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December 2020 compared with November 2020

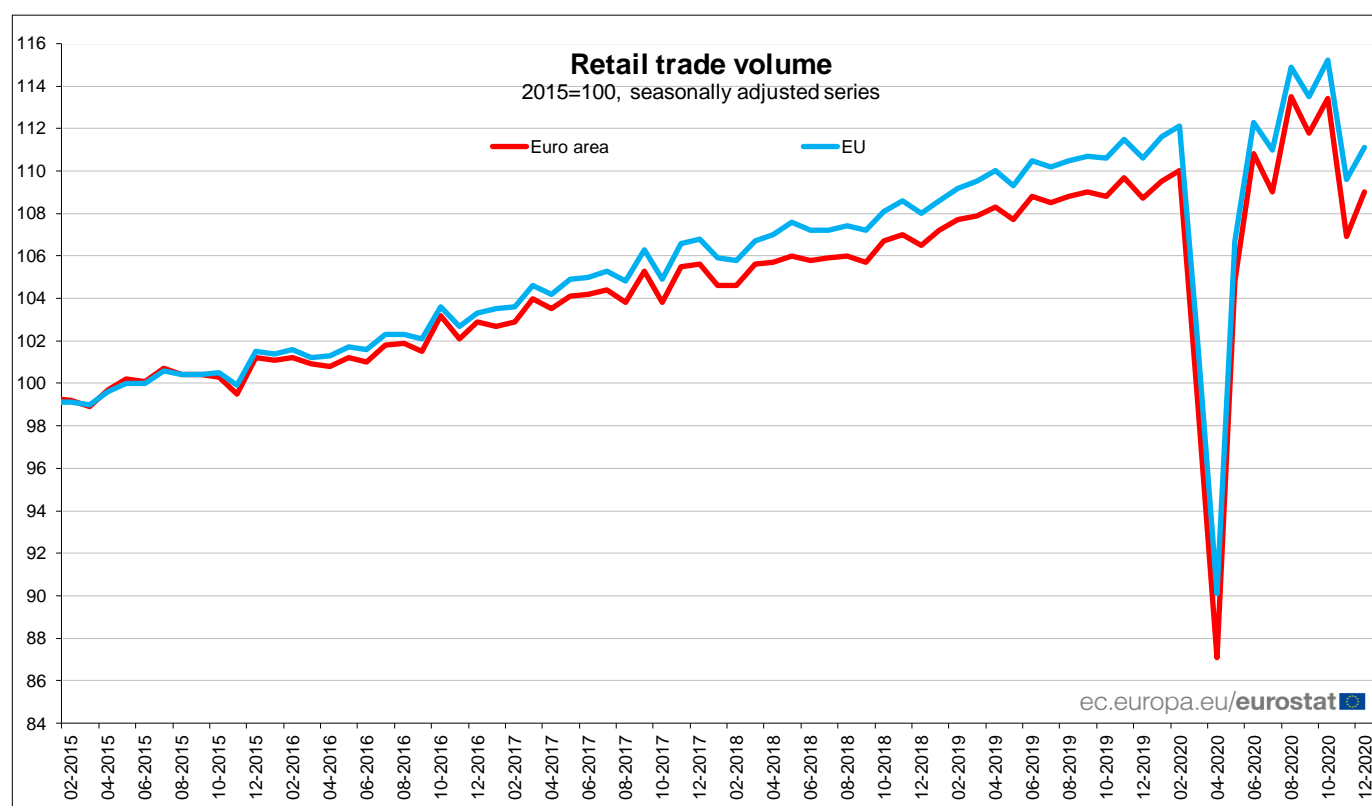
Volume of retail trade up by 2.0% in euro area

Up by 1.4% in EU

In December 2020, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade rose by 2.0% in the **euro area** and by 1.4% the **EU**, compared with November 2020, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In November 2020, the retail trade volume fell by 5.7% in the **euro area** and by 4.9% in the **EU**.

In December 2020 compared with December 2019, the calendar adjusted volume of retail trade increased by 0.6% in the **euro area** and by 0.5% in the **EU**.

The annual average retail trade for the year 2020, compared with 2019, fell by 1.2% in the **euro area** and by 0.8% in the **EU**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in December 2020, compared with November 2020, the volume of retail trade increased by 5.1% for automotive fuels, by 1.9% for food, drinks and tobacco and by 1.5% for non-food products (within this category textile, clothing and footwear increased by 12.4%). In the **EU**, the volume of retail trade increased by 4.0% for automotive fuels, by 1.7% for food, drinks and tobacco and by 0.7% for non-food products (textile, clothing and footwear +10.0%).

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in the total retail trade volume were observed in **France** (+22.3%), **Belgium** (+15.9%) and **Ireland** (+11.4%). The largest decreases were registered in the **Netherlands** (-10.9%), **Germany** (-9.6%) and **Denmark** (-8.0%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in December 2020, compared with December 2019, the volume of retail trade increased by 5.6% for food, drinks and tobacco, while it decreased by 0.8% for non-food products (within this category textiles, clothes and footwear decreased by 29.0%) and by 14.1% for automotive fuels. In the **EU**, the retail trade volume increased by 5.0% for food, drinks and tobacco, while it decreased by 0.6% for non-food products (textiles, clothes and footwear -28.4%) and by 12.9% for automotive fuels.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest yearly increases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Ireland** (+11.1%), **France** (+9.1%) and **Estonia** (+5.9%). The largest decreases were observed in **Slovenia** (-13.3%), **Bulgaria** (-12.0%) and the **Netherlands** (-5.7%).

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** (EU27) 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 and Sweden.

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.

Seasonal adjustment is a statistical method for removing the effects of recurring seasonal influences, which have been observed in the past from an economic time series, thus showing non-seasonal trends more clearly. **Calendar adjustment** is a statistical method for removing the variation caused by the changing number of particular weekdays or holidays in different months or other time periods (quarters, years). The annual comparisons are based on data adjusted for calendar effects only.

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 [3/2021](#) of 7 January 2021. The monthly percentage change for November 2020 has been revised from -6.1% to -5.7% in the euro area and from -5.0% to -4.9% in the EU. The annual percentage change has been revised from -2.9% to -2.2% in the euro area and from -2.0% to -1.5% the EU.

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*

	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20
Euro area						
Total retail trade	-1.6	4.1	-1.5	1.4	-5.7	2.0
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.1	2.1	-1.3	2.2	-2.2	1.9
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-4.3	5.5	-1.7	1.7	-7.7	1.5
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-5.0	17.4	-3.5	-2.1	-30.5	12.4
Electrical goods and furniture	-1.9	1.4	-1.6	1.9	-5.7	-7.0
Computer equipment, books and other	-0.9	0.4	-1.4	0.4	-11.4	-1.4
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.5	2.3	0.8	1.2	-1.5	-2.9
Mail orders and internet	-10.8	13.3	-5.7	9.0	3.2	-2.7
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	9.1	2.2	-1.6	-4.0	-10.2	5.1
EU						
Total retail trade	-1.2	3.5	-1.2	1.5	-4.9	1.4
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.0	1.9	-1.0	2.0	-1.8	1.7
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-3.5	4.6	-1.2	1.8	-6.6	0.7
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-3.6	15.1	-2.7	-2.6	-27.9	10.0
Electrical goods and furniture	-1.8	0.7	-1.3	2.3	-4.9	-6.5
Computer equipment, books and other	-0.9	0.2	-1.1	0.5	-9.9	-1.9
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	1.4	2.3	0.8	1.3	-1.3	-2.9
Mail orders and internet	-9.7	11.2	-4.7	8.1	3.7	-2.5
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	8.2	1.9	-1.5	-3.6	-7.8	4.0

Source dataset: [sts_trtu_m](#)

Total retail trade	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20
Euro area	-1.6	4.1	-1.5	1.4	-5.7	2.0
EU	-1.2	3.5	-1.2	1.5	-4.9	1.4
Belgium	-3.5	9.7	-5.1	1.2	-15.5	15.9
Bulgaria	2.0	4.6	3.2	1.3	0.4	-1.7
Czechia	1.8	0.2	-0.5	-1.8	-5.7	c
Denmark	-1.3	-1.2	-1.2	8.8	-3.1	-8.0
Germany	0.2	1.9	-1.5	2.8	1.1	-9.6
Estonia	-1.4	1.1	0.9	1.3	1.0	-1.4
Ireland	1.0	0.9	2.0	0.7	-10.2	11.4
Greece	-0.7	1.3	-0.3	3.6	-6.2	c
Spain	1.0	1.3	-0.4	0.7	-1.2	1.8
France	-3.2	6.8	-3.6	2.4	-15.6	22.3
Croatia	-0.2	-1.7	1.7	4.4	2.9	-1.9
Italy	-7.7	11.1	0.0	c	c	c
Cyprus	3.6	2.1	1.0	2.6	1.1	c
Latvia	-0.7	1.1	0.6	1.0	-1.8	-5.7
Lithuania	1.2	0.1	0.0	1.0	-0.4	-6.2
Luxembourg	1.5	-0.3	-0.9	0.6	0.6	-0.9
Hungary	1.7	1.0	0.8	0.9	1.0	-0.2
Malta	2.1	3.3	0.8	2.4	1.8	2.6
Netherlands	-0.2	1.3	-1.7	-0.4	3.0	-10.9
Austria	2.3	-0.7	0.3	-0.8	-9.8	6.7
Poland	2.3	0.5	-0.2	0.1	0.2	0.8
Portugal	4.1	-1.1	2.3	1.7	-3.4	-0.4
Romania	4.2	-1.4	3.0	1.5	0.5	0.2
Slovenia	1.3	-4.3	-1.0	-0.9	-5.6	0.1
Slovakia	1.9	0.7	1.3	-1.3	-2.3	-0.6
Finland	-1.7	1.2	-0.1	0.3	1.6	-5.0
Sweden	-0.2	-0.1	0.6	0.9	1.5	-4.7
Norway	0.7	-4.8	0.3	1.2	2.9	-5.7
Switzerland	-0.5	-0.7	-2.0	3.9	-2.3	2.6

* Calendar and seasonally adjusted

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Source dataset: [sts_trtu_m](#)

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

	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20
Euro area						
Total retail trade	0.2	4.4	2.5	4.3	-2.2	0.6
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.1	3.7	2.8	5.0	2.5	5.6
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.0	6.2	3.5	5.5	-3.4	-0.8
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-19.7	-4.4	-9.6	-11.3	-39.7	-29.0
Electrical goods and furniture	10.3	12.1	10.4	12.5	4.1	-1.7
Computer equipment, books and other	3.4	3.9	1.5	2.2	-10.7	-6.9
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	-1.1	2.6	2.5	3.9	1.1	-1.8
Mail orders and internet	13.1	26.9	18.1	30.9	34.2	27.5
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-5.9	-3.9	-5.6	-9.3	-18.4	-14.1
EU						
Total retail trade	0.5	4.1	2.4	4.1	-1.5	0.5
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.9	3.1	2.3	4.4	2.3	5.0
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	1.2	6.1	3.8	5.8	-2.0	-0.6
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-17.9	-4.6	-9.1	-11.0	-37.5	-28.4
Electrical goods and furniture	10.2	11.1	9.3	11.9	4.5	-1.2
Computer equipment, books and other	3.5	3.6	1.5	2.2	-9.0	-6.5
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	-0.8	2.6	2.6	4.0	1.3	-1.6
Mail orders and internet	15.7	27.6	19.9	31.8	35.4	28.5
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-5.9	-4.0	-5.9	-9.3	-16.1	-12.9

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Total retail trade	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20
Euro area	0.2	4.4	2.5	4.3	-2.2	0.6
EU	0.5	4.1	2.4	4.1	-1.5	0.5
Belgium	1.7	11.7	4.7	6.9	-11.1	3.6
Bulgaria	-17.5	-12.2	-6.7	-5.3	-6.4	-12.0
Czechia	1.8	1.5	0.1	-0.8	-5.3	c
Denmark	6.1	4.3	2.8	12.5	9.0	0.2
Germany	5.0	6.8	4.8	8.2	8.2	-1.1
Estonia	3.6	4.1	4.9	6.5	6.2	5.9
Ireland	8.2	9.8	13.6	14.5	1.2	11.1
Greece	-2.8	-0.6	-4.0	4.6	-6.9	c
Spain	-3.5	-3.0	-3.5	-2.0	-4.8	-0.2
France	0.0	6.3	2.6	5.2	-11.6	9.1
Croatia	-5.0	-6.5	-6.0	-0.3	1.5	-1.6
Italy	-10.2	1.0	0.0	c	c	c
Cyprus	-0.8	-2.1	-3.4	-1.1	-1.9	c
Latvia	3.1	4.4	5.9	6.5	1.6	-4.4
Lithuania	7.1	7.3	6.6	8.4	6.4	-1.0
Luxembourg	8.7	6.5	2.5	3.2	4.5	0.8
Hungary	0.5	-0.8	-2.0	-2.0	-0.7	-3.9
Malta	-11.9	-8.7	-12.3	-7.7	-3.7	3.3
Netherlands	5.8	8.3	4.0	3.2	7.3	-5.7
Austria	3.8	4.3	4.5	3.6	-7.3	-0.3
Poland	6.0	6.2	5.5	3.8	1.6	4.5
Portugal	-3.1	-4.3	0.5	-0.4	-5.1	-3.9
Romania	5.0	1.6	4.0	4.8	4.1	2.7
Slovenia	-4.6	-7.3	-8.5	-10.7	-15.3	-13.3
Slovakia	1.5	4.0	5.9	2.8	-0.4	-0.6
Finland	3.9	5.1	4.0	4.9	7.7	-0.3
Sweden	0.9	0.8	1.4	2.9	5.0	-1.4
Norway	13.8	8.2	8.7	10.6	13.8	8.0
Switzerland	3.5	3.8	1.3	4.7	1.8	4.7

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Volume of retail trade, calendar and seasonally adjusted indices
(base year 2015)

	12/19	01/20	02/20	03/20	04/20	05/20	06/20	07/20	08/20	09/20	10/20	11/20	12/20
Euro area	108.7	109.5	110.0	98.8	87.1	104.8	110.8	109.0	113.5	111.8	113.4	106.9	109.0
EU	110.6	111.6	112.1	101.6	90.1	106.7	112.3	111.0	114.9	113.5	115.2	109.6	111.1
Belgium	100.8	100.3	100.8	92.2	83.7	100.1	104.8	101.1	110.9	105.2	106.5	90.0	104.3
Bulgaria	121.7	121.8	122.9	98.2	96.2	97.2	98.2	100.2	104.8	108.2	109.6	110.0	108.1
Czechia	123.8	125.0	124.9	112.0	110.3	121.4	122.5	124.7	124.9	124.3	122.1	115.2	c
Denmark	104.4	104.2	104.4	102.2	101.2	110.8	112.0	110.6	109.3	108.0	117.5	113.9	104.8
Germany	111.1	112.3	112.8	111.2	104.3	118.0	116.4	116.6	118.8	117.0	120.3	121.6	109.9
Estonia	112.3	113.9	118.8	115.5	98.0	113.7	117.3	115.7	117.0	118.1	119.6	120.8	119.1
Ireland	123.4	122.5	122.4	122.6	95.7	108.6	131.1	132.4	133.6	136.3	137.2	123.2	137.2
Greece	101.6	104.8	102.6	102.3	77.0	99.4	101.4	100.7	102.0	101.7	105.4	98.9	c
Spain	107.2	108.1	108.6	92.8	75.0	88.8	103.5	104.5	105.9	105.5	106.2	104.9	106.8
France	113.3	114.1	113.8	95.8	78.3	107.8	117.1	113.3	121.0	116.7	119.5	100.9	123.4
Croatia	116.6	117.8	117.8	107.8	86.2	107.6	109.0	108.8	106.9	108.7	113.5	116.8	114.6
Italy	100.4	101.1	101.4	77.8	68.9	86.3	98.4	90.8	100.9	100.9	c	c	c
Cyprus	127.1	125.7	128.0	124.0	86.2	114.2	112.4	116.4	118.8	120.0	123.1	124.4	c
Latvia	114.7	114.7	119.7	112.9	105.2	112.9	116.9	116.1	117.4	118.1	119.3	117.1	110.4
Lithuania	127.0	128.1	129.9	117.0	106.5	124.6	132.1	133.7	133.9	133.9	135.3	134.7	126.3
Luxembourg	33.2	33.4	33.5	27.2	20.8	29.1	33.8	34.3	34.2	33.9	34.1	34.3	34.0
Hungary	130.3	130.3	131.7	130.1	114.2	119.1	121.8	123.9	125.1	126.1	127.2	128.5	128.3
Malta	117.7	117.6	119.0	115.7	89.4	97.6	104.6	106.8	110.3	111.2	113.9	115.9	118.9
Netherlands	111.7	110.6	112.3	110.7	104.2	114.3	116.0	115.8	117.3	115.3	114.8	118.2	105.3
Austria	104.1	104.1	106.2	92.1	86.8	109.2	106.6	109.0	108.2	108.5	107.6	97.1	103.6
Poland	126.6	130.8	131.6	122.3	111.4	123.4	128.8	131.8	132.5	132.3	132.4	132.7	133.7
Portugal	117.4	120.1	124.5	108.8	89.9	103.2	108.9	113.4	112.1	114.7	116.6	112.6	112.1
Romania	146.7	152.2	150.8	145.6	113.7	133.3	141.4	147.4	145.4	149.7	151.9	152.6	152.9
Slovenia	119.2	121.3	119.6	104.2	95.9	111.3	115.0	116.5	111.5	110.4	109.4	103.3	103.4
Slovakia	110.3	112.4	113.7	106.7	96.5	100.7	110.2	112.3	113.1	114.6	113.1	110.5	109.8
Finland	110.7	110.4	112.1	110.4	110.3	114.1	115.4	113.4	114.8	114.7	115.1	116.9	111.1
Sweden	108.1	108.5	110.0	108.0	105.3	107.3	109.1	108.9	108.8	109.5	110.5	112.2	106.9
Norway	101.4	101.7	103.6	102.5	107.3	110.4	116.6	117.4	111.8	112.1	113.5	116.8	110.1
Switzerland	98.9	98.3	99.0	92.0	79.6	104.7	102.6	102.1	101.4	99.4	103.3	100.9	103.5

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Volume of retail trade, calendar adjusted indices
(base year 2015)

	12/17	12/18	12/19	01/20	02/20	03/20	04/20	05/20	06/20	07/20	08/20	09/20	10/20	11/20	12/20
Euro area	126.1	126.8	129.3	104.2	97.9	97.2	85.2	103.7	110.7	108.6	116.0	108.5	114.7	108.9	130.1
EU	127.0	128.2	131.2	105.0	99.2	99.9	88.3	105.9	112.7	111.3	117.6	110.5	116.6	111.6	131.9
Belgium	118.3	117.8	120.7	98.5	88.8	92.1	83.0	101.2	110.0	102.1	102.9	100.2	108.8	88.0	125.0
Bulgaria	127.5	130.4	138.0	106.1	101.9	96.0	90.8	93.9	99.3	106.7	114.8	114.5	117.0	116.1	121.4
Czechia	138.4	145.2	151.0	113.2	108.1	113.1	106.0	121.6	121.4	120.5	120.8	121.1	124.2	127.2	c
Denmark	125.9	126.9	127.1	95.8	89.3	98.4	101.0	114.3	114.6	109.6	110.0	103.6	115.0	120.4	127.4
Germany	126.6	125.3	128.2	104.1	101.4	112.9	105.2	117.3	115.7	117.3	114.8	113.1	121.8	128.5	126.8
Estonia	122.0	122.3	126.2	104.4	103.0	112.7	95.0	117.1	121.5	122.2	121.4	116.1	121.1	119.4	133.7
Ireland	153.9	159.6	168.8	113.7	115.2	112.0	89.9	103.5	126.2	126.7	130.4	135.0	134.5	134.6	187.6
Greece	116.4	116.3	114.5	98.2	98.5	97.2	74.9	91.1	101.3	104.9	111.0	102.9	106.9	95.3	c
Spain	123.3	123.2	124.8	109.2	96.0	89.8	71.3	86.9	104.6	113.7	104.3	102.4	105.4	102.8	124.6
France	134.5	136.3	140.1	110.3	100.1	93.5	77.0	106.8	117.0	97.1	139.8	111.5	120.4	101.0	152.9
Croatia	112.3	118.6	123.4	96.8	95.3	102.1	83.1	104.0	117.0	131.2	127.4	112.5	112.9	108.7	121.4
Italy	120.7	121.0	121.9	96.7	91.3	74.5	62.9	83.0	94.7	97.8	100.1	99.5	c	c	c
Cyprus	137.2	143.5	151.5	110.7	107.8	112.2	82.6	114.6	123.1	130.3	123.5	120.1	121.1	121.6	c
Latvia	124.0	126.7	129.9	103.8	103.5	108.6	101.3	115.4	120.3	124.7	127.0	118.0	119.9	113.2	124.2
Lithuania	132.5	139.4	145.0	115.8	112.0	114.0	103.7	127.8	134.3	141.2	143.3	133.2	138.4	132.1	143.5
Luxembourg	35.4	37.3	38.5	31.2	29.4	27.5	20.6	28.5	34.3	37.5	31.3	32.2	35.2	34.8	38.8
Hungary	137.8	143.5	152.4	113.3	115.4	125.6	110.1	120.8	126.2	130.1	130.5	123.6	130.2	132.1	146.4
Malta	128.6	128.2	137.1	108.1	107.3	104.6	87.8	98.9	113.0	110.5	107.6	103.7	113.1	116.5	141.6
Netherlands	121.6	123.6	128.3	105.0	97.4	107.4	103.5	118.3	120.3	119.5	114.1	111.6	115.5	121.0	121.0
Austria	119.4	122.2	123.0	97.2	95.3	92.8	86.8	107.2	105.2	111.4	106.1	105.5	110.5	98.0	122.6
Poland	134.2	140.3	146.0	116.3	114.8	124.7	111.9	125.1	131.5	136.1	135.4	131.6	135.0	127.6	152.5
Portugal	133.8	138.8	142.6	111.1	108.5	105.2	84.9	101.2	107.5	121.5	121.4	113.7	115.7	112.6	137.0
Romania	148.0	152.7	165.7	130.9	127.3	136.4	110.6	131.4	142.6	155.2	155.8	154.6	157.3	161.0	170.1
Slovenia	124.7	139.4	131.3	113.4	104.8	103.0	94.3	108.6	116.8	121.1	115.0	113.5	113.5	101.6	113.8
Slovakia	129.3	130.1	126.8	102.5	102.4	106.0	94.5	100.7	111.5	111.6	112.4	115.1	117.1	114.1	126.0
Finland	128.5	131.5	131.8	97.2	93.9	104.4	104.9	119.2	122.6	121.2	119.4	112.6	114.9	116.8	131.4
Sweden	124.0	123.1	125.9	97.1	92.3	104.3	103.6	110.0	115.6	112.6	110.5	106.6	111.8	115.9	124.1
Norway	126.2	124.5	123.6	92.5	87.0	97.0	100.3	117.4	124.1	119.4	115.8	107.8	111.3	122.6	133.5
Switzerland	120.2	119.7	120.9	93.5	87.4	91.5	77.7	106.3	101.9	102.2	95.4	93.9	104.2	107.6	126.6

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