

December 2009 compared with November 2009

Volume of retail trade remained stable in euro area

Down by 0.1% in EU27

In December 2009, compared with November 2009, the volume of retail trade¹ remained stable in the **euro area**² (EA16) and fell by 0.1% in the **EU27**². In November³ retail trade decreased by 0.5% in both zones.

In December 2009⁴, compared with December 2008, the retail sales index dropped by 1.6% in the **euro area** and by 1.0% in the **EU27**.

The average volume of retail trade index for 2009, compared with 2008, fell by 2.3% in the **euro area** and by 1.7% in the **EU27**.

Monthly changes

In December 2009, compared with November 2009, "Food, drinks and tobacco" gained 0.3% in both zones. The non food sector dropped by 0.2% in the **euro area** and by 0.3% in the **EU27**.

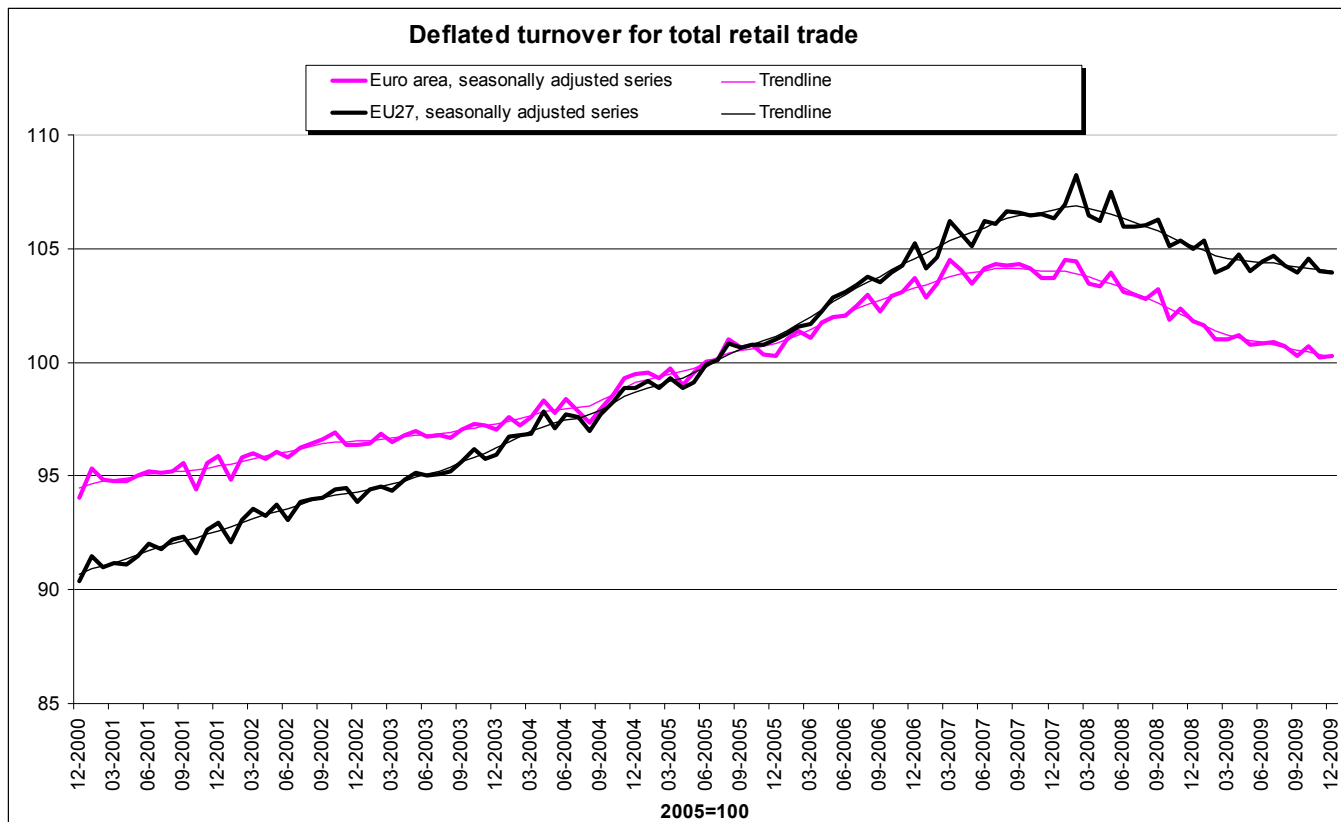
Among the Member States for which data are available, total retail trade rose in twelve and fell in seven. The highest increases were observed in **Austria** (+1.6%), **France** (+1.2%), **Spain**, **Slovenia** and **Slovakia** (all +0.9%). The largest decreases were recorded in **Romania** (-5.7%), **Malta** (-5.6%) and **Portugal** (-2.8%).

Annual changes

In December 2009, compared with December 2008, "Food, drinks and tobacco" gained 0.1% in the **euro area** and 0.6% in the **EU27**. The non food sector dropped by 2.2% and 1.4% respectively.

Among the Member States for which data are available, total retail trade rose in seven and fell in twelve. The highest increases were observed in **Poland** (+4.6%), **Sweden** (+3.1%) and **Austria** (+2.7%), and the largest decreases in **Latvia** (-30.2%), **Lithuania** (-27.2%) and **Estonia** (-16.4%).

These first estimates come from **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**.



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, fuel).
2. The euro area (EA16) includes Belgium, Germany, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Finland.
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).
3. Data of previous months have been revised compared to those issued in the News Release 4/2010 of 7 January 2010. The monthly growth rates for November 2009 have been revised from -1.2% to -0.5% in the euro area, and from -0.8% to -0.5% in the EU27. The annual growth rates have been revised from -4.0% to -2.0% in the euro area, and from -2.1% to -1.3% in the EU27.
4. Based on data adjusted for working days.

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

	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09
EA16						
Total retail trade	0.0	-0.1	-0.4	0.4	-0.5	0.0
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.2	0.7	-0.6	0.0	0.2	0.3
Non food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.2	-0.7	-0.2	0.7	-0.7	-0.2
Textiles, clothing, footwear	1.0	-2.4	0.2	2.1	-2.5	:
Electrical goods and furniture	0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.6	-0.5	:
Computer equipment, books and other	-0.3	-0.6	-0.5	0.7	-0.8	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.2	0.4	-0.2	0.5	0.2	:
Mail orders and internet	0.6	-3.4	2.8	-0.5	-0.3	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	1.4	-1.7	0.1	-2.8	-1.5	:
EU27						
Total retail trade	0.2	-0.4	-0.3	0.6	-0.5	-0.1
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.1	0.3	-0.4	0.1	-0.1	0.3
Non food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.3	-0.8	0.0	0.9	-0.6	-0.3
Textiles, clothing, footwear	0.8	-2.2	0.2	2.4	-2.4	:
Electrical goods and furniture	0.6	-0.4	0.2	0.7	-0.2	:
Computer equipment, books and other	-0.2	-0.8	-0.4	0.6	-0.5	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.4	0.2	-0.3	0.5	0.0	:
Mail orders and internet	1.0	-1.8	1.7	0.4	0.6	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.7	-0.9	-1.2	-1.0	-3.4	:

	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09
EA16	0.0	-0.1	-0.4	0.4	-0.5	0.0
EU27	0.2	-0.4	-0.3	0.6	-0.5	-0.1
Belgium	1.0	-0.7	-0.1	0.8	0.0	0.8
Bulgaria	-0.6	-1.1	-0.6	-1.0	-1.2	-1.1
Czech Republic	1.3	-0.5	-0.9	0.9	-2.0	c
Denmark	0.0	0.0	-2.2	1.3	-0.8	0.4
Germany	1.3	-1.6	0.5	0.9	-1.7	0.8
Estonia	-4.2	-1.2	-2.8	0.5	-3.1	0.3
Ireland	0.3	-1.6	0.7	-2.3	1.3	c
Greece	1.0	2.2	-2.8	-2.5	0.6	c
Spain	-1.0	1.4	-1.1	-0.7	-0.9	0.9
France	-0.7	0.7	-0.7	0.7	-0.1	1.2
Italy	0.1	-0.4	0.1	0.3	-0.3	:
Cyprus	0.6	-0.9	-1.2	0.8	-1.6	c
Latvia	-0.9	-3.2	-1.7	-1.6	-2.4	-1.9
Lithuania	1.0	-1.9	-7.6	2.2	-4.6	-1.9
Luxembourg	:	:	:	:	:	:
Hungary	-2.3	-0.8	-0.5	-0.6	-0.8	c
Malta	3.1	-3.6	1.4	-1.5	-1.0	-5.6
Netherlands	0.8	-0.7	-0.3	-0.4	-0.3	c
Austria	1.4	-2.3	2.3	0.3	-2.5	1.6
Poland	0.2	-0.3	-0.7	1.6	1.0	0.1
Portugal	3.6	-0.5	-2.1	1.1	-0.6	-2.8
Romania	2.5	0.3	-1.8	-0.4	-1.2	-5.7
Slovenia	-0.3	-0.2	-0.8	1.2	-0.3	0.9
Slovakia	1.6	0.4	1.1	-1.7	-0.7	0.9
Finland	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.5
Sweden	2.3	-3.0	0.5	1.0	-0.5	0.1
United Kingdom	-0.1	-0.1	0.5	0.5	-0.1	-0.9

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

	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09
EA16						
Total retail trade	-1.5	-2.1	-2.8	-0.9	-2.0	-1.6
Food, drinks, tobacco	-1.6	-0.9	-1.8	-1.1	-1.3	0.1
Non food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-1.1	-2.5	-3.0	-0.2	-1.7	-2.2
Textiles, clothing, footwear	0.1	-4.0	-4.8	2.5	-3.4	:
Electrical goods and furniture	-3.3	-2.7	-2.8	-0.4	-1.3	:
Computer equipment, books and other	-0.9	-2.0	-3.0	-0.5	-2.4	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	2.2	3.0	1.6	3.0	3.0	:
Mail orders and internet	-4.6	-8.2	-3.6	-1.9	-3.5	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-2.7	-1.8	-3.6	-8.7	-11.1	:
EU27						
Total retail trade	-1.0	-1.6	-2.2	-0.3	-1.3	-1.0
Food, drinks, tobacco	-1.1	-0.2	-1.1	-0.6	-0.8	0.6
Non food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-0.3	-2.1	-2.1	0.7	-0.6	-1.4
Textiles, clothing, footwear	2.6	-1.4	-2.1	4.8	-0.7	:
Electrical goods and furniture	-3.3	-3.8	-3.0	-0.3	-0.7	:
Computer equipment, books and other	-1.8	-3.1	-3.8	-1.8	-2.5	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	1.3	1.5	0.7	1.9	2.2	:
Mail orders and internet	0.4	-2.2	0.3	2.3	2.5	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-4.8	-3.2	-6.0	-7.9	-11.0	:

	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09
EA16	-1.5	-2.1	-2.8	-0.9	-2.0	-1.6
EU27	-1.0	-1.6	-2.2	-0.3	-1.3	-1.0
Belgium	5.4	-1.8	-5.8	4.5	3.6	1.1
Bulgaria	-9.2	-9.7	-8.3	-8.8	-10.1	-11.0
Czech Republic	0.9	-0.7	-2.5	-1.6	-3.6	c
Denmark	-3.0	-1.6	-5.8	-1.7	-3.3	-1.0
Germany	0.3	-2.6	-2.6	-0.7	-2.4	-2.5
Estonia	-20.4	-20.5	-21.3	-18.6	-21.2	-16.4
Ireland	-5.0	-3.8	-5.3	-6.6	-3.7	c
Greece	-10.2	-4.5	-8.9	-15.4	-10.8	c
Spain	-4.6	-4.1	-3.4	-2.7	-5.4	-1.5
France	-1.3	0.5	-1.7	1.7	0.6	-1.0
Italy	-1.3	-2.1	-1.7	-0.3	-0.9	:
Cyprus	-2.2	-3.1	-6.1	-2.9	-4.9	c
Latvia	-28.9	-29.2	-30.5	-28.5	-30.2	-30.2
Lithuania	-19.0	-19.9	-25.6	-24.5	-27.7	-27.2
Luxembourg	:	:	:	:	:	:
Hungary	-6.6	-7.3	-7.4	-7.6	-7.8	c
Malta	-6.5	-11.6	-10.9	-7.9	-4.7	-9.8
Netherlands	-3.4	-5.1	-5.3	-5.1	-5.1	c
Austria	3.7	1.1	3.4	4.3	-0.3	2.7
Poland	3.8	2.7	0.2	3.9	4.6	4.6
Portugal	-0.4	-1.8	-1.3	-1.4	-2.3	2.2
Romania	-12.8	-11.4	-12.8	-9.5	-9.1	-7.4
Slovenia	-12.0	-13.6	-17.1	-13.3	-14.5	-11.5
Slovakia	-10.6	-9.7	-9.2	-10.3	-9.8	-9.3
Finland	-1.3	-3.7	-2.0	-1.8	-0.1	1.6
Sweden	4.1	0.4	1.3	3.9	2.8	3.1
United Kingdom	1.6	1.2	1.7	3.2	2.0	0.7

* Working day adjusted

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Deflated turnover for total retail trade
seasonally adjusted
(Base year 2005)

	12/08	01/09	02/09	03/09	04/09	05/09	06/09	07/09	08/09	09/09	10/09	11/09	12/09
EA16	101.8	101.6	101.0	101.0	101.2	100.7	100.8	100.9	100.7	100.3	100.7	100.2	100.3
EU27	105.0	105.3	104.0	104.2	104.8	104.0	104.4	104.7	104.2	103.9	104.5	104.0	103.9
BE	103.9	105.7	105.5	105.9	105.0	105.5	104.4	105.5	104.7	104.6	105.4	105.4	106.3
BG	134.6	134.3	132.1	130.7	129.6	128.2	127.1	126.3	124.9	124.1	122.9	121.4	120.1
CZ	120.9	122.9	121.0	121.1	121.9	120.4	119.4	121.0	120.4	119.3	120.4	118.0	c
DK	95.8	96.5	95.5	96.1	96.5	95.9	96.2	96.2	96.2	94.1	95.3	94.5	94.9
DE	99.5	98.0	97.9	97.9	98.3	97.7	96.8	98.1	96.5	97.0	97.9	96.2	97.0
EE	113.0	112.7	106.5	107.1	106.2	104.4	105.3	100.9	99.7	96.9	97.4	94.4	94.6
IE	110.8	109.6	110.5	108.1	108.3	106.6	108.2	108.5	106.8	107.5	105.0	106.4	c
EL	103.2	103.9	101.0	98.6	100.0	99.4	98.8	99.8	102.0	99.2	96.7	97.3	c
ES	95.2	95.9	95.1	94.5	94.4	94.0	94.9	94.0	95.3	94.2	93.6	92.7	93.5
FR	106.4	106.8	105.8	106.1	107.6	106.7	107.9	107.1	107.9	107.1	107.9	107.8	109.1
IT	97.3	97.8	97.3	97.3	97.2	97.5	97.0	97.1	96.7	96.8	97.0	96.7	:
CY	120.7	122.8	120.5	119.8	119.6	118.1	118.2	118.9	117.8	116.4	117.3	115.4	c
LV	118.5	107.6	100.3	98.0	97.1	97.5	93.4	92.5	89.5	88.1	86.7	84.6	83.0
LT	122.2	108.2	106.2	101.9	103.6	101.8	101.2	102.2	100.2	92.6	94.7	90.3	88.6
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
HU	98.9	99.4	98.7	98.0	97.9	97.1	97.3	95.1	94.3	93.8	93.2	92.5	c
MT	102.4	109.4	110.9	105.9	105.3	104.5	100.4	103.5	99.8	101.2	99.7	98.6	93.1
NL	106.7	104.4	104.0	103.7	103.0	102.5	101.8	102.7	101.9	101.6	101.2	100.9	c
AT	101.4	103.5	102.2	103.4	104.8	103.4	103.5	104.9	102.5	104.9	105.2	102.6	104.2
PL	129.3	135.2	135.6	134.6	135.4	134.6	134.8	135.1	134.7	133.8	135.9	137.2	137.4
PT	95.8	102.9	99.6	96.0	99.9	97.3	98.7	102.3	101.8	99.7	100.8	100.2	97.4
RO	152.7	167.2	160.4	159.6	158.2	157.6	153.1	157.0	157.4	154.5	153.9	152.0	143.4
SI	124.1	123.7	107.4	106.8	107.4	106.0	107.7	107.4	107.2	106.3	107.6	107.3	108.3
SK	123.3	114.2	111.9	111.4	112.5	110.6	110.0	111.8	112.2	113.4	111.5	110.7	111.7
FI	109.0	108.6	108.1	107.3	108.0	108.1	108.4	108.4	108.4	108.7	109.0	109.0	109.5
SE	106.9	108.1	108.3	108.1	112.0	110.5	110.2	112.7	109.3	109.8	110.9	110.3	110.4
UK	110.5	111.4	108.9	110.2	110.4	109.5	111.6	111.4	111.4	111.9	112.5	112.5	111.4

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Deflated turnover for total retail trade
working days adjusted
(Base year 2005)

	12/06	12/07	12/08	01/09	02/09	03/09	04/09	05/09	06/09	07/09	08/09	09/09	10/09	11/09	12/09
EA16	129.4	128.7	126.5	96.6	88.3	97.4	99.0	98.9	99.0	103.7	97.8	99.1	104.2	100.1	124.5
EU27	132.2	133.1	131.1	98.6	91.6	100.2	102.6	102.3	102.7	106.7	101.9	102.2	107.5	105.7	129.8
BE	121.9	120.1	124.6	106.3	93.4	108.0	105.8	105.9	102.6	108.3	97.0	102.9	109.2	99.0	125.9
BG	140.1	162.7	157.3	116.7	114.3	120.2	123.8	122.2	124.8	130.4	129.4	130.7	134.7	130.2	140.0
CZ	144.2	152.0	151.8	107.5	103.6	117.1	123.0	122.5	118.7	120.9	119.3	121.2	128.7	125.3	c
DK	130.9	129.0	118.8	90.8	81.9	93.1	96.7	98.0	96.7	97.3	97.8	89.5	95.0	93.7	117.6
DE	122.9	115.3	119.0	90.6	85.9	99.4	99.0	96.9	92.5	96.9	94.0	95.1	101.7	101.3	116.0
EE	147.5	148.1	127.8	99.1	91.3	102.0	102.8	107.4	111.8	106.9	105.8	95.6	100.1	91.7	106.9
IE	151.0	160.4	150.1	103.4	103.0	98.8	103.9	102.3	104.7	110.0	105.0	102.8	103.9	108.7	c
EL	140.0	140.8	129.0	99.7	99.5	91.8	101.4	93.9	95.8	99.8	97.2	96.4	98.6	97.1	c
ES	121.8	119.7	111.1	102.0	83.0	90.9	90.4	93.2	93.1	102.0	90.5	92.0	95.6	89.5	109.5
FR	131.8	138.8	136.4	102.1	90.2	98.4	103.1	102.3	108.2	108.1	110.3	105.7	113.1	108.4	135.0
IT	138.8	135.5	130.6	88.9	85.9	93.0	93.6	95.6	95.3	103.5	86.5	97.2	100.0	93.1	:
CY	140.7	156.0	153.4	112.8	106.7	110.0	115.4	116.4	117.5	132.4	117.8	116.5	116.8	108.6	c
LV	162.2	161.6	141.4	96.5	87.2	91.7	93.3	99.9	94.5	95.8	94.4	87.8	88.2	81.9	98.7
LT	139.5	152.7	145.1	99.2	92.8	98.4	101.5	103.2	100.6	106.2	107.1	93.2	96.5	87.3	105.7
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
HU	135.9	131.2	126.4	79.3	77.7	91.4	96.0	95.9	99.0	99.1	99.4	95.8	100.3	95.2	c
MT	143.7	123.8	113.5	100.5	98.4	99.3	101.0	104.8	101.4	114.4	103.0	102.9	101.0	96.7	102.4
NL	121.1	125.2	124.4	96.8	90.9	102.3	102.4	105.2	104.3	104.0	100.3	100.0	103.3	100.7	c
AT	128.5	126.0	125.4	97.7	91.4	103.8	105.3	102.1	99.3	104.4	99.3	101.8	108.6	102.5	128.8
PL	143.2	153.5	152.7	123.2	121.1	136.4	139.3	135.4	135.4	138.2	136.9	133.5	142.6	130.8	159.7
PT	134.7	133.2	125.7	93.6	85.7	94.0	94.2	94.6	94.5	106.4	106.3	100.5	100.6	99.8	128.5
RO	162.1	199.2	190.8	135.9	132.9	149.7	153.6	154.0	150.3	160.6	167.2	160.8	166.2	161.2	176.6
SI	116.0	125.8	134.8	105.5	95.3	110.5	110.4	107.8	108.4	111.0	105.8	109.2	114.1	102.4	119.3
SK	129.9	139.9	147.3	98.8	98.2	104.8	107.8	110.2	110.2	114.5	115.2	115.2	117.7	116.1	133.6
FI	131.3	134.2	134.2	98.1	90.8	98.7	108.1	109.7	113.1	117.3	109.8	105.8	110.5	104.6	136.4
SE	135.8	135.1	131.3	95.5	91.0	101.7	112.4	113.5	115.4	116.7	114.3	108.7	109.5	107.2	135.4
UK	138.7	142.6	143.3	102.9	99.4	103.6	107.2	106.5	108.7	110.6	107.4	106.6	112.6	122.4	144.3

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