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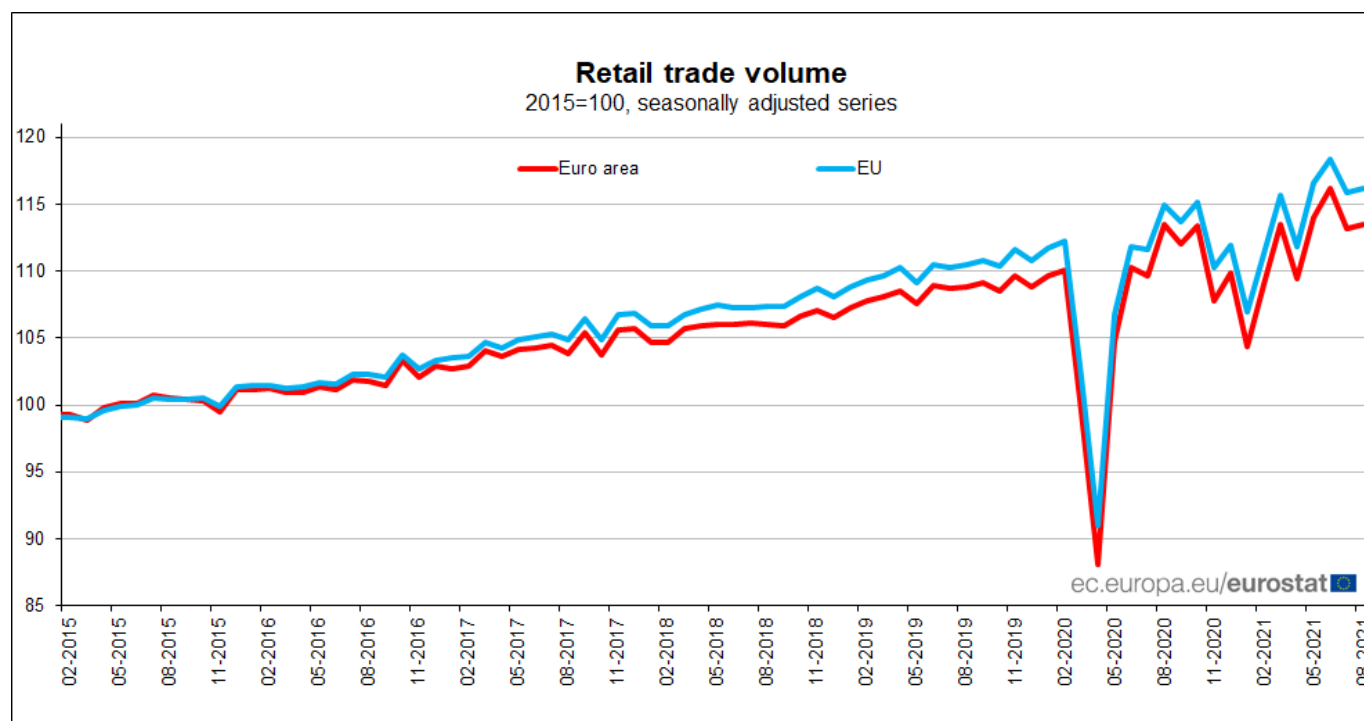
August 2021 compared with July 2021

Volume of retail trade up by 0.3% in both the euro area and the EU

Stable and up by 1.1% compared with August 2020

In August 2021, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade rose by 0.3% in both the **euro area** and in the **EU**, compared with July 2021, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In July 2021, the retail trade volume decreased by 2.6% in the **euro area** and by 2.1% in the **EU**.

In August 2021 compared with August 2020, the calendar adjusted volume of retail trade remained stable in the **euro area** and increased by 1.1% in the **EU**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in August 2021, compared with July 2021, the volume of retail trade increased by 1.8% for non-food products, while it fell by 0.1% for automotive fuels and by 1.7% for food, drinks and tobacco.

In the **EU**, the volume of retail trade increased by 1.8% for non-food products, while it fell by 0.3% for automotive fuels and by 1.5% for food, drinks and tobacco.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest monthly increases in total retail trade were registered in **Malta** (+2.7%), **Ireland** (+2.5%) and **Slovakia** (+2.0%). The largest decreases were observed in **Denmark** (-1.4%), **Estonia** and **France** (both -1.2%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in August 2021, compared with August 2020, the volume of retail trade increased by 1.3% for non-food products and by 1.2% for automotive fuels, while it fell by 1.9% for food, drinks and tobacco.

In the **EU**, the volume of retail trade increased by 3.0% for non-food products and by 2.1% for automotive fuels, while it fell by 1.5% for food, drinks and tobacco.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest annual increases in total retail trade were registered in **Malta** (+19.6%), **Croatia** (+18.1%) and **Slovenia** (+12.3%). The largest decreases were registered in **Belgium** (-4.9%), **France** (-2.1%), **Spain** and **Luxembourg** (both -1.3%).

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 [100/2021](#) of 3 September 2021. The monthly percentage change for July 2021 has been revised from -2.3% to -2.6% in the euro area and from -1.9% to -2.1% in the EU. The annual percentage change remained at +3.1% in the euro area and at +3.8% 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*

	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21
Euro area						
Total retail trade	4.1	-3.6	4.2	1.9	-2.6	0.3
Food, drinks, tobacco	2.1	-1.6	-0.6	-1.2	-0.5	-1.7
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	6.0	-5.9	8.7	3.6	-4.2	1.8
Mail orders and internet	2.4	-3.0	3.4	-6.0	-10.4	9.0
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.7	-0.8	8.1	2.2	0.6	-0.1
EU						
Total retail trade	4.0	-3.4	4.3	1.5	-2.1	0.3
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.8	-1.5	-0.5	-0.8	-0.5	-1.5
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	5.7	-5.4	8.8	2.6	-3.5	1.8
Mail orders and internet	3.0	-2.8	3.4	-5.4	-8.6	7.7
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.7	-0.8	6.8	2.4	0.9	-0.3

Source dataset: [sts_trtu_m](#)

Total retail trade	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21
Euro area	4.1	-3.6	4.2	1.9	-2.6	0.3
EU	4.0	-3.4	4.3	1.5	-2.1	0.3
Belgium	0.1	-2.7	1.3	-0.6	-2.6	1.6
Bulgaria	2.5	1.3	1.6	1.4	-1.2	-1.1
Czechia	-1.1	0.9	9.4	0.4	0.5	c
Denmark	18.5	-7.8	5.4	-2.1	-1.0	-1.4
Germany	9.5	-6.6	4.7	4.7	-4.5	1.1
Estonia	-1.4	0.2	8.1	0.4	-1.1	-1.2
Ireland	0.8	-0.3	3.8	9.2	-5.6	2.5
Greece	0.8	2.4	11.4	-1.2	-5.1	c
Spain	2.7	-0.9	0.0	0.3	-0.1	-0.4
France	1.9	-6.7	6.8	2.3	-2.3	-1.2
Croatia	-2.2	-1.4	4.7	-0.7	1.6	1.7
Italy	-0.3	0.8	1.2	c	c	c
Cyprus	1.1	-1.7	-4.6	1.7	1.0	c
Latvia	7.1	3.8	-2.4	4.4	-1.5	0.3
Lithuania	8.4	4.2	2.4	2.0	-1.1	-0.6
Luxembourg	0.6	-0.9	-0.3	-3.0	1.5	0.0
Hungary	1.0	-0.6	0.2	0.8	-0.2	0.5
Malta	3.3	-1.2	3.3	-2.3	3.2	2.7
Netherlands	8.8	-0.4	9.1	-2.9	-2.6	1.0
Austria	-0.7	-5.2	7.1	-2.0	-3.3	0.5
Poland	0.1	-4.4	7.5	0.2	0.6	0.5
Portugal	4.3	4.3	3.7	-2.3	-0.8	0.3
Romania	3.5	2.1	1.3	-1.1	1.1	0.9
Slovenia	6.9	-11.6	6.9	0.6	-2.4	0.6
Slovakia	5.8	1.7	3.4	1.6	-0.3	2.0
Finland	0.4	2.6	-1.7	1.2	-1.5	-0.4
Sweden	2.0	-1.0	3.1	-0.8	-1.2	0.2
Norway	0.0	0.3	5.8	-0.1	-3.1	-3.8
Switzerland	23.8	-3.5	-2.1	-3.5	-2.7	1.1

* 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*

	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21
Euro area						
Total retail trade	13.8	23.7	8.7	5.6	3.1	0.0
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.3	4.1	0.4	2.0	1.2	-1.9
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	28.0	42.8	14.2	7.4	4.5	1.3
Mail orders and internet	39.1	19.3	12.3	13.2	9.8	8.5
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	18.6	62.3	28.6	11.7	3.8	1.2
EU						
Total retail trade	13.2	22.3	9.2	6.1	3.8	1.1
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.6	4.1	0.5	2.2	1.4	-1.5
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	26.3	38.7	14.8	8.0	5.5	3.0
Mail orders and internet	38.2	18.0	12.8	12.9	11.0	9.7
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	15.5	52.2	25.4	11.4	4.9	2.1

Source dataset: [sts_trtu_m](#)

Total retail trade	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21
Euro area	13.8	23.7	8.7	5.6	3.1	0.0
EU	13.2	22.3	9.2	6.1	3.8	1.1
Belgium	13.8	19.0	7.2	3.4	2.9	-4.9
Bulgaria	17.3	25.9	23.9	22.7	20.2	12.0
Czechia	7.5	7.2	7.3	6.8	5.5	c
Denmark	22.7	11.1	6.2	4.7	4.8	4.4
Germany	7.9	7.6	0.0	5.4	0.3	0.4
Estonia	3.4	22.4	17.0	12.2	11.0	8.7
Ireland	1.5	29.1	21.1	7.6	1.4	1.8
Greece	-0.7	39.8	17.6	11.3	11.6	c
Spain	13.5	37.2	17.6	1.1	-0.1	-1.3
France	25.2	43.0	11.3	5.5	6.0	-2.1
Croatia	10.5	32.9	15.0	10.6	12.9	18.1
Italy	23.2	39.2	18.0	c	c	c
Cyprus	11.3	54.4	2.9	5.4	4.3	c
Latvia	3.3	15.6	5.3	6.5	4.8	3.7
Lithuania	19.6	36.2	19.3	15.5	12.6	10.4
Luxembourg	24.4	64.7	20.6	1.2	-4.3	-1.3
Hungary	-2.1	10.6	5.8	5.8	3.0	4.1
Malta	0.7	17.9	23.0	3.3	12.6	19.6
Netherlands	5.3	9.7	9.1	4.6	2.0	1.4
Austria	20.6	21.7	3.5	3.9	-2.0	-0.8
Poland	9.3	15.8	13.2	8.7	6.4	5.8
Portugal	0.9	27.4	15.3	6.6	2.3	2.9
Romania	8.4	41.8	18.5	12.1	9.6	10.3
Slovenia	26.3	23.8	14.5	13.1	8.8	12.3
Slovakia	0.4	11.5	11.5	6.6	1.4	2.2
Finland	6.3	10.6	3.8	4.3	3.5	1.2
Sweden	8.1	7.5	11.4	8.5	6.1	6.3
Norway	6.7	2.9	5.5	-0.1	-4.1	-2.9
Switzerland	23.1	38.3	2.5	0.2	-2.4	0.4

* Calendar adjusted

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

	08/20	09/20	10/20	11/20	12/20	01/21	02/21	03/21	04/21	05/21	06/21	07/21	08/21
Euro area	113.5	112.0	113.4	107.8	109.9	104.4	109.0	113.5	109.4	114.0	116.2	113.2	113.5
EU	114.9	113.7	115.1	110.3	111.9	107.0	111.3	115.7	111.8	116.6	118.4	115.9	116.2
Belgium	113.0	106.9	108.7	99.1	107.2	107.3	110.5	110.6	107.6	109.0	108.3	105.5	107.2
Bulgaria	106.9	109.1	110.6	112.0	113.5	117.4	117.3	120.2	121.8	123.8	125.5	124.0	122.6
Czechia	124.7	124.6	122.6	115.6	124.2	115.8	119.8	118.5	119.6	130.8	131.3	132.0	c
Denmark	109.1	107.9	117.6	115.3	103.8	99.9	103.4	122.5	113.0	119.1	116.6	115.4	113.8
Germany	118.8	117.9	120.1	123.1	113.3	106.3	110.1	120.6	112.7	118.0	123.5	118.0	119.3
Estonia	116.5	117.8	119.1	120.2	119.6	121.6	121.7	120.0	120.3	130.0	130.5	129.0	127.5
Ireland	133.5	136.5	137.3	123.1	135.6	115.2	124.4	125.4	125.0	129.7	141.6	133.7	137.0
Greece	102.7	101.5	106.0	99.2	90.1	102.0	101.1	101.9	104.3	116.2	114.8	108.9	c
Spain	105.4	105.0	105.7	104.6	106.5	98.7	102.4	105.2	104.3	104.3	104.6	104.5	104.1
France	120.9	116.7	119.4	100.8	122.3	117.0	118.4	120.7	112.6	120.3	123.1	120.3	118.9
Croatia	106.3	109.6	113.7	115.9	114.9	117.4	121.5	118.8	117.1	122.6	121.7	123.7	125.8
Italy	100.1	100.1	99.7	91.4	92.5	90.7	98.6	98.3	99.1	100.3	c	c	c
Cyprus	121.3	121.3	124.1	125.4	126.1	111.6	130.2	131.6	129.4	123.4	125.5	126.8	c
Latvia	117.7	118.1	119.3	117.1	110.2	104.5	109.2	117.0	121.4	118.5	123.7	121.8	122.2
Lithuania	134.2	134.0	136.0	134.5	127.7	121.2	128.4	139.2	145.1	148.6	151.5	149.9	149.0
Luxembourg	33.6	33.5	33.7	33.5	33.2	33.0	33.7	33.9	33.6	33.5	32.5	33.0	33.0
Hungary	125.2	126.3	126.8	127.4	126.5	127.4	126.0	127.3	126.5	126.8	127.8	127.5	128.2
Malta	108.2	109.9	111.6	113.8	116.6	114.9	113.7	117.5	116.1	119.9	117.1	120.8	124.1
Netherlands	117.7	115.2	114.2	118.1	105.9	99.9	105.8	115.1	114.6	125.0	121.4	118.3	119.5
Austria	108.2	108.5	107.6	97.1	103.8	87.5	112.0	111.2	105.4	112.9	110.6	106.9	107.4
Poland	132.2	131.9	131.5	132.5	133.5	130.1	134.6	134.8	128.9	138.6	138.9	139.7	140.4
Portugal	113.5	116.0	118.0	114.1	114.4	108.2	106.8	111.4	116.2	120.5	117.7	116.7	117.0
Romania	145.4	149.7	151.9	152.6	152.9	148.1	150.3	155.5	158.8	160.9	159.2	161.0	162.4
Slovenia	111.6	110.4	109.4	103.2	104.3	106.3	125.4	134.1	118.6	126.8	127.5	124.5	125.3
Slovakia	112.7	115.1	114.3	113.1	113.7	94.8	99.7	105.5	107.3	110.9	112.7	112.4	114.6
Finland	115.7	115.0	115.5	117.6	113.9	115.6	116.7	117.2	120.3	118.2	119.6	117.8	117.3
Sweden	108.9	109.6	109.9	111.3	107.0	111.0	113.3	115.6	114.5	118.0	117.1	115.7	115.9
Norway	111.7	112.1	113.5	116.8	110.2	110.1	109.8	109.8	110.1	116.5	116.4	112.8	108.5
Switzerland	106.1	105.2	108.5	106.4	107.9	101.7	95.8	118.6	114.4	112.0	108.1	105.2	106.4

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

	08/18	08/19	08/20	09/20	10/20	11/20	12/20	01/21	02/21	03/21	04/21	05/21	06/21	07/21	08/21
Euro area	108.1	111.2	116.2	108.6	115.1	109.8	131.3	99.2	96.6	111.1	106.0	113.1	116.9	112.5	116.2
EU	109.8	113.0	117.7	110.7	116.8	112.4	132.9	100.5	98.3	113.4	108.5	116.0	119.6	115.9	119.0
Belgium	93.9	93.7	105.6	100.8	109.4	96.1	125.6	105.8	99.7	111.4	106.7	112.2	114.1	107.0	100.4
Bulgaria	126.5	133.7	117.7	117.8	120.2	119.5	126.1	102.9	102.9	114.1	116.6	119.2	124.9	131.5	131.8
Czechia	113.8	119.0	120.5	121.7	124.1	128.1	149.9	105.6	106.1	120.2	114.2	131.0	131.2	127.5	c
Denmark	104.6	105.6	110.1	103.6	115.2	120.8	127.1	90.2	88.3	120.6	112.0	121.6	119.9	114.8	114.9
Germany	103.9	107.6	115.0	113.5	122.7	130.2	131.0	98.6	99.0	122.3	113.6	117.6	122.0	117.8	115.5
Estonia	111.5	116.6	121.4	116.1	121.1	119.4	133.7	112.9	106.8	116.5	116.4	137.1	136.3	135.6	132.0
Ireland	113.8	118.8	130.4	135.0	134.5	134.6	187.2	106.8	116.9	114.2	115.4	125.3	135.8	128.5	132.7
Greece	109.3	111.7	111.0	102.9	107.0	94.8	101.3	96.6	95.7	96.5	104.7	107.1	112.7	117.1	c
Spain	104.1	107.5	104.3	102.4	105.4	102.7	124.7	99.4	90.1	101.9	97.8	102.2	105.8	113.6	102.9
France	126.0	131.4	139.7	111.5	120.3	101.0	151.7	112.5	104.2	116.9	110.0	118.6	123.3	102.7	136.7
Croatia	135.9	136.3	127.3	112.6	112.9	108.7	121.4	97.6	100.1	112.8	110.4	119.6	129.4	148.3	150.4
Italy	98.9	99.1	99.9	99.4	103.6	91.8	114.6	86.6	86.1	91.8	87.7	97.9	c	c	c
Cyprus	120.1	126.2	123.4	120.2	122.6	124.5	153.9	99.3	114.8	124.8	127.4	117.9	129.7	135.9	c
Latvia	118.8	121.7	127.0	118.0	119.9	113.2	123.6	94.0	94.9	112.2	117.2	121.5	128.1	130.7	131.7
Lithuania	129.0	133.5	143.4	133.1	138.4	132.1	144.5	111.0	112.2	135.3	142.3	152.2	155.2	158.7	158.3
Luxembourg	28.2	29.3	31.3	32.3	34.7	32.8	37.6	30.0	30.1	34.2	34.1	34.5	34.8	35.7	30.9
Hungary	124.7	131.6	129.9	123.4	130.3	132.1	146.3	111.0	108.7	123.1	118.3	127.6	134.1	135.5	135.2
Malta	111.8	118.7	109.4	105.0	113.6	117.4	140.1	106.7	100.7	108.3	103.5	122.0	117.9	125.5	130.8
Netherlands	104.6	105.4	113.9	111.4	115.3	120.7	120.7	95.1	92.0	113.2	113.5	128.9	125.6	121.7	115.5
Austria	101.4	101.7	106.1	105.5	110.5	98.0	122.9	81.5	100.0	111.9	105.6	110.9	109.3	109.2	105.3
Poland	121.8	127.5	135.4	131.6	134.3	127.7	152.6	114.1	117.2	136.3	129.6	141.6	142.9	144.8	143.3
Portugal	121.5	126.8	122.8	115.1	117.1	114.1	139.6	100.1	92.1	106.7	108.7	117.6	115.8	125.6	126.3
Romania	142.7	153.3	155.8	154.6	157.3	161.0	170.1	133.0	132.1	147.9	156.8	155.7	159.9	170.1	171.8
Slovenia	119.2	123.9	115.1	113.5	113.5	101.5	114.0	98.5	109.0	130.2	116.7	124.3	132.2	131.6	129.3
Slovakia	111.4	108.2	112.4	115.1	117.1	114.1	126.1	85.3	87.3	106.1	105.7	112.3	118.9	113.2	114.9
Finland	109.6	113.6	119.6	112.2	114.8	116.9	135.8	101.4	97.8	110.9	116.0	123.8	127.9	125.4	121.0
Sweden	107.8	109.7	110.5	106.6	110.4	114.7	123.4	98.6	95.6	112.7	111.4	122.7	125.5	119.7	117.5
Norway	106.6	107.0	115.8	107.8	111.3	122.5	133.5	100.0	92.3	103.4	103.2	123.9	123.9	114.5	112.4
Switzerland	95.7	95.9	100.2	99.2	109.1	112.8	132.7	96.3	84.8	117.9	112.2	113.7	107.4	104.8	100.6

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