

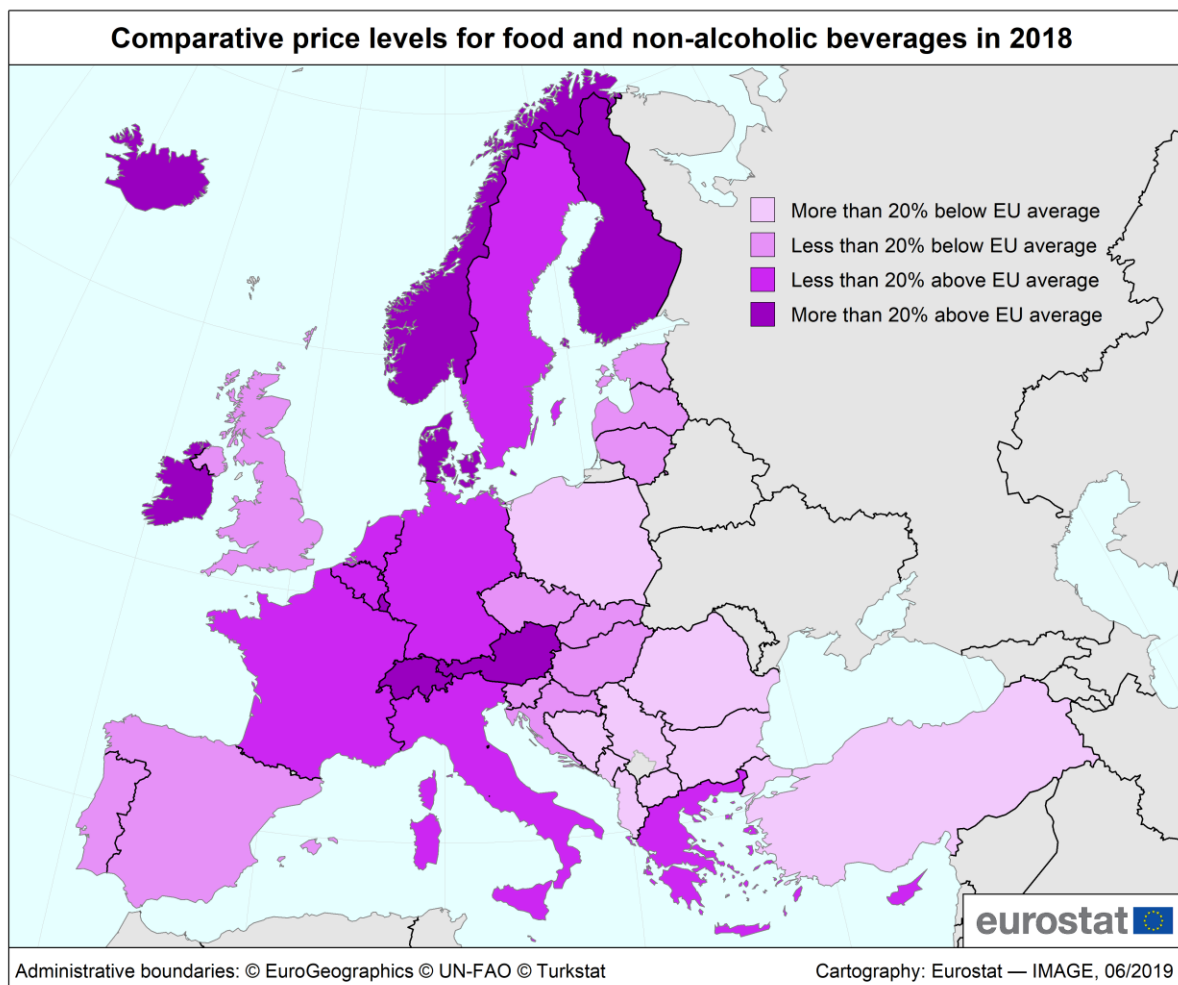
Consumer price levels in 2018

Price levels of food ranged from 66% of the EU average in Romania to 130% in Denmark in 2018

In 2018, the price level of a comparable basket of food and non-alcoholic beverages across the **European Union (EU)** was twice as high in the most expensive Member State than in the cheapest one.

Denmark had the highest price level for food and non-alcoholic beverages in the **EU** in 2018, at 130% of the EU average, followed by **Luxembourg** and **Austria** (both 125%), **Ireland** and **Finland** (both 120%) and **Sweden** (117%). At the opposite end of the scale, the lowest price levels were observed in **Romania** (66%), **Poland** (69%), **Bulgaria** (76%), **Lithuania** (82%), **Czechia** (84%) and **Hungary** (85%).

These data are published by **Eurostat**, the statistical office of the **European Union**.



Highest price disparities for tobacco

Comparative data on consumer price levels are also available for more detailed breakdowns of food products. For bread and cereals, price levels ranged from 54% of the EU average in **Romania** to 152% in **Denmark**; for meat from 63% in **Poland** and **Romania** to 146% in **Austria**; and for milk, cheese & eggs from 71% in **Poland** to 136% in **Cyprus**.

The price levels for alcoholic beverages ranged from one to almost two and a half. The lowest price levels were registered in **Bulgaria** and **Romania** (both 74% of the EU average) and **Hungary** (77%), and the highest in **Finland** (182%), **Ireland** (177%) and **Sweden** (152%).

For tobacco, the price levels were four times higher in the most expensive Member State than in the cheapest. The lowest price levels were observed in **Bulgaria** (49% of the EU average), **Poland** (60%) and **Croatia** (62%), and the highest in the **United Kingdom** (204%), **Ireland** (201%) and **France** (141%).

EU Member States with highest and lowest price level indices for selected products, 2018

	Rank	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	Rank	Alcoholic beverages	Rank	Tobacco
Highest price levels	1	Denmark	1	Finland	1	United Kingdom
	2=	Luxembourg	2	Ireland	2	Ireland
		Austria	3	Sweden	3	France
Lowest price levels	26	Bulgaria	26	Hungary	26	Croatia
	27	Poland	27=	Bulgaria	27	Poland
	28	Romania		Romania	28	Bulgaria
	Rank	Bread and cereals	Rank	Meat	Rank	Milk, cheese and eggs
Highest price levels	1	Denmark	1	Austria	1	Cyprus
	2	Austria	2	Luxembourg	2	Greece
	3=	Luxembourg Finland	3	France	3	Luxembourg
Lowest price levels	26	Poland	26	Bulgaria	26=	Czechia United Kingdom
	27	Bulgaria	27=	Poland	27	Lithuania
	28	Romania		Romania	28	Poland

Geographical information

The **European Union** (EU) 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 data in this article are based on the results of a price survey covering 440 products across Europe, which is part of the Eurostat-OECD Purchasing Power Parity program. **Price level indices** (PLIs) provide a comparison of countries' price levels relative to the European Union average: if the price level index is higher than 100, the country concerned is relatively more expensive than the EU average, while if the price level index is lower than 100, then the country is relatively cheaper than the EU average.

The results refer to the survey on food, beverage and tobacco prices carried out in 2018 in 37 participating countries.

For more information

Eurostat [website section](#) dedicated to purchasing power parities.

Eurostat [database](#) on purchasing power parities.

Eurostat [metadata](#) on purchasing power parities.

Eurostat [Statistics Explained article](#) on comparative price levels for food, beverages and tobacco.

Eurostat "[Theme in the spotlight](#)" website section highlighting some facts and figures about comparative price levels in the EU.

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Comparative price level indices for selected products in 2018, EU = 100

	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	Of which:			Alcoholic beverages	Tobacco
		Bread and cereals	Meat	Milk, cheese and eggs		
EU	100	100	100	100	100	100
Belgium	114	115	126	113	106	102
Bulgaria	76	62	64	98	74	49
Czechia	84	80	76	92	82	68
Denmark	130	152	121	117	124	102
Germany	102	102	106	97	89	101
Estonia	95	95	84	103	126	68
Ireland	120	119	105	121	177	201
Greece	106	114	91	134	133	80
Spain	95	108	89	96	84	83
France	115	111	131	100	94	141
Croatia	97	103	85	96	101	62
Italy	111	118	120	115	100	88
Cyprus	108	123	89	136	103	82
Latvia	93	86	76	107	109	65
Lithuania	82	81	71	90	94	63
Luxembourg	125	127	142	131	93	85
Hungary	85	77	75	93	77	63
Malta	112	111	98	117	109	94
Netherlands	101	90	123	102	100	110
Austria	125	135	146	107	101	89
Poland	69	68	63	71	86	60
Portugal	99	98	83	109	102	86
Romania	66	54	63	93	74	69
Slovenia	97	104	97	102	93	68
Slovakia	94	88	79	100	90	64
Finland	120	127	122	116	182	117
Sweden	117	123	119	113	152	108
United Kingdom	94	86	95	92	129	204
Iceland	148	156	165	165	268	187
Norway	163	167	155	174	252	222
Switzerland	160	163	228	136	118	121
Montenegro	78	74	62	83	106	50
North Macedonia	62	57	62	71	72	29
Albania	79	70	71	94	100	40
Serbia	78	70	67	87	84	42
Turkey	70	61	65	96	163	35
Bosnia-Herzegovina	76	71	69	81	72	45

The source dataset can be found [here](#).