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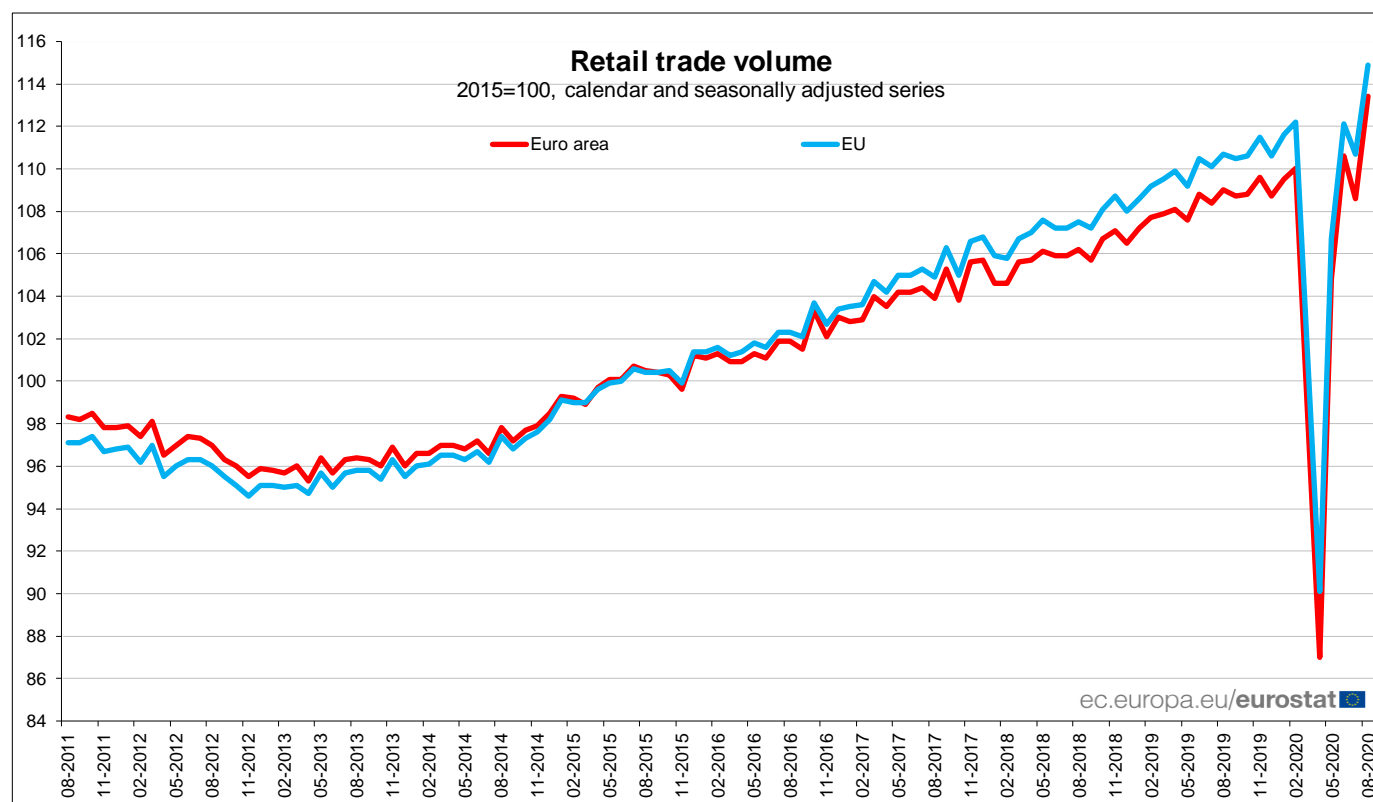
August 2020 compared with July 2020

Volume of retail trade up by 4.4% in euro area

Up by 3.8% in EU

In August 2020, a month marked by some relaxation of COVID-19 containment measures in many Member States, the seasonally adjusted volume of retail trade rose by 4.4% in the **euro area** and by 3.8% in the **EU**, compared with July 2020, according to estimates from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**. In July 2020, the retail trade volume fell by 1.8% in the **euro area** and by 1.2% in the **EU**.

In August 2020 compared with August 2019, the calendar adjusted retail sales index increased by 3.7% in the **euro area** and by 3.5% in the **EU**.



Monthly comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in August 2020, compared with July 2020, the volume of retail trade increased by 6.1% for non-food products (within this category mail orders and internet increased by 12.4%), by 2.4% for food, drinks and tobacco and by 2.1% for automotive fuels. In the **EU**, the volume of retail trade increased by 5.1% for non-food products (mail orders and internet +10.5%), by 2.2% for food, drinks and tobacco and by 2.1% for automotive fuels.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest increases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Belgium** (+9.6%), **France** (+6.2%) and **Germany** (+3.1%). The largest decreases were observed in **Romania** and **Slovenia** (both -1.6%) and **Portugal** (-1.4%).

Annual comparison by retail sector and by Member State

In the **euro area** in August 2020, compared with August 2019, the volume of retail trade increased by 5.9% for non-food products. Within this category mail orders and internet increased by 23.8%, while textiles, clothing, footwear decreased by 14.1%. The volume of retail trade increased by 3.2% for food, drinks and tobacco, while automotive fuel decreased by 4.9%. In the **EU**, the retail trade volume increased by 6.0% for non-food products (mail orders and internet +26.3%, textiles, clothing, footwear -13.2%) and by 2.6% for food, drinks and tobacco, while automotive fuel decreased by 4.8%.

Among Member States for which data are available, the highest yearly increases in the total retail trade volume were registered in **Belgium** (+12.9%), **Ireland** (+9.8%) and the **Netherlands** (+8.3%). The largest decreases were observed in **Bulgaria** (-12.2%), **Malta** (-7.5%) and **Slovenia** (-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 [132/2020](#) of 3 September 2020. The monthly percentage change for July 2020 has been revised from -1.3% to -1.8% in the euro area and from -0.8% to -1.2% in the EU. The annual percentage change has been revised from +0.4% to -0.1% in the euro area and from +0.7% to +0.4% 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*

	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20
Euro area						
Total retail trade	-10.2	-11.9	20.5	5.5	-1.8	4.4
Food, drinks, tobacco	5.5	-5.5	2.5	-3.2	0.0	2.4
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-20.5	-16.3	38.9	12.1	-4.6	6.1
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-54.6	-56.7	225.9	34.8	-3.8	7.7
Electrical goods and furniture	-26.2	-18.0	64.7	10.2	-2.2	-3.0
Computer equipment, books and other	-27.8	-22.8	58.2	16.7	-1.0	-4.7
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	2.5	-14.4	5.4	5.6	-0.5	3.2
Mail orders and internet	1.4	13.5	9.8	-6.2	-11.2	12.4
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-26.3	-28.7	38.7	19.3	8.9	2.1
EU						
Total retail trade	-9.5	-11.2	18.4	5.1	-1.2	3.8
Food, drinks, tobacco	5.1	-5.9	2.2	-2.5	0.0	2.2
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-18.8	-14.4	33.9	10.7	-3.7	5.1
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-54.1	-52.2	192.4	33.6	-2.2	6.5
Electrical goods and furniture	-23.2	-14.1	52.7	8.5	-2.1	-2.7
Computer equipment, books and other	-25.9	-20.1	50.7	14.7	-0.9	-4.0
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	3.2	-15.1	4.2	5.4	0.4	2.9
Mail orders and internet	2.1	14.7	7.6	-5.6	-9.7	10.5
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-23.4	-26.1	31.8	16.7	8.0	2.1

Source dataset: [sts_trtu_m](#)

Total retail trade	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20
Euro area	-10.2	-11.9	20.5	5.5	-1.8	4.4
EU	-9.5	-11.2	18.4	5.1	-1.2	3.8
Belgium	-10.6	-8.5	20.3	5.1	-4.3	9.6
Bulgaria	-20.1	-2.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.6
Czechia	-10.5	-1.8	10.5	1.0	1.8	c
Denmark	-2.5	-0.6	9.5	0.8	-0.7	-1.2
Germany	-1.6	-6.2	13.2	-1.6	-0.2	3.1
Estonia	-2.9	-15.2	15.9	3.1	-1.4	1.0
Ireland	0.1	-22.0	13.3	20.5	0.7	0.9
Greece	-0.4	-24.6	28.9	1.9	-0.9	c
Spain	-14.5	-19.3	18.4	16.4	1.2	1.5
France	-15.8	-18.2	37.6	8.4	-3.3	6.2
Croatia	-8.6	-20.2	24.6	0.7	-0.2	-0.8
Italy	-22.6	-12.4	25.1	c	c	c
Cyprus	-2.9	-30.3	32.8	-1.2	3.6	c
Latvia	-5.2	-7.5	7.9	4.5	-1.0	0.9
Lithuania	-9.9	-9.0	17.0	6.0	1.2	0.5
Luxembourg	-17.4	-22.7	41.6	5.9	0.8	0.3
Hungary	-1.1	-13.6	6.0	3.5	2.5	1.5
Malta	-2.5	-21.4	9.0	5.7	1.9	2.6
Netherlands	-1.5	-5.7	9.7	1.6	-0.3	1.3
Austria	-13.8	-5.2	25.6	-2.4	1.9	0.0
Poland	-7.1	-8.9	10.8	4.4	1.7	1.8
Portugal	-12.6	-17.4	14.8	5.5	4.2	-1.4
Romania	-3.4	-21.9	17.2	6.1	4.2	-1.6
Slovenia	-12.6	-8.1	16.2	3.2	1.1	-1.6
Slovakia	-6.1	-9.5	4.5	9.5	2.0	0.8
Finland	-1.4	-0.2	3.9	1.3	-1.7	0.4
Sweden	-1.8	-2.5	1.8	1.7	0.6	0.1
United Kingdom	-3.5	-17.1	10.6	12.3	2.8	0.6
Norway	-1.1	4.8	2.8	5.7	0.6	-4.9
Switzerland	-7.1	-13.4	31.4	-2.1	0.0	-1.9

* 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*

	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20
Euro area						
Total retail trade	-8.2	-19.3	-2.6	1.4	-0.1	3.7
Food, drinks, tobacco	9.1	2.1	5.9	1.1	1.1	3.2
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-18.7	-32.1	-5.9	3.9	-0.3	5.9
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-56.9	-80.9	-37.1	-17.4	-19.6	-14.1
Electrical goods and furniture	-24.6	-37.8	3.3	13.3	10.2	6.3
Computer equipment, books and other	-25.8	-41.7	-9.9	4.2	2.8	-2.5
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	6.9	-9.1	-5.5	-0.2	-1.8	2.1
Mail orders and internet	9.8	26.0	37.2	27.1	12.6	23.8
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-27.2	-47.8	-27.0	-14.0	-6.3	-4.9
EU						
Total retail trade	-7.1	-17.9	-2.4	1.4	0.4	3.5
Food, drinks, tobacco	8.7	1.1	4.7	0.6	0.8	2.6
Non-food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-16.2	-28.6	-4.3	4.3	0.8	6.0
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-55.4	-78.4	-35.6	-16.6	-17.8	-13.2
Electrical goods and furniture	-21.4	-32.2	4.9	13.3	10.1	6.4
Computer equipment, books and other	-23.5	-38.3	-8.2	4.3	3.2	-1.7
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	8.6	-9.0	-6.1	-0.9	-1.5	2.0
Mail orders and internet	12.5	30.0	38.9	28.9	16.1	26.3
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-24.4	-43.6	-24.4	-13.2	-6.2	-4.8

Source dataset: [sts_trtu_m](#)

Total retail trade	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20
Euro area	-8.2	-19.3	-2.6	1.4	-0.1	3.7
EU	-7.1	-17.9	-2.4	1.4	0.4	3.5
Belgium	-7.2	-15.9	-0.1	5.1	1.8	12.9
Bulgaria	-14.6	-19.9	-20.4	-18.1	-17.5	-12.2
Czechia	-6.0	-10.5	0.7	-1.4	1.9	c
Denmark	-3.7	-3.3	6.4	6.4	6.0	4.2
Germany	0.4	-5.5	7.7	4.1	4.3	7.2
Estonia	2.9	-12.9	2.6	6.6	3.6	4.1
Ireland	3.4	-21.0	-9.5	8.9	8.2	9.8
Greece	-2.4	-24.6	-5.1	-3.8	-3.1	c
Spain	-13.5	-29.8	-17.8	-4.6	-3.5	-2.9
France	-13.5	-29.6	-3.5	3.5	0.0	3.0
Croatia	-5.0	-24.0	-5.7	-5.0	-4.9	-6.5
Italy	-21.7	-33.3	-14.7	c	c	c
Cyprus	0.5	-29.0	-3.0	-1.5	-1.1	c
Latvia	-0.5	-8.9	-0.6	4.2	3.1	4.4
Lithuania	-5.3	-17.6	0.9	5.6	7.1	7.7
Luxembourg	-14.6	-35.6	-10.0	-8.8	-6.3	-4.2
Hungary	3.4	-10.3	-1.9	-0.2	0.5	-0.8
Malta	-5.5	-24.6	-14.5	-7.9	-10.9	-7.5
Netherlands	0.1	-5.3	4.3	6.3	5.8	8.3
Austria	-10.6	-16.9	6.7	2.5	3.7	4.9
Poland	-0.4	-11.8	0.9	2.7	4.3	6.4
Portugal	-5.2	-21.5	-11.5	-5.2	-3.0	-4.4
Romania	3.3	-19.4	-4.2	2.1	5.0	1.6
Slovenia	-14.5	-22.7	-8.8	-4.5	-4.6	-6.6
Slovakia	-3.6	-14.3	-9.0	-1.5	1.5	4.0
Finland	0.9	-0.2	6.9	7.0	4.5	4.2
Sweden	1.0	-4.9	-0.3	1.4	2.2	2.1
United Kingdom	-4.3	-22.7	-12.2	-1.5	0.5	2.4
Norway	0.9	3.6	7.8	13.7	13.8	8.2
Switzerland	-6.2	-19.0	6.8	3.4	3.6	2.5

* Calendar adjusted

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

	08/19	09/19	10/19	11/19	12/19	01/20	02/20	03/20	04/20	05/20	06/20	07/20	08/20
Euro area	109.0	108.7	108.8	109.6	108.7	109.5	110.0	98.8	87.0	104.8	110.6	108.6	113.4
EU	110.7	110.5	110.6	111.5	110.6	111.6	112.2	101.5	90.1	106.7	112.1	110.7	114.9
Belgium	99.0	98.3	99.8	101.7	100.7	99.6	102.4	91.5	83.7	100.7	105.8	101.2	110.9
Bulgaria	119.8	119.9	120.0	120.8	121.7	121.8	122.9	98.2	96.2	97.2	98.2	100.2	102.8
Czechia	122.5	123.3	123.2	123.4	123.9	125.2	125.0	111.9	109.9	121.4	122.6	124.8	c
Denmark	105.2	104.8	104.4	104.7	103.9	104.1	104.5	101.9	101.3	110.9	111.8	111.0	109.7
Germany	111.3	111.4	111.0	112.3	111.1	112.3	112.8	111.0	104.1	117.8	115.9	115.7	119.3
Estonia	112.0	112.6	112.7	114.5	112.2	113.9	118.8	115.4	97.9	113.5	117.0	115.4	116.6
Ireland	120.8	122.0	121.9	121.5	122.7	122.7	122.5	122.6	95.6	108.3	130.5	131.4	132.6
Greece	104.0	105.8	105.1	104.4	101.5	104.6	102.4	102.0	76.9	99.1	101.0	100.1	c
Spain	109.0	108.7	108.4	109.2	107.7	108.2	108.6	92.9	75.0	88.8	103.4	104.6	106.2
France	114.9	112.9	113.2	114.6	113.1	113.9	113.6	95.6	78.2	107.6	116.6	112.8	119.8
Croatia	113.6	115.0	115.2	116.7	116.9	118.2	118.0	107.9	86.1	107.3	108.1	107.9	107.0
Italy	100.4	100.8	100.8	100.3	100.6	101.1	101.4	78.5	68.8	86.1	c	c	c
Cyprus	122.8	122.4	123.4	125.7	125.3	125.4	128.0	124.3	86.6	115.0	113.6	117.7	c
Latvia	113.0	111.7	112.0	115.0	114.4	114.5	119.2	113.0	104.5	112.8	117.9	116.7	117.7
Lithuania	124.9	125.8	125.7	127.0	127.0	128.1	129.9	117.0	106.5	124.6	132.1	133.7	134.4
Luxembourg	37.3	37.2	37.2	37.3	37.1	37.2	37.3	30.8	23.8	33.7	35.7	36.0	36.1
Hungary	127.1	127.1	127.9	128.8	129.1	130.2	131.9	130.5	112.7	119.5	123.7	126.8	128.7
Malta	116.9	117.5	116.9	117.2	117.5	116.6	117.5	114.6	90.1	98.2	103.8	105.8	108.6
Netherlands	108.7	110.4	110.1	110.9	111.7	110.6	112.4	110.7	104.4	114.5	116.3	116.0	117.5
Austria	103.3	103.8	103.9	104.8	104.4	104.3	106.3	91.6	86.8	109.0	106.4	108.4	108.4
Poland	125.2	124.7	126.2	129.2	126.6	130.8	131.6	122.3	111.4	123.4	128.8	131.0	133.4
Portugal	117.2	114.0	117.2	118.9	117.4	120.1	124.5	108.8	89.9	103.2	108.9	113.5	111.9
Romania	141.6	142.9	144.2	145.6	146.7	152.2	150.8	145.6	113.7	133.3	141.4	147.4	145.0
Slovenia	122.1	121.0	121.5	121.7	119.0	121.1	119.4	104.3	95.8	111.3	114.9	116.2	114.3
Slovakia	109.2	109.7	110.5	110.5	109.7	111.9	113.4	106.5	96.4	100.7	110.3	112.5	113.4
Finland	109.8	110.9	110.1	109.8	109.2	110.3	111.9	110.3	110.1	114.4	115.9	113.9	114.3
Sweden	107.5	108.3	107.9	107.8	107.8	108.4	110.0	108.0	105.3	107.2	109.0	109.6	109.7
United Kingdom	112.2	111.9	112.1	110.0	111.0	111.8	111.7	107.8	89.4	98.9	111.1	114.2	114.9
Norway	103.2	103.3	102.4	103.5	101.1	101.7	103.6	102.5	107.4	110.4	116.7	117.4	111.7
Switzerland	98.0	97.8	98.6	99.3	98.8	98.3	99.0	92.0	79.7	104.7	102.5	102.5	100.6

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Source dataset: sts_trtu_m

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

	08/17	08/18	08/19	09/19	10/19	11/19	12/19	01/20	02/20	03/20	04/20	05/20	06/20	07/20	08/20
Euro area	105.6	108.0	111.1	105.8	109.9	111.3	129.3	104.1	98.0	97.2	85.2	103.7	110.4	108.3	115.2
EU	106.9	109.7	112.9	107.9	111.9	113.3	131.1	105.0	99.3	99.9	88.3	105.9	112.5	111.0	116.9
Belgium	92.3	91.9	92.3	95.6	101.5	99.5	119.9	98.8	90.8	92.2	83.0	102.1	108.8	103.1	104.2
Bulgaria	121.8	126.1	130.7	122.7	123.5	124.0	138.0	106.1	101.9	96.0	90.8	93.9	99.3	106.7	114.8
Czechia	109.4	113.9	119.0	121.1	125.1	134.3	151.0	113.2	108.1	113.1	106.0	121.6	121.4	120.6	c
Denmark	102.3	104.7	105.5	100.8	102.1	110.5	127.2	95.8	89.3	98.4	100.9	114.4	114.5	109.5	109.9
Germany	101.9	103.9	107.5	107.8	112.4	118.6	128.2	104.1	101.4	112.7	105.0	117.1	115.3	116.4	115.2
Estonia	109.5	111.5	116.6	110.7	113.7	112.4	126.2	104.4	103.0	112.7	95.0	117.1	121.5	122.2	121.4
Ireland	109.4	113.8	118.8	118.8	117.5	133.0	168.8	113.7	115.2	112.0	89.9	103.5	126.2	126.7	130.5
Greece	105.5	109.3	111.7	107.2	102.2	102.4	114.5	98.2	98.5	97.2	74.9	91.1	101.3	104.6	c
Spain	103.7	104.0	107.5	106.1	107.6	108.0	124.8	109.2	96.1	89.8	71.3	87.0	104.6	113.7	104.4
France	120.7	126.0	131.3	108.3	114.3	114.3	139.9	110.1	100.0	93.4	76.9	106.7	116.6	96.8	135.2
Croatia	130.6	135.8	136.3	119.8	113.2	107.1	123.5	96.8	95.3	102.2	83.1	104.1	117.0	131.2	127.5
Italy	98.2	98.9	99.1	99.5	103.6	100.2	121.9	96.7	91.4	74.9	63.0	82.8	c	c	c
Cyprus	115.6	120.1	126.2	124.3	122.4	124.0	151.5	110.7	107.8	112.2	82.6	114.6	123.1	129.8	c
Latvia	117.1	118.8	121.7	111.4	112.6	111.4	129.9	103.8	103.3	108.6	101.3	115.3	120.3	124.8	127.0
Lithuania	119.5	129.0	133.5	125.0	127.7	124.1	145.0	115.8	112.0	114.0	103.7	127.8	134.3	141.2	143.8
Luxembourg	30.8	32.4	33.6	35.9	39.0	38.1	44.0	35.7	33.7	31.5	23.5	32.4	34.2	36.9	32.2
Hungary	116.1	124.7	131.7	126.1	132.9	132.2	152.6	113.3	115.5	125.6	110.0	120.9	126.2	130.0	130.7
Malta	110.2	112.1	118.4	117.8	121.1	118.8	135.1	106.7	104.4	103.1	86.3	98.7	110.0	111.4	109.5
Netherlands	101.3	104.6	105.4	107.3	111.9	112.8	128.3	105.0	97.4	107.4	103.5	118.3	120.3	119.5	114.1
Austria	99.8	101.4	101.7	101.0	106.6	105.8	123.0	97.2	95.2	92.7	86.8	107.3	105.2	111.3	106.7
Poland	115.2	121.8	127.5	124.7	130.0	125.6	146.0	116.3	114.8	124.7	111.9	125.1	131.5	133.9	135.7
Portugal	117.0	121.5	126.8	113.1	116.2	118.7	142.6	111.1	108.5	105.2	84.9	101.2	107.5	121.6	121.2
Romania	140.6	142.7	153.3	148.7	150.1	154.7	165.7	130.9	127.3	136.4	110.6	131.4	142.6	155.2	155.8
Slovenia	114.1	119.1	123.9	124.2	127.1	119.9	131.4	113.3	104.8	103.1	94.3	108.6	116.9	121.0	115.7
Slovakia	108.2	111.4	108.1	108.7	113.9	114.6	126.8	102.5	102.4	106.0	94.5	100.7	111.5	111.6	112.4
Finland	108.6	109.6	113.5	108.3	109.4	108.2	131.9	97.4	93.8	104.6	104.9	119.5	123.1	121.9	118.3
Sweden	105.5	107.7	109.6	105.1	108.6	110.4	125.9	97.1	92.3	104.4	103.6	110.1	115.6	114.0	111.9
United Kingdom	103.4	106.8	109.4	108.1	112.5	122.2	139.6	101.7	103.1	101.1	84.8	96.0	108.7	114.6	112.0
Norway	105.4	106.6	107.0	99.2	100.6	107.7	123.6	92.5	87.1	96.9	100.3	117.4	124.1	119.4	115.8
Switzerland	91.4	92.3	91.9	92.7	99.5	105.7	120.9	93.5	87.4	91.5	77.8	106.1	102.4	102.3	94.2

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