

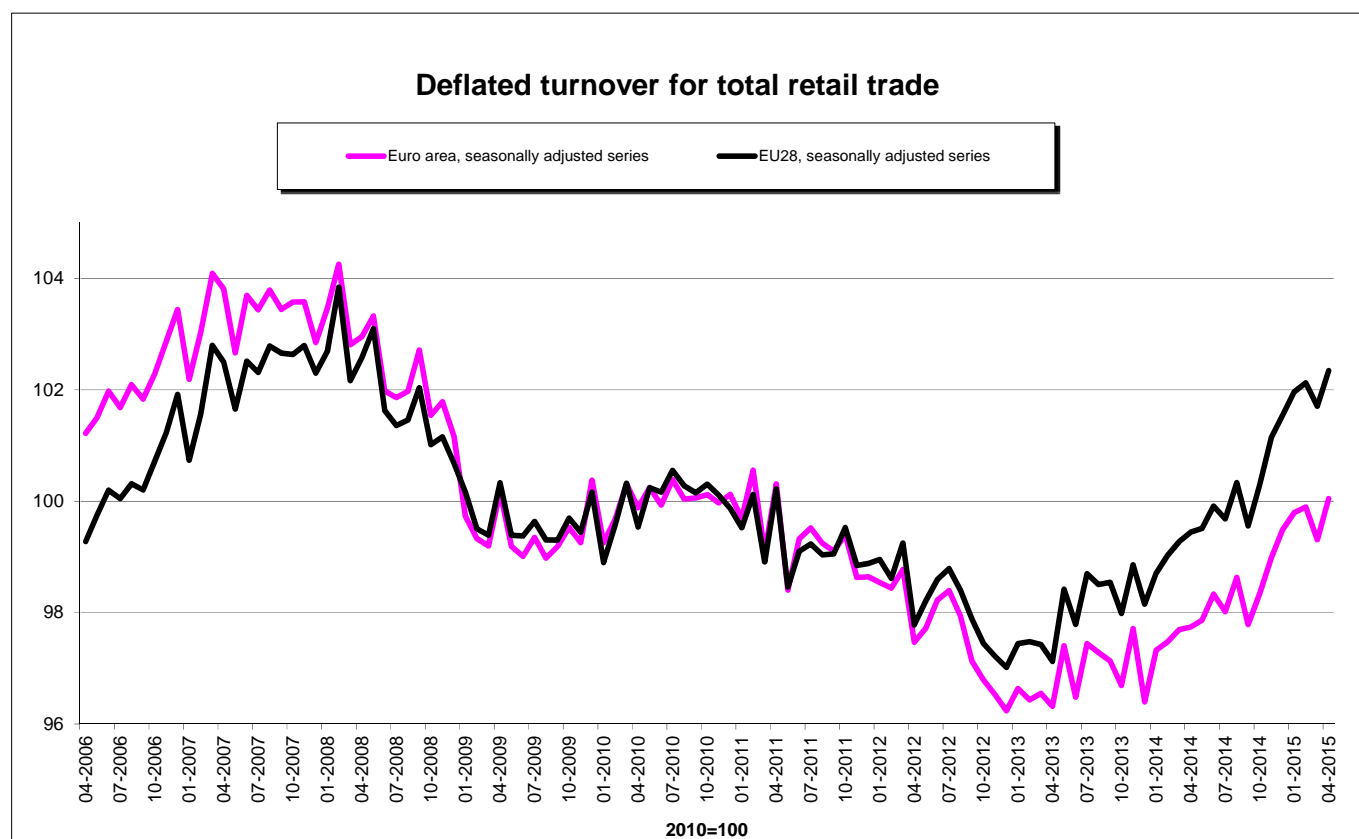
April 2015 compared with March 2015

Volume of retail trade up by 0.7% in euro area

Up by 0.6% in EU28

In April 2015 compared with March 2015, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade¹ rose by 0.7% in the **euro area**² (EA19) and by 0.6% in the **EU28**², according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In March³ retail trade fell by 0.6% and 0.4% respectively.

In April 2015 compared with April 2014⁴ the retail sales index increased by 2.2% in the **euro area** and by 2.6% in the **EU28**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The 0.7% increase in the volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in April 2015, compared with March 2015, is due to rises of 1.3% for "Food, drinks and tobacco", of 0.6% for automotive fuel and of 0.3% for the non-food sector. In the **EU28**, the 0.6% increase in retail trade is due to rises of 0.8% for "Food, drinks and tobacco", of 0.7% for automotive fuel and of 0.5% for the non-food sector.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in total retail trade were registered in **Ireland** (+3.2%), **Romania** (+3.1%) and **Germany** (+1.7%), while the largest decreases were observed in **Luxembourg** (-3.5%), **Poland** (-2.7%) and **Denmark** (-1.0%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The 2.2% increase in the volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in April 2015, compared with April 2014, is due to rises of 3.3% for the non-food sector, of 3.2% for automotive fuel and of 1.1% for "Food, drinks and tobacco". In the **EU28**, the 2.6% increase in retail trade is due to rises of 4.3% for the non-food sector, of 3.4% for automotive fuel and of 0.6% for "Food, drinks and tobacco".

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in total retail trade were observed in **Romania** (+8.1%), **Ireland** (+6.9%) and **Hungary** (+5.3%), while decreases were observed in **Luxembourg** (-9.0%), **Finland** (-2.1%), **Slovenia** (-0.9%) and **Slovakia** (-0.2%).




1. 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 working day 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.
The weights of the Member States in the EU and euro area aggregates can be found at:
<https://circabc.europa.eu/w/browse/5e6d1e48-056c-4c6a-8278-3ab138bcf575>
See file: EU-28_EA-19_NEWS_RELEASE_WEIGHTINGS_2010
More detailed data can be found in the short-term business statistics database on the Eurostat website:
<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/short-term-business-statistics/data/database>
More information about the index of retail trade can be found in Statistics Explained:
http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Retail_trade_volume_index_overview
2. 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.
The tables also include Norway and Switzerland.
3. Data of previous months have been revised compared to those issued in the News Release 80/2015 of 6 May 2015. The monthly percentage changes for March 2015 have been revised from -0.8% to -0.6% in the euro area and from -0.6% to -0.4% in the EU28. The annual percentage changes have been revised from +1.6% to +1.7% in the euro area and from +2.5% to +2.7% in the EU28.
4. Based on data adjusted for working days.

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

	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15
EA19						
Total retail trade	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.1	-0.6	0.7
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.3	0.3	0.8	-0.7	-0.6	1.3
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	1.0	0.5	0.4	0.7	-0.5	0.3
Textiles, clothing, footwear	2.1	0.2	0.6	2.0	-2.3	:
Electrical goods and furniture	1.3	-0.1	1.5	-0.4	-0.2	:
Computer equipment, books and other	0.2	0.3	1.2	0.5	-0.5	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.6	0.5	-0.1	0.6	0.4	:
Mail orders and internet	3.7	1.2	-2.9	1.7	2.7	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.2	1.8	1.0	-0.8	-1.4	0.6
EU28						
Total retail trade	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.2	-0.4	0.6
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.3	0.4	0.5	-0.5	-0.2	0.8
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	1.3	0.2	0.4	0.7	-0.3	0.5
Textiles, clothing, footwear	2.2	0.1	0.3	1.9	-1.5	:
Electrical goods and furniture	1.7	-1.2	2.2	-0.2	0.3	:
Computer equipment, books and other	0.1	1.2	0.1	0.6	-0.5	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.8	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.4	:
Mail orders and internet	4.4	0.6	-1.6	1.3	2.6	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.4	1.9	1.3	-0.2	-2.0	0.7

Total retail trade	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15
EA19	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.1	-0.6	0.7
EU28	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.2	-0.4	0.6
Belgium	-0.3	0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	0.6
Bulgaria	0.0	1.4	-0.2	-0.4	-1.4	-0.2
Czech Republic	0.2	1.1	2.2	-0.1	-0.7	c
Denmark	1.4	-1.4	0.5	0.0	0.9	-1.0
Germany	0.8	0.9	0.8	-0.2	-1.4	1.7
Estonia	2.4	-1.3	0.2	-0.6	-0.1	0.8
Ireland	0.5	1.8	-0.1	0.7	-0.6	3.2
Greece	-0.9	-1.3	0.7	-1.1	1.5	c
Spain	1.2	1.0	-0.2	-0.4	0.1	0.8
France	1.1	0.4	0.0	0.7	-0.7	0.5
Croatia	1.3	-0.3	0.9	-0.6	0.2	c
Italy	0.5	-0.1	0.4	-0.3	0.2	c
Cyprus	1.2	-2.2	3.2	-0.4	0.9	c
Latvia	1.2	-1.0	1.9	1.2	0.7	0.1
Lithuania	0.6	0.6	-1.1	1.4	1.5	-0.1
Luxembourg	-0.5	2.8	-6.9	3.9	1.1	-3.5
Hungary	0.6	0.6	1.4	-0.1	0.1	0.2
Malta	1.7	-0.6	2.7	-1.4	1.0	-0.8
Netherlands	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.4	-0.2	c
Austria	-0.3	1.4	0.8	0.5	-0.9	0.2
Poland	1.4	0.3	2.6	0.0	2.3	-2.7
Portugal	0.8	-0.2	4.3	-0.3	-3.3	0.8
Romania	2.3	0.4	1.2	-1.6	-0.5	3.1
Slovenia	0.2	-0.2	1.2	0.9	-1.5	0.3
Slovakia	-0.7	0.5	-1.1	0.1	0.9	-0.6
Finland	-1.4	0.0	0.8	1.6	-0.4	-0.9
Sweden	0.6	-1.3	1.8	0.2	0.7	-0.3
United Kingdom	1.6	0.3	-0.2	0.7	-0.6	1.1
Norway	0.5	-0.1	-0.6	0.9	0.5	2.0
Switzerland	0.0	1.6	-3.1	-0.9	0.7	:

* Working day and seasonally adjusted

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

	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15
EA19						
Total retail trade	1.4	3.2	2.5	2.6	1.7	2.2
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.2	2.1	2.0	0.9	0.1	1.1
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	2.8	4.0	3.1	3.9	3.2	3.3
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-0.3	2.4	1.1	3.1	0.0	:
Electrical goods and furniture	3.2	3.2	3.9	3.1	3.6	:
Computer equipment, books and other	4.1	4.6	5.5	5.6	4.9	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	3.8	4.1	3.6	3.8	4.2	:
Mail orders and internet	7.8	8.5	4.7	5.9	7.7	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.3	2.7	2.9	3.3	0.8	3.2
EU28						
Total retail trade	2.5	3.4	3.2	3.2	2.7	2.6
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.5	2.1	2.3	1.3	1.6	0.6
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	4.4	4.3	4.0	4.6	4.1	4.3
Textiles, clothing, footwear	1.0	2.5	1.9	3.7	1.3	:
Electrical goods and furniture	4.7	3.1	4.4	3.7	4.7	:
Computer equipment, books and other	4.8	5.3	5.4	5.3	4.3	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	4.5	4.9	4.3	4.3	4.9	:
Mail orders and internet	14.4	12.2	11.3	10.8	12.1	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.0	2.6	3.4	4.4	0.1	3.4

Total retail trade	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15
EA19	1.4	3.2	2.5	2.6	1.7	2.2
EU28	2.5	3.4	3.2	3.2	2.7	2.6
Belgium	0.5	2.8	-0.2	1.5	-1.2	0.1
Bulgaria	2.3	6.1	4.3	4.2	0.8	0.5
Czech Republic	1.9	4.6	6.9	6.3	4.7	c
Denmark	3.2	0.8	2.3	0.9	3.1	0.4
Germany	1.7	5.4	4.0	3.2	1.6	3.7
Estonia	9.0	7.8	2.8	5.1	2.6	1.7
Ireland	4.0	5.3	5.0	5.7	6.4	6.9
Greece	-1.2	-1.3	0.6	-1.7	1.2	c
Spain	1.9	6.4	4.0	2.5	3.1	4.2
France	1.1	2.2	2.3	3.3	1.6	1.7
Croatia	2.3	2.1	3.5	1.8	0.9	c
Italy	2.0	0.9	2.4	1.3	1.8	c
Cyprus	1.9	-2.7	4.6	4.2	-0.3	c
Latvia	4.6	3.0	6.9	9.1	6.6	4.0
Lithuania	5.6	6.1	2.6	5.3	5.7	4.3
Luxembourg	-1.0	7.9	-13.8	-2.8	1.8	-9.0
Hungary	5.1	5.7	8.7	6.5	5.2	5.3
Malta	4.9	5.0	13.1	9.5	11.1	3.1
Netherlands	2.8	1.8	2.5	3.2	2.3	c
Austria	-2.1	1.4	2.3	2.2	1.2	1.3
Poland	2.3	3.1	6.8	7.6	9.2	4.7
Portugal	-0.6	2.0	3.4	3.1	1.9	3.5
Romania	6.9	6.0	7.3	3.7	-0.7	8.1
Slovenia	-1.0	-1.8	0.0	2.7	0.1	-0.9
Slovakia	3.4	3.8	-0.1	-0.3	1.4	-0.2
Finland	-2.2	-2.8	-1.5	1.5	0.1	-2.1
Sweden	3.0	1.9	4.1	3.7	3.9	2.1
United Kingdom	7.0	4.4	4.9	4.8	5.3	3.3
Norway	2.8	2.5	1.3	1.8	1.7	3.8
Switzerland	-0.7	1.7	-1.1	-3.1	-2.8	:

* Working day adjusted

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

	04/14	05/14	06/14	07/14	08/14	09/14	10/14	11/14	12/14	01/15	02/15	03/15	04/15
EA19	97.7	97.9	98.3	98.0	98.6	97.8	98.3	99.0	99.5	99.8	99.9	99.3	100.0
EU28	99.4	99.5	99.9	99.7	100.3	99.6	100.3	101.1	101.6	102.0	102.1	101.7	102.3
Belgium	102.6	103.8	103.3	103.0	103.2	101.8	103.0	102.6	103.1	102.7	102.2	101.8	102.5
Bulgaria	113.2	113.3	113.8	114.9	115.5	116.2	116.1	116.1	117.7	117.5	117.1	115.4	115.2
Czech Republic	101.7	101.4	102.3	101.1	102.7	102.5	103.8	104.0	105.2	107.4	107.3	106.6	c
Denmark	95.5	95.8	95.2	95.0	96.1	94.8	95.8	97.1	95.7	96.2	96.2	97.1	96.1
Germany	102.4	102.2	103.4	102.8	103.5	101.7	103.6	104.4	105.3	106.1	105.9	104.4	106.2
Estonia	121.0	118.5	119.5	120.0	120.4	121.0	121.4	124.4	122.8	123.1	122.3	122.1	123.1
Ireland	101.2	101.7	102.7	102.8	102.7	102.6	103.7	104.3	106.1	106.0	106.8	106.1	109.5
Greece	73.1	71.5	73.2	72.3	73.7	72.5	73.2	72.5	71.6	72.1	71.3	72.4	c
Spain	82.1	82.6	82.5	82.7	83.1	83.0	82.9	83.8	84.7	84.5	84.2	84.3	85.0
France	104.0	105.2	105.4	104.7	105.7	104.8	104.7	105.8	106.2	106.2	106.9	106.2	106.7
Croatia	95.3	94.7	95.7	94.6	96.4	97.0	96.0	97.2	96.9	97.8	97.2	97.4	c
Italy	93.0	92.6	92.8	92.9	93.0	93.2	93.3	93.8	93.7	94.1	93.8	94.0	c
Cyprus	85.4	84.9	85.1	83.8	84.0	82.8	82.6	83.6	81.8	84.4	84.0	84.8	c
Latvia	120.6	117.0	116.4	119.4	118.7	118.5	120.3	121.7	120.4	122.7	124.2	125.0	125.2
Lithuania	121.5	121.0	120.9	121.9	121.8	122.0	122.5	123.3	124.0	122.6	124.4	126.2	126.1
Luxembourg	183.6	182.3	182.3	177.7	177.5	177.6	175.8	175.0	179.9	167.5	174.1	176.0	169.8
Hungary	104.4	104.1	104.2	104.3	104.9	105.9	106.8	107.4	108.0	109.5	109.4	109.5	109.7
Malta	99.8	97.8	99.1	98.5	98.6	99.3	99.7	101.4	100.8	103.5	102.0	103.0	102.2
Netherlands	92.6	92.3	92.6	92.5	93.0	92.2	93.0	93.7	94.2	94.5	94.8	94.6	c
Austria	98.5	97.7	99.4	98.0	99.1	99.4	98.1	97.8	99.2	100.0	100.5	99.6	99.8
Poland	103.9	102.8	103.2	104.1	104.9	103.4	104.9	106.4	106.7	109.5	109.5	112.0	109.0
Portugal	84.3	85.8	85.2	87.1	89.2	86.8	85.7	86.4	86.2	89.9	89.6	86.6	87.3
Romania	108.4	110.8	110.1	110.6	110.8	110.4	111.0	113.6	114.0	115.4	113.5	112.9	116.4
Slovenia	96.7	94.5	94.4	96.0	96.4	97.2	94.9	95.1	94.9	96.0	96.9	95.4	95.7
Slovakia	100.4	99.6	99.9	100.1	99.9	100.6	101.5	100.8	101.3	100.1	100.2	101.1	100.5
Finland	103.9	101.9	101.3	102.0	101.6	100.8	102.0	100.6	100.6	101.4	103.0	102.6	101.7
Sweden	108.4	106.8	107.3	105.7	108.3	107.4	108.7	109.4	108.0	109.9	110.1	110.9	110.6
United Kingdom	104.5	104.7	104.9	105.1	105.4	104.9	106.3	108.0	108.3	108.1	108.8	108.2	109.4
Norway	109.7	109.1	110.6	108.5	109.4	109.3	109.9	110.4	110.3	109.6	110.6	111.2	113.4
Switzerland	107.4	106.4	109.7	106.4	108.1	107.3	107.4	107.4	109.1	105.8	104.8	105.5	:

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

	04/12	04/13	04/14	05/14	06/14	07/14	08/14	09/14	10/14	11/14	12/14	01/15	02/15	03/15	04/15
EA19	95.0	93.8	95.4	96.5	96.7	101.1	97.2	95.6	100.3	99.2	121.2	96.1	87.8	97.3	97.5
EU28	95.3	94.5	97.1	98.2	98.7	102.4	99.3	97.4	102.0	102.8	123.9	96.4	90.1	99.4	99.7
Belgium	100.0	99.1	102.0	104.6	103.1	104.5	98.2	99.8	106.0	99.4	122.4	103.0	90.6	102.1	102.1
Bulgaria	103.7	107.4	110.1	110.5	114.0	126.2	127.1	124.3	122.2	115.0	131.4	101.2	99.3	107.2	110.7
Czech Republic	96.7	97.1	99.9	102.6	102.3	98.4	102.6	101.4	105.7	109.1	129.7	95.6	92.8	105.7	c
Denmark	95.6	93.1	95.0	99.6	96.4	93.9	96.9	89.7	93.9	98.8	119.9	88.6	82.7	95.8	95.4
Germany	101.3	101.4	102.4	101.9	101.4	102.6	100.8	99.3	106.4	108.3	123.3	98.7	94.3	106.6	106.2
Estonia	104.9	108.0	118.0	123.0	125.0	128.0	127.0	119.0	123.0	121.0	138.0	112.0	104.0	118.0	120.0
Ireland	92.9	90.9	97.4	98.0	98.6	104.9	99.9	96.6	100.8	108.3	149.0	99.5	99.7	97.4	104.1
Greece	80.9	69.1	72.6	68.6	72.3	73.6	77.7	71.9	71.3	70.4	82.1	68.7	69.2	68.3	c
Spain	83.3	77.8	78.5	81.3	82.1	89.7	82.4	80.8	81.9	80.6	100.2	87.6	74.6	81.0	81.8
France	97.7	98.9	99.9	100.9	104.2	109.4	106.0	102.8	107.3	104.4	132.6	103.7	92.9	101.4	101.6
Croatia	91.7	92.7	91.9	95.7	102.6	114.1	118.5	103.1	96.1	88.3	102.6	79.9	77.5	92.0	c
Italy	91.1	88.7	90.0	92.6	88.9	98.0	89.3	91.9	96.9	93.0	117.4	92.5	80.4	91.0	c
Cyprus	84.6	73.5	80.1	83.8	87.5	92.8	89.3	83.9	82.1	80.5	101.8	77.8	70.1	76.4	c
Latvia	100.5	103.8	114.8	115.9	118.0	127.5	129.3	121.8	124.0	117.8	138.4	111.0	106.3	118.6	119.4
Lithuania	103.0	107.4	116.5	123.9	121.8	130.3	131.9	122.0	125.4	120.7	143.2	109.6	104.7	121.4	121.5
Luxembourg	124.4	147.7	169.3	168.1	165.2	163.8	156.0	159.6	171.0	205.2	307.3	157.1	152.7	172.6	154.1
Hungary	94.3	96.8	102.2	101.8	102.8	109.6	111.2	108.8	113.3	110.2	134.3	91.3	88.2	104.1	107.6
Malta	98.6	94.6	99.1	98.6	99.6	102.8	98.5	96.6	104.4	103.4	114.1	101.6	90.6	96.4	102.2
Netherlands	93.3	89.4	91.2	94.4	94.6	94.3	93.1	89.5	94.2	94.1	109.6	89.4	83.1	92.6	c
Austria	97.3	97.8	98.2	96.1	96.5	99.2	96.9	96.4	100.8	98.5	120.0	94.3	90.0	100.2	99.5
Poland	98.0	101.1	103.2	102.8	103.0	106.8	109.2	105.8	109.6	102.7	125.8	98.4	94.9	113.7	108.0
Portugal	80.2	79.4	79.0	83.8	82.5	93.1	96.1	86.1	85.3	85.4	110.0	82.4	75.9	81.8	81.8
Romania	101.0	102.6	106.7	110.4	109.5	115.2	120.5	114.6	115.7	118.1	128.2	96.9	94.4	108.4	115.3
Slovenia	98.3	94.7	96.7	92.5	95.8	98.7	98.8	99.6	99.9	92.1	105.8	88.8	84.3	94.9	95.8
Slovakia	91.7	93.3	97.7	98.9	100.9	101.3	100.7	100.6	104.0	102.3	116.8	90.8	91.1	100.8	97.5
Finland	99.2	98.9	100.7	105.0	106.0	108.9	104.8	97.5	101.6	97.4	123.3	91.6	86.7	97.8	98.6
Sweden	98.5	99.8	105.6	110.1	114.1	110.8	111.7	103.9	108.7	107.7	129.8	98.2	92.5	107.2	107.8
United Kingdom	95.1	94.4	101.7	101.8	103.2	104.9	101.3	100.8	105.9	118.0	135.0	98.9	100.4	103.6	105.0
Norway	95.6	97.0	100.7	113.2	117.2	110.0	113.0	106.0	108.6	111.9	139.3	101.2	92.9	103.1	104.5
Switzerland	99.7	102.7	103.5	104.4	110.7	107.5	103.6	100.9	108.4	108.5	141.0	100.9	88.5	107.8	:

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