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December 2021 compared with November 2021

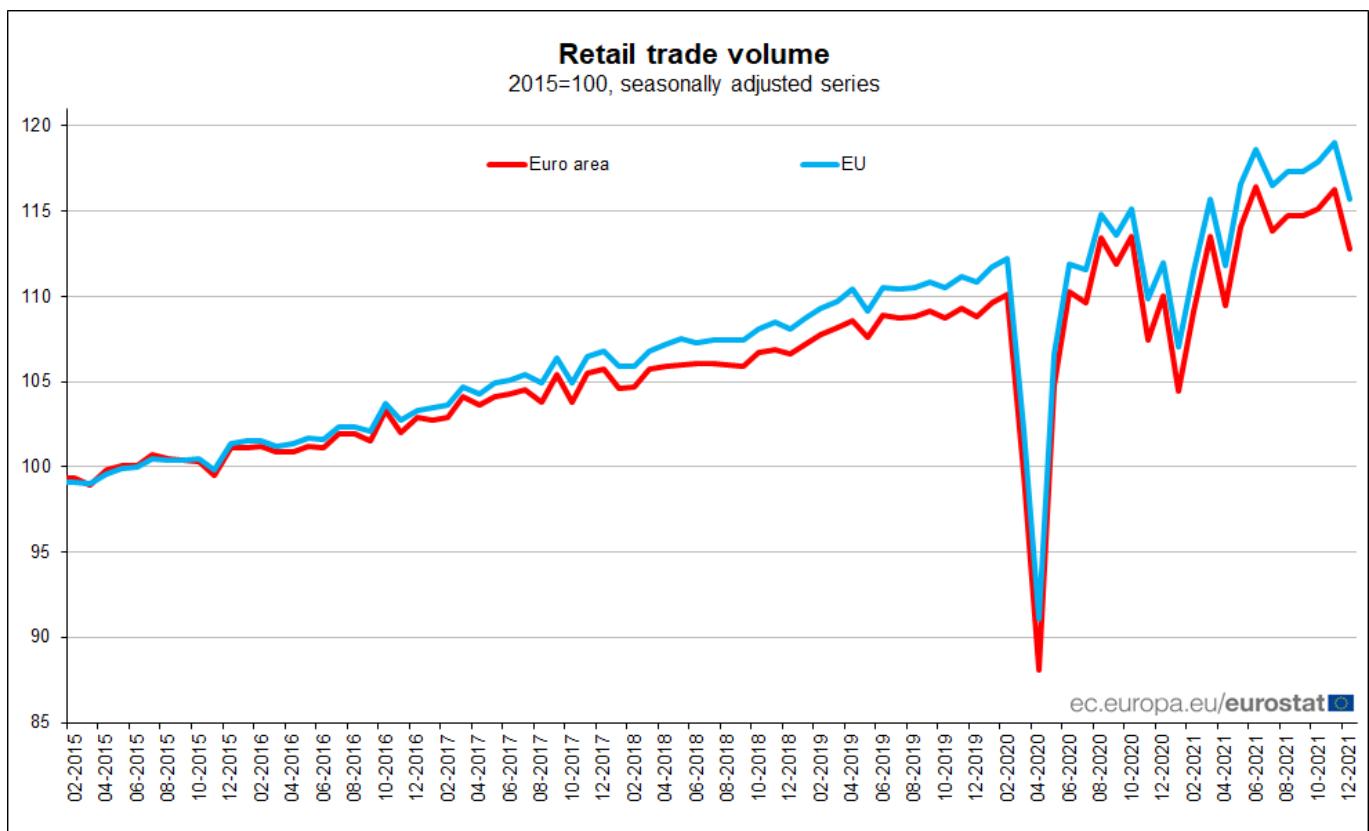
Volume of retail trade down by 3.0% in euro area and down by 2.8% in the EU

Up by 2.0% and 2.6% compared with December 2020

In December 2021, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade decreased by 3.0% in the **euro area** and by 2.8% in the **EU**, compared with November 2021, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In November 2021, the retail trade volume increased by 1.0% in the **euro area** and by 0.9% in the **EU**.

In December 2021 compared with December 2020, the calendar adjusted retail sales index increased by 2.0% in the **euro area** and by 2.6% in the **EU**.

The annual average level of retail trade for the year 2021, compared with 2020, increased by 5.0% in the **euro area** and by 5.5% in the **EU**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in December 2021, compared with November 2021, the volume of retail trade decreased by 5.2% for non-food products and by 0.3% for food, drinks and tobacco, while it increased by 0.1% for automotive fuels.

In the **EU**, the volume of retail trade decreased by 5.0% for non-food products and by 0.2% 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 the total retail trade volume were registered in the **Netherlands** (-9.2%), **Spain** (-5.7%) and **Germany** (-5.5%). The highest increases were observed in **Latvia** (+7.2%), **Slovenia** (+2.1%), **Bulgaria** and **Hungary** (both +1.0%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in December 2021, compared with December 2020, the volume of retail trade increased by 14.2% for automotive fuels, by 3.1% for non-food products while it fell by 1.1% for food, drinks and tobacco.

In the **EU**, the retail trade volume increased by 13.1% for automotive fuels, by 4.0% for non-food products while it fell by 0.9% 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** (+44.1%), **Lithuania** (+16.2%) and **Estonia** (+12.6%). The largest decreases were observed in **Ireland** (-3.2%), **Spain** and **Finland** (both -3.0%).

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 [3/2022](#) of 7 January 2022. The monthly percentage change for November 2021 remained unchanged at +1.0% in the euro area and at +0.9% in the EU. The annual percentage change has been revised from +7.8% to +8.2% in the euro area and from +7.9% to +8.3% 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*

	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21
Euro area						
Total retail trade	-2.2	0.8	0.0	0.3	1.0	-3.0
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.5	-0.7	0.8	0.1	0.5	-0.3
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-3.8	2.4	-1.3	0.4	1.6	-5.2
Mail orders and internet	-9.5	5.0	-2.7	2.7	0.5	-3.9
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.8	-0.6	1.2	0.8	-1.3	0.1
EU						
Total retail trade	-1.8	0.7	0.0	0.5	0.9	-2.8
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.4	-0.8	0.7	0.4	0.2	-0.2
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-3.1	2.2	-1.1	0.6	1.5	-5.0
Mail orders and internet	-7.7	4.6	-2.5	2.5	0.9	-3.8
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	1.3	-0.8	1.2	1.1	-1.1	0.0

Source dataset: [sts_trtu_m](#)

	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21
Total retail trade						
Euro area	-2.2	0.8	0.0	0.3	1.0	-3.0
EU	-1.8	0.7	0.0	0.5	0.9	-2.8
Belgium	-2.6	1.6	0.4	-0.1	1.5	-1.5
Bulgaria	-1.2	-1.4	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0
Czechia	-0.3	0.2	-0.2	1.7	-1.0	c
Denmark	-0.8	-1.1	-1.4	1.2	-0.9	-4.8
Germany	-4.2	0.6	-0.9	0.9	0.8	-5.5
Estonia	-0.2	-0.8	5.1	-1.4	2.4	-1.0
Ireland	-6.0	2.0	0.7	-4.0	6.1	-2.0
Greece	-1.7	-1.5	2.0	1.6	-2.6	c
Spain	-0.1	-0.4	0.5	-0.3	5.4	-5.7
France	-1.6	1.6	0.1	0.2	0.6	-0.2
Croatia	1.5	1.5	-0.2	-0.9	-0.6	0.7
Italy	-0.3	0.4	0.6	c	c	c
Cyprus	1.5	-1.7	3.5	3.0	-1.6	c
Latvia	-1.7	0.2	0.5	-5.3	-3.3	7.2
Lithuania	-1.1	-0.9	0.4	-0.2	0.9	-0.2
Luxembourg	-0.6	-0.6	0.3	-1.2	2.4	-0.9
Hungary	0.0	0.8	0.8	0.4	-0.1	1.0
Malta	0.1	3.0	-0.5	-0.4	1.4	-0.2
Netherlands	-2.5	1.3	-1.2	1.5	0.2	-9.2
Austria	-3.3	1.4	0.8	-1.6	-3.3	-2.4
Poland	2.6	0.2	1.3	1.6	2.4	-3.1
Portugal	-0.8	0.7	1.4	2.3	3.1	-2.3
Romania	1.1	0.6	-0.6	-0.3	1.1	0.9
Slovenia	-1.9	0.9	2.8	12.8	-0.3	2.1
Slovakia	-0.2	2.0	2.7	-1.5	0.5	-0.8
Finland	-1.3	0.3	0.2	-0.9	1.0	-3.8
Sweden	-1.5	0.3	0.1	0.6	1.0	-3.8
Norway	-3.1	-3.8	0.5	1.0	0.9	-3.1
Switzerland	-2.6	1.7	0.4	0.6	1.3	-2.1

* 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*

	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21
Euro area						
Total retail trade	3.4	1.4	2.8	1.7	8.2	2.0
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.3	-1.4	0.8	-1.2	0.9	-1.1
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	5.0	3.4	4.1	3.0	12.4	3.1
Mail orders and internet	9.8	7.1	7.2	2.9	1.1	-3.2
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	4.2	1.5	5.0	8.9	19.2	14.2
EU						
Total retail trade	4.0	2.4	3.5	2.7	8.3	2.6
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.6	-1.0	1.0	-0.9	0.9	-0.9
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	5.8	4.8	5.1	4.2	12.2	4.0
Mail orders and internet	11.1	9.3	8.4	4.4	2.1	-1.9
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	5.1	2.3	5.5	9.4	16.9	13.1

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Total retail trade	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21
Euro area	3.4	1.4	2.8	1.7	8.2	2.0
EU	4.0	2.4	3.5	2.7	8.3	2.6
Belgium	2.9	-4.9	1.8	0.4	12.6	1.7
Bulgaria	20.2	12.0	8.4	7.6	6.7	9.4
Czechia	4.0	4.6	3.5	7.6	11.8	c
Denmark	4.7	4.5	2.9	-1.5	0.6	0.9
Germany	0.8	0.6	-0.4	-1.5	-2.1	-0.1
Estonia	11.0	8.6	16.8	11.0	13.3	12.6
Ireland	1.4	2.9	1.7	-3.2	15.5	-3.2
Greece	11.4	5.3	9.6	7.9	14.7	c
Spain	-0.1	-1.2	0.1	-1.1	5.1	-3.0
France	6.7	2.6	6.3	4.0	24.2	1.1
Croatia	12.9	18.1	14.2	8.7	3.4	6.7
Italy	7.9	2.3	4.3	c	c	c
Cyprus	5.0	3.0	6.4	7.5	4.7	c
Latvia	4.8	3.9	4.2	-2.3	-3.4	8.3
Lithuania	12.6	10.2	11.3	9.2	10.7	16.2
Luxembourg	-4.6	-0.6	2.2	0.3	3.4	0.3
Hungary	3.0	4.0	5.8	5.8	3.8	6.1
Malta	10.6	19.8	14.4	8.5	10.5	4.8
Netherlands	1.9	1.7	2.7	5.1	2.5	3.0
Austria	-2.0	0.3	0.6	-0.3	6.9	-2.4
Poland	8.7	8.2	10.0	12.4	14.5	8.9
Portugal	2.4	3.3	2.7	3.3	10.3	6.3
Romania	9.6	10.2	8.9	4.8	4.0	6.5
Slovenia	9.2	12.8	18.8	34.2	41.5	44.1
Slovakia	1.4	2.2	5.3	2.2	3.9	1.0
Finland	3.1	2.5	2.9	0.8	1.0	-3.0
Sweden	5.6	6.1	5.3	5.8	6.5	4.9
Norway	-4.2	-2.9	-2.8	-3.3	-4.4	-2.3
Switzerland	-2.1	0.9	2.8	1.8	5.2	-0.3

* 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)

	12/20	01/21	02/21	03/21	04/21	05/21	06/21	07/21	08/21	09/21	10/21	11/21	12/21
Euro area	110.0	104.4	109.1	113.5	109.5	114.1	116.4	113.8	114.7	114.7	115.1	116.3	112.8
EU	112.0	107.0	111.5	115.7	111.8	116.6	118.6	116.5	117.3	117.3	117.9	119.0	115.7
Belgium	106.5	107.5	110.9	111.2	108.2	109.7	109.0	106.2	107.9	108.3	108.2	109.8	108.2
Bulgaria	113.5	117.4	117.3	120.2	121.8	123.8	125.5	124.0	122.3	122.9	124.1	125.3	126.6
Czechia	122.3	116.4	120.0	118.4	119.8	130.2	130.7	130.3	130.6	130.3	132.5	131.2	c
Denmark	105.9	98.7	103.3	124.4	113.2	116.9	116.2	115.3	114.0	112.4	113.7	112.7	107.3
Germany	113.4	106.4	110.3	120.5	112.7	118.0	123.5	118.3	119.0	117.9	119.0	120.0	113.4
Estonia	120.5	122.8	122.4	121.8	123.0	130.2	129.5	129.3	128.3	134.9	133.0	136.2	134.8
Ireland	135.6	115.2	124.4	125.4	125.0	129.7	141.6	133.1	135.7	136.7	131.2	139.2	136.4
Greece	93.4	101.3	101.4	103.1	106.9	112.0	113.3	111.4	109.7	111.9	113.7	110.7	c
Spain	106.8	98.7	102.5	105.3	104.3	104.3	104.6	104.5	104.1	104.6	104.3	109.9	103.6
France	122.3	117.1	118.8	120.9	112.5	120.5	123.7	121.7	123.6	123.7	123.9	124.6	124.4
Croatia	115.4	117.5	121.7	118.6	117.5	122.3	121.1	122.9	124.7	124.5	123.4	122.6	123.4
Italy	92.4	90.5	98.8	98.4	99.2	100.8	101.5	101.2	101.6	102.2	c	c	c
Cyprus	126.1	111.7	130.3	131.7	129.5	123.6	125.5	127.4	125.2	129.6	133.5	131.4	c
Latvia	110.9	104.2	109.3	117.6	121.6	119.9	123.6	121.5	121.8	122.4	115.9	112.1	120.2
Lithuania	127.7	121.2	128.4	139.2	145.1	148.6	151.5	149.9	148.6	149.2	148.9	150.2	149.9
Luxembourg	33.0	33.0	34.5	35.0	34.6	34.4	33.6	33.4	33.2	33.3	32.9	33.7	33.4
Hungary	126.5	127.5	126.3	127.8	127.4	127.9	129.1	129.1	130.1	131.1	131.6	131.5	132.8
Malta	116.6	114.0	115.7	116.7	116.0	119.5	119.0	119.1	122.7	122.1	121.6	123.3	123.0
Netherlands	105.9	99.3	104.9	114.3	114.0	124.6	121.6	118.6	120.1	118.6	120.4	120.7	109.6
Austria	103.8	87.5	111.9	111.2	105.4	112.9	110.6	106.9	108.4	109.3	107.5	103.9	101.4
Poland	133.5	130.1	134.6	134.8	128.9	138.6	138.9	142.5	142.8	144.7	147.0	150.6	145.9
Portugal	114.4	108.2	106.8	111.4	116.2	120.5	117.7	116.8	117.6	119.2	121.9	125.7	122.8
Romania	152.9	148.1	150.3	155.5	158.8	160.9	159.2	161.0	161.9	160.9	160.4	162.1	163.6
Slovenia	103.7	105.9	124.6	134.5	121.7	126.5	127.8	125.4	126.5	130.0	146.6	146.2	149.2
Slovakia	114.3	94.9	99.8	105.7	107.6	111.3	113.0	112.8	115.0	118.1	116.3	116.9	116.0
Finland	115.9	116.1	117.0	117.5	120.2	117.9	118.7	117.2	117.6	117.8	116.7	117.9	113.4
Sweden	107.3	111.1	113.3	115.5	114.5	118.4	116.9	115.2	115.5	115.6	116.3	117.5	113.0
Norway	110.3	110.0	109.8	109.8	110.1	116.5	116.4	112.8	108.5	109.0	110.1	111.1	107.7
Switzerland	108.5	101.5	95.9	117.8	114.4	112.3	109.0	106.2	108.0	108.4	109.0	110.4	108.1

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

	12/18	12/19	12/20	01/21	02/21	03/21	04/21	05/21	06/21	07/21	08/21	09/21	10/21	11/21	12/21
Euro area	126.8	129.4	131.3	99.2	96.8	111.0	106.0	113.1	116.9	112.7	117.8	111.6	117.1	118.9	133.9
EU	128.1	131.2	133.0	100.5	98.4	113.3	108.5	116.0	119.6	116.2	120.5	114.6	119.9	121.7	136.5
Belgium	117.3	120.3	125.6	105.8	99.7	111.4	106.7	112.2	114.1	107.0	100.4	102.6	109.8	108.2	127.7
Bulgaria	129.9	141.2	126.1	102.9	102.9	114.1	116.6	119.2	124.9	131.5	131.8	127.7	129.3	127.5	138.0
Czechia	145.2	151.1	149.8	105.6	106.1	120.1	114.2	130.9	131.2	125.7	126.1	125.9	133.5	143.2	c
Denmark	126.4	126.6	127.9	90.1	88.8	119.6	111.7	120.1	119.7	114.9	114.6	106.6	113.2	121.0	129.1
Germany	125.3	128.3	131.2	98.8	99.2	122.2	113.7	117.7	122.0	118.1	115.5	113.0	120.9	127.7	131.1
Estonia	122.2	126.2	133.7	113.0	106.8	116.5	116.4	137.2	136.3	135.6	132.0	135.6	134.4	135.3	150.5
Ireland	159.6	168.8	187.2	106.8	116.9	114.2	115.3	125.3	135.8	128.5	134.2	137.3	130.2	155.4	181.3
Greece	116.3	114.5	101.3	96.6	95.7	96.5	104.7	107.1	112.7	116.9	116.9	112.8	115.4	108.7	c
Spain	123.2	124.8	124.7	99.4	90.1	101.9	97.8	102.2	105.8	113.6	103.0	102.5	104.2	107.9	121.0
France	136.3	140.1	151.7	112.6	104.4	116.9	109.8	118.5	123.6	103.4	143.4	118.3	125.1	125.7	153.4
Croatia	118.6	123.4	121.4	97.6	100.1	112.5	110.6	119.6	129.4	148.3	150.4	128.6	122.7	112.4	129.5
Italy	121.0	121.9	114.6	86.4	86.6	91.2	87.7	97.8	103.2	108.2	102.2	103.7	c	c	c
Cyprus	143.4	151.5	153.9	99.3	114.8	124.8	127.4	117.9	129.7	136.8	127.1	127.9	131.8	130.4	c
Latvia	126.6	129.9	123.8	93.9	94.9	112.2	117.2	121.5	128.1	130.7	132.0	122.9	117.1	109.2	134.1
Lithuania	139.3	145.0	144.5	111.0	112.2	135.3	142.3	152.2	155.2	158.7	158.0	148.2	151.1	146.2	167.9
Luxembourg	37.2	38.4	37.7	30.0	30.1	34.2	34.2	34.7	35.3	35.6	31.1	33.0	34.8	33.9	37.8
Hungary	143.9	152.6	148.5	111.1	108.7	123.1	118.3	127.6	134.0	135.5	135.2	130.5	137.8	137.4	157.6
Malta	128.5	134.1	139.8	106.0	100.8	108.1	104.2	121.9	119.1	125.3	130.9	121.5	124.1	130.1	146.5
Netherlands	123.6	128.3	120.7	95.1	92.0	113.2	113.5	128.9	125.6	121.6	115.8	114.4	121.2	123.7	124.3
Austria	122.2	123.0	122.9	81.5	100.0	111.9	105.6	110.9	109.3	109.2	106.4	106.1	110.2	104.8	119.9
Poland	140.3	146.0	152.6	114.1	117.2	136.3	129.6	141.6	142.9	147.9	146.5	144.8	150.9	146.2	166.2
Portugal	138.8	142.6	139.6	100.1	92.1	106.7	108.7	117.6	115.8	125.7	126.9	118.2	121.0	125.8	148.4
Romania	152.7	165.7	170.1	133.0	132.1	147.9	156.8	155.7	159.9	170.1	171.7	168.3	164.8	167.5	181.1
Slovenia	139.6	131.5	114.0	98.5	109.2	130.4	117.0	124.5	132.5	132.1	129.8	134.7	152.4	143.6	164.3
Slovakia	130.1	126.8	126.1	85.3	87.3	106.1	105.7	112.3	118.9	113.2	114.9	121.2	119.7	118.6	127.4
Finland	131.6	131.7	136.0	101.5	98.0	111.1	116.0	123.6	127.3	125.1	122.5	115.6	115.9	118.2	131.9
Sweden	123.0	125.9	123.4	98.7	95.6	112.6	111.4	122.7	125.5	119.2	117.2	112.2	116.8	122.2	129.4
Norway	124.5	123.6	133.5	100.0	92.3	103.4	103.2	123.9	124.0	114.4	112.4	104.8	107.6	117.1	130.4
Switzerland	123.6	125.7	132.7	96.3	84.8	117.9	112.2	113.6	107.7	105.1	101.1	102.0	111.1	118.7	132.3

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