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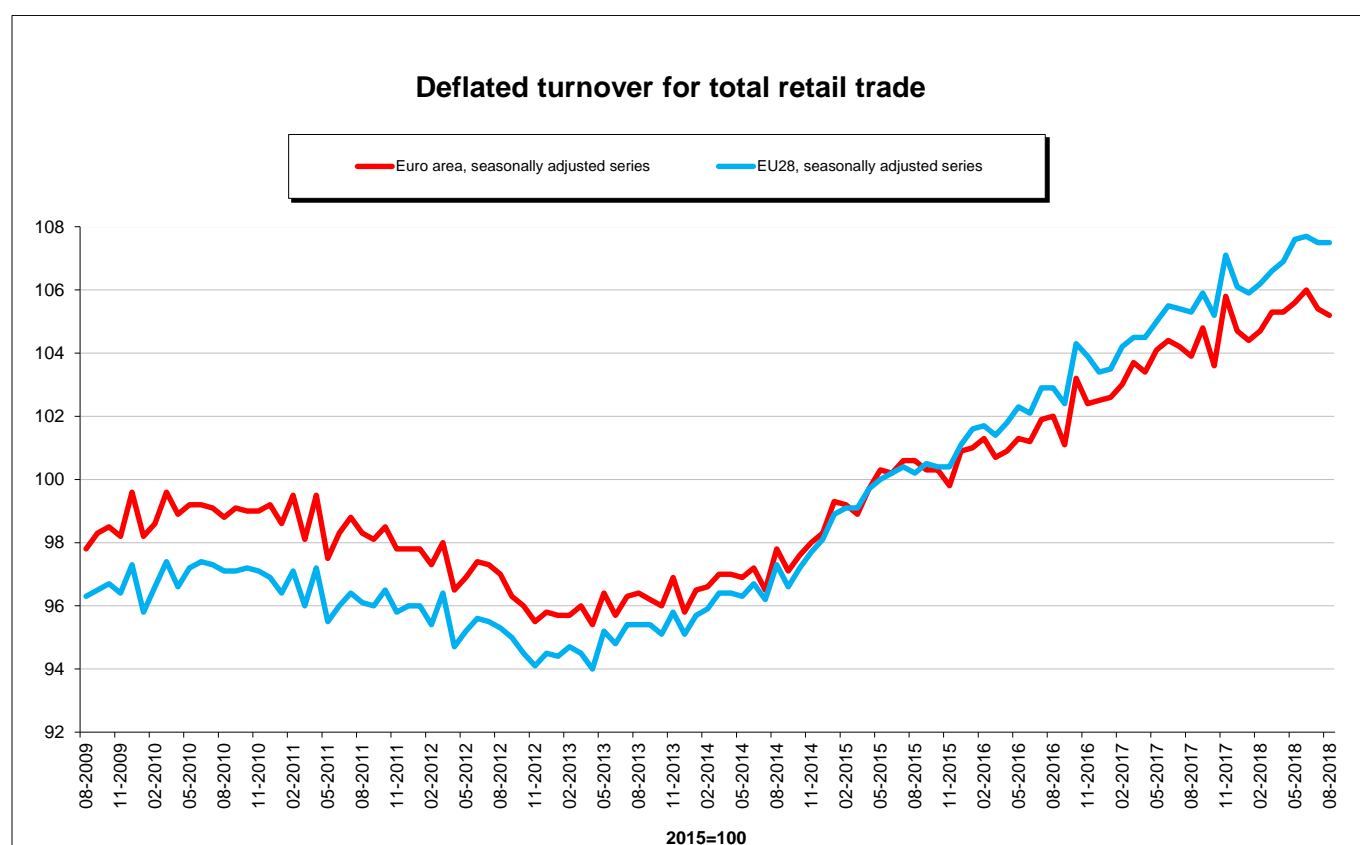
August 2018 compared with July 2018

Volume of retail trade down by 0.2% in euro area

Unchanged in EU28

In August 2018 compared with July 2018, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade decreased by 0.2% in the **euro area** (EA19) and remained unchanged in the **EU28**, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In July, the retail trade volume decreased by 0.6% in the **euro area** and by 0.2% in the **EU28**.

In August 2018 compared with August 2017, the calendar adjusted retail sales index increased by 1.8% in the **euro area** and by 2.4% in the **EU28**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in August 2018, compared with July 2018, the volume of retail trade fell by 0.6% for automotive fuel and by 0.3% for food, drinks and tobacco, while non-food products remained stable. In the **EU28**, the retail trade volume increased by 0.5% for non-food products, while automotive fuels fell by 0.9% and food, drinks and tobacco by 0.3%.

Among Member States for which data are available, the largest decreases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Latvia** (-1.2%), **Poland** and **France** (both -0.7%) and **Finland** (-0.6%). The highest increases were observed in **Sweden** (+1.2%), **Portugal** (+1.1%), as well as **Ireland**, **Hungary** and **Slovenia** (all +1.0%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in August 2018, compared with August 2017, the volume of retail trade increased by 2.9% for non-food products and by 0.9% for food, drinks and tobacco, while automotive fuel fell by 0.3%. In the **EU28**, the retail trade volume increased by 3.5% for non-food products and 1.3% for food, drinks and tobacco, while automotive fuel remained stable.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest yearly increases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Ireland** (+7.9%), **Lithuania** (+7.4%), **Hungary** (+6.8%) and **Poland** (+6.5%). A decrease was observed in **Malta** (-2.1%).

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** (EU28) includes Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

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 [138/2018](#) of 5 September 2018. The monthly percentage changes for July 2018 have been revised from -0.2% to -0.6% in the euro area and from 0.0% to -0.2% in the EU28. The annual percentage change has been revised from +1.1% to +1.0% in the euro area and remains unchanged at +2.0% in the EU28.

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 EU-28_EA-19_NEWS_RELEASE_WEIGHTINGS_2015)


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

	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18
EA19						
Total retail trade	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.4	-0.6	-0.2
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.8	-1.3	1.3	0.5	-1.0	-0.3
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.1	2.0	-0.8	0.1	-0.1	0.0
<i>Textiles, clothing, footwear</i>	0.4	3.7	-3.4	-0.6	0.9	0.4
<i>Electrical goods and furniture</i>	0.0	1.9	-0.4	0.6	-1.6	0.6
<i>Computer equipment, books and other</i>	0.1	1.6	-0.3	0.3	-0.7	0.2
<i>Pharmaceutical and medical goods</i>	0.0	0.7	-0.9	0.7	0.2	0.7
<i>Mail orders and internet</i>	3.8	2.9	-2.2	3.7	0.9	-2.3
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.0	-0.2	0.3	1.1	-1.5	-0.6
EU28						
Total retail trade	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.1	-0.2	0.0
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.5	-0.9	1.4	0.2	-0.6	-0.3
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.2	1.7	-0.2	-0.1	0.3	0.5
<i>Textiles, clothing, footwear</i>	0.3	3.0	-1.9	-0.5	1.2	-0.1
<i>Electrical goods and furniture</i>	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.4	-1.6	1.3
<i>Computer equipment, books and other</i>	-0.7	2.1	0.0	-0.5	-0.2	1.4
<i>Pharmaceutical and medical goods</i>	0.2	0.7	-0.2	0.4	1.0	0.7
<i>Mail orders and internet</i>	3.0	2.0	-0.1	2.3	2.1	-1.2
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.8	1.1	0.5	0.5	-1.6	-0.9

The source dataset is available [here](#).

Total retail trade	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18
EA19	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.4	-0.6	-0.2
EU28	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.1	-0.2	0.0
Belgium	0.6	-1.6	3.0	0.0	-2.5	0.4
Bulgaria	0.9	1.3	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.5
Czech Republic	0.1	0.5	0.4	-0.1	0.7	c
Denmark	0.8	-0.5	1.3	0.0	-0.7	0.6
Germany	0.5	2.0	-1.4	1.1	-1.1	-0.1
Estonia	0.7	-2.8	2.9	-1.9	1.2	0.5
Ireland	-1.9	2.2	1.7	0.3	-0.7	1.0
Greece	-0.7	0.8	0.7	-0.1	1.5	c
Spain	0.3	-0.7	0.0	0.6	-0.9	0.6
France	1.6	-1.6	1.1	0.5	-0.5	-0.7
Croatia	0.8	0.5	2.8	-1.7	0.0	c
Italy	c	c	c	c	c	c
Cyprus	1.1	-1.9	1.2	0.6	-1.6	c
Latvia	2.1	-1.2	3.0	-1.2	0.0	-1.2
Lithuania	1.2	2.0	0.9	0.0	0.4	0.7
Luxembourg	1.4	-1.1	0.9	0.3	-0.3	0.3
Hungary	0.9	-0.1	1.4	-0.1	-0.1	1.0
Malta	0.1	-0.9	0.7	-0.6	-0.6	0.2
Netherlands	0.8	2.3	-0.7	-0.3	0.8	c
Austria	1.6	0.0	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	0.6
Poland	-0.2	1.5	1.2	0.2	0.2	-0.7
Portugal	1.7	-3.5	4.8	-1.6	-1.0	1.1
Romania	1.0	2.1	2.0	-0.4	c	c
Slovenia	1.3	-1.7	3.3	0.5	-0.9	1.0
Slovakia	1.0	-0.6	0.9	-0.7	1.1	0.0
Finland	0.1	-0.8	2.5	-2.2	0.6	-0.6
Sweden	2.0	0.8	-0.1	-1.7	0.0	1.2
United Kingdom	-0.7	1.2	1.8	-0.5	1.1	0.5
Norway	0.5	0.7	1.8	-2.8	0.5	0.6
Switzerland	0.3	0.5	-0.8	0.3	-1.4	0.3

* Calendar and seasonally adjusted

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The source dataset is available [here](#).

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

	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18
EA19						
Total retail trade	1.6	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.0	1.8
Food, drinks, tobacco	2.5	-0.3	2.0	1.8	1.0	0.9
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.8	3.8	1.6	1.4	1.0	2.9
<i>Textiles, clothing, footwear</i>	-4.0	2.8	-2.6	-2.5	-2.0	-0.1
<i>Electrical goods and furniture</i>	-0.6	1.6	1.7	1.5	0.1	1.1
<i>Computer equipment, books and other</i>	-0.7	2.5	2.2	2.2	1.0	2.4
<i>Pharmaceutical and medical goods</i>	2.8	3.8	1.1	2.3	2.7	3.3
<i>Mail orders and internet</i>	6.1	11.0	4.4	8.3	7.1	4.9
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.8	0.9	0.3	1.2	-0.6	-0.3
EU28						
Total retail trade	2.3	1.7	2.7	2.2	2.0	2.4
Food, drinks, tobacco	2.7	-1.0	2.3	2.1	1.7	1.3
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	1.9	3.7	3.0	2.2	2.1	3.5
<i>Textiles, clothing, footwear</i>	-3.6	1.9	-1.2	-1.4	-0.6	0.5
<i>Electrical goods and furniture</i>	0.3	1.6	3.3	2.7	0.7	3.0
<i>Computer equipment, books and other</i>	0.0	4.3	2.2	0.8	0.6	2.2
<i>Pharmaceutical and medical goods</i>	5.4	6.3	4.8	5.4	6.6	6.5
<i>Mail orders and internet</i>	8.2	9.4	7.4	8.7	9.9	7.3
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	1.8	2.9	2.5	2.6	0.6	0.0

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Total retail trade	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18
EA19	1.6	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.0	1.8
EU28	2.3	1.7	2.7	2.2	2.0	2.4
Belgium	-0.1	-1.4	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.2
Bulgaria	2.4	5.1	6.2	6.0	4.9	5.1
Czech Republic	4.6	5.2	5.1	3.2	4.4	c
Denmark	1.8	0.0	3.3	2.8	1.0	2.3
Germany	-0.1	3.8	0.7	1.2	0.8	1.4
Estonia	1.6	-1.9	1.6	-1.8	1.2	2.3
Ireland	3.4	3.1	5.0	8.9	6.5	7.9
Greece	1.5	1.6	4.1	1.7	2.5	c
Spain	1.7	0.2	-0.2	0.3	-0.9	0.3
France	4.6	2.4	3.3	4.0	2.3	3.2
Croatia	2.0	5.2	9.2	1.1	2.4	c
Italy	c	c	c	c	c	c
Cyprus	9.8	4.7	5.0	5.8	2.4	c
Latvia	6.3	3.1	6.7	5.2	4.3	1.5
Lithuania	5.2	7.0	7.1	7.2	7.4	7.4
Luxembourg	5.2	-0.3	1.7	2.9	1.4	1.9
Hungary	7.3	6.1	7.6	6.3	5.3	6.8
Malta	2.0	-2.4	0.0	-1.7	-3.7	-2.1
Netherlands	2.1	5.1	3.3	2.7	3.4	c
Austria	0.4	1.6	0.9	-0.9	-0.9	0.9
Poland	6.0	7.9	8.4	7.8	7.7	6.5
Portugal	5.5	1.1	5.8	3.2	2.2	3.4
Romania	4.3	7.2	7.0	8.1	c	c
Slovenia	0.5	-0.8	4.0	4.6	2.1	4.4
Slovakia	5.1	2.8	3.5	1.2	4.3	3.0
Finland	2.7	0.8	4.8	0.4	1.0	0.0
Sweden	3.0	3.8	3.6	0.4	-0.2	2.0
United Kingdom	3.6	-1.3	3.9	2.8	3.9	3.3
Norway	1.2	1.9	3.0	-0.4	0.1	1.1
Switzerland	-1.2	2.9	0.7	0.3	-0.9	0.3

* Calendar adjusted

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

	08/17	09/17	10/17	11/17	12/17	01/18	02/18	03/18	04/18	05/18	06/18	07/18	08/18
EA19	103.9	104.8	103.6	105.8	104.7	104.4	104.7	105.3	105.3	105.6	106.0	105.4	105.2
EU28	105.3	105.9	105.2	107.1	106.1	105.9	106.2	106.6	106.9	107.6	107.7	107.5	107.5
Belgium	98.5	99.2	98.1	101.2	100.0	97.6	98.9	99.5	97.9	100.8	100.8	98.3	98.7
Bulgaria	110.5	110.5	111.3	111.6	112.2	112.0	111.8	112.8	114.3	115.0	115.1	115.3	115.9
Czech Republic	111.7	112.7	112.1	113.6	113.9	114.7	114.7	114.8	115.4	115.9	115.8	116.6	c
Denmark	101.7	102.7	101.6	103.2	103.0	102.5	102.5	103.3	102.8	104.1	104.1	103.4	104.0
Germany	104.8	105.8	104.9	106.8	105.7	105.7	105.1	105.6	107.7	106.2	107.4	106.2	106.1
Estonia	104.8	105.9	105.6	105.6	107.4	104.6	106.7	107.4	104.4	107.4	105.4	106.7	107.2
Ireland	111.2	111.5	111.6	114.9	112.0	113.6	113.3	111.1	113.5	115.4	115.8	115.0	116.1
Greece	100.2	100.2	100.4	99.7	101.3	101.0	102.3	101.6	102.4	103.1	103.0	104.5	c
Spain	105.0	105.7	103.9	106.2	104.9	105.1	105.5	105.8	105.1	105.1	105.7	104.7	105.3
France	106.7	108.5	106.3	110.2	108.2	107.4	108.5	110.2	108.4	109.6	110.2	109.7	108.9
Croatia	106.2	105.5	105.1	106.4	105.9	107.9	106.6	107.4	107.9	110.9	109.0	109.0	c
Italy	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
Cyprus	112.8	113.9	113.5	114.9	114.1	116.6	116.6	117.9	115.7	117.1	117.8	115.9	c
Latvia	108.2	107.3	107.2	109.0	109.2	110.9	108.2	110.5	109.2	112.5	111.2	111.2	109.9
Lithuania	111.9	111.7	111.9	113.3	114.5	114.7	113.9	115.3	117.6	118.7	118.7	119.2	120.0
Luxembourg	34.2	34.7	34.4	34.8	34.5	34.9	34.6	35.1	34.7	35.0	35.1	35.0	35.1
Hungary	110.7	112.1	112.6	113.2	113.6	114.9	114.8	115.8	115.7	117.3	117.2	117.1	118.3
Malta	108.3	110.0	109.1	108.2	110.4	109.1	108.4	108.5	107.5	108.2	107.6	107.0	107.2
Netherlands	104.6	105.4	105.1	107.0	105.3	106.4	105.5	106.3	108.7	107.9	107.6	108.5	c
Austria	101.4	102.9	101.1	103.3	100.8	102.1	101.6	103.2	103.2	102.7	102.3	101.9	102.5
Poland	112.3	113.1	113.4	116.3	115.3	116.4	117.4	117.2	118.9	120.3	120.6	120.8	119.9
Portugal	107.1	108.0	106.2	109.4	109.8	109.8	109.6	111.5	107.6	112.8	111.0	109.9	111.1
Romania	128.8	129.0	128.4	129.7	131.9	130.1	126.5	127.8	130.5	133.1	132.6	c	c
Slovenia	111.3	111.7	112.7	115.2	112.8	112.3	112.1	113.6	111.7	115.4	116.0	115.0	116.1
Slovakia	108.9	108.7	109.3	110.3	111.1	110.0	110.4	111.5	110.8	111.8	111.0	112.2	112.2
Finland	105.2	105.5	105.2	106.6	105.9	106.4	105.8	105.9	105.1	107.7	105.3	105.9	105.3
Sweden	104.1	104.9	105.0	106.2	105.4	104.3	103.9	106.0	106.8	106.7	104.9	104.9	106.2
United Kingdom	107.5	106.7	107.4	108.2	106.9	106.5	107.5	106.7	108.0	109.9	109.4	110.6	111.1
Norway	102.1	101.3	101.1	103.2	102.2	101.8	102.0	102.5	103.2	105.1	102.2	102.7	103.3
Switzerland	97.1	97.9	97.3	99.0	98.3	98.0	98.4	98.7	99.2	98.4	98.7	97.3	97.6

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

	08/15	08/16	08/17	09/17	10/17	11/17	12/17	01/18	02/18	03/18	04/18	05/18	06/18	07/18	08/18
EA19	102.0	103.4	105.3	102.3	104.8	106.2	125.8	99.5	92.5	103.3	102.8	104.8	105.2	105.6	107.2
EU28	101.1	103.7	106.2	103.5	106.4	109.6	128.0	98.9	94.0	103.9	104.1	106.9	107.0	108.1	108.7
Belgium	94.3	93.8	92.1	97.4	100.2	98.4	119.3	97.5	87.0	100.4	97.3	102.0	102.2	100.2	92.3
Bulgaria	108.1	116.1	119.6	113.1	114.5	111.1	125.0	97.9	95.2	109.0	111.3	115.8	118.2	123.6	125.7
Czech Republic	98.7	103.8	109.3	112.0	113.5	123.2	139.1	102.8	98.8	113.3	112.2	117.2	115.7	112.7	c
Denmark	101.9	102.2	102.2	97.5	100.5	107.6	126.0	94.6	87.4	99.9	102.8	109.0	105.9	102.2	104.6
Germany	97.5	99.3	101.3	102.9	107.0	111.2	125.3	97.8	93.6	106.9	108.4	105.7	105.0	106.6	102.7
Estonia	106.0	108.1	109.5	103.9	107.0	102.7	122.0	95.8	90.5	103.8	100.8	112.3	109.8	114.1	112.0
Ireland	98.8	103.2	106.0	102.8	104.1	121.9	150.8	101.6	105.0	98.2	102.6	107.7	113.3	111.8	114.4
Greece	106.9	104.7	105.5	99.2	99.4	95.8	116.5	95.6	99.2	95.0	101.9	98.2	102.9	110.5	c
Spain	99.4	102.9	103.7	104.0	102.0	103.3	123.3	106.4	92.6	102.1	100.8	102.6	106.8	114.1	104.0
France	115.2	116.5	120.4	105.1	107.2	108.6	134.6	104.6	95.7	106.5	105.1	108.1	109.7	96.3	124.2
Croatia	122.2	124.0	130.6	110.5	104.4	96.3	112.4	87.6	82.8	99.2	104.1	111.9	114.6	133.3	c
Italy	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
Cyprus	106.5	108.9	115.9	115.9	114.1	110.3	137.6	105.5	98.3	109.3	112.3	116.4	122.7	126.0	c
Latvia	110.0	111.1	117.0	108.8	109.9	105.3	124.0	101.0	92.2	105.1	104.6	114.4	113.0	119.4	118.7
Lithuania	109.5	116.1	119.5	110.7	114.3	110.8	132.7	104.9	97.2	111.8	113.1	122.4	120.0	125.5	128.4
Luxembourg	48.3	45.1	30.9	34.3	35.4	34.3	40.7	32.8	30.1	36.1	34.0	35.1	35.6	36.1	31.5
Hungary	106.7	111.9	117.0	114.0	117.5	115.6	135.8	96.7	94.1	112.4	112.2	117.2	117.4	122.2	125.0
Malta	100.6	105.6	110.0	108.7	112.2	108.9	129.5	99.6	94.9	102.9	104.6	109.9	109.4	110.0	107.7
Netherlands	97.5	98.5	101.3	102.4	107.0	107.9	121.6	102.2	91.6	104.1	107.5	111.2	110.4	111.3	c
Austria	97.6	99.7	99.7	100.6	103.7	103.7	119.3	95.9	91.0	104.1	102.9	101.4	100.7	103.5	100.6
Poland	101.7	108.2	115.2	114.3	117.4	111.8	134.0	104.1	102.4	118.8	119.0	120.8	121.2	123.3	122.7
Portugal	110.3	113.4	117.0	107.9	105.6	108.2	133.7	100.8	94.4	106.4	101.0	109.3	108.9	119.1	121.0
Romania	109.7	121.6	140.6	134.2	132.8	135.6	148.0	109.6	104.6	120.5	128.9	132.8	132.1	c	c
Slovenia	102.7	106.2	114.4	114.4	117.7	113.3	124.7	105.2	97.6	112.5	108.5	113.1	118.2	119.4	119.4
Slovakia	99.8	101.6	108.2	107.8	111.1	113.3	129.3	99.0	98.5	111.8	108.7	113.6	113.7	110.8	111.4
Finland	103.3	105.4	108.5	102.3	104.9	104.9	128.5	94.6	88.6	101.1	101.0	112.2	110.4	113.4	108.5
Sweden	102.0	104.5	105.8	100.8	105.9	107.2	124.0	93.3	87.6	102.3	105.0	111.7	110.9	108.8	107.9
United Kingdom	95.5	101.2	103.5	102.4	107.3	119.5	133.6	95.8	98.0	101.3	103.0	107.5	106.7	110.2	106.9
Norway	104.2	102.9	105.4	97.3	100.3	106.4	126.2	93.0	86.2	96.0	95.5	111.2	108.7	104.0	106.6
Switzerland	95.0	92.5	91.4	93.9	97.9	104.8	120.2	93.5	86.8	98.3	96.5	100.4	98.1	96.7	91.7

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