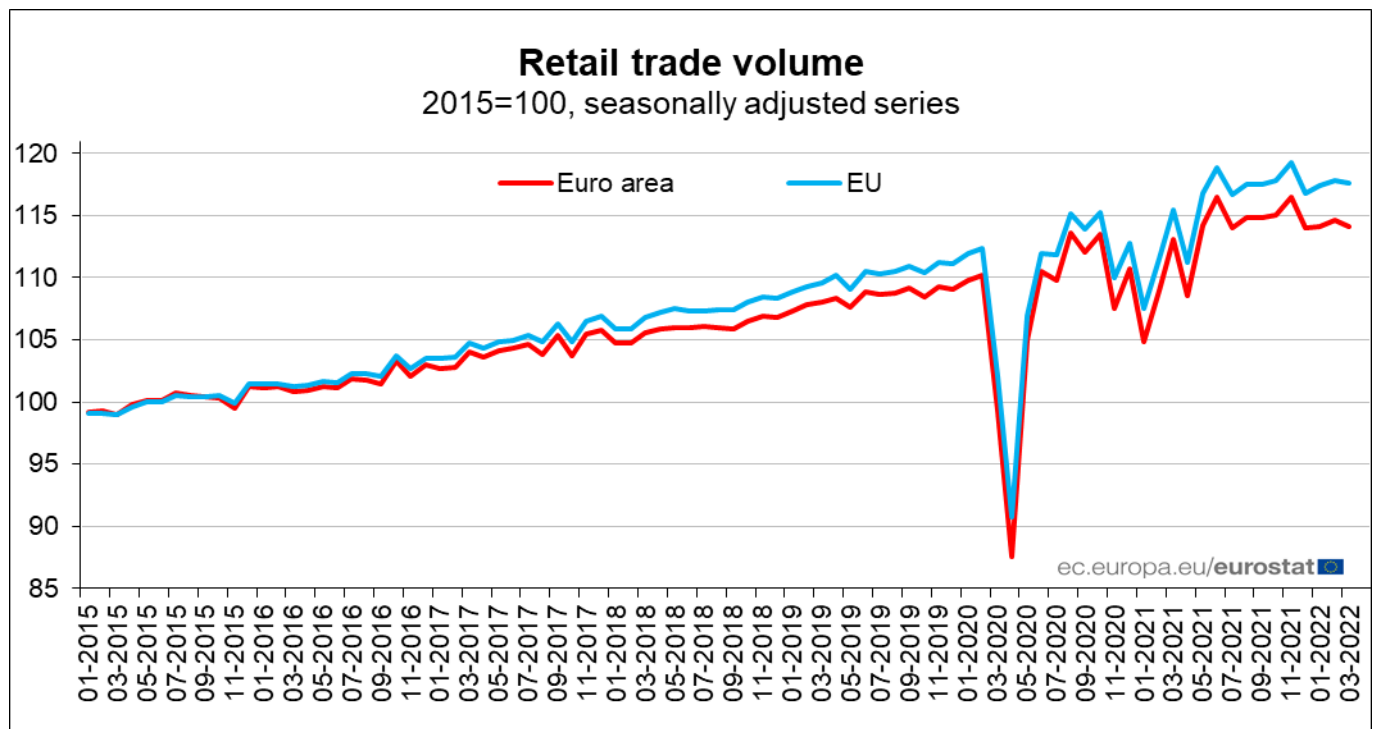March 2022 compared with February 2022

Volume of retail trade down by 0.4% in the euro area and by 0.2% the EU

Up by 0.8% in the euro area and by 1.7% in the EU compared with March 2021

In March 2022, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade decreased by 0.4% in the **euro area** and by 0.2% in the **EU**, compared with February 2022, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In February 2022, the retail trade volume increased by 0.4% in the **euro area** and by 0.3% in the **EU**.

In March 2022 compared with March 2021, the calendar adjusted retail sales index increased by 0.8% in the **euro area** and by 1.7% in the **EU**.

Retail trade volume
2015=100, seasonally adjusted series

Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in March 2022, compared with February 2022, the volume of retail trade decreased by 2.9% for automotive fuels, and by 1.2% for non-food products, while it increased by 0.8% for food, drinks and tobacco.

In the **EU**, the volume of retail trade decreased by 3.0% for automotive fuels, and by 0.7% for non-food products, while it increased by 0.6% for food, drinks and tobacco.

Among Member States for which data are available, the largest monthly decreases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Spain** (-4.0%), **Luxembourg** (-3.3%) and **France** (-1.9%). The highest increases were observed in **Slovenia** (+11.4%), **Latvia** (+11.1%), and **Hungary** (+7.3%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in March 2022, compared with March 2021, the volume of retail trade increased by 8.3% for automotive fuels, and by 2.8% for non-food products, while it fell by 2.5% for food, drinks and tobacco.

In the **EU**, the retail trade volume increased by 8.9% for automotive fuels, and by 4.0% for non-food products, while it fell by 2.1% 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** (+25.6%), **Estonia** (+18.4%) and **Malta** (+16.4%). The largest decreases were observed in **Denmark** (-11.0%), **Spain** (-4.8%), and **Belgium** (-3.9%).

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 41/2022 of 7 April 2022. The monthly percentage change for February 2022 has been revised from +0.3% to +0.4% in the euro area and remained at +0.3% in the EU. The annual percentage change has been revised from +5.0% to +5.2% in the euro area and from +5.4% to +5.6% 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
(See file NEWS_RELEASE_WEIGHTINGS_2015)
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Volume of retail trade

% change compared with the previous month*

	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22
Euro area						
Total retail trade	0.2	1.3	-2.1	0.1	0.4	**-0.4**
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.1	0.2	0.7	-0.2	-0.6	**0.8**
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.2	2.0	-4.3	1.0	1.3	**-1.2**
Mail orders and internet	3.1	0.4	-3.8	1.3	0.5	**-4.3**
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.6	-1.6	0.2	-1.8	2.5	**-2.9**
EU						
Total retail trade	0.3	1.3	-2.1	0.5	0.3	**-0.2**
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.0	-0.5	**0.6**
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.3	2.0	-4.1	1.6	0.8	**-0.7**
Mail orders and internet	2.6	1.3	-3.8	1.5	0.1	**-3.5**
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	1.0	-1.4	0.2	-1.2	3.3	**-3.0**

Source dataset: sts_trtu_m

Total retail trade	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22
Euro area	0.2	1.3	-2.1	0.1	0.4	**-0.4**
EU	0.3	1.3	-2.1	0.5	0.3	**-0.2**
Belgium	-0.1	1.5	-1.5	-0.8	-1.8	**0.9**
Bulgaria	0.8	0.6	1.3	0.2	0.2	**1.6**
Czechia	0.8	-0.8	-2.7	2.2	-0.1	**c**
Denmark	1.2	-0.8	-4.6	3.8	-1.2	**0.2**
Germany	0.3	1.6	-2.2	-0.3	0.2	**-0.1**
Estonia	-1.3	2.7	-2.0	0.3	-1.6	**6.5**
Ireland	-4.3	6.6	-7.2	1.2	0.8	**1.2**
Greece	1.9	-2.1	0.7	-1.0	1.4	**c**
Spain	-0.3	5.3	-5.6	-0.6	1.2	**-4.0**
France	0.2	0.7	-0.6	1.1	-0.2	**-1.9**
Croatia	-0.9	-0.6	0.7	-3.2	0.8	**4.0**
Italy	-0.2	-0.5	0.1	c	c	**c**
Cyprus	1.0	-0.6	-1.9	0.2	-0.8	**0.6**
Latvia	-5.5	-3.5	7.1	0.4	-0.1	**11.1**
Lithuania	-0.5	-0.3	-0.2	-2.6	0.3	**2.0**
Luxembourg	-0.6	0.3	0.0	0.3	-1.2	**-3.3**
Hungary	0.5	0.2	1.1	-0.2	1.5	**7.3**
Malta	-0.2	1.9	-0.1	1.5	0.2	**3.0**
Netherlands	1.5	0.3	-9.2	3.9	3.8	**0.7**
Austria	-1.6	-3.3	-1.3	2.2	1.7	**1.0**
Poland	0.8	3.1	-1.9	5.6	-1.6	**0.7**
Portugal	2.3	3.3	-2.2	-3.5	3.1	**2.5**
Romania	-0.3	1.1	0.9	-0.7	0.6	**0.4**
Slovenia	12.9	-0.1	2.4	-7.2	8.5	**11.4**
Slovakia	-0.9	0.9	-0.3	-1.4	1.8	**0.5**
Finland	-1.1	1.1	-2.2	1.3	0.1	**-0.6**
Sweden	0.5	1.6	-3.1	1.5	0.6	**0.4**
Norway	1.3	1.2	-3.0	0.4	-1.1	**3.3**
Switzerland	0.6	0.9	-1.6	-0.2	0.1	**0.8**

* 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*

	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22
Euro area						
Total retail trade	1.6	8.5	2.4	8.5	5.2	**0.8**
Food, drinks, tobacco	-1.3	0.8	-1.0	-1.7	-2.0	**-2.5**
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	3.0	12.8	3.8	16.1	9.9	**2.8**
Mail orders and internet	2.8	0.9	-6.0	-5.3	-7.5	**-13.2**
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	9.1	19.5	13.8	13.0	12.2	**8.3**
EU						
Total retail trade	2.5	8.3	3.0	8.8	5.6	**1.7**
Food, drinks, tobacco	-1.0	0.7	-0.8	-1.1	-1.5	**-2.1**
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	4.1	12.5	4.8	16.3	10.1	**4.0**
Mail orders and internet	4.2	2.5	-3.9	-2.6	-4.9	**-10.5**
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	9.8	17.2	13.0	11.7	13.1	**8.9**

Source dataset: sts_trtu_m

Total retail trade	Oct 21	Nov 21	Dec 21	Jan 22	Feb 22	Mar 22
Euro area	1.6	8.5	2.4	8.5	5.2	**0.8**
EU	2.5	8.3	3.0	8.8	5.6	**1.7**
Belgium	0.4	12.6	1.7	0.3	-5.1	**-3.9**
Bulgaria	8.0	6.9	9.9	11.1	6.6	**9.6**
Czechia	7.7	11.8	0.1	9.4	4.7	**c**
Denmark	-1.5	0.7	1.4	13.5	6.4	**-11.0**
Germany	-1.8	-2.0	1.1	10.0	6.9	**-2.7**
Estonia	11.1	13.3	12.6	7.7	3.9	**18.4**
Ireland	-3.2	15.5	-3.6	15.2	5.9	**6.3**
Greece	8.4	16.7	19.6	7.5	10.8	**c**
Spain	-1.0	5.1	-2.8	3.1	1.6	**-4.8**
France	4.0	24.6	0.3	6.9	5.5	**1.8**
Croatia	8.7	3.4	6.7	1.8	-0.7	**5.5**
Italy	4.4	12.3	9.2	c	c	**c**
Cyprus	6.7	4.3	-0.5	13.2	-3.7	**-3.4**
Latvia	-2.3	-3.7	8.0	15.4	9.4	**13.2**
Lithuania	9.2	10.4	16.5	18.1	13.0	**7.7**
Luxembourg	1.7	4.0	5.1	7.0	-0.3	**-3.2**
Hungary	5.8	3.8	6.3	4.1	9.9	**16.2**
Malta	8.2	10.7	3.7	9.6	7.3	**16.4**
Netherlands	5.1	2.5	3.1	13.9	11.4	**3.4**
Austria	-0.3	6.9	-1.5	19.8	-4.5	**-3.0**
Poland	11.0	14.5	10.2	19.4	14.2	**14.5**
Portugal	3.8	11.0	7.0	10.7	17.4	**11.9**
Romania	4.8	4.0	6.5	5.6	5.6	**5.4**
Slovenia	34.2	41.7	44.9	31.7	22.1	**25.6**
Slovakia	2.2	3.9	1.0	16.9	16.5	**14.5**
Finland	0.3	0.5	-0.3	0.4	-0.3	**-1.7**
Sweden	5.7	6.9	5.6	4.2	3.5	**2.0**
Norway	-2.9	-4.2	-2.0	-1.6	-2.9	**-0.9**
Switzerland	1.8	4.8	0.0	5.8	12.5	**-6.6**

* 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)

	03-21	04-21	05-21	06-21	07-21	08-21	09-21	10-21	11-21	12-21	01-22	02-22	03-22
Euro area	113.1	108.6	114.2	116.5	114.0	114.8	114.8	115.0	116.5	114.0	114.1	114.6	**114.1**
EU	115.5	111.2	116.8	118.8	116.7	117.5	117.5	117.8	119.3	116.8	117.4	117.8	**117.6**
Belgium	110.9	108.1	109.7	109.0	106.3	108.0	108.4	108.3	109.9	108.3	107.4	105.5	**106.5**
Bulgaria	136.1	137.3	138.6	139.8	140.6	142.0	142.4	143.6	144.4	146.3	146.6	146.9	**149.3**
Czechia	119.4	120.0	130.7	131.1	129.8	129.9	129.1	130.1	129.0	125.5	128.3	128.2	**c**
Denmark	124.2	113.1	116.9	116.1	115.3	114.0	112.4	113.8	112.9	107.7	111.8	110.5	**110.7**
Germany	120.4	112.5	117.7	123.3	118.2	118.8	117.8	118.2	120.1	117.4	117.0	117.2	**117.1**
Estonia	120.9	122.7	130.2	129.3	129.0	127.8	134.6	132.8	136.4	133.7	134.1	132.0	**140.6**
Ireland	125.4	125.0	129.7	141.6	133.8	136.5	138.4	132.4	141.2	131.0	132.6	133.6	**135.2**
Greece	103.2	107.0	112.1	113.3	111.4	109.7	111.8	113.9	111.5	112.3	111.2	112.8	**c**
Spain	105.0	104.2	104.1	104.4	104.3	103.9	104.5	104.2	109.7	103.6	103.0	104.2	**100.0**
France	121.1	112.6	120.6	123.6	121.6	123.5	123.5	123.8	124.7	124.0	125.4	125.1	**122.7**
Croatia	118.6	117.5	122.3	121.1	122.9	124.7	124.5	123.4	122.6	123.4	119.4	120.4	**125.2**
Italy	95.6	93.5	101.8	102.6	102.4	102.8	103.2	103.0	102.5	102.6	c	c	**c**
Cyprus	131.9	129.6	125.3	127.8	128.1	127.1	129.2	130.5	129.7	127.3	127.5	126.5	**127.2**
Latvia	117.3	121.4	119.8	123.6	121.6	122.0	122.6	115.9	111.9	119.8	120.3	120.2	**133.5**
Lithuania	139.1	144.7	148.5	151.6	151.2	150.1	151.6	150.8	150.3	150.0	146.1	146.6	**149.5**
Luxembourg	33.8	34.4	34.5	34.6	33.8	34.0	34.2	34.0	34.1	34.1	34.2	33.8	**32.7**
Hungary	127.8	127.6	128.4	129.5	129.5	130.5	131.4	132.1	132.3	133.7	133.4	135.4	**145.3**
Malta	116.8	116.2	119.9	117.1	120.0	123.8	123.4	123.1	125.4	125.3	127.2	127.5	**131.3**
Netherlands	114.5	114.2	124.5	121.8	118.7	120.0	118.4	120.2	120.6	109.5	113.8	118.1	**118.9**
Austria	111.2	105.4	112.9	110.6	106.9	108.4	109.3	107.5	103.9	102.5	104.8	106.6	**107.7**
Poland	135.1	128.9	138.9	139.3	142.5	142.9	144.9	146.0	150.5	147.7	155.9	153.4	**154.5**
Portugal	111.7	116.9	121.3	118.0	117.2	118.0	119.7	122.4	126.5	123.7	119.4	123.1	**126.2**
Romania	155.5	158.8	160.9	159.2	161.0	161.9	160.9	160.4	162.1	163.6	162.5	163.5	**164.1**
Slovenia	134.3	121.5	126.3	127.7	125.4	126.6	130.1	146.9	146.7	150.2	139.4	151.3	**168.5**
Slovakia	104.6	107.0	110.4	112.2	112.2	114.6	117.6	116.6	117.6	117.3	115.7	117.8	**118.4**
Finland	117.9	120.4	118.2	119.1	117.5	117.9	117.8	116.5	117.8	115.2	116.7	116.8	**116.1**
Sweden	115.3	114.4	118.3	116.9	115.1	115.4	115.5	116.1	118.0	114.4	116.1	116.8	**117.3**
Norway	113.0	113.7	119.4	118.9	114.8	110.5	111.0	112.4	113.7	110.3	110.7	109.5	**113.1**
Switzerland	117.1	114.1	112.2	109.0	106.2	108.1	108.5	109.1	110.1	108.3	108.1	108.2	**109.1**

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Source dataset: sts_trtu_m

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

	03-19	03-20	03-21	04-21	05-21	06-21	07-21	08-21	09-21	10-21	11-21	12-21	01-22	02-22	03-22
Euro area	105.9	97.6	111.0	106.0	113.0	117.0	112.8	117.9	111.6	117.1	119.2	134.7	107.6	101.7	**111.9**
EU	107.5	100.3	113.4	108.6	116.1	119.8	116.4	120.6	114.7	119.9	122.0	137.3	109.5	104.0	**115.3**
Belgium	100.5	97.9	111.4	106.7	112.2	114.1	107.0	100.4	102.6	109.8	108.2	127.7	106.1	94.6	**107.0**
Bulgaria	114.5	111.9	130.8	133.5	136.5	143.0	150.5	151.0	146.2	148.2	145.8	158.0	130.9	125.7	**143.4**
Czechia	120.3	111.7	120.3	114.5	131.3	131.3	125.4	126.0	125.9	133.6	143.2	150.1	115.3	111.6	**c**
Denmark	101.6	97.8	119.6	111.7	120.1	119.7	114.9	114.6	106.6	113.2	121.1	129.7	102.3	94.5	**106.4**
Germany	112.3	113.5	122.1	113.5	117.4	121.9	118.2	115.5	112.9	120.8	128.0	133.8	108.5	105.8	**118.8**
Estonia	109.5	112.7	116.4	116.4	137.2	136.3	135.6	132.1	135.6	134.5	135.3	150.4	121.7	111.0	**137.8**
Ireland	108.8	112.5	114.3	115.2	125.3	135.8	128.5	134.2	137.3	130.2	155.4	180.5	123.0	123.8	**121.5**
Greece	99.6	97.2	96.5	104.7	107.1	112.7	116.9	116.9	112.8	116.0	110.6	121.2	103.8	106.0	**c**
Spain	103.9	89.8	101.9	97.9	102.2	105.8	113.6	102.9	102.4	104.3	107.9	121.2	102.5	91.5	**97.0**
France	108.0	93.4	117.1	109.9	118.6	123.7	103.4	143.6	118.4	125.2	126.1	152.1	120.5	110.2	**119.2**
Croatia	107.9	102.4	112.5	110.6	119.6	129.4	148.3	150.4	128.6	122.7	112.4	129.5	99.4	99.4	**118.7**
Italy	95.7	74.5	91.2	87.6	97.9	103.2	108.2	102.2	103.7	108.3	103.0	125.1	c	c	**c**
Cyprus	111.7	112.4	124.7	127.8	118.3	130.0	137.4	127.7	128.9	131.7	131.7	156.3	112.3	110.5	**120.4**
Latvia	109.1	108.6	112.2	117.2	121.5	128.1	130.7	132.0	122.9	117.1	109.0	133.7	108.4	103.8	**127.0**
Lithuania	119.1	113.1	135.5	142.3	152.2	155.5	158.8	158.0	148.3	151.0	146.0	168.3	131.0	126.7	**146.0**
Luxembourg	32.2	27.5	34.1	34.2	34.7	35.3	35.6	31.3	33.1	35.3	34.1	39.5	32.0	30.0	**33.0***
Hungary	120.6	125.2	121.4	118.3	127.4	134.2	135.5	135.1	130.6	137.7	137.4	158.2	116.0	120.0	**141.1**
Malta	111.2	108.5	108.7	104.4	122.8	119.7	126.0	131.6	122.8	124.0	130.8	146.2	116.5	108.7	**126.5**
Netherlands	107.3	107.5	113.1	113.6	129.0	125.8	121.7	115.9	114.4	121.2	123.7	124.5	108.3	102.4	**116.9**
Austria	103.7	92.8	111.9	105.6	110.9	109.3	109.2	106.4	106.1	110.2	104.8	121.1	97.6	95.5	**108.5**
Poland	125.1	124.7	136.3	129.6	141.6	142.9	147.9	146.5	144.8	149.1	146.2	168.1	136.4	133.8	**156.1**
Portugal	111.0	105.7	107.0	109.4	118.3	116.1	126.1	127.4	118.6	121.5	126.7	149.4	110.7	108.0	**119.7**
Romania	132.0	136.4	147.9	156.8	155.7	159.9	170.1	171.7	168.3	164.8	167.5	181.1	140.5	139.5	**155.9**
Slovenia	120.6	103.1	130.3	117.0	124.5	132.5	132.1	129.8	134.7	152.4	143.8	165.2	129.7	133.3	**163.6**
Slovakia	109.6	105.7	106.1	105.7	112.3	118.9	113.2	114.9	121.2	119.7	118.6	127.4	99.7	101.7	**121.5**
Finland	103.8	104.4	111.3	116.1	124.0	127.5	125.3	122.6	115.2	115.2	117.6	135.6	102.1	97.9	**109.4**
Sweden	103.5	104.3	112.6	111.4	122.7	125.5	119.2	117.2	112.2	116.7	122.6	130.3	102.8	98.9	**114.8**
Norway	97.1	99.2	106.7	106.3	126.6	126.3	116.0	114.4	106.9	109.9	120.9	133.1	101.2	92.0	**105.7**
Switzerland	101.1	95.7	118.0	112.2	113.6	107.7	105.1	101.1	101.8	111.1	118.2	132.7	101.9	95.4	**110.2**

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