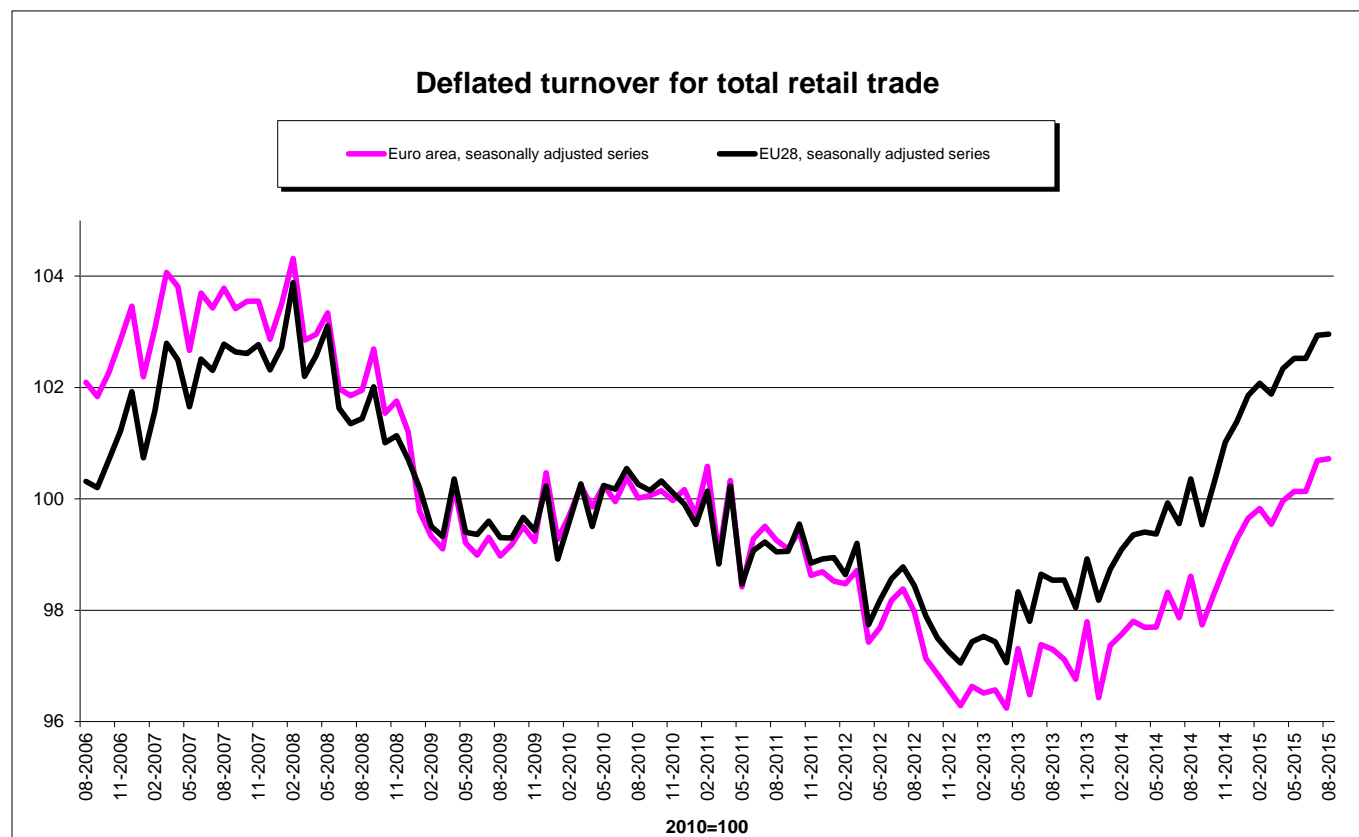


August 2015 compared with July 2015

Volume of retail trade stable in both euro area and EU28

In August 2015 compared with July 2015, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade remained stable in both the **euro area** (EA19) and the **EU28**, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In July retail trade rose by 0.6% and 0.4% respectively.

In August 2015 compared with August 2014 the retail sales index increased by 2.3% in the **euro area** and by 2.6% in the **EU28**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The stable volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in August 2015, compared with July 2015, is due to rises of 1.8% for automotive fuel and of 0.8% for “Food, drinks and tobacco”, while non-food products fell by 0.3%. In the **EU28**, the stable volume of retail trade is due to rises of 1.4% for automotive fuel and of 0.5% for “Food, drinks and tobacco”, while non-food products fell by 0.2%.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in total retail trade were registered in **Portugal** (+1.5%), **Ireland** (+0.9%) and **Poland** (+0.8%), while the largest decreases were observed in **Luxembourg** (-1.5%), **Sweden** (-1.2%), **Estonia** and **Finland** (both -1.1%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

The 2.3% increase in the volume of retail trade in the **euro area** in August 2015, compared with August 2014, is due to rises of 3.6% for automotive fuel, of 2.5% for “Food, drinks and tobacco” and of 2.0% for non-food products. In the **EU28**, the 2.6% increase in retail trade volume is due to rises of 3.3% for automotive fuel, of 2.7% for non-food products and of 2.5% for “Food, drinks and tobacco”.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in total retail trade were observed in **Romania** (+8.5%), **Ireland** (+7.7%), **Poland** (+5.7%), **Estonia** and **Latvia** (both +5.5%), **Lithuania** (+5.4%) and Malta (+5.3%), while decreases were observed in **Luxembourg** (-12.6%), **Bulgaria** (-1.9%), **Belgium** (-1.7%), **Finland** (-0.7%) and **Austria** (-0.2%).

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 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.

Revisions and timetable

Data of previous months have been revised compared to those issued in the News Release [150/2015](#) of 3 September 2015. The monthly percentage changes for July 2015 have been revised from +0.4% to +0.6% in the euro area and from +0.3% to +0.4% in the EU28. The annual percentage changes have been revised from +2.7% to +3.0% in the euro area and from +3.3% to +3.5% in the EU28.

For more information

Eurostat's [database section](#) on short-term business statistics

Eurostat's [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*

	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15
EA19						
Total retail trade	-0.3	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.6	0.0
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.4	1.0	0.3	-0.5	0.4	0.8
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.5	-0.3
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-1.8	1.0	0.9	0.3	0.0	:
Electrical goods and furniture	0.2	-1.0	0.6	-0.1	0.3	:
Computer equipment, books and other	-0.1	-0.2	0.5	0.6	-0.3	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.6	0.3	-0.4	0.5	0.3	:
Mail orders and internet	3.6	-3.4	3.7	-1.3	0.7	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-1.1	0.7	-0.5	0.5	0.3	1.8
EU28						
Total retail trade	-0.2	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.0
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.1	0.6	0.4	-0.3	0.2	0.5
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-0.1	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	-0.2
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-1.1	1.5	0.3	0.7	-0.3	:
Electrical goods and furniture	0.6	-0.7	0.6	-0.1	0.6	:
Computer equipment, books and other	-0.2	0.2	0.3	-0.1	0.0	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.5	0.4	-0.3	0.2	0.2	:
Mail orders and internet	3.0	-1.9	2.7	0.4	1.0	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-1.7	0.7	-0.4	0.1	0.3	1.4

The source dataset is available [here](#)

Total retail trade	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15
EA19	-0.3	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.6	0.0
EU28	-0.2	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.0
Belgium	-0.5	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.2	-0.5
Bulgaria	-1.4	-0.1	0.7	0.2	-1.1	-0.8
Czech Republic	-0.9	0.3	0.8	0.1	0.4	c
Denmark	1.0	-1.1	-3.3	3.8	0.7	0.1
Germany	-0.7	0.2	0.2	-0.8	1.6	-0.4
Estonia	0.5	0.3	0.9	0.7	2.5	-1.1
Ireland	-0.4	3.4	-1.4	-0.3	1.0	0.9
Greece	1.7	-0.7	1.7	-1.4	-4.6	c
Spain	0.2	0.8	0.2	-0.3	0.7	0.2
France	-0.5	0.8	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.3
Croatia	0.2	1.1	0.2	-0.7	1.5	c
Italy	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.6	c
Cyprus	0.9	0.8	0.4	-1.6	2.9	c
Latvia	0.5	0.0	-0.9	0.8	0.3	0.3
Lithuania	1.5	-0.1	1.0	1.0	-0.1	-0.1
Luxembourg	1.3	-3.3	0.9	0.7	-2.3	-1.5
Hungary	-0.1	0.1	0.5	0.6	0.5	-0.2
Malta	3.1	-2.4	1.1	-0.6	0.8	-0.3
Netherlands	-0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.6	-0.2	c
Austria	-1.0	0.4	-1.1	1.8	-0.5	-0.7
Poland	2.3	-1.3	1.8	-1.1	-1.1	0.8
Portugal	-3.3	0.9	0.0	0.2	1.0	1.5
Romania	-0.5	3.1	-0.4	2.3	1.2	-0.2
Slovenia	-1.5	0.6	0.6	-0.7	-0.1	0.3
Slovakia	0.9	-0.6	0.6	0.4	-0.2	-0.1
Finland	0.5	-1.0	0.4	-0.1	0.0	-1.1
Sweden	0.8	-0.2	-0.2	0.4	0.0	-1.2
United Kingdom	-0.6	1.1	0.2	-0.3	0.1	0.0
Norway	0.5	2.1	-3.5	0.8	0.6	-0.4
Switzerland	0.7	0.6	-0.4	1.2	-0.6	0.5

* Working day and seasonally adjusted

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

	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15
EA19						
Total retail trade	1.7	2.4	2.5	1.9	3.0	2.3
Food, drinks, tobacco	0.2	1.4	1.8	0.6	2.1	2.5
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.1	3.5	2.0
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-0.7	3.1	2.8	2.4	3.3	:
Electrical goods and furniture	3.5	2.1	2.7	2.6	2.4	:
Computer equipment, books and other	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.5	5.4	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	4.2	3.7	3.2	2.6	3.7	:
Mail orders and internet	8.4	5.5	9.0	6.9	7.8	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	1.0	2.8	2.2	2.7	3.1	3.6
EU28						
Total retail trade	2.7	2.8	3.2	2.6	3.5	2.6
Food, drinks, tobacco	1.7	0.9	2.2	1.3	2.2	2.5
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	3.9	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.4	2.7
Textiles, clothing, footwear	0.7	4.2	3.4	4.0	3.9	:
Electrical goods and furniture	4.6	3.3	4.4	4.1	4.8	:
Computer equipment, books and other	4.4	5.5	5.2	4.3	4.5	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	4.9	4.4	4.1	3.0	3.7	:
Mail orders and internet	12.4	10.4	10.7	12.0	13.1	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.2	2.9	2.5	2.1	2.7	3.3

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Total retail trade	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15
EA19	1.7	2.4	2.5	1.9	3.0	2.3
EU28	2.7	2.8	3.2	2.6	3.5	2.6
Belgium	-1.2	0.7	-1.3	1.5	2.1	-1.7
Bulgaria	0.8	0.5	0.8	2.7	0.1	-1.9
Czech Republic	4.8	5.1	6.5	5.5	6.7	c
Denmark	3.1	0.5	-2.4	0.9	2.6	1.5
Germany	2.0	3.1	3.6	0.9	3.7	2.5
Estonia	3.5	1.7	4.9	4.8	7.8	5.5
Ireland	6.4	6.9	6.6	4.7	6.2	7.7
Greece	1.0	-1.8	4.1	-0.4	-7.3	c
Spain	3.1	4.0	3.2	2.2	4.1	3.2
France	1.6	3.3	3.1	3.5	4.4	3.7
Croatia	0.9	3.7	4.7	2.1	6.1	c
Italy	1.8	2.0	1.8	1.2	2.4	c
Cyprus	-0.6	1.0	2.7	-2.0	5.3	c
Latvia	6.4	3.6	5.0	6.8	4.2	5.5
Lithuania	5.7	5.3	5.0	7.7	5.4	5.4
Luxembourg	-7.9	-15.7	-11.4	-7.0	-10.5	-12.6
Hungary	5.2	5.0	5.4	6.2	6.8	4.7
Malta	13.0	1.2	4.2	2.2	4.9	5.3
Netherlands	2.3	1.9	1.8	3.3	2.3	c
Austria	1.2	1.6	0.8	1.9	2.2	-0.2
Poland	9.2	6.5	10.0	8.2	5.6	5.7
Portugal	2.0	3.7	1.7	2.9	1.7	0.6
Romania	-0.7	8.1	4.4	8.2	9.8	8.5
Slovenia	0.1	-0.6	2.8	1.8	0.1	0.2
Slovakia	1.4	-0.1	1.9	2.7	1.6	1.3
Finland	0.9	-1.6	0.9	1.3	0.5	-0.7
Sweden	3.9	2.7	3.4	3.5	5.1	0.6
United Kingdom	5.3	3.2	4.7	3.9	3.9	3.3
Norway	1.6	3.6	-0.3	-0.1	2.0	0.9
Switzerland	-2.5	-0.6	-0.7	-1.2	0.1	-0.3

* Working day adjusted

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

	08/14	09/14	10/14	11/14	12/14	01/15	02/15	03/15	04/15	05/15	06/15	07/15	08/15
EA19	98.6	97.7	98.3	98.8	99.3	99.7	99.8	99.5	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.7	100.7
EU28	100.4	99.5	100.3	101.0	101.4	101.9	102.1	101.9	102.3	102.5	102.5	102.9	103.0
Belgium	103.3	101.8	103.0	102.6	103.1	102.7	102.3	101.9	102.8	103.4	104.0	104.3	103.7
Bulgaria	115.5	116.2	116.1	116.1	117.7	117.5	117.1	115.4	115.3	116.0	116.3	115.0	114.1
Czech Republic	102.8	102.9	104.3	104.1	105.0	107.3	107.7	106.7	107.1	107.9	108.0	108.4	c
Denmark	96.0	94.8	95.8	97.1	95.8	96.3	96.3	97.3	96.2	93.0	96.5	97.2	97.3
Germany	103.4	101.6	103.4	103.7	104.4	105.6	105.7	105.0	105.2	105.4	104.6	106.3	105.9
Estonia	120.4	120.9	121.4	124.4	122.9	123.2	122.5	123.1	123.4	124.5	125.3	128.4	127.0
Ireland	102.4	102.5	103.7	104.1	106.0	105.8	106.6	106.2	109.9	108.4	108.1	109.2	110.2
Greece	74.0	72.6	73.2	72.5	71.3	71.8	70.9	72.1	71.6	72.8	71.8	68.5	c
Spain	83.0	82.9	82.8	83.8	84.7	84.6	84.2	84.4	85.0	85.2	84.9	85.5	85.7
France	105.8	104.8	104.8	105.9	106.4	106.3	107.2	106.7	107.6	107.9	108.5	108.7	109.0
Croatia	96.4	97.0	96.0	97.2	97.0	97.8	97.3	97.5	98.6	98.8	98.1	99.6	c
Italy	92.8	93.1	93.2	93.8	93.7	94.1	93.9	94.2	94.5	94.5	94.6	95.2	c
Cyprus	83.6	82.9	82.4	83.6	82.0	84.7	84.2	85.0	85.7	86.0	84.7	87.1	c
Latvia	118.7	118.5	120.3	121.6	120.4	122.6	124.0	124.7	124.6	123.6	124.5	124.9	125.3
Lithuania	121.8	122.0	122.5	123.3	124.0	122.6	124.4	126.3	126.2	127.4	128.6	128.5	128.3
Luxembourg	177.9	176.4	174.0	172.4	176.7	164.1	163.6	165.8	160.3	161.7	162.8	159.0	156.6
Hungary	105.2	106.0	106.8	107.5	108.0	109.6	109.5	109.4	109.5	110.0	110.7	111.2	111.0
Malta	97.5	98.5	99.0	100.5	101.1	101.4	100.6	103.6	101.1	102.2	101.6	102.4	102.1
Netherlands	93.0	92.1	93.0	93.7	94.1	94.5	94.8	94.5	94.5	94.5	95.0	94.8	c
Austria	99.6	99.4	98.0	97.9	99.2	100.0	100.5	99.5	99.9	98.8	100.6	100.1	99.4
Poland	104.9	103.4	104.9	106.4	106.7	109.5	109.5	112.0	110.6	112.6	111.4	110.2	111.1
Portugal	89.2	86.8	85.7	86.4	86.2	89.9	89.6	86.6	87.4	87.4	87.6	88.5	89.8
Romania	110.8	110.4	111.0	113.6	114.0	115.4	113.5	112.9	116.4	115.9	118.6	120.0	119.7
Slovenia	96.2	97.2	94.9	95.1	94.9	96.2	97.1	95.6	96.2	96.8	96.1	96.0	96.3
Slovakia	100.0	100.6	101.6	100.9	101.4	100.3	100.4	101.3	100.8	101.4	101.8	101.6	101.6
Finland	101.9	100.8	102.0	100.6	100.6	101.2	102.6	103.1	102.1	102.5	102.4	102.4	101.3
Sweden	108.9	107.6	108.8	109.6	108.0	110.0	110.1	111.0	110.8	110.6	111.0	111.0	109.7
United Kingdom	105.5	105.0	106.3	108.0	108.3	108.1	108.8	108.2	109.4	109.6	109.2	109.3	109.3
Norway	109.4	109.3	109.8	110.3	110.2	109.5	110.4	111.0	113.3	109.3	110.2	110.9	110.5
Switzerland	107.9	107.3	107.4	107.4	109.2	105.9	105.4	106.1	106.7	106.3	107.5	106.9	107.4

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

	08/12	08/13	08/14	09/14	10/14	11/14	12/14	01/15	02/15	03/15	04/15	05/15	06/15	07/15	08/15
EA19	96.0	95.8	97.2	95.5	100.2	99.0	120.9	96.0	87.6	97.3	97.6	98.9	98.5	104.1	99.4
EU28	97.1	97.4	99.3	97.4	101.9	102.6	123.6	96.4	90.0	99.4	99.8	101.4	101.3	105.9	101.9
Belgium	94.3	95.8	98.2	99.8	106.0	99.4	122.4	103.0	90.6	102.1	102.7	103.2	104.7	106.6	96.5
Bulgaria	114.4	121.5	127.1	124.3	122.2	115.0	131.4	101.2	99.3	107.2	110.7	111.4	117.1	126.3	124.6
Czech Republic	100.9	99.9	102.6	101.8	106.2	109.1	129.3	95.9	93.9	106.0	105.0	109.3	107.7	104.9	c
Denmark	94.8	94.6	96.9	89.7	93.9	98.8	119.9	88.6	82.7	95.8	95.5	97.2	97.3	96.3	98.4
Germany	98.4	98.9	100.7	99.0	106.1	107.5	122.0	98.4	94.0	107.2	105.6	105.5	102.3	106.1	103.2
Estonia	115.8	119.0	127.0	119.0	123.0	121.0	138.0	112.0	104.0	119.0	120.0	129.0	131.0	138.0	134.0
Ireland	95.4	96.6	99.9	96.6	100.8	108.3	149.0	99.5	99.7	97.4	104.1	104.5	103.2	111.4	107.6
Greece	81.6	75.3	77.7	71.9	71.3	70.4	82.1	68.7	69.2	68.2	71.3	71.4	72.0	68.2	c
Spain	87.3	81.8	82.4	80.8	81.9	80.6	100.2	87.6	74.6	81.0	81.6	83.9	83.9	93.3	85.0
France	102.1	104.5	106.0	102.8	107.3	104.4	132.6	103.7	92.9	101.4	103.2	104.0	107.8	114.2	109.9
Croatia	115.3	119.0	118.4	103.2	96.1	88.3	102.7	79.8	77.5	92.0	95.3	100.2	104.9	121.1	c
Italy	89.9	88.8	89.3	91.9	96.9	93.0	117.4	92.5	80.4	90.9	91.8	94.3	90.0	100.4	c
Cyprus	91.5	87.5	89.2	84.0	82.0	80.5	101.9	78.2	70.0	76.0	80.9	86.0	85.6	97.8	c
Latvia	122.3	125.3	129.3	121.8	123.9	117.8	138.4	110.9	106.2	118.4	119.0	121.7	126.0	132.9	136.3
Lithuania	118.5	125.7	131.9	122.0	125.4	120.7	143.2	109.6	104.8	121.5	122.8	130.1	131.1	137.4	139.1
Luxembourg	132.7	150.4	156.3	159.6	170.9	205.4	308.2	157.3	135.6	156.5	142.8	149.2	153.8	146.6	136.7
Hungary	105.0	108.5	111.6	108.8	113.3	110.2	134.3	91.3	88.2	104.1	107.3	107.3	109.3	117.5	116.9
Malta	101.9	102.1	98.3	97.3	104.6	102.1	113.5	94.1	86.5	98.0	100.7	103.2	102.4	108.5	103.5
Netherlands	94.0	90.6	93.1	89.5	94.3	94.2	109.6	89.4	83.1	92.5	92.9	96.1	97.7	96.4	c
Austria	95.5	96.2	97.0	96.3	100.7	98.6	120.0	94.3	90.0	100.2	99.8	96.8	98.3	101.5	96.8
Poland	101.2	108.0	109.2	105.8	109.6	102.7	125.8	98.4	94.9	113.7	109.9	113.1	111.4	112.8	115.4
Portugal	94.4	94.3	96.1	86.1	85.3	85.4	110.0	82.4	75.9	81.9	81.9	85.2	84.9	94.7	96.7
Romania	115.0	114.9	120.5	114.6	115.7	118.1	128.2	96.9	94.4	108.4	115.3	115.3	118.5	126.5	130.8
Slovenia	102.0	98.5	98.8	99.6	99.9	92.1	105.9	88.8	84.3	94.9	96.1	95.1	97.4	98.9	99.0
Slovakia	98.8	98.9	100.7	100.6	104.0	102.3	116.7	90.9	91.1	100.8	97.5	100.7	103.6	103.0	102.1
Finland	106.9	106.0	104.8	97.5	101.5	97.3	123.2	91.3	86.2	98.6	99.1	105.9	107.4	109.4	104.1
Sweden	105.7	108.2	111.8	103.9	108.7	107.8	129.9	98.2	92.5	107.3	108.5	114.0	118.2	116.4	112.5
United Kingdom	96.6	98.0	101.3	100.8	105.9	118.0	134.9	98.9	100.4	103.6	105.0	106.6	107.2	108.9	104.7
Norway	109.1	110.8	112.9	106.0	108.5	112.0	139.4	101.2	92.9	103.0	104.4	112.6	117.2	112.2	113.9
Switzerland	99.8	102.2	103.6	100.8	108.4	108.6	141.0	101.0	88.9	108.2	103.0	103.7	109.3	107.6	103.4

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