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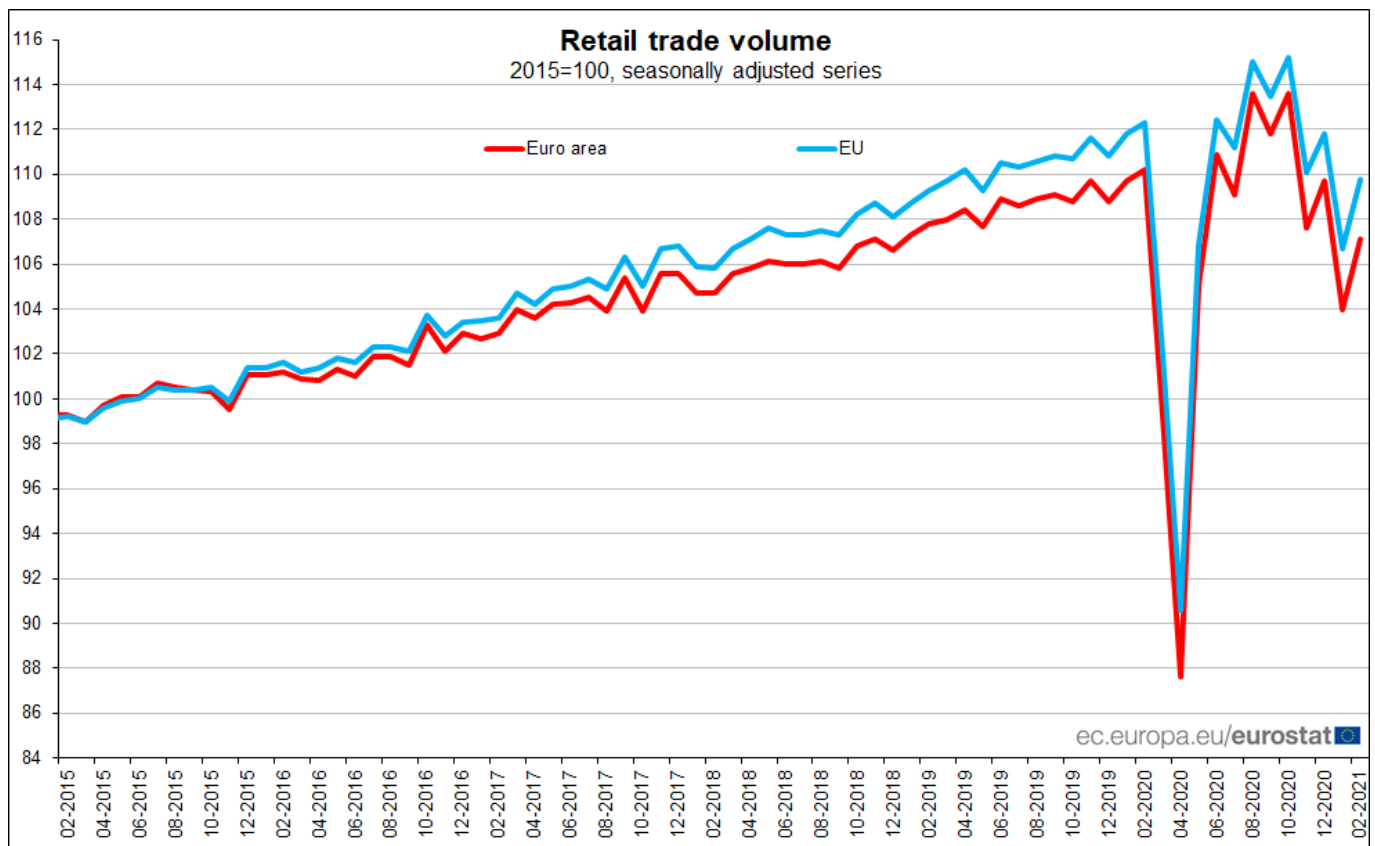
February 2021 compared with January 2021

Volume of retail trade up by 3.0% in euro area and by 2.9% in the EU

Down by 2.9% and 2.2% compared with February 2020

In February 2021, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade rose by 3.0% in the **euro area** and by 2.9% in the **EU**, compared with January 2021, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In January 2021, the retail trade volume fell by 5.2% in the **euro area** and by 4.6% in the **EU**.

In February 2021 compared with February 2020, the calendar adjusted volume of retail trade decreased by 2.9% in the **euro area** and by 2.2% in the **EU**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in February 2021, compared with January 2021, the volume of retail trade increased by 6.8% for non-food products and by 3.7% for automotive fuels, while it decreased by 1.1% for food, drinks and tobacco. In the **EU** the volume of retail trade increased by 6.2% for non-food products and by 2.4% for automotive fuels, while it decreased by 0.8% for food, drinks and tobacco.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in total retail trade were registered in **Austria** (+28.2%), **Slovenia** (+16.4%) and **Italy** (+8.4%). The largest decreases were observed in **Malta** (-1.5%), **France** and **Hungary** (both -1.2%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in February 2021, compared with February 2020, the volume of retail trade decreased by 13.0% for automotive fuels and by 5.5% for non-food products (within this category mail orders and internet increased by 37.3%), while it increased by 1.9% for food, drinks and tobacco. In the **EU**, the volume of retail trade decreased by 11.9% for automotive fuels and by 4.0% for non-food products (mail orders and internet increased by 37.9%), while it increased by 1.8% for food, drinks and tobacco.

Among Member States for which data are available, the largest decreases in total retail trade volume were registered in **Portugal** (-15.4%), **Slovakia** (-14.7%) and **Malta** (-8.9%). The highest increases were observed in **Belgium** (+11.0%), **Austria** (+5.2%) and **Croatia** (+5.1%).

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.

Seasonal adjustment is a statistical method for removing the effects of recurring seasonal influences, which have been observed in the past from an economic time series, thus showing non-seasonal trends more clearly. **Calendar adjustment** is a statistical method for removing the variation caused by the changing number of particular weekdays or holidays in different months or other time periods (quarters, years). The annual comparisons are based on data adjusted for calendar effects only.

Seasonally adjusted euro area and EU series are calculated by aggregating the seasonally adjusted national data.

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 [29/2021](#) of 4 March 2021. The monthly percentage change for January 2021 has been revised from -5.9% to -5.2% in the euro area and from -5.1% to -4.6% in the EU. The annual percentage change has been revised from -6.4% to -5.2% in the euro area and from -5.4% to -4.5% 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-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21
Euro area						
Total retail trade	-1.6	1.6	-5.3	2.0	-5.2	3.0
Food, drinks, tobacco	-1.4	2.1	-2.1	2.0	1.0	-1.1
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-1.9	1.6	-7.1	1.4	-9.9	6.8
Mail orders and internet	-6.1	7.9	4.4	-1.2	6.0	0.4
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-1.6	-3.7	-10.5	4.1	-0.9	3.7
EU						
Total retail trade	-1.3	1.5	-4.4	1.5	-4.6	2.9
Food, drinks, tobacco	-1.1	2.0	-1.9	1.8	0.8	-0.8
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-1.6	1.7	-5.9	0.5	-8.2	6.2
Mail orders and internet	-5.0	7.2	5.0	-1.2	5.5	0.3
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-1.5	-3.3	-8.1	3.2	0.0	2.4

Source dataset: [sts_trtu_m](#)

Total retail trade	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21
Euro area	-1.6	1.6	-5.3	2.0	-5.2	3.0
EU	-1.3	1.5	-4.4	1.5	-4.6	2.9
Belgium	-6.3	1.5	-9.0	8.1	0.1	2.9
Bulgaria	2.1	1.4	1.3	1.3	3.4	3.0
Czechia	-0.9	-1.9	-5.6	7.1	-6.6	c
Denmark	-1.1	9.0	-3.1	-7.9	-6.2	4.2
Germany	-1.3	3.0	1.6	-8.0	-6.5	1.2
Estonia	1.1	1.1	0.9	-0.5	1.7	0.1
Ireland	2.2	0.7	-10.7	10.0	-15.1	7.9
Greece	-1.4	4.2	-6.3	-3.8	6.0	c
Spain	-0.1	0.9	-0.9	2.0	-7.7	3.8
France	-3.6	2.5	-15.7	20.8	-4.3	-1.2
Croatia	1.7	4.4	2.9	-1.9	3.4	4.4
Italy	-0.3	-0.5	-8.4	1.3	-2.2	8.4
Cyprus	0.1	2.4	1.2	0.7	-10.6	c
Latvia	0.5	1.0	-1.9	-5.9	-5.2	4.4
Lithuania	-0.1	1.5	-1.1	-5.1	-5.1	5.5
Luxembourg	-1.5	-1.2	-0.6	-1.2	3.4	2.1
Hungary	0.3	0.2	0.4	-0.9	0.4	-1.2
Malta	0.4	1.7	1.2	1.9	-1.9	-1.5
Netherlands	-2.3	-1.0	3.3	-10.2	-5.1	5.4
Austria	0.3	-0.8	-9.8	6.9	-15.7	28.2
Poland	-0.2	-0.3	0.8	0.8	-0.2	2.7
Portugal	2.3	1.7	-3.4	0.2	-5.0	-0.7
Romania	3.0	1.5	0.5	0.2	-3.1	0.6
Slovenia	-1.1	-1.0	-5.8	1.1	1.7	16.4
Slovakia	1.5	-1.0	-1.3	0.3	-16.4	4.7
Finland	-0.3	0.4	1.8	-3.2	1.9	-0.4
Sweden	0.6	0.1	1.2	-3.9	4.1	1.1
Norway	0.3	1.2	2.9	-5.7	-0.1	-0.3
Switzerland	-1.1	2.9	-2.0	2.9	-6.4	-5.2

* 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-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21
Euro area						
Total retail trade	2.5	4.5	-1.6	1.2	-5.2	-2.9
Food, drinks, tobacco	2.7	5.0	2.4	5.5	5.9	1.9
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	3.4	5.7	-2.2	-0.1	-11.3	-5.5
Mail orders and internet	18.3	31.1	35.5	31.1	38.2	37.3
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-5.3	-9.0	-18.2	-14.5	-16.9	-13.0
EU						
Total retail trade	2.4	4.2	-1.1	1.1	-4.5	-2.2
Food, drinks, tobacco	2.4	4.4	2.1	4.9	5.2	1.8
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	3.7	5.9	-1.0	0.1	-9.6	-4.0
Mail orders and internet	20.1	32.0	37.4	31.8	39.7	37.9
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-5.7	-9.1	-16.0	-13.3	-14.7	-11.9

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Total retail trade	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21
Euro area	2.5	4.5	-1.6	1.2	-5.2	-2.9
EU	2.4	4.2	-1.1	1.1	-4.5	-2.2
Belgium	3.2	6.9	-3.9	4.4	5.6	11.0
Bulgaria	-6.1	-5.1	-5.8	-10.7	-4.4	-0.5
Czechia	0.5	-0.8	-4.5	-0.8	-6.5	c
Denmark	2.9	12.5	9.3	0.4	-5.9	-1.2
Germany	5.1	8.7	9.2	1.6	-6.1	-5.3
Estonia	4.9	6.5	6.2	6.0	8.0	3.7
Ireland	13.6	14.5	1.2	10.9	-6.1	1.2
Greece	-4.0	4.7	-7.4	-11.5	-3.0	c
Spain	-3.5	-2.0	-4.9	-0.1	-8.9	-6.2
France	2.7	5.3	-11.5	7.9	1.8	1.6
Croatia	-6.0	-0.3	1.5	-1.6	0.9	5.1
Italy	0.0	-0.3	-8.5	-6.0	-10.4	-5.6
Cyprus	-3.2	0.1	0.4	1.6	-8.7	c
Latvia	5.9	6.5	1.5	-4.8	-9.4	-8.5
Lithuania	6.5	8.5	6.4	-0.3	-4.1	-0.1
Luxembourg	2.9	0.6	0.9	-1.6	0.6	1.7
Hungary	-1.9	-2.0	-0.7	-3.9	-1.9	-5.9
Malta	-11.9	-7.7	-3.9	2.2	-3.2	-8.9
Netherlands	3.9	3.0	7.1	-5.9	-9.2	-5.6
Austria	4.5	3.6	-7.3	-0.1	-16.2	5.2
Poland	5.5	3.3	1.7	4.5	1.3	4.0
Portugal	0.5	-0.4	-5.1	-3.4	-10.8	-15.4
Romania	4.0	4.8	4.1	2.7	1.6	3.6
Slovenia	-8.5	-10.8	-15.3	-13.1	-13.2	2.7
Slovakia	5.9	2.8	-0.4	-0.6	-16.8	-14.7
Finland	3.6	4.7	7.8	3.0	5.1	2.8
Sweden	1.4	1.6	3.7	-1.8	2.9	3.6
Norway	8.7	10.6	13.8	8.0	8.2	6.1
Switzerland	2.5	5.4	2.8	5.9	-0.6	-6.3

* Calendar adjusted

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Volume of retail trade, calendar and seasonally adjusted indices
(base year 2015)

	02/20	03/20	04/20	05/20	06/20	07/20	08/20	09/20	10/20	11/20	12/20	01/21	02/21
Euro area	110.2	99.2	87.6	105.0	110.9	109.1	113.6	111.8	113.6	107.6	109.7	104.0	107.1
EU	112.3	102.0	90.6	106.9	112.4	111.2	115.0	113.5	115.2	110.1	111.8	106.7	109.8
Belgium	99.4	98.7	91.0	103.3	106.1	102.2	113.5	106.4	108.0	98.3	106.3	106.4	109.5
Bulgaria	123.7	101.2	101.0	102.0	103.8	104.6	106.9	109.1	110.6	112.0	113.5	117.4	120.9
Czechia	125.4	110.6	110.5	122.0	123.6	125.5	125.4	124.3	122.0	115.2	123.4	115.3	c
Denmark	104.1	102.3	101.4	110.6	112.0	110.5	109.2	108.0	117.7	114.0	105.0	98.5	102.6
Germany	113.0	111.5	104.5	118.1	116.6	116.8	119.0	117.4	120.9	122.8	113.0	105.6	106.9
Estonia	115.8	113.7	105.7	112.2	115.1	116.7	116.5	117.8	119.1	120.2	119.6	121.6	121.7
Ireland	122.3	122.5	95.7	108.7	131.1	132.8	134.0	136.9	137.9	123.1	135.4	115.0	124.1
Greece	103.1	102.1	76.6	100.2	100.6	100.2	102.0	100.6	104.8	98.2	94.5	100.2	c
Spain	109.3	92.9	75.3	88.3	103.2	104.5	105.2	105.1	106.0	105.0	107.1	98.9	102.7
France	113.7	96.0	78.3	107.8	117.1	113.4	121.2	116.8	119.7	100.9	121.9	116.6	115.2
Croatia	117.8	107.8	86.2	107.6	109.0	108.8	106.9	108.7	113.5	116.8	114.6	118.5	123.7
Italy	102.0	78.0	69.0	86.4	98.2	90.8	100.5	100.2	99.7	91.3	92.5	90.5	98.1
Cyprus	125.2	122.1	85.1	115.8	118.5	120.3	121.0	121.1	124.0	125.5	126.4	113.0	c
Latvia	119.6	112.9	105.1	112.8	116.9	116.1	117.5	118.1	119.3	117.0	110.1	104.4	109.0
Lithuania	130.5	116.2	108.0	124.7	132.8	133.4	134.2	134.0	136.0	134.5	127.7	121.2	127.9
Luxembourg	33.7	28.2	21.5	29.7	33.4	34.4	33.7	33.2	32.8	32.6	32.2	33.3	34.0
Hungary	132.1	129.4	111.9	119.5	123.4	125.5	126.3	126.7	126.9	127.4	126.2	126.7	125.2
Malta	122.9	118.1	88.5	97.3	104.4	106.6	109.8	110.2	112.1	113.4	115.5	113.3	111.6
Netherlands	112.4	109.6	104.3	114.3	116.6	115.9	117.7	115.0	113.8	117.5	105.5	100.1	105.5
Austria	106.1	92.1	86.8	109.2	106.6	109.1	108.2	108.5	107.6	97.1	103.8	87.5	112.2
Poland	132.0	123.4	111.2	123.0	128.2	131.6	132.2	131.9	131.5	132.5	133.5	133.2	136.8
Portugal	124.5	108.8	89.9	103.2	108.9	113.4	112.1	114.7	116.6	112.6	112.8	107.2	106.5
Romania	150.8	145.6	113.7	133.3	141.4	147.4	145.4	149.7	151.9	152.6	152.9	148.1	149.0
Slovenia	119.7	104.4	96.0	111.4	115.0	116.4	111.4	110.2	109.1	102.8	103.9	105.7	123.0
Slovakia	114.6	109.9	96.9	100.9	107.1	110.3	112.4	114.1	113.0	111.5	111.8	93.5	97.9
Finland	112.1	110.3	110.2	114.2	115.4	113.5	115.0	114.7	115.2	117.3	113.6	115.8	115.3
Sweden	108.8	108.0	105.4	107.3	109.1	108.9	108.9	109.6	109.7	111.0	106.7	111.1	112.3
Norway	103.5	102.5	107.3	110.4	116.6	117.4	111.8	112.1	113.5	116.8	110.1	110.0	109.7
Switzerland	103.3	96.1	83.2	109.5	107.3	106.9	106.4	105.2	108.2	106.0	109.1	102.1	96.8

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Volume of retail trade, calendar adjusted indices
(base year 2015)

	02/18	02/19	02/20	03/20	04/20	05/20	06/20	07/20	08/20	09/20	10/20	11/20	12/20	01/21	02/21
Euro area	92.8	95.7	98.0	97.5	85.6	103.9	110.7	108.7	116.3	108.6	114.9	109.6	130.9	98.9	95.2
EU	93.2	96.4	99.3	100.2	88.7	106.1	112.8	111.4	117.8	110.7	116.7	112.2	132.7	100.4	97.1
Belgium	89.9	89.5	89.8	97.9	89.7	104.7	110.3	104.0	105.6	100.8	109.4	96.1	125.6	105.8	99.7
Bulgaria	95.1	98.6	103.4	97.3	92.6	96.2	101.8	109.4	117.7	117.8	120.2	119.5	126.1	102.9	102.9
Czechia	99.0	104.3	108.6	111.8	106.5	122.0	122.9	120.8	120.5	121.7	124.1	128.1	149.9	105.5	c
Denmark	87.4	88.8	89.4	98.4	101.0	114.4	114.6	109.6	110.1	103.7	115.0	120.8	127.6	90.1	88.3
Germany	94.3	99.1	101.6	113.1	105.4	117.4	115.9	117.5	115.0	113.5	122.4	129.7	130.4	97.9	96.2
Estonia	90.5	95.3	103.0	112.7	95.1	117.2	121.5	122.2	121.4	116.1	121.1	119.4	133.7	112.9	106.8
Ireland	107.4	114.3	115.2	112.0	89.9	103.5	126.2	126.7	130.4	135.0	134.5	134.6	187.2	106.8	116.6
Greece	99.2	96.1	98.5	97.2	74.9	91.1	101.3	104.9	111.0	102.9	107.0	94.8	101.3	95.3	c
Spain	92.6	94.2	96.2	89.8	71.3	86.9	104.6	113.7	104.3	102.4	105.5	102.7	124.7	99.5	90.2
France	95.5	98.7	100.1	93.5	77.0	106.8	117.0	97.1	140.0	111.6	120.5	101.2	151.2	112.2	101.7
Croatia	82.8	92.2	95.3	102.1	83.1	104.0	117.0	131.2	127.4	112.5	112.9	108.7	121.4	97.7	100.2
Italy	87.9	88.6	91.2	74.5	62.9	83.0	94.7	97.9	100.1	99.5	103.3	91.6	114.7	86.6	86.1
Cyprus	97.8	99.4	107.9	112.1	82.5	114.6	123.1	130.3	123.4	120.2	122.6	124.5	153.9	101.1	c
Latvia	92.2	97.5	103.5	108.6	101.3	115.4	120.3	124.7	127.0	118.0	119.9	113.2	123.7	94.0	94.7
Lithuania	97.4	104.8	112.2	113.1	104.5	127.6	134.4	141.0	143.4	133.1	138.4	132.1	144.5	111.0	112.1
Luxembourg	26.2	27.8	29.4	27.5	20.6	28.5	34.3	37.5	31.4	32.3	34.3	33.6	37.9	31.4	29.9
Hungary	95.0	103.8	115.5	125.7	110.0	120.6	126.2	130.1	130.5	123.7	130.2	132.1	146.4	110.9	108.7
Malta	93.6	98.2	110.6	106.5	86.5	98.7	113.2	111.1	108.7	103.9	113.5	116.5	139.7	106.6	100.8
Netherlands	91.7	94.6	97.2	107.5	103.5	118.2	120.1	119.3	113.9	111.5	115.3	120.8	120.7	95.2	91.8
Austria	90.9	92.8	95.3	92.8	86.8	107.2	105.2	111.4	106.1	105.5	110.5	98.0	122.9	81.5	100.3
Poland	102.4	107.3	114.8	124.7	111.9	125.1	131.5	136.1	135.4	131.6	134.3	127.7	152.6	117.8	119.4
Portugal	94.6	99.0	108.5	105.2	84.9	101.2	107.5	121.5	121.4	113.7	115.7	112.6	137.7	99.1	91.8
Romania	104.6	114.4	127.3	136.4	110.6	131.4	142.6	155.2	155.8	154.6	157.3	161.0	170.1	133.0	131.9
Slovenia	98.0	109.9	104.8	103.0	94.3	108.6	116.8	121.1	115.0	113.5	113.5	101.5	114.1	98.4	107.6
Slovakia	98.5	98.6	102.4	105.7	94.8	100.7	111.5	111.6	112.4	115.1	117.1	114.1	126.1	85.3	87.3
Finland	88.8	90.4	93.9	104.4	104.9	119.2	122.5	121.2	119.4	112.2	114.7	116.8	135.8	102.2	96.5
Sweden	86.7	89.1	92.3	104.3	103.6	110.0	115.6	112.6	110.5	106.6	110.3	114.5	123.5	99.9	95.6
Norway	86.3	85.4	87.0	96.9	100.3	117.4	124.0	119.4	115.8	107.8	111.3	122.6	133.5	100.1	92.3
Switzerland	89.1	89.7	91.2	95.8	81.2	110.8	107.2	107.4	100.1	99.3	109.0	112.8	133.1	96.7	85.5

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