

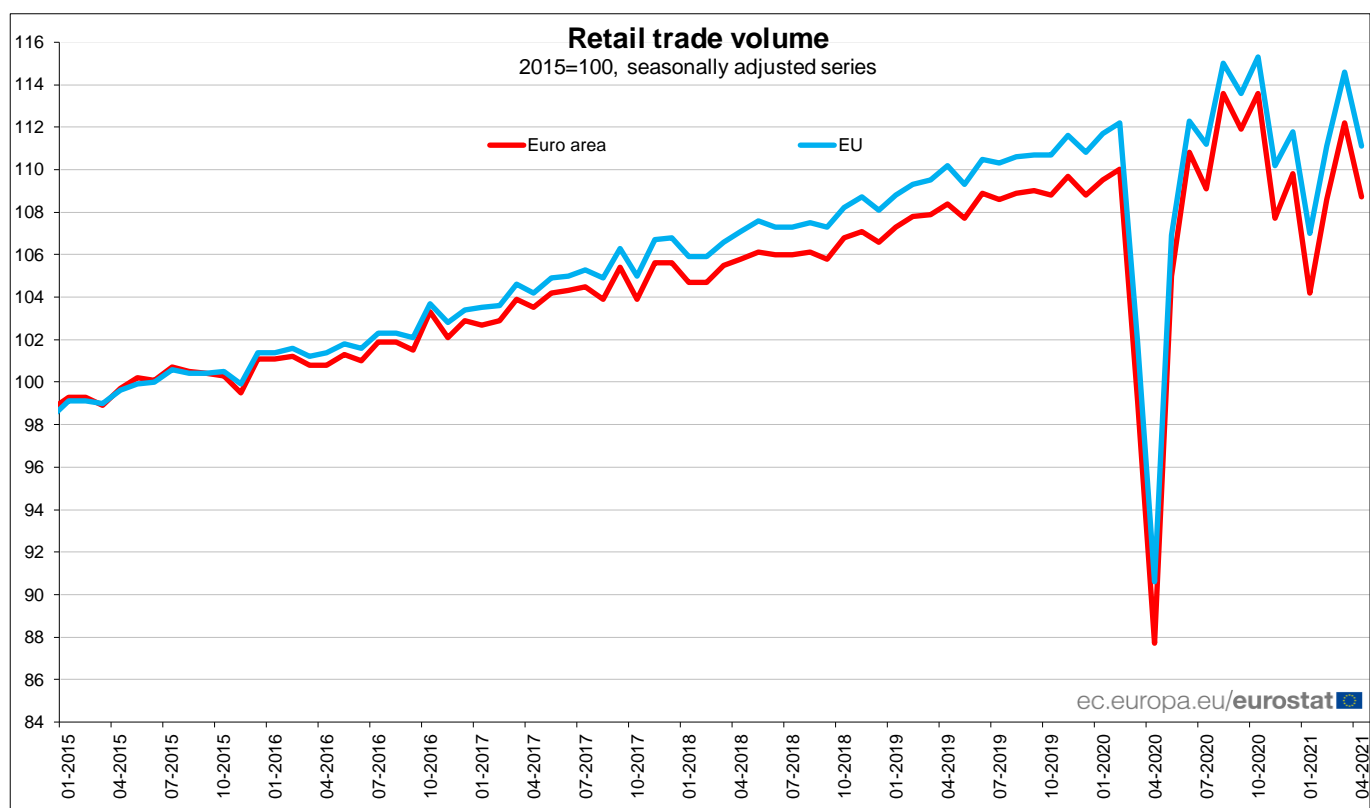
April 2021 compared with March 2021

Volume of retail trade down by 3.1% in both euro area and in the EU

Up by 23.9% and 22.4% compared with April 2020

In April 2021, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade fell by 3.1% in both the **euro area** and in the **EU**, compared with March 2021, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In March 2021, the retail trade volume increased by 3.3% in the **euro area** and by 3.2% in the **EU**.

In April 2021 compared with April 2020, the calendar adjusted volume of retail trade increased by 23.9% in the **euro area** and by 22.4% in the **EU**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in April 2021, compared with March 2021, the volume of retail trade decreased by 5.1% for non-food products and by 2.0% for food, drinks and tobacco, while it increased by 0.4% for automotive fuels.

In the **EU** the volume of retail trade decreased by 4.7% for non-food products and by 1.9% for food, drinks and tobacco, while it remained stable for automotive fuels.

Among Member States for which data are available, the largest monthly decreases in total retail trade were registered in **Slovenia** (-10.4%), **Denmark** (-8.6%) and **France** (-6.0%). The highest increases were observed in **Portugal** (+4.3%), **Latvia** (+3.8%) and **Lithuania** (+3.7%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in April 2021, compared with April 2020, the volume of retail trade increased by 65.5% for automotive fuels, by 42.6% for non-food products and by 3.3% for food, drinks and tobacco.

In the **EU**, the volume of retail trade increased by 54.3% for automotive fuels, by 38.6% for non-food products and by 3.4% for food, drinks and tobacco.

The volume of retail trade increased in all Member States for which data are available, with the highest annual increases being registered in **Luxembourg** (+46.1%), **France** (+42.1%) and **Romania** (+41.7%).

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.

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 [56/2021](#) of 6 May 2021. The monthly percentage change for March 2021 has been revised from +2.7% to +3.3% in the euro area and from +2.6% to +3.2% in the EU. The annual percentage change has been revised from +12.0% to +13.1% in the euro area and from +11.6% to +12.4% 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*

	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21
Euro area						
Total retail trade	-5.2	1.9	-5.1	4.2	3.3	-3.1
Food, drinks, tobacco	-2.0	2.0	1.0	-0.4	1.4	-2.0
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-6.9	1.4	-9.7	8.6	5.5	-5.1
Mail orders and internet	4.2	-0.9	5.4	2.7	2.0	-2.9
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-11.2	4.4	-0.8	4.6	-1.9	0.4
EU						
Total retail trade	-4.4	1.5	-4.3	3.8	3.2	-3.1
Food, drinks, tobacco	-1.8	1.8	0.8	-0.4	1.2	-1.9
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-5.8	0.5	-8.1	7.6	5.0	-4.7
Mail orders and internet	5.0	-1.0	5.1	2.3	2.5	-3.1
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-8.6	3.3	0.0	3.1	-1.6	0.0

Source dataset: [sts_trtu_m](#)

Total retail trade	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21
Euro area	-5.2	1.9	-5.1	4.2	3.3	-3.1
EU	-4.4	1.5	-4.3	3.8	3.2	-3.1
Belgium	-9.0	8.2	0.1	2.9	0.1	-2.7
Bulgaria	1.3	1.3	3.4	-0.1	2.5	1.2
Czechia	-5.4	7.1	-6.5	3.1	-1.7	c
Denmark	-3.1	-9.4	-4.2	3.1	21.1	-8.6
Germany	1.6	-8.0	-6.1	3.2	7.7	-5.5
Estonia	0.9	-0.5	1.7	0.1	-1.4	0.2
Ireland	-10.3	11.5	-15.8	5.6	3.4	-3.5
Greece	-6.4	-9.1	12.9	-1.0	0.6	c
Spain	-1.0	1.9	-7.3	3.6	3.0	-0.9
France	-15.6	21.1	-4.5	1.5	0.8	-6.0
Croatia	1.9	-0.9	2.0	3.3	-2.6	-0.9
Italy	c	c	c	c	c	c
Cyprus	1.1	0.6	-11.4	16.6	0.8	c
Latvia	-1.8	-5.8	-5.2	4.6	7.0	3.8
Lithuania	-1.1	-5.1	-5.1	5.9	8.4	3.7
Luxembourg	-1.8	-0.9	-1.3	-0.6	-2.6	1.0
Hungary	0.4	-0.9	0.5	-1.3	0.7	-1.0
Malta	1.3	1.9	-2.0	-2.0	2.7	-2.5
Netherlands	3.4	-10.3	-5.6	5.7	8.3	-0.1
Austria	-9.8	6.9	-15.7	27.9	-0.6	-5.0
Poland	0.8	0.8	-0.2	2.7	-2.2	-4.2
Portugal	-3.3	0.3	-5.4	-1.3	4.0	4.3
Romania	0.5	0.2	-3.1	1.5	3.5	1.2
Slovenia	-5.4	0.3	1.2	18.0	9.0	-10.4
Slovakia	-1.1	0.4	-16.5	4.9	5.4	1.6
Finland	1.7	-3.1	1.6	1.1	0.3	1.1
Sweden	1.2	-4.0	3.7	1.9	2.8	-2.2
Norway	2.9	-5.7	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.3
Switzerland	-1.8	1.8	-5.9	-5.1	22.3	-4.4

* Calendar and seasonally adjusted

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

	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21
Euro area						
Total retail trade	-1.5	1.3	-4.8	-1.4	13.1	23.9
Food, drinks, tobacco	2.5	5.6	6.1	2.6	-0.6	3.3
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-2.0	0.1	-10.8	-3.4	26.9	42.6
Mail orders and internet	36.1	31.7	39.0	41.3	38.3	18.2
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-18.4	-14.6	-17.0	-12.0	17.7	65.5
EU						
Total retail trade	-0.9	1.2	-4.2	-0.9	12.4	22.4
Food, drinks, tobacco	2.2	5.0	5.5	2.5	-0.8	3.4
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-0.8	0.2	-9.3	-2.3	25.0	38.6
Mail orders and internet	38.0	32.3	40.0	41.6	38.1	17.9
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-16.1	-13.3	-14.8	-11.0	14.5	54.3

Source dataset: [sts_trtu_m](#)

Total retail trade	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21
Euro area	-1.5	1.3	-4.8	-1.4	13.1	23.9
EU	-0.9	1.2	-4.2	-0.9	12.4	22.4
Belgium	-3.9	4.4	5.6	11.0	13.8	19.0
Bulgaria	-5.8	-10.7	-4.4	-0.5	17.3	25.9
Czechia	-4.5	-0.8	-6.4	-2.4	5.1	c
Denmark	9.1	0.0	-5.7	-1.3	22.8	11.2
Germany	9.4	1.9	-5.1	-2.5	6.1	6.6
Estonia	6.2	6.0	8.0	3.7	3.4	22.4
Ireland	1.2	10.9	-6.1	1.5	1.6	28.2
Greece	-7.4	-11.5	-1.6	-2.8	-0.9	c
Spain	-4.9	-0.1	-9.0	-6.2	13.6	37.3
France	-11.5	8.0	2.0	4.0	24.9	42.1
Croatia	1.5	-1.6	0.8	4.8	10.5	32.9
Italy	c	c	c	c	c	c
Cyprus	0.4	1.6	-10.4	6.0	10.3	c
Latvia	1.6	-4.8	-9.4	-8.3	3.2	15.6
Lithuania	6.4	-0.3	-4.1	0.0	19.6	35.7
Luxembourg	-1.8	-2.3	-4.5	-5.1	8.0	46.1
Hungary	-0.7	-3.9	-1.9	-5.9	-2.1	10.6
Malta	-3.9	2.0	-2.9	-10.4	0.6	17.7
Netherlands	7.0	-5.9	-9.3	-5.4	5.3	9.8
Austria	-7.3	-0.1	-16.2	4.9	20.6	21.9
Poland	1.7	4.5	1.3	4.0	8.1	15.2
Portugal	-3.9	-2.1	-9.9	-15.0	0.7	27.2
Romania	4.1	2.7	1.6	3.8	8.4	41.7
Slovenia	-15.3	-13.2	-13.2	3.8	27.3	25.2
Slovakia	-0.4	-0.6	-16.8	-14.7	0.4	11.5
Finland	7.8	3.0	4.4	4.5	6.4	8.0
Sweden	3.9	-1.9	1.6	3.5	8.1	7.2
Norway	13.8	8.0	8.2	6.1	6.8	2.9
Switzerland	2.8	5.6	-1.1	-6.5	23.1	35.8

* Calendar adjusted

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

	04/20	05/20	06/20	07/20	08/20	09/20	10/20	11/20	12/20	01/21	02/21	03/21	04/21
Euro area	87.7	105.0	110.8	109.1	113.6	111.9	113.6	107.7	109.8	104.2	108.6	112.2	108.7
EU	90.6	106.9	112.3	111.2	115.0	113.6	115.3	110.2	111.8	107.0	111.1	114.6	111.1
Belgium	90.3	103.2	106.2	102.4	113.8	106.8	108.3	98.6	106.7	106.8	109.9	110.0	107.0
Bulgaria	101.0	102.0	103.8	104.6	106.9	109.1	110.6	112.0	113.5	117.4	117.3	120.2	121.7
Czechia	108.7	121.3	122.8	125.4	125.2	124.9	122.6	116.0	124.2	116.1	119.7	117.7	c
Denmark	101.6	110.8	111.6	111.0	109.6	108.4	118.0	114.4	103.7	99.3	102.4	124.0	113.3
Germany	104.8	118.2	116.4	116.6	119.0	117.4	121.2	123.1	113.3	106.4	109.8	118.3	111.8
Estonia	105.7	112.2	115.1	116.7	116.5	117.8	119.1	120.2	119.6	121.6	121.7	120.0	120.3
Ireland	95.1	108.9	131.9	132.6	133.4	136.3	137.1	123.0	137.1	115.5	122.0	126.1	121.7
Greece	76.6	100.3	100.9	100.5	102.6	101.3	105.7	98.9	89.9	101.5	100.5	101.1	c
Spain	75.8	88.4	103.3	104.6	105.2	105.0	105.7	104.6	106.6	98.8	102.4	105.5	104.6
France	78.3	107.6	117.0	113.2	121.1	116.9	119.4	100.8	122.1	116.6	118.4	119.3	112.1
Croatia	87.4	107.3	108.8	109.1	107.2	109.8	113.8	116.0	114.9	117.2	121.1	118.0	116.9
Italy	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
Cyprus	86.5	115.9	118.7	120.4	121.0	121.1	123.9	125.3	126.1	111.7	130.2	131.3	c
Latvia	105.0	112.8	116.8	116.0	117.4	118.0	119.1	117.0	110.2	104.5	109.3	117.0	121.5
Lithuania	108.0	124.7	132.8	133.4	134.2	134.0	136.0	134.5	127.7	121.2	128.4	139.2	144.3
Luxembourg	21.1	29.8	33.7	35.5	33.7	33.1	32.8	32.2	31.9	31.5	31.3	30.5	30.8
Hungary	111.1	119.2	123.3	125.4	126.2	126.5	126.8	127.3	126.1	126.7	125.1	126.0	124.7
Malta	91.7	99.1	105.7	107.2	110.0	110.1	111.7	113.1	115.2	112.9	110.6	113.6	110.8
Netherlands	104.1	114.2	116.2	116.1	117.7	115.2	114.2	118.1	105.9	100.0	105.7	114.5	114.4
Austria	86.8	109.1	106.6	109.1	108.2	108.5	107.6	97.1	103.8	87.5	111.9	111.2	105.6
Poland	111.2	123.0	128.2	131.6	132.2	131.9	131.5	132.5	133.5	133.2	136.8	133.8	128.2
Portugal	90.4	103.9	110.1	114.7	113.5	116.0	118.0	114.1	114.4	108.2	106.8	111.1	115.9
Romania	113.7	133.3	141.4	147.4	145.4	149.7	151.9	152.6	152.9	148.1	150.3	155.5	157.3
Slovenia	96.6	110.7	113.6	114.5	111.9	110.6	109.5	103.6	103.9	105.1	124.0	135.2	121.2
Slovakia	95.3	100.1	106.9	110.6	113.1	115.1	114.3	113.0	113.5	94.8	99.4	104.8	106.5
Finland	109.8	114.1	115.4	113.5	115.1	114.8	115.4	117.4	113.8	115.6	116.9	117.3	118.6
Sweden	105.4	107.2	109.0	108.9	108.8	109.6	109.8	111.1	106.7	110.6	112.7	115.8	113.3
Norway	107.3	110.4	116.6	117.4	111.7	112.1	113.5	116.8	110.1	110.1	109.8	109.8	110.1
Switzerland	83.2	109.4	107.3	107.0	106.5	105.4	108.2	106.3	108.2	101.8	96.6	118.1	112.9

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

	04/18	04/19	04/20	05/20	06/20	07/20	08/20	09/20	10/20	11/20	12/20	01/21	02/21	03/21	04/21
Euro area	103.3	105.7	85.7	103.9	110.7	108.7	116.2	108.6	115.0	109.7	131.1	99.1	96.5	110.4	106.2
EU	104.8	107.7	88.7	106.1	112.7	111.4	117.7	110.7	116.7	112.3	132.8	100.6	98.3	112.6	108.6
Belgium	98.5	100.2	89.7	104.7	110.3	104.0	105.6	100.8	109.4	96.1	125.6	105.8	99.7	111.4	106.7
Bulgaria	110.8	116.0	92.6	96.2	101.8	109.4	117.7	117.8	120.2	119.5	126.1	102.9	102.9	114.1	116.6
Czechia	112.5	118.2	106.5	122.0	122.9	120.8	120.5	121.7	124.1	128.1	149.9	105.6	106.1	117.5	c
Denmark	103.9	104.3	100.9	114.5	114.5	109.5	110.1	103.6	115.1	120.7	127.2	90.2	88.3	120.7	112.2
Germany	109.8	111.3	105.7	117.5	115.7	117.3	115.0	113.5	122.7	130.0	130.8	98.6	98.8	120.2	112.7
Estonia	100.8	109.1	95.1	117.2	121.5	122.2	121.4	116.1	121.1	119.4	133.7	112.9	106.8	116.5	116.4
Ireland	105.6	113.2	89.5	103.5	126.2	126.7	130.4	135.0	134.5	134.6	187.2	106.8	116.9	114.3	114.7
Greece	101.9	99.3	74.9	91.1	101.3	104.9	111.0	102.9	107.0	94.8	101.3	96.6	95.7	96.3	c
Spain	100.6	101.5	71.3	86.9	104.6	113.7	104.3	102.4	105.4	102.7	124.7	99.4	90.1	102.0	97.9
France	105.2	109.4	76.9	106.6	116.8	96.9	139.7	111.5	120.2	101.0	151.3	112.3	104.0	116.5	109.3
Croatia	103.9	109.4	83.1	104.0	117.0	131.3	127.4	112.5	112.9	108.7	121.4	97.6	100.1	112.8	110.4
Italy	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
Cyprus	111.9	116.4	82.5	114.6	123.1	130.3	123.4	120.2	122.6	124.5	153.9	99.2	114.4	123.6	c
Latvia	104.7	111.2	101.3	115.4	120.3	124.7	127.0	118.0	119.9	113.2	123.7	94.0	94.9	112.1	117.1
Lithuania	112.2	126.9	104.5	127.6	134.4	141.0	143.4	133.1	138.4	132.1	144.5	111.0	112.2	135.3	141.8
Luxembourg	29.7	31.9	20.6	28.5	34.4	37.6	31.3	32.3	34.7	32.7	37.6	29.9	28.0	29.8	30.1
Hungary	113.8	122.5	107.0	120.5	126.8	130.0	130.5	123.7	130.3	132.1	146.4	110.9	108.7	123.2	118.3
Malta	105.1	116.4	87.1	98.6	113.4	111.2	108.8	104.0	113.3	116.4	139.6	106.7	99.7	107.8	102.5
Netherlands	107.4	109.3	103.5	118.2	120.1	119.3	113.9	111.4	115.3	120.7	120.7	95.1	92.0	113.2	113.6
Austria	102.8	104.4	86.8	107.2	105.2	111.4	106.1	105.5	110.5	98.0	122.9	81.5	100.0	111.9	105.8
Poland	120.0	126.9	111.9	125.1	131.5	136.1	135.4	131.6	134.3	127.7	152.6	117.8	119.4	134.8	128.9
Portugal	101.3	108.2	85.3	102.0	108.6	122.8	122.8	115.1	117.1	114.1	139.6	100.1	92.1	106.4	108.5
Romania	128.9	137.2	110.6	131.4	142.6	155.2	155.8	154.6	157.3	161.0	170.1	133.0	132.1	147.9	156.7
Slovenia	108.5	122.1	94.2	108.6	116.8	121.1	115.1	113.5	113.5	101.6	114.0	98.4	108.9	131.2	117.9
Slovakia	108.7	110.7	94.8	100.7	111.5	111.6	112.4	115.1	117.1	114.1	126.1	85.3	87.3	106.1	105.7
Finland	101.1	105.3	104.9	119.3	122.5	121.2	119.5	112.2	114.7	116.8	135.8	101.5	98.1	111.1	113.3
Sweden	105.0	109.0	103.6	110.1	115.7	112.8	110.6	106.6	110.4	114.7	123.5	98.6	95.5	112.7	111.1
Norway	95.4	96.9	100.3	117.4	124.0	119.4	115.8	107.8	111.3	122.6	133.5	100.1	92.3	103.5	103.2
Switzerland	99.3	99.3	81.1	110.8	107.2	107.4	100.2	99.2	109.0	112.8	132.8	96.3	85.3	117.9	110.1

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