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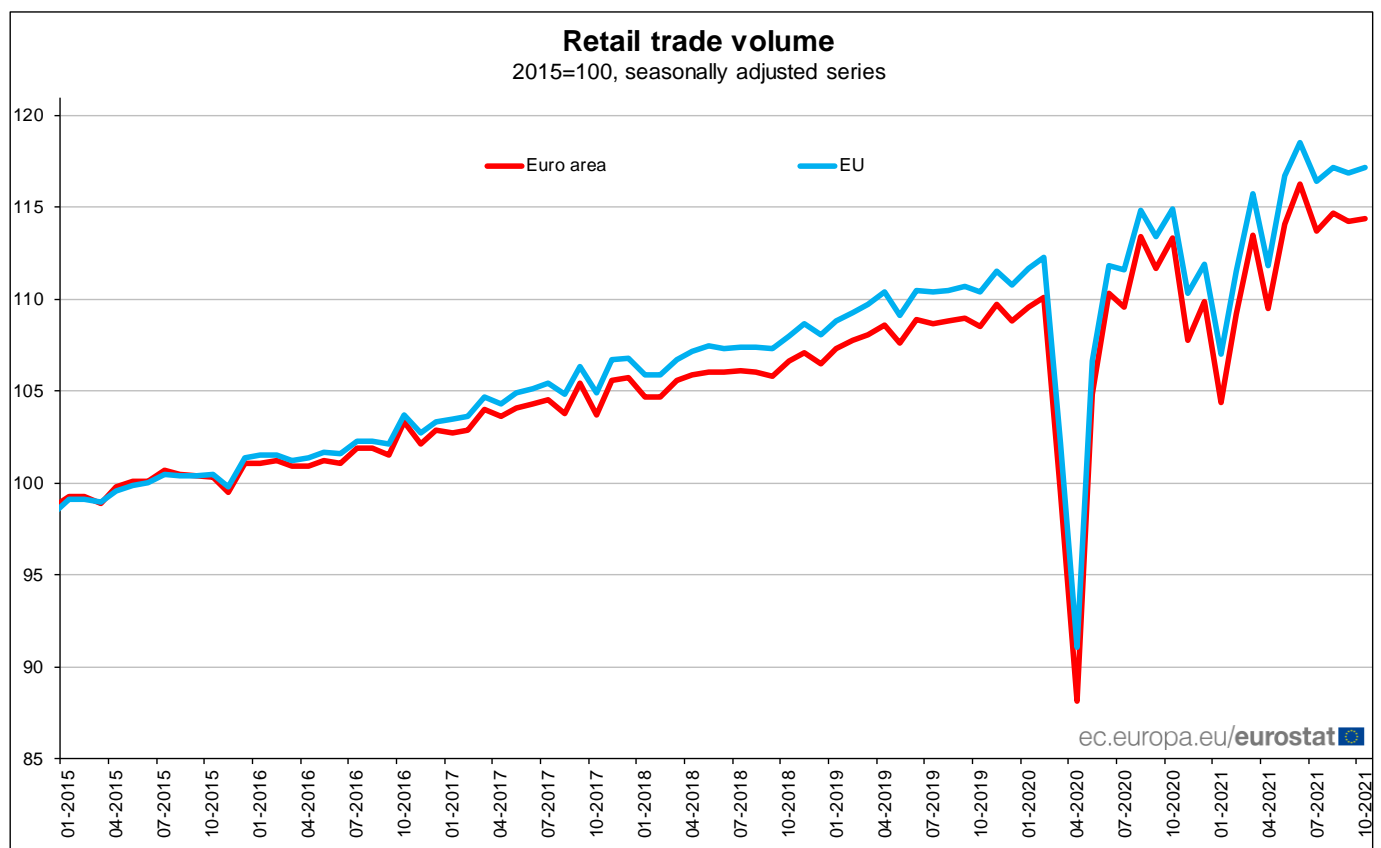
October 2021 compared with September 2021

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

Up by 1.4% and 2.3% compared with October 2020

In October 2021, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade increased by 0.2% in the **euro area** and by 0.3% in the **EU**, compared with September 2021, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In September 2021, the retail trade volume decreased by 0.4% in the **euro area** and by 0.3% in the **EU**.

In October 2021 compared with October 2020, the calendar adjusted retail sales index increased by 1.4% in the **euro area** and by 2.3% in the **EU**.

Retail trade volume
2015=100, seasonally adjusted series

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Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in October 2021, compared with September 2021, the volume of retail trade increased by 1.3% for automotive fuels and by 0.4% non-food products, while it fell for food, drinks and tobacco by 0.1%.

In the **EU**, the volume of retail trade increased by 1.3% for automotive fuels, by 0.6% for non-food products and by 0.2% for food, drinks and tobacco.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest monthly increases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Slovenia** (+13.0%), **Portugal** (+2.3%) and **Denmark** (+2.2%). The largest decreases were observed in **Latvia** (-5.4%), **Austria** (-2.8%) and **Estonia** (-2.6%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in October 2021, compared with October 2020, the volume of retail trade increased by 8.5% for automotive fuels and by 2.5% non-food products, while it fell for food, drinks and tobacco by 1.2%.

In the **EU**, the retail trade volume increased by 9.0% for automotive fuels and by 3.8% non-food products, while it fell for food, drinks and tobacco by 0.8%.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest yearly increases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Slovenia** (+34.3%), **Poland** (+12.4%) and **Estonia** (+11.0%). The largest decreases were observed in **Germany** (-2.8%), **Latvia** (-2.3%) and **Ireland** (-1.9%).

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.

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 127/2021 of 5 November 2021. The monthly percentage change for September 2021 has been revised from -0.3% to -0.4% in the euro area and from -0.2% to -0.3% in the EU. The annual percentage change has been revised from +2.5% to +2.6% in the euro area and from +3.2% to +3.4% 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*

	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21
Euro area						
Total retail trade	4.2	1.9	-2.2	0.9	-0.4	**0.2**
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.5	-1.2	-0.5	-0.8	0.8	**-0.1**
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	8.8	3.6	-3.8	2.4	-1.9	**0.4**
Mail orders and internet	0.3	-3.3	-9.6	5.2	-3.1	**3.2**
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	8.0	2.5	0.9	-0.5	1.0	**1.3**
EU						
Total retail trade	4.4	1.5	-1.8	0.7	-0.3	**0.3**
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.4	-0.8	-0.4	-0.7	0.6	**0.2**
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	8.8	2.6	-3.0	2.2	-1.6	**0.6**
Mail orders and internet	0.7	-3.1	-7.7	4.7	-2.8	**2.8**
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	6.7	2.5	1.3	-0.7	1.0	**1.3**

Source dataset: sts_trtu_m

Total retail trade	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21
Euro area	4.2	1.9	-2.2	0.9	-0.4	**0.2**
EU	4.4	1.5	-1.8	0.7	-0.3	**0.3**
Belgium	1.3	-0.6	-2.5	1.5	0.4	**0.0**
Bulgaria	1.6	1.4	-1.2	-1.4	0.5	**0.6**
Czechia	9.0	0.2	-0.4	0.4	-0.2	**c**
Denmark	4.4	-1.4	-0.9	-1.3	-2.1	**2.2**
Germany	4.7	4.6	-4.3	0.9	-1.9	**-0.3**
Estonia	8.1	0.4	-1.1	-1.2	7.1	**-2.6**
Ireland	3.8	9.2	-6.0	1.9	0.6	**0.1**
Greece	4.6	1.0	-1.9	-1.6	2.2	**c**
Spain	0.0	0.3	0.0	-0.4	0.6	**-0.3**
France	7.1	2.5	-1.5	1.5	-0.5	**0.6**
Croatia	4.7	-0.7	1.6	1.7	-0.2	**-1.9**
Italy	1.5	0.7	-0.4	c	c	**c**
Cyprus	-4.6	1.5	1.5	-1.7	3.8	**c**
Latvia	-1.4	3.1	-1.6	0.2	0.5	**-5.4**
Lithuania	2.4	2.0	-1.1	-0.9	0.4	**-0.1**
Luxembourg	0.0	-2.1	-0.9	-0.6	1.8	**0.3**
Hungary	0.5	0.9	0.0	0.6	0.8	**0.3**
Malta	3.0	-2.4	2.7	2.7	-0.6	**-0.2**
Netherlands	9.1	-2.9	-2.6	1.2	-1.2	**1.3**
Austria	7.1	-2.0	-3.3	1.4	0.7	**-2.8**
Poland	7.5	0.2	2.6	0.2	1.3	**1.6**
Portugal	3.7	-2.3	-0.8	0.7	1.4	**2.3**
Romania	1.3	-1.1	1.1	0.6	-0.6	**-0.4**
Slovenia	3.8	1.0	-1.9	0.9	2.9	**13.0**
Slovakia	3.4	1.6	-0.2	2.0	2.8	**-1.5**
Finland	-1.8	1.1	-1.3	0.4	-0.1	**-1.9**
Sweden	3.1	-0.8	-1.5	0.2	0.0	**0.5**
Norway	5.8	-0.1	-3.0	-3.8	0.4	**1.0**
Switzerland	-2.0	-2.9	-2.7	1.7	0.1	**0.7**

* 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*

	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21
Euro area						
Total retail trade	8.8	5.7	3.3	1.3	2.6	**1.4**
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.2	2.1	1.2	-1.4	0.8	**-1.2**
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	14.2	7.5	4.9	3.3	3.7	**2.5**
Mail orders and internet	12.5	13.2	9.7	7.0	6.9	**4.0**
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	28.6	11.9	4.2	1.4	4.8	**8.5**
EU						
Total retail trade	9.3	6.1	3.9	2.3	3.4	**2.3**
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.5	2.2	1.6	-1.0	1.0	**-0.8**
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	14.8	8.1	5.7	4.7	4.8	**3.8**
Mail orders and internet	12.9	12.9	11.1	9.2	8.3	**5.7**
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	25.4	11.6	5.1	2.2	5.3	**9.0**

Source dataset: sts_trtu_m

Total retail trade	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21
Euro area	8.8	5.7	3.3	1.3	2.6	**1.4**
EU	9.3	6.1	3.9	2.3	3.4	**2.3**
Belgium	7.2	3.4	2.9	-4.9	1.8	**0.4**
Bulgaria	23.9	22.7	20.2	12.0	8.4	**7.6**
Czechia	7.2	6.8	4.0	4.6	3.4	**c**
Denmark	5.4	4.7	4.8	4.6	2.8	**-1.4**
Germany	0.1	5.4	0.6	0.5	-1.0	**-2.8**
Estonia	17.0	12.2	11.0	8.7	16.8	**11.0**
Ireland	21.1	7.6	1.4	2.9	1.7	**-1.9**
Greece	17.6	11.3	11.4	5.3	10.1	**c**
Spain	17.6	1.1	-0.1	-1.2	0.1	**-1.0**
France	11.2	5.7	6.5	2.4	6.1	**4.5**
Croatia	15.0	10.6	12.9	18.1	14.2	**8.7**
Italy	17.8	9.1	7.9	c	c	**c**
Cyprus	2.9	5.4	5.0	3.0	6.8	**c**
Latvia	5.3	6.5	4.8	3.9	4.2	**-2.3**
Lithuania	19.3	15.5	12.6	10.2	11.3	**8.9**
Luxembourg	21.0	2.3	-3.8	0.6	1.6	**0.9**
Hungary	5.8	5.7	3.0	4.1	5.8	**5.8**
Malta	23.0	3.5	11.8	19.4	14.6	**9.5**
Netherlands	9.1	4.6	1.9	1.7	2.7	**4.9**
Austria	3.5	3.9	-2.0	0.3	0.6	**-1.5**
Poland	13.2	8.7	8.7	8.2	10.0	**12.4**
Portugal	15.3	6.6	2.4	3.3	2.7	**3.4**
Romania	18.5	12.1	9.6	10.2	8.9	**4.6**
Slovenia	14.5	13.1	8.8	12.5	18.6	**34.3**
Slovakia	11.5	6.6	1.4	2.2	5.3	**2.2**
Finland	3.4	4.0	3.3	2.6	2.7	**-1.0**
Sweden	11.4	8.5	5.7	6.1	5.3	**5.6**
Norway	5.5	0.0	-4.1	-2.9	-2.8	**-3.3**
Switzerland	2.5	0.5	-2.2	1.1	2.6	**1.2**

* Calendar adjusted
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Source dataset: sts_trtu_m.

Deflated turnover indices for total retail trade, calendar and seasonally adjusted

(base year 2015)

	10/20	11/20	12/20	01/21	02/21	03/21	04/21	05/21	06/21	07/21	08/21	09/21	10/21
Euro area	113.3	107.8	109.9	104.4	109.2	113.5	109.5	114.1	116.3	113.7	114.7	114.2	**114.4**
EU	114.9	110.3	111.9	107.0	111.5	115.7	111.8	116.7	118.5	116.4	117.2	116.9	**117.2**
Belgium	107.8	99.0	107.3	107.6	110.7	110.9	107.9	109.3	108.6	105.9	107.5	107.9	**107.9**
Bulgaria	110.6	112.0	113.5	117.4	117.3	120.2	121.8	123.8	125.5	124.0	122.3	122.9	**123.6**
Czechia	122.6	115.5	124.0	115.5	119.4	118.7	119.8	130.6	130.9	130.4	130.9	130.6	**c**
Denmark	115.8	114.7	104.8	98.8	104.6	121.7	112.9	117.9	116.3	115.3	113.8	111.4	**113.9**
Germany	120.1	123.2	113.5	106.4	110.2	120.6	112.7	118.0	123.4	118.1	119.2	116.9	**116.6**
Estonia	119.1	120.2	119.6	121.6	121.7	120.0	120.3	130.0	130.5	129.0	127.5	136.5	**133.0**
Ireland	137.3	123.1	135.6	115.2	124.4	125.4	125.0	129.7	141.6	133.1	135.6	136.4	**136.5**
Greece	106.4	99.5	90.3	102.9	102.2	103.3	106.9	111.8	112.9	110.7	108.9	111.3	**c**
Spain	105.7	104.6	106.5	98.7	102.4	105.2	104.3	104.3	104.6	104.6	104.2	104.8	**104.5**
France	119.3	100.9	122.2	117.2	118.8	120.6	112.5	120.5	123.5	121.6	123.4	122.8	**123.5**
Croatia	113.7	115.9	114.9	117.4	121.5	118.8	117.1	122.6	121.7	123.7	125.8	125.6	**123.2**
Italy	99.3	91.2	92.4	90.4	98.8	98.4	99.3	100.8	101.5	101.1	c	c	**c**
Cyprus	124.1	125.4	126.1	111.7	130.3	131.7	129.5	123.6	125.5	127.4	125.2	130.0	**c**
Latvia	118.6	116.2	110.8	104.2	109.3	117.6	121.6	119.9	123.6	121.6	121.9	122.5	**115.9**
Lithuania	136.0	134.5	127.7	121.2	128.4	139.2	145.1	148.6	151.5	149.9	148.6	149.2	**149.0**
Luxembourg	33.3	33.1	33.2	33.3	34.4	34.4	34.1	34.1	33.4	33.1	32.9	33.5	**33.6**
Hungary	126.3	127.3	126.9	127.5	126.4	127.8	127.3	127.9	129.0	129.0	129.8	130.8	**131.2**
Malta	112.4	114.3	117.0	115.0	113.9	117.7	116.0	119.5	116.6	119.8	123.0	122.3	**122.1**
Netherlands	114.2	118.1	105.9	99.9	105.8	115.1	114.6	125.0	121.4	118.2	119.6	118.2	**119.7**
Austria	107.6	97.1	103.8	87.5	111.9	111.2	105.4	112.9	110.6	106.9	108.4	109.2	**106.1**
Poland	131.5	132.5	133.5	130.1	134.6	134.8	128.9	138.6	138.9	142.5	142.8	144.7	**147.0**
Portugal	118.0	114.1	114.4	108.2	106.8	111.4	116.2	120.5	117.7	116.8	117.6	119.2	**122.0**
Romania	151.9	152.6	152.9	148.1	150.3	155.5	158.8	160.9	159.2	161.0	161.9	160.9	**160.3**
Slovenia	109.1	103.0	104.0	105.9	124.4	134.4	121.6	126.2	127.4	125.0	126.1	129.7	**146.5**
Slovakia	114.3	113.0	113.7	94.7	99.7	105.6	107.6	111.3	113.1	112.9	115.2	118.4	**116.6**
Finland	116.4	117.7	113.9	115.6	116.7	117.1	120.0	117.8	119.1	117.5	118.0	117.9	**115.7**
Sweden	110.0	111.4	107.0	110.9	113.3	115.6	114.4	118.0	117.0	115.3	115.5	115.5	**116.1**
Norway	113.5	116.9	110.2	110.1	109.8	109.8	110.1	116.5	116.4	112.9	108.6	109.0	**110.1**
Switzerland	107.6	106.3	108.0	101.6	95.8	118.1	114.4	112.1	108.8	105.9	107.7	107.8	**108.6**

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Source dataset: sts_trtu_m

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

	10/18	10/19	10/20	11/20	12/20	01/21	02/21	03/21	04/21	05/21	06/21	07/21	08/21	09/21	10/21
Euro area	107.9	110.0	115.1	109.8	131.3	99.2	96.7	111.0	106.0	113.0	116.9	112.6	117.7	111.4	**116.7**
EU	109.5	112.0	116.8	112.4	133.0	100.5	98.4	113.3	108.5	116.0	119.6	116.1	120.4	114.4	**119.5**
Belgium	101.6	102.3	109.4	96.1	125.6	105.8	99.7	111.4	106.7	112.2	114.1	107.0	100.4	102.6	**109.8**
Bulgaria	120.7	126.7	120.2	119.5	126.1	102.9	102.9	114.1	116.6	119.2	124.9	131.5	131.8	127.7	**129.3**
Czechia	119.5	125.1	124.1	128.1	149.9	105.6	106.1	120.2	114.2	130.9	131.2	125.7	126.1	125.8	**c**
Denmark	101.3	102.2	114.9	120.5	127.6	90.2	88.8	119.4	111.9	120.2	119.5	114.9	114.8	106.3	**113.3**
Germany	110.0	112.6	122.7	130.3	131.2	98.7	99.1	122.3	113.6	117.6	121.9	117.9	115.4	112.4	**119.3**
Estonia	109.1	113.7	121.1	119.4	133.7	112.9	106.8	116.5	116.4	137.1	136.3	135.6	132.0	135.6	**134.4**
Ireland	112.9	117.5	134.5	134.6	187.2	106.8	116.9	114.3	115.3	125.3	135.8	128.5	134.2	137.3	**132.0**
Greece	95.3	102.2	107.0	94.8	101.3	96.6	95.7	96.5	104.7	107.1	112.7	116.9	116.9	113.3	**c**
Spain	104.9	107.6	105.4	102.7	124.7	99.4	90.1	101.9	97.8	102.2	105.8	113.6	103.0	102.5	**104.3**
France	112.5	114.3	120.3	101.2	151.6	112.6	104.3	116.8	109.8	118.6	123.6	103.2	143.2	118.1	**125.7**
Croatia	110.3	113.2	112.9	108.7	121.4	97.6	100.1	112.8	110.4	119.6	129.4	148.3	150.4	128.6	**122.7**
Italy	102.6	103.6	103.6	91.7	114.6	86.4	86.6	91.2	87.7	97.8	103.2	108.2	c	c	**c**
Cyprus	115.5	122.5	122.6	124.5	153.9	99.3	114.8	124.8	127.4	117.9	129.7	136.8	127.1	128.4	**c**
Latvia	112.5	112.6	119.8	113.1	123.8	93.9	94.9	112.2	117.2	121.5	128.1	130.7	132.0	122.9	**117.0**
Lithuania	123.1	127.6	138.4	132.1	144.5	111.0	112.2	135.3	142.3	152.2	155.2	158.7	158.0	148.2	**150.7**
Luxembourg	32.6	34.0	34.7	32.8	37.6	30.0	30.1	34.2	34.1	34.6	35.2	35.9	31.5	32.7	**35.0**
Hungary	125.1	132.8	130.3	132.4	148.5	111.1	108.7	123.1	118.3	127.6	134.0	135.5	135.2	130.5	**137.8**
Malta	116.4	123.6	113.7	117.9	140.4	106.5	100.8	109.0	103.8	122.1	118.1	124.8	130.6	120.4	**124.5**
Netherlands	110.0	111.9	115.3	120.7	120.7	95.1	92.0	113.2	113.5	128.9	125.6	121.6	115.8	114.4	**121.0**
Austria	106.0	106.7	110.5	98.0	122.9	81.5	100.0	111.9	105.6	110.9	109.3	109.2	106.4	106.1	**108.8**
Poland	124.4	130.0	134.3	127.7	152.6	114.1	117.2	136.3	129.6	141.6	142.9	147.9	146.5	144.8	**150.9**
Portugal	112.3	116.2	117.1	114.1	139.6	100.1	92.1	106.7	108.7	117.6	115.8	125.7	126.9	118.2	**121.1**
Romania	140.6	150.1	157.3	161.0	170.1	133.0	132.1	147.9	156.8	155.7	159.9	170.1	171.7	168.3	**164.6**
Slovenia	134.3	127.0	113.6	101.5	114.0	98.5	108.9	130.1	116.8	124.3	132.1	131.7	129.5	134.5	**152.6**
Slovakia	117.8	113.9	117.1	114.1	126.1	85.3	87.3	106.1	105.7	112.3	118.9	113.2	114.9	121.2	**119.7**
Finland	105.6	109.5	114.8	116.9	135.8	101.4	97.8	110.9	115.7	123.3	127.4	125.3	122.6	115.3	**113.7**
Sweden	106.2	108.6	110.4	114.7	123.4	98.6	95.6	112.7	111.4	122.7	125.5	119.2	117.2	112.2	**116.6**
Norway	100.9	100.6	111.3	122.5	133.5	100.0	92.3	103.4	103.2	123.9	124.0	114.5	112.4	104.8	**107.6**
Switzerland	102.4	103.4	109.1	112.7	132.8	96.3	84.8	117.9	112.2	113.6	107.7	104.9	101.2	101.8	**110.4**

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