

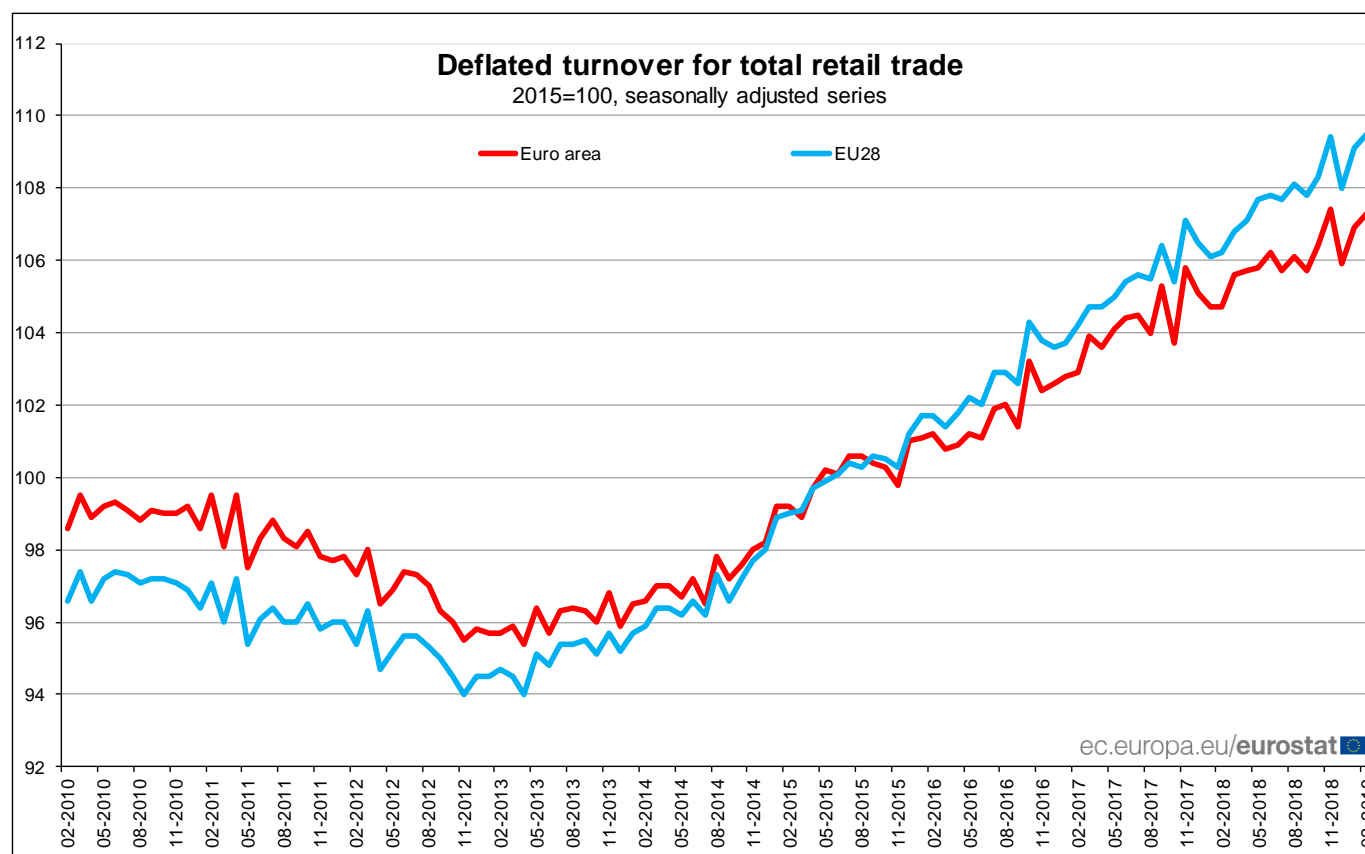
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February 2019 compared with January 2019

Volume of retail trade up by 0.4% in both euro area and EU28

In February 2019 compared with January 2019, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade increased by 0.4% in both the **euro area** (EA19) and **EU28**, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In January, the retail trade volume increased by 0.9% in the **euro area** and by 1.0% in the **EU28**.

In February 2019 compared with February 2018 the calendar adjusted retail sales index increased by 2.8% in the **euro area** and by 3.3% in the **EU28**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in February 2019, compared with January 2019, the volume of retail trade increased by 0.9% for non-food products and by 0.1% for food, drinks and tobacco, while automotive fuel decreased by 0.7%. In the **EU28**, the retail trade volume increased by 1.0% for non-food products, while food, drinks and tobacco decreased by 0.1% and automotive fuel by 0.2%.

Among Member States for which data are available, the largest increases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Croatia** (+4.4%), **Belgium** and **Latvia** (both +1.6%). The largest decreases were observed in **Slovakia** (-1.5%), **Portugal** (-1.0%) and **Bulgaria** (-0.6%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in February 2019, compared with February 2018, the volume of retail trade increased by 4.4% for non-food products, by 1.6% for automotive fuels and by 0.6% for food, drinks and tobacco. In the **EU28**, the retail trade volume increased by 5.1% for non-food products, by 3.0% for automotive fuel and by 1.0% 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** (+11.8%), **Croatia** (+11.4%) and **Romania** (+9.1%).

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 [40/2019](#) of 5 March 2019. The monthly percentage changes for January 2019 have been revised from +1.3% to +0.9% in the euro area and from +1.1% to +1.0% in the EU28. The annual percentage changes remained at +2.2% in the euro area and was revised from +2.5% to +2.6% 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*

	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19
EA19						
Total retail trade	-0.4	0.7	0.9	-1.4	0.9	0.4
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.5	0.7	-0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-0.5	0.6	1.5	-2.3	1.6	0.9
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-3.2	1.1	2.3	-1.9	-0.6	1.9
Electrical goods and furniture	0.8	-0.3	0.8	-1.7	1.7	0.8
Computer equipment, books and other	-0.7	1.3	0.3	-2.3	3.4	0.6
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	-0.5	0.6	0.9	-1.3	0.8	1.5
Mail orders and internet	1.9	0.5	1.9	-3.7	2.0	0.9
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.7	0.7	0.4	-0.3	1.5	-0.7
EU28						
Total retail trade	-0.3	0.5	1.0	-1.3	1.0	0.4
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.3	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.4	-0.1
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-0.4	0.4	1.5	-2.1	1.5	1.0
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-1.9	0.6	2.4	-1.7	0.1	1.3
Electrical goods and furniture	0.9	-0.5	1.3	-2.4	1.2	1.2
Computer equipment, books and other	-0.6	0.7	0.3	-2.2	3.1	0.4
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	-0.9	1.4	1.6	-2.7	2.6	1.0
Mail orders and internet	0.6	0.6	1.9	-3.0	2.5	1.2
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	1.0	0.6	1.0	0.2	1.1	-0.2

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

Total retail trade	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19
EA19	-0.4	0.7	0.9	-1.4	0.9	0.4
EU28	-0.3	0.5	1.0	-1.3	1.0	0.4
Belgium	-0.4	0.9	1.4	-1.2	-0.6	1.6
Bulgaria	-0.1	0.8	0.6	-0.5	-0.4	-0.6
Czechia	-0.1	1.0	0.3	0.3	0.4	c
Denmark	0.7	-1.2	1.5	-0.9	-0.7	0.8
Germany	-0.2	0.7	1.6	-3.0	2.8	0.9
Estonia	1.5	-0.7	2.2	-1.9	1.9	1.4
Ireland	1.6	-0.8	0.6	-0.3	0.9	1.4
Greece	-0.4	-3.8	3.5	-1.0	-1.8	c
Spain	-0.6	0.7	1.1	-1.1	0.6	0.7
France	-1.2	1.1	0.0	-0.8	0.3	-0.1
Croatia	0.4	0.5	1.4	-0.6	1.4	4.4
Italy	-0.1	0.4	0.1	c	c	c
Cyprus	0.5	-1.3	2.9	-0.5	-0.2	c
Latvia	1.6	-0.7	2.4	-1.2	0.7	1.6
Lithuania	0.0	0.3	0.7	0.1	-0.2	1.1
Luxembourg	-0.6	1.1	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.0
Hungary	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.7	0.9
Malta	-0.1	0.5	0.3	-0.1	1.3	-0.3
Netherlands	-0.1	0.3	1.7	-2.2	0.4	c
Austria	-1.1	1.4	-0.2	0.3	-0.8	0.6
Poland	0.2	1.1	1.7	-1.1	1.1	1.4
Portugal	-1.9	2.9	1.3	0.4	1.3	-1.0
Romania	1.7	1.7	1.0	-1.0	2.4	-0.2
Slovenia	1.5	8.4	-2.0	-0.4	-1.8	1.1
Slovakia	0.3	1.4	0.2	-1.7	1.2	-1.5
Finland	0.7	-0.5	1.5	0.3	-1.3	-0.1
Sweden	0.6	-1.0	1.7	-2.1	1.2	0.1
United Kingdom	-0.5	-0.2	1.2	-0.8	0.8	0.4
Norway	-0.6	-0.2	1.2	-1.9	1.5	-1.3
Switzerland	-2.0	2.5	0.0	-0.3	-0.2	0.3

* Calendar and seasonally adjusted

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

	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19
EA19						
Total retail trade	0.3	2.7	1.9	0.5	2.2	2.8
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.1	2.5	0.8	0.8	1.7	0.6
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.5	3.2	2.6	0.2	2.2	4.4
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-7.6	1.3	-0.5	-1.6	-1.8	2.0
Electrical goods and furniture	1.7	1.3	1.7	0.0	1.7	3.3
Computer equipment, books and other	1.7	5.0	2.9	0.1	4.1	5.4
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	1.3	2.6	2.4	0.9	1.6	3.4
Mail orders and internet	6.8	9.7	8.0	1.2	6.8	8.8
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.7	1.3	1.9	1.4	4.0	1.6
EU28						
Total retail trade	1.3	2.8	2.6	1.1	2.6	3.3
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.6	2.1	1.2	0.7	2.0	1.0
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	1.8	3.4	3.4	1.1	2.8	5.1
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-5.0	1.3	0.9	0.0	-0.3	3.1
Electrical goods and furniture	3.2	2.3	2.9	0.7	1.6	3.5
Computer equipment, books and other	2.9	4.0	2.4	-0.4	3.0	4.6
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	3.8	5.9	6.1	3.2	4.9	5.7
Mail orders and internet	6.7	9.2	8.8	3.7	8.5	11.1
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	1.5	2.0	3.2	2.3	4.2	3.0

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Total retail trade	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19
EA19	0.3	2.7	1.9	0.5	2.2	2.8
EU28	1.3	2.8	2.6	1.1	2.6	3.3
Belgium	-1.8	0.4	-0.9	-0.9	0.5	1.1
Bulgaria	3.3	5.4	6.7	2.9	3.2	0.0
Czechia	2.7	5.2	5.0	4.3	4.8	c
Denmark	2.9	0.9	2.6	1.0	-0.4	1.1
Germany	0.1	1.8	2.0	-1.1	2.7	4.8
Estonia	2.8	1.9	4.9	0.2	5.5	5.3
Ireland	10.1	8.5	6.6	5.8	8.2	8.5
Greece	2.9	-4.1	2.9	-0.1	-2.9	c
Spain	-1.5	2.8	1.5	0.0	0.8	1.6
France	0.8	4.8	1.7	1.3	2.4	2.0
Croatia	5.0	5.7	7.1	5.6	5.0	11.4
Italy	-1.0	0.6	1.1	c	c	c
Cyprus	3.1	0.4	4.9	4.1	1.5	c
Latvia	3.3	2.4	4.0	2.2	1.2	6.0
Lithuania	7.9	7.7	6.9	4.8	5.1	8.0
Luxembourg	0.0	4.2	4.1	4.2	5.8	5.3
Hungary	5.1	7.0	5.1	3.9	5.4	8.4
Malta	-0.7	0.0	1.1	-1.3	5.5	4.2
Netherlands	2.1	2.8	3.6	1.6	1.1	c
Austria	-1.5	2.6	-0.4	2.3	0.0	1.8
Poland	5.1	6.1	5.7	4.9	5.2	6.1
Portugal	1.0	5.8	4.3	3.3	5.6	4.8
Romania	3.4	5.9	7.0	3.2	7.5	9.1
Slovenia	6.5	14.0	9.4	11.7	9.2	11.8
Slovakia	3.6	6.0	5.4	0.6	4.5	0.1
Finland	1.5	0.8	1.8	2.8	0.2	0.5
Sweden	2.2	0.5	2.3	-0.6	2.0	2.9
United Kingdom	3.3	2.1	3.5	1.9	3.3	3.9
Norway	1.0	0.6	0.5	-1.3	1.1	-0.9
Switzerland	-2.9	1.3	-0.6	-0.5	-0.2	-0.2

* Calendar adjusted

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

	02/18	03/18	04/18	05/18	06/18	07/18	08/18	09/18	10/18	11/18	12/18	01/19	02/19
EA19	104.7	105.6	105.7	105.8	106.2	105.7	106.1	105.7	106.4	107.4	105.9	106.9	107.3
EU28	106.2	106.8	107.1	107.7	107.8	107.7	108.1	107.8	108.3	109.4	108.0	109.1	109.5
Belgium	98.9	99.4	97.8	100.8	100.6	98.1	98.2	97.8	98.7	100.1	98.9	98.3	99.9
Bulgaria	114.5	114.8	115.7	116.3	116.6	116.7	117.2	117.1	118.0	118.7	118.1	117.6	116.9
Czechia	114.6	114.7	115.4	115.8	115.8	116.6	117.0	116.9	118.1	118.4	118.7	119.2	c
Denmark	102.6	103.3	102.8	104.1	104.1	103.4	103.9	104.6	103.3	104.8	103.9	103.2	104.0
Germany	105.4	106.5	109.0	106.9	107.9	107.5	107.3	107.1	107.9	109.6	106.3	109.3	110.3
Estonia	106.3	107.2	104.3	107.4	105.5	106.4	107.1	108.7	107.9	110.3	108.2	110.3	111.8
Ireland	113.3	110.8	113.5	115.3	115.8	114.9	115.9	117.8	116.9	117.6	117.2	118.3	120.0
Greece	102.3	101.4	102.2	102.7	102.5	103.8	102.9	102.5	98.6	102.1	101.1	99.3	c
Spain	105.4	106.0	105.2	105.2	105.9	104.9	105.5	104.9	105.6	106.8	105.6	106.2	106.9
France	108.5	110.3	108.4	109.6	110.2	109.4	111.1	109.8	111.0	111.0	110.1	110.4	110.3
Croatia	106.6	107.3	107.8	111.1	109.0	109.1	110.3	110.7	111.2	112.8	112.1	113.7	118.7
Italy	99.8	99.6	98.9	99.7	99.7	99.6	99.7	99.6	100.0	100.1	c	c	c
Cyprus	117.0	118.2	115.8	117.4	118.2	117.1	117.0	117.6	116.1	119.5	118.9	118.7	c
Latvia	108.0	110.4	109.0	112.3	111.0	111.0	109.6	111.3	110.5	113.1	111.7	112.5	114.3
Lithuania	114.2	116.2	117.8	119.3	118.7	119.1	120.1	120.1	120.5	121.3	121.4	121.2	122.5
Luxembourg	34.6	35.1	34.8	35.1	35.3	35.4	35.6	35.4	35.8	35.9	36.0	36.3	36.3
Hungary	115.2	116.1	116.5	117.4	117.9	118.2	119.1	119.4	120.2	120.5	121.0	121.8	122.9
Malta	108.5	108.9	108.2	109.2	109.1	109.1	109.4	109.3	109.9	110.2	110.1	111.5	111.2
Netherlands	105.6	106.4	108.7	107.9	107.7	108.6	107.9	107.8	108.1	109.9	107.5	107.9	c
Austria	101.3	103.2	103.1	102.8	102.3	101.9	102.9	101.8	103.2	103.0	103.3	102.5	103.1
Poland	117.5	117.3	118.8	120.0	120.3	119.9	119.1	119.3	120.6	122.6	121.2	122.5	124.2
Portugal	109.6	111.5	107.6	112.8	111.0	110.0	111.2	109.1	112.3	113.8	114.2	115.7	114.5
Romania	126.5	127.8	130.5	133.1	132.6	131.1	131.1	133.3	135.5	136.8	135.5	138.8	138.5
Slovenia	111.5	113.5	111.7	115.6	116.3	115.5	116.6	118.4	128.4	125.8	125.3	123.1	124.5
Slovakia	111.3	111.9	111.2	112.1	111.3	112.3	112.3	112.6	114.2	114.4	112.4	113.8	112.1
Finland	106.2	106.3	105.4	107.9	105.4	106.4	106.2	106.9	106.4	108.0	108.3	106.9	106.8
Sweden	103.7	106.0	106.9	106.7	104.9	104.9	106.3	106.9	105.8	107.6	105.3	106.6	106.7
United Kingdom	107.5	106.7	107.7	109.8	109.3	110.4	110.8	110.3	110.1	111.4	110.5	111.4	111.8
Norway	102.4	102.5	103.1	105.1	102.1	102.6	102.9	102.3	102.1	103.3	101.3	102.8	101.5
Switzerland	98.4	98.7	99.3	98.1	98.6	97.7	97.9	95.9	98.3	98.3	98.0	97.8	98.1

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

	02/16	02/17	02/18	03/18	04/18	05/18	06/18	07/18	08/18	09/18	10/18	11/18	12/18	01/19	02/19
EA19	89.5	91.0	92.7	103.5	103.1	105.1	105.6	105.9	107.8	102.8	107.8	108.6	126.7	101.8	95.3
EU28	90.2	92.3	94.1	104.1	104.3	107.1	107.3	108.2	109.1	104.9	109.5	112.7	129.6	101.7	97.2
Belgium	87.6	86.3	87.0	100.4	97.4	102.1	102.2	100.2	91.9	95.6	100.5	97.5	118.1	97.9	88.0
Bulgaria	89.3	94.0	96.4	111.0	111.9	117.7	120.2	124.7	127.9	119.1	122.0	120.6	130.7	102.6	96.4
Czechia	88.7	93.0	98.8	113.3	112.2	117.2	115.7	112.7	114.0	115.0	119.4	129.3	145.1	107.7	c
Denmark	86.6	87.0	87.4	99.9	102.8	109.1	105.9	102.2	104.4	100.3	101.4	110.5	127.1	94.2	88.4
Germany	90.8	92.8	94.3	107.8	109.5	106.8	106.2	107.9	103.3	103.7	109.7	114.6	125.1	101.1	98.8
Estonia	87.6	88.5	90.5	103.8	100.8	112.3	109.8	113.5	111.5	106.8	109.0	107.7	122.3	101.1	95.3
Ireland	98.2	98.6	105.0	98.2	102.6	107.7	113.3	111.8	113.8	113.2	112.9	130.0	159.6	109.9	113.9
Greece	90.6	99.6	99.2	94.9	101.9	98.2	102.8	110.3	109.3	102.1	95.3	98.7	116.3	92.8	c
Spain	90.7	90.7	92.6	102.1	100.8	102.6	106.8	114.2	104.0	102.4	104.9	104.8	123.3	107.3	94.1
France	89.6	92.9	95.7	106.6	105.1	108.1	109.9	95.9	125.9	105.9	112.4	110.4	136.2	106.9	97.6
Croatia	78.7	82.8	82.8	99.2	104.1	111.9	114.6	133.3	135.8	116.0	110.3	103.1	118.7	92.0	92.2
Italy	88.5	87.9	87.9	96.0	93.0	99.0	97.4	107.0	98.8	97.9	102.6	100.8	c	c	c
Cyprus	86.0	91.0	98.4	109.5	112.1	116.7	123.1	128.3	120.4	119.6	114.7	115.7	143.3	107.2	c
Latvia	87.0	89.1	92.2	105.1	104.6	114.4	113.0	119.3	118.6	112.4	112.5	109.5	126.7	102.3	97.7
Lithuania	87.5	94.5	97.2	111.7	113.2	122.4	120.0	125.6	129.0	119.5	123.1	118.6	139.1	110.1	105.0
Luxembourg	44.4	29.8	30.1	36.0	33.9	35.1	35.6	37.0	32.4	34.3	36.9	35.7	42.4	34.6	31.7
Hungary	87.2	88.5	95.0	114.3	113.4	120.3	120.7	120.7	125.3	118.5	124.6	122.0	142.7	105.0	103.0
Malta	96.8	92.3	94.7	103.2	105.0	110.7	111.4	113.8	109.8	107.7	112.0	109.7	127.5	105.1	98.7
Netherlands	88.4	89.4	91.7	104.1	107.5	111.2	110.5	111.5	104.6	104.6	110.0	111.8	123.5	103.3	c
Austria	90.9	90.9	91.0	104.3	102.7	101.4	100.8	103.4	101.3	99.0	106.2	103.4	122.2	95.9	92.6
Poland	90.0	95.6	102.4	118.8	119.1	120.8	121.1	122.4	121.7	120.0	124.6	118.3	140.4	109.4	108.6
Portugal	89.3	90.3	94.4	106.4	101.0	109.3	108.9	119.1	121.1	109.0	111.7	112.9	138.1	106.4	98.9
Romania	93.2	99.9	104.6	120.5	128.9	132.8	132.1	138.1	142.7	138.8	140.6	145.1	152.7	117.8	114.1
Slovenia	87.6	99.3	97.6	112.5	108.5	113.1	118.3	119.4	119.3	121.9	134.2	124.0	139.3	114.9	109.1
Slovakia	89.8	93.8	98.5	111.8	108.7	113.6	113.7	110.8	111.4	111.7	117.8	119.4	130.1	103.5	98.6
Finland	84.3	86.6	88.7	101.4	101.1	112.2	110.2	113.8	109.5	103.9	105.8	106.9	132.2	94.8	89.1
Sweden	85.5	87.8	87.6	102.3	105.0	111.8	110.9	108.8	107.8	103.0	106.4	109.7	123.3	95.2	90.1
United Kingdom	94.2	97.4	98.1	101.3	102.8	107.5	106.7	110.2	106.9	105.7	109.6	123.7	136.0	99.4	101.9
Norway	84.3	85.3	86.2	95.9	95.5	111.3	108.7	104.0	106.6	98.3	100.9	106.9	124.5	94.0	85.4
Switzerland	86.6	86.9	86.7	98.3	96.6	99.8	97.9	97.4	92.3	91.2	99.2	104.2	119.6	93.3	86.5

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