

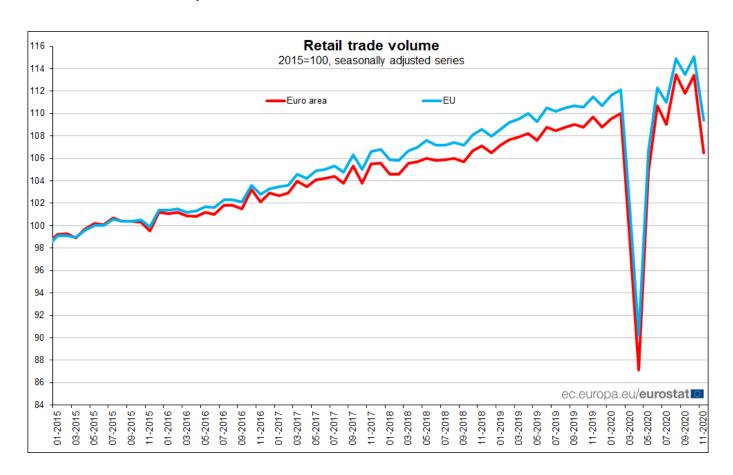
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November 2020 compared with October 2020

Volume of retail trade down by 6.1% in euro area Down by 5.0% in EU

In November 2020, the COVID-19 containment measures introduced again by several Member States had a significant impact on retail trade, as the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade fell by 6.1% in the **euro area** and by 5.0% the **EU**, compared with October 2020, according to estimates from **Eurostat**, **the statistical office of the European Union**. In October 2020, the retail trade volume rose by 1.4% in both the **euro area** and in the **EU**.

In November 2020 compared with November 2019, the calendar adjusted volume of retail trade decreased by 2.9% in the **euro area** and by 2.0% in the **EU**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in November 2020, compared with October 2020, the volume of retail trade decreased by 10.6% for automotive fuels, by 8.9% for non-food products (within this category mail orders and internet increased by 1.8%) and by 1.7% for food, drinks and tobacco. In the **EU**, the volume of retail trade decreased by 7.7% for automotive fuels, by 7.3% for non-food products (mail orders and internet +2.3%) and by 1.5% for food, drinks and tobacco.

Among Member States for which data are available, the largest decreases in the total retail trade volume were observed in **France** (-18.0%), **Belgium** (-15.9%) and **Austria** (-9.9%). The highest increases were registered in the **Netherlands** (+2.6%), **Croatia** (+2.5%) and **Germany** (+1.9%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in November 2020, compared with November 2019, the volume of retail trade decreased by 18.0% for automotive fuels and by 5.2% for non-food products (within this category mail orders and internet increased by 32.0%), while food, drinks and tobacco increased by 2.7%. In the **EU**, the retail trade volume decreased by 15.3% for automotive fuels and by 3.3% for non-food products (mail orders and internet +32.9%), while food, drinks and tobacco increased by 2.4%.

Among Member States for which data are available, the largest yearly decreases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **France** (-15.7%), **Slovenia** (-14.2%) and **Belgium** (-11.7%). The highest increases were observed in **Germany** (+8.8%), **Denmark** (+8.7%) and the **Netherlands** (+6.6%).

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 <u>177/2020</u> of 3 December 2020. The monthly percentage change for October 2020 has been revised from +1.5% to +1.4% in both the euro area and the EU. The annual percentage change has been revised from +4.3% to +4.2% in the euro area and from +4.2% to +4.1% the EU.

For more information

Eurostat <u>database section</u> on short-term business statistics
Eurostat <u>Statistics Explained article</u> on the index of retail trade
The <u>weights of the Member States</u> in the EU and euro area aggregates
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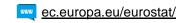
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Volume of retail trade

% change compared with the previous month*

	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20
Euro area						
Total retail trade	5.6	-1.5	4.1	-1.5	1.4	-6.1
Food, drinks, tobacco	-2.7	-0.2	2.1	-1.2	2.0	-1.7
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	12.0	-4.3	5.5	-1.7	1.6	-8.9
Textiles, clothing, footwear	34.8	-4.0	17.3	-3.5	-2.0	-17.0
Electrical goods and furniture	10.3	-1.9	1.3	-1.6	2.0	-0.3
Computer equipment, books and other	16.6	-0.9	0.8	-1.7	0.5	-2.3
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	4.6	0.5	2.2	0.8	0.6	-0.1
Mail orders and internet	-6.6	-10.6	13.4	-5.6	9.1	1.8
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	19.6	9.2	2.2	-1.5	-4.1	-10.6
EU						
Total retail trade	5.2	-1.2	3.5	-1.2	1.4	-5.0
Food, drinks, tobacco	-2.2	0.0	2.0	-1.0	1.9	-1.5
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	10.7	-3.5	4.6	-1.2	1.7	-7.3
Textiles, clothing, footwear	33.7	-2.6	15.1	-2.8	-2.3	-15.8
Electrical goods and furniture	8.6	-1.8	0.8	-1.4	2.4	-0.2
Computer equipment, books and other	14.7	-0.9	0.4	-1.4	0.5	-1.9
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	4.7	1.3	2.3	0.7	0.8	0.0
Mail orders and internet	-5.9	-9.6	11.3	-4.6	8.1	2.3
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	16.9	8.3	1.9	-1.4	-3.6	-7.7

Source dataset: sts_trtu_m

Total retail trade	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20
Euro area	5.6	-1.5	4.1	-1.5	1.4	-6.1
EU	5.2	-1.2	3.5	-1.2	1.4	-5.0
Belgium	4.8	-3.6	9.7	-5.1	1.2	-15.9
Bulgaria	1.0	2.0	4.6	3.2	1.3	1.2
Czechia	0.9	1.9	0.1	-0.4	-1.9	С
Denmark	1.2	-1.2	-1.2	-1.1	8.4	-3.2
Germany	-1.4	0.3	1.9	-1.5	2.6	1.9
Estonia	3.2	-1.3	1.1	1.0	1.3	1.0
Ireland	С	С	С	С	С	С
Greece	2.2	-0.6	1.5	-0.1	3.8	С
Spain	16.6	1.0	1.3	-0.5	0.6	-1.2
France	8.4	-3.1	6.8	-3.6	2.5	-18.0
Croatia	1.4	-0.5	-1.8	1.5	3.9	2.5
Italy	14.0	-7.8	11.2	С	С	С
Cyprus	-1.4	3.6	2.1	1.1	2.6	С
Latvia	3.6	-0.7	1.1	0.6	0.9	-1.9
Lithuania	6.0	1.2	0.1	0.0	1.0	-0.4
Luxembourg	16.2	1.5	-0.6	-0.3	-0.3	0.3
Hungary	2.4	1.9	1.4	1.0	1.1	1.0
Malta	6.6	1.8	2.8	0.4	2.1	1.8
Netherlands	1.5	-0.2	1.2	-1.6	-0.6	2.6
Austria	-2.3	2.3	-0.7	0.4	-0.9	-9.9
Poland	4.4	2.3	0.5	-0.2	0.1	0.2
Portugal	5.5	4.1	-1.1	2.3	1.7	-3.3
Romania	6.1	4.2	-1.4	3.0	1.5	0.7
Slovenia	3.3	1.3	-4.3	-1.0	-1.0	-4.3
Slovakia	9.4	1.9	0.8	1.4	-1.3	-2.2
Finland	1.1	-1.7	1.5	-0.2	0.3	0.3
Sweden	1.7	-0.1	-0.1	0.7	0.9	0.6
Norway	5.7	0.6	-4.8	0.4	1.2	2.9
Switzerland	-2.8	0.3	-0.6	-2.4	3.6	-2.0
United Kingdom	12.4	2.5	0.7	1.0	0.9	-2.7

^{*} 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*

	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20
Euro area						
Total retail trade	1.6	0.2	4.4	2.6	4.2	-2.9
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.1	1.1	3.9	2.9	5.0	2.7
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	4.0	0.0	6.2	3.4	5.3	-5.2
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-17.4	-19.7	-4.7	-9.7	-11.2	-27.8
Electrical goods and furniture	13.6	10.3	12.2	10.4	12.5	10.3
Computer equipment, books and other	4.5	3.3	4.1	1.5	2.0	-1.4
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	-0.1	-1.2	2.6	2.4	3.1	2.1
Mail orders and internet	27.3	13.0	26.6	17.9	30.7	32.0
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-13.9	-5.9	-3.7	-5.6	-9.2	-18.0
EU						
Total retail trade	1.4	0.5	4.1	2.4	4.1	-2.0
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.6	0.9	3.2	2.4	4.4	2.4
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	4.4	1.2	6.1	3.7	5.7	-3.3
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-16.7	-17.9	-4.7	-9.2	-11.0	-26.6
Electrical goods and furniture	13.5	10.2	11.2	9.3	11.9	9.8
Computer equipment, books and other	4.5	3.4	3.6	1.5	2.0	-0.9
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	-0.8	-0.8	2.6	2.5	3.4	2.2
Mail orders and internet	29.0	15.6	27.6	19.8	31.7	32.9
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-13.1	-5.9	-4.0	-5.9	-9.3	-15.3

Source dataset: sts_trtu_m

Total retail trade	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20
Euro area	1.6	0.2	4.4	2.6	4.2	-2.9
EU	1.4	0.5	4.1	2.4	4.1	-2.0
Belgium	5.9	1.7	11.7	4.7	6.9	-11.7
Bulgaria	-18.1	-17.5	-12.2	-6.7	-5.3	-6.4
Czechia	-1.4	1.8	1.5	0.1	-0.2	С
Denmark	6.6	6.1	4.4	2.8	12.6	8.7
Germany	4.2	5.0	6.8	4.8	7.9	8.8
Estonia	6.6	3.6	4.1	4.9	6.5	6.2
Ireland	8.9	8.2	9.8	13.6	С	С
Greece	-3.8	-2.8	-0.6	-4.0	4.7	С
Spain	-4.5	-3.5	-3.0	-3.5	-2.0	-4.7
France	3.5	-0.1	6.3	2.7	5.2	-15.7
Croatia	-5.0	-5.0	-6.5	-6.1	-0.3	1.6
Italy	-5.4	-10.1	1.0	С	С	С
Cyprus	-1.5	-0.8	-2.1	-3.4	-1.1	С
Latvia	4.2	3.1	4.4	5.9	6.4	1.4
Lithuania	5.6	7.1	7.3	6.6	8.4	6.4
Luxembourg	4.3	8.4	6.5	3.8	0.9	1.2
Hungary	-0.2	0.4	-0.7	-2.0	-1.9	-0.8
Malta	-7.8	-11.8	-8.7	-12.2	-7.9	-2.7
Netherlands	6.3	5.8	8.3	4.0	3.1	6.6
Austria	2.5	3.8	4.3	4.5	3.6	-7.4
Poland	2.7	6.0	6.2	5.5	3.8	1.6
Portugal	-5.2	-3.1	-4.3	0.5	-0.4	-4.9
Romania	2.1	5.0	1.6	4.0	4.8	4.0
Slovenia	-4.6	-4.6	-7.3	-8.5	-10.7	-14.2
Slovakia	-1.5	1.5	4.0	5.9	2.8	-0.4
Finland	6.4	3.9	5.3	3.9	4.8	5.4
Sweden	1.4	1.0	0.8	1.4	2.9	4.2
Norway	13.7	13.8	8.2	8.7	10.6	13.8
Switzerland	2.9	3.5	3.7	1.3	4.3	1.8
United Kingdom	-1.6	0.4	2.3	4.2	6.0	5.8

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Source dataset: sts_trtu_m

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

	11/19	12/19	01/20	02/20	03/20	04/20	05/20	06/20	07/20	08/20	09/20	10/20	11/20
Euro area	109.7	108.8	109.5	110.0	98.8	87.1	104.8	110.7	109.0	113.5	111.8	113.4	106.5
EU	111.5	110.7	111.6	112.1	101.6	90.2	106.7	112.3	111.0	114.9	113.5	115.1	109.4
Belgium	101.6	101.1	100.3	100.7	92.1	83.7	100.0	104.8	101.0	110.8	105.2	106.5	89.6
Bulgaria	120.8	121.7	121.8	122.9	98.2	96.2	97.2	98.2	100.2	104.8	108.2	109.6	110.9
Czechia	123.3	123.8	125.0	124.9	112.0	109.8	121.6	122.7	125.0	125.1	124.6	122.2	С
Denmark	104.8	104.0	104.1	104.4	101.9	101.3	110.8	112.1	110.8	109.5	108.3	117.4	113.7
Germany	112.5	111.1	112.3	112.8	111.2	104.3	117.9	116.3	116.6	118.8	117.0	120.0	122.3
Estonia	114.1	112.0	113.8	118.7	115.4	98.0	113.7	117.3	115.8	117.1	118.3	119.8	121.0
Ireland	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С	С
Greece	104.0	101.3	104.5	102.5	102.3	77.1	99.6	101.8	101.2	102.7	102.6	106.5	С
Spain	109.6	107.8	108.1	108.6	92.9	75.0	88.7	103.4	104.4	105.8	105.3	105.9	104.6
France	114.9	113.3	114.1	113.8	95.9	78.4	107.8	116.9	113.3	121.0	116.6	119.5	98.0
Croatia	115.4	115.3	115.9	115.6	107.7	86.5	108.7	110.2	109.7	107.7	109.3	113.6	116.4
Italy	100.0	100.6	101.1	101.4	77.8	68.9	86.3	98.4	90.7	100.9	С	С	С
Cyprus	126.6	125.6	125.4	127.9	124.0	86.3	114.3	112.7	116.8	119.3	120.6	123.7	С
Latvia	115.1	114.7	114.7	119.7	112.9	105.2	112.8	116.9	116.1	117.4	118.1	119.2	116.9
Lithuania	127.0	127.0	128.1	129.9	117.0	106.5	124.6	132.1	133.7	133.9	133.9	135.3	134.7
Luxembourg	33.2	33.0	33.3	33.5	27.2	20.8	29.1	33.8	34.3	34.1	34.0	33.9	34.0
Hungary	129.3	129.3	130.1	131.3	130.4	114.4	119.0	121.9	124.2	125.9	127.2	128.6	129.9
Malta	117.3	118.2	117.3	118.4	115.0	89.6	97.2	103.6	105.5	108.5	108.9	111.2	113.2
Netherlands	110.5	111.7	110.6	112.3	110.7	104.2	114.3	116.0	115.8	117.2	115.3	114.6	117.6
Austria	104.7	104.2	104.1	106.2	92.1	86.8	109.1	106.6	109.0	108.2	108.6	107.6	97.0
Poland	129.2	126.6	130.8	131.6	122.3	111.4	123.4	128.8	131.8	132.5	132.3	132.4	132.7
Portugal	118.9	117.4	120.1	124.5	108.8	89.9	103.2	108.9	113.4	112.1	114.7	116.7	112.9
Romania	145.6	146.7	152.2	150.8	145.6	113.7	133.3	141.4	147.4	145.4	149.7	151.9	153.0
Slovenia	121.9	119.2	121.3	119.6	104.2	95.9	111.3	115.0	116.5	111.5	110.4	109.3	104.6
Slovakia	111.1	110.1	112.2	113.6	106.7	96.5	100.7	110.2	112.3	113.2	114.8	113.3	110.8
Finland	109.8	109.2	110.1	111.9	110.2	110.1	114.2	115.5	113.5	115.2	115.0	115.3	115.7
Sweden	107.1	107.7	108.3	110.0	108.0	105.3	107.3	109.1	109.0	108.9	109.7	110.7	111.4
Norway	103.5	101.1	101.7	103.6	102.5	107.4	110.4	116.7	117.4	111.8	112.2	113.6	116.9
Switzerland	99.3	98.8	98.3	99.0	92.0	79.7	104.9	102.0	102.3	101.7	99.3	102.9	100.8
United Kingdom	109.9	111.3	112.3	111.9	108.0	89.3	98.9	111.2	114.0	114.8	115.9	117.0	113.8

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Volume of retail trade, calendar adjusted indices

(base year 2015)

	11/17	11/18	11/19	12/19	01/20	02/20	03/20	04/20	05/20	06/20	07/20	08/20	09/20	10/20	11/20
Euro area	106.6	108.6	111.4	129.3	104.2	97.9	97.2	85.3	103.7	110.6	108.6	116.0	108.5	114.6	108.2
EU	107.7	110.2	113.4	131.1	105.0	99.2	99.9	88.4	105.9	112.6	111.3	117.6	110.5	116.5	111.1
Belgium	97.6	96.0	99.0	120.7	98.5	88.8	92.1	83.0	101.2	110.0	102.1	102.9	100.2	108.8	87.4
Bulgaria	112.8	119.6	124.0	138.0	106.1	101.9	96.0	90.8	93.9	99.3	106.7	114.8	114.5	117.0	116.1
Czechia	123.3	129.2	134.3	151.0	113.2	108.0	113.1	106.0	121.6	121.4	120.5	120.8	121.1	124.9	С
Denmark	107.7	110.6	110.5	127.2	95.8	89.3	98.4	101.0	114.4	114.6	109.6	110.1	103.6	115.0	120.1
Germany	112.3	114.7	118.8	128.2	104.1	101.4	112.9	105.2	117.2	115.6	117.3	114.8	113.1	121.5	129.2
Estonia	102.7	107.7	112.4	126.2	104.4	103.0	112.7	95.0	117.1	121.5	122.2	121.4	116.1	121.1	119.4
Ireland	127.5	130.0	133.0	168.8	113.7	115.2	112.0	89.9	103.5	126.2	126.7	130.4	135.0	С	С
Greece	95.9	98.7	102.4	114.5	98.2	98.5	97.2	74.9	91.1	101.3	104.9	111.0	102.9	107.0	С
Spain	103.3	104.8	108.0	124.8	109.2	96.0	89.8	71.3	86.9	104.6	113.7	104.3	102.4	105.4	102.9
France	108.8	110.5	114.6	140.0	110.3	100.1	93.6	77.1	106.8	116.8	97.0	139.8	111.5	120.3	96.6
Croatia	96.3	103.1	107.1	123.5	96.8	95.0	102.2	83.1	104.1	117.0	131.2	127.4	112.5	112.9	108.8
Italy	99.6	100.9	100.2	121.9	96.7	91.3	74.5	62.9	83.0	94.7	97.9	100.1	С	С	С
Cyprus	110.2	116.2	124.0	151.5	110.7	107.8	112.2	82.6	114.6	123.1	130.3	123.5	120.1	121.0	С
Latvia	105.6	109.6	111.4	129.9	103.8	103.5	108.6	101.3	115.4	120.3	124.7	127.0	118.0	119.8	113.0
Lithuania	111.0	118.5	124.1	145.0	115.8	112.0	114.0	103.7	127.8	134.3	141.2	143.3	133.2	138.4	132.1
Luxembourg	29.9	31.8	33.3	38.5	31.2	29.5	27.6	20.6	28.5	34.3	37.4	31.3	32.6	34.4	33.7
Hungary	116.1	123.2	133.1	152.5	113.3	115.4	125.6	110.1	120.9	126.2	130.0	130.7	123.6	130.3	132.1
Malta	108.8	112.0	120.1	136.2	107.8	106.8	103.5	87.8	98.2	111.7	109.6	106.9	102.9	112.1	116.9
Netherlands	107.9	111.8	112.8	128.3	105.0	97.4	107.4	103.5	118.3	120.3	119.5	114.1	111.6	115.4	120.2
Austria	103.8	103.6	105.7	123.0	97.2	95.3	92.8	86.8	107.2	105.2	111.4	106.1	105.5	110.5	97.9
Poland	112.0	118.6	125.6	146.0	116.3	114.8	124.7	111.9	125.1	131.5	136.1	135.4	131.6	135.0	127.6
Portugal	108.2	113.4	118.7	142.6	111.1	108.5	105.2	84.9	101.2	107.5	121.5	121.4	113.7	115.7	112.9
Romania	135.6	145.1	154.7	165.7	130.9	127.3	136.4	110.6	131.4	142.6	155.2	155.8	154.6	157.3	160.9
Slovenia	113.2	124.0	119.9	131.3	113.4	104.8	103.0	94.3	108.6	116.8	121.1	115.0	113.5	113.5	102.9
Slovakia	113.3	119.4	114.6	126.8	102.5	102.4	106.0	94.5	100.7	111.5	111.6	112.4	115.1	117.1	114.1
Finland	105.0	106.7	108.3	131.9	97.2	93.9	104.4	104.8	119.1	122.5	121.2	119.6	112.6	114.6	114.1
Sweden	107.2	109.6	110.4	125.9	97.1	92.3	104.4	103.5	110.1	115.6	112.6	110.5	106.6	111.8	115.0
Norway	106.5	107.0	107.7	123.6	92.5	87.0	97.0	100.3	117.4	124.1	119.4	115.8	107.8	111.3	122.6
Switzerland	104.8	104.4	105.7	120.9	93.5	87.4	91.5	77.8	106.3	101.9	102.2	95.3	93.9	103.8	107.6
United Kingdom	119.5	123.4	122.2	139.5	101.7	103.0	100.8	84.6	95.8	108.5	114.5	111.9	112.6	119.3	129.3

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