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December 2018 compared with November 2018

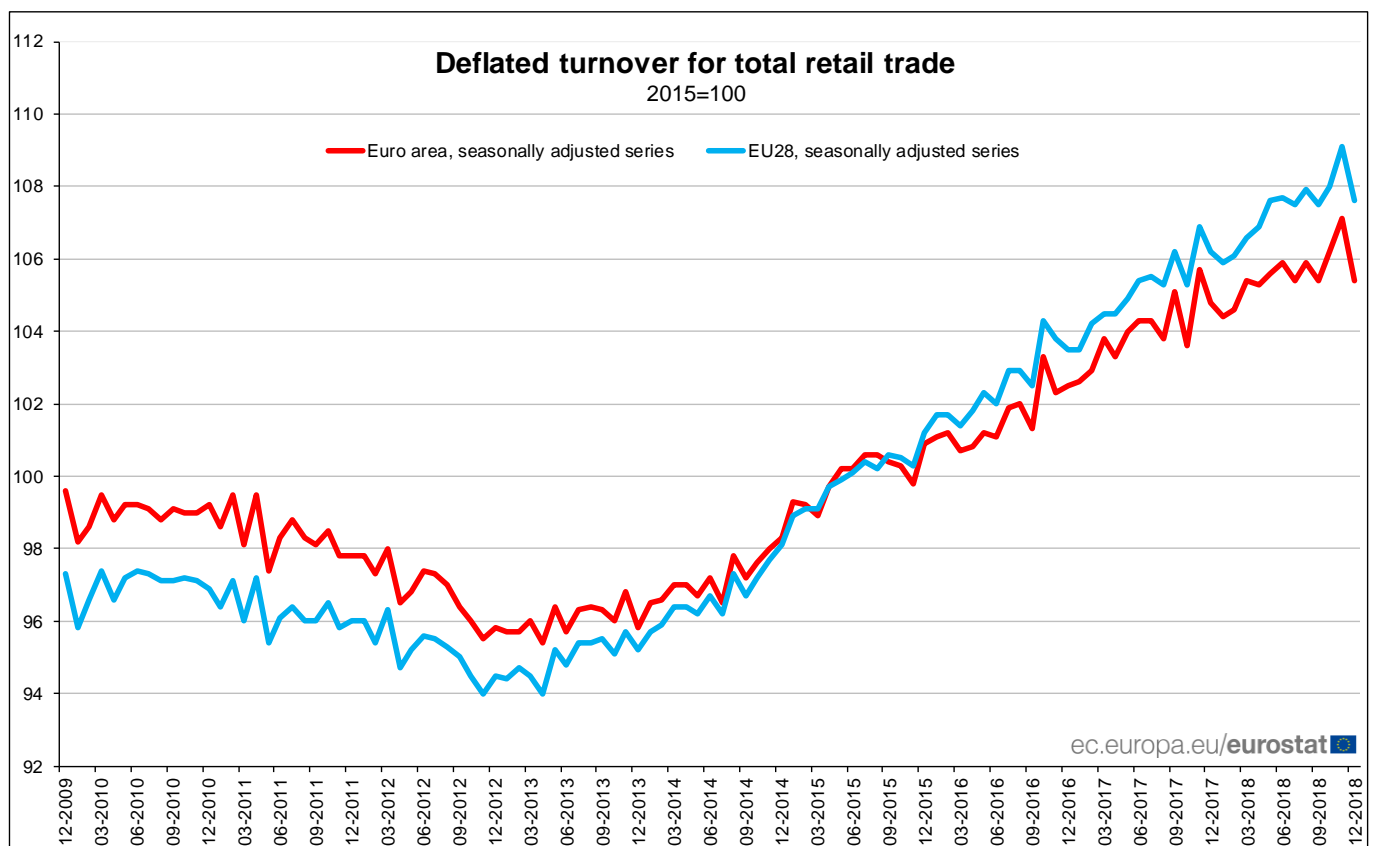
Volume of retail trade down by 1.6% in euro area

Down by 1.4% in EU28

In December 2018 compared with November 2018, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade decreased by 1.6% in the **euro area** (EA19) and by 1.4% in the **EU28**, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In November, the retail trade volume increased by 0.8% in the **euro area** and by 1.0% in the **EU28**.

In December 2018 compared with December 2017 the calendar adjusted retail sales index increased by 0.8% in the **euro area** and by 1.2% in the **EU28**.

The average retail trade for the year 2018, compared with 2017, rose by 1.4% in the **euro area** and by 2.0% in **EU28**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in December 2018, compared with November 2018, the volume of retail trade fell by 2.7% for non-food products and by 0.3% for food, drinks and tobacco, while it increased by 0.5% for automotive fuel. In the **EU28**, the retail trade volume fell by 2.6% non-food products and by 0.4% for foods, drinks and tobacco, while it increased by 0.7% for automotive fuel.

Among Member States for which data are available, the largest decreases in the total retail trade volume were observed in **Germany** (-4.3%), **Sweden** (-2.5%) and **Estonia** (-2.0%). Increases were registered in **Austria** (+0.7%), **Portugal** (+0.6%) and **Ireland** (+0.5%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in December 2018, compared with December 2017, the volume of retail trade increased by 2.5% for automotive fuels, by 0.7% for food, drinks and tobacco and by 0.5% for non-food products. In the **EU28**, the retail trade volume increased by 3.3% for automotive fuel, by 1.2% for non-food products, and by 0.6% 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** (+11.2%), **Ireland** (+7.5%) and **Poland** (+4.9%). The largest decreases were observed in **Germany** (-2.2%), **Malta** (-1.9%) and **Sweden** (-1.6%).

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 [3/2019](#) of 7 January 2019. The monthly percentage changes for November 2018 have been revised from +0.6% to +0.8% in the euro area and from +0.7 to +1.0% in the EU28. The annual percentage changes have been revised from +1.1% to +1.8% in the euro area and from +2.1% to +2.5% 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

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

	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18
EA19						
Total retail trade	-0.5	0.5	-0.5	0.8	0.8	-1.6
Food, drinks, tobacco	-1.0	0.4	-0.4	0.7	-0.5	-0.3
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-0.1	0.6	-0.6	0.8	1.5	-2.7
Textiles, clothing, footwear	0.6	1.4	-3.7	0.6	2.8	-2.9
Electrical goods and furniture	-0.8	0.0	0.7	-0.3	1.0	-2.1
Computer equipment, books and other	-0.8	1.0	-0.8	1.6	-0.6	-1.5
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.4	0.1	-0.6	0.6	0.8	-1.2
Mail orders and internet	1.0	-2.1	3.1	0.4	2.9	-6.1
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-2.0	-0.5	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.5
EU28						
Total retail trade	-0.2	0.4	-0.4	0.5	1.0	-1.4
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.6	0.2	-0.3	0.4	-0.3	-0.4
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.2	0.7	-0.5	0.5	1.6	-2.6
Textiles, clothing, footwear	1.1	0.6	-2.3	0.1	2.6	-2.2
Electrical goods and furniture	-1.1	0.8	0.7	-0.6	1.8	-2.6
Computer equipment, books and other	-0.2	1.7	-0.6	0.7	0.0	-2.1
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	1.5	0.0	-1.3	1.3	1.6	-2.3
Mail orders and internet	1.9	-1.1	1.5	0.3	2.6	-4.4
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-1.8	-0.9	0.9	0.6	1.1	0.7

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

Total retail trade	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18
EA19	-0.5	0.5	-0.5	0.8	0.8	-1.6
EU28	-0.2	0.4	-0.4	0.5	1.0	-1.4
Belgium	-2.5	0.2	-0.5	0.9	1.5	-1.4
Bulgaria	0.2	0.3	0.3	1.0	-0.1	-0.3
Czechia	0.7	0.3	0.0	-0.1	1.5	c
Denmark	-0.6	0.5	0.8	-1.2	1.4	-0.8
Germany	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3	0.8	1.6	-4.3
Estonia	0.9	0.6	1.4	-0.5	2.1	-2.0
Ireland	-0.8	0.9	1.7	-0.8	0.5	0.5
Greece	1.3	-0.8	-0.3	-3.8	3.8	c
Spain	-0.9	0.6	-0.5	1.3	0.5	-1.2
France	-0.8	1.5	-1.3	1.2	0.1	-0.1
Croatia	0.1	1.1	0.4	0.5	1.4	c
Italy	-0.1	0.2	-0.2	c	c	c
Cyprus	-0.9	-0.1	0.5	-1.3	2.2	c
Latvia	0.0	-1.3	1.5	-0.7	2.3	-1.2
Lithuania	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.3	0.3	-0.2
Luxembourg	0.3	0.3	-0.6	0.6	0.3	0.0
Hungary	-0.1	0.9	0.1	0.4	0.3	-0.1
Malta	-0.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.3	0.2	0.0
Netherlands	0.8	-0.6	-0.1	0.2	1.7	c
Austria	-0.5	1.1	-1.2	1.6	-0.5	0.7
Poland	-0.7	-0.8	0.1	0.2	2.1	-0.4
Portugal	-0.9	1.1	-1.9	2.9	1.2	0.6
Romania	-1.1	0.0	1.7	1.7	1.0	-1.0
Slovenia	-0.8	1.0	1.5	8.5	-2.2	-0.6
Slovakia	1.0	0.1	0.3	1.5	0.3	-1.7
Finland	0.9	-0.2	0.8	-0.4	1.0	-0.3
Sweden	0.0	1.2	0.5	-1.3	1.6	-2.5
United Kingdom	1.2	0.4	-0.4	-0.5	1.4	-1.2
Norway	0.5	0.3	-0.6	-0.1	1.1	-1.8
Switzerland	-0.9	0.2	-2.1	2.6	0.0	-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*

	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18
EA19						
Total retail trade	1.0	2.2	0.2	2.5	1.8	0.8
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.0	1.8	0.1	2.4	0.8	0.7
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	1.0	2.6	0.3	2.9	2.3	0.5
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-2.4	1.2	-7.3	1.2	-0.6	-2.5
Electrical goods and furniture	0.2	1.1	1.2	0.9	1.1	0.0
Computer equipment, books and other	0.6	3.4	1.5	4.7	2.2	0.9
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	3.3	3.2	1.2	2.3	2.1	0.8
Mail orders and internet	7.0	5.5	6.5	9.4	7.9	2.0
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.7	-0.4	0.7	1.1	1.8	2.5
EU28						
Total retail trade	1.9	2.7	1.4	2.5	2.5	1.2
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.6	1.9	0.6	2.0	1.0	0.6
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	2.1	3.3	1.8	3.2	3.2	1.2
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-0.7	1.5	-4.6	1.4	0.3	-0.9
Electrical goods and furniture	0.8	2.7	2.9	2.0	2.9	1.1
Computer equipment, books and other	0.5	2.6	2.8	3.5	1.9	-0.3
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	7.3	6.6	3.5	5.4	5.9	3.5
Mail orders and internet	9.9	7.8	6.6	8.9	9.0	4.4
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.7	0.0	1.5	2.1	3.1	3.3

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Total retail trade	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18
EA19	1.0	2.2	0.2	2.5	1.8	0.8
EU28	1.9	2.7	1.4	2.5	2.5	1.2
Belgium	-0.2	-0.2	-1.8	0.3	-0.9	-1.2
Bulgaria	4.9	5.1	4.7	4.9	6.5	3.6
Czechia	4.4	4.3	2.7	5.2	5.0	c
Denmark	1.0	2.2	2.9	0.9	2.7	0.9
Germany	0.8	1.4	0.0	1.3	1.6	-2.2
Estonia	0.7	1.8	2.8	2.3	5.3	0.6
Ireland	6.5	7.4	10.1	8.5	6.6	7.5
Greece	2.4	3.6	2.9	-4.1	3.2	c
Spain	-0.8	0.3	-1.4	2.8	1.5	-0.1
France	1.9	4.6	0.6	4.8	1.5	3.8
Croatia	2.4	4.0	5.0	5.7	7.1	c
Italy	-0.6	0.7	-1.0	c	c	c
Cyprus	4.3	3.9	3.2	0.5	3.7	c
Latvia	4.2	1.4	3.3	2.4	4.0	2.2
Lithuania	7.4	7.9	7.9	7.8	7.0	4.7
Luxembourg	3.9	4.5	0.0	2.3	2.6	2.5
Hungary	5.3	6.8	5.4	5.4	5.0	4.0
Malta	-1.2	-0.7	-0.7	-2.0	-0.9	-1.9
Netherlands	3.5	3.2	2.1	2.6	3.4	c
Austria	-0.9	1.5	-1.6	2.4	-0.1	2.2
Poland	6.9	5.6	5.0	4.8	4.7	4.9
Portugal	2.2	3.5	1.0	5.8	4.3	3.4
Romania	4.6	1.5	3.4	5.9	7.0	3.2
Slovenia	2.1	4.3	6.5	14.0	9.4	11.2
Slovakia	4.3	3.0	3.6	6.0	5.4	0.6
Finland	1.3	0.9	1.6	1.0	1.3	1.2
Sweden	-0.3	1.9	2.2	0.0	1.8	-1.6
United Kingdom	4.1	3.5	3.5	2.2	3.5	1.6
Norway	0.1	1.1	1.0	0.6	0.4	-1.3
Switzerland	-0.2	1.0	-3.0	1.2	-0.6	-0.2

* Calendar adjusted

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

	12/17	01/18	02/18	03/18	04/18	05/18	06/18	07/18	08/18	09/18	10/18	11/18	12/18
EA19	104.8	104.4	104.6	105.4	105.3	105.6	105.9	105.4	105.9	105.4	106.2	107.1	105.4
EU28	106.2	105.9	106.1	106.6	106.9	107.6	107.7	107.5	107.9	107.5	108.0	109.1	107.6
Belgium	100.2	97.4	98.8	99.4	97.9	100.7	100.6	98.1	98.3	97.8	98.7	100.2	98.8
Bulgaria	112.2	112.0	111.8	112.8	114.3	115.0	115.1	115.3	115.7	116.1	117.3	117.2	116.9
Czechia	113.9	114.7	114.7	114.7	115.4	115.9	115.8	116.6	117.0	117.0	116.9	118.6	c
Denmark	103.2	102.5	102.6	103.3	102.8	104.1	104.1	103.5	104.0	104.8	103.5	105.0	104.2
Germany	105.9	105.8	105.0	105.7	107.7	106.0	106.8	106.4	106.3	106.0	106.8	108.5	103.8
Estonia	107.5	104.6	106.7	107.4	104.5	107.5	105.5	106.4	107.0	108.5	108.0	110.3	108.1
Ireland	111.9	113.7	113.4	110.9	113.6	115.3	115.8	114.9	115.9	117.9	117.0	117.6	118.2
Greece	101.4	101.1	102.1	101.3	102.2	102.7	102.6	103.9	103.1	102.8	98.9	102.7	c
Spain	105.2	105.0	105.4	105.9	105.1	105.1	105.8	104.8	105.4	104.9	106.3	106.8	105.5
France	108.3	107.4	108.4	110.3	108.4	109.6	110.5	109.6	111.2	109.8	111.1	111.2	111.1
Croatia	105.9	108.3	106.6	107.3	107.8	111.1	109.0	109.1	110.3	110.7	111.2	112.8	c
Italy	99.6	99.1	99.8	99.7	99.0	99.8	99.7	99.6	99.8	99.6	c	c	c
Cyprus	114.5	116.8	116.8	118.1	115.7	117.3	118.1	117.0	116.9	117.5	116.0	118.6	c
Latvia	109.4	111.0	108.2	110.4	109.1	112.4	111.0	111.0	109.6	111.2	110.4	112.9	111.5
Lithuania	114.5	114.7	113.9	115.3	117.6	118.7	118.7	119.2	120.2	120.3	120.7	121.1	120.9
Luxembourg	34.6	34.9	34.7	35.2	34.8	35.1	35.2	35.3	35.4	35.2	35.4	35.5	35.5
Hungary	114.0	115.0	115.0	115.9	115.7	117.3	117.1	117.0	118.1	118.2	118.7	119.1	119.0
Malta	110.1	109.1	108.4	108.7	107.7	108.5	108.2	108.0	108.1	108.0	107.7	107.9	107.9
Netherlands	105.9	106.4	105.6	106.4	108.6	107.9	107.6	108.5	107.8	107.7	107.9	109.7	c
Austria	100.7	102.1	101.3	103.3	103.2	102.8	102.4	101.9	103.0	101.8	103.4	102.9	103.6
Poland	115.3	116.4	117.4	117.2	118.9	120.3	120.6	119.8	118.9	119.0	119.2	121.7	121.2
Portugal	109.8	109.8	109.6	111.5	107.6	112.8	111.0	110.0	111.2	109.1	112.3	113.7	114.4
Romania	131.9	130.1	126.5	127.8	130.5	133.1	132.6	131.1	131.1	133.3	135.5	136.8	135.5
Slovenia	112.4	112.2	112.1	113.6	111.8	115.6	116.3	115.4	116.5	118.3	128.4	125.6	124.8
Slovakia	111.8	110.1	110.6	111.7	111.0	112.0	111.2	112.3	112.4	112.7	114.4	114.8	112.8
Finland	106.0	106.4	105.9	106.1	105.3	107.8	105.4	106.4	106.2	107.0	106.6	107.7	107.4
Sweden	105.8	104.4	103.9	106.0	106.8	106.7	104.9	104.9	106.2	106.7	105.3	107.0	104.3
United Kingdom	107.2	106.7	107.7	106.8	107.7	109.9	109.3	110.6	111.0	110.6	110.0	111.5	110.2
Norway	102.3	101.9	102.1	102.5	103.1	105.1	102.1	102.6	102.9	102.3	102.2	103.3	101.4
Switzerland	98.3	98.0	98.5	98.7	99.3	98.1	98.6	97.7	97.9	95.8	98.3	98.3	98.0

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

	12/15	12/16	12/17	01/18	02/18	03/18	04/18	05/18	06/18	07/18	08/18	09/18	10/18	11/18	12/18
EA19	121.5	123.2	125.8	99.5	92.6	103.3	102.9	104.8	105.3	105.6	107.6	102.5	107.4	108.2	126.8
EU28	121.9	124.8	128.0	98.9	94.0	104.0	104.2	106.9	107.0	108.1	109.0	104.8	109.1	112.3	129.5
Belgium	118.0	121.3	119.3	97.4	87.0	100.4	97.4	102.1	102.2	100.2	91.9	95.6	100.5	97.5	117.9
Bulgaria	114.1	119.3	125.0	97.9	95.2	109.0	111.3	115.8	118.2	123.6	125.7	118.4	120.1	118.3	129.5
Czechia	126.5	130.0	139.1	102.8	98.8	113.3	112.2	117.2	115.7	112.7	114.0	115.0	119.4	129.3	c
Denmark	123.6	123.3	125.9	94.6	87.4	99.9	102.8	109.0	105.9	102.2	104.4	100.3	101.4	110.5	127.0
Germany	119.6	122.4	125.4	97.8	93.7	107.0	108.6	105.9	105.1	106.8	102.6	102.8	108.4	113.1	122.7
Estonia	116.7	119.1	122.0	95.8	90.5	103.8	100.8	112.3	109.8	113.5	111.5	106.8	109.5	108.1	122.7
Ireland	142.0	141.9	150.8	101.6	105.0	98.2	102.6	107.7	113.3	111.8	113.8	113.2	112.9	130.0	162.1
Greece	115.6	114.5	116.4	95.6	99.2	94.9	101.9	98.2	102.8	110.3	109.3	102.1	95.3	99.0	c
Spain	119.4	123.3	123.3	106.4	92.6	102.0	100.8	102.6	106.8	114.2	104.0	102.5	104.9	104.8	123.2
France	127.0	129.5	134.7	104.5	95.7	106.6	105.1	108.0	109.9	96.0	126.0	105.7	112.4	110.2	139.8
Croatia	109.6	110.1	112.4	87.6	82.8	99.2	104.1	111.9	114.6	133.3	135.8	116.0	110.3	103.1	c
Italy	122.9	120.7	120.7	94.0	88.1	96.3	93.0	99.0	97.3	107.0	98.9	97.9	c	c	c
Cyprus	125.6	129.4	137.6	105.6	98.4	109.5	112.1	116.6	123.1	128.3	120.4	119.6	114.7	114.4	c
Latvia	112.9	115.5	124.0	101.1	92.2	105.1	104.6	114.4	112.9	119.3	118.6	112.4	112.5	109.5	126.7
Lithuania	118.9	125.8	132.7	104.9	97.2	111.8	113.1	122.4	120.0	125.5	129.0	119.4	123.2	118.6	138.9
Luxembourg	67.9	39.6	40.7	32.8	30.1	36.0	34.0	35.1	35.6	37.0	32.4	34.4	36.2	35.2	41.7
Hungary	124.6	127.2	136.1	96.7	94.1	112.4	112.2	117.2	117.4	122.2	125.0	120.2	124.1	122.2	141.6
Malta	121.1	119.0	129.1	99.5	94.4	102.8	104.7	110.1	110.3	112.6	109.0	107.8	109.6	107.6	126.6
Netherlands	117.0	118.6	121.6	102.2	91.6	104.1	107.5	111.2	110.4	111.4	104.5	104.5	109.8	111.6	c
Austria	121.3	120.0	119.5	95.9	90.9	104.3	102.9	101.4	100.7	103.5	101.2	99.0	106.2	103.5	122.1
Poland	119.8	123.4	134.0	104.1	102.4	118.8	119.0	120.8	121.2	122.4	121.7	120.0	123.0	117.1	140.5
Portugal	123.0	127.1	133.7	100.8	94.4	106.4	101.0	109.3	108.9	119.1	121.1	109.0	111.7	112.8	138.2
Romania	121.3	128.6	148.0	109.6	104.6	120.5	128.9	132.8	132.1	138.1	142.7	138.8	140.6	145.1	152.7
Slovenia	110.8	122.6	124.7	105.2	97.6	112.5	108.5	113.1	118.3	119.4	119.2	121.9	134.2	124.0	138.7
Slovakia	117.4	122.4	129.3	99.0	98.5	111.8	108.7	113.6	113.7	110.8	111.4	111.7	117.8	119.4	130.1
Finland	123.4	121.7	128.6	94.6	88.7	101.3	101.1	112.2	110.2	113.8	109.5	104.0	106.0	106.3	130.2
Sweden	119.4	120.8	124.0	93.3	87.6	102.3	105.0	111.8	110.9	108.8	107.8	103.0	105.9	109.1	122.0
United Kingdom	123.8	131.4	133.5	95.9	98.1	101.4	102.9	107.5	106.7	110.4	107.1	105.9	109.7	123.7	135.7
Norway	124.0	121.1	126.1	93.0	86.2	95.9	95.5	111.2	108.7	104.0	106.6	98.3	100.9	106.9	124.5
Switzerland	123.6	118.3	120.2	93.5	86.7	98.3	96.6	99.8	97.9	97.4	92.3	91.1	99.1	104.2	119.9

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