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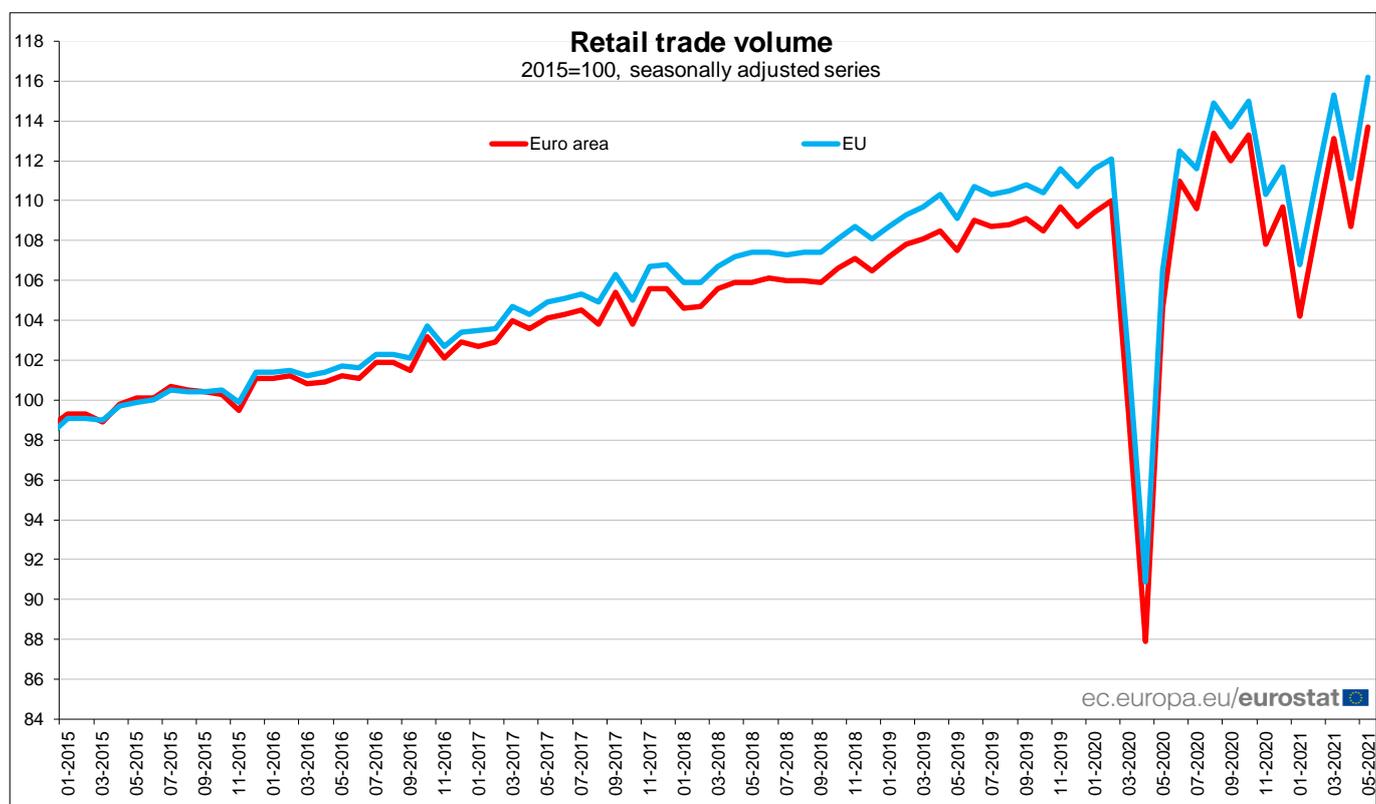
May 2021 compared with April 2021

Volume of retail trade up by 4.6% in both the euro area and the EU

Up by 9.0% and 9.2% compared with May 2020

In May 2021, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade rose by 4.6% in both the **euro area** and the **EU**, compared with April 2021, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In April 2021, the retail trade volume decreased by 3.9% in the **euro area** and by 3.6% in the **EU**.

In May 2021 compared with May 2020, the calendar adjusted volume of retail trade increased by 9.0% in the **euro area** and by 9.2% in the **EU**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in May 2021, compared with April 2021, the volume of retail trade increased by 8.8% for non-food products and by 8.1% for automotive fuels, while it decreased by 0.2% for food, drinks and tobacco.

In the **EU** the volume of retail trade increased by 8.5% for non-food products and by 6.8% for automotive fuels, while it decreased by 0.3% for food, drinks and tobacco.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest monthly increases in total retail trade were registered in **France** (+9.9%), the **Netherlands** (+9.3%) and **Estonia** (+8.1%). Decreases were observed in **Latvia** (-3.9%), **Finland** (-3.3%) and **Luxembourg** (-0.7%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in May 2021, compared with May 2020, the volume of retail trade increased by 28.4% for automotive fuels, by 14.8% for non-food products and by 0.1% for food, drinks and tobacco.

In the **EU**, the volume of retail trade increased by 25.0% for automotive fuels, by 15.0% for non-food products and by 0.3% for food, drinks and tobacco.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest annual increases in total retail trade were registered in **Bulgaria** (+23.9%), **Ireland** (+22.4%) and **Malta** (+22.0%). The only decrease was registered in **Germany** (-0.9%).

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 [65/2021](#) of 4 June 2021. The monthly percentage change for April 2021 has been revised from -3.1% to -3.9% in the euro area and from -3.1% to -3.6% in the EU. The annual percentage change has been revised from +23.9% to +23.3% in the euro area and from +22.4% to +22.0% 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

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

	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21
Euro area						
Total retail trade	1.8	-5.0	4.3	4.0	-3.9	4.6
Food, drinks, tobacco	2.1	1.0	-0.5	1.9	-1.7	-0.2
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	1.3	-9.8	8.8	6.0	-6.1	8.8
Mail orders and internet	-0.9	5.4	2.9	2.4	-3.1	2.0
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	4.4	-0.9	4.5	-1.1	-1.3	8.1
EU						
Total retail trade	1.3	-4.4	4.0	3.8	-3.6	4.6
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.8	0.7	-0.4	1.6	-1.5	-0.3
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.4	-8.2	7.8	5.7	-5.6	8.5
Mail orders and internet	-1.0	4.4	2.4	2.9	-2.5	1.8
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	3.4	0.0	3.1	-0.8	-1.6	6.8

Source dataset: [sts_trtu_m](#)

Total retail trade	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21
Euro area	1.8	-5.0	4.3	4.0	-3.9	4.6
EU	1.3	-4.4	4.0	3.8	-3.6	4.6
Belgium	8.2	0.1	2.9	0.2	-2.8	1.4
Bulgaria	1.3	3.4	-0.1	2.5	1.3	1.4
Czechia	7.0	-6.3	2.7	-0.8	0.7	c
Denmark	-9.4	-4.6	3.5	21.2	-8.5	2.5
Germany	-8.2	-5.9	3.4	9.5	-6.8	4.2
Estonia	-0.5	1.7	0.1	-1.4	0.2	8.1
Ireland	10.1	-15.0	8.1	0.8	-1.5	5.6
Greece	-9.3	13.2	-0.9	0.8	2.3	c
Spain	1.9	-7.3	3.9	2.6	-0.9	0.0
France	21.0	-4.4	1.5	1.6	-7.1	9.9
Croatia	-0.9	2.0	3.3	-2.6	-0.9	5.7
Italy	1.1	-2.1	8.0	c	c	c
Cyprus	0.5	-11.5	16.5	1.1	-4.0	c
Latvia	-5.9	-5.1	4.6	7.0	3.8	-3.9
Lithuania	-5.1	-5.1	5.9	8.4	4.2	1.7
Luxembourg	-0.9	-0.9	3.5	-5.2	-2.6	-0.7
Hungary	-0.9	0.5	-1.3	0.7	-1.0	0.1
Malta	2.2	-1.5	-1.7	3.0	-2.1	2.6
Netherlands	-10.3	-5.6	5.7	8.3	-0.1	9.3
Austria	6.9	-15.7	27.9	-0.6	-5.2	5.8
Poland	0.8	-2.5	3.5	0.1	-4.9	6.1
Portugal	0.3	-5.4	-1.3	4.3	4.2	3.9
Romania	0.2	-3.1	1.5	3.5	2.1	2.4
Slovenia	0.4	1.3	18.1	7.8	-9.7	3.6
Slovakia	0.5	-16.6	5.1	5.8	1.6	3.4
Finland	-3.3	1.6	1.2	0.5	2.7	-3.3
Sweden	-4.0	3.7	2.0	2.5	-1.5	3.1
Norway	-5.7	0.0	-0.3	0.0	0.4	5.8
Switzerland	1.4	-6.8	-2.8	20.6	-2.9	-1.8

* 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-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21
Euro area						
Total retail trade	1.4	-4.8	-1.2	13.7	23.3	9.0
Food, drinks, tobacco	5.6	6.2	2.6	-0.5	3.7	0.1
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.1	-10.8	-3.2	27.9	42.4	14.8
Mail orders and internet	31.8	39.1	41.7	39.2	19.1	13.5
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-14.6	-17.0	-11.9	18.1	61.9	28.4
EU						
Total retail trade	1.2	-4.3	-0.9	13.0	22.0	9.2
Food, drinks, tobacco	5.0	5.3	2.4	-0.8	3.8	0.3
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.3	-9.5	-2.3	26.2	38.2	15.0
Mail orders and internet	32.4	38.8	40.4	38.3	18.2	14.0
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-13.3	-14.8	-10.8	15.1	51.8	25.0

Source dataset: [sts_trtu_m](#)

Total retail trade	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21
Euro area	1.4	-4.8	-1.2	13.7	23.3	9.0
EU	1.2	-4.3	-0.9	13.0	22.0	9.2
Belgium	4.4	5.6	11.0	13.8	19.0	7.2
Bulgaria	-10.7	-4.4	-0.5	17.3	25.9	23.9
Czechia	-0.8	-6.4	-2.5	7.5	7.4	c
Denmark	0.1	-5.9	-1.2	22.8	11.1	6.5
Germany	2.0	-5.1	-2.2	7.6	7.2	-0.9
Estonia	6.0	8.0	3.7	3.4	22.4	17.0
Ireland	10.9	-6.1	1.5	1.5	29.1	22.4
Greece	-11.5	-1.6	-2.8	-0.7	39.3	c
Spain	-0.1	-9.0	-6.2	13.5	37.2	17.5
France	8.1	2.1	4.2	24.8	41.9	14.3
Croatia	-1.6	0.8	4.8	10.5	32.9	15.0
Italy	-6.0	-10.4	-5.6	c	c	c
Cyprus	1.6	-10.4	6.0	11.2	47.0	c
Latvia	-4.8	-9.4	-8.3	3.3	15.7	3.1
Lithuania	-0.3	-4.1	0.0	19.6	36.2	18.6
Luxembourg	-2.3	-4.8	1.4	12.7	44.7	4.9
Hungary	-3.9	-1.9	-5.9	-2.1	10.6	5.8
Malta	2.3	-2.5	-10.3	1.0	17.9	22.0
Netherlands	-5.9	-9.3	-5.4	5.3	9.8	9.4
Austria	-0.1	-16.2	4.9	20.6	21.7	2.1
Poland	4.5	-1.9	2.1	9.3	15.2	10.7
Portugal	-2.1	-9.9	-15.0	0.9	27.4	15.4
Romania	2.7	1.6	3.8	8.4	41.8	18.3
Slovenia	-13.2	-13.1	3.9	26.3	24.0	14.3
Slovakia	-0.6	-16.8	-14.7	0.4	11.5	11.5
Finland	2.9	4.4	4.5	6.7	11.1	1.5
Sweden	-2.0	1.6	3.7	8.1	7.2	10.3
Norway	8.0	8.2	6.1	6.8	2.9	5.6
Switzerland	5.5	-1.1	-6.1	23.2	37.7	2.8

* Calendar adjusted

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

	05/20	06/20	07/20	08/20	09/20	10/20	11/20	12/20	01/21	02/21	03/21	04/21	05/21
Euro area	104.6	111.0	109.6	113.4	112.0	113.3	107.8	109.7	104.2	108.7	113.1	108.7	113.7
EU	106.5	112.5	111.6	114.9	113.7	115.0	110.3	111.7	106.8	111.1	115.3	111.1	116.2
Belgium	102.0	106.0	102.5	114.0	106.9	108.6	98.8	106.9	107.0	110.1	110.3	107.2	108.7
Bulgaria	102.0	103.8	104.6	106.9	109.1	110.6	112.0	113.5	117.4	117.3	120.2	121.8	123.5
Czechia	122.4	123.3	125.6	125.2	124.7	122.3	115.6	123.7	115.9	119.0	118.1	118.9	c
Denmark	110.0	111.9	110.8	109.1	108.4	117.4	114.8	104.0	99.2	102.7	124.5	113.9	116.8
Germany	117.8	117.3	117.1	118.6	118.0	120.1	123.2	113.1	106.4	110.0	120.4	112.2	116.9
Estonia	112.2	115.1	116.7	116.5	117.8	119.1	120.2	119.6	121.6	121.7	120.0	120.3	130.0
Ireland	107.0	131.5	132.5	133.5	136.5	137.4	123.3	135.8	115.4	124.8	125.8	123.9	130.8
Greece	100.2	100.9	100.6	102.7	101.5	106.0	99.2	90.0	101.9	101.0	101.8	104.1	c
Spain	88.6	103.4	104.6	105.2	104.9	105.7	104.5	106.5	98.7	102.5	105.2	104.3	104.3
France	107.6	116.9	113.1	120.9	116.8	119.3	100.8	122.0	116.6	118.4	120.3	111.7	122.8
Croatia	107.3	108.8	109.1	107.2	109.8	113.8	116.0	114.9	117.2	121.1	118.0	116.9	123.6
Italy	85.0	98.0	93.1	100.0	99.8	99.3	91.2	92.2	90.3	97.5	c	c	c
Cyprus	118.3	119.0	120.6	121.2	121.1	123.9	125.2	125.8	111.3	129.7	131.1	125.9	c
Latvia	113.0	116.8	116.0	117.4	118.0	119.1	117.0	110.1	104.5	109.3	117.0	121.4	116.7
Lithuania	124.7	132.8	133.4	134.2	134.0	136.0	134.5	127.7	121.2	128.4	139.2	145.1	147.6
Luxembourg	28.8	33.9	35.4	34.0	33.3	33.0	32.4	32.1	31.8	32.9	31.2	30.4	30.2
Hungary	119.1	123.3	125.4	126.2	126.5	126.8	127.3	126.2	126.8	125.2	126.1	124.9	125.0
Malta	97.9	105.2	106.7	109.8	110.2	112.0	113.8	116.3	114.5	112.6	116.0	113.6	116.5
Netherlands	114.2	116.2	116.1	117.7	115.2	114.2	118.1	105.9	100.0	105.7	114.5	114.4	125.0
Austria	109.1	106.6	109.0	108.2	108.5	107.6	97.1	103.8	87.5	111.9	111.2	105.4	111.5
Poland	123.0	128.2	131.6	132.2	131.9	131.5	132.5	133.5	130.1	134.6	134.8	128.2	136.0
Portugal	103.9	110.1	114.7	113.5	116.0	118.0	114.1	114.4	108.2	106.8	111.4	116.1	120.6
Romania	133.3	141.4	147.4	145.4	149.7	151.9	152.6	152.9	148.1	150.3	155.5	158.8	162.6
Slovenia	110.0	113.3	114.3	111.8	110.5	109.6	103.6	104.0	105.3	124.4	134.1	121.1	125.5
Slovakia	99.5	106.7	110.5	113.0	115.1	114.3	113.1	113.7	94.8	99.6	105.4	107.1	110.7
Finland	114.8	115.5	113.5	115.2	114.9	115.4	117.6	113.7	115.5	116.9	117.5	120.7	116.7
Sweden	106.5	108.9	108.9	108.8	109.6	109.8	111.2	106.8	110.7	112.9	115.7	114.0	117.5
Norway	110.3	116.6	117.4	111.8	112.1	113.5	116.8	110.1	110.1	109.8	109.8	110.2	116.6
Switzerland	109.6	107.2	107.0	106.4	105.2	108.4	106.5	108.0	100.7	97.9	118.1	114.7	112.6

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

	05/18	05/19	05/20	06/20	07/20	08/20	09/20	10/20	11/20	12/20	01/21	02/21	03/21	04/21	05/21
Euro area	105.3	106.6	103.9	110.7	109.1	116.2	108.6	115.0	109.8	131.2	99.2	96.6	111.0	105.7	113.2
EU	107.1	108.5	106.1	112.7	111.7	117.7	110.7	116.8	112.3	132.8	100.5	98.3	113.2	108.2	115.9
Belgium	101.5	101.7	104.7	110.3	104.0	105.6	100.8	109.4	96.1	125.6	105.8	99.7	111.4	106.7	112.2
Bulgaria	116.4	121.1	96.2	101.8	109.4	117.7	117.8	120.2	119.5	126.1	102.9	102.9	114.1	116.6	119.2
Czechia	117.4	120.7	122.1	122.9	120.8	120.5	121.7	124.1	128.1	149.9	105.6	106.1	120.2	114.4	c
Denmark	108.3	107.4	114.4	114.5	109.5	110.1	103.7	115.1	120.7	127.3	90.1	88.3	120.7	112.1	121.8
Germany	107.2	108.8	117.5	115.7	117.4	115.0	113.5	122.6	130.1	130.9	98.7	99.0	121.9	113.2	116.5
Estonia	112.3	114.1	117.2	121.5	122.2	121.4	116.1	121.1	119.4	133.7	112.9	106.8	116.5	116.4	137.1
Ireland	110.5	114.4	103.5	126.2	126.7	130.4	135.0	134.5	134.6	187.2	106.8	116.9	114.2	115.4	126.7
Greece	98.2	96.0	91.1	101.3	104.9	111.0	102.9	107.0	94.8	101.3	96.6	95.7	96.5	104.3	c
Spain	102.6	105.8	86.9	104.6	113.7	104.3	102.4	105.4	102.7	124.7	99.4	90.1	101.9	97.8	102.1
France	108.4	110.7	106.6	116.8	96.9	139.7	111.5	120.2	101.1	151.4	112.4	104.1	116.6	109.1	121.8
Croatia	111.8	110.4	104.0	117.0	131.3	127.4	112.5	112.9	108.7	121.4	97.6	100.1	112.8	110.4	119.6
Italy	98.9	97.2	83.0	94.7	100.3	99.8	99.5	103.6	91.7	114.6	86.6	86.1	c	c	c
Cyprus	116.4	118.2	114.6	123.1	130.3	123.4	120.2	122.6	124.5	153.9	99.2	114.4	124.7	121.3	c
Latvia	114.5	116.0	115.4	120.3	124.7	127.0	118.0	119.9	113.2	123.7	94.0	94.9	112.2	117.2	119.0
Lithuania	122.4	126.6	127.6	134.4	141.0	143.4	133.1	138.4	132.1	144.5	111.0	112.2	135.3	142.3	151.3
Luxembourg	30.7	31.6	28.5	34.4	37.5	31.3	32.2	34.7	32.7	37.6	29.8	29.8	31.0	29.8	29.9
Hungary	119.7	123.3	120.5	126.8	130.0	130.5	123.7	130.3	132.1	146.4	110.9	108.7	123.2	118.3	127.5
Malta	111.2	118.9	98.7	113.5	110.7	108.9	104.2	113.3	116.7	139.9	107.1	99.9	108.2	102.8	120.4
Netherlands	111.2	113.4	118.2	120.1	119.3	113.9	111.4	115.3	120.7	120.7	95.1	92.0	113.2	113.6	129.3
Austria	101.3	100.7	107.2	105.2	111.4	106.1	105.5	110.5	98.0	122.9	81.5	100.0	111.9	105.6	109.5
Poland	120.9	124.0	125.1	131.5	136.1	135.4	131.6	134.3	127.7	152.6	114.1	117.2	136.3	128.9	138.5
Portugal	109.7	114.3	102.0	108.6	122.8	122.8	115.1	117.1	114.1	139.6	100.1	92.1	106.7	108.7	117.7
Romania	132.8	137.2	131.4	142.6	155.2	155.8	154.6	157.3	161.0	170.1	133.0	132.1	147.9	156.8	155.5
Slovenia	113.1	119.2	108.6	116.8	121.1	115.1	113.4	113.5	101.5	114.0	98.5	109.0	130.1	116.9	124.1
Slovakia	113.6	110.6	100.7	111.5	111.6	112.4	115.1	117.1	114.1	126.1	85.3	87.3	106.1	105.7	112.3
Finland	112.4	111.9	119.3	122.5	121.2	119.5	112.2	114.7	116.8	135.7	101.4	98.1	111.3	116.5	121.1
Sweden	111.7	110.5	110.1	115.7	112.8	110.5	106.6	110.4	114.7	123.4	98.6	95.6	112.7	111.1	121.4
Norway	111.5	109.0	117.4	124.0	119.4	115.8	107.8	111.3	122.6	133.5	100.1	92.3	103.5	103.2	124.0
Switzerland	102.5	102.8	110.8	107.2	107.4	100.2	99.2	109.0	112.8	132.7	96.3	85.4	118.0	111.7	113.9

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