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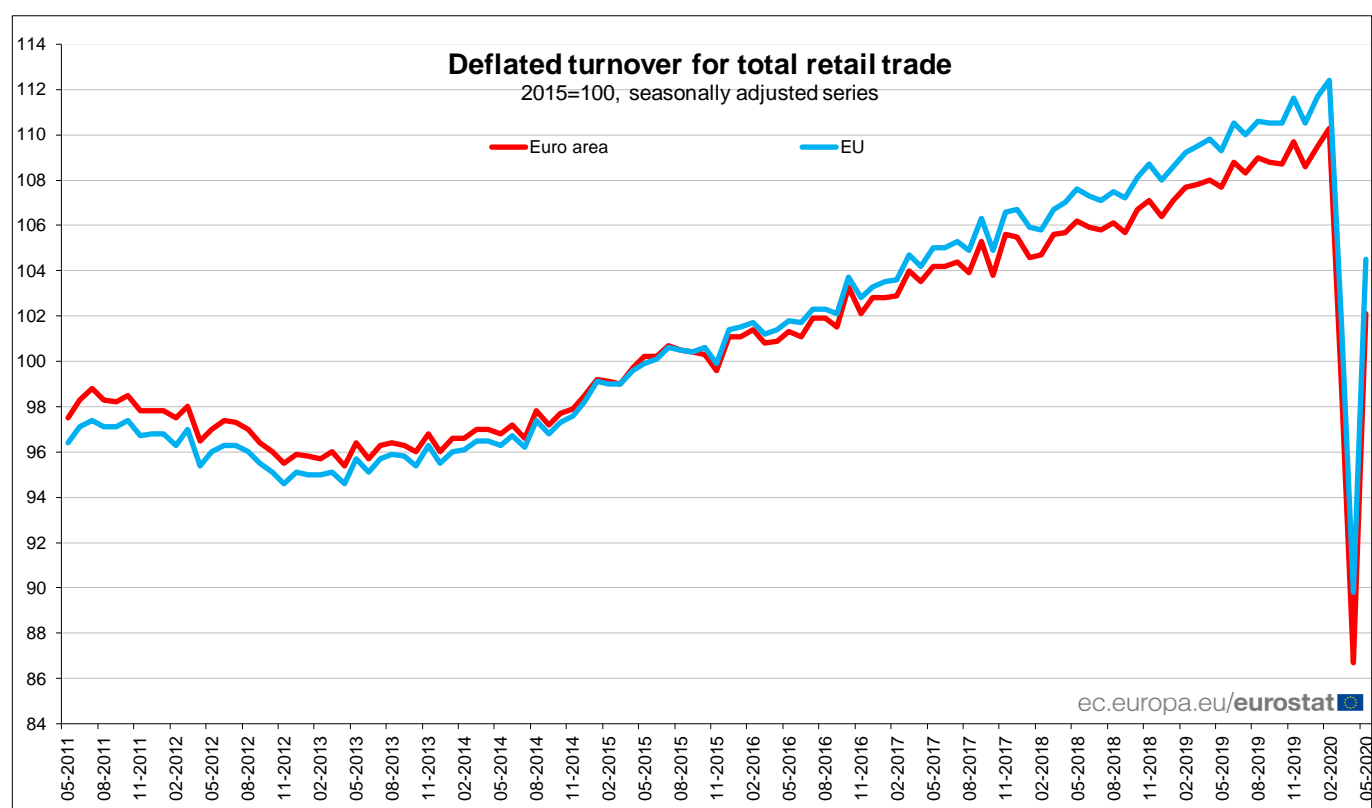
May 2020 compared with April 2020

Volume of retail trade up by 17.8% in euro area

Up by 16.4% in EU

In May 2020, when Member States began easing the COVID-19 containment measures, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade increased by 17.8% in the **euro area** and by 16.4% in the **EU**, compared with April 2020, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In April 2020, the retail trade volume decreased by 12.1% in the **euro area** and by 11.4% in the **EU**.

In May 2020 compared with May 2019, the calendar adjusted retail sales index decreased by 5.1% in the **euro area** and by 4.2% in the **EU**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in May 2020, compared with April 2020, the volume of retail trade increased by 38.4% for automotive fuels, by 34.5% for non-food products and by 2.2% for food, drinks and tobacco. In the **EU**, the volume of retail trade increased by 31.9% for automotive fuels, by 30.2% for non-food products and by 2.1% for food, drinks and tobacco. It can be noted that the volume of retail trade in textiles, clothing and footwear rose by 147.0% in the **euro area** and by 130.7% in the **EU**.

The volume of retail trade increased in all Member States for which data are available, except in **Bulgaria**, where it remained unchanged. The highest increases were registered in **Luxembourg** (+28.6%), **France** (+25.6%) and **Austria** (+23.3%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in May 2020, compared with May 2019, the volume of retail trade decreased by 27.4% for automotive fuels and by 9.0% for non-food products while food, drinks and tobacco increased by 4.9%. In the **EU**, the volume of retail trade decreased by 24.3% for automotive fuels and by 6.9% for non-food products while food, drinks and tobacco increased by 4.1%.

Among Member States for which data are available, the largest decreases were registered in **Bulgaria** (-20.4%), **Luxembourg** (-19.7%) and **Spain** (-17.9%). The highest increases were observed in **Germany** (+7.2%), **Denmark** (+6.6%) and **Austria** (+4.8%).

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 [90/2020](#) of 4 June 2020. The monthly percentage change for April 2020 has been revised from -11.7% to -12.1% in the euro area and from -11.1% to -11.4% in the EU. The annual percentage change remained at -19.6% in the euro area and at -18.0% 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)

Eurostat €-indicators [release calendar](#)

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

	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20
Euro area						
Total retail trade	-1.0	0.8	0.7	-10.6	-12.1	17.8
Food, drinks, tobacco	-1.0	0.9	2.5	5.5	-5.9	2.2
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-1.1	0.8	-0.3	-20.7	-16.7	34.5
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-2.6	-0.1	-1.1	-54.7	-55.5	147.0
Electrical goods and furniture	-1.1	1.7	0.9	-27.2	-18.3	37.9
Computer equipment, books and other	-1.4	1.6	-0.4	-28.6	-22.6	26.8
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	-1.3	1.3	0.0	2.3	-14.3	3.6
Mail orders and internet	0.7	0.1	3.7	1.4	10.9	7.0
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.4	2.0	-1.3	-26.5	-28.8	38.4
EU						
Total retail trade	-1.0	1.1	0.6	-9.8	-11.4	16.4
Food, drinks, tobacco	-1.0	0.9	2.3	5.0	-6.0	2.1
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-1.0	1.2	-0.1	-19.1	-14.6	30.2
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-2.5	0.4	-0.8	-54.2	-51.5	130.7
Electrical goods and furniture	-1.2	1.8	0.5	-23.9	-14.2	32.1
Computer equipment, books and other	-1.5	2.2	-0.3	-26.7	-20.2	24.4
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	-1.4	1.3	0.7	3.0	-14.9	3.1
Mail orders and internet	0.8	0.4	3.7	2.3	12.5	4.7
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.2	2.0	-1.2	-23.5	-25.8	31.9

Source dataset: [sts_trtu_m](#)

Total retail trade	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20
Euro area	-1.0	0.8	0.7	-10.6	-12.1	17.8
EU	-1.0	1.1	0.6	-9.8	-11.4	16.4
Belgium	-2.6	0.0	2.7	-10.5	-8.8	20.0
Bulgaria	0.7	0.1	0.9	-20.1	-2.0	0.0
Czechia	0.6	1.0	0.1	-10.3	-4.9	c
Denmark	-0.6	0.2	0.1	-2.1	-0.8	8.9
Germany	-1.5	1.4	0.8	-2.6	-6.5	13.9
Estonia	-2.0	1.3	4.2	-3.0	-16.9	16.2
Ireland	0.9	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-22.0	10.7
Greece	-2.6	3.1	-2.0	-0.3	-25.5	c
Spain	-1.2	0.6	0.5	-14.8	-19.2	18.0
France	-1.2	0.7	-0.1	-15.6	-19.0	25.6
Croatia	0.3	1.2	-0.1	-8.2	-20.6	21.4
Italy	0.3	0.7	0.4	c	c	c
Cyprus	-0.5	-0.4	1.5	-3.1	-30.3	c
Latvia	-0.4	0.1	4.1	-5.2	-7.6	7.8
Lithuania	0.0	0.9	1.4	-9.9	-9.0	17.5
Luxembourg	-0.8	0.0	0.0	-12.3	-18.1	28.6
Hungary	0.4	0.9	1.2	-0.9	-13.8	6.1
Malta	1.0	0.0	1.3	-1.3	-24.3	11.4
Netherlands	0.7	-1.1	1.4	-1.4	-5.6	8.9
Austria	-0.5	-0.2	1.6	-13.3	-4.9	23.3
Poland	-2.0	3.3	0.6	-7.1	-7.7	10.1
Portugal	-1.3	2.3	3.7	-12.6	-17.4	13.1
Romania	0.8	3.7	-0.9	-3.4	-21.9	20.1
Slovenia	-2.1	1.9	-1.3	-12.4	-8.6	12.8
Slovakia	-0.9	1.6	1.0	-5.3	-8.9	5.6
Finland	-0.6	1.1	1.4	-1.5	-0.5	2.7
Sweden	-1.3	1.2	0.5	-2.0	-0.1	0.6
United Kingdom	0.5	0.4	-0.5	-3.6	-17.0	11.1
Norway	-2.3	0.6	1.9	-1.1	4.8	2.8
Switzerland	-0.4	-0.6	0.7	-6.6	-13.6	30.7

* 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*

	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20
Euro area						
Total retail trade	1.9	2.2	2.6	-8.3	-19.6	-5.1
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.4	1.0	3.7	9.1	2.0	4.9
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	3.9	3.2	2.2	-18.9	-32.6	-9.0
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-0.7	-0.7	-3.3	-56.6	-80.3	-50.5
Electrical goods and furniture	2.8	3.7	3.4	-25.0	-38.5	-14.3
Computer equipment, books and other	3.9	4.0	2.0	-26.4	-42.2	-26.6
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	3.4	3.6	3.0	6.9	-8.9	-6.1
Mail orders and internet	13.7	7.6	9.6	9.5	23.3	31.2
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-1.1	-0.1	-2.0	-27.3	-47.9	-27.4
EU						
Total retail trade	2.2	2.7	3.1	-7.2	-18.0	-4.2
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.1	1.2	3.7	8.6	0.9	4.1
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	4.2	4.2	3.3	-16.3	-28.7	-6.9
Textiles, clothing, footwear	0.0	0.5	-1.5	-55.2	-77.8	-47.5
Electrical goods and furniture	4.6	5.0	3.9	-21.9	-32.4	-9.8
Computer equipment, books and other	3.2	4.3	2.6	-24.0	-38.6	-23.0
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	3.4	3.7	4.0	8.6	-8.5	-6.3
Mail orders and internet	14.1	8.9	11.4	12.3	28.4	32.9
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.6	0.3	-1.4	-24.4	-43.5	-24.3

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Total retail trade	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20
Euro area	1.9	2.2	2.6	-8.3	-19.6	-5.1
EU	2.2	2.7	3.1	-7.2	-18.0	-4.2
Belgium	0.3	1.5	3.7	-7.2	-15.9	-0.4
Bulgaria	5.8	3.4	5.5	-14.6	-19.9	-20.4
Czechia	4.0	4.7	3.6	-6.0	-10.8	c
Denmark	0.2	1.8	0.6	-3.7	-3.3	6.6
Germany	2.3	2.5	2.7	-0.2	-6.1	7.2
Estonia	3.2	3.3	8.1	2.9	-15.0	0.3
Ireland	5.8	3.5	0.8	3.4	-21.0	-11.6
Greece	-1.5	6.2	2.5	-2.4	-24.8	c
Spain	1.3	1.7	2.0	-13.5	-29.8	-17.9
France	2.5	2.5	1.3	-13.4	-30.1	-12.0
Croatia	4.0	5.1	3.3	-5.1	-24.0	-5.8
Italy	0.7	0.9	3.3	c	c	c
Cyprus	5.6	5.8	7.2	-0.6	-29.5	c
Latvia	2.7	1.5	5.9	-0.5	-9.0	-0.6
Lithuania	4.0	5.2	7.0	-5.3	-17.6	0.9
Luxembourg	2.6	5.0	5.6	-10.8	-33.2	-19.7
Hungary	6.3	7.6	11.2	3.5	-10.2	-2.1
Malta	4.8	4.6	8.1	-0.3	-24.0	-10.9
Netherlands	3.8	1.9	3.0	0.1	-5.3	3.9
Austria	0.7	1.5	2.4	-10.5	-16.7	4.8
Poland	4.1	8.3	7.0	-0.4	-9.9	1.7
Portugal	2.7	4.4	9.6	-5.2	-21.5	-12.7
Romania	8.5	11.1	11.3	3.3	-19.4	-4.0
Slovenia	-5.7	-1.0	-4.6	-14.5	-22.7	-10.6
Slovakia	-2.5	-1.0	3.9	-3.6	-14.3	-9.0
Finland	0.1	2.6	4.0	1.2	-0.7	4.6
Sweden	1.9	2.7	3.0	-0.2	-3.6	0.7
United Kingdom	2.8	2.5	1.7	-4.3	-22.7	-12.4
Norway	-0.7	-1.7	2.0	1.0	3.6	7.8
Switzerland	1.0	0.2	1.0	-5.6	-18.8	6.6

* Calendar adjusted

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

	05/19	06/19	07/19	08/19	09/19	10/19	11/19	12/19	01/20	02/20	03/20	04/20	05/20
Euro area	107.7	108.8	108.3	109.0	108.8	108.7	109.7	108.6	109.5	110.3	98.6	86.7	102.1
EU	109.3	110.5	110.0	110.6	110.5	110.5	111.6	110.5	111.7	112.4	101.4	89.8	104.5
Belgium	100.4	100.6	99.4	98.6	98.6	99.2	101.9	99.3	99.3	102.0	91.3	83.3	100.0
Bulgaria	118.3	118.6	119.7	119.8	119.9	120.0	120.8	121.7	121.8	122.9	98.2	96.2	96.2
Czechia	120.3	122.5	122.1	122.4	123.3	123.4	123.7	124.4	125.7	125.8	112.9	107.4	c
Denmark	103.5	105.8	104.8	104.8	104.9	104.4	104.6	104.0	104.2	104.3	102.1	101.3	110.3
Germany	109.5	111.6	111.0	111.1	111.4	110.7	112.6	110.9	112.5	113.4	110.4	103.2	117.5
Estonia	110.5	110.6	111.3	112.3	112.8	112.7	114.4	112.1	113.6	118.4	114.9	95.5	111.0
Ireland	119.6	119.7	120.8	121.2	122.1	121.9	121.6	122.7	122.7	122.6	122.6	95.6	105.8
Greece	101.6	103.4	102.6	103.9	105.8	105.3	104.6	101.9	105.1	103.0	102.7	76.5	c
Spain	108.0	108.1	108.2	108.6	108.6	108.5	109.3	108.0	108.6	109.1	93.0	75.1	88.6
France	112.3	112.8	111.4	114.9	112.9	113.1	114.3	112.9	113.7	113.6	95.9	77.7	97.6
Croatia	111.1	115.2	113.8	112.6	114.9	115.2	116.8	117.1	118.5	118.4	108.7	86.3	104.8
Italy	99.9	101.0	100.8	100.6	100.8	100.9	100.5	100.8	101.5	101.9	c	c	c
Cyprus	119.7	120.5	120.9	122.3	122.3	123.0	125.0	124.4	123.9	125.7	121.8	84.9	c
Latvia	113.6	113.3	112.8	112.9	111.6	112.0	115.0	114.5	114.6	119.3	113.1	104.5	112.6
Lithuania	123.4	125.2	125.0	124.9	125.8	125.7	127.0	127.0	128.1	129.9	117.0	106.5	125.1
Luxembourg	38.0	37.5	37.2	36.9	36.9	36.8	36.8	36.5	36.5	36.5	32.0	26.2	33.7
Hungary	123.4	124.9	125.9	126.4	127.1	127.9	128.8	129.3	130.4	132.0	130.8	112.7	119.6
Malta	111.2	113.6	114.0	114.2	115.5	115.2	115.5	116.7	116.7	118.2	116.7	88.4	98.5
Netherlands	109.4	110.0	109.9	109.2	110.5	110.2	110.8	111.6	110.4	112.0	110.4	104.2	113.5
Austria	102.6	103.9	105.1	103.6	103.9	103.9	104.7	104.2	104.0	105.7	91.6	87.1	107.4
Poland	123.5	126.5	125.6	125.2	124.7	126.2	129.2	126.6	130.8	131.6	122.3	112.9	124.3
Portugal	117.0	115.3	116.4	117.2	114.0	117.2	118.9	117.4	120.1	124.5	108.8	89.9	101.7
Romania	138.3	140.4	141.0	141.6	142.9	144.2	145.6	146.7	152.2	150.8	145.6	113.7	136.6
Slovenia	121.3	120.6	122.3	121.2	120.7	121.5	121.8	119.2	121.5	119.9	105.0	96.0	108.3
Slovakia	111.4	111.9	111.5	109.9	110.0	110.5	110.1	109.1	110.9	112.0	106.1	96.7	102.1
Finland	107.5	109.6	109.1	109.9	111.0	110.0	109.7	109.0	110.2	111.7	110.0	109.4	112.4
Sweden	106.6	107.2	107.4	108.3	107.9	108.0	108.8	107.4	108.7	109.2	107.0	106.9	107.5
United Kingdom	113.8	114.0	114.1	113.4	112.7	112.5	110.4	110.9	111.3	110.7	106.7	88.6	98.4
Norway	102.9	102.4	103.2	103.2	103.3	102.4	103.5	101.1	101.7	103.6	102.5	107.4	110.4
Switzerland	97.9	99.2	98.9	98.0	97.8	98.6	99.3	98.9	98.3	99.0	92.5	79.9	104.4

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Source dataset: sts_trtu_m

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

	05/17	05/18	05/19	06/19	07/19	08/19	09/19	10/19	11/19	12/19	01/20	02/20	03/20	04/20	05/20
Euro area	103.4	105.3	106.6	108.9	108.4	111.1	105.8	109.8	111.4	129.2	104.0	98.0	97.0	84.8	101.2
EU	104.5	107.1	108.5	110.9	110.6	113.0	107.9	111.8	113.3	131.0	104.9	99.2	99.7	88.1	103.9
Belgium	102.0	102.2	101.8	102.5	101.5	92.0	96.1	101.0	99.8	118.3	98.6	90.6	92.2	82.8	101.4
Bulgaria	110.8	116.0	118.0	121.2	129.3	130.7	122.7	123.5	124.0	138.0	106.1	101.9	96.0	90.8	93.9
Czechia	111.4	117.4	120.7	123.1	118.4	119.0	121.1	125.1	134.3	151.0	113.2	108.1	113.1	105.5	c
Denmark	105.6	108.3	107.4	107.4	103.3	105.5	100.7	102.1	110.5	127.2	95.8	89.3	98.4	100.9	114.5
Germany	105.7	107.1	108.9	111.0	111.7	107.6	107.9	112.3	118.8	128.2	103.9	101.4	111.9	104.0	116.7
Estonia	110.5	112.3	114.1	114.0	117.9	116.6	110.7	113.7	112.4	126.2	104.4	103.0	112.7	92.7	114.4
Ireland	106.4	110.5	114.4	115.9	117.1	118.8	118.8	117.5	133.0	168.8	113.7	115.2	112.0	89.9	101.1
Greece	94.3	98.2	96.0	105.3	107.9	111.7	107.2	102.2	102.4	114.5	98.2	98.5	97.2	74.7	c
Spain	102.8	102.6	105.8	109.5	117.8	107.5	106.1	107.6	108.0	124.8	109.2	96.1	89.8	71.3	86.9
France	104.7	108.3	110.6	112.8	96.8	131.3	108.3	114.2	114.2	139.7	109.9	99.9	93.4	76.5	97.3
Croatia	102.6	111.8	110.4	123.0	138.1	136.3	119.7	113.2	107.1	123.4	96.8	95.2	102.1	83.1	104.0
Italy	99.0	98.9	97.1	100.1	108.9	99.1	99.5	103.6	100.2	121.9	96.7	91.5	c	c	c
Cyprus	110.7	116.4	118.2	125.0	131.3	126.2	124.3	122.4	124.0	151.5	110.3	106.7	110.9	82.1	c
Latvia	107.1	114.4	116.0	115.4	121.0	121.7	111.4	112.6	111.4	130.0	103.8	103.3	108.6	101.3	115.3
Lithuania	114.0	122.4	126.6	127.2	131.8	133.5	125.0	127.7	124.1	145.0	115.8	112.0	114.0	103.7	127.8
Luxembourg	34.3	35.0	36.0	37.4	39.4	33.6	35.9	39.0	38.1	43.9	35.7	33.7	32.9	24.4	28.9
Hungary	110.8	119.7	123.4	126.2	129.6	131.9	125.8	133.0	132.1	152.5	113.3	115.4	125.6	110.1	120.8
Malta	109.8	111.8	112.5	118.6	120.9	115.6	116.0	119.1	114.6	132.7	106.4	104.0	106.0	85.9	100.2
Netherlands	107.6	111.2	113.4	113.2	113.0	105.4	107.3	111.9	112.8	128.3	105.0	97.4	107.4	103.5	117.8
Austria	100.5	101.3	100.7	102.6	107.3	101.7	101.0	106.7	105.7	123.0	97.2	95.1	92.7	86.9	105.5
Poland	111.4	120.9	124.0	128.1	128.4	127.5	124.7	130.0	125.6	146.0	116.3	114.8	124.7	114.4	126.1
Portugal	103.3	109.7	114.3	113.4	125.4	126.8	113.1	116.2	118.7	142.6	111.1	108.5	105.2	84.9	99.8
Romania	124.1	132.8	137.2	139.7	147.8	153.3	148.7	150.1	154.7	165.7	130.9	127.3	136.4	110.6	131.7
Slovenia	108.6	113.0	119.2	122.3	127.0	124.0	124.1	127.2	119.9	131.4	113.4	104.8	103.1	94.4	106.6
Slovakia	109.8	113.6	110.6	113.2	109.9	108.1	108.7	113.9	114.6	126.8	102.5	102.4	106.0	94.5	100.7
Finland	107.1	112.4	111.9	115.0	116.6	113.5	108.3	109.3	108.2	131.8	97.6	94.0	104.8	104.5	117.1
Sweden	107.3	111.4	110.9	113.7	111.2	110.4	104.5	108.3	111.3	125.0	97.6	91.8	103.6	104.9	111.7
United Kingdom	103.4	107.5	109.3	110.1	113.9	109.4	108.0	112.6	122.3	139.8	101.8	103.3	101.1	84.8	95.7
Norway	108.3	111.5	108.9	109.1	104.9	107.0	99.2	100.6	107.7	123.6	92.5	87.1	97.0	100.3	117.4
Switzerland	99.7	99.8	99.3	99.0	98.7	91.9	92.7	99.5	105.7	120.9	93.5	87.5	92.0	78.0	105.9

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