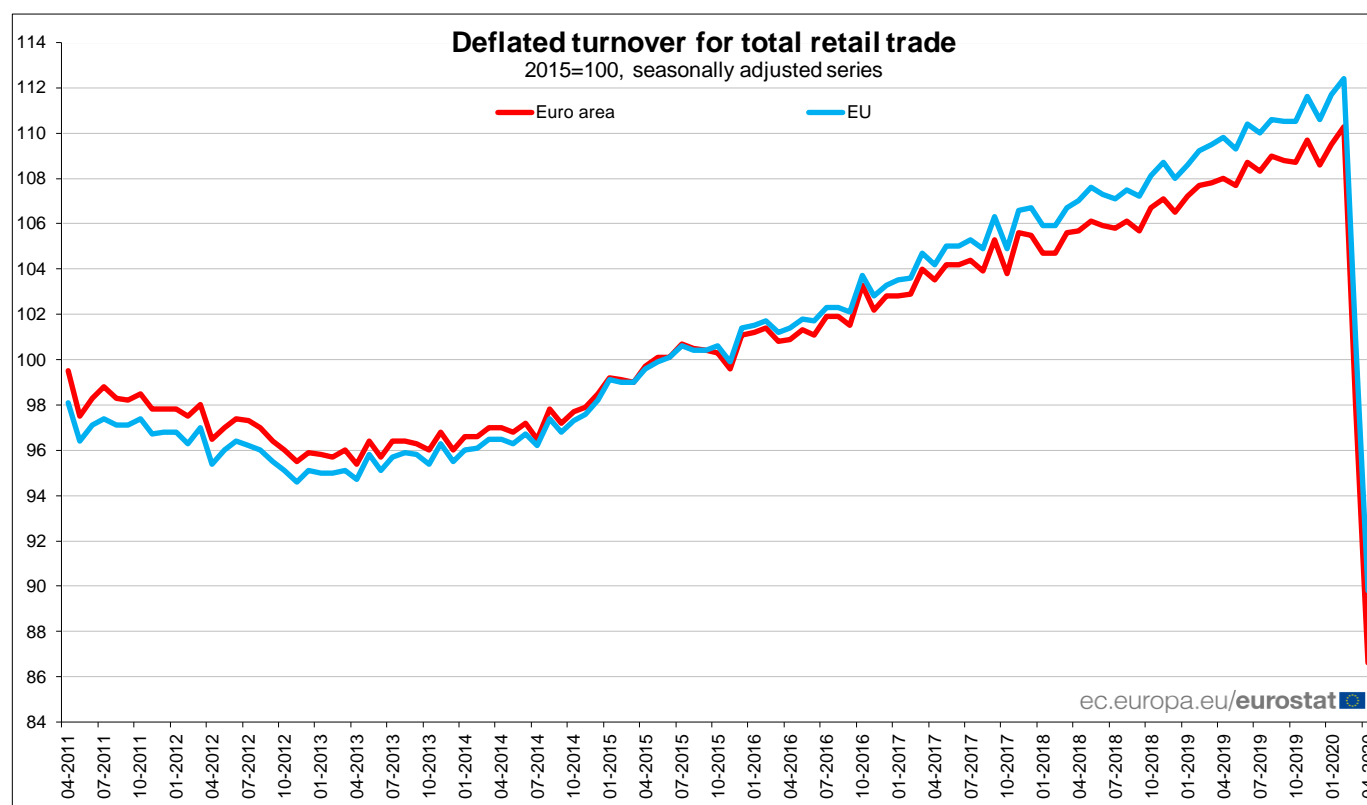April 2020 compared with March 2020
Volume of retail trade down by 11.7% in euro area
Down by 11.1% in EU

In April 2020, the COVID-19 containment measures widely introduced by Member States again had a significant impact on retail trade, as the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade decreased by 11.7% in the **euro area** and by 11.1% in the **EU**, compared with March 2020, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In March 2020, the retail trade volume decreased by 11.1% in the **euro area** and by 10.1% in the **EU**.

In April 2020 compared with April 2019, the calendar adjusted retail sales index decreased by 19.6% in the **euro area** and by 18.0% in the **EU**.

Deflated turnover for total retail trade
2015=100, seasonally adjusted series

— Euro area   — EU

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Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in April 2020, compared with March 2020, the volume of retail trade decreased by 27.7% for automotive fuels, by 17.0% for non-food products and by 5.5% for food, drinks and tobacco. In the **EU**, the volume of retail trade decreased by 25.0% for automotive fuels, by 14.7% for non-food products and by 5.9% for food, drinks and tobacco. It can be noted that the volume of retail trade by mail order and internet rose by 10.9% in the **euro area** and by 11.9% in the **EU**.

Among Member States for which data are available, the largest decreases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Malta** (-25.1%), **Romania** (-22.3%) and **Ireland** (-21.9%). The only increase was observed in **Finland** (+0.3%), while the volume in **Sweden** remained stable.

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in April 2020, compared with April 2019, the volume of retail trade decreased by 46.9% for automotive fuels and by 33.6% for non-food products while food, drinks and tobacco increased by 2.5%. In the **EU,** the volume of retail trade decreased by 42.6% for automotive fuels and by 29.7% for non-food products while food, drinks and tobacco increased by 1.4%.

The volume of retail trade decreased in all Member States for which data are available, with the largest decreases in **France** (-31.1%), **Spain** (-29.8%), **Malta** (-24.8%) and **Luxembourg** (-24.7%).

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.

Data collection for volume of retail trade has in several countries been affected by the COVID-19 crisis. The data in this release are, for several Member States, based on fewer statistical observations than usual or alternative sources. For missing data, imputation and estimation methods were applied. Information on the compilation of short-term business statistics during the COVID-19 crisis can be found here.

Revisions and timetable

Data of previous months have been revised compared to those issued in the News Release 77/2020 of 6 May 2020. The monthly percentage change for March 2020 has been revised from -11.2% to -11.1% in the euro area and from -10.4% to -10.1% in the EU. The annual percentage change was revised from -9.2% to -8.8% in the euro area and from -8.2% to -7.6% 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 (See file NEWS_RELEASE_WEIGHTINGS_2015)
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Volume of retail trade
% change compared with the previous month*

	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20
Euro area						
Total retail trade	0.9	-1.0	0.8	0.7	-11.1	**-11.7**
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.6	-1.0	0.9	2.4	5.2	**-5.5**
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	1.3	-1.1	0.8	-0.2	-21.4	**-17.0**
Textiles, clothing, footwear	1.8	-2.7	0.0	-1.1	-54.7	**-20.9**
Electrical goods and furniture	1.5	-1.2	1.7	0.8	-27.7	**-8.2**
Computer equipment, books and other	1.1	-1.5	1.4	-0.3	-29.0	**-4.3**
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	1.1	-1.2	1.2	0.1	0.7	**-7.6**
Mail orders and internet	1.7	0.7	-0.2	3.7	0.7	**10.9**
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-1.3	-0.3	2.0	-1.2	-26.4	**-27.7**
EU						
Total retail trade	1.0	-0.9	1.0	0.6	-10.1	**-11.1**
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.6	-1.0	0.9	2.2	4.9	**-5.9**
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	1.4	-1.0	1.2	-0.1	-19.7	**-14.7**
Textiles, clothing, footwear	1.8	-2.5	0.4	-0.7	-54.1	**-21.2**
Electrical goods and furniture	1.9	-1.2	1.7	0.4	-24.4	**-6.5**
Computer equipment, books and other	1.0	-1.5	2.0	-0.2	-27.2	**-4.2**
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	1.4	-1.3	1.3	0.7	1.5	**-8.9**
Mail orders and internet	1.9	0.8	0.1	3.7	1.7	**11.9**
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-1.1	-0.2	2.0	-1.1	-23.5	**-25.0**

Source dataset: sts_trtu_m

Total retail trade	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20
Euro area	0.9	-1.0	0.8	0.7	-11.1	**-11.7**
EU	1.0	-0.9	1.0	0.6	-10.1	**-11.1**
Belgium	2.8	-2.7	0.1	2.7	-11.4	**-5.2**
Bulgaria	0.7	0.7	0.1	0.9	-20.1	**-1.4**
Czechia	0.2	0.4	1.0	-0.2	-12.2	**c**
Denmark	0.2	-0.6	0.2	0.2	-2.1	**-0.7**
Germany	1.7	-1.5	1.4	0.9	-4.0	**-5.3**
Estonia	1.7	-2.0	1.5	4.3	-2.8	**-17.5**
Ireland	-0.3	1.0	0.0	-0.1	0.1	**-21.9**
Greece	-0.7	-2.6	3.1	-2.0	-0.7	**c**
Spain	0.7	-1.2	0.6	0.5	-14.6	**-19.4**
France	1.1	-1.2	0.7	-0.2	-15.8	**-20.0**
Croatia	1.4	0.3	1.2	-0.1	-8.2	**-20.6**
Italy	-0.5	0.4	0.6	c	c	**c**
Cyprus	1.6	-0.5	-0.4	1.5	-3.1	**c**
Latvia	2.7	-0.5	0.0	4.1	-5.0	**-7.7**
Lithuania	1.0	0.0	0.9	1.4	-9.9	**-9.3**
Luxembourg	0.5	-0.3	0.8	0.5	-17.1	**-12.0**
Hungary	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.8	-0.2	**-15.0**
Malta	0.0	1.0	-1.0	0.8	-1.1	**-25.1**
Netherlands	0.6	0.5	-1.1	1.5	-1.5	**-5.7**
Austria	0.8	-0.5	-0.1	1.6	-13.7	**-6.1**
Poland	2.4	-2.0	3.3	0.6	-7.1	**-7.7**
Portugal	1.5	-1.3	2.3	3.7	-11.8	**-17.5**
Romania	1.0	0.8	3.7	-0.9	-3.4	**-22.3**
Slovenia	0.2	-2.1	1.9	-1.4	-12.0	**-8.8**
Slovakia	-0.1	-0.5	2.0	1.3	-6.4	**-9.9**
Finland	-0.4	-0.6	1.1	1.4	-2.5	**0.3**
Sweden	0.6	-1.2	1.3	0.4	-2.0	**0.0**
United Kingdom	-2.0	0.3	0.4	-0.3	-3.5	**-16.8**
Norway	1.2	-2.3	0.6	1.9	-0.9	**4.8**
Switzerland	0.7	-0.4	-0.5	0.6	-6.7	**-14.7**

* Calendar and seasonally adjusted
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Volume of retail trade
% change compared with the same month of the previous year*

	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20
Euro area						
Total retail trade	2.5	1.9	2.2	2.6	-8.8	**-19.6**
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.6	-0.4	1.0	3.7	8.8	**2.5**
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	3.7	3.9	3.1	2.3	-19.6	**-33.6**
Textiles, clothing, footwear	1.5	-0.7	-0.8	-3.3	-56.2	**-63.5**
Electrical goods and furniture	3.0	2.8	3.7	3.4	-25.7	**-29.8**
Computer equipment, books and other	5.8	3.9	3.8	2.0	-26.9	**-28.1**
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	4.2	3.4	3.6	3.0	5.1	**-3.5**
Mail orders and internet	5.1	13.7	7.4	9.6	8.3	**20.9**
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-1.4	-1.1	-0.1	-2.0	-27.2	**-46.9**
EU						
Total retail trade	2.8	2.2	2.7	3.1	-7.6	**-18.0**
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.6	-0.1	1.2	3.7	8.5	**1.4**
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	4.2	4.2	4.2	3.3	-17.1	**-29.7**
Textiles, clothing, footwear	1.7	0.0	0.4	-1.5	-54.9	**-62.8**
Electrical goods and furniture	4.6	4.6	5.0	3.8	-22.4	**-25.4**
Computer equipment, books and other	5.4	3.2	4.2	2.6	-24.7	**-26.3**
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	4.2	3.4	3.7	4.0	7.1	**-3.7**
Mail orders and internet	5.9	14.1	8.8	11.4	11.0	**25.3**
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.9	-0.6	0.3	-1.4	-24.4	**-42.6**

Source dataset: sts_trtu_m

Total retail trade	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20
Euro area	2.5	1.9	2.2	2.6	-8.8	**-19.6**
EU	2.8	2.2	2.7	3.1	-7.6	**-18.0**
Belgium	2.6	0.1	1.3	3.4	-7.7	**-14.1**
Bulgaria	3.7	5.8	3.4	5.5	-14.6	**-19.9**
Czechia	3.9	4.1	4.8	3.5	-9.2	**c**
Denmark	-0.2	0.2	1.8	0.6	-3.7	**-3.2**
Germany	3.6	2.3	2.4	2.7	-1.5	**-6.2**
Estonia	4.4	3.2	3.3	8.1	2.9	**-15.0**
Ireland	2.3	5.8	3.5	0.8	3.4	**-20.9**
Greece	3.7	-1.5	6.2	2.5	-3.1	**c**
Spain	3.1	1.3	1.7	2.0	-13.3	**-29.8**
France	3.5	2.5	2.5	1.2	-13.5	**-31.1**
Croatia	3.9	4.0	5.1	3.3	-5.1	**-24.0**
Italy	-0.6	0.7	0.9	c	c	**c**
Cyprus	6.7	5.6	5.8	7.2	-0.6	**c**
Latvia	1.7	2.5	1.6	5.9	-0.4	**-9.0**
Lithuania	4.7	4.0	5.2	7.0	-5.3	**-17.9**
Luxembourg	4.1	2.6	4.7	5.0	-13.3	**-24.7**
Hungary	7.2	6.2	7.6	11.2	3.5	**-10.2**
Malta	4.8	7.0	3.7	6.7	-0.1	**-24.8**
Netherlands	0.9	3.8	1.9	3.0	0.1	**-5.8**
Austria	2.0	0.7	1.4	2.4	-10.6	**-18.1**
Poland	5.9	4.1	8.3	7.0	-0.4	**-9.9**
Portugal	4.7	2.7	4.4	9.5	-5.2	**-22.0**
Romania	6.6	8.5	11.1	11.3	3.3	**-19.5**
Slovenia	-3.3	-5.7	-0.9	-4.5	-13.8	**-22.6**
Slovakia	-4.0	-2.5	-1.0	3.9	-3.5	**-14.3**
Finland	1.4	0.2	2.7	4.1	-0.3	**-0.5**
Sweden	1.0	1.9	2.8	3.1	-0.2	**-3.4**
United Kingdom	-0.9	2.7	2.5	1.8	-4.1	**-22.5**
Norway	0.7	-0.7	-1.7	2.0	1.3	**3.8**
Switzerland	1.2	1.0	0.2	1.0	-5.7	**-20.0**

Calendar adjusted
c Confidential   Source dataset: sts_trtu_m

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

	04/19	05/19	06/19	07/19	08/19	09/19	10/19	11/19	12/19	01/20	02/20	03/20	04/20
Euro area	108.0	107.7	108.7	108.3	109.0	108.8	108.7	109.7	108.6	109.5	110.3	98.1	**86.6**
EU	109.8	109.3	110.4	110.0	110.6	110.5	110.5	111.6	110.6	111.7	112.4	101.0	**89.8**
Belgium	99.5	100.1	100.6	99.4	98.6	98.5	99.2	102.0	99.2	99.3	102.0	90.4	**85.7**
Bulgaria	118.0	118.3	118.6	119.7	119.8	119.9	120.0	120.8	121.7	121.8	122.9	98.2	**96.8**
Czechia	121.6	120.5	122.6	122.1	122.4	123.2	123.2	123.4	123.9	125.2	125.0	109.7	**c**
Denmark	104.5	103.4	105.8	104.8	104.8	104.9	104.4	104.6	104.0	104.2	104.4	102.2	**101.5**
Germany	110.1	109.5	111.6	111.0	111.1	111.4	110.7	112.6	110.9	112.4	113.4	108.9	**103.1**
Estonia	112.3	109.7	110.2	111.0	112.1	112.7	112.8	114.7	112.4	114.1	119.0	115.7	**95.4**
Ireland	121.3	119.5	119.7	120.8	121.2	122.0	121.9	121.5	122.7	122.7	122.6	122.7	**95.8**
Greece	101.5	101.6	103.5	102.7	103.9	105.8	105.2	104.5	101.8	105.0	102.9	102.2	**c**
Spain	106.8	108.0	108.1	108.2	108.6	108.6	108.5	109.3	108.0	108.6	109.1	93.2	**75.1**
France	112.3	112.3	112.7	111.4	114.9	112.9	113.1	114.4	113.0	113.8	113.6	95.6	**76.5**
Croatia	113.7	111.1	115.2	113.8	112.6	114.9	115.2	116.8	117.1	118.5	118.4	108.7	**86.3**
Italy	100.3	99.6	100.9	100.8	100.6	100.8	101.0	100.5	100.9	101.5	c	c	**c**
Cyprus	120.2	119.7	120.5	120.9	122.3	122.3	123.0	125.0	124.4	123.9	125.7	121.8	**c**
Latvia	114.9	113.8	113.4	112.9	112.9	111.6	112.0	115.0	114.4	114.4	119.1	113.1	**104.4**
Lithuania	129.4	123.4	125.2	125.0	124.9	125.8	125.7	127.0	127.0	128.1	129.9	117.0	**106.1**
Luxembourg	36.9	36.6	37.0	37.3	37.1	37.3	37.5	37.7	37.6	37.9	38.1	31.6	**27.8**
Hungary	124.0	124.1	125.0	125.8	126.4	127.1	127.9	128.7	129.3	130.2	131.3	131.0	**111.3**
Malta	114.0	112.7	114.3	114.6	114.7	115.7	115.3	115.3	116.5	115.3	116.2	114.9	**86.1**
Netherlands	110.2	109.9	110.1	110.0	109.2	110.5	110.1	110.8	111.4	110.2	111.8	110.1	**103.8**
Austria	104.5	102.5	103.9	105.1	103.6	103.9	103.9	104.7	104.2	104.1	105.8	91.3	**85.7**
Poland	125.7	123.5	126.5	125.6	125.2	124.7	126.2	129.2	126.6	130.8	131.6	122.3	**112.9**
Portugal	115.6	117.0	115.3	116.4	117.2	114.0	117.2	118.9	117.4	120.1	124.5	109.8	**90.6**
Romania	139.0	138.3	140.4	141.0	141.6	142.9	144.2	145.6	146.7	152.2	150.8	145.6	**113.2**
Slovenia	124.2	121.9	120.8	122.4	121.3	120.7	121.5	121.7	119.1	121.4	119.7	105.3	**96.0**
Slovakia	112.0	110.0	110.9	110.8	109.5	109.9	110.8	110.7	110.1	112.3	113.8	106.5	**96.0**
Finland	109.6	108.0	109.8	109.1	109.9	111.0	110.0	109.6	108.9	110.1	111.6	108.8	**109.1**
Sweden	110.8	106.6	107.2	107.4	108.3	107.9	108.1	108.8	107.5	108.9	109.3	107.1	**107.1**
United Kingdom	114.2	113.5	114.7	114.9	114.2	113.0	112.4	110.1	110.4	110.8	110.5	106.6	**88.7**
Norway	104.2	102.9	102.4	103.2	103.3	103.3	102.3	103.5	101.1	101.7	103.6	102.7	**107.6**
Switzerland	98.5	97.9	99.2	98.9	98.0	97.8	98.6	99.3	98.9	98.4	99.0	92.4	**78.8**

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Source dataset: sts_trtu_m

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

	04/17	04/18	04/19	05/19	06/19	07/19	08/19	09/19	10/19	11/19	12/19	01/20	02/20	03/20	04/20
Euro area	101.2	103.2	105.5	106.6	108.9	108.4	111.1	105.8	109.8	111.4	129.2	104.0	98.0	96.5	**84.8**
EU	102.1	104.8	107.5	108.5	111.0	110.7	113.0	107.9	111.8	113.4	131.0	104.9	99.2	99.2	**88.1**
Belgium	98.5	97.3	98.4	101.6	102.5	101.5	92.0	96.1	101.0	99.9	118.1	98.5	90.5	91.7	**84.5**
Bulgaria	107.4	111.0	113.3	118.0	121.2	129.3	130.7	122.7	123.5	124.0	138.0	106.1	101.9	96.0	**90.8**
Czechia	106.7	112.4	118.3	120.7	123.1	118.4	119.0	121.1	125.1	134.3	151.1	113.3	108.0	109.2	**c**
Denmark	102.8	104.0	104.3	107.4	107.4	103.3	105.5	100.7	102.1	110.5	127.2	95.8	89.3	98.4	**101.0**
Germany	105.1	109.8	110.8	108.9	111.0	111.7	107.6	107.9	112.3	118.8	128.2	103.8	101.4	110.4	**103.9**
Estonia	102.8	100.8	109.1	114.1	114.0	117.9	116.6	110.7	113.7	112.4	126.2	104.4	103.0	112.7	**92.7**
Ireland	102.7	105.1	113.8	114.4	115.9	117.1	118.8	118.8	117.5	133.0	168.8	113.7	115.2	112.0	**90.0**
Greece	100.3	101.9	99.3	96.0	105.3	107.9	111.7	107.2	102.2	102.4	114.5	98.2	98.5	96.5	**c**
Spain	100.6	100.7	101.6	105.8	109.5	117.8	107.5	106.1	107.6	108.0	124.8	109.2	96.1	90.0	**71.3**
France	102.6	105.2	109.4	110.6	112.8	96.8	131.3	108.3	114.2	114.3	139.7	109.9	99.8	93.2	**75.4**
Croatia	99.0	103.9	109.4	110.4	123.0	138.1	136.3	119.7	113.2	107.1	123.4	96.8	95.2	102.1	**83.1**
Italy	95.2	93.0	94.4	97.1	100.1	108.9	99.1	99.5	103.6	100.2	121.9	96.7	c	c	**c**
Cyprus	107.5	111.9	116.4	118.2	125.0	131.3	126.2	124.3	122.4	124.0	151.5	110.3	106.7	110.9	**c**
Latvia	101.5	104.7	111.3	116.0	115.4	121.0	121.7	111.4	112.6	111.4	129.9	103.8	103.3	108.7	**101.3**
Lithuania	105.9	113.2	125.9	126.6	127.2	131.8	133.5	125.0	127.7	124.1	145.0	115.8	112.0	114.0	**103.4**
Luxembourg	34.0	33.9	36.5	36.0	37.4	39.4	33.6	35.9	38.9	38.0	43.9	35.6	33.5	32.0	**27.5**
Hungary	107.2	113.7	122.6	123.3	126.4	129.6	131.9	125.8	132.9	132.1	152.6	113.3	115.4	125.6	**110.1**
Malta	107.5	105.3	112.7	112.5	118.6	120.9	115.7	116.1	120.1	115.7	135.6	105.5	102.8	106.2	**84.8**
Netherlands	102.3	107.4	109.3	113.4	113.2	113.0	105.4	107.3	111.9	112.8	128.3	105.0	97.4	107.4	**103.0**
Austria	101.2	102.8	104.3	100.7	102.6	107.3	101.6	101.0	106.7	105.7	123.0	97.2	95.1	92.6	**85.4**
Poland	110.3	120.0	126.9	124.0	128.1	128.4	127.5	124.7	130.0	125.6	146.0	116.3	114.8	124.7	**114.4**
Portugal	99.9	101.3	108.2	114.3	113.4	125.4	126.8	113.1	116.2	118.7	142.6	111.1	108.4	105.2	**84.4**
Romania	120.2	128.9	137.2	137.2	139.7	147.8	153.3	148.7	150.1	154.7	165.7	130.9	127.3	136.4	**110.4**
Slovenia	109.5	108.4	122.0	119.2	122.4	126.9	124.0	124.1	127.2	119.9	131.4	113.5	104.9	104.0	**94.4**
Slovakia	105.4	109.1	110.3	110.6	113.2	109.9	108.1	108.7	113.9	114.6	126.8	102.5	102.4	106.1	**94.5**
Finland	100.2	101.2	105.1	111.8	115.0	116.6	113.5	108.4	109.3	108.2	132.0	97.7	94.1	103.4	**104.6**
Sweden	100.8	104.2	108.8	110.9	113.7	111.2	110.4	104.5	108.3	111.3	125.0	97.7	91.9	103.6	**105.1**
United Kingdom	104.7	102.6	109.7	109.3	110.2	113.9	109.4	108.1	112.6	122.3	139.7	101.8	103.4	101.3	**85.0**
Norway	93.5	95.4	96.8	108.9	109.1	104.9	107.0	99.2	100.6	107.7	123.6	92.5	87.1	97.2	**100.5**
Switzerland	93.8	96.6	96.1	99.3	99.0	98.7	91.9	92.7	99.5	105.7	120.9	93.5	87.5	91.9	**76.9**

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