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December 2019 compared with November 2019

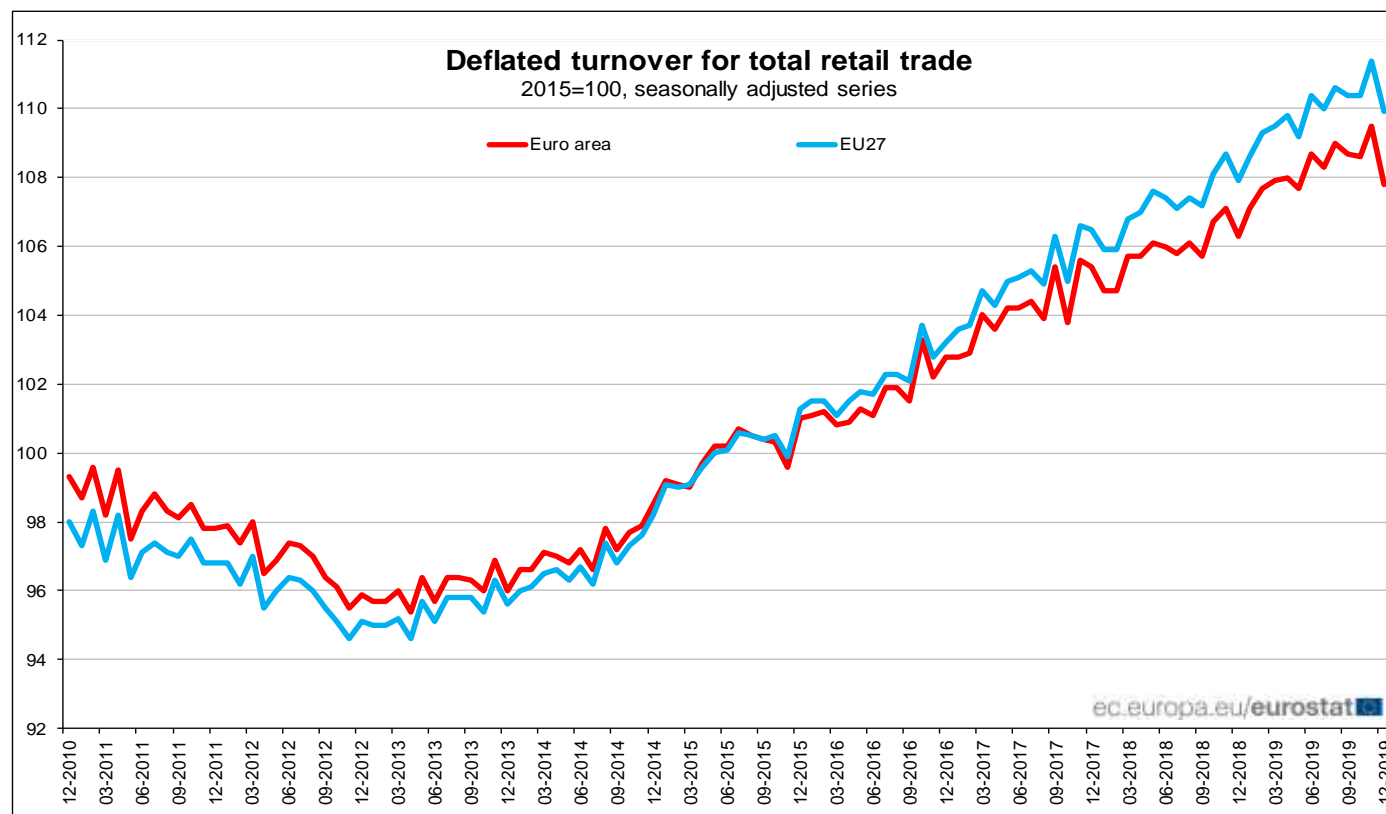
Volume of retail trade down by 1.6% in euro area

Down by 1.3% in EU27

In December 2019 compared with November 2019, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade decreased by 1.6% in the **euro area** (EA19) and by 1.3% in the **EU27**, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In November 2019, the retail trade volume increased by 0.8% in the **euro area** and by 0.9% in the **EU27**.

In December 2019 compared with December 2018, the calendar adjusted retail sales index increased by 1.3% in the **euro area** and by 1.9% in the **EU27**.

The average retail trade for the year 2019, compared with 2018, rose by 2.2% in the **euro area** and by 2.4% in **EU27**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in December 2019, compared with November 2019, the volume of retail trade decreased by 1.6% for non-food products and by 1.4% for food, drinks and tobacco and automotive fuels. In the **EU27**, the volume of retail trade decreased by 1.6% for non-food products, by 1.3% for food, drinks and tobacco and by 0.9% for automotive fuels.

Among Member States for which data are available, the largest decreases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Germany** (-3.3%), **Slovenia** (-2.8%) and **Finland** (-2.3%). The highest increases were observed in **Ireland** (+2.7%), **Malta** (+1.3%) and **Romania** (+0.8%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in December 2019, compared with December 2018, the volume of retail trade increased by 3.6% for non-food products while food, drinks and tobacco decreased by 0.7% and automotive fuel by 3.7%. In the **EU27**, the retail trade volume increased by 4.0% for non-food products while food, drinks and tobacco decreased by 0.3% and automotive fuel by 2.6%.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest yearly increases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Romania** (+8.5%), **Hungary** (+6.1%) and **Malta** (+5.6%). The largest decreases were observed in **Slovenia** (-6.6%), **Slovakia** (-2.5%), and **Finland** (-1.6%).

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** (EU27) 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 and Sweden.

As of 1 February 2020, the United Kingdom is no longer part of the European Union. Information on dissemination of European statistics after Brexit can be found on the [Eurostat website](#).

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 [3/2020](#) of 7 January 2020. The monthly percentage change for November 2019 has been revised from +1.0% to +0.8% in the euro area. The annual percentage change was revised from +2.2% to +2.3% in the euro area.

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*

	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19
EA19						
Total retail trade	-0.4	0.6	-0.3	-0.1	0.8	-1.6
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.6	0.6	-0.8	0.4	0.5	-1.4
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-0.4	0.8	0.0	-0.4	1.2	-1.6
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-3.4	1.1	-0.3	-0.7	1.8	-2.8
Electrical goods and furniture	-0.4	0.5	-0.2	-0.3	1.3	-1.2
Computer equipment, books and other	0.1	1.2	-0.5	0.0	1.3	-2.1
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	-0.1	1.3	0.4	0.1	0.5	-1.0
Mail orders and internet	0.3	1.6	-0.8	-2.5	1.6	2.0
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.1	0.1	-0.4	0.4	-1.3	-1.4
EU27						
Total retail trade	-0.4	0.5	-0.2	0.0	0.9	-1.3
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.7	0.6	-0.8	0.5	0.5	-1.3
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-0.4	0.7	0.1	-0.3	1.5	-1.6
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-3.2	1.0	-0.2	-0.7	1.8	-2.6
Electrical goods and furniture	0.0	0.4	-0.1	-0.2	1.6	-1.1
Computer equipment, books and other	0.2	0.9	-0.4	0.2	1.1	-1.9
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.1	1.2	0.3	0.1	1.0	-1.0
Mail orders and internet	0.2	1.2	-0.3	-2.0	1.7	1.8
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.3	-1.1	-0.9

Source dataset: [sts_trtu_m](#)

Total retail trade	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19
EA19	-0.4	0.6	-0.3	-0.1	0.8	-1.6
EU27	-0.4	0.5	-0.2	0.0	0.9	-1.3
EU28	-0.3	0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.5	-1.0
Belgium	-1.2	-0.7	-0.1	0.6	2.8	-2.0
Bulgaria	0.7	-0.3	0.0	0.2	1.3	0.7
Czechia	-0.3	0.2	0.7	0.0	0.0	c
Denmark	-0.1	0.0	0.3	-0.4	0.0	-0.2
Germany	-0.5	0.0	0.1	-0.7	1.6	-3.3
Estonia	0.6	1.0	0.4	0.0	1.6	-2.1
Ireland	1.9	0.4	2.1	-1.5	-1.2	2.7
Greece	-1.8	2.2	1.4	-0.6	-0.3	c
Spain	0.1	0.4	0.0	-0.1	0.7	-1.3
France	-1.1	3.1	-1.7	0.2	1.0	-1.4
Croatia	-1.2	-1.1	2.0	0.3	1.3	0.3
Italy	-0.1	-0.3	0.2	c	c	c
Cyprus	0.3	1.3	-0.1	0.7	1.8	c
Latvia	-0.6	0.1	-1.2	0.3	2.8	-0.2
Lithuania	-0.3	-0.2	0.6	-0.1	0.9	-0.1
Luxembourg	0.8	-0.5	0.0	0.3	0.0	-0.3
Hungary	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.4
Malta	0.4	0.1	1.1	0.2	0.0	1.3
Netherlands	0.3	-0.8	1.3	-0.3	0.5	c
Austria	1.1	-1.2	0.2	0.0	0.9	-0.4
Poland	-1.0	-0.5	-0.5	0.9	3.3	-2.2
Portugal	0.9	0.8	-2.6	2.6	1.4	-1.5
Romania	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.8
Slovenia	1.3	-0.8	-0.5	0.6	0.2	-2.8
Slovakia	-0.2	-1.3	0.3	0.6	-0.2	-0.6
Finland	-0.5	0.7	1.0	-0.7	-0.1	-2.3
Sweden	0.0	0.1	0.6	-0.5	0.1	0.0
United Kingdom	0.6	-0.4	-0.2	0.1	-1.7	1.0
Norway	0.9	0.0	0.0	-1.0	1.0	-2.0
Switzerland	-0.4	-0.9	-0.1	0.6	0.3	-0.4

* Calendar and seasonally adjusted

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Source dataset: [sts_trtu_m](#)

Volume of retail trade
% change compared with the same month of the previous year*

	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19
EA19						
Total retail trade	2.3	2.8	2.9	1.8	2.3	1.3
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.0	1.1	0.5	0.4	1.6	-0.7
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	3.6	4.3	4.8	2.8	3.4	3.6
Textiles, clothing, footwear	0.0	0.2	3.1	0.3	1.5	-0.9
Electrical goods and furniture	3.3	3.9	2.6	2.1	3.0	2.2
Computer equipment, books and other	4.4	5.5	5.2	3.7	5.6	3.8
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	1.7	3.7	4.3	3.3	3.4	3.2
Mail orders and internet	10.2	11.4	11.2	6.2	4.7	13.2
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	1.1	1.9	0.5	0.6	-1.3	-3.7
EU27						
Total retail trade	2.6	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.5	1.9
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.9	1.2	0.5	0.6	1.5	-0.3
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	4.1	4.5	5.0	3.4	3.9	4.0
Textiles, clothing, footwear	0.4	0.6	3.4	0.8	1.6	-0.2
Electrical goods and furniture	4.9	4.8	3.7	3.1	4.3	4.0
Computer equipment, books and other	4.3	5.0	4.7	3.8	5.5	3.5
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	2.0	3.7	4.1	3.0	3.6	3.2
Mail orders and internet	10.6	11.4	11.5	7.0	5.6	13.4
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	1.9	3.1	1.5	1.4	-0.9	-2.6

Source dataset: sts_trtu_m

Total retail trade	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19
EA19	2.3	2.8	2.9	1.8	2.3	1.3
EU27	2.6	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.5	1.9
EU28	2.7	2.9	3.0	2.2	2.0	2.0
Belgium	1.3	0.2	0.6	0.4	2.5	0.8
Bulgaria	3.8	2.0	2.6	0.9	2.5	5.4
Czechia	4.2	4.5	4.9	4.5	3.7	c
Denmark	1.3	0.8	0.7	0.8	-0.3	-0.1
Germany	3.0	3.5	3.7	1.7	3.1	0.8
Estonia	3.9	4.6	3.7	4.3	4.4	3.2
Ireland	4.7	4.4	4.9	4.1	2.3	5.2
Greece	-2.2	2.2	5.0	7.2	3.1	c
Spain	3.2	3.3	3.6	2.6	3.1	1.1
France	0.9	4.2	2.6	1.5	3.3	2.5
Croatia	3.6	0.4	3.3	2.6	3.9	4.0
Italy	1.8	0.3	1.6	c	c	c
Cyprus	3.1	5.2	4.4	6.0	6.7	c
Latvia	1.4	2.5	-0.8	0.1	1.8	3.2
Lithuania	5.1	3.4	4.5	3.8	4.5	3.7
Luxembourg	5.9	3.4	3.5	2.4	1.1	-0.5
Hungary	6.4	5.9	5.8	6.2	7.3	6.1
Malta	4.4	4.0	6.5	4.7	3.5	5.6
Netherlands	1.8	0.9	2.8	2.1	1.2	c
Austria	3.8	0.3	2.1	0.6	2.2	0.8
Poland	4.8	4.8	3.9	3.8	5.9	4.3
Portugal	5.1	4.5	3.6	3.6	4.6	2.4
Romania	7.0	7.4	7.1	6.8	6.6	8.5
Slovenia	6.2	4.0	1.7	-5.4	-3.3	-6.6
Slovakia	-0.8	-3.0	-2.7	-3.3	-4.0	-2.5
Finland	2.5	3.7	4.5	3.9	2.1	-1.6
Sweden	2.7	1.8	2.2	2.2	0.8	2.4
United Kingdom	3.3	2.4	2.7	2.7	-0.7	2.9
Norway	0.9	0.4	0.8	-0.3	0.7	-0.7
Switzerland	1.3	-0.4	1.8	0.2	0.5	0.1

*Calendar adjusted

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Source dataset: sts_trtu_m

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

	12/18	01/19	02/19	03/19	04/19	05/19	06/19	07/19	08/19	09/19	10/19	11/19	12/19
EA19	106.3	107.1	107.7	107.9	108.0	107.7	108.7	108.3	109.0	108.7	108.6	109.5	107.8
EU27	107.9	108.6	109.3	109.5	109.8	109.2	110.4	110.0	110.6	110.4	110.4	111.4	109.9
EU28	108.2	109.1	109.7	110.2	110.3	109.8	110.9	110.6	111.0	110.9	110.9	111.4	110.3
Belgium	98.9	97.5	99.3	98.6	99.0	100.2	100.6	99.4	98.7	98.6	99.2	102.0	100.0
Bulgaria	118.1	117.6	116.9	117.1	117.6	117.2	118.4	119.2	118.9	118.9	119.1	120.6	121.5
Czechia	118.9	119.6	120.8	121.5	121.6	120.5	122.5	122.1	122.3	123.2	123.2	123.2	c
Denmark	104.2	103.3	104.3	104.9	104.7	103.4	104.7	104.6	104.6	104.9	104.5	104.5	104.3
Germany	107.1	109.8	110.2	110.6	110.0	109.4	111.6	111.0	111.0	111.1	110.3	112.1	108.4
Estonia	108.3	110.3	111.7	112.5	112.5	109.8	110.2	110.9	112.0	112.5	112.5	114.3	111.9
Ireland	117.2	118.3	120.4	120.3	121.5	119.1	118.3	120.5	121.0	123.5	121.7	120.2	123.5
Greece	101.4	99.5	100.3	104.5	100.8	101.4	104.2	102.3	104.6	106.1	105.5	105.2	c
Spain	106.3	106.5	107.1	107.4	106.8	108.0	108.1	108.2	108.6	108.6	108.5	109.3	107.9
France	110.5	110.7	111.9	111.7	112.5	112.3	112.6	111.4	114.9	113.0	113.2	114.3	112.7
Croatia	112.3	113.8	115.3	114.9	113.9	111.1	115.1	113.7	112.5	114.7	115.0	116.5	116.8
Italy	100.0	100.5	100.1	100.0	100.4	99.7	100.9	100.8	100.5	100.7	c	c	c
Cyprus	118.9	116.9	118.6	120.0	120.0	119.6	120.5	120.9	122.5	122.4	123.3	125.5	c
Latvia	111.5	112.3	113.9	114.1	115.0	113.7	113.5	112.8	112.9	111.5	111.8	114.9	114.7
Lithuania	121.4	121.2	122.6	125.9	127.3	123.9	125.7	125.3	125.0	125.8	125.7	126.8	126.7
Luxembourg	36.4	36.2	36.5	36.3	36.8	36.4	36.7	37.0	36.8	36.8	36.9	36.9	36.8
Hungary	121.0	121.8	122.8	123.1	123.8	123.8	124.8	125.5	126.1	126.7	127.4	128.2	128.7
Malta	109.6	110.7	110.9	111.6	113.0	111.4	113.4	113.9	114.0	115.2	115.4	115.4	116.9
Netherlands	107.8	108.0	109.3	109.5	110.3	110.1	110.0	110.3	109.4	110.8	110.5	111.1	c
Austria	103.5	102.6	103.3	103.0	104.4	102.3	103.9	105.0	103.7	103.9	103.9	104.8	104.4
Poland	121.2	120.6	123.0	123.6	125.8	123.5	126.8	125.5	124.9	124.3	125.4	129.5	126.7
Portugal	114.4	115.7	114.6	116.5	115.7	117.2	115.5	116.5	117.4	114.3	117.3	118.9	117.1
Romania	135.5	138.8	138.7	139.6	139.0	138.3	140.4	141.0	141.6	142.9	144.2	145.6	146.7
Slovenia	126.4	122.9	125.1	122.0	124.2	121.9	120.7	122.3	121.3	120.7	121.4	121.7	118.3
Slovakia	112.6	113.6	110.8	110.6	112.5	110.1	110.9	110.7	109.3	109.6	110.3	110.1	109.4
Finland	109.0	107.3	108.0	108.5	109.2	107.8	109.6	109.0	109.8	110.9	110.1	110.0	107.5
Sweden	105.4	106.4	106.7	107.2	109.8	106.6	107.8	107.8	107.9	108.5	108.0	108.1	108.1
United Kingdom	109.5	111.2	111.7	113.0	112.4	112.1	112.8	113.5	113.1	112.9	113.0	111.1	112.2
Norway	101.8	103.1	101.7	102.3	104.3	102.9	102.4	103.3	103.3	103.3	102.3	103.3	101.2
Switzerland	98.2	97.9	98.3	98.1	98.5	97.8	99.2	98.8	97.9	97.8	98.4	98.7	98.3

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Source dataset: sts_trtu_m

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

	12/16	12/17	12/18	01/19	02/19	03/19	04/19	05/19	06/19	07/19	08/19	09/19	10/19	11/19	12/19
EA19	123.3	126.2	126.9	101.8	95.5	105.7	105.5	106.6	108.8	108.5	111.0	105.8	109.8	111.2	128.6
EU27	123.3	127.0	128.2	102.0	96.2	107.3	107.5	108.5	110.9	110.7	112.9	107.8	111.7	113.1	130.6
EU28	124.9	128.3	129.7	101.6	97.3	107.1	108.0	108.7	110.8	111.3	112.4	108.0	112.0	114.9	132.3
Belgium	121.3	119.0	118.1	97.1	87.5	99.4	98.4	101.7	102.5	101.5	92.1	96.1	101.0	99.9	119.1
Bulgaria	120.5	127.0	130.7	102.6	96.4	111.6	113.2	118.1	120.3	129.4	130.4	122.2	123.1	123.6	137.7
Czechia	129.2	138.4	145.2	108.0	104.3	120.1	118.4	120.6	123.0	118.4	119.0	121.1	125.0	134.0	c
Denmark	123.4	125.9	127.1	94.2	88.8	102.2	105.0	107.1	106.8	103.4	105.3	101.0	102.2	110.2	127.0
Germany	122.6	126.6	125.3	101.3	98.6	111.9	110.7	108.8	110.9	111.6	107.5	107.6	111.9	118.2	126.3
Estonia	119.1	122.0	122.3	101.1	95.3	109.5	109.1	114.1	114.0	117.9	116.6	110.7	113.7	112.4	126.2
Ireland	145.6	153.9	159.6	109.9	114.3	108.3	113.8	114.4	115.9	117.1	118.8	118.8	117.5	133.0	167.9
Greece	114.5	116.4	116.3	92.5	96.1	99.6	99.3	96.0	105.3	107.9	111.7	107.2	102.2	101.8	c
Spain	123.2	123.3	123.3	107.4	94.2	103.8	101.6	105.8	109.5	117.8	107.5	106.1	107.6	108.0	124.6
France	129.4	134.4	136.5	107.1	98.8	107.8	109.5	110.6	112.5	96.9	131.2	108.3	114.2	114.1	139.9
Croatia	110.1	112.3	118.6	92.1	92.2	107.6	109.4	110.4	123.0	138.1	136.3	119.7	113.2	107.1	123.4
Italy	120.7	120.8	121.1	95.8	88.5	95.7	94.4	97.1	100.1	108.9	99.1	99.5	c	c	c
Cyprus	129.4	137.5	143.6	104.3	99.3	111.9	116.4	118.1	125.2	131.3	126.4	124.3	122.4	124.0	c
Latvia	115.6	124.0	126.7	102.3	97.5	109.1	111.3	115.8	115.5	121.0	121.7	111.4	112.6	111.5	130.8
Lithuania	125.7	132.7	139.1	110.1	105.0	120.8	125.6	126.6	127.3	132.0	133.4	124.9	127.8	123.9	144.2
Luxembourg	39.6	40.6	42.8	34.0	31.8	36.9	36.4	35.9	37.2	39.2	33.5	35.6	38.3	36.9	42.6
Hungary	128.7	138.0	143.7	104.8	103.0	120.9	121.9	122.6	126.5	129.5	131.9	125.8	132.8	132.1	152.5
Malta	119.3	129.1	126.7	101.5	96.6	106.2	112.4	110.7	117.8	119.8	114.3	114.2	119.1	114.0	133.8
Netherlands	118.6	121.6	123.6	103.3	94.8	107.3	109.6	113.8	112.9	113.4	105.5	107.5	112.3	113.1	c
Austria	120.1	119.4	122.2	95.9	92.9	103.7	104.3	100.7	102.7	107.3	101.7	101.0	106.7	105.8	123.2
Poland	123.4	133.9	140.4	107.4	107.3	125.3	126.8	124.0	128.2	128.3	127.6	124.7	129.3	125.3	146.5
Portugal	127.1	133.8	138.8	106.8	99.3	111.3	108.3	114.5	113.6	125.5	127.0	113.4	116.3	118.6	142.1
Romania	128.6	148.0	152.7	117.8	114.4	132.0	137.2	137.2	139.7	147.8	153.3	148.7	150.1	154.7	165.7
Slovenia	122.6	124.7	139.4	114.5	110.0	120.6	122.1	119.2	122.3	126.9	124.0	124.1	127.1	120.0	130.2
Slovakia	122.4	129.3	130.1	103.5	98.6	109.6	110.7	110.6	113.2	109.9	108.1	108.7	113.9	114.6	126.8
Finland	121.7	128.5	131.7	94.9	90.3	103.5	105.0	111.6	114.9	116.5	113.5	108.5	109.7	108.9	129.6
Sweden	120.5	124.0	123.1	95.2	90.0	103.5	108.9	110.4	114.1	111.5	109.6	105.1	108.5	110.5	126.0
United Kingdom	131.4	133.5	136.1	99.2	101.7	105.7	109.7	109.5	110.3	114.0	109.5	108.3	112.7	122.6	140.1
Norway	121.1	126.2	124.5	94.1	85.4	95.8	97.1	108.9	109.1	104.9	107.0	99.2	100.6	107.7	123.6
Switzerland	118.3	120.3	119.7	93.3	86.6	97.5	96.1	99.3	99.0	98.7	91.9	92.8	99.4	104.9	119.8

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