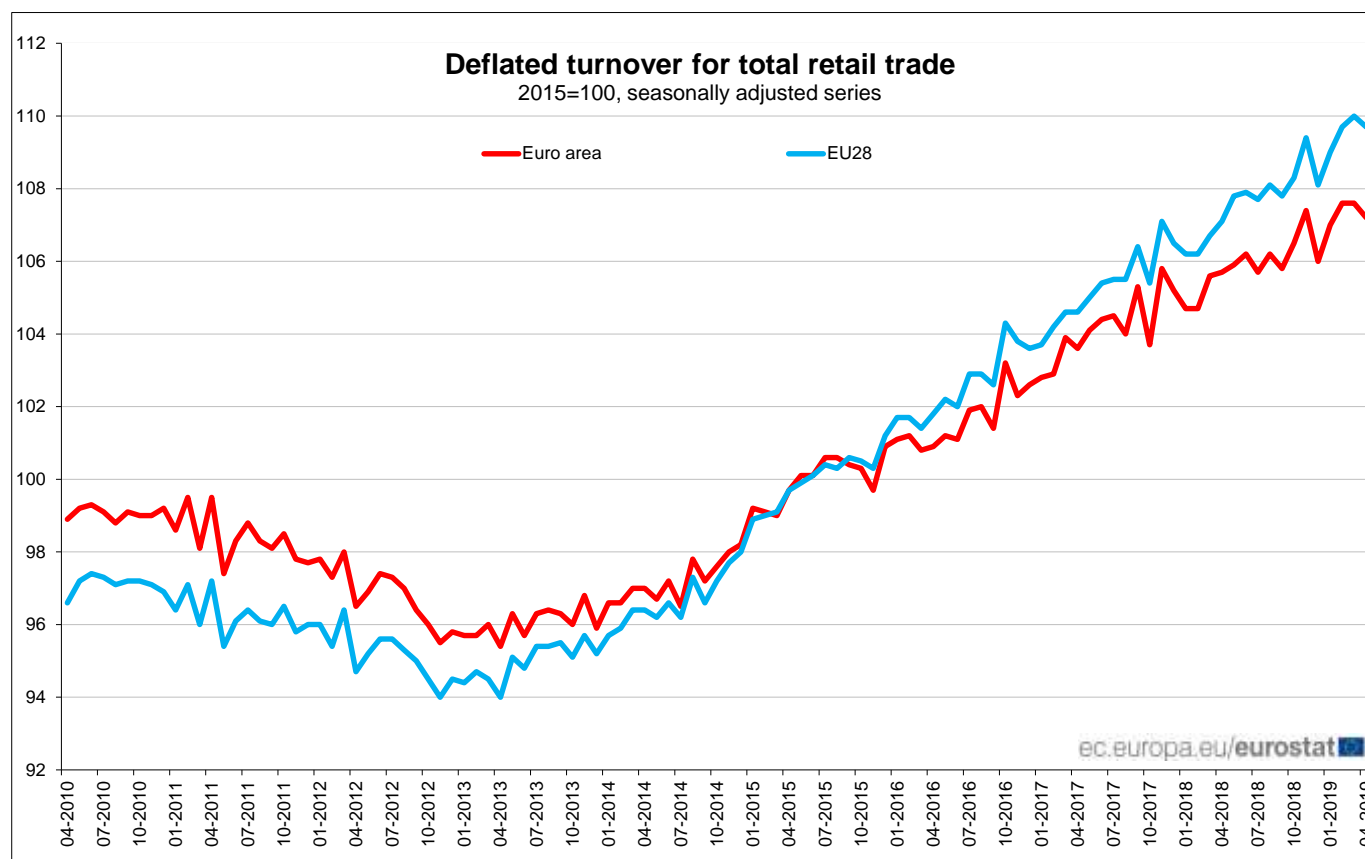April 2019 compared with March 2019

Volume of retail trade down by 0.4% in euro area
Down by 0.3% in EU28

In April 2019 compared with March 2019, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade decreased by 0.4% in the **euro area** (EA19) and by 0.3% in the **EU28**, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In March 2019, the retail trade volume remained unchanged in the **euro area** and increased by 0.3% in **the EU28**.

In April 2019 compared with April 2018 the calendar adjusted retail sales index increased by 1.5% in the **euro area** and by 2.9% in the **EU28**

Deflated turnover for total retail trade
2015=100, seasonally adjusted series

Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in April 2019, compared with March 2019, the volume of retail trade decreased by 0.4% for food, drinks and tobacco and for non-food products, while automotive fuel increased by 0.1%. In the **EU28**, the retail trade volume decreased by 0.4% for non-food products and by 0.2% for food, drinks and tobacco and for automotive fuel.

Among Member States for which data are available, the largest decreases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Germany** (-2.0%), **Portugal** (-1.0%) and **Croatia** (-0.9%). The highest increases were observed in **Sweden** (+2.4%), **Slovenia** (+2.0%) and **Malta** (+1.7%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in April 2019, compared with April 2018, the volume of retail trade increased by 1.5% for food, drinks and tobacco, by 1.3% for automotive fuel and by 1.2% for non-food products. In the **EU28**, the retail trade volume increased by 3.0% for non-food products, by 2.7% for food, drinks and tobacco and by 1.9% for automotive fuel.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest yearly increases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Slovenia** (+12.7%), **Lithuania** (+10.2%) and **Ireland** (+10.1%). Decreases were observed for **Germany** (-0.9%) and **Bulgaria** (-0.2%)

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 80/2019 of 6 May 2019. The monthly percentage change for March 2019 remained at 0.0% in the euro area and at +0.3% in the EU28. The annual percentage change has been revised from +1.9% to +2.0% in the euro area and remained at +2.9% 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
(See file EU-28_EA-19 _NEWS_RELEASE_WEIGHTINGS_2015)
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Volume of retail trade
% change compared with the previous month*

	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19
EA19						
Total retail trade	0.8	-1.3	0.9	0.6	0.0	**-0.4**
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.4	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.4	**-0.4**
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	1.4	-2.2	1.6	1.1	-0.2	**-0.4**
Textiles, clothing, footwear	2.1	-1.9	-0.5	2.3	0.2	**-1.5**
Electrical goods and furniture	0.8	-1.7	1.8	0.8	0.6	**-0.6**
Computer equipment, books and other	0.2	-2.0	3.4	1.1	-1.1	**0.6**
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.8	-1.2	1.6	0.5	-1.7	**0.7**
Mail orders and internet	1.9	-3.7	1.6	1.4	2.0	**-3.1**
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.5	-0.4	1.4	-0.5	-0.7	**0.1**
EU28						
Total retail trade	1.0	-1.2	0.8	0.6	0.3	**-0.3**
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.5	**-0.2**
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	1.5	-2.1	1.4	1.2	0.4	**-0.4**
Textiles, clothing, footwear	2.4	-1.6	-0.1	1.6	0.4	**-0.6**
Electrical goods and furniture	1.3	-2.4	1.4	1.3	1.0	**-1.0**
Computer equipment, books and other	0.6	-2.2	2.8	1.3	-1.0	**1.3**
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	1.0	-2.0	2.4	0.4	-1.8	**0.5**
Mail orders and internet	1.9	-3.1	2.9	1.2	3.0	**-2.0**
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	1.0	0.2	0.8	0.1	-0.2	**-0.2**

The source dataset is available here.

Total retail trade	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19
EA19	0.8	-1.3	0.9	0.6	0.0	**-0.4**
EU28	1.0	-1.2	0.8	0.6	0.3	**-0.3**
Belgium	1.4	-1.1	-1.3	1.8	-0.7	**0.3**
Bulgaria	0.6	-0.5	-0.4	-0.6	0.2	**-0.2**
Czechia	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.6	**c**
Denmark	1.5	-0.8	-0.7	1.1	0.7	**-0.2**
Germany	1.6	-2.9	2.8	0.5	0.0	**-2.0**
Estonia	2.2	-1.9	2.0	1.4	0.7	**0.1**
Ireland	0.6	-0.3	0.9	1.8	-0.1	**0.3**
Greece	3.6	-0.9	-1.9	0.6	4.0	**c**
Spain	1.1	-1.2	0.7	0.6	0.2	**-0.7**
France	-0.1	-0.5	0.2	0.9	-0.3	**0.4**
Croatia	1.5	-0.4	1.2	1.6	-0.2	**-0.9**
Italy	0.1	-0.1	0.5	c	c	**c**
Cyprus	2.8	-0.4	-0.8	1.2	1.3	**c**
Latvia	2.4	-1.2	0.7	1.5	0.8	**0.9**
Lithuania	0.7	0.1	-0.2	1.2	2.7	**1.5**
Luxembourg	0.3	0.0	0.0	1.7	-1.1	**0.8**
Hungary	0.2	0.4	0.7	1.0	0.2	**0.6**
Malta	0.3	0.2	1.4	0.1	0.3	**1.7**
Netherlands	1.7	-2.0	0.3	1.1	0.3	**c**
Austria	-0.3	0.4	-0.9	0.7	-0.4	**1.3**
Poland	1.7	-1.1	-0.5	2.0	0.5	**0.0**
Portugal	0.8	0.4	1.1	-1.0	1.7	**-1.0**
Romania	1.0	-1.0	2.4	-0.1	0.6	**-0.1**
Slovenia	-1.8	-0.6	-2.1	1.9	-2.3	**2.0**
Slovakia	0.3	-1.9	1.3	-1.7	-0.4	**1.6**
Finland	1.7	0.4	-1.0	0.7	0.0	**0.5**
Sweden	1.7	-2.0	1.2	0.3	0.4	**2.4**
United Kingdom	1.4	-1.0	0.8	0.7	1.2	**-0.4**
Norway	1.2	-2.0	1.6	-1.2	0.7	**1.8**
Switzerland	0.1	-0.4	-0.2	0.3	0.0	**0.2**

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

	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19
EA19						
Total retail trade	2.0	0.6	2.2	3.0	2.0	**1.5**
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.8	0.9	1.6	0.9	0.4	**1.5**
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	2.7	0.2	2.3	4.6	3.4	**1.2**
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-0.4	-1.8	-1.8	2.9	1.9	**-4.3**
Electrical goods and furniture	1.6	0.0	1.7	3.8	3.8	**1.8**
Computer equipment, books and other	2.9	0.2	4.2	6.6	4.9	**3.4**
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	2.5	1.1	2.5	3.5	1.2	**1.2**
Mail orders and internet	8.3	1.3	6.4	9.5	9.5	**3.3**
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	2.0	1.5	3.9	2.5	1.5	**1.3**
EU28						
Total retail trade	2.6	1.2	2.5	3.3	2.9	**2.9**
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.1	0.8	1.9	1.1	0.3	**2.7**
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	3.4	1.1	2.7	5.1	4.8	**3.0**
Textiles, clothing, footwear	0.9	-0.1	-0.6	3.6	3.4	**-0.9**
Electrical goods and furniture	2.9	0.6	1.7	3.9	4.6	**2.5**
Computer equipment, books and other	2.5	-0.3	3.1	5.8	5.3	**4.1**
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	6.2	4.0	5.4	5.7	3.0	**3.1**
Mail orders and internet	8.9	3.6	8.8	11.3	13.1	**8.5**
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	3.3	2.4	4.0	3.6	3.9	**1.9**

The source dataset is available here

Total retail trade	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19
EA19	2.0	0.6	2.2	3.0	2.0	**1.5**
EU28	2.6	1.2	2.5	3.3	2.9	**2.9**
Belgium	-0.9	-0.9	-0.3	0.6	-1.0	**0.9**
Bulgaria	6.7	2.9	3.2	0.0	0.5	**-0.2**
Czechia	5.0	4.3	5.0	5.1	5.9	**c**
Denmark	2.6	1.0	-0.4	1.6	2.4	**2.1**
Germany	2.1	-0.9	2.8	4.3	3.3	**-0.9**
Estonia	4.9	0.2	5.5	5.3	5.5	**8.2**
Ireland	6.6	5.8	8.2	8.9	10.3	**10.1**
Greece	2.9	-0.1	-3.2	-3.1	4.6	**c**
Spain	1.5	0.0	0.9	1.7	1.6	**0.9**
France	1.6	1.3	2.3	3.2	1.2	**3.1**
Croatia	7.1	5.6	5.0	11.4	8.4	**5.3**
Italy	1.1	0.3	2.1	c	c	**c**
Cyprus	4.9	4.1	0.3	2.2	3.4	**c**
Latvia	4.0	2.2	1.1	5.7	4.5	**7.0**
Lithuania	6.9	4.8	5.1	8.0	8.1	**10.2**
Luxembourg	6.7	4.9	2.7	9.0	2.8	**3.8**
Hungary	5.0	3.8	5.4	8.4	6.3	**7.1**
Malta	1.3	-1.1	5.4	5.1	3.8	**8.7**
Netherlands	3.6	1.6	1.1	3.4	3.0	**c**
Austria	-0.3	2.3	0.0	2.0	-0.4	**1.2**
Poland	5.7	4.9	3.3	4.8	5.5	**4.1**
Portugal	4.8	3.7	6.0	5.0	4.6	**6.7**
Romania	7.0	3.2	7.5	9.4	9.5	**6.3**
Slovenia	9.5	11.8	8.9	12.1	7.1	**12.7**
Slovakia	5.4	0.6	4.5	0.1	-2.0	**1.8**
Finland	1.7	2.7	0.6	2.1	1.7	**3.3**
Sweden	2.3	-0.6	2.0	2.7	1.3	**3.7**
United Kingdom	3.4	1.9	3.1	3.7	4.7	**7.4**
Norway	0.5	-1.3	1.0	-0.9	0.0	**1.6**
Switzerland	-0.5	-0.5	-0.3	-0.2	-0.6	**-0.7**

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

	04/18	05/18	06/18	07/18	08/18	09/18	10/18	11/18	12/18	01/19	02/19	03/19	04/19
EA19	105.7	105.9	106.2	105.7	106.2	105.8	106.5	107.4	106.0	107.0	107.6	107.6	**107.2**
EU28	107.1	107.8	107.9	107.7	108.1	107.8	108.3	109.4	108.1	109.0	109.7	110.0	**109.7**
Belgium	98.0	100.7	100.5	98.0	98.2	97.7	98.6	100.0	98.9	97.6	99.4	98.7	**99.0**
Bulgaria	115.7	116.3	116.6	116.7	117.2	117.1	118.0	118.7	118.1	117.6	116.9	117.1	**116.9**
Czechia	115.3	115.8	115.8	116.6	117.0	117.0	118.2	118.6	118.9	119.6	120.1	120.8	**c**
Denmark	102.7	104.1	104.1	103.4	103.9	104.7	103.4	104.9	104.1	103.4	104.5	105.2	**105.0**
Germany	109.1	107.0	107.9	107.5	107.4	107.3	108.0	109.7	106.5	109.5	110.0	110.0	**107.8**
Estonia	104.2	107.3	105.4	106.4	107.1	108.7	107.9	110.3	108.2	110.4	111.9	112.7	**112.8**
Ireland	113.5	115.3	115.8	114.9	115.9	117.8	116.9	117.6	117.2	118.3	120.4	120.3	**120.7**
Greece	102.0	102.6	102.4	103.7	103.0	102.6	98.8	102.4	101.5	99.6	100.2	104.2	**c**
Spain	105.4	105.2	105.8	104.9	105.5	104.9	105.7	106.9	105.6	106.3	106.9	107.1	**106.4**
France	108.5	109.7	110.3	109.4	111.1	109.8	111.1	111.0	110.4	110.6	111.6	111.3	**111.8**
Croatia	108.5	111.2	109.0	109.1	110.3	110.9	111.4	113.1	112.6	114.0	115.8	115.6	**114.6**
Italy	98.7	99.7	99.7	99.6	99.7	99.6	100.0	100.1	100.0	100.5	c	c	**c**
Cyprus	115.7	117.3	118.2	117.1	117.0	117.7	116.2	119.5	119.0	118.1	119.5	121.0	**c**
Latvia	108.8	112.2	110.9	110.9	109.6	111.3	110.6	113.2	111.8	112.6	114.3	115.2	**116.2**
Lithuania	117.8	119.3	118.7	119.1	120.1	120.1	120.5	121.3	121.4	121.2	122.6	125.9	**127.8**
Luxembourg	34.9	35.2	35.4	35.5	35.7	35.5	36.1	36.2	36.2	36.2	36.8	36.4	**36.7**
Hungary	116.4	117.4	117.8	118.1	119.1	119.4	120.2	120.5	121.0	121.8	123.0	123.3	**124.1**
Malta	107.5	109.0	109.0	109.2	109.6	109.7	110.6	110.9	111.1	112.7	112.8	113.1	**115.0**
Netherlands	108.3	107.8	107.6	108.5	107.9	107.9	108.2	110.0	107.8	108.1	109.3	109.6	**c**
Austria	102.9	102.9	102.3	101.9	103.0	101.9	103.3	103.0	103.4	102.5	103.2	102.8	**104.1**
Poland	118.8	120.0	120.3	119.9	119.1	119.3	120.6	122.6	121.2	120.6	123.0	123.6	**123.6**
Portugal	108.4	112.4	111.1	110.6	111.8	110.4	113.0	113.9	114.4	115.7	114.6	116.6	**115.4**
Romania	130.5	133.1	132.6	131.1	131.1	133.3	135.5	136.8	135.5	138.8	138.7	139.6	**139.4**
Slovenia	110.6	115.5	116.5	115.5	116.5	118.5	128.5	126.2	125.5	122.9	125.2	122.3	**124.7**
Slovakia	111.0	112.2	111.2	112.3	112.2	112.5	114.1	114.4	112.2	113.7	111.8	111.3	**113.1**
Finland	105.2	107.9	105.3	106.3	106.2	106.9	106.3	108.1	108.5	107.4	108.1	108.1	**108.6**
Sweden	106.4	106.8	104.9	104.9	106.2	106.8	105.8	107.6	105.5	106.8	107.1	107.5	**110.1**
United Kingdom	107.5	109.8	109.3	110.5	110.9	110.3	110.0	111.5	110.4	111.3	112.1	113.5	**113.1**
Norway	102.8	105.1	102.1	102.6	102.9	102.4	102.2	103.4	101.3	102.9	101.7	102.4	**104.2**
Switzerland	99.1	98.1	98.6	97.8	97.9	95.9	98.3	98.4	98.0	97.8	98.1	98.1	**98.3**

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

	04/16	04/17	04/18	05/18	06/18	07/18	08/18	09/18	10/18	11/18	12/18	01/19	02/19	03/19	04/19
EA19	98.7	101.2	103.1	105.1	105.6	105.9	107.8	102.9	107.8	108.7	126.9	101.8	95.5	105.6	**104.6**
EU28	99.5	102.6	104.3	107.1	107.3	108.2	109.1	105.0	109.5	112.7	129.7	101.6	97.3	107.1	**107.3**
Belgium	99.1	98.8	97.4	102.1	102.2	100.2	91.9	95.6	100.5	97.5	118.1	97.1	87.5	99.4	**98.3**
Bulgaria	103.8	106.9	111.9	117.7	120.2	124.7	127.9	119.1	122.0	120.6	130.7	102.6	96.4	111.6	**111.7**
Czechia	101.4	106.7	112.2	117.2	115.7	112.7	114.0	115.0	119.4	129.3	145.1	107.9	103.8	120.0	**c**
Denmark	101.7	102.8	102.8	109.1	105.8	102.2	104.4	100.3	101.4	110.5	127.1	94.2	88.8	102.3	**105.0**
Germany	101.0	105.0	109.6	106.9	106.2	107.9	103.4	103.8	109.8	114.7	125.4	101.3	98.5	111.5	**108.6**
Estonia	100.3	102.8	100.8	112.3	109.8	113.5	111.5	106.8	109.0	107.7	122.3	101.1	95.3	109.5	**109.1**
Ireland	96.3	99.5	102.6	107.7	113.3	111.8	113.8	113.2	112.9	130.0	159.6	109.9	114.3	108.3	**113.0**
Greece	98.2	100.3	101.9	98.2	102.8	110.3	109.3	102.1	95.3	98.7	116.3	92.5	96.1	99.3	**c**
Spain	99.4	100.6	100.7	102.6	106.8	114.2	104.0	102.4	104.9	104.8	123.3	107.4	94.2	103.8	**101.6**
France	99.0	102.7	105.1	108.1	109.9	95.9	125.9	105.9	112.5	110.4	136.3	106.9	98.8	107.8	**108.4**
Croatia	98.7	99.1	103.9	111.9	114.6	133.3	135.8	116.0	110.3	103.1	118.7	92.0	92.2	107.6	**109.4**
Italy	96.0	95.2	93.0	98.9	97.4	107.0	98.8	97.9	102.6	100.8	121.1	95.8	c	c	**c**
Cyprus	103.1	107.3	112.1	116.6	123.1	128.3	120.4	119.6	114.7	115.7	143.3	105.9	100.6	113.2	**c**
Latvia	98.0	101.5	104.6	114.4	112.9	119.3	118.6	112.4	112.5	109.5	126.7	102.2	97.5	109.8	**111.9**
Lithuania	101.6	105.7	113.2	122.4	120.0	125.6	129.0	119.5	123.1	118.6	139.1	110.1	105.0	120.8	**124.8**
Luxembourg	47.3	34.1	34.0	35.1	35.7	37.0	32.5	34.4	37.5	36.5	42.6	33.7	32.8	37.1	**35.3**
Hungary	102.4	107.3	113.8	119.6	120.1	120.8	125.0	119.1	124.4	121.8	143.5	104.8	103.0	121.1	**121.9**
Malta	99.0	107.0	105.1	110.8	111.5	114.0	110.1	107.8	113.0	109.9	127.8	105.0	99.4	107.1	**114.2**
Netherlands	98.2	102.3	107.4	111.2	110.5	111.4	104.6	104.6	110.0	111.8	123.6	103.3	94.8	107.3	**c**
Austria	100.3	101.4	102.9	101.4	100.7	103.4	101.2	99.0	106.2	103.5	122.2	95.9	92.8	103.7	**104.1**
Poland	106.2	110.4	119.1	120.8	121.1	122.4	121.7	120.0	124.6	118.3	140.4	107.4	107.3	125.3	**124.0**
Portugal	95.9	99.9	101.3	109.7	109.2	119.4	121.5	109.5	112.3	113.4	138.8	106.8	99.3	111.3	**108.1**
Romania	114.0	120.2	128.9	132.8	132.1	138.1	142.7	138.8	140.6	145.1	152.7	117.8	114.4	132.0	**137.0**
Slovenia	101.0	109.5	108.3	113.0	118.5	119.4	119.2	122.0	134.3	124.0	139.4	114.5	110.0	120.6	**122.1**
Slovakia	99.4	105.7	108.7	113.6	113.7	110.8	111.4	111.7	117.8	119.4	130.1	103.5	98.6	109.6	**110.7**
Finland	97.1	100.3	101.1	112.2	110.1	113.7	109.5	103.7	105.6	106.8	132.1	95.3	90.6	103.1	**104.4**
Sweden	99.6	101.2	105.1	111.7	110.9	108.8	107.8	103.0	106.4	109.7	123.3	95.2	90.0	103.5	**109.0**
United Kingdom	99.5	104.4	102.7	107.5	106.8	110.2	106.9	105.7	109.6	123.6	136.0	99.2	101.9	106.2	**110.3**
Norway	91.7	93.8	95.6	111.4	108.7	104.0	106.6	98.3	100.9	106.9	124.5	94.0	85.4	95.8	**97.1**
Switzerland	95.0	93.8	96.6	99.8	97.9	97.4	92.3	91.2	99.2	104.3	119.7	93.2	86.5	97.6	**95.9**

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