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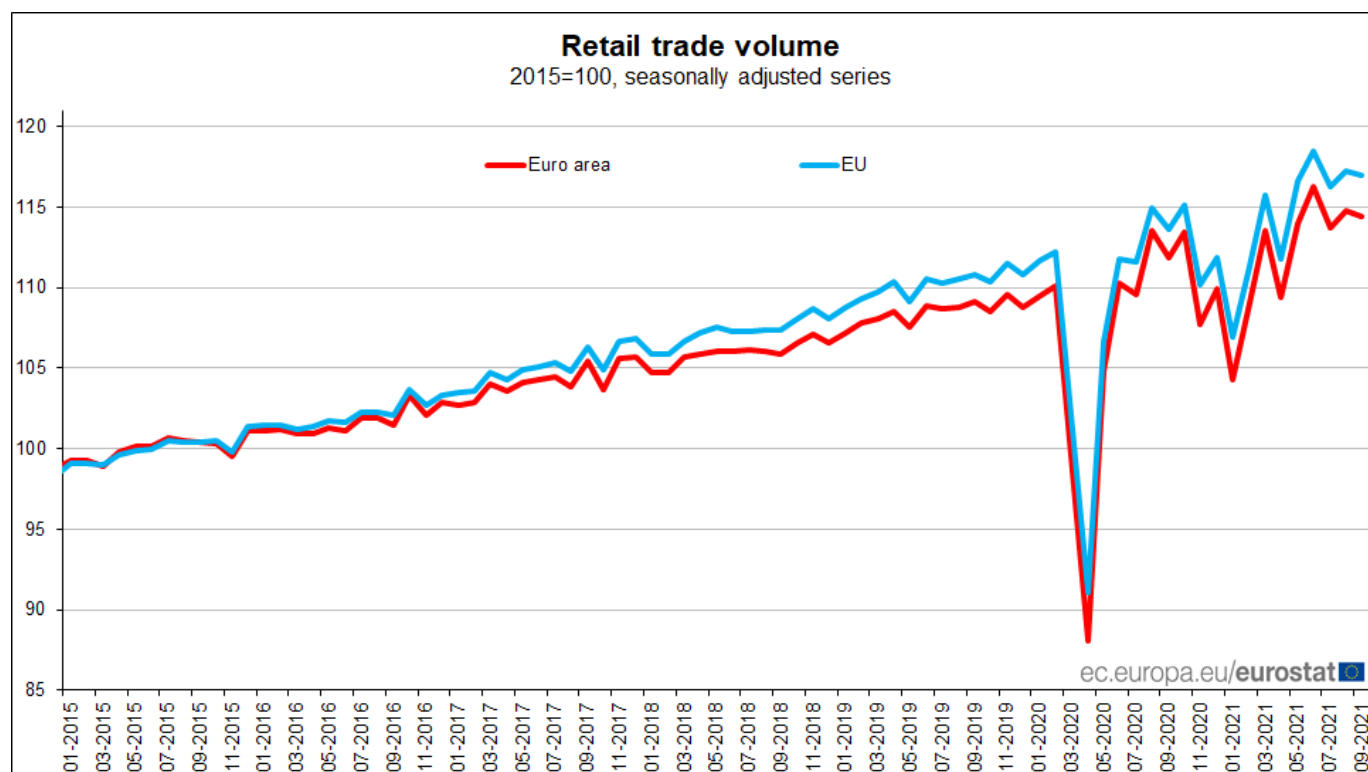
September 2021 compared with August 2021

Volume of retail trade down by 0.3% in euro area and by 0.2% in the EU

Up by 2.5% and 3.2% compared with September 2020

In September 2021, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade decreased by 0.3% in the **euro area** and by 0.2% in the **EU**, compared with August 2021, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In August 2021, the retail trade volume increased by 1.0% in the **euro area** and by 0.8% in the **EU**.

In September 2021 compared with September 2020, the calendar adjusted retail sales index increased by 2.5% in the **euro area** and by 3.2% in the **EU**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in September 2021, compared with August 2021, the volume of retail trade decreased by 1.5% for non-food products, while it rose for food, drinks and tobacco by 0.7% and for automotive fuels by 1.1%.

In the **EU**, the volume of retail trade decreased by 1.3% for non-food products, while it rose for food, drinks and tobacco by 0.8% and for automotive fuels by 1.0%.

Among Member States for which data are available, the largest monthly decreases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Germany** (-2.5%), **Finland** (-1.9%) and the **Netherlands** (-1.2%). The highest increases were observed in **Estonia** (+7.1%), **Slovakia** (+2.9%) and **Luxembourg** (+2.3%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in September 2021, compared with September 2020, the volume of retail trade increased by 4.4% for automotive fuel, by 3.7% for non-food products and by 0.5% for food, drinks and tobacco.

In the **EU**, the retail trade volume increased by 4.8% for non-food products and for automotive fuel and by 0.8% for food, drinks and tobacco.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest yearly increases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Slovenia** (+17.1%), **Estonia** (+16.8%) and **Malta** (+15.0%). Decreases were observed in **Germany** (-1.1%), **Austria** (-0.3%) and **Spain** (-0.1%).

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.

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 [113/2021](#) of 6 October 2021. The monthly percentage change for August 2021 has been revised from +0.3% to +1.0% in the euro area and from +0.3% to +0.8% in the EU. The annual percentage change has been revised from 0.0% to +1.5% in the euro area and from +1.1% to +2.3% 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*

	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21
Euro area						
Total retail trade	-3.6	4.2	2.0	-2.2	1.0	-0.3
Food, drinks, tobacco	-1.6	-0.5	-1.2	-0.5	-0.6	0.7
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-5.9	8.7	3.7	-3.8	2.6	-1.5
Mail orders and internet	-0.3	0.5	-3.0	-9.3	5.4	-1.4
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.8	8.0	2.5	0.8	-0.3	1.1
EU						
Total retail trade	-3.4	4.3	1.6	-1.9	0.8	-0.2
Food, drinks, tobacco	-1.5	-0.4	-0.8	-0.4	-0.6	0.8
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-5.5	8.9	2.6	-3.1	2.3	-1.3
Mail orders and internet	-0.5	0.8	-2.8	-7.7	4.7	-1.0
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.9	6.8	2.5	1.1	-0.5	1.0

Source dataset: [sts_trtu_m](#)

Total retail trade	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21
Euro area	-3.6	4.2	2.0	-2.2	1.0	-0.3
EU	-3.4	4.3	1.6	-1.9	0.8	-0.2
Belgium	-2.8	1.4	-0.6	-2.6	1.6	0.4
Bulgaria	1.3	1.6	1.4	-1.2	-1.4	0.6
Czechia	0.8	9.2	0.2	-0.2	0.2	c
Denmark	-7.8	5.4	-2.1	-1.0	-1.4	:
Germany	-6.6	4.7	4.7	-4.1	1.2	-2.5
Estonia	0.2	8.1	0.4	-1.1	-1.2	7.1
Ireland	-0.3	3.8	9.2	-5.6	1.9	1.2
Greece	3.8	4.9	1.2	-1.6	-0.9	c
Spain	-0.9	0.0	0.3	0.0	-0.4	0.5
France	-6.8	7.2	2.4	-1.6	1.6	0.9
Croatia	-1.4	4.7	-0.7	1.6	1.7	-0.2
Italy	0.8	1.3	0.6	-0.3	0.5	0.3
Cyprus	-1.7	-4.6	1.6	1.2	-1.9	c
Latvia	3.3	-1.3	3.1	-1.7	0.2	0.4
Lithuania	4.2	2.4	2.0	-1.1	-0.9	0.8
Luxembourg	-0.6	0.0	-2.1	-0.6	3.3	2.3
Hungary	-0.4	0.3	0.9	-0.1	0.6	0.6
Malta	-1.4	3.3	-2.3	2.9	2.8	-0.3
Netherlands	-0.4	9.2	-2.9	-2.6	1.2	-1.2
Austria	-5.2	7.1	-2.0	-3.3	1.4	0.0
Poland	-4.4	7.5	0.2	0.6	0.5	1.3
Portugal	4.3	3.7	-2.3	-0.8	0.6	1.4
Romania	2.1	1.3	-1.1	1.1	0.6	0.2
Slovenia	-9.5	3.8	1.0	-1.9	0.9	1.9
Slovakia	1.9	3.5	1.7	-0.1	2.0	2.9
Finland	2.5	-1.7	1.1	-1.3	0.8	-1.9
Sweden	-1.0	3.1	-0.8	-1.5	0.1	-0.2
Norway	0.3	5.8	-0.1	-3.0	-3.9	0.5
Switzerland	-3.4	-2.1	-3.3	-2.6	1.3	0.2

* 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*

	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21
Euro area						
Total retail trade	23.7	8.7	5.6	3.3	1.5	2.5
Food, drinks, tobacco	3.9	0.3	2.0	1.2	-1.3	0.5
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	42.9	14.2	7.5	4.9	3.5	3.7
Mail orders and internet	19.4	12.3	13.1	9.8	7.2	8.8
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	62.0	28.6	11.8	3.9	1.4	4.4
EU						
Total retail trade	22.3	9.2	6.1	3.9	2.3	3.2
Food, drinks, tobacco	3.9	0.5	2.2	1.4	-0.9	0.8
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	38.7	14.9	8.1	5.7	4.7	4.8
Mail orders and internet	18.0	12.8	12.9	10.8	8.7	9.9
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	52.2	25.4	11.6	4.8	2.4	4.8

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Total retail trade	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21
Euro area	23.7	8.7	5.6	3.3	1.5	2.5
EU	22.3	9.2	6.1	3.9	2.3	3.2
Belgium	19.0	7.2	3.4	2.9	-4.9	1.8
Bulgaria	25.9	23.9	22.7	20.2	12.0	8.4
Czechia	7.2	7.3	6.8	4.1	4.1	c
Denmark	11.1	6.2	4.7	4.8	4.4	:
Germany	7.6	0.0	5.4	0.7	0.9	-1.1
Estonia	22.4	17.0	12.2	11.0	8.7	16.8
Ireland	28.8	21.1	7.6	1.4	2.9	2.2
Greece	39.8	17.6	11.3	11.4	6.6	c
Spain	37.2	17.6	1.1	-0.1	-1.2	-0.1
France	42.5	11.1	5.6	6.3	2.3	5.9
Croatia	32.9	15.0	10.6	12.9	18.1	14.2
Italy	39.2	17.7	9.1	7.9	2.3	4.1
Cyprus	54.4	2.9	5.4	4.5	2.5	c
Latvia	15.6	5.3	6.5	4.8	3.9	4.0
Lithuania	36.2	19.3	15.5	12.6	10.2	11.3
Luxembourg	64.7	21.0	2.3	-3.2	3.5	7.1
Hungary	10.6	5.8	5.8	3.0	4.1	5.8
Malta	18.4	23.2	3.6	11.8	19.4	15.0
Netherlands	9.7	9.1	4.6	1.9	1.7	2.6
Austria	21.7	3.5	3.9	-2.0	0.3	-0.3
Poland	15.8	13.2	8.7	6.4	5.8	8.2
Portugal	27.4	15.3	6.6	2.4	3.2	2.6
Romania	41.8	18.5	12.1	9.6	10.2	8.5
Slovenia	23.9	14.5	13.1	8.8	12.5	17.1
Slovakia	11.5	11.5	6.6	1.4	2.2	5.3
Finland	10.3	3.6	4.1	3.5	3.3	0.6
Sweden	7.5	11.4	8.5	5.9	5.9	5.0
Norway	2.9	5.5	-0.1	-4.1	-2.9	-2.8
Switzerland	38.3	2.4	0.2	-2.3	0.7	2.5

* Calendar adjusted

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

	09/20	10/20	11/20	12/20	01/21	02/21	03/21	04/21	05/21	06/21	07/21	08/21	09/21
Euro area	111.9	113.4	107.7	109.9	104.3	109.0	113.5	109.4	114.0	116.3	113.7	114.8	114.4
EU	113.6	115.1	110.2	111.9	106.9	111.3	115.7	111.8	116.6	118.5	116.3	117.2	117.0
Belgium	106.0	108.6	99.1	107.3	107.5	110.6	110.8	107.7	109.2	108.5	105.7	107.4	107.8
Bulgaria	109.1	110.6	112.0	113.5	117.4	117.3	120.2	121.8	123.8	125.5	124.0	122.3	123.0
Czechia	124.6	122.6	115.5	124.1	115.5	119.5	118.7	119.7	130.7	131.0	130.7	131.0	c
Denmark	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	117.9	120.1	123.1	113.3	106.3	110.1	120.6	112.7	118.0	123.5	118.4	119.8	116.8
Estonia	117.8	119.1	120.2	119.6	121.6	121.7	120.0	120.3	130.0	130.5	129.0	127.5	136.5
Ireland	136.5	137.3	123.1	135.6	115.2	124.4	125.4	125.0	129.7	141.6	133.7	136.3	137.9
Greece	102.2	107.2	94.7	92.9	101.1	101.3	103.2	107.1	112.3	113.7	111.9	110.9	c
Spain	104.9	105.7	104.6	106.5	98.7	102.4	105.2	104.3	104.3	104.6	104.6	104.2	104.7
France	116.6	119.4	100.9	122.2	117.0	118.4	120.4	112.2	120.3	123.2	121.2	123.1	124.2
Croatia	109.6	113.7	115.9	114.9	117.4	121.5	118.8	117.1	122.6	121.7	123.7	125.8	125.6
Italy	99.6	99.6	91.2	92.4	90.6	98.7	98.5	99.3	100.6	101.2	100.9	101.4	101.7
Cyprus	121.3	124.1	125.4	126.1	111.6	130.3	131.6	129.4	123.5	125.5	127.0	124.6	c
Latvia	117.8	118.7	116.2	110.9	104.3	109.3	117.6	121.5	119.9	123.6	121.5	121.7	122.2
Lithuania	134.0	136.0	134.5	127.7	121.2	128.4	139.2	145.1	148.6	151.5	149.9	148.6	149.8
Luxembourg	33.0	33.4	33.2	33.5	33.4	34.1	34.2	34.0	34.0	33.3	33.1	34.2	35.0
Hungary	125.4	126.6	127.3	126.4	127.4	126.2	127.5	127.0	127.4	128.5	128.4	129.2	130.0
Malta	110.0	111.8	114.1	116.8	114.9	113.8	117.8	116.2	120.0	117.3	120.7	124.1	123.7
Netherlands	115.2	114.2	118.1	105.9	99.9	105.8	115.0	114.5	125.0	121.4	118.2	119.6	118.2
Austria	108.6	107.7	97.1	103.8	87.5	111.9	111.2	105.4	112.9	110.6	106.9	108.4	108.4
Poland	131.9	131.5	132.5	133.5	130.1	134.6	134.8	128.9	138.6	138.9	139.7	140.4	142.2
Portugal	116.0	118.0	114.1	114.4	108.2	106.8	111.4	116.2	120.5	117.7	116.8	117.5	119.2
Romania	149.7	151.9	152.6	152.9	148.1	150.3	155.5	158.8	160.9	159.2	161.0	161.9	162.2
Slovenia	109.8	109.1	103.0	104.0	105.9	124.3	134.3	121.5	126.1	127.3	124.9	126.0	128.4
Slovakia	114.0	113.9	112.8	113.5	94.7	99.6	105.6	107.6	111.4	113.3	113.2	115.5	118.9
Finland	115.6	115.6	117.7	113.9	115.6	116.7	117.2	120.1	118.0	119.3	117.8	118.8	116.6
Sweden	109.9	110.0	111.3	107.0	110.9	113.3	115.6	114.4	118.0	117.0	115.3	115.4	115.2
Norway	112.1	113.5	116.8	110.2	110.1	109.8	109.8	110.1	116.5	116.4	112.9	108.5	109.0
Switzerland	104.5	108.5	106.5	108.0	101.6	95.9	118.4	114.4	112.0	108.3	105.5	106.9	107.1

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

	09/18	09/19	09/20	10/20	11/20	12/20	01/21	02/21	03/21	04/21	05/21	06/21	07/21	08/21	09/21
Euro area	102.8	105.9	108.6	115.1	109.8	131.2	99.2	96.6	111.1	106.0	113.0	116.9	112.7	117.9	111.3
EU	104.7	108.0	110.7	116.8	112.4	132.9	100.5	98.3	113.3	108.5	116.0	119.6	116.1	120.4	114.2
Belgium	96.5	97.7	100.8	109.4	96.1	125.6	105.8	99.7	111.4	106.7	112.2	114.1	107.0	100.4	102.6
Bulgaria	118.0	125.5	117.8	120.2	119.5	126.1	102.9	102.9	114.1	116.6	119.2	124.9	131.5	131.8	127.7
Czechia	115.4	121.1	121.7	124.1	128.1	149.9	105.6	106.1	120.2	114.2	131.0	131.2	125.7	125.5	c
Denmark	100.4	100.7	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	103.8	108.0	113.5	122.7	130.2	131.0	98.6	99.0	122.3	113.6	117.6	122.0	118.2	116.0	112.3
Estonia	106.8	110.7	116.1	121.1	119.4	133.7	112.9	106.8	116.5	116.4	137.1	136.3	135.6	132.0	135.6
Ireland	113.2	118.8	135.0	134.5	134.6	187.2	106.8	116.9	114.3	115.3	125.3	135.8	128.5	134.2	138.0
Greece	102.1	107.2	102.9	107.0	94.8	101.3	96.6	95.7	96.5	104.7	107.1	112.7	116.9	118.3	c
Spain	102.4	106.1	102.4	105.4	102.7	124.7	99.4	90.1	101.9	97.8	102.2	105.8	113.6	103.0	102.3
France	105.6	108.4	111.3	120.3	101.1	151.6	112.5	104.2	116.6	109.6	118.5	123.4	103.0	143.0	117.9
Croatia	115.8	119.7	112.6	112.9	108.7	121.4	97.6	100.1	112.8	110.4	119.6	129.4	148.3	150.4	128.6
Italy	97.8	99.5	99.5	103.6	91.7	114.6	86.6	86.1	91.8	87.7	97.8	103.2	108.2	102.2	103.6
Cyprus	119.0	124.2	120.2	122.6	124.5	153.9	99.3	114.8	124.8	127.4	117.9	129.7	136.2	126.5	c
Latvia	112.4	111.4	118.0	119.8	113.1	123.8	93.9	94.9	112.2	117.2	121.5	128.1	130.7	131.9	122.7
Lithuania	119.4	125.0	133.1	138.4	132.1	144.5	111.0	112.2	135.3	142.3	152.2	155.2	158.7	158.0	148.1
Luxembourg	30.0	31.3	32.2	34.7	32.8	37.6	30.0	30.1	34.2	34.1	34.6	35.2	36.1	32.4	34.5
Hungary	118.9	126.1	123.4	130.3	132.1	146.3	111.0	108.7	123.1	118.3	127.6	134.1	135.5	135.2	130.6
Malta	108.5	118.1	105.0	113.7	117.9	140.5	106.7	100.8	108.8	103.8	122.2	118.2	124.7	130.6	120.8
Netherlands	104.6	107.3	111.4	115.3	120.7	120.7	95.1	92.0	113.2	113.5	128.9	125.6	121.6	115.8	114.3
Austria	98.9	101.0	105.5	110.5	98.0	122.9	81.5	100.0	111.9	105.6	110.9	109.3	109.2	106.4	105.2
Poland	120.1	124.7	131.6	134.3	127.7	152.6	114.1	117.2	136.3	129.6	141.6	142.9	144.8	143.3	142.4
Portugal	109.5	113.1	115.1	117.1	114.1	139.6	100.1	92.1	106.7	108.7	117.6	115.8	125.7	126.7	118.1
Romania	138.8	148.7	154.6	157.3	161.0	170.1	133.0	132.1	147.9	156.8	155.7	159.9	170.1	171.7	167.8
Slovenia	122.0	124.1	113.4	113.6	101.5	113.9	98.5	108.9	130.1	116.8	124.3	132.1	131.7	129.5	132.8
Slovakia	111.7	108.7	115.1	117.1	114.1	126.1	85.3	87.3	106.1	105.7	112.3	118.9	113.2	114.9	121.2
Finland	103.7	108.3	112.2	114.8	116.9	135.8	101.4	97.8	110.9	115.8	123.6	127.6	125.6	123.6	112.9
Sweden	102.8	105.2	106.6	110.4	114.7	123.4	98.6	95.6	112.7	111.4	122.7	125.5	119.4	117.0	111.9
Norway	98.4	99.2	107.8	111.3	122.6	133.5	100.0	92.3	103.4	103.2	123.9	123.9	114.5	112.4	104.8
Switzerland	94.8	97.0	99.2	109.1	112.8	132.7	96.3	84.8	117.9	112.2	113.6	107.4	104.8	100.9	101.7

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