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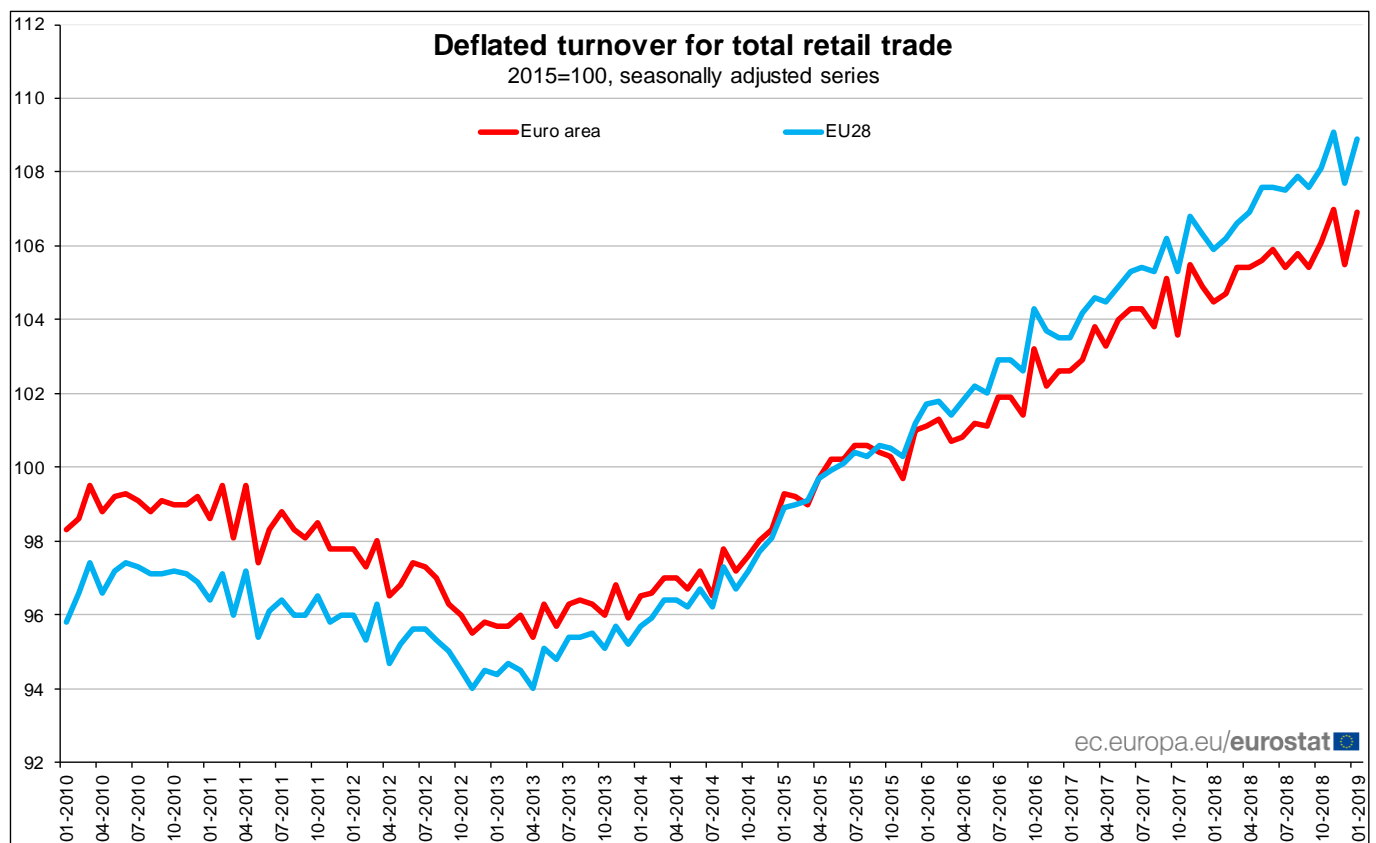
January 2019 compared with December 2018

Volume of retail trade up by 1.3% in euro area

Up by 1.1% in EU28

In January 2019 compared with December 2018, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade increased by 1.3% in the **euro area** (EA19) and by 1.1% in the **EU28**, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In December, the retail trade volume decreased by 1.4% in the **euro area** and by 1.3% in the **EU28**.

In January 2019 compared with January 2018, the calendar adjusted retail sales index increased by 2.2% in the **euro area** and by 2.5% in the **EU28**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in January 2019, compared with December 2018, the volume of retail trade increased by 1.7% for non-food products, by 1.6% for automotive fuel and by 0.6% for food, drinks and tobacco. In the **EU28**, the retail trade volume increased by 1.5% for non-food products, by 1.2% for automotive fuel, and by 0.8% for foods, drinks and tobacco.

Among Member States for which data are available, the largest increases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Germany** and **Malta** (both +3.3%), as well as in **Estonia** and **Romania** (both +1.9%). Decreases were observed in **Finland** (-2.1%), **Slovenia** (-1.0%), **Denmark** and **Austria** (both -0.7%), and **Belgium** (-0.4%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in January 2019, compared with January 2018, the volume of retail trade increased by 4.3% for automotive fuels, by 2.2% for food, drinks and tobacco and by 1.7% for non-food products. In the **EU28**, the retail trade volume increased by 4.4% for automotive fuel, by 2.4% for food, drinks and tobacco and by 2.3% for non-food products.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest yearly increases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Slovenia** (+11.0%), **Ireland** (+8.1%) and **Romania** (+6.7%). Decreases were observed in **Finland** (-1.3%), and **Denmark** (-0.3%).

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, 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, 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 [24/2019](#) of 5 February 2019. The monthly percentage changes for December 2018 have been revised from -1.6% to -1.4% in the euro area and from -1.4% to -1.3% in the EU28. The annual percentage changes have been revised from +0.8% to +0.3% in the euro area and from +1.2% to +0.9% 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*

	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19
EA19						
Total retail trade	0.4	-0.4	0.7	0.8	-1.4	1.3
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.4	-0.4	0.7	-0.3	-0.1	0.6
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.6	-0.6	0.6	1.5	-2.4	1.7
Textiles, clothing, footwear	1.2	-3.2	0.9	2.1	-2.0	:
Electrical goods and furniture	0.1	0.9	-0.5	0.8	-2.0	2.0
Computer equipment, books and other	1.0	-0.8	1.4	0.0	-2.2	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.1	-0.5	0.6	0.8	-1.1	0.7
Mail orders and internet	-0.9	1.8	0.3	2.0	-4.2	2.8
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.5	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.1	1.6
EU28						
Total retail trade	0.4	-0.3	0.5	0.9	-1.3	1.1
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.2	-0.4	0.5	-0.1	-0.2	0.8
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.8	-0.4	0.2	1.6	-2.2	1.5
Textiles, clothing, footwear	0.4	-1.9	0.4	2.4	-1.7	0.6
Electrical goods and furniture	0.9	0.8	-0.6	1.3	-2.6	1.2
Computer equipment, books and other	1.8	-0.6	0.7	0.2	-2.2	2.6
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.1	-0.8	1.3	1.6	-2.6	2.4
Mail orders and internet	-0.4	0.6	0.4	1.8	-3.2	2.9
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.8	1.0	0.6	0.9	0.5	1.2

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

Total retail trade	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19
EA19	0.4	-0.4	0.7	0.8	-1.4	1.3
EU28	0.4	-0.3	0.5	0.9	-1.3	1.1
Belgium	0.2	-0.5	0.9	1.4	-1.2	-0.4
Bulgaria	0.4	-0.1	0.8	0.6	-0.5	0.4
Czechia	0.3	0.0	0.9	0.4	0.0	c
Denmark	0.5	0.7	-1.2	1.5	-0.9	-0.7
Germany	-0.2	-0.2	0.4	1.6	-3.1	3.3
Estonia	0.6	1.5	-0.7	2.1	-1.9	1.9
Ireland	0.9	1.6	-0.8	0.6	-0.3	0.9
Greece	-0.8	-0.3	-3.8	3.6	-0.5	c
Spain	c	c	c	c	c	c
France	1.4	-1.1	1.0	0.0	-0.6	0.9
Croatia	1.1	0.4	0.5	1.4	-0.6	c
Italy	0.3	-0.2	0.4	c	c	c
Cyprus	-0.1	0.5	-1.3	2.9	-0.6	c
Latvia	-1.3	1.5	-0.7	2.3	-1.2	0.7
Lithuania	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.7	0.1	0.3
Luxembourg	0.6	-0.6	1.4	0.0	0.3	0.3
Hungary	0.8	0.1	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.7
Malta	1.2	1.1	-0.8	0.8	0.4	3.3
Netherlands	-0.6	-0.1	0.2	1.8	-2.3	c
Austria	1.0	-1.1	1.7	-0.6	0.4	-0.7
Poland	-0.7	0.2	1.1	1.7	-1.1	0.6
Portugal	1.1	-1.9	2.9	1.3	0.2	1.5
Romania	0.0	1.7	1.7	1.0	-1.0	1.9
Slovenia	1.0	1.5	8.4	-2.0	-0.4	-1.0
Slovakia	0.1	0.4	1.5	0.4	-1.7	1.3
Finland	-0.3	0.8	-0.5	1.6	0.0	-2.1
Sweden	1.3	0.5	-0.9	1.7	-2.0	1.0
United Kingdom	0.4	-0.5	-0.4	1.3	-0.9	0.7
Norway	0.3	-0.6	-0.1	1.2	-1.9	1.6
Switzerland	0.2	-2.0	2.5	0.0	-0.3	-0.2

* Calendar and seasonally adjusted

: Data not available

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

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

	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19
EA19						
Total retail trade	2.3	0.3	2.5	1.9	0.3	2.2
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.8	0.1	2.4	0.8	0.7	2.2
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	2.7	0.5	3.0	2.4	-0.1	1.7
Textiles, clothing, footwear	1.2	-7.3	1.3	-0.5	-2.0	:
Electrical goods and furniture	1.3	1.5	1.1	1.4	-0.4	1.3
Computer equipment, books and other	3.4	1.7	4.8	2.8	-0.2	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	3.3	1.2	2.4	2.2	0.9	1.4
Mail orders and internet	5.5	6.6	9.4	7.9	0.5	7.2
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.3	0.7	1.1	1.7	1.4	4.3
EU28						
Total retail trade	2.6	1.4	2.6	2.6	0.9	2.5
Food, drinks, tobacco	2.0	0.6	2.1	1.1	0.7	2.4
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	3.3	1.8	3.3	3.3	0.9	2.3
Textiles, clothing, footwear	1.2	-4.8	1.4	0.9	-0.2	0.6
Electrical goods and furniture	2.9	3.1	2.1	2.8	0.5	1.4
Computer equipment, books and other	2.6	3.0	3.9	2.4	-0.6	2.0
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	6.3	3.7	5.6	6.0	3.2	4.8
Mail orders and internet	7.7	6.7	9.0	8.7	3.2	8.9
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.0	1.4	2.1	3.1	2.4	4.4

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Total retail trade	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19
EA19	2.3	0.3	2.5	1.9	0.3	2.2
EU28	2.6	1.4	2.6	2.6	0.9	2.5
Belgium	-0.3	-1.8	0.4	-0.9	-1.0	0.7
Bulgaria	4.7	3.3	5.4	6.7	2.9	3.2
Czechia	4.3	2.7	5.2	5.0	4.3	c
Denmark	2.1	2.9	0.9	2.6	1.0	-0.3
Germany	1.4	0.0	1.3	1.8	-1.7	2.2
Estonia	1.8	2.8	1.9	4.9	0.2	5.5
Ireland	7.4	10.1	8.5	6.6	5.8	8.1
Greece	3.6	2.9	-4.1	2.9	0.7	c
Spain	c	c	c	c	c	c
France	4.6	0.8	4.8	1.7	1.2	2.3
Croatia	4.0	5.0	5.7	7.1	5.6	c
Italy	0.7	-1.0	0.7	c	c	c
Cyprus	3.9	3.1	0.4	4.9	4.1	c
Latvia	1.4	3.3	2.4	4.0	2.2	1.2
Lithuania	7.9	7.9	7.7	6.9	4.8	5.9
Luxembourg	4.5	0.0	5.1	4.4	4.2	4.3
Hungary	7.6	5.2	7.0	5.1	3.9	5.3
Malta	-0.5	-0.9	-0.9	0.5	-1.3	4.9
Netherlands	3.2	2.1	2.6	3.5	1.4	c
Austria	1.5	-1.6	2.4	-0.2	2.1	0.5
Poland	5.6	5.1	6.1	5.7	4.9	4.7
Portugal	3.5	1.0	5.8	4.3	3.1	5.6
Romania	1.5	3.4	5.9	7.0	3.2	6.7
Slovenia	4.3	6.5	14.0	9.4	11.7	11.0
Slovakia	3.0	3.6	6.0	5.4	0.6	4.5
Finland	0.9	1.4	0.9	1.9	2.6	-1.3
Sweden	1.9	2.2	0.5	2.3	-0.6	2.3
United Kingdom	3.3	3.3	2.1	3.5	1.9	3.3
Norway	1.1	1.0	0.6	0.5	-1.3	1.1
Switzerland	1.0	-2.9	1.2	-0.6	-0.2	-0.3

* Calendar adjusted

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

	01/18	02/18	03/18	04/18	05/18	06/18	07/18	08/18	09/18	10/18	11/18	12/18	01/19
EA19	104.5	104.7	105.4	105.4	105.6	105.9	105.4	105.8	105.4	106.1	107.0	105.5	106.9
EU28	105.9	106.2	106.6	106.9	107.6	107.6	107.5	107.9	107.6	108.1	109.1	107.7	108.9
Belgium	97.8	98.8	99.4	97.8	100.8	100.6	98.1	98.3	97.8	98.7	100.1	98.9	98.5
Bulgaria	114.5	114.5	114.8	115.7	116.3	116.6	116.7	117.2	117.1	118.0	118.7	118.1	118.6
Czechia	114.7	114.7	114.7	115.4	115.8	115.8	116.5	116.9	116.9	118.0	118.5	118.5	c
Denmark	103.0	102.7	103.3	102.8	104.1	104.1	103.4	103.9	104.6	103.3	104.8	103.9	103.2
Germany	105.8	105.2	105.7	107.8	106.0	106.7	106.5	106.3	106.1	106.5	108.2	104.8	108.3
Estonia	104.4	106.6	107.3	104.4	107.4	105.5	106.4	107.0	108.6	107.8	110.1	108.0	110.1
Ireland	113.2	113.3	110.8	113.5	115.3	115.8	114.9	115.9	117.8	116.9	117.6	117.2	118.2
Greece	101.0	102.1	101.3	102.2	102.7	102.6	103.9	103.1	102.8	98.9	102.5	102.0	c
Spain	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
France	107.5	108.5	110.3	108.4	109.6	110.4	109.5	111.0	109.8	110.9	110.9	110.2	111.2
Croatia	108.3	106.6	107.3	107.8	111.1	109.0	109.1	110.3	110.7	111.2	112.8	112.1	c
Italy	98.8	99.8	99.7	99.0	99.8	99.7	99.6	99.9	99.7	100.1	c	c	c
Cyprus	117.0	116.8	118.2	115.8	117.4	118.2	117.1	117.0	117.6	116.1	119.5	118.8	c
Latvia	110.9	108.3	110.5	109.1	112.4	111.0	111.0	109.6	111.2	110.4	112.9	111.5	112.3
Lithuania	115.6	114.2	116.2	117.8	119.3	118.7	119.1	120.1	120.1	120.5	121.3	121.4	121.8
Luxembourg	34.9	34.6	35.2	34.8	35.1	35.3	35.4	35.6	35.4	35.9	35.9	36.0	36.1
Hungary	115.4	115.6	116.2	116.4	117.5	118.0	118.1	119.0	119.1	120.0	120.2	120.5	121.3
Malta	108.8	107.2	109.1	106.8	108.9	108.2	107.1	108.4	109.6	108.7	109.6	110.0	113.6
Netherlands	106.6	105.6	106.4	108.7	107.9	107.6	108.5	107.8	107.7	107.9	109.8	107.3	c
Austria	102.2	101.3	103.3	103.2	102.8	102.4	101.9	102.9	101.8	103.5	102.9	103.3	102.6
Poland	116.4	117.5	117.3	118.8	120.0	120.3	119.9	119.1	119.3	120.6	122.6	121.2	121.9
Portugal	109.8	109.6	111.5	107.6	112.8	111.0	110.0	111.2	109.1	112.3	113.8	114.0	115.7
Romania	130.1	126.5	127.8	130.5	133.1	132.6	131.1	131.1	133.3	135.5	136.8	135.5	138.1
Slovenia	112.0	112.0	113.5	111.7	115.6	116.3	115.5	116.6	118.4	128.4	125.8	125.3	124.1
Slovakia	109.9	110.5	111.6	111.0	112.0	111.2	112.3	112.4	112.8	114.5	115.0	113.0	114.5
Finland	107.0	106.0	106.2	105.3	107.9	105.4	106.4	106.1	106.9	106.4	108.1	108.1	105.8
Sweden	104.2	103.9	106.0	106.9	106.7	104.9	104.9	106.3	106.8	105.8	107.6	105.5	106.6
United Kingdom	106.8	107.6	106.7	107.7	109.8	109.3	110.5	110.9	110.4	110.0	111.4	110.4	111.2
Norway	101.8	102.1	102.4	103.1	105.1	102.1	102.6	102.9	102.3	102.2	103.4	101.4	103.0
Switzerland	98.1	98.5	98.7	99.3	98.1	98.6	97.7	97.9	95.9	98.3	98.3	98.0	97.8

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

	01/16	01/17	01/18	02/18	03/18	04/18	05/18	06/18	07/18	08/18	09/18	10/18	11/18	12/18	01/19
EA19	96.7	97.9	99.4	92.6	103.3	102.9	104.8	105.3	105.6	107.6	102.6	107.4	108.2	126.2	101.6
EU28	95.6	97.0	99.0	94.0	104.0	104.2	107.0	107.1	108.0	108.9	104.8	109.2	112.4	129.2	101.5
Belgium	98.3	100.3	97.4	87.0	100.4	97.4	102.1	102.2	100.2	91.9	95.6	100.5	97.5	118.0	98.1
Bulgaria	89.1	95.1	99.4	96.4	111.0	111.9	117.7	120.2	124.7	127.9	119.1	122.0	120.6	130.7	102.6
Czechia	91.9	95.1	102.8	98.8	113.3	112.2	117.2	115.7	112.7	114.0	115.0	119.4	129.3	145.1	c
Denmark	93.2	94.5	94.6	87.4	99.9	102.8	109.0	105.9	102.2	104.4	100.3	101.4	110.5	127.1	94.3
Germany	94.6	95.1	97.8	93.7	107.0	108.6	105.9	105.0	106.8	102.5	102.8	108.5	113.2	123.3	100.0
Estonia	97.1	96.9	95.8	90.5	103.8	100.8	112.3	109.8	113.5	111.5	106.8	109.0	107.7	122.3	101.1
Ireland	93.8	95.5	101.6	105.0	98.2	102.6	107.7	113.3	111.8	113.8	113.2	112.9	130.0	159.6	109.8
Greece	94.8	94.7	95.6	99.2	94.9	101.9	98.2	102.8	110.3	109.3	102.1	95.3	98.7	117.2	c
Spain	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
France	99.9	102.1	104.5	95.7	106.5	105.1	108.1	109.9	95.9	125.9	105.9	112.4	110.4	136.0	106.9
Croatia	81.1	83.2	87.6	82.8	99.2	104.1	111.9	114.6	133.3	135.8	116.0	110.3	103.1	118.7	c
Italy	95.1	96.6	94.0	88.1	96.3	93.0	99.0	97.4	107.0	98.9	97.9	102.7	c	c	c
Cyprus	92.8	95.6	105.6	98.4	109.5	112.1	116.7	123.1	128.3	120.4	119.6	114.7	115.7	143.2	c
Latvia	91.8	95.0	101.1	92.2	105.1	104.6	114.4	113.0	119.3	118.6	112.4	112.5	109.5	126.7	102.3
Lithuania	92.0	99.6	104.8	97.2	111.7	113.2	122.4	120.0	125.6	129.0	119.5	123.1	118.6	139.1	111.0
Luxembourg	46.2	31.6	32.8	30.1	36.0	33.9	35.1	35.6	36.9	32.4	34.3	37.2	35.8	42.4	34.2
Hungary	85.7	90.7	99.6	95.0	114.3	113.4	120.2	120.7	120.7	125.3	118.6	124.6	122.0	142.8	104.9
Malta	92.1	94.5	99.7	94.7	103.2	104.9	110.5	110.8	113.3	109.2	107.5	111.0	109.1	127.4	104.6
Netherlands	96.0	99.5	102.2	91.6	104.1	107.5	111.2	110.4	111.4	104.5	104.5	109.8	111.7	123.3	c
Austria	94.0	95.1	95.8	90.9	104.3	102.9	101.4	100.8	103.4	101.2	99.0	106.2	103.5	122.0	96.3
Poland	92.8	98.7	104.0	102.4	118.8	119.1	120.8	121.1	122.4	121.7	120.0	124.6	118.3	140.4	108.9
Portugal	92.9	95.4	100.8	94.4	106.4	101.0	109.3	108.9	119.1	121.1	109.0	111.7	112.9	137.9	106.4
Romania	92.4	98.1	109.6	104.6	120.5	128.9	132.8	132.1	138.1	142.7	138.8	140.6	145.1	152.7	116.9
Slovenia	94.5	105.7	105.2	97.6	112.5	108.5	113.1	118.3	119.4	119.2	121.9	134.2	124.0	139.3	116.8
Slovakia	89.7	94.9	99.0	98.5	111.8	108.7	113.6	113.7	110.8	111.4	111.7	117.8	119.4	130.1	103.5
Finland	89.0	91.7	94.6	88.7	101.4	101.1	112.2	110.2	113.8	109.5	103.8	105.9	107.0	131.9	93.4
Sweden	90.7	93.2	93.3	87.6	102.3	105.0	111.8	110.9	108.8	107.8	103.0	106.4	109.7	123.3	95.4
United Kingdom	94.3	94.2	96.2	98.1	101.3	102.8	107.5	106.7	110.2	106.9	105.7	109.6	123.7	136.0	99.4
Norway	91.9	91.3	93.0	86.2	95.9	95.5	111.2	108.7	104.0	106.6	98.3	100.9	106.9	124.5	94.0
Switzerland	94.8	93.9	93.5	86.7	98.3	96.6	99.8	97.9	97.4	92.3	91.2	99.1	104.2	120.0	93.2

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