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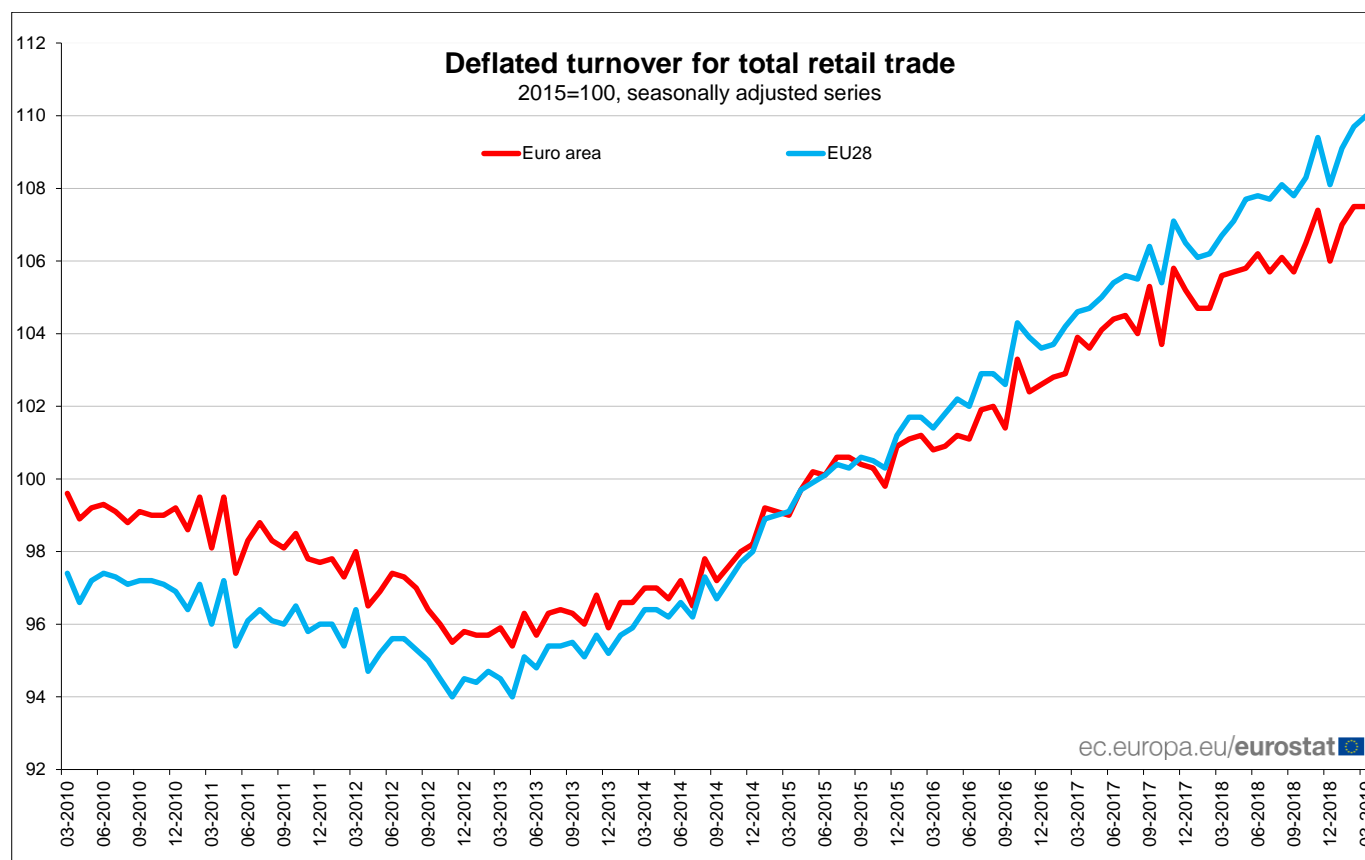
March 2019 compared with February 2019

Volume of retail trade unchanged in euro area

Up by 0.3% in EU28

In March 2019 compared with February 2019, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade remained unchanged in the **euro area** (EA19), and increased by 0.3% in the **EU28**, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In February 2019, the retail trade volume increased by 0.5% in both the **euro area** and **EU28**.

In March 2019 compared with March 2018, the calendar adjusted retail sales index increased by 1.9% in the **euro area** and by 2.9% in the **EU28**



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in March 2019, compared with February 2019, the volume of retail trade increased by 0.6% for food, drinks and tobacco, while automotive fuel decreased by 0.6% and non-food products by 0.4%. In the **EU28**, the retail trade volume increased by 0.5% for food, drinks and tobacco and by 0.2% for non-food products, while automotive fuel remained stable.

Among Member States for which data are available, the largest increases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Lithuania** (+1.7%), **Portugal** (+1.2%) and **the United Kingdom** (+1.1%). The highest decreases were observed in **Slovenia** (-3.1%), **Croatia** (-1.9%) and **Austria** (-0.8%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in March 2019, compared with March 2018, the volume of retail trade increased by 3.0% for non-food products, by 1.4% for automotive fuels and by 0.7% for food, drinks and tobacco. In the **EU28**, the retail trade volume increased by 4.4% for non-food products, by 4.1% for automotive fuel and by 0.4% 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 **Ireland** (+10.8%), **Romania** (+9.3%), **Croatia** and **Luxembourg** (both +8.6%). Decreases were observed for **Slovakia** (-2.0%), **Austria** (-1.0%) and **Belgium** (-0.9%)

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 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 [57/2019](#) of 3 April 2019. The monthly percentage change for February 2019 has been revised from +0.4% to +0.5% in the euro area and from +0.4% to +0.5% in the EU28. The annual percentage change has been revised from +2.8% to +3.0% in the euro area and from +3.3% to +3.4% 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*

	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19
EA19						
Total retail trade	0.8	0.8	-1.3	0.9	0.5	0.0
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.7	-0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.6
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.6	1.5	-2.2	1.6	1.1	-0.4
Textiles, clothing, footwear	1.1	2.3	-2.0	-0.5	2.4	0.1
Electrical goods and furniture	-0.3	0.8	-1.7	1.7	1.2	0.1
Computer equipment, books and other	1.2	0.3	-2.1	3.5	0.8	-0.5
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.7	0.8	-1.2	1.6	0.8	-1.8
Mail orders and internet	0.5	2.1	-3.9	1.6	0.9	0.5
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.7	0.5	-0.4	1.4	-0.4	-0.6
EU28						
Total retail trade	0.5	1.0	-1.2	0.9	0.5	0.3
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.4	0.0	0.5
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.4	1.6	-2.1	1.4	1.2	0.2
Textiles, clothing, footwear	0.6	2.4	-1.7	0.1	1.6	0.4
Electrical goods and furniture	-0.5	1.2	-2.4	1.3	1.4	0.6
Computer equipment, books and other	0.7	0.6	-2.5	3.0	0.8	-0.5
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	1.6	1.0	-2.0	2.8	0.8	-2.0
Mail orders and internet	0.7	2.0	-3.2	3.0	0.9	2.0
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.6	1.0	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.0

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

Total retail trade	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19
EA19	0.8	0.8	-1.3	0.9	0.5	0.0
EU28	0.5	1.0	-1.2	0.9	0.5	0.3
Belgium	0.8	1.4	-1.1	-1.3	1.8	-0.6
Bulgaria	0.8	0.6	-0.5	-0.4	-0.6	0.3
Czechia	0.9	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.4	c
Denmark	-1.2	1.5	-0.8	-0.8	0.9	0.6
Germany	0.8	1.6	-3.0	2.9	0.5	-0.2
Estonia	-0.7	2.2	-1.9	2.0	1.4	0.7
Ireland	-0.8	0.6	-0.3	0.9	1.8	0.4
Greece	-3.8	3.6	-1.0	-2.0	0.4	c
Spain	0.7	1.1	-1.1	0.7	0.6	0.3
France	1.1	0.0	-0.6	0.3	0.8	-0.1
Croatia	0.5	1.4	-0.6	1.4	4.4	-1.9
Italy	0.4	0.0	0.1	c	c	c
Cyprus	-1.3	2.9	-0.4	-0.1	0.3	c
Latvia	-0.7	2.4	-1.1	0.6	1.5	0.7
Lithuania	0.3	0.7	0.1	-0.2	1.2	1.7
Luxembourg	1.4	0.3	0.6	1.1	0.5	0.8
Hungary	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.9	0.2
Malta	0.4	0.4	-0.3	0.9	-0.1	-0.5
Netherlands	0.3	1.8	-2.2	0.4	1.2	c
Austria	1.3	-0.3	0.4	-0.9	0.7	-0.8
Poland	1.1	1.7	-1.1	1.1	1.4	0.1
Portugal	2.4	0.8	0.4	1.1	-0.7	1.2
Romania	1.7	1.0	-1.0	2.4	-0.1	0.6
Slovenia	8.7	-1.9	-0.8	-2.1	1.9	-3.1
Slovakia	1.3	0.2	-1.9	1.3	-1.7	-0.5
Finland	-0.7	1.7	0.3	-1.0	0.4	-0.2
Sweden	-0.9	1.7	-2.1	1.3	0.2	0.4
United Kingdom	-0.3	1.4	-1.0	0.6	0.8	1.1
Norway	-0.1	1.2	-2.1	1.6	-1.2	0.6
Switzerland	2.5	0.1	-0.4	-0.2	0.5	-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*

	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19
EA19						
Total retail trade	2.7	2.0	0.6	2.2	3.0	1.9
Food, drinks, tobacco	2.5	0.8	0.9	1.6	0.8	0.7
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	3.2	2.6	0.2	2.3	4.7	3.0
Textiles, clothing, footwear	1.2	-0.4	-1.8	-1.8	2.7	1.7
Electrical goods and furniture	1.3	1.6	0.0	1.7	3.9	3.3
Computer equipment, books and other	5.1	2.9	0.2	4.3	6.4	5.0
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	2.7	2.4	1.0	2.5	3.8	1.7
Mail orders and internet	9.7	8.2	1.2	6.4	9.3	6.8
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	1.4	2.0	1.5	3.9	2.5	1.4
EU28						
Total retail trade	2.8	2.6	1.2	2.5	3.4	2.9
Food, drinks, tobacco	2.1	1.2	0.7	2.0	1.1	0.4
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	3.5	3.4	1.1	2.8	5.1	4.4
Textiles, clothing, footwear	1.3	0.9	0.0	-0.5	3.6	3.3
Electrical goods and furniture	2.3	2.9	0.6	1.5	3.8	3.9
Computer equipment, books and other	4.2	2.6	-0.3	3.2	5.4	5.2
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	6.0	5.7	3.4	5.4	6.1	3.4
Mail orders and internet	9.1	8.9	3.6	8.9	11.2	11.3
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	2.1	3.3	2.4	4.2	3.7	4.1

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Total retail trade	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19
EA19	2.7	2.0	0.6	2.2	3.0	1.9
EU28	2.8	2.6	1.2	2.5	3.4	2.9
Belgium	0.4	-0.9	-1.0	-0.3	0.6	-0.9
Bulgaria	5.4	6.7	2.9	3.2	0.0	0.5
Czechia	5.2	5.0	4.3	5.0	5.1	c
Denmark	0.9	2.6	1.0	-0.4	1.3	1.9
Germany	1.9	2.1	-0.9	2.9	4.5	3.2
Estonia	1.9	4.9	0.2	5.5	5.3	5.5
Ireland	8.5	6.6	5.8	8.2	8.9	10.8
Greece	-4.1	2.9	-0.1	-3.2	-3.3	c
Spain	2.8	1.5	0.0	0.9	1.6	1.8
France	4.8	1.6	1.3	2.3	3.2	1.2
Croatia	5.7	7.1	5.6	5.0	11.4	8.6
Italy	0.6	1.1	0.3	c	c	c
Cyprus	0.4	4.9	4.1	1.6	1.7	c
Latvia	2.4	4.0	2.2	1.1	5.7	4.4
Lithuania	7.7	6.9	4.8	5.1	8.0	7.5
Luxembourg	4.2	4.1	4.4	7.6	8.6	8.6
Hungary	6.8	5.1	3.8	5.3	8.4	6.0
Malta	0.0	1.6	-1.0	4.6	4.5	1.3
Netherlands	2.8	3.6	1.6	1.2	3.5	c
Austria	2.5	-0.2	2.3	-0.1	2.0	-1.0
Poland	6.1	5.7	4.9	5.2	6.1	6.1
Portugal	6.3	4.8	3.7	6.0	5.3	4.3
Romania	5.9	7.0	3.2	7.5	9.4	9.3
Slovenia	14.2	9.6	11.7	9.0	12.2	6.0
Slovakia	6.0	5.4	0.6	4.5	0.1	-2.0
Finland	0.6	1.9	2.8	0.6	1.6	1.0
Sweden	0.5	2.3	-0.6	2.0	3.0	1.3
United Kingdom	2.1	3.4	1.9	3.1	3.7	4.6
Norway	0.6	0.5	-1.3	1.1	-0.9	-0.2
Switzerland	1.3	-0.5	-0.5	-0.3	0.1	-0.7

* Calendar adjusted

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

	03/18	04/18	05/18	06/18	07/18	08/18	09/18	10/18	11/18	12/18	01/19	02/19	03/19
EA19	105.6	105.7	105.8	106.2	105.7	106.1	105.7	106.5	107.4	106.0	107.0	107.5	107.5
EU28	106.7	107.1	107.7	107.8	107.7	108.1	107.8	108.3	109.4	108.1	109.1	109.7	110.0
Belgium	99.6	97.8	100.7	100.6	98.0	98.2	97.8	98.6	100.0	98.9	97.6	99.4	98.8
Bulgaria	114.8	115.7	116.3	116.6	116.7	117.2	117.1	118.0	118.7	118.1	117.6	116.9	117.3
Czechia	114.7	115.4	115.8	115.8	116.6	117.0	117.0	118.1	118.5	118.8	119.4	119.9	c
Denmark	103.1	102.8	104.1	104.1	103.4	103.9	104.7	103.4	104.9	104.1	103.3	104.2	104.8
Germany	106.5	109.0	106.9	107.8	107.5	107.3	107.1	108.0	109.7	106.4	109.5	110.0	109.8
Estonia	107.0	104.2	107.3	105.4	106.4	107.1	108.7	107.9	110.3	108.2	110.4	111.9	112.7
Ireland	110.8	113.5	115.3	115.8	114.9	115.9	117.8	116.9	117.6	117.2	118.3	120.4	120.9
Greece	101.5	102.3	102.7	102.5	103.8	102.9	102.4	98.5	102.0	101.0	99.0	99.4	c
Spain	105.7	105.2	105.2	105.8	104.9	105.5	105.0	105.7	106.9	105.7	106.4	107.0	107.3
France	110.2	108.4	109.6	110.2	109.4	111.1	109.8	111.0	111.0	110.3	110.6	111.5	111.4
Croatia	107.3	107.8	111.1	109.0	109.1	110.3	110.7	111.2	112.8	112.1	113.7	118.7	116.5
Italy	99.8	98.9	99.7	99.7	99.6	99.7	99.6	100.0	100.0	100.1	c	c	c
Cyprus	117.6	115.7	117.3	118.2	117.2	117.1	117.7	116.2	119.6	119.1	119.0	119.4	c
Latvia	110.2	109.0	112.3	111.0	111.0	109.6	111.3	110.5	113.1	111.8	112.5	114.2	115.0
Lithuania	116.2	117.8	119.3	118.7	119.1	120.1	120.1	120.5	121.3	121.4	121.2	122.6	124.7
Luxembourg	35.0	34.7	35.1	35.3	35.5	35.7	35.6	36.1	36.2	36.4	36.8	37.0	37.3
Hungary	116.2	116.6	117.6	118.0	118.2	119.2	119.4	120.2	120.6	121.0	121.8	122.9	123.1
Malta	109.3	108.4	109.4	109.2	109.2	109.4	109.2	109.6	110.0	109.7	110.7	110.6	110.1
Netherlands	106.3	108.7	107.9	107.7	108.6	107.9	107.8	108.1	110.0	107.6	108.0	109.3	c
Austria	103.3	103.1	102.8	102.4	101.9	102.9	101.9	103.2	102.9	103.3	102.4	103.1	102.3
Poland	117.3	118.8	120.0	120.3	119.9	119.1	119.3	120.6	122.6	121.2	122.5	124.2	124.3
Portugal	111.6	108.4	112.4	111.1	110.6	111.8	110.4	113.0	113.9	114.4	115.7	114.9	116.3
Romania	127.8	130.5	133.1	132.6	131.1	131.1	133.3	135.5	136.8	135.5	138.8	138.7	139.6
Slovenia	114.1	111.2	115.6	116.5	115.5	116.5	118.3	128.6	126.2	125.2	122.6	124.9	121.0
Slovakia	112.5	111.4	112.3	111.4	112.3	112.3	112.5	114.0	114.2	112.0	113.4	111.5	110.9
Finland	106.4	105.4	108.0	105.4	106.4	106.3	107.0	106.3	108.1	108.4	107.3	107.7	107.5
Sweden	105.9	107.0	106.7	104.9	104.9	106.3	106.8	105.8	107.6	105.3	106.7	106.9	107.3
United Kingdom	106.3	107.7	109.8	109.3	110.5	110.8	110.4	110.1	111.6	110.5	111.2	112.1	113.3
Norway	102.4	103.1	105.1	102.1	102.6	102.9	102.3	102.2	103.4	101.2	102.8	101.6	102.2
Switzerland	98.8	99.3	98.1	98.6	97.8	97.9	95.9	98.3	98.4	98.0	97.8	98.3	98.0

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

	03/16	03/17	03/18	04/18	05/18	06/18	07/18	08/18	09/18	10/18	11/18	12/18	01/19	02/19	03/19
EA19	98.8	101.8	103.5	103.1	105.1	105.6	105.9	107.8	102.9	107.8	108.7	126.8	101.8	95.5	105.5
EU28	98.8	101.7	104.1	104.3	107.1	107.3	108.2	109.1	104.9	109.5	112.7	129.7	101.6	97.3	107.1
Belgium	99.0	100.5	100.4	97.4	102.1	102.2	100.2	91.8	95.6	100.5	97.5	118.1	97.1	87.5	99.5
Bulgaria	100.3	108.6	111.0	111.9	117.7	120.2	124.7	127.9	119.1	122.0	120.6	130.7	102.6	96.4	111.6
Czechia	100.5	108.3	113.3	112.2	117.2	115.7	112.7	114.0	115.0	119.4	129.3	145.1	107.9	103.8	c
Denmark	96.8	98.1	99.9	102.8	109.1	105.8	102.2	104.4	100.3	101.4	110.5	127.1	94.2	88.5	101.8
Germany	102.2	107.6	107.8	109.5	106.8	106.1	107.9	103.3	103.7	109.8	114.7	125.3	101.3	98.5	111.3
Estonia	97.6	102.2	103.8	100.8	112.3	109.8	113.5	111.5	106.8	109.0	107.7	122.3	101.1	95.3	109.5
Ireland	95.7	95.0	98.2	102.6	107.7	113.3	111.8	113.8	113.2	112.9	130.0	159.6	109.9	114.3	108.8
Greece	94.6	93.6	94.9	101.9	98.2	102.8	110.3	109.3	102.1	95.3	98.7	116.3	92.5	95.9	c
Spain	98.9	100.4	102.1	100.7	102.6	106.8	114.2	104.0	102.4	104.9	104.8	123.3	107.4	94.1	103.9
France	98.3	101.8	106.6	105.1	108.1	109.9	95.9	125.9	105.9	112.5	110.4	136.2	106.8	98.8	107.9
Croatia	92.8	97.3	99.2	104.1	111.9	114.6	133.3	135.8	116.0	110.3	103.1	118.7	92.0	92.2	107.7
Italy	96.4	96.7	96.0	93.0	98.9	97.4	107.0	98.8	97.9	102.6	100.8	121.1	c	c	c
Cyprus	96.0	99.5	109.5	112.1	116.7	123.1	128.3	120.4	119.6	114.7	115.7	143.3	107.3	100.1	c
Latvia	96.8	98.9	105.1	104.6	114.4	112.9	119.3	118.6	112.4	112.5	109.5	126.7	102.2	97.5	109.7
Lithuania	99.4	106.3	111.7	113.2	122.4	120.0	125.6	129.0	119.5	123.1	118.6	139.1	110.1	105.0	120.1
Luxembourg	48.1	34.3	36.0	33.9	35.1	35.6	37.0	32.4	34.3	36.9	35.7	42.5	35.2	32.7	39.1
Hungary	100.6	106.4	114.0	113.9	120.2	120.7	120.8	125.1	119.0	124.4	121.9	143.3	104.8	103.0	120.8
Malta	95.3	101.2	103.2	105.1	110.7	111.5	113.8	109.9	107.8	112.0	110.2	127.9	104.2	98.9	104.5
Netherlands	98.2	102.0	104.1	107.5	111.2	110.5	111.5	104.6	104.6	110.0	111.8	123.5	103.4	94.9	c
Austria	101.1	103.7	104.2	102.8	101.4	100.7	103.4	101.2	99.0	106.2	103.5	122.2	95.8	92.8	103.2
Poland	104.4	112.0	118.8	119.1	120.8	121.1	122.4	121.7	120.0	124.6	118.3	140.4	109.4	108.6	126.0
Portugal	95.7	100.9	106.4	101.3	109.7	109.2	119.4	121.5	109.5	112.3	113.4	138.8	106.8	99.6	111.0
Romania	105.5	115.5	120.5	128.9	132.8	132.1	138.1	142.7	138.8	140.6	145.1	152.7	117.8	114.4	131.7
Slovenia	98.9	111.8	112.6	108.3	113.0	118.5	119.4	119.2	121.9	134.3	124.1	139.3	114.6	110.1	119.3
Slovakia	100.4	106.4	111.8	108.7	113.6	113.7	110.8	111.4	111.7	117.8	119.4	130.1	103.5	98.6	109.6
Finland	96.9	98.4	101.4	101.1	112.3	110.2	113.8	109.5	103.8	105.6	106.9	132.2	95.3	90.1	102.4
Sweden	97.8	99.3	102.3	105.0	111.8	110.9	108.8	107.8	103.0	106.4	109.7	123.3	95.2	90.2	103.6
United Kingdom	97.3	97.8	101.4	102.8	107.5	106.7	110.2	106.8	105.8	109.6	123.6	136.1	99.2	101.9	106.1
Norway	92.6	94.8	95.9	95.5	111.2	108.7	104.0	106.6	98.3	100.9	106.9	124.5	94.0	85.4	95.7
Switzerland	97.2	99.5	98.3	96.6	99.8	97.9	97.4	92.3	91.2	99.2	104.3	119.6	93.2	86.8	97.6

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