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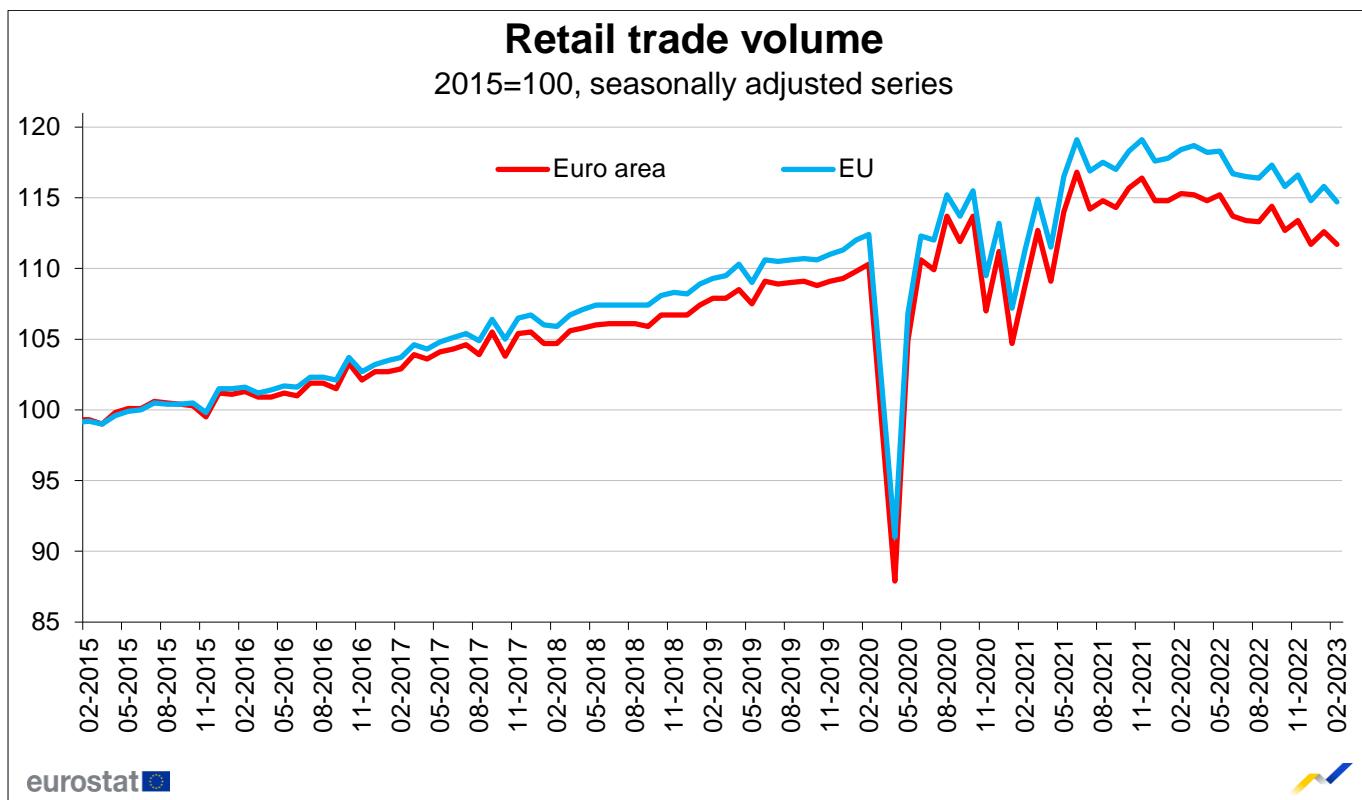
February 2023 compared with January 2023

Volume of retail trade down by 0.8% in the euro area and by 0.9% in the EU

Down by 3.0% in the euro area and by 3.1% in the EU compared with February 2022

In February 2023, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade decreased by 0.8% in the **euro area** and by 0.9% in the **EU**, compared with January 2023, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In January 2023, the retail trade volume increased by 0.8% in the **euro area** and by 0.9% in the **EU**.

In February 2023 compared with February 2022, the calendar adjusted retail sales index decreased by 3.0% in the **euro area** and by 3.1% in the **EU**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in February 2023, compared with January 2023, the volume of retail trade decreased by 1.8% for automotive fuels, by 0.7% for non-food products and by 0.6% for food, drinks and tobacco.

In the **EU**, the volume of retail trade decreased by 1.4% for automotive fuels, by 1.0% for non-food products and 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 **Slovenia** (-10.5%), **Hungary** and **Poland** (both -2.0%) and **Sweden** (-1.6%). The highest increases were observed in **Cyprus** (+1.6%), **Luxembourg** (+0.8%) and **Belgium** (+0.7%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in February 2023, compared with February 2022, the volume of retail trade decreased by 4.9% for food, drinks and tobacco and by 1.8% for non-food products, while it grew by 1.1% for automotive fuels.

In the **EU**, the retail trade volume decreased by 4.9% for food, drinks and tobacco and by 1.9% for non-food products, while it grew by 0.1% for automotive fuels.

Among Member States for which data are available, the largest yearly decreases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Hungary** (-10.1%), **Sweden** (-8.5%) and **Germany** (-7.0%). The highest increases were observed in **Cyprus** (+8.3%), **Luxembourg** (+6.8%) and **Spain** (+4.7%).

Geographical information

The **euro area** (EA20) includes Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, 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 [28/2023](#) of 6 March 2023. The monthly percentage change for January 2023 has been revised from +0.3% to +0.8% in the euro area and from +0.3% to +0.9% in the EU. The annual percentage change has been revised from -2.3% to -1.8% in the euro area EA and from -2.2% to -1.6% 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

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Volume of retail trade
 % change compared with the previous month*

	Sep 22	Oct 22	Nov 22	Dec 22	Jan 23	Feb 23
Euro area						
Total retail trade	1.0	-1.5	0.6	-1.5	0.8	-0.8
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.5	-1.3	-0.5	-1.8	1.8	-0.6
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	1.6	-2.0	1.6	-2.3	0.9	-0.7
Mail orders and internet	3.0	-1.4	-0.4	-3.1	-3.0	2.6
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.6	-0.1	0.9	0.6	-0.9	-1.8
EU						
Total retail trade	0.8	-1.3	0.7	-1.5	0.9	-0.9
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.2	-1.0	-0.4	-1.9	1.6	-0.6
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	1.4	-1.9	1.6	-2.5	1.3	-1.0
Mail orders and internet	2.7	-1.2	-0.2	-3.2	-2.7	2.6
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.2	0.0	1.0	0.9	-1.8	-1.4

Source dataset: [sts_trtu_m](#)

Total retail trade	Sep 22	Oct 22	Nov 22	Dec 22	Jan 23	Feb 23
Euro area	1.0	-1.5	0.6	-1.5	0.8	-0.8
EU	0.8	-1.3	0.7	-1.5	0.9	-0.9
Belgium	1.0	-3.3	0.8	-3.1	-0.2	0.7
Bulgaria	0.8	-0.3	2.4	0.0	1.4	-0.5
Czechia	0.6	-1.9	-0.2	-0.6	0.3	c
Denmark	-0.7	-1.7	0.3	-1.6	1.6	-0.2
Germany	1.7	-2.7	0.8	-1.6	0.1	-1.3
Estonia	-0.3	-1.2	1.3	-2.8	-1.1	-1.5
Ireland	-2.4	0.8	4.3	-2.4	1.2	0.6
Greece	-1.1	-0.7	0.5	-0.9	0.7	c
Spain	0.5	0.6	1.8	0.3	0.9	-0.3
France	1.4	-1.3	-0.4	-0.9	0.9	-1.5
Croatia	-1.5	-1.0	-1.0	-0.5	-0.6	0.2
Italy	-0.3	-0.6	0.6	-1.4	0.7	-0.4
Cyprus	0.8	0.2	0.8	0.0	0.3	1.6
Latvia	1.2	-0.6	1.1	-2.7	1.4	0.4
Lithuania	0.8	-0.9	0.1	-2.0	0.8	-1.3
Luxembourg	2.2	-2.7	-1.1	-1.1	4.8	0.8
Hungary	0.3	-1.4	0.0	-2.9	-0.8	-2.0
Malta	1.5	0.6	0.0	1.1	-0.7	-0.1
Netherlands	1.3	-0.3	1.7	-6.1	5.2	-0.2
Austria	4.6	-5.0	-1.3	-0.9	0.1	0.2
Poland	1.8	-0.6	2.8	-3.0	1.5	-2.0
Portugal	-1.9	0.7	1.5	-2.9	1.9	-0.1
Romania	-0.7	0.5	0.4	1.3	-0.1	-0.6
Slovenia	-3.6	-0.6	-0.2	-1.1	3.8	-10.5
Slovakia	-0.8	-0.9	0.8	1.5	-1.6	-0.5
Finland	0.5	-0.9	0.4	-3.4	2.7	-0.6
Sweden	-0.8	-1.2	1.3	-2.2	0.2	-1.6
Norway	0.1	-0.3	1.3	-4.1	1.3	0.2
Switzerland	0.2	-0.8	0.5	-1.8	1.1	1.0

* 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*

	Sep 22	Oct 22	Nov 22	Dec 22	Jan 23	Feb 23
Euro area						
Total retail trade	0.1	-2.6	-2.4	-2.8	-1.8	-3.0
Food, drinks, tobacco	-2.0	-3.9	-4.5	-6.5	-4.8	-4.9
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.9	-2.2	-2.0	-0.8	-0.2	-1.8
Mail orders and internet	-1.2	-4.8	-6.7	-6.6	-9.4	-6.4
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	4.0	2.4	4.2	4.6	6.2	1.1
EU						
Total retail trade	0.4	-2.1	-2.0	-2.5	-1.6	-3.1
Food, drinks, tobacco	-1.8	-3.5	-3.9	-6.1	-4.5	-4.9
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.9	-2.2	-1.6	-1.0	-0.4	-1.9
Mail orders and internet	-0.4	-3.6	-5.9	-6.1	-9.1	-5.7
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	5.0	3.5	5.4	6.4	6.1	0.1

Source dataset: [sts_trtu_m](#)

Total retail trade	Sep 22	Oct 22	Nov 22	Dec 22	Jan 23	Feb 23
Euro area	0.1	-2.6	-2.4	-2.8	-1.8	-3.0
EU	0.4	-2.1	-2.0	-2.5	-1.6	-3.1
Belgium	-0.9	-5.7	-6.0	-9.2	-8.9	-6.1
Bulgaria	2.9	1.0	5.3	3.8	5.6	4.3
Czechia	-6.0	-10.4	-9.1	-8.1	-7.7	c
Denmark	-6.1	-9.2	-7.3	-8.1	-5.6	-4.3
Germany	-0.3	-4.6	-4.9	-5.7	-6.3	-7.0
Estonia	-5.9	-4.0	-2.3	-5.9	-7.4	-6.3
Ireland	-6.3	-4.0	-1.7	-1.0	-0.2	-0.2
Greece	1.2	-1.9	1.1	-1.1	1.4	c
Spain	0.2	1.2	-0.6	5.0	6.8	4.7
France	3.1	0.6	-0.5	-1.9	-1.5	-2.3
Croatia	-2.4	-4.5	-4.7	-5.6	-4.4	-4.9
Italy	-2.7	-5.1	-2.6	-4.6	-1.0	-2.8
Cyprus	2.9	1.9	3.3	4.7	5.3	8.3
Latvia	1.3	5.9	10.8	-0.2	2.8	2.3
Lithuania	-1.0	-3.0	-1.5	-5.9	0.7	-1.7
Luxembourg	6.2	3.0	0.8	0.5	5.2	6.8
Hungary	3.0	0.7	0.6	-4.1	-4.5	-10.1
Malta	6.9	7.9	6.7	8.4	6.2	4.3
Netherlands	-2.5	-3.8	-1.9	1.0	1.8	-2.2
Austria	1.8	-3.3	-0.4	-1.1	-3.3	-4.0
Poland	7.9	6.0	7.1	4.3	2.5	-0.7
Portugal	2.5	1.4	-1.9	0.8	3.7	0.4
Romania	2.4	4.7	4.5	5.3	5.2	2.9
Slovenia	24.0	8.0	7.4	2.9	17.9	-4.1
Slovakia	-4.9	-4.4	-1.3	3.0	-0.2	-2.5
Finland	-3.0	-3.4	-3.2	-6.9	-3.1	-3.3
Sweden	-3.9	-5.7	-4.5	-6.5	-6.1	-8.5
Norway	-3.7	-4.9	-3.6	-7.8	-6.1	-3.9
Switzerland	2.2	-2.6	-1.6	-3.2	-1.8	0.3

* Calendar adjusted

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Volume of retail trade, calendar and seasonally adjusted indices

(base year 2015)

	02-22	03-22	04-22	05-22	06-22	07-22	08-22	09-22	10-22	11-22	12-22	01-23	02-23
Euro area	115.3	115.2	114.8	115.2	113.7	113.4	113.3	114.4	112.7	113.4	111.7	112.6	111.7
EU	118.4	118.7	118.2	118.3	116.7	116.5	116.4	117.3	115.8	116.6	114.8	115.8	114.7
Belgium	106.5	106.2	105.5	105.4	103.1	103.4	104.8	105.9	102.4	103.2	100.0	99.8	100.5
Bulgaria	142.1	144.3	142.9	143.4	141.5	141.6	143.1	144.2	143.7	147.1	147.1	149.1	148.4
Czechia	126.5	127.0	124.9	123.0	122.1	120.2	119.6	120.3	118.0	117.8	117.1	117.4	c
Denmark	109.0	109.7	109.5	109.0	106.8	106.6	106.7	106.0	104.2	104.5	102.8	104.4	104.2
Germany	119.1	119.6	117.0	116.5	115.1	115.9	114.0	115.9	112.8	113.7	111.9	112.0	110.6
Estonia	132.0	138.1	134.9	134.0	130.7	131.1	129.9	129.5	128.0	129.6	126.0	124.6	122.7
Ireland	134.8	135.5	137.8	126.0	127.3	127.1	132.0	128.8	129.8	135.4	132.2	133.8	134.6
Greece	112.6	114.6	114.5	109.3	111.2	113.2	114.2	112.9	112.1	112.7	111.7	112.5	c
Spain	104.3	99.7	105.0	105.2	105.1	104.2	105.0	105.5	106.1	108.0	108.3	109.3	109.0
France	125.7	125.7	126.0	126.5	126.0	124.0	125.0	126.8	125.1	124.6	123.5	124.6	122.7
Croatia	122.4	124.4	122.4	122.9	122.6	121.1	121.6	119.8	118.6	117.4	116.8	116.1	116.3
Italy	101.1	100.6	100.4	104.8	100.2	100.6	99.9	99.6	99.0	99.6	98.2	98.9	98.5
Cyprus	125.9	128.2	127.4	132.9	129.5	129.6	131.6	132.6	132.8	133.8	133.8	134.2	136.3
Latvia	119.7	131.5	124.4	122.7	122.3	121.7	121.9	123.4	122.6	124.0	120.6	122.3	122.8
Lithuania	146.0	147.2	146.9	145.6	144.6	144.5	146.8	148.0	146.6	146.8	143.9	145.0	143.1
Luxembourg	34.8	36.0	35.5	36.3	35.1	35.9	36.1	36.9	35.9	35.5	35.1	36.8	37.1
Hungary	137.2	145.7	143.1	141.3	137.5	136.4	134.6	135.0	133.1	133.1	129.3	128.3	125.7
Malta	133.5	137.1	137.7	136.7	137.8	138.8	137.0	139.1	139.9	139.9	141.5	140.5	140.3
Netherlands	118.1	119.5	117.6	119.3	115.9	117.0	114.4	115.9	115.6	117.6	110.4	116.1	115.9
Austria	106.5	106.4	107.9	106.3	106.4	103.1	104.9	109.7	104.2	102.8	101.9	102.0	102.2
Poland	154.6	158.8	156.5	153.8	151.5	151.8	153.1	155.9	154.9	159.2	154.5	156.8	153.7
Portugal	123.2	126.1	121.9	125.1	121.9	123.3	124.8	122.4	123.3	125.1	121.5	123.8	123.7
Romania	163.5	164.2	169.3	169.4	166.0	166.9	167.4	166.2	167.0	167.6	169.8	169.7	168.7
Slovenia	152.0	169.1	156.0	157.1	156.2	155.6	166.0	160.1	159.1	158.8	157.0	163.0	145.9
Slovakia	117.8	118.5	116.8	116.1	114.8	115.0	115.4	114.5	113.5	114.4	116.1	114.3	113.7
Finland	115.2	115.6	115.3	113.0	113.6	112.0	112.9	113.5	112.5	113.0	109.2	112.1	111.4
Sweden	117.4	117.4	116.9	116.0	113.7	113.1	112.2	111.3	110.0	111.4	108.9	109.1	107.4
Norway	109.3	111.8	110.1	108.8	108.5	106.2	106.7	106.8	106.5	107.9	103.5	104.8	105.0
Switzerland	108.5	110.4	108.3	109.1	108.7	108.2	108.6	108.8	107.9	108.4	106.4	107.6	108.7

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Volume of retail trade, calendar adjusted indices

(base year 2015)

	02-20	02-21	02-22	03-22	04-22	05-22	06-22	07-22	08-22	09-22	10-22	11-22	12-22	01-23	02-23
Euro area	98.0	96.6	102.3	113.7	111.4	114.3	113.8	112.2	116.5	111.7	114.2	116.8	131.1	106.3	99.2
EU	99.4	98.3	104.6	117.2	114.9	117.9	117.2	115.8	119.5	115.0	117.4	120.1	134.1	108.2	101.4
Belgium	89.8	99.7	94.6	107.0	104.7	108.8	107.7	104.1	98.3	101.7	103.5	101.7	115.9	96.7	88.8
Bulgaria	118.6	116.1	123.2	141.1	139.1	141.3	141.1	146.9	151.4	147.9	147.1	151.5	161.9	135.5	128.5
Czechia	108.4	106.6	111.2	127.3	120.5	123.2	122.3	115.2	115.6	118.4	119.7	130.1	137.9	106.5	c
Denmark	89.0	88.8	94.1	106.5	110.4	113.1	108.8	105.7	107.4	100.2	102.8	112.1	119.6	96.4	90.1
Germany	101.4	98.2	107.8	122.5	116.4	115.9	112.5	116.1	110.5	111.9	115.0	123.5	126.7	103.9	100.3
Estonia	103.1	106.8	111.0	137.7	131.6	138.9	135.0	136.9	134.7	127.6	129.1	132.2	141.5	112.7	104.0
Ireland	115.2	116.9	123.8	120.3	127.6	124.0	124.6	121.8	130.4	128.6	125.0	152.8	178.7	122.8	123.5
Greece	98.5	95.7	106.0	108.4	115.3	102.2	114.0	119.3	123.0	114.1	113.8	111.8	119.9	104.4	c
Spain	96.1	90.1	91.5	97.0	99.4	103.7	106.4	112.1	103.1	102.6	105.5	107.1	127.2	109.6	95.8
France	100.3	104.7	110.7	122.8	122.7	125.1	126.7	104.3	145.3	122.5	126.2	125.7	149.8	119.1	108.1
Croatia	95.8	100.1	99.4	118.5	114.4	121.9	132.2	147.8	148.1	125.8	116.8	106.5	120.5	94.5	94.5
Italy	91.4	86.6	89.5	96.2	91.5	101.5	100.0	108.0	99.5	100.7	102.8	100.3	119.3	93.3	87.0
Cyprus	108.0	115.1	110.2	121.2	123.4	127.1	130.4	137.8	132.3	133.2	134.7	136.3	164.5	119.0	119.3
Latvia	103.2	94.9	103.0	125.7	121.3	124.9	126.3	130.2	131.7	124.4	124.1	120.8	133.2	110.3	105.4
Lithuania	111.7	112.0	126.4	145.8	146.3	151.5	149.4	152.7	155.0	146.5	146.7	143.9	158.3	131.9	124.2
Luxembourg	29.5	30.6	31.1	37.1	35.0	35.9	34.8	37.2	33.2	36.2	37.3	36.7	41.0	34.6	33.2
Hungary	115.7	109.3	120.1	141.4	137.8	141.4	140.0	141.2	138.8	134.6	138.5	139.5	152.6	110.7	108.0
Malta	115.5	106.6	115.1	132.3	130.9	141.7	139.4	145.1	141.4	137.3	142.3	143.7	163.9	127.7	120.1
Netherlands	97.3	91.9	102.1	117.3	116.9	124.3	119.3	120.4	110.3	111.6	116.6	121.2	125.8	110.2	99.9
Austria	95.3	100.1	95.6	108.4	108.5	104.2	104.9	104.5	102.9	107.8	106.6	104.5	119.2	94.4	91.8
Poland	114.9	117.2	134.8	162.7	155.2	156.6	154.1	156.5	156.1	156.1	158.1	156.6	175.4	138.1	133.9
Portugal	108.4	92.0	108.1	119.7	114.6	120.7	117.3	130.5	132.7	121.6	123.2	124.3	150.6	114.8	108.5
Romania	127.3	132.1	139.5	155.9	163.9	166.0	164.3	176.2	179.7	172.4	172.5	175.1	190.7	147.8	143.5
Slovenia	105.0	109.2	133.1	164.5	151.0	156.1	162.4	163.3	170.3	167.0	164.7	154.2	170.0	152.9	127.7
Slovakia	102.7	87.4	101.7	121.1	116.0	120.5	120.7	115.1	114.4	115.3	114.8	117.0	130.5	99.8	99.2
Finland	94.0	98.2	96.4	109.8	112.0	117.9	121.8	118.3	117.5	111.8	111.5	113.8	126.2	98.5	93.2
Sweden	92.3	95.5	98.7	115.4	115.5	123.2	122.3	116.9	113.2	107.7	109.6	116.4	121.7	95.8	90.3
Norway	88.1	94.7	92.0	105.6	103.8	115.4	115.8	105.6	109.8	102.9	104.5	116.6	122.7	94.9	88.4
Switzerland	91.3	84.8	96.1	110.7	105.8	111.4	107.8	107.8	102.7	104.0	108.3	116.3	128.4	100.6	96.4

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