

November 2008 compared with October 2008

Volume of retail trade up by 0.6% in euro area

Up by 0.3% in EU27

In November 2008, compared with October 2008, the volume of retail trade¹ grew by 0.6% in the **euro area**² (EA15) and by 0.3% in the **EU27**². In October³ retail trade fell by 1.0% and 0.5% respectively.

In November 2008⁴, compared with November 2007, the retail sales index decreased by 1.5% in the **euro area** and by 0.2% in the **EU27**.

Monthly changes

In November 2008, compared with October 2008, "food, drinks and tobacco" rose by 0.5% in the **euro area** and by 0.1% in the **EU27**. The non food sector increased by 0.6% and 0.4% respectively.

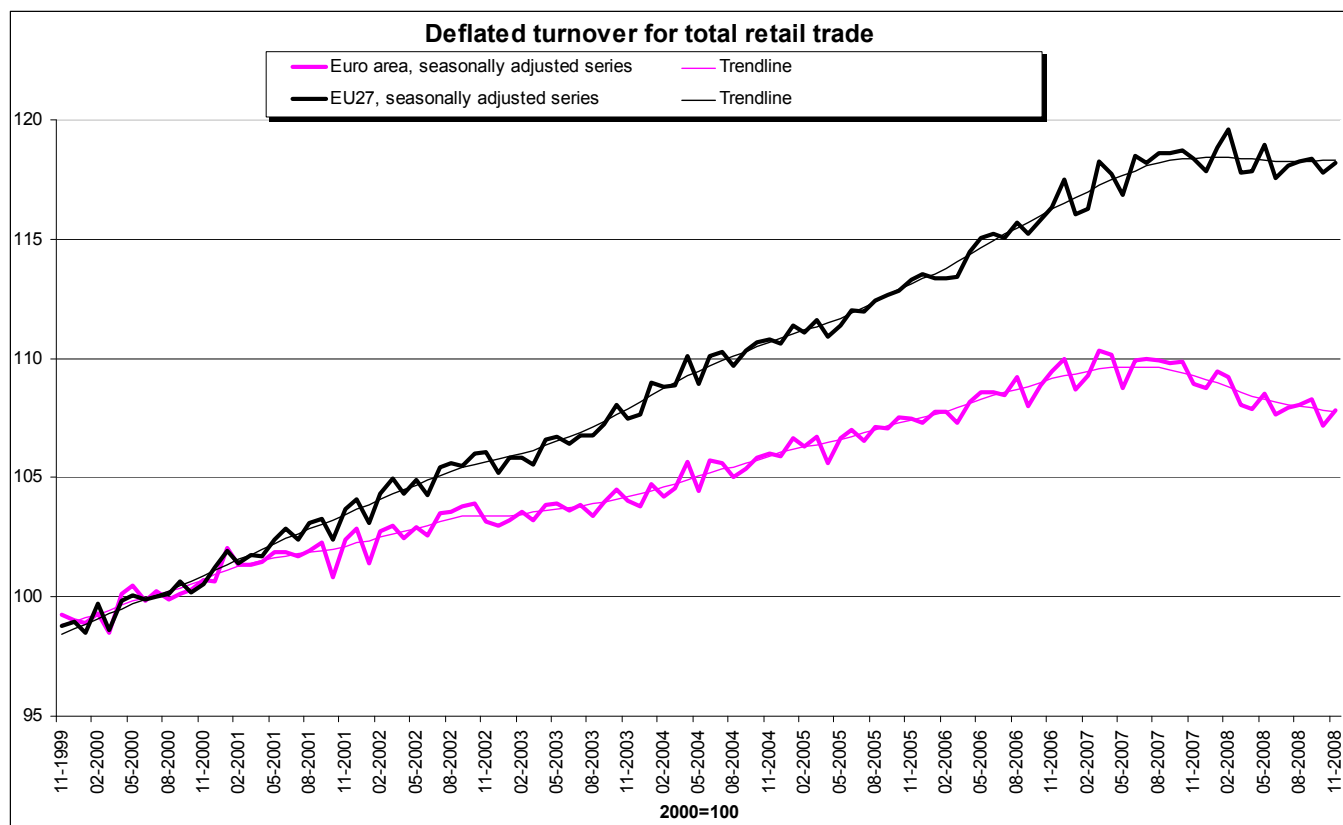
Among the Member States for which data are available, total retail trade rose in ten and fell in nine. The highest increases were observed in **Luxembourg** (+3.7%), **France** (+1.8%) and **Poland** (+1.3%), and the largest decreases in **Portugal** (-1.4%), **Belgium** and **Estonia** (both -1.1%), **Lithuania** and **Slovakia** (both -1.0%).

Annual changes

In November 2008, compared with November 2007, retail trade of "food, drinks and tobacco" fell by 1.3% in the **euro area** and by 0.6% in the **EU27**. The non food sector declined by 1.5% in the **euro area**, but rose by 0.1% in the **EU27**.

Among the Member States for which data are available, total retail trade rose in seven, fell in eleven and remained unchanged in **Sweden**. The highest increases were observed in **Romania** (+6.8%), **Poland** (+6.2%) and **Slovenia** (+5.4%), and the largest decreases in **Latvia** (-15.1%), **Estonia** (-9.3%) and **Spain** (-7.8%).

These first estimates come from **Eurostat, the Statistical Office of the European Communities**.



1. Based on data adjusted for working days and seasonal effects.
The seasonally adjusted euro area and EU series are calculated by aggregating the working day adjusted series from individual Member States and performing an adjustment for seasonal effects on these series. Therefore the European seasonally adjusted figures for total retail trade are based directly on the working day adjusted series coming from the Member States and **not on an aggregation of the seasonally adjusted indices from the Member States**. The euro area and EU seasonally adjusted growth rates might differ from the weighted growth rates of the individual Member States. This procedure also implies that the aggregation of total retail trade is not directly based on the published details (food, non-food). For the methodology, see News Releases 47/2000 of 12 April 2000 and 33/2004 of 5 March 2004. For definitions of published sectors see News Release 103/2001 of 3 October 2001. Retail sale not in stores 52.6 (except for mail orders) and retail sale of second-hand goods 52.5 are not published as separate sectors as they are not required as such by the STS-Regulation. They are however included in the "non food products" aggregate.
2. The euro area (EA15) consisted of 15 Member States up to 31 December 2008: Belgium, Germany, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia and Finland. From 1 January 2009 the euro area (EA16) also includes Slovakia.
The EU27 includes Belgium (BE), Bulgaria (BG), the Czech Republic (CZ), Denmark (DK), Germany (DE), Estonia (EE), Ireland (IE), Greece (EL), Spain (ES), France (FR), Italy (IT), Cyprus (CY), Latvia (LV), Lithuania (LT), Luxembourg (LU), Hungary (HU), Malta (MT), the Netherlands (NL), Austria (AT), Poland (PL), Portugal (PT), Romania (RO), Slovenia (SI), Slovakia (SK), Finland (FI), Sweden (SE) and the United Kingdom (UK).
As part of Eurostat's guidelines for the dissemination of data when the EU or euro area is enlarged, the aggregate data series commented on refer to the official composition of the euro area in the most recent month for which data are available. Thus News Releases with data for months up to December 2008 will comment on EA15 series, while Releases with data for January 2009 onwards will comment on EA16 series.
3. Data of previous months have been revised compared to those issued in the News Release 170/2008 of 3 December 2008, when the figures published for October 2008 were -0.8% in the euro area and -0.3% in the EU27 for the monthly variations, and -2.1% in the euro area and -0.8% in the EU27 for the annual variations.
4. Based on data adjusted for working days.

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

	Jun-08	Jul-08	Aug-08	Sep-08	Oct-08	Nov-08
EA15						
Total retail trade	-0.8	0.3	0.1	0.2	-1.0	0.6
Food, drinks, tobacco, of which:	-0.7	-0.2	0.4	0.4	-0.8	0.5
Sales in non specialised stores	-1.5	0.4	0.3	0.0	-0.2	:
Sales in specialised stores	-0.9	0.0	-0.2	-0.5	-0.3	:
Non food products, of which:	-0.8	0.6	0.0	0.2	-1.1	0.6
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-2.8	2.3	-1.7	2.6	-3.2	:
Household goods	-1.7	1.1	-0.3	-0.8	-0.5	:
Books, newspapers and other sales in specialised stores	-1.1	1.0	-0.1	-0.1	-1.0	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.4	0.2	0.3	-0.1	-0.6	:
Other sales in non specialised stores	-1.9	0.8	-0.6	-0.5	0.2	:
Mail orders	-1.2	3.5	-2.0	0.9	-1.6	:
EU27						
Total retail trade	-1.2	0.5	0.1	0.1	-0.5	0.3
Food, drinks, tobacco, of which:	-1.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Sales in non specialised stores	-1.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	:
Sales in specialised stores	-0.9	0.1	-0.3	0.0	-0.2	:
Non food products, of which:	-1.2	0.7	0.1	0.1	-0.9	0.4
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-3.1	2.0	-0.3	0.9	-2.1	:
Household goods	-1.6	0.4	0.2	-0.6	-0.9	:
Books, newspapers and other sales in specialised stores	-1.1	1.0	0.1	0.3	-0.7	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.3	0.2	0.5	-0.3	-0.4	:
Other sales in non specialised stores	-1.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	0.3	:
Mail orders	0.6	1.7	-0.5	1.2	-1.1	:

	Jun-08	Jul-08	Aug-08	Sep-08	Oct-08	Nov-08
EA15	-0.8	0.3	0.1	0.2	-1.0	0.6
EU27	-1.2	0.5	0.1	0.1	-0.5	0.3
EA16	-0.8	0.3	0.1	0.2	-1.0	0.6
Belgium	-1.1	-0.5	0.6	0.6	-1.2	-1.1
Bulgaria	0.1	0.2	-0.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.6
Czech Republic	0.3	-0.7	0.2	0.5	-0.6	c
Denmark	0.0	-3.1	0.8	0.0	-2.4	0.8
Germany	-1.4	0.0	1.5	0.3	-2.2	0.7
Estonia	-1.4	0.8	-0.7	-2.4	-0.2	-1.1
Ireland	-0.4	-2.4	-0.8	0.5	-0.4	c
Greece	-0.2	-1.0	-0.7	0.6	0.5	c
Spain	-0.6	-0.1	0.5	-0.8	-2.2	0.4
France	-1.5	1.2	-0.5	0.6	-0.4	1.8
Italy	-1.0	1.1	-1.0	-0.1	-0.5	:
Cyprus	-1.3	1.8	-0.3	0.2	c	c
Latvia	-2.3	-0.4	-1.5	-4.5	-2.1	-0.4
Lithuania	-2.4	3.3	-2.5	-1.0	3.6	-1.0
Luxembourg	5.0	-6.3	1.2	1.3	-2.2	3.7
Hungary	-0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.3	-0.1	c
Malta	-8.2	:	:	:	:	:
Netherlands	-0.7	-0.3	0.6	-0.2	-0.4	c
Austria	-3.4	1.6	-0.8	0.8	-0.2	0.3
Poland	-0.1	0.3	-0.7	0.7	0.7	1.3
Portugal	-2.0	4.3	-0.2	-2.3	-0.9	-1.4
Romania	2.6	0.9	0.7	-1.3	0.4	-0.5
Slovenia	-1.2	1.1	0.6	1.9	-0.9	0.6
Slovakia	-1.9	1.7	-0.3	-0.7	1.1	-1.0
Finland	-0.8	0.2	0.1	-0.9	0.6	-0.9
Sweden	1.6	-0.6	0.2	-1.3	-0.7	0.3
United Kingdom	-1.9	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.2

* Seasonally adjusted

: Data not available

c: Confidential

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

	Jun-08	Jul-08	Aug-08	Sep-08	Oct-08	Nov-08
EA15						
Total retail trade	-3.2	-1.5	-1.7	-1.1	-2.3	-1.5
Food, drinks, tobacco, of which:	-4.2	-2.2	-2.1	-1.8	-2.3	-1.3
Sales in non specialised stores	-4.1	-2.3	-1.9	-1.6	-2.2	:
Sales in specialised stores	-4.4	-3.5	-3.5	-4.0	-4.1	:
Non food products, of which:	-2.5	-0.9	-1.6	-0.4	-2.3	-1.5
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-3.2	0.1	-2.9	-0.4	-2.5	:
Household goods	-4.8	-3.1	-4.0	-3.5	-4.1	:
Books, newspapers and other sales in specialised stores	-1.9	-0.4	-0.5	0.2	-2.0	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	1.9	1.9	2.8	2.0	-0.6	:
Other sales in non specialised stores	-4.1	-1.8	-2.6	-3.7	-3.2	:
Mail orders	-3.9	2.3	-0.7	2.2	-1.9	:
EU27						
Total retail trade	-1.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-1.0	-0.2
Food, drinks, tobacco, of which:	-2.3	-1.2	-1.9	-1.3	-1.3	-0.6
Sales in non specialised stores	-2.0	-1.0	-1.6	-1.1	-1.1	:
Sales in specialised stores	-3.7	-3.2	-3.9	-2.8	-2.7	:
Non food products, of which:	-0.3	0.7	0.9	0.9	-0.8	0.1
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-0.7	2.3	1.1	0.3	-0.2	:
Household goods	-2.7	-2.4	-1.4	-2.1	-3.9	:
Books, newspapers and other sales in specialised stores	0.5	2.2	1.9	2.5	0.8	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	2.6	3.0	3.1	2.4	0.2	:
Other sales in non specialised stores	-1.1	-0.8	-1.1	-2.0	-1.8	:
Mail orders	3.8	5.8	4.8	7.1	3.2	:

	Jun-08	Jul-08	Aug-08	Sep-08	Oct-08	Nov-08
EA15	-3.2	-1.5	-1.7	-1.1	-2.3	-1.5
EU27	-1.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-1.0	-0.2
EA16	-3.2	-1.5	-1.7	-1.0	-2.3	-1.5
Belgium	-1.3	-0.5	-0.7	4.0	0.1	-4.3
Bulgaria	5.2	5.1	2.4	3.8	2.8	-1.2
Czech Republic	2.6	-0.5	-0.2	2.0	-1.1	c
Denmark	-2.3	-6.0	-5.2	-6.3	-6.2	-5.4
Germany	-1.5	-1.8	-0.3	0.3	-0.9	0.3
Estonia	-6.9	-4.2	-6.0	-9.1	-8.0	-9.3
Ireland	-1.2	-5.1	-4.9	-5.1	-5.5	c
Greece	0.7	-2.1	-4.2	-1.6	0.5	c
Spain	-7.9	-6.0	-5.9	-7.0	-7.8	-7.8
France	-3.2	0.3	-0.7	0.8	-1.4	1.6
Italy	-6.2	-2.1	-5.1	-3.2	-4.3	:
Cyprus	5.1	9.6	5.8	4.0	c	c
Latvia	-8.3	-8.5	-8.9	-13.5	-14.4	-15.1
Lithuania	3.0	5.5	2.4	-0.5	1.0	-1.8
Luxembourg	11.9	3.5	-0.9	2.0	-1.4	-6.7
Hungary	-2.2	-1.7	-1.4	-1.6	-1.4	c
Malta	-9.8	:	:	:	:	:
Netherlands	-0.5	-1.2	0.7	-1.0	-0.6	c
Austria	-2.7	0.3	-1.7	-0.9	-0.9	-0.5
Poland	6.3	8.1	4.9	5.8	5.1	6.2
Portugal	-1.6	2.7	1.3	-0.7	-0.2	-1.6
Romania	23.6	18.5	16.8	13.0	8.8	6.8
Slovenia	4.2	6.2	5.7	5.1	4.0	5.4
Slovakia	3.2	6.8	5.7	4.5	4.6	2.0
Finland	2.3	1.7	0.6	-0.3	0.6	-1.5
Sweden	3.1	1.5	2.7	-1.0	-1.2	0.0
United Kingdom	2.5	2.2	2.6	2.0	2.3	2.6

* Working day adjusted

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Deflated Turnover for Total Retail Trade
seasonally adjusted
(Base year 2000)

	11/07	12/07	01/08	02/08	03/08	04/08	05/08	06/08	07/08	08/08	09/08	10/08	11/08
EA15	109.0	108.8	109.4	109.2	108.0	107.9	108.5	107.6	108.0	108.1	108.3	107.2	107.8
EU27	118.4	117.8	118.8	119.6	117.8	117.8	119.0	117.5	118.1	118.2	118.4	117.8	118.2
EA16	109.0	108.9	109.5	109.3	108.1	108.0	108.6	107.7	108.1	108.2	108.4	107.3	107.9
BE	104.9	104.4	105.4	105.9	106.0	107.0	107.5	106.4	105.9	106.5	107.1	105.8	104.6
BG	252.6	253.4	254.2	255.7	255.1	257.1	256.4	256.7	257.2	256.4	257.3	257.2	255.7
CZ	135.9	136.2	136.8	136.7	135.5	136.9	136.9	137.3	136.3	136.6	137.4	136.5	c
DK	131.0	132.0	130.0	134.0	130.0	130.0	129.0	129.0	125.0	126.0	126.0	123.0	124.0
DE	98.4	98.3	99.6	100.8	98.5	98.4	99.8	98.4	98.4	99.9	100.2	98.1	98.7
EE	236.5	233.5	232.9	239.3	228.9	229.3	227.1	223.8	225.5	223.8	218.5	218.1	215.7
IE	139.8	139.6	139.7	139.7	138.6	134.6	136.7	136.2	132.9	131.9	132.6	132.1	c
EL	137.1	135.8	137.1	133.7	135.5	135.9	135.7	135.4	134.0	133.1	133.8	134.5	c
ES	122.8	121.6	120.1	119.7	118.9	118.1	116.8	116.1	116.0	116.6	115.7	113.1	113.5
FR	121.4	121.2	121.6	122.8	119.9	121.6	121.9	120.1	121.5	120.9	121.6	121.1	123.3
IT	91.9	91.6	91.4	91.7	90.2	89.8	89.8	88.9	89.9	89.0	88.9	88.5	:
CY	142.4	145.8	145.4	148.6	146.3	149.0	150.7	148.7	151.4	151.0	151.4	c	c
LV	257.1	248.0	247.3	249.5	247.2	251.9	245.3	239.7	238.7	235.2	224.6	219.9	219.1
LT	193.6	195.9	199.0	202.3	195.5	205.9	192.6	188.1	194.2	189.4	187.6	194.3	192.3
LU	179.9	189.4	168.6	168.8	170.0	163.7	164.1	172.3	161.3	163.3	165.4	161.8	167.8
HU	138.1	138.0	138.3	138.0	137.4	138.0	137.6	137.0	137.0	137.0	136.6	136.5	c
MT	97.6	93.0	94.3	99.9	96.3	88.9	97.9	89.8	:	:	:	:	:
NL	107.4	108.6	106.9	108.5	105.8	107.1	107.6	106.8	106.5	107.1	106.9	106.5	c
AT	104.7	104.9	104.7	107.2	103.6	104.7	106.3	102.7	104.3	103.5	104.3	104.1	104.4
PL	142.7	141.8	146.3	146.4	144.4	148.5	148.8	148.7	149.1	148.0	149.0	150.1	152.0
PT	104.8	104.1	107.9	110.5	106.5	105.2	106.7	104.6	109.1	108.9	106.4	105.4	103.9
RO	213.0	218.3	224.4	221.1	230.1	234.0	238.1	244.2	246.3	248.0	244.8	245.8	244.5
SI	149.2	150.0	150.6	162.3	151.8	153.5	154.0	152.1	153.8	154.7	157.7	156.3	157.2
SK	145.4	146.2	150.1	153.6	150.6	148.7	150.7	147.8	150.4	150.0	148.9	150.6	149.0
FI	139.1	137.3	138.2	142.1	138.8	140.9	139.6	138.5	138.8	139.0	137.8	138.6	137.4
SE	141.4	141.9	140.9	143.0	143.4	141.1	142.3	144.6	143.8	144.0	142.2	141.2	141.7
UK	136.5	136.4	138.5	139.7	138.0	137.8	140.7	138.1	138.1	138.8	139.2	139.4	139.8

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Deflated Turnover for Total Retail Trade
working days adjusted
(Base year 2000)

	11/05	11/06	11/07	12/07	01/08	02/08	03/08	04/08	05/08	06/08	07/08	08/08	09/08	10/08	11/08
EA15	109.5	111.3	111.1	137.7	104.1	97.5	105.1	105.4	107.1	104.7	107.9	103.4	105.8	110.8	109.5
EU27	117.2	120.2	122.2	151.2	111.1	106.6	113.9	114.7	117.3	114.9	117.7	114.1	115.3	119.9	121.9
EA16	109.5	111.3	111.2	137.8	104.2	97.6	105.2	105.5	107.2	104.8	108.0	103.5	105.9	110.9	109.6
BE	97.7	102.9	101.3	122.5	104.8	95.7	105.4	108.0	109.8	108.0	105.3	99.6	109.8	105.5	96.9
BG	215.0	248.7	273.8	305.0	217.7	219.4	233.4	245.3	249.4	258.2	264.9	263.9	268.5	275.0	270.6
CZ	127.7	136.1	145.3	174.6	116.1	118.9	129.7	137.8	142.4	140.7	133.1	131.4	143.7	138.3	c
DK	128.0	131.0	130.0	166.0	122.0	115.0	126.0	130.0	132.0	129.0	126.0	127.0	119.0	122.0	123.0
DE	106.8	107.0	103.7	118.8	92.8	88.8	100.3	98.4	98.6	94.4	97.1	96.5	97.9	101.9	104.0
EE	186.1	222.0	229.7	277.9	206.8	210.2	223.6	224.8	235.1	234.7	237.8	234.4	215.5	221.0	208.4
IE	126.5	137.0	143.3	198.5	136.2	133.4	131.1	130.6	126.7	128.5	129.5	125.1	130.8	122.5	c
EL	122.9	131.3	133.8	169.5	126.9	130.1	127.0	140.7	132.4	136.5	135.7	124.8	130.7	132.8	c
ES	115.0	119.6	120.2	143.4	126.9	106.0	115.8	113.7	116.0	112.6	124.0	110.0	111.8	115.0	110.9
FR	117.9	119.3	122.3	155.5	118.4	108.2	112.4	115.6	116.9	117.1	119.6	121.8	119.5	126.7	124.2
IT	99.7	99.6	96.7	131.9	81.8	82.6	85.6	86.9	90.0	86.1	87.5	72.2	85.8	94.3	:
CY	119.3	125.2	138.8	189.7	130.2	127.0	136.0	142.7	151.8	148.7	167.1	147.9	146.5	c	c
LV	181.8	223.7	247.3	310.9	222.7	217.6	238.0	240.6	241.0	241.1	246.5	247.0	222.3	221.9	209.9
LT	158.2	167.9	183.9	241.6	181.3	171.2	190.5	191.4	193.4	189.4	202.0	204.2	191.4	195.3	180.5
LU	123.3	143.0	185.8	243.2	167.0	150.9	173.1	163.0	160.7	166.3	160.5	145.4	154.3	166.2	173.3
HU	146.2	149.3	142.9	185.9	107.0	105.6	126.9	132.4	133.4	136.9	141.6	144.6	139.7	145.6	c
MT	87.5	73.1	95.5	121.1	77.7	78.7	85.7	91.3	95.5	90.9	:	:	:	:	:
NL	101.8	105.2	107.0	127.5	98.7	94.3	105.1	106.0	110.7	109.8	107.9	105.4	104.7	108.6	c
AT	105.3	105.9	106.9	131.9	97.3	95.3	106.5	101.5	104.2	98.3	102.9	101.0	101.6	107.3	106.4
PL	111.8	121.7	138.2	174.4	129.4	126.5	146.8	149.6	150.4	150.3	151.9	151.3	150.5	156.0	146.8
PT	105.1	106.2	106.2	141.8	97.0	92.9	104.5	97.4	101.3	98.7	112.1	111.8	106.1	106.3	104.5
RO	142.5	172.0	203.2	318.6	175.9	188.0	216.8	234.0	213.6	238.9	261.7	283.5	265.2	216.6	217.1
SI	134.8	137.9	144.1	178.1	131.9	135.6	148.5	155.7	156.9	155.9	157.5	154.2	159.7	161.9	151.9
SK	131.5	144.2	151.4	177.3	132.2	137.2	143.1	143.4	153.3	148.8	152.5	151.4	145.9	156.2	154.5
FI	124.1	130.9	137.6	176.2	123.8	122.8	130.2	136.4	144.1	148.5	146.9	144.6	132.5	137.6	135.6
SE	125.5	133.6	138.9	181.1	123.9	121.2	136.8	140.3	144.2	150.0	145.8	148.8	140.1	138.4	138.9
UK	139.5	143.7	150.1	181.7	127.0	129.0	131.0	131.2	137.5	133.0	135.9	133.2	132.1	138.4	154.0

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