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December 2023 compared with November 2023

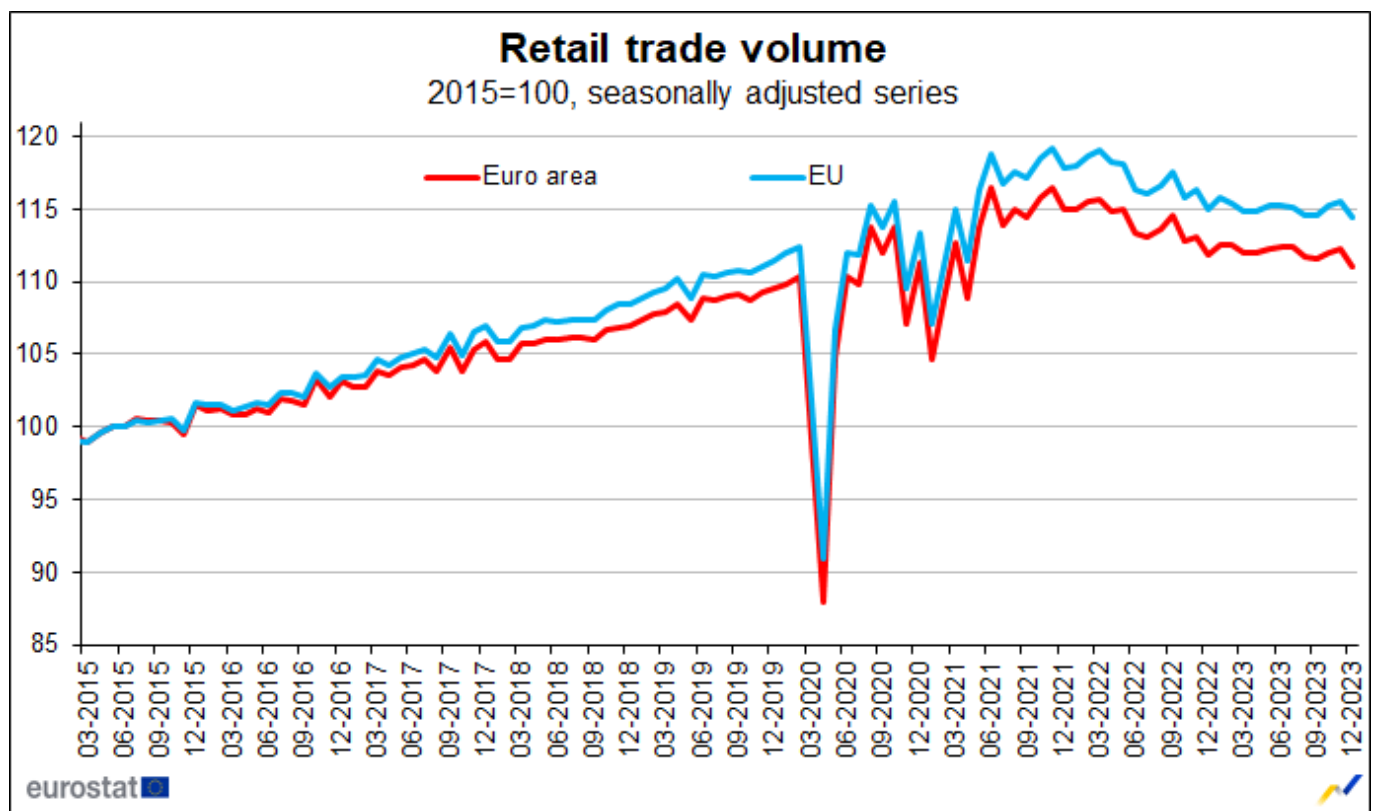
Volume of retail trade down by 1.1% in the euro area and by 1.0% in the EU

Down by 0.8% in the euro area and by 0.7% in the EU compared with December 2022

In December 2023, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade decreased by 1.1% in the **euro area** and by 1.0% in the **EU**, compared with November 2023, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In November 2023, the retail trade volume increased by 0.3% in both the **euro area** and the **EU**.

In December 2023 compared with December 2022, the calendar adjusted retail sales index decreased by 0.8% in the **euro area** and by 0.7% in the **EU**.

The annual average level of retail trade for the year 2023, compared with 2022, decreased by 1.8% in both the euro area and the EU.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in December 2023, compared with November 2023, the volume of retail trade decreased by 1.6% for food, drinks and tobacco, by 1.0% for non-food products and by 0.5% for automotive fuels.

In the **EU**, the volume of retail trade decreased by 1.8% for food, drinks and tobacco and by 1.1% for non-food products, while it remained unchanged for automotive fuels.

Among Member States for which data are available, the largest monthly decreases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Slovenia** (-3.6%), **Denmark** (-3.2%) and **Luxembourg** (-3.1%). The highest increases were observed in **Slovakia** (+2.0%), **Croatia** and **Hungary** (both +1.4%) as well as in **Portugal** (+0.7%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in December 2023, compared with December 2022, the volume of retail trade decreased by 6.2% for automotive fuels and by 1.0% for food, drinks and tobacco, while it grew by 0.1% for non-food products.

In the **EU**, the retail trade volume decreased by 6.3% for automotive fuels and by 0.7% for food, drinks and tobacco, while it grew by 0.4% for non-food products.

Among Member States for which data are available, the largest yearly decreases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Slovenia** (-15.0%), **Estonia** (-4.2%) and **Slovakia** (-3.8%). The highest increases were observed in **Croatia** (+8.9%), **Cyprus** (+3.8%) and **Spain** (+3.4%).

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.

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 [003/2024](#) of 8 January 2024. The monthly percentage change for November 2023 has been revised from -0.3% to +0.3% in the euro area and from -0.2% to +0.3% in the EU. The annual percentage change has been revised from -1.1% to -0.4% in the euro area and from -1.0% to -0.4% 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*

	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sep 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23
Euro area						
Total retail trade	0.0	-0.6	-0.1	0.4	0.3	-1.1
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.1	-0.5	1.0	-0.9	-0.1	-1.6
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.0	-0.6	-1.1	1.1	0.3	-1.0
Mail orders and internet	1.6	-2.1	-2.3	2.4	-0.1	-3.7
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.4	-2.4	0.6	0.1	1.8	-0.5
EU						
Total retail trade	-0.1	-0.4	0.0	0.5	0.3	-1.0
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.1	-0.3	1.0	-0.8	0.0	-1.8
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.0	-0.4	-1.0	1.2	0.3	-1.1
Mail orders and internet	1.7	-1.4	-1.9	2.3	-0.4	-2.9
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.4	-1.9	1.3	0.9	0.6	0.0

Source dataset: [sts_trtu_m](#)

Total retail trade	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sep 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23
Euro area	0.0	-0.6	-0.1	0.4	0.3	-1.1
EU	-0.1	-0.4	0.0	0.5	0.3	-1.0
Belgium	-0.4	-1.6	0.8	-0.8	0.7	-2.0
Bulgaria	-0.5	-0.2	0.7	1.4	-0.3	-0.6
Czechia	0.1	-0.7	-0.4	0.4	1.0	c
Denmark	-2.0	1.6	0.9	0.9	0.2	-3.2
Germany	-0.1	-0.8	-0.1	1.0	-0.8	-1.6
Estonia	-0.2	0.5	0.2	-0.1	-0.5	0.4
Ireland	-2.1	1.1	-0.9	0.2	0.7	0.4
Greece	3.8	0.1	-0.9	-2.1	1.6	c
Spain	0.3	0.4	0.2	-0.4	1.6	-1.4
France	0.2	-1.0	0.2	-0.1	1.0	-1.0
Croatia	0.1	-0.7	0.6	2.0	2.0	1.4
Italy	-0.2	-0.5	-0.5	c	c	c
Cyprus	0.4	-0.7	0.2	-0.1	1.5	-0.2
Latvia	-0.3	-0.7	-0.1	0.8	1.2	0.1
Lithuania	-0.3	0.3	0.1	0.8	0.5	0.3
Luxembourg	-2.7	-1.1	0.8	-0.5	-1.6	-3.1
Hungary	-0.1	-0.4	0.2	-0.2	1.0	1.4
Malta	0.0	0.3	-0.5	0.1	1.4	-1.2
Netherlands	-2.0	0.0	-1.0	2.5	0.1	-1.7
Austria	-0.9	-0.9	-0.4	-0.5	-0.3	-0.7
Poland	-0.5	1.7	1.6	1.5	-0.1	-1.3
Portugal	0.6	-1.7	1.0	-0.6	0.6	0.7
Romania	-0.1	-0.4	-0.4	1.4	1.4	-0.2
Slovenia	-0.3	0.1	1.7	0.5	3.2	-3.6
Slovakia	0.6	1.1	-1.7	2.2	-0.2	2.0
Finland	0.1	0.1	-0.5	0.8	0.4	-1.0
Sweden	0.4	0.0	-1.7	2.1	-1.0	-0.6
Norway	-1.9	-0.2	0.0	0.4	0.4	-0.9
Switzerland	-2.5	0.3	0.2	-0.5	0.3	-0.6

* Calendar and seasonally adjusted

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Volume of retail trade

% change compared with the same month of the previous year*

	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sep 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23
Euro area						
Total retail trade	-0.8	-1.7	-2.8	-0.8	-0.4	-0.8
Food, drinks, tobacco	-2.1	-2.4	-0.8	-1.2	-0.7	-1.0
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	1.3	0.1	-3.4	0.2	0.5	0.1
Mail orders and internet	0.7	-1.1	-4.9	0.2	1.4	-1.3
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-1.7	-7.3	-6.6	-5.9	-3.3	-6.2
EU						
Total retail trade	-1.0	-1.8	-2.7	-0.5	-0.4	-0.7
Food, drinks, tobacco	-2.4	-2.5	-0.7	-1.0	-0.5	-0.7
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.8	0.0	-3.3	0.5	0.6	0.4
Mail orders and internet	1.6	0.8	-2.9	1.7	2.6	0.6
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-2.6	-7.1	-6.3	-5.0	-4.3	-6.3

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Total retail trade	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sep 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23
Euro area	-0.8	-1.7	-2.8	-0.8	-0.4	-0.8
EU	-1.0	-1.8	-2.7	-0.5	-0.4	-0.7
Belgium	-5.0	-8.5	-8.4	-3.6	-3.1	-3.4
Bulgaria	1.6	0.1	0.0	3.1	3.2	0.7
Czechia	-2.1	-2.8	-4.3	-1.6	0.8	c
Denmark	-4.4	-1.2	1.2	4.3	5.3	-0.3
Germany	-1.7	-2.0	-3.6	0.3	-1.6	-1.8
Estonia	-8.6	-7.9	-6.1	-5.4	-8.8	-4.2
Ireland	-0.2	1.7	0.8	0.6	-0.1	2.0
Greece	-2.9	-3.3	-3.4	-6.3	-5.2	c
Spain	8.5	8.1	7.5	5.9	7.0	3.4
France	0.2	-2.1	-3.1	-2.0	0.5	-0.6
Croatia	-0.9	-3.8	-1.4	2.8	6.4	8.9
Italy	-3.4	-4.1	-5.2	c	c	c
Cyprus	7.2	3.9	3.3	2.7	4.7	3.8
Latvia	-2.0	-3.0	-4.4	-2.7	-1.9	1.1
Lithuania	-1.8	-1.4	-2.4	-0.1	0.1	2.8
Luxembourg	4.4	2.5	3.1	5.0	2.2	-3.1
Hungary	-7.7	-7.1	-7.3	-6.4	-5.4	-0.1
Malta	2.4	2.7	0.5	0.1	5.1	-0.9
Netherlands	-3.7	-2.2	-3.7	-0.5	-1.2	1.4
Austria	0.0	-2.6	-7.0	-3.1	-2.2	-2.8
Poland	-2.4	-1.0	-0.6	2.1	-0.8	0.6
Portugal	2.5	-1.2	0.6	-0.1	1.4	1.3
Romania	1.1	0.4	-0.1	1.0	3.6	1.9
Slovenia	-16.3	-21.7	-16.4	-15.2	-10.9	-15.0
Slovakia	-4.0	-2.3	-5.1	-0.3	-1.5	-3.8
Finland	-2.6	-3.1	-4.2	-1.8	-1.3	0.0
Sweden	-4.5	-3.9	-5.6	-1.2	-3.5	-3.0
Norway	-1.5	-2.1	-2.1	-1.1	-1.5	-0.3
Switzerland	-2.5	-2.1	-1.6	-1.8	-1.5	-0.9

* Calendar adjusted

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Volume of retail trade, calendar and seasonally adjusted indices

(base year 2015)

	12-22	01-23	02-23	03-23	04-23	05-23	06-23	07-23	08-23	09-23	10-23	11-23	12-23
Euro area	111.9	112.6	112.5	112.0	112.0	112.3	112.4	112.4	111.7	111.6	112.0	112.3	111.1
EU	115.0	115.8	115.4	114.9	114.9	115.2	115.2	115.1	114.6	114.6	115.2	115.5	114.4
Belgium	99.0	97.9	99.1	98.0	98.6	98.3	99.4	99.0	97.4	98.2	97.4	98.1	96.1
Bulgaria	147.1	149.1	147.6	144.9	143.8	146.2	145.8	145.1	144.8	145.8	147.8	147.4	146.5
Czechia	117.0	118.1	117.5	116.1	115.6	116.1	116.7	116.8	116.0	115.5	116.0	117.2	c
Denmark	102.8	104.6	104.8	104.2	105.1	105.6	106.2	104.1	105.8	106.8	107.8	108.0	104.5
Germany	112.1	112.3	112.6	112.1	112.4	113.6	112.9	112.8	111.9	111.8	112.9	112.0	110.2
Estonia	126.0	124.0	122.6	122.5	122.5	121.0	119.9	119.7	120.3	120.5	120.4	119.8	120.3
Ireland	131.7	132.4	132.3	132.2	133.2	134.2	134.7	131.9	133.4	132.2	132.5	133.4	134.0
Greece	110.9	110.6	112.2	106.7	109.0	109.5	105.2	109.2	109.3	108.3	106.0	107.7	c
Spain	109.2	109.9	109.6	110.8	112.1	112.2	112.6	112.9	113.3	113.5	113.1	114.9	113.3
France	123.3	124.4	124.3	124.1	122.4	122.4	123.8	124.1	122.8	123.1	123.0	124.2	123.0
Croatia	115.9	116.6	116.8	117.0	120.1	119.9	119.4	119.5	118.7	119.4	121.8	124.2	125.9
Italy	98.3	98.9	98.4	98.0	97.9	97.8	97.2	97.0	96.5	96.0	c	c	c
Cyprus	134.4	136.0	138.0	136.5	138.0	139.2	138.3	138.8	137.8	138.1	138.0	140.1	139.8
Latvia	120.3	122.0	122.5	119.3	120.5	120.9	120.0	119.6	118.8	118.7	119.7	121.1	121.2
Lithuania	143.9	145.0	142.7	142.3	142.8	144.5	144.1	143.6	144.1	144.2	145.4	146.1	146.5
Luxembourg	36.1	36.8	36.9	36.8	36.3	37.3	37.7	36.7	36.3	36.6	36.4	35.8	34.7
Hungary	128.7	127.7	125.3	126.4	125.4	124.6	125.5	125.4	124.9	125.2	125.0	126.3	128.1
Malta	143.6	142.4	142.6	142.9	142.9	143.7	143.9	143.9	144.3	143.6	143.8	145.8	144.1
Netherlands	110.7	115.7	115.1	112.9	112.9	113.4	115.1	112.8	112.8	111.7	114.5	114.6	112.6
Austria	102.6	102.5	102.8	102.5	102.0	102.5	103.8	102.9	102.0	101.6	101.1	100.8	100.1
Poland	154.5	157.0	154.2	151.6	153.4	150.6	150.6	149.9	152.4	154.9	157.2	157.1	155.1
Portugal	125.0	125.0	124.0	124.7	126.0	125.0	125.6	126.3	124.1	125.4	124.7	125.4	126.3
Romania	169.8	169.7	170.3	173.2	168.5	172.6	169.3	169.2	168.6	167.9	170.2	172.6	172.3
Slovenia	157.4	162.4	146.1	147.0	143.6	135.9	132.3	131.9	132.0	134.2	134.9	139.2	134.2
Slovakia	119.3	111.3	110.3	111.3	108.3	109.0	110.0	110.7	111.9	110.0	112.4	112.2	114.4
Finland	108.7	111.0	111.1	109.6	111.2	110.3	109.3	109.4	109.5	109.0	109.9	110.3	109.2
Sweden	109.4	109.9	107.8	107.2	108.0	107.6	107.4	107.8	107.8	106.0	108.2	107.1	106.5
Norway	100.4	101.2	100.7	100.6	99.4	101.5	102.6	100.7	100.5	100.5	100.9	101.3	100.4
Switzerland	106.4	107.2	107.8	107.4	105.1	107.2	108.7	106.0	106.3	106.5	106.0	106.3	105.7

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Volume of retail trade, calendar adjusted indices

(base year 2015)

	12-20	12-21	12-22	01-23	02-23	03-23	04-23	05-23	06-23	07-23	08-23	09-23	10-23	11-23	12-23
Euro area	131.6	134.9	130.9	106.3	99.9	110.2	108.5	112.1	113.0	111.2	114.5	108.6	113.3	115.9	129.9
EU	133.4	137.5	134.0	108.2	102.0	113.2	111.6	115.3	116.1	114.5	117.4	111.9	116.7	119.3	133.1
Belgium	125.6	127.7	115.9	96.7	88.8	98.0	97.1	100.5	103.4	98.9	89.9	93.2	99.8	98.5	112.0
Bulgaria	143.8	156.0	161.9	135.5	128.5	142.6	135.3	143.8	144.5	149.3	151.6	147.9	151.7	156.3	163.0
Czechia	149.9	150.1	137.9	107.6	103.6	115.2	110.4	115.4	117.6	112.8	112.3	113.3	117.8	131.2	c
Denmark	126.3	130.1	119.5	96.5	90.2	100.6	106.2	110.2	108.8	101.1	106.1	101.3	107.3	117.9	119.2
Germany	132.4	134.3	125.7	103.7	101.8	114.1	112.2	114.9	112.4	113.9	108.1	107.7	114.9	120.0	123.4
Estonia	133.6	150.3	141.5	112.7	104.0	120.0	118.4	125.6	123.2	125.1	124.1	119.8	122.0	120.6	135.6
Ireland	187.2	180.5	178.7	122.8	123.9	120.7	127.8	127.7	129.6	121.5	132.6	129.6	125.7	152.6	182.3
Greece	101.3	121.2	119.9	103.0	107.2	99.0	108.1	102.4	105.0	115.8	119.0	110.2	106.6	106.0	c
Spain	124.7	121.2	127.2	109.6	95.9	107.7	107.2	111.3	114.5	121.6	111.4	110.3	111.7	114.6	131.5
France	151.8	152.7	150.3	119.3	109.4	120.9	118.4	120.4	124.4	104.4	142.6	118.8	123.8	126.5	149.4
Croatia	122.0	127.9	120.5	94.5	94.5	109.9	114.0	120.7	129.5	146.4	142.4	124.2	120.0	113.2	131.2
Italy	114.5	125.0	119.2	93.3	87.0	93.5	88.7	96.7	96.9	104.2	95.4	95.5	c	c	c
Cyprus	157.1	157.1	164.5	121.2	121.4	129.0	134.2	135.1	139.5	147.7	137.4	137.6	138.3	142.7	170.8
Latvia	123.8	133.5	133.2	110.2	105.5	114.5	117.2	123.2	123.7	127.6	127.8	118.9	120.8	118.5	134.7
Lithuania	144.5	168.2	158.3	131.9	124.1	139.3	141.8	150.2	148.2	149.9	152.9	143.0	146.6	144.1	162.8
Luxembourg	37.8	40.4	42.4	34.5	32.7	36.8	35.4	37.3	37.9	37.9	33.1	36.2	37.7	37.5	41.1
Hungary	148.6	159.1	152.4	110.7	108.0	122.7	120.6	124.2	127.6	129.6	128.2	124.1	129.6	132.8	152.2
Malta	146.5	152.4	163.7	127.7	121.7	138.2	135.9	149.6	147.4	152.6	147.1	140.1	145.5	153.9	162.3
Netherlands	120.7	124.6	125.8	110.1	99.6	111.0	111.8	118.3	118.6	116.0	107.9	107.5	116.1	119.7	127.5
Austria	123.0	120.4	119.2	94.4	92.4	104.6	102.3	100.2	103.5	104.6	100.3	100.1	103.3	102.2	115.9
Poland	152.3	168.2	175.4	139.3	134.9	154.4	152.5	152.6	152.3	152.8	154.6	155.2	161.4	155.3	176.4
Portugal	139.6	149.7	149.7	115.1	107.7	119.8	118.2	123.5	120.8	134.8	132.5	123.0	123.8	126.5	151.7
Romania	170.1	181.1	190.7	147.8	143.8	167.2	162.9	171.2	167.1	178.1	180.4	172.3	174.2	181.4	194.4
Slovenia	113.8	165.1	169.8	152.7	128.6	144.9	137.9	136.3	136.6	136.9	133.5	139.6	139.7	137.5	144.4
Slovakia	126.0	126.7	130.4	100.2	99.3	113.7	104.6	110.8	114.2	110.2	111.9	109.4	114.6	115.2	125.5
Finland	135.9	135.5	125.6	97.5	93.2	103.5	108.8	115.1	116.7	115.2	113.9	107.1	109.2	111.8	125.6
Sweden	123.5	130.0	122.4	96.9	90.7	105.0	106.8	114.6	115.0	111.2	108.8	102.0	108.5	112.6	118.7
Norway	131.7	128.6	118.2	91.2	84.9	95.5	94.4	108.4	109.4	100.0	102.9	96.8	99.0	110.2	117.8
Switzerland	132.6	132.5	128.0	100.3	95.4	108.4	101.5	109.7	108.6	105.0	100.6	102.2	106.4	114.4	126.9

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