.1	101.6	105.8	109.6	109.4	110.2	113.9	109.4	108.4	112.6
Norway	99.9	100.3	100.9	106.9	124.5	94.0	85.4	95.8	97.1	108.8	109.1	104.9	107.0	99.2	100.6
Switzerland	100.0	97.9	99.2	104.3	119.7	93.3	86.6	97.5	96.1	99.3	99.0	98.5	91.8	92.6	99.9

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