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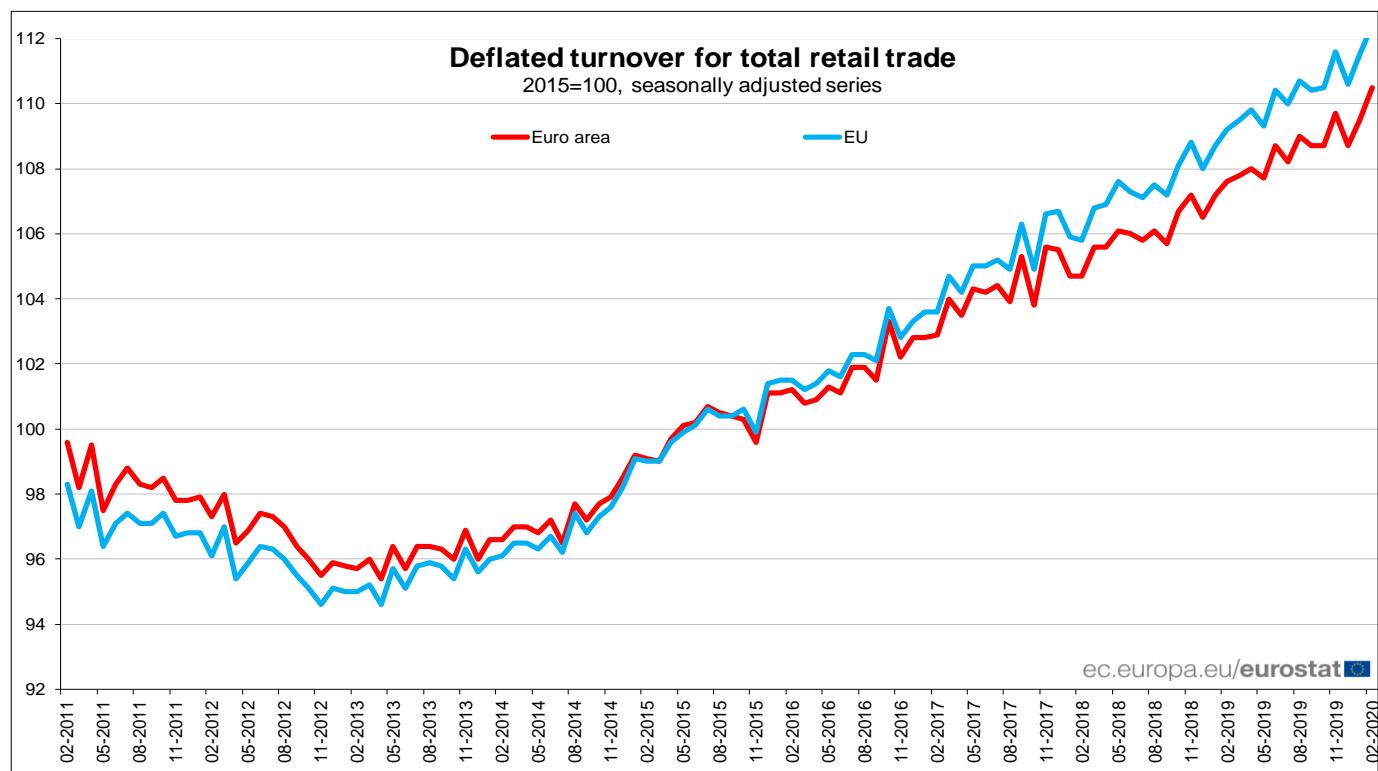
February 2020 compared with January 2020

Volume of retail trade up by 0.9% in euro area

Up by 0.8% in EU

In February 2020 – the month before COVID-19 containment measures began to be widely introduced by Member States –, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade increased by 0.9% in the **euro area** and by 0.8% in the **EU**, compared with January 2020, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In January 2020, the retail trade volume increased by 0.7% in the **euro area** and by 0.8% in the **EU**.

In February 2020 compared with February 2019, the calendar adjusted retail sales index increased by 3.0% in the **euro area** and by 3.2% in the **EU**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in February 2020, compared with January 2020, the volume of retail trade increased by 2.4% for food, drinks and tobacco and 0.2% for non-food products, while automotive fuels fell by 0.1%. In the **EU**, the volume of retail trade increased by 2.1% for food, drinks and tobacco, by 0.2% for non-food products and by 0.1% for automotive fuels.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Estonia** (+4.4%), **Latvia** (+3.5%) and **Portugal** (+3.0%). Decreases were observed in **Ireland** (-2.7%), **Slovenia** (-1.8%), **Croatia** and **Poland** (both -0.2%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in February 2020, compared with February 2019, the volume of retail trade increased by 3.2% for food, drinks and tobacco, by 2.9% for non-food products and by 0.3% for automotive fuel. In the **EU**, the retail trade volume increased by 3.6% for non-food products, by 3.1% for food, drinks and tobacco and by 0.6% for automotive fuel.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest yearly increases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Romania** (+11.9%), **Hungary** (+11.4%) and **Portugal** (+8.7%). A decrease was observed in **Slovenia** (-5.2%).

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** (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.

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 [37/2020](#) of 4 March 2020. The monthly percentage change for January 2020 has been revised from +0.6% to +0.7% in the euro area and from +0.5% to +0.8% in the EU. The annual percentage change was revised from +1.7% to +2.2% in the euro area and from +2.1% to +2.4% in the EU.

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-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20
Euro area						
Total retail trade	-0.3	0.0	0.9	-0.9	0.7	0.9
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.8	0.5	0.5	-1.0	0.8	2.4
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-0.1	-0.4	1.4	-1.1	0.6	0.2
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-0.2	-0.7	1.7	-2.5	0.0	0.5
Electrical goods and furniture	-0.1	-0.4	1.6	-1.1	1.8	0.7
Computer equipment, books and other	-0.5	0.2	1.1	-1.3	1.6	-0.3
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.4	0.0	1.2	-1.2	0.5	1.1
Mail orders and internet	-1.1	-2.5	2.0	0.8	-1.3	5.6
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.4	0.5	-1.2	-0.1	2.0	-0.1
EU						
Total retail trade	-0.3	0.1	1.0	-0.9	0.8	0.8
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.7	0.5	0.5	-1.0	0.8	2.1
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-0.1	-0.2	1.5	-1.0	0.9	0.2
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-0.2	-0.6	1.7	-2.2	0.3	0.7
Electrical goods and furniture	0.0	-0.3	1.9	-1.1	1.8	0.3
Computer equipment, books and other	-0.5	0.3	1.1	-1.5	1.6	-0.1
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.3	0.0	1.4	-1.4	0.6	1.3
Mail orders and internet	-0.6	-2.0	2.0	0.9	-1.0	5.1
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.2	0.4	-1.1	0.0	1.9	0.1

Source dataset: [sts_trtu_m](#)

Total retail trade	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20
Euro area	-0.3	0.0	0.9	-0.9	0.7	0.9
EU	-0.3	0.1	1.0	-0.9	0.8	0.8
Belgium	0.0	0.6	2.7	-2.6	0.0	2.8
Bulgaria	0.1	0.1	0.7	0.7	0.1	0.9
Czechia	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.9	c
Denmark	0.3	-0.4	0.1	-0.1	0.3	0.5
Germany	0.0	-0.5	1.7	-1.6	1.0	1.2
Estonia	0.5	0.2	1.7	-1.9	1.6	4.4
Ireland	1.2	-0.5	-0.2	2.0	-0.4	-2.7
Greece	1.9	-0.4	-0.5	-1.3	3.3	c
Spain	0.0	-0.1	0.7	-1.2	0.6	0.5
France	-1.8	0.2	1.1	-1.1	0.7	1.1
Croatia	2.0	0.3	1.3	0.3	2.1	-0.2
Italy	0.2	0.1	-0.5	c	c	c
Cyprus	0.0	0.7	1.9	-0.6	-0.4	c
Latvia	-1.2	0.4	2.7	-0.4	0.2	3.5
Lithuania	0.7	-0.1	1.0	0.0	0.9	1.3
Luxembourg	0.3	0.3	0.5	-0.5	0.8	0.3
Hungary	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.8	1.1
Malta	0.9	-0.2	0.3	1.0	-0.8	0.5
Netherlands	1.2	-0.1	0.3	0.7	-0.9	c
Austria	0.2	0.0	0.9	-0.6	-0.1	1.7
Poland	-0.4	1.2	2.4	-2.0	0.5	-0.2
Portugal	-2.6	2.6	0.6	-0.3	2.3	3.0
Romania	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.8	3.7	0.7
Slovenia	-0.5	0.6	0.2	-2.2	2.0	-1.8
Slovakia	0.4	0.8	-0.1	-0.5	2.0	1.3
Finland	0.9	-0.7	-0.2	-0.5	1.2	0.1
Sweden	-0.5	0.2	0.7	-1.2	0.6	0.2
United Kingdom	-0.2	0.1	-1.7	0.7	2.5	-2.0
Norway	0.0	-0.9	1.0	-2.2	0.5	2.0
Switzerland	-0.1	0.8	0.6	-0.6	-0.5	0.5

* 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*

	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20
Euro area						
Total retail trade	2.9	1.8	2.5	1.9	2.2	3.0
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.5	0.4	1.6	-0.4	1.0	3.2
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	4.9	2.9	3.6	3.9	2.9	2.9
Textiles, clothing, footwear	2.8	0.2	1.4	-0.6	-0.6	-1.2
Electrical goods and furniture	2.6	2.1	3.0	2.9	4.0	3.9
Computer equipment, books and other	5.3	3.9	5.7	4.0	4.0	2.8
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	4.3	3.5	3.9	3.3	2.7	3.8
Mail orders and internet	11.2	6.2	5.2	13.8	6.6	11.1
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.4	0.6	-1.3	-0.5	0.2	0.3
EU						
Total retail trade	3.0	2.2	2.7	2.2	2.4	3.2
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.6	0.7	1.6	-0.1	1.1	3.1
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	5.0	3.5	4.2	4.2	3.7	3.6
Textiles, clothing, footwear	3.1	0.8	1.6	0.1	0.5	0.2
Electrical goods and furniture	3.7	3.3	4.5	4.7	5.0	4.1
Computer equipment, books and other	4.7	3.7	5.4	3.3	3.6	2.7
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	4.1	3.2	4.1	3.2	2.6	4.3
Mail orders and internet	11.5	7.1	5.8	14.2	7.8	12.1
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	1.7	1.5	-0.7	0.0	0.4	0.6

Source dataset: [sts_trtu_m](#)

Total retail trade	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20
Euro area	2.9	1.8	2.5	1.9	2.2	3.0
EU	3.0	2.2	2.7	2.2	2.4	3.2
Belgium	0.6	0.4	2.4	0.3	1.5	3.7
Bulgaria	3.5	2.6	3.7	5.8	3.4	5.5
Czechia	4.9	4.6	3.9	4.1	4.7	c
Denmark	0.7	0.8	-0.3	0.0	1.2	1.4
Germany	3.7	2.0	3.5	2.2	1.9	2.5
Estonia	3.7	4.3	4.4	3.2	3.3	8.1
Ireland	4.9	4.1	2.3	5.8	3.5	3.0
Greece	5.0	7.2	3.7	0.6	8.4	c
Spain	3.6	2.6	3.1	1.3	1.7	2.0
France	2.6	1.5	3.3	2.6	2.6	3.4
Croatia	3.3	2.6	3.9	4.0	5.1	3.4
Italy	1.6	1.0	-0.6	c	c	c
Cyprus	4.4	6.0	6.9	5.6	5.5	c
Latvia	-0.8	0.1	1.7	2.5	1.7	5.0
Lithuania	4.5	3.8	4.7	4.0	5.2	6.9
Luxembourg	3.8	3.7	4.1	1.2	2.9	3.5
Hungary	5.7	6.2	7.4	6.0	7.6	11.4
Malta	7.2	4.7	4.6	5.6	3.3	4.8
Netherlands	2.5	1.9	0.7	3.7	2.0	c
Austria	2.1	0.6	2.1	0.7	1.4	2.0
Poland	3.8	4.5	5.9	4.1	5.2	3.0
Portugal	3.6	3.6	4.6	2.7	4.2	8.7
Romania	7.1	6.8	6.6	8.5	11.1	11.9
Slovenia	1.7	-5.4	-3.3	-5.7	-0.9	-5.2
Slovakia	-2.7	-3.3	-4.0	-2.5	-1.0	3.9
Finland	4.3	3.6	1.7	0.8	3.4	2.8
Sweden	1.9	2.2	1.0	1.9	1.4	1.7
United Kingdom	2.6	2.6	-0.9	2.7	4.7	1.8
Norway	0.8	-0.2	0.7	-0.7	-1.7	2.0
Switzerland	1.6	0.3	1.1	0.7	0.0	0.3

Calendar adjusted

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

	02/19	03/19	04/19	05/19	06/19	07/19	08/19	09/19	10/19	11/19	12/19	01/20	02/20
Euro area	107.6	107.8	108.0	107.7	108.7	108.2	109.0	108.7	108.7	109.7	108.7	109.5	110.5
EU	109.2	109.5	109.8	109.3	110.4	110.0	110.7	110.4	110.5	111.6	110.6	111.5	112.4
Belgium	99.0	98.5	99.0	100.3	100.6	99.4	98.6	98.6	99.2	101.9	99.3	99.3	102.1
Bulgaria	116.9	117.9	118.0	118.3	118.6	119.7	119.8	119.9	120.0	120.8	121.7	121.8	122.9
Czechia	120.7	121.6	121.6	120.5	122.6	122.1	122.4	123.2	123.2	123.4	123.9	125.0	c
Denmark	104.1	104.9	104.7	103.4	104.7	104.6	104.6	104.9	104.5	104.6	104.5	104.8	105.3
Germany	110.3	110.6	110.0	109.4	111.5	111.0	111.1	111.1	110.6	112.5	110.7	111.8	113.1
Estonia	110.8	112.0	112.1	109.5	110.1	110.9	112.1	112.7	112.9	114.8	112.6	114.4	119.4
Ireland	118.2	118.6	121.1	120.0	119.5	120.5	121.2	122.7	122.1	121.9	124.3	123.8	120.5
Greece	100.2	103.8	101.3	101.5	103.5	102.8	104.2	106.2	105.8	105.3	103.9	107.3	c
Spain	107.0	107.4	106.8	108.0	108.1	108.2	108.6	108.6	108.5	109.3	108.0	108.6	109.1
France	111.9	111.7	112.5	112.3	112.7	111.3	115.0	112.9	113.1	114.4	113.1	113.9	115.1
Croatia	115.3	114.9	113.9	111.1	115.1	113.7	112.5	114.7	115.0	116.5	116.8	119.3	119.1
Italy	99.8	99.9	100.3	99.7	100.9	100.8	100.6	100.8	100.9	100.4	c	c	c
Cyprus	118.8	120.0	120.1	119.6	120.5	120.9	122.4	122.4	123.2	125.5	124.7	124.2	c
Latvia	113.3	113.8	114.8	113.6	113.3	112.8	112.9	111.6	112.0	115.0	114.5	114.7	118.7
Lithuania	122.4	124.3	129.4	123.4	125.2	125.0	124.9	125.8	125.7	127.0	127.0	128.1	129.8
Luxembourg	36.5	36.3	36.9	36.5	36.8	37.1	37.0	37.1	37.2	37.4	37.2	37.5	37.6
Hungary	122.3	123.1	123.9	123.8	125.0	125.9	126.5	127.3	128.1	129.2	129.8	130.8	132.3
Malta	111.4	111.9	113.3	111.7	113.6	114.0	114.0	115.0	114.8	115.1	116.2	115.3	115.9
Netherlands	108.9	109.3	110.1	110.0	109.9	110.2	109.2	110.5	110.4	110.7	111.5	110.5	c
Austria	103.8	103.0	104.5	102.4	103.8	105.1	103.6	103.8	103.8	104.7	104.1	104.0	105.8
Poland	123.1	123.7	125.7	123.5	126.5	125.6	125.2	124.7	126.2	129.2	126.6	127.2	126.9
Portugal	114.6	116.5	115.7	117.2	115.5	116.5	117.4	114.3	117.3	118.0	117.6	120.3	123.9
Romania	138.7	139.6	139.0	138.3	140.4	141.0	141.6	142.9	144.2	145.6	146.7	152.2	153.3
Slovenia	125.6	122.1	124.2	121.9	120.8	122.4	121.3	120.7	121.4	121.7	119.0	121.4	119.2
Slovakia	110.1	110.6	111.9	109.9	110.9	110.8	109.5	109.9	110.8	110.7	110.1	112.3	113.8
Finland	107.9	108.5	109.2	107.9	109.7	109.1	110.0	111.0	110.2	110.0	109.5	110.8	110.9
Sweden	106.5	106.9	110.1	106.8	107.2	107.3	108.3	107.8	108.0	108.8	107.5	108.1	108.3
United Kingdom	111.8	113.0	112.4	112.0	112.5	113.3	113.0	112.8	112.9	111.0	111.8	114.6	112.3
Norway	101.5	102.4	104.3	102.9	102.4	103.2	103.3	103.3	102.4	103.4	101.1	101.6	103.6
Switzerland	98.3	98.1	98.5	97.9	99.2	98.8	97.9	97.8	98.6	99.2	98.6	98.1	98.6

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Source dataset: [sts_trtu_m](#)

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

	02/17	02/18	02/19	03/19	04/19	05/19	06/19	07/19	08/19	09/19	10/19	11/19	12/19	01/20	02/20
Euro area	91.1	92.7	95.5	105.7	105.5	106.6	108.8	108.5	111.0	105.8	109.8	111.4	129.2	104.0	98.4
EU	91.2	93.2	96.3	107.4	107.5	108.5	110.9	110.7	113.0	107.8	111.8	113.3	131.0	104.6	99.4
Belgium	86.3	87.0	87.4	99.4	98.5	101.8	102.5	101.5	92.0	96.1	101.0	99.8	118.3	98.6	90.6
Bulgaria	94.0	95.1	96.6	112.4	113.3	118.0	121.2	129.3	130.7	122.7	123.5	124.0	138.0	106.1	101.9
Czechia	92.9	98.8	104.1	120.3	118.3	120.7	123.1	118.4	119.0	121.1	125.1	134.3	151.1	113.2	c
Denmark	87.0	87.4	88.8	102.2	105.0	107.1	106.8	103.4	105.3	101.0	102.2	110.2	127.1	95.3	90.0
Germany	92.8	94.2	98.7	112.0	110.7	108.8	110.9	111.7	107.5	107.6	112.2	118.7	128.0	103.3	101.2
Estonia	88.5	90.5	95.3	109.5	109.1	114.1	114.0	117.9	116.6	110.7	113.7	112.4	126.2	104.4	103.0
Ireland	101.9	107.4	114.3	108.3	113.8	114.4	115.9	117.1	118.8	118.8	117.5	133.0	168.8	113.7	117.7
Greece	99.6	99.2	96.1	99.6	99.3	96.0	105.3	107.9	111.7	107.2	102.2	102.4	117.0	100.3	c
Spain	90.7	92.6	94.2	103.8	101.6	105.8	109.5	117.8	107.5	106.1	107.6	108.0	124.8	109.2	96.1
France	92.9	95.7	98.9	107.8	109.5	110.6	112.7	96.8	131.3	108.3	114.2	114.2	139.7	109.9	102.3
Croatia	82.8	82.8	92.2	107.6	109.4	110.4	123.0	138.1	136.3	119.7	113.2	107.1	123.4	96.8	95.3
Italy	87.9	87.9	88.6	95.7	94.4	97.1	100.1	108.9	99.1	99.5	103.6	100.2	c	c	c
Cyprus	90.5	97.7	99.3	111.9	116.4	118.1	125.2	131.3	126.4	124.3	122.4	124.2	151.6	110.0	c
Latvia	89.1	92.2	97.5	109.1	111.3	115.9	115.4	121.0	121.7	111.4	112.6	111.4	129.9	103.9	102.4
Lithuania	94.3	97.3	104.7	120.4	125.9	126.6	127.2	131.8	133.5	125.0	127.7	124.1	145.0	115.8	111.9
Luxembourg	29.7	30.1	31.8	36.9	36.4	35.9	37.2	39.2	33.5	35.7	38.8	38.0	43.3	35.0	32.9
Hungary	88.6	95.0	103.8	121.6	122.0	122.5	126.8	129.4	132.0	125.9	132.8	132.3	152.8	113.2	115.6
Malta	92.2	93.6	96.4	106.2	112.5	110.9	118.0	120.5	115.0	115.0	119.2	115.5	133.7	104.8	101.0
Netherlands	89.4	91.7	94.6	107.0	109.4	113.7	112.8	113.2	105.3	107.2	112.1	112.6	128.2	105.3	c
Austria	90.9	91.0	92.8	103.6	104.3	100.7	102.6	107.3	101.7	101.0	106.6	105.7	123.0	97.2	94.7
Poland	95.5	102.4	107.3	125.2	126.9	124.0	128.1	128.4	127.5	124.7	130.0	125.6	146.0	113.0	110.5
Portugal	90.4	94.6	99.3	111.3	108.3	114.5	113.6	125.5	127.0	113.4	116.3	118.6	142.6	111.3	107.9
Romania	99.9	104.6	114.4	132.0	137.2	137.2	139.7	147.8	153.3	148.7	150.1	154.7	165.7	130.9	128.0
Slovenia	99.7	98.0	109.9	120.6	122.0	119.2	122.4	126.9	124.0	124.1	127.1	119.9	131.4	113.6	104.2
Slovakia	93.8	98.5	98.6	110.0	110.2	110.6	113.2	109.9	108.1	108.7	113.9	114.6	126.8	102.5	102.4
Finland	86.6	88.7	90.3	103.6	105.1	111.8	115.0	116.6	113.5	108.3	109.4	108.5	132.8	98.3	92.8
Sweden	86.7	86.7	89.1	103.8	108.8	110.9	113.7	111.2	110.4	104.5	108.2	111.3	125.0	96.3	90.6
United Kingdom	97.4	98.3	101.6	105.6	109.7	109.3	110.1	113.8	109.4	108.2	112.5	122.4	139.8	104.1	103.4
Norway	85.3	86.3	85.4	96.0	96.8	108.9	109.1	104.9	107.0	99.2	100.6	107.7	123.6	92.5	87.1
Switzerland	86.9	86.8	86.6	97.5	96.1	99.3	99.0	98.7	91.9	92.7	99.5	105.6	120.5	93.3	86.9

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