

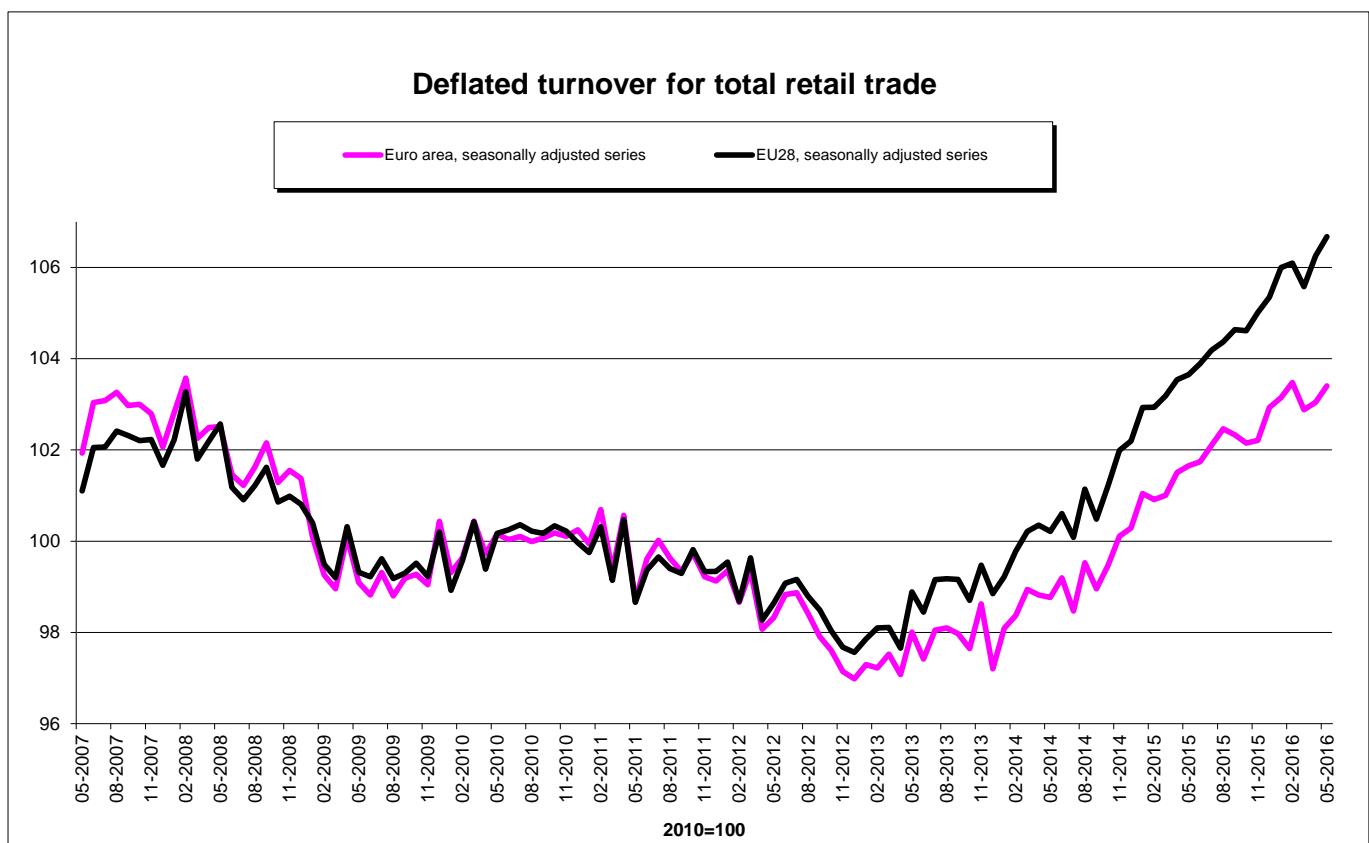
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May 2016 compared with April 2016

Volume of retail trade up by 0.4% in both euro area and EU28

In May 2016 compared with April 2016, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade rose by 0.4% in both the **euro area** (EA19) and the **EU28**, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In April the retail trade volume increased by 0.2% in the euro area and by 0.6% in the EU28.

In May 2016 compared with May 2015 the calendar adjusted retail sales index increased by 1.6% in the euro area and by 2.8% in the **EU28**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The 0.4% increase in the volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in May 2016, compared with April 2016, is due to a rise of 0.7% for non-food products, while “Food, drinks and tobacco” and automotive fuel remained stable. In the **EU28**, the 0.4% increase in the volume of retail trade is due to rises of 0.6% for non-food products and of 0.4% for “Food, drinks and tobacco”, while automotive fuel remained stable.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in total retail trade were registered in **Sweden** (+2.1%), **Estonia** (+1.5%) and **Ireland** (+1.3%), while the largest decreases were observed in **Portugal** (-1.7%), **Romania** (-1.6%) and **Denmark** (-1.1%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The 1.6% increase in the volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in May 2016, compared with May 2015, is due to rises of 2.5% for non-food products, of 2.2% for automotive fuel and of 0.2% for “Food, drinks and tobacco”. In the **EU28**, the 2.8% increase in retail trade volume is due to rises of 3.8% for non-food products, of 3.7% for automotive fuel and of 1.3% for “Food, drinks and tobacco”.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in total retail trade were observed in **Romania** (+13.8%), **Luxembourg** (+10.0%), **Estonia** (+7.0%), **Ireland** (+6.7%), the **United Kingdom** (+6.5%) and **Poland** (+6.4%), while a decrease was observed in **Belgium** (-1.0%).

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 Czech Republic, 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 [108/2016](#) of 3 June 2016. The monthly percentage changes for April 2016 have been revised from 0.0% to +0.2% in the euro area and from +0.5% to +0.6% in the EU28. The annual percentage change remains unchanged at +1.4% in the euro area and has been revised from +2.4% to +2.5% 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-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16
EA19						
Total retail trade	0.7	0.2	0.3	-0.6	0.2	0.4
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.6	0.4	0.4	-1.2	0.1	0.0
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.8	0.4	0.4	-0.7	0.5	0.7
Textiles, clothing, footwear	2.5	1.5	-0.9	-3.2	2.5	:
Electrical goods and furniture	0.5	0.2	0.9	-1.0	1.2	:
Computer equipment, books and other	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.8	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	-0.1	-0.2	0.7	0.4	-0.9	:
Mail orders and internet	0.9	1.9	-0.8	-4.4	10.1	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	1.3	0.0	-0.2	-0.5	0.2	0.0
EU28						
Total retail trade	0.3	0.6	0.1	-0.5	0.6	0.4
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.7	0.6	0.2	-0.9	0.2	0.4
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.1	0.8	0.2	-0.7	1.3	0.6
Textiles, clothing, footwear	0.5	2.0	-0.9	-2.8	2.4	:
Electrical goods and furniture	-0.6	0.7	1.2	-1.3	1.6	:
Computer equipment, books and other	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.1	2.0	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	-0.2	0.0	0.7	0.4	-0.4	:
Mail orders and internet	0.0	1.7	-0.8	-1.8	6.7	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.9	0.6	-0.3	-0.2	0.3	0.0

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Total retail trade	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16
EA19	0.7	0.2	0.3	-0.6	0.2	0.4
EU28	0.3	0.6	0.1	-0.5	0.6	0.4
Belgium	0.4	-1.2	0.3	-0.7	1.0	0.9
Bulgaria	0.2	0.6	1.8	0.8	-0.7	0.2
Czech Republic	0.8	1.3	-0.2	-0.3	0.8	c
Denmark	-1.8	1.0	-1.1	-1.7	2.1	-1.1
Germany	0.8	-0.1	0.2	-1.2	-0.3	0.9
Estonia	2.6	1.8	-2.2	-1.7	2.5	1.5
Ireland	-1.7	0.8	0.7	-0.2	0.6	1.3
Greece	1.7	-0.8	-3.3	3.7	-0.6	c
Spain	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	-0.4
France	1.2	0.9	0.3	-0.3	0.3	0.0
Croatia	1.7	-2.7	-0.2	0.7	0.5	c
Italy	0.1	0.1	0.3	-0.5	0.3	c
Cyprus	2.5	-1.3	1.0	1.0	0.9	c
Latvia	0.4	1.7	0.2	-0.1	0.5	0.9
Lithuania	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.1	1.2	-0.1
Luxembourg	3.8	-0.8	1.2	-0.1	2.2	-0.8
Hungary	0.4	0.2	1.5	0.0	0.9	0.1
Malta	1.3	-0.3	1.4	-1.8	-0.4	0.7
Netherlands	1.0	-1.0	0.5	-0.7	-0.7	c
Austria	1.2	-1.1	1.3	-0.9	0.7	0.4
Poland	0.9	1.8	-0.9	-0.2	3.7	-0.4
Portugal	-1.3	4.8	4.3	-5.2	1.2	-1.7
Romania	0.7	2.4	0.5	1.4	1.1	-1.6
Slovenia	-0.2	1.1	-1.3	0.4	0.9	-0.3
Slovakia	0.4	-1.0	0.2	1.0	0.6	0.4
Finland	-0.7	0.4	0.0	0.4	-1.3	1.1
Sweden	-2.4	0.9	0.2	-0.4	0.3	2.1
United Kingdom	-1.0	2.0	-0.7	-0.4	2.0	1.0
Norway	-1.3	0.7	-0.6	-0.6	0.1	1.7
Switzerland	0.7	-0.7	-0.6	-0.3	-0.2	0.2

* Calendar and seasonally adjusted

: Data not available

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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-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16
EA19						
Total retail trade	2.8	2.1	2.7	1.7	1.4	1.6
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.5	1.3	2.6	1.5	0.3	0.2
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	3.7	3.3	3.2	1.9	2.1	2.5
Textiles, clothing, footwear	1.1	2.0	0.0	-3.3	-1.2	:
Electrical goods and furniture	2.6	2.4	3.2	0.9	3.1	:
Computer equipment, books and other	4.7	3.2	2.2	2.2	2.6	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	3.5	2.5	3.7	3.5	1.7	:
Mail orders and internet	6.4	8.0	7.6	0.3	11.8	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	2.9	-0.1	1.2	2.0	2.1	2.2
EU28						
Total retail trade	3.1	2.9	3.3	2.2	2.5	2.8
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.9	2.0	3.1	1.8	1.5	1.3
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	3.7	4.0	3.7	2.3	3.2	3.8
Textiles, clothing, footwear	0.5	2.3	0.1	-3.0	-1.3	:
Electrical goods and furniture	3.6	3.3	4.5	1.5	4.0	:
Computer equipment, books and other	3.2	3.2	1.9	1.8	3.4	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	3.3	2.7	4.2	3.9	2.6	:
Mail orders and internet	7.3	10.9	10.0	4.6	13.5	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	4.0	1.1	1.9	3.1	3.3	3.7

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Total retail trade	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16
EA19	2.8	2.1	2.7	1.7	1.4	1.6
EU28	3.1	2.9	3.3	2.2	2.5	2.8
Belgium	-1.0	-3.6	-1.6	-2.4	-2.6	-1.0
Bulgaria	1.7	1.3	3.3	6.3	5.4	3.9
Czech Republic	6.6	6.2	5.2	5.1	5.8	c
Denmark	-0.4	1.2	-0.8	-4.7	0.1	2.1
Germany	3.3	1.7	1.9	0.2	-0.1	0.8
Estonia	6.5	8.9	5.8	2.5	5.8	7.0
Ireland	5.4	6.3	6.9	6.0	3.1	6.7
Greece	0.2	-1.7	-6.8	-1.2	-1.5	c
Spain	2.3	3.7	4.1	4.5	4.2	2.2
France	3.7	3.7	4.5	4.1	3.0	2.5
Croatia	6.7	1.6	1.7	2.8	2.4	c
Italy	0.9	1.0	2.6	0.0	0.0	c
Cyprus	8.6	3.8	7.3	8.2	8.7	c
Latvia	2.6	2.8	2.4	0.4	1.9	3.4
Lithuania	5.2	6.5	8.5	5.0	6.6	5.2
Luxembourg	18.2	14.3	15.1	11.1	16.7	10.0
Hungary	4.5	2.2	6.6	4.3	6.7	5.7
Malta	5.9	6.8	11.8	2.0	-1.5	0.2
Netherlands	2.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	-1.3	c
Austria	1.6	-0.4	0.9	0.2	0.9	2.2
Poland	7.3	5.5	6.7	5.3	6.6	6.4
Portugal	-0.5	0.2	4.9	2.4	3.0	1.2
Romania	14.5	15.7	19.0	18.6	20.4	13.8
Slovenia	1.2	2.0	-1.2	0.5	1.9	0.4
Slovakia	2.7	0.5	0.5	2.0	3.7	4.0
Finland	1.9	1.8	0.6	0.6	-0.4	0.9
Sweden	5.8	3.3	2.8	1.3	1.2	4.5
United Kingdom	2.2	5.3	4.3	3.1	5.5	6.5
Norway	-1.2	0.5	-0.9	-1.6	-4.4	2.0
Switzerland	-1.8	-0.5	-0.7	-1.4	-2.2	-1.6

* Calendar adjusted

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Deflated turnover indices for total retail trade, calendar and seasonally adjusted
 (base year 2010)

	05/15	06/15	07/15	08/15	09/15	10/15	11/15	12/15	01/16	02/16	03/16	04/16	05/16
EA19	101.7	101.7	102.1	102.5	102.3	102.2	102.2	102.9	103.1	103.5	102.9	103.0	103.4
EU28	103.7	103.9	104.2	104.4	104.6	104.6	105.0	105.3	106.0	106.1	105.6	106.2	106.7
Belgium	103.4	104.1	103.8	102.8	101.5	101.6	100.8	101.2	100.1	100.4	99.7	100.7	101.6
Bulgaria	122.2	122.4	122.3	122.0	122.2	122.5	122.7	123.0	123.7	125.9	126.9	126.0	126.2
Czech Republic	108.3	108.6	109.1	108.0	110.1	111.4	110.9	111.9	113.3	113.1	112.7	113.7	c
Denmark	93.1	96.6	97.3	97.3	96.6	97.4	97.7	95.9	96.9	95.8	94.2	96.2	95.1
Germany	105.8	105.0	106.3	105.9	106.0	105.7	106.1	107.0	106.9	107.1	105.8	105.5	106.5
Estonia	124.1	125.1	127.5	126.2	126.4	128.2	127.0	130.3	132.7	129.8	127.6	130.8	132.7
Ireland	107.9	107.9	109.1	109.9	110.6	109.1	113.7	111.7	112.5	113.3	113.0	113.7	115.2
Greece	72.9	72.0	68.9	71.5	70.4	70.9	69.8	71.0	70.4	68.1	70.6	70.2	c
Spain	85.4	85.0	85.7	86.1	86.7	87.0	86.9	87.0	87.4	87.7	88.0	88.2	87.9
France	113.7	114.3	113.9	115.3	114.9	114.8	114.3	115.7	116.7	117.0	116.6	116.9	116.9
Croatia	99.1	99.0	99.6	99.2	99.6	100.5	101.4	103.1	100.3	100.1	100.8	101.3	c
Italy	94.3	94.5	95.1	95.2	94.9	94.5	94.9	95.0	95.1	95.4	94.9	95.2	c
Cyprus	86.4	84.8	86.3	86.4	86.8	86.7	86.9	89.0	87.9	88.8	89.7	90.5	c
Latvia	123.8	124.9	125.9	126.1	126.1	127.0	123.6	124.1	126.2	126.5	126.3	126.9	128.1
Lithuania	127.7	128.8	128.8	128.9	129.2	129.9	129.8	130.8	131.7	132.9	133.1	134.7	134.6
Luxembourg	186.9	188.7	193.7	194.9	197.7	189.2	197.4	204.9	203.2	205.7	205.5	210.0	208.3
Hungary	110.1	111.0	111.4	111.2	111.8	112.4	112.8	113.3	113.5	115.2	115.2	116.2	116.3
Malta	104.3	104.7	106.5	105.1	105.1	106.1	105.2	106.5	106.2	107.7	105.7	105.2	106.0
Netherlands	93.9	95.5	94.6	95.0	94.8	94.9	94.7	95.6	94.7	95.1	94.5	93.8	c
Austria	98.8	100.7	100.2	100.0	100.7	100.4	99.5	100.7	99.6	100.9	100.0	100.7	101.1
Poland	111.3	111.8	109.1	109.3	108.9	111.7	113.2	114.2	116.3	115.2	115.0	119.3	118.8
Portugal	87.6	87.9	88.8	90.2	88.2	88.8	87.1	86.0	90.1	94.0	89.1	90.2	88.7
Romania	116.3	118.6	120.7	121.2	123.5	125.3	128.3	129.2	132.3	132.9	134.7	136.2	134.0
Slovenia	96.9	96.3	96.3	96.2	96.9	96.0	96.6	96.4	97.5	96.2	96.6	97.5	97.2
Slovakia	101.0	102.0	102.0	101.8	102.6	102.7	103.1	103.5	102.5	102.7	103.7	104.3	104.7
Finland	102.2	102.2	102.3	102.0	101.3	101.9	103.2	102.5	102.9	102.9	103.3	102.0	103.1
Sweden	113.8	114.9	115.6	114.9	116.1	117.3	118.3	115.5	116.5	116.7	116.2	116.5	118.9
United Kingdom	109.1	109.4	109.8	109.4	111.5	110.9	112.5	111.4	113.6	112.8	112.4	114.6	115.7
Norway	107.9	108.8	109.5	109.5	108.5	109.3	109.7	108.3	109.1	108.4	107.7	107.8	109.6
Switzerland	106.3	107.6	107.0	106.4	106.1	106.5	105.9	106.6	105.8	105.2	104.9	104.7	104.9

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Deflated turnover indices for total retail trade, calendar adjusted
 (base year 2010)

	05/13	05/14	05/15	06/15	07/15	08/15	09/15	10/15	11/15	12/15	01/16	02/16	03/16	04/16	05/16
EA19	96.8	97.6	100.3	100.0	101.5	104.1	100.1	103.8	101.9	126.2	99.4	91.4	100.5	100.6	101.9
EU28	97.7	99.1	102.4	102.6	104.2	105.3	102.4	106.2	106.4	128.9	100.3	93.9	102.8	103.7	105.3
Belgium	102.5	104.6	103.2	104.7	106.6	96.7	100.1	104.6	97.1	121.1	99.4	89.1	99.7	100.1	102.2
Bulgaria	108.7	117.0	117.6	122.1	133.4	131.7	128.5	128.0	122.1	140.9	109.2	108.4	120.6	123.6	122.2
Czech Republic	101.4	102.6	109.6	108.3	105.7	106.4	108.9	114.0	116.0	137.7	102.2	98.8	111.4	111.6	c
Denmark	97.6	99.7	97.0	97.3	96.5	98.5	91.1	96.2	100.4	119.5	89.8	82.0	91.2	95.7	99.0
Germany	101.5	101.7	105.4	102.9	106.5	102.9	103.0	108.2	109.9	125.8	99.8	95.7	107.3	105.7	106.2
Estonia	119.0	123.0	129.0	131.0	137.0	133.0	124.0	130.0	123.0	147.0	122.0	110.0	122.0	127.0	138.0
Ireland	94.6	98.0	104.5	103.2	111.4	106.7	103.8	105.7	118.5	157.1	105.8	106.5	103.3	107.3	111.4
Greece	73.1	68.6	71.4	72.0	68.3	76.1	69.5	69.6	67.3	82.3	67.5	64.5	67.4	70.2	c
Spain	80.7	81.2	83.9	84.0	93.3	85.0	84.6	86.9	83.4	102.5	90.7	77.7	84.8	85.0	85.8
France	103.8	106.0	109.7	113.2	100.1	130.4	112.7	116.9	111.4	146.7	113.4	102.9	112.0	113.1	112.4
Croatia	100.0	95.6	99.3	105.3	121.0	120.4	104.6	100.0	92.4	109.6	81.0	78.5	92.5	99.0	c
Italy	92.7	92.7	94.3	90.0	100.6	92.3	94.0	97.8	94.1	118.4	93.5	82.6	90.9	91.7	c
Cyprus	81.7	82.4	85.6	85.6	96.0	91.7	88.4	85.5	82.9	110.4	80.8	74.9	81.9	87.2	c
Latvia	114.6	116.1	124.0	126.8	133.7	136.9	127.9	130.8	119.2	142.1	114.0	109.1	120.1	121.4	128.2
Lithuania	118.2	123.9	130.1	131.1	137.4	140.2	129.4	133.9	126.4	150.6	116.6	113.7	127.4	130.8	136.9
Luxembourg	145.1	168.3	170.9	173.0	184.6	175.9	182.5	167.2	223.8	363.5	203.4	179.7	196.8	191.6	188.0
Hungary	97.9	101.8	107.2	109.9	117.4	116.8	114.2	118.6	115.8	140.7	93.7	94.7	109.5	114.5	113.3
Malta	98.5	98.8	107.2	107.7	117.2	104.0	100.8	109.2	103.7	122.2	97.9	98.5	99.4	102.4	107.4
Netherlands	94.0	94.7	96.2	97.9	96.2	93.0	92.6	96.3	94.8	112.1	89.8	83.4	92.6	92.0	c
Austria	98.0	95.9	96.8	98.2	101.5	97.6	98.2	102.9	99.6	121.8	93.8	90.8	100.4	100.7	98.9
Poland	103.5	102.1	111.3	111.4	113.9	110.2	111.6	117.7	107.6	133.5	103.0	99.9	116.0	119.0	118.4
Portugal	82.6	83.8	85.5	85.1	95.1	97.1	87.3	88.4	86.1	109.4	82.6	79.6	84.2	84.6	86.5
Romania	100.7	110.3	115.0	117.5	126.6	131.1	128.5	131.1	135.1	146.4	111.8	112.1	127.3	137.5	130.9
Slovenia	94.8	92.4	95.1	97.5	99.0	98.7	99.7	100.4	93.3	107.1	91.2	83.4	95.4	97.8	95.5
Slovakia	97.2	98.7	100.1	103.7	103.9	101.8	103.2	106.5	104.9	119.8	91.5	91.6	102.5	101.4	104.1
Finland	106.9	105.1	105.5	106.9	109.2	105.0	97.5	101.2	100.2	125.4	92.9	86.7	99.2	98.5	106.5
Sweden	108.3	110.4	117.7	122.3	120.8	117.6	112.1	117.5	116.7	137.6	104.6	98.5	112.7	114.0	123.0
United Kingdom	98.3	102.0	106.4	107.5	109.4	104.8	107.1	110.5	123.8	137.7	104.3	103.7	107.1	110.2	113.3
Norway	112.8	112.9	112.2	116.1	111.1	113.2	105.0	108.5	111.6	134.9	100.2	91.6	100.6	99.5	114.4
Switzerland	104.9	104.3	103.5	109.7	108.7	102.1	99.5	107.5	107.1	138.5	100.5	88.3	106.7	100.7	101.8

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