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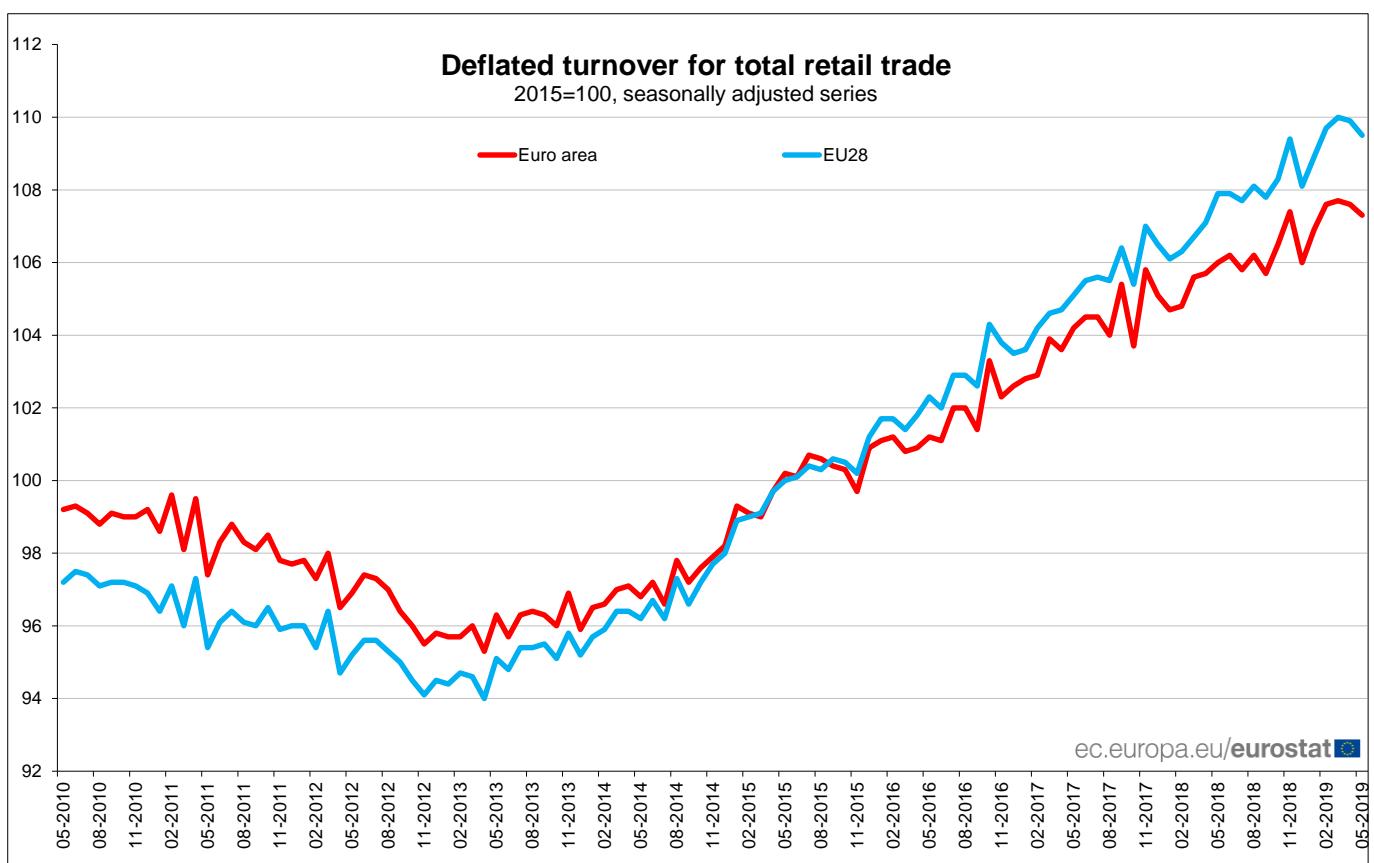
May 2019 compared with April 2019

Volume of retail trade down by 0.3% in euro area

Down by 0.4% in EU28

In May 2019 compared with April 2019, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade decreased by 0.3% in the **euro area** (EA19) and by 0.4% in the **EU28**, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In April 2019, the retail trade volume decreased by 0.1% both in the **euro area** and in the **EU28**.

In May 2019 compared with May 2018, the calendar adjusted retail sales index increased by 1.3% both in the **euro area** and in the **EU28**



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in May 2019, compared with April 2019, the volume of retail trade decreased by 1.3% for automotive fuel, by 0.5% for food, drinks and tobacco, and by 0.1% for non-food products. In the **EU28**, the retail trade volume decreased by 1.6% for automotive fuel, by 0.5% for food, drinks and tobacco, and by 0.3% for non-food products.

Among Member States for which data are available, the largest decreases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Croatia** (-4.4%), **Lithuania** (-3.0%) and **Sweden** (-2.8%). The highest increases were observed in **Portugal** (+1.5%), **Spain** (+1.1%) and **Belgium** (+1.0%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in May 2019, compared with May 2018, the volume of retail trade increased by 2.2% for non-food products, while it remained unchanged for food, drinks and tobacco and decreased by 0.3% for automotive fuel. In the **EU28**, the retail trade volume increased by 2.5% for non-food products, by 0.1% for food, drinks and tobacco, while automotive fuel decreased by 0.9%.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest yearly increases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Luxembourg** (+7.4%), **Ireland** (+7.0%) and **Slovenia** (+5.6%). The largest decreases were observed for **Slovakia** (-2.6%), **Denmark** (-1.7%) and **Croatia** (-1.4%).

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 [92/2019](#) of 5 June 2019. The monthly percentage change for April 2019 has been revised from -0.4% to -0.1% in the euro area and from -0.3% to -0.1% in the EU28. The annual percentage change has been revised from +1.5% to +1.8% in the euro area and from +2.9% to +3.2% 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*

	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19
EA19						
Total retail trade	-1.3	0.8	0.7	0.1	-0.1	-0.3
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.5	-0.2	-0.5
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-2.2	1.6	1.2	-0.3	0.0	-0.1
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-1.9	-0.6	2.3	0.3	-2.1	-0.6
Electrical goods and furniture	-1.6	1.7	0.9	0.6	-0.5	0.1
Computer equipment, books and other	-2.0	3.3	1.2	-0.7	0.5	0.2
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	-1.2	1.6	0.4	-1.3	0.8	0.3
Mail orders and internet	-3.5	1.4	1.8	2.5	-2.4	2.3
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.3	1.4	-0.5	-0.6	-0.2	-1.3
EU28						
Total retail trade	-1.2	0.7	0.7	0.3	-0.1	-0.4
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.1	0.4	0.1	0.5	-0.1	-0.5
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-2.0	1.4	1.3	0.2	0.0	-0.3
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-1.7	-0.2	1.5	0.5	-1.1	-1.4
Electrical goods and furniture	-2.4	1.4	1.3	1.0	-0.8	0.3
Computer equipment, books and other	-2.3	2.8	1.3	-0.7	1.2	-0.4
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	-1.9	2.2	0.5	-1.7	0.7	1.4
Mail orders and internet	-3.0	2.7	1.4	3.2	-1.6	1.5
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.1	0.3	0.2	-0.2	-0.6	-1.6

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

Total retail trade	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19
EA19	-1.3	0.8	0.7	0.1	-0.1	-0.3
EU28	-1.2	0.7	0.7	0.3	-0.1	-0.4
Belgium	-1.2	-1.2	1.8	-0.7	0.3	1.0
Bulgaria	-0.5	-0.4	-0.6	0.2	0.4	-0.2
Czechia	0.0	0.7	1.1	0.7	0.2	c
Denmark	-0.9	-0.8	1.0	0.6	-0.2	-1.2
Germany	-2.8	2.7	0.7	0.1	-1.0	-0.6
Estonia	-2.0	2.0	1.3	0.6	0.0	-2.5
Ireland	-0.3	0.9	1.8	-0.1	1.0	-1.2
Greece	-1.0	-1.9	0.5	4.1	-3.8	c
Spain	-1.1	0.7	0.6	0.2	-0.6	1.1
France	-0.5	0.1	1.1	-0.1	0.5	0.4
Croatia	-0.4	1.2	1.6	-0.2	-0.9	-4.4
Italy	-0.1	0.4	-0.5	c	c	c
Cyprus	-0.5	-0.8	1.2	0.9	0.1	c
Latvia	-1.2	0.7	1.4	0.4	0.8	-1.1
Lithuania	0.1	-0.2	1.2	2.7	1.1	-3.0
Luxembourg	0.3	0.0	0.8	-0.3	1.1	0.8
Hungary	0.3	0.7	0.8	0.2	0.6	-0.1
Malta	0.0	1.2	-0.2	0.1	1.5	-1.3
Netherlands	-2.1	0.4	1.1	0.3	0.8	c
Austria	0.4	-0.9	0.6	-0.2	1.2	-2.1
Poland	-1.1	-0.5	2.0	0.5	0.0	-1.5
Portugal	0.4	1.1	-1.0	1.7	-0.8	1.5
Romania	-1.0	2.4	-0.1	0.6	-0.4	-0.8
Slovenia	-0.7	-2.1	1.9	-2.4	2.0	-1.8
Slovakia	-2.0	1.3	-1.8	-0.5	1.5	-1.9
Finland	0.2	-0.9	0.7	0.6	0.2	-0.9
Sweden	-2.0	1.1	0.2	0.5	2.3	-2.8
United Kingdom	-0.9	0.3	0.8	1.3	-0.4	-0.4
Norway	-1.9	1.5	-1.3	0.7	1.9	-1.3
Switzerland	-0.4	-0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	-1.3

* 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*

	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19
EA19						
Total retail trade	0.6	2.2	2.9	2.0	1.8	1.3
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.9	1.6	0.9	0.4	2.1	0.0
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.2	2.4	4.6	3.7	1.5	2.2
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-1.8	-1.8	2.9	2.2	-4.8	-2.4
Electrical goods and furniture	0.0	1.7	3.8	3.8	2.1	2.2
Computer equipment, books and other	0.2	4.2	6.6	5.3	3.8	3.9
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	1.1	2.6	3.5	1.6	1.8	3.0
Mail orders and internet	1.3	6.4	9.6	9.9	5.3	9.2
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	1.5	3.9	2.6	1.6	1.5	-0.3
EU28						
Total retail trade	1.2	2.4	3.2	2.8	3.2	1.3
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.8	2.1	1.3	0.4	3.4	0.1
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	1.2	2.7	5.0	4.7	3.0	2.5
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-0.1	-0.7	3.3	3.3	-1.7	-1.9
Electrical goods and furniture	0.6	1.7	3.9	4.6	2.7	2.2
Computer equipment, books and other	-0.3	3.1	5.6	5.4	4.1	3.5
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	4.0	5.2	5.6	3.0	3.2	4.8
Mail orders and internet	3.6	8.8	11.2	13.5	9.9	10.9
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	2.4	3.4	2.9	3.6	1.2	-0.9

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Total retail trade	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19
EA19	0.6	2.2	2.9	2.0	1.8	1.3
EU28	1.2	2.4	3.2	2.8	3.2	1.3
Belgium	-0.9	-0.3	0.6	-1.0	1.0	-0.7
Bulgaria	2.9	3.2	0.0	0.5	1.2	0.3
Czechia	4.9	4.8	5.6	6.5	5.4	c
Denmark	1.0	-0.4	1.6	2.3	2.1	-1.7
Germany	-0.9	2.8	4.3	3.6	-0.2	1.2
Estonia	0.2	5.5	5.3	5.5	8.2	1.6
Ireland	5.8	8.2	8.9	10.3	10.9	7.0
Greece	-0.1	-3.2	-3.1	5.0	-2.7	c
Spain	0.0	0.9	1.7	1.6	0.8	3.0
France	1.4	2.5	3.2	1.2	4.0	3.0
Croatia	5.6	5.0	11.4	8.4	5.3	-1.4
Italy	0.3	2.1	0.7	c	c	c
Cyprus	4.1	0.3	2.2	3.0	4.5	c
Latvia	2.2	1.1	5.7	3.9	6.4	1.1
Lithuania	4.8	5.1	8.0	8.1	11.0	2.9
Luxembourg	4.9	2.4	4.7	1.7	5.9	7.4
Hungary	3.8	5.4	8.4	6.1	7.3	2.6
Malta	-1.1	5.5	5.1	3.7	8.8	1.4
Netherlands	1.6	1.1	3.4	3.0	2.1	c
Austria	2.3	0.1	2.1	-0.5	1.3	-1.3
Poland	4.9	3.3	4.8	5.5	4.1	1.2
Portugal	3.7	6.0	5.0	4.6	6.9	4.5
Romania	3.2	7.5	9.4	9.5	6.4	3.1
Slovenia	11.8	8.9	12.1	7.1	12.7	5.6
Slovakia	0.6	4.5	0.1	-2.0	1.8	-2.6
Finland	2.4	0.3	2.0	2.6	3.6	-0.3
Sweden	-0.6	2.0	2.7	1.3	3.4	-1.3
United Kingdom	1.9	2.9	3.3	4.2	6.9	1.9
Norway	-1.3	1.1	-0.9	-0.2	1.7	-2.2
Switzerland	-0.5	-0.2	-0.3	-0.7	-0.7	-1.7

* Calendar adjusted

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

	05/18	06/18	07/18	08/18	09/18	10/18	11/18	12/18	01/19	02/19	03/19	04/19	05/19
EA19	106.0	106.2	105.8	106.2	105.7	106.5	107.4	106.0	106.9	107.6	107.7	107.6	107.3
EU28	107.9	107.9	107.7	108.1	107.8	108.3	109.4	108.1	108.9	109.7	110.0	109.9	109.5
Belgium	100.8	100.5	98.0	98.2	97.7	98.6	100.0	98.8	97.6	99.4	98.7	99.0	100.0
Bulgaria	116.3	116.6	116.7	117.2	117.1	118.0	118.7	118.1	117.6	116.9	117.1	117.6	117.4
Czechia	116.2	115.7	116.8	116.7	117.5	117.6	118.9	118.9	119.7	121.0	121.8	122.1	c
Denmark	104.7	104.1	103.4	104.0	104.7	103.4	104.9	104.0	103.2	104.2	104.8	104.6	103.3
Germany	107.1	107.9	107.5	107.4	107.2	108.1	109.5	106.4	109.3	110.1	110.2	109.1	108.4
Estonia	107.8	105.6	106.5	107.1	108.7	107.9	110.3	108.1	110.3	111.7	112.4	112.4	109.6
Ireland	115.3	115.8	114.9	115.9	117.8	116.9	117.6	117.2	118.3	120.4	120.3	121.5	120.0
Greece	102.7	102.5	103.8	103.0	102.6	98.7	102.3	101.3	99.4	99.9	104.0	100.1	c
Spain	104.9	105.8	104.9	105.5	104.9	105.7	106.9	105.7	106.4	107.0	107.2	106.6	107.8
France	109.7	110.3	109.5	111.1	109.7	111.1	111.0	110.5	110.6	111.8	111.7	112.3	112.7
Croatia	111.2	109.0	109.1	110.3	110.9	111.4	113.1	112.6	114.0	115.8	115.6	114.6	109.6
Italy	100.1	99.7	99.7	99.8	99.6	99.9	100.0	99.9	100.3	99.8	c	c	c
Cyprus	117.8	118.2	117.2	117.1	117.7	116.1	119.5	118.9	118.0	119.4	120.5	120.6	c
Latvia	112.6	111.0	111.1	109.7	111.3	110.5	113.1	111.7	112.5	114.1	114.5	115.4	114.1
Lithuania	119.3	118.7	119.1	120.1	120.1	120.5	121.3	121.4	121.2	122.6	125.9	127.3	123.5
Luxembourg	35.1	35.3	35.5	35.7	35.5	36.0	36.1	36.2	36.2	36.5	36.4	36.8	37.1
Hungary	117.8	117.8	118.2	119.0	119.3	120.0	120.3	120.7	121.5	122.5	122.7	123.4	123.3
Malta	109.9	109.3	109.4	109.8	109.7	110.4	110.6	110.6	111.9	111.7	111.8	113.5	112.0
Netherlands	107.9	107.6	108.5	107.9	107.9	108.2	110.0	107.7	108.1	109.3	109.6	110.5	c
Austria	103.2	102.3	101.9	103.0	101.8	103.2	103.0	103.4	102.5	103.1	102.9	104.1	101.9
Poland	120.0	120.3	119.9	119.1	119.3	120.6	122.6	121.2	120.6	123.0	123.6	123.6	121.8
Portugal	112.4	111.1	110.6	111.8	110.4	113.0	113.9	114.4	115.7	114.6	116.5	115.6	117.3
Romania	133.1	132.6	131.1	131.1	133.3	135.5	136.8	135.5	138.8	138.7	139.6	139.0	137.9
Slovenia	115.8	116.6	115.5	116.6	118.5	128.5	126.3	125.4	122.8	125.1	122.1	124.5	122.3
Slovakia	112.9	111.5	112.4	112.4	112.5	114.1	114.3	112.0	113.4	111.4	110.8	112.5	110.4
Finland	108.1	105.3	106.4	106.2	106.9	106.3	108.0	108.2	107.2	108.0	108.6	108.8	107.8
Sweden	108.1	104.9	104.8	106.2	106.7	105.7	107.5	105.3	106.5	106.7	107.2	109.7	106.6
United Kingdom	110.1	109.3	110.5	110.9	110.3	110.1	111.5	110.5	110.8	111.7	113.1	112.7	112.3
Norway	105.1	102.1	102.6	102.9	102.4	102.1	103.4	101.4	102.9	101.6	102.3	104.2	102.8
Switzerland	98.5	98.7	97.8	97.9	95.9	98.3	98.4	98.0	97.8	98.0	98.0	98.1	96.8

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

	05/16	05/17	05/18	06/18	07/18	08/18	09/18	10/18	11/18	12/18	01/19	02/19	03/19	04/19	05/19
EA19	100.5	103.3	105.1	105.6	105.9	107.8	102.9	107.9	108.7	126.9	101.8	95.5	105.7	105.0	106.5
EU28	101.5	104.3	107.2	107.3	108.2	109.1	105.0	109.6	112.7	129.7	101.5	97.2	107.1	107.6	108.6
Belgium	101.3	102.1	102.1	102.2	100.2	91.9	95.6	100.5	97.5	118.1	97.1	87.5	99.4	98.4	101.4
Bulgaria	102.8	111.1	117.7	120.2	124.7	127.9	119.1	122.0	120.6	130.7	102.6	96.4	111.6	113.2	118.1
Czechia	104.2	111.4	117.4	115.7	113.6	113.9	115.4	119.6	129.2	145.2	108.0	104.3	120.1	118.5	c
Denmark	105.4	105.5	109.1	105.8	102.1	104.5	100.3	101.4	110.5	127.1	94.2	88.8	102.2	105.0	107.2
Germany	101.4	105.7	106.9	106.2	107.9	103.4	103.8	110.0	114.8	125.4	101.3	98.5	111.9	109.3	108.2
Estonia	108.6	110.5	112.3	109.8	113.5	111.5	106.8	109.0	107.7	122.3	101.1	95.3	109.5	109.1	114.1
Ireland	99.3	102.6	107.7	113.3	111.8	113.8	113.2	112.9	130.0	159.6	109.9	114.3	108.3	113.8	115.2
Greece	94.0	94.3	98.2	102.8	110.3	109.3	102.1	95.3	98.7	116.3	92.5	96.1	99.6	99.1	c
Spain	100.3	102.8	102.6	106.8	114.2	104.0	102.4	104.9	104.8	123.3	107.4	94.2	103.8	101.5	105.7
France	101.3	104.6	108.1	109.9	95.9	125.9	106.0	112.5	110.4	136.4	107.0	98.8	107.8	109.3	111.3
Croatia	101.4	102.6	111.9	114.6	133.3	135.8	116.0	110.3	103.1	118.7	92.0	92.2	107.6	109.4	110.3
Italy	98.8	99.0	98.9	97.4	107.0	98.8	97.9	102.6	100.8	121.1	95.8	88.5	c	c	c
Cyprus	99.6	110.9	116.6	123.1	128.3	120.4	119.6	114.7	115.7	143.3	105.9	100.6	112.8	117.2	c
Latvia	102.8	107.2	114.4	113.0	119.4	118.7	112.4	112.5	109.5	126.7	102.2	97.5	109.2	111.3	115.7
Lithuania	107.3	114.3	122.4	120.0	125.6	129.0	119.5	123.1	118.6	139.1	110.1	105.0	120.8	125.6	126.0
Luxembourg	48.2	34.5	35.1	35.7	37.0	32.5	34.4	37.5	36.5	42.6	33.6	31.5	36.6	36.0	37.7
Hungary	102.5	110.7	119.6	120.1	120.8	125.2	118.8	124.5	121.9	143.0	104.9	103.0	120.7	122.0	122.7
Malta	102.2	109.4	110.7	111.4	114.0	110.1	107.8	113.0	109.9	127.8	105.0	99.4	107.0	114.3	112.2
Netherlands	104.2	107.6	111.2	110.5	111.4	104.6	104.6	110.0	111.8	123.6	103.3	94.8	107.3	109.7	c
Austria	99.2	100.5	101.4	100.8	103.4	101.3	99.0	106.2	103.5	122.2	95.9	92.9	103.7	104.2	100.1
Poland	106.6	111.4	120.8	121.1	122.4	121.7	120.0	124.6	118.3	140.4	107.4	107.3	125.3	124.0	122.2
Portugal	97.8	103.3	109.7	109.2	119.4	121.5	109.5	112.3	113.4	138.8	106.8	99.3	111.3	108.3	114.6
Romania	108.4	124.1	132.8	132.1	138.1	142.7	138.8	140.6	145.1	152.7	117.8	114.4	132.0	137.2	136.9
Slovenia	98.9	108.6	113.0	118.5	119.4	119.2	122.0	134.3	124.0	139.4	114.5	110.0	120.6	122.1	119.3
Slovakia	102.1	109.8	113.6	113.7	110.8	111.4	111.7	117.8	119.4	130.1	103.5	98.6	109.6	110.7	110.6
Finland	105.5	107.2	112.2	110.1	113.7	109.5	103.7	105.5	106.7	131.7	95.0	90.5	104.0	104.7	111.9
Sweden	107.5	107.8	111.7	110.9	108.8	107.9	103.0	106.4	109.7	123.3	95.2	90.0	103.5	108.7	110.2
United Kingdom	102.3	103.5	107.5	106.8	110.2	106.9	105.7	109.7	123.5	136.1	99.0	101.5	105.7	109.8	109.5
Norway	105.2	108.1	111.3	108.7	104.0	106.6	98.3	100.9	107.0	124.5	94.0	85.4	95.7	97.2	108.8
Switzerland	100.2	99.7	99.8	97.9	97.4	92.3	91.2	99.2	104.3	119.7	93.3	86.5	97.6	95.9	98.1

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