

April 2009 compared with March 2009

Volume of retail trade up by 0.2% in euro area

Up by 0.5% in EU27

In April 2009, compared with March 2009, the volume of retail trade¹ grew by 0.2% in the **euro area**² (EA16) and by 0.5% in the **EU27**². In March³ retail trade decreased by 0.1% in the **euro area**, but rose by 0.1% in the **EU27**.

In April 2009⁴, compared with April 2008, the retail sales index dropped by 2.3% in the **euro area** and by 1.4% in the **EU27**.

Monthly changes

In April 2009, compared with March 2009, "Food, drinks and tobacco" gained 1.1% in the **euro area** and 1.3% in the **EU27**. The non food sector declined by 0.2% in the **euro area**, but rose by 0.1% in the **EU27**.

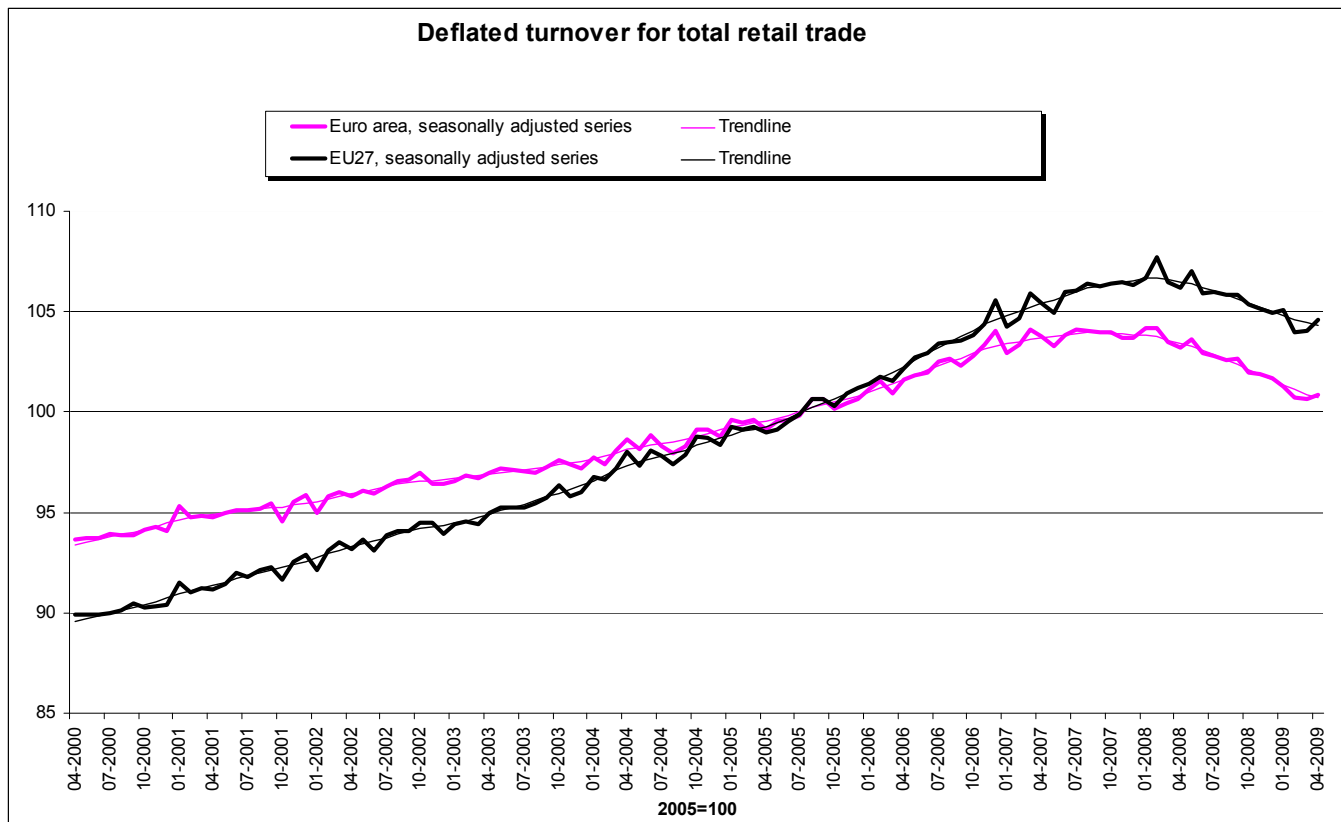
Among the Member States for which data are available, total retail trade rose in ten, fell in six and remained stable in **Denmark**. The highest increases were observed in **Finland** (+7.6%), **Sweden** (+3.4%) and **Slovenia** (+2.5%), and the largest decreases in **Romania** (-1.0%), **Bulgaria** and **Estonia** (both -0.9%).

Annual changes

In April 2009, compared with April 2008, "Food, drinks and tobacco" fell by 1.2% in the **euro area** and by 0.4% in the **EU27**. The non food sector decreased by 2.5% and 0.9% respectively.

Among the Member States for which data are available, total retail trade rose in six and fell in eleven. The highest increases were observed in **Sweden** (+3.7%), **Austria** (+2.6%) and the **United Kingdom** (+2.4%), and the largest decreases in **Latvia** (-29.6%), **Lithuania** (-19.5%) and **Estonia** (-18.0%).

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, 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 65/2009 of 6 May 2009, when the figures published for March 2009 were -0.6% in the euro area and -0.3% in the EU27 for the monthly variations, and -4.2% in the euro area and -3.1% 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*

	Nov-08	Dec-08	Jan-09	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09
EA16						
Total retail trade	0.0	-0.2	-0.4	-0.5	-0.1	0.2
Total retail trade except automotive fuel	0.0	0.0	-0.4	-0.5	-0.1	0.2
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.1	-0.3	-0.6	-0.7	-0.1	1.1
Non food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.0	0.0	-0.2	-0.5	0.1	-0.2
Textiles, clothing, footwear	0.1	-0.7	2.6	-2.3	1.1	:
Electrical goods and furniture	0.0	0.1	-1.7	-0.9	-0.6	:
Computer equipment, books and other	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	-1.1	0.5	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	-0.1	0.7	0.2	-0.8	0.6	:
Mail orders and internet	1.0	3.8	-4.4	0.3	0.8	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	0.3	-5.2	0.5	-2.6	1.8	:
EU27						
Total retail trade	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	-1.1	0.1	0.5
Total retail trade except automotive fuel	-0.1	0.0	0.1	-1.0	0.1	0.5
Food, drinks, tobacco	-0.2	-0.7	0.4	-1.1	-0.1	1.3
Non food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	0.0	0.3	0.1	-0.9	0.3	0.1
Textiles, clothing, footwear	0.2	-0.2	3.2	-2.3	0.9	:
Electrical goods and furniture	-0.1	0.2	-1.8	-1.0	-0.7	:
Computer equipment, books and other	-0.2	-0.6	1.0	-1.6	0.7	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	-0.2	0.5	-0.1	-0.7	0.2	:
Mail orders and internet	0.6	4.1	-2.7	-0.8	2.3	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.8	-4.4	1.3	-3.2	0.7	:

	Nov-08	Dec-08	Jan-09	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09
EA16	0.0	-0.2	-0.4	-0.5	-0.1	0.2
EU27	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	-1.1	0.1	0.5
Belgium	-1.0	1.1	1.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Bulgaria	-0.9	-1.0	-0.1	-1.6	-1.0	-0.9
Czech Republic	-0.7	-0.7	1.7	-1.7	0.1	c
Denmark	0.0	-1.0	1.0	-1.0	0.0	0.0
Germany	-0.2	0.6	-1.2	0.0	-0.4	0.5
Estonia	-1.1	-4.6	-0.2	-5.4	0.7	-0.9
Ireland	-2.8	1.3	-1.2	1.6	-2.7	c
Greece	-3.9	-3.1	-0.9	-2.6	-2.5	c
Spain	0.2	-1.3	0.6	-0.9	-0.6	-0.2
France	0.7	-1.3	0.5	-1.4	0.8	c
Italy	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	:
Cyprus	c	c	c	c	c	c
Latvia	-0.5	-2.1	-10.8	-5.2	-2.4	0.3
Lithuania	-0.6	-1.3	-11.9	-1.9	-4.0	1.3
Luxembourg	:	:	:	:	:	:
Hungary	-0.6	-1.0	0.3	-0.5	-0.6	c
Malta	2.0	-5.5	:	:	:	:
Netherlands	-0.3	0.7	-2.3	-0.3	-0.3	c
Austria	0.1	0.0	2.1	-1.4	1.1	1.1
Poland	-1.1	-0.1	3.6	0.2	-0.9	-0.3
Portugal	0.0	-4.1	3.8	-2.6	-1.3	2.2
Romania	1.0	-9.6	9.5	-4.1	-0.4	-1.0
Slovenia	0.4	0.5	-0.4	-16.3	6.9	2.5
Slovakia	-1.4	0.7	-7.3	-2.2	-0.4	0.9
Finland	-1.1	-0.2	0.2	0.5	-5.6	7.6
Sweden	-0.3	0.0	1.5	-0.1	-0.1	3.4
United Kingdom	0.2	0.2	1.6	-2.5	0.7	1.3

* Seasonally adjusted

: Data not available

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

	Nov-08	Dec-08	Jan-09	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09
EA16						
Total retail trade	-2.1	-1.7	-2.4	-4.6	-3.4	-2.3
Total retail trade except automotive fuel	-2.0	-1.3	-1.9	-4.1	-2.8	-1.8
Food, drinks, tobacco	-2.3	-2.2	-2.4	-5.4	-4.5	-1.2
Non food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-1.7	-0.6	-1.5	-3.2	-1.6	-2.5
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-1.9	-3.8	1.3	-3.9	1.4	:
Electrical goods and furniture	-2.4	-1.1	-5.6	-6.7	-6.6	:
Computer equipment, books and other	-1.3	-2.0	-2.1	-5.1	-2.4	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	-0.5	1.6	1.7	-1.2	0.9	:
Mail orders and internet	0.4	6.9	-4.6	-2.9	2.0	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-0.7	-6.0	-8.8	-11.3	-7.4	:
EU27						
Total retail trade	-1.4	-1.4	-1.3	-4.0	-2.8	-1.4
Total retail trade except automotive fuel	-1.2	-0.9	-0.7	-3.3	-2.2	-0.7
Food, drinks, tobacco	-1.7	-2.6	-1.7	-4.2	-3.6	-0.4
Non food products (except automotive fuel), of which:	-0.8	0.1	-0.1	-2.8	-1.3	-0.9
Textiles, clothing, footwear	-0.2	-1.2	4.0	-1.2	2.9	:
Electrical goods and furniture	-2.7	-1.3	-5.8	-7.2	-7.6	:
Computer equipment, books and other	-0.1	-1.4	0.8	-3.9	-1.1	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	-0.2	1.9	0.7	-2.4	-0.6	:
Mail orders and internet	2.6	10.0	1.1	-0.5	6.8	:
Automotive fuel in specialised stores	-2.6	-6.8	-7.3	-10.8	-8.3	:

	Nov-08	Dec-08	Jan-09	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09
EA16	-2.1	-1.7	-2.4	-4.6	-3.4	-2.3
EU27	-1.4	-1.4	-1.3	-4.0	-2.8	-1.4
Belgium	-3.9	3.6	3.3	-1.9	2.7	0.3
Bulgaria	-1.1	-3.3	-1.9	-6.4	-8.3	-9.3
Czech Republic	2.8	0.6	2.4	-2.1	0.0	c
Denmark	-4.9	-7.8	-5.2	-8.9	-6.1	-5.9
Germany	-0.1	2.1	-2.2	-1.8	-1.2	-0.4
Estonia	-7.5	-13.7	-13.1	-21.6	-17.0	-18.0
Ireland	-8.4	-6.4	-7.8	-6.4	-8.0	c
Greece	-2.7	-8.4	-10.9	-13.3	-18.3	c
Spain	-8.2	-7.2	-5.4	-9.0	-7.8	-7.3
France	0.4	-1.8	-1.4	-5.9	-2.3	c
Italy	-3.5	-1.9	-1.8	-1.5	-2.7	:
Cyprus	c	c	c	c	c	c
Latvia	-14.1	-12.6	-20.1	-26.2	-27.1	-29.6
Lithuania	-0.5	-5.0	-15.2	-18.6	-20.9	-19.5
Luxembourg	:	:	:	:	:	:
Hungary	-1.9	-3.7	-2.8	-3.2	-3.6	c
Malta	-17.3	-16.3	:	:	:	:
Netherlands	-0.8	-0.6	-3.0	-4.7	-3.1	c
Austria	-1.2	-0.5	1.7	-1.7	2.5	2.6
Poland	-0.6	-0.5	6.0	7.4	3.0	1.2
Portugal	1.4	-5.4	-0.7	-5.5	-4.9	-1.9
Romania	10.0	-4.2	-1.5	-8.3	-6.4	-9.9
Slovenia	7.0	7.2	3.0	-12.6	-4.2	-8.5
Slovakia	4.4	5.3	-6.0	-14.4	-11.5	-9.2
Finland	-5.2	0.1	-0.6	-8.1	-5.4	0.5
Sweden	-1.6	-2.8	1.4	-1.3	-1.8	3.7
United Kingdom	0.7	0.7	2.4	-2.4	-0.8	2.4

* Working day adjusted

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Deflated Turnover for Total Retail Trade
seasonally adjusted
(Base year 2005)

	04/08	05/08	06/08	07/08	08/08	09/08	10/08	11/08	12/08	01/09	02/09	03/09	04/09
EA16	103.2	103.6	102.9	102.8	102.6	102.7	101.9	101.9	101.7	101.3	100.7	100.6	100.9
EU27	106.2	107.0	105.9	106.0	105.8	105.9	105.3	105.1	105.0	105.1	104.0	104.0	104.6
BE	105.8	106.1	105.1	104.8	105.5	106.0	104.3	103.2	104.4	105.8	105.8	105.7	105.6
BG	141.0	139.6	139.7	139.4	138.2	137.6	137.1	135.8	134.4	134.3	132.1	130.9	129.7
CZ	124.3	124.1	122.5	121.7	122.5	124.0	123.7	122.8	122.0	124.1	122.0	122.2	c
DK	102.0	102.0	101.0	99.0	98.0	99.0	97.0	97.0	96.0	97.0	96.0	96.0	96.0
DE	95.7	97.1	95.6	95.9	96.4	96.8	96.1	95.9	96.5	95.3	95.3	94.9	95.4
EE	129.1	127.8	125.2	126.5	125.4	121.5	119.7	118.3	112.9	112.7	106.6	107.4	106.4
IE	116.3	115.6	114.1	114.2	111.8	113.7	112.4	109.2	110.6	109.3	111.1	108.1	c
EL	116.5	115.3	114.0	111.5	109.6	109.4	112.7	108.2	104.9	103.9	101.3	98.7	c
ES	101.4	100.1	99.4	99.3	99.4	98.3	96.4	96.6	95.3	95.9	95.1	94.5	94.4
FR	107.8	109.1	107.4	107.8	107.9	108.4	106.7	107.4	106.0	106.5	105.0	105.8	c
IT	101.0	100.7	100.4	100.2	99.8	99.7	99.3	99.2	99.0	98.9	98.6	98.3	:
CY	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
LV	139.2	133.9	131.3	131.0	126.9	126.1	121.4	120.8	118.2	105.5	100.0	97.6	97.9
LT	129.6	127.1	126.1	125.8	125.3	124.8	124.8	124.0	122.3	107.8	105.7	101.5	102.7
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
HU	102.0	101.5	101.0	101.2	100.9	100.6	100.4	99.8	98.8	99.1	98.6	98.0	c
MT	100.4	103.7	94.0	101.0	104.0	101.0	89.9	91.7	86.6	:	:	:	:
NL	111.5	111.4	110.7	109.7	110.7	110.5	109.9	109.5	110.2	107.7	107.3	107.0	c
AT	101.8	103.7	100.5	102.0	100.9	101.6	101.4	101.5	101.5	103.6	102.1	103.2	104.3
PL	130.5	130.5	130.1	131.1	129.5	130.4	130.8	129.4	129.3	133.9	134.2	133.0	132.6
PT	103.4	104.5	102.7	105.5	105.0	103.1	103.6	103.7	99.4	103.1	100.5	99.2	101.4
RO	175.3	180.8	184.5	181.6	179.4	180.2	167.2	168.9	152.7	167.2	160.4	159.8	158.2
SI	122.1	122.6	121.7	123.0	123.2	124.6	123.8	124.3	124.9	124.4	104.1	111.3	114.1
SK	123.5	125.3	122.7	125.0	124.5	125.7	124.3	122.6	123.4	114.3	111.9	111.4	112.3
FI	112.7	112.0	111.1	110.8	110.9	111.3	110.7	109.5	109.3	109.5	110.0	103.8	111.7
SE	107.8	109.1	109.4	109.3	108.7	107.9	106.9	106.6	106.6	108.2	108.1	108.0	111.7
UK	108.8	112.4	109.6	109.5	110.1	109.9	109.8	110.0	110.3	112.1	109.3	110.0	111.4

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Deflated Turnover for Total Retail Trade
working days adjusted
(Base year 2005)

	04/06	04/07	04/08	05/08	06/08	07/08	08/08	09/08	10/08	11/08	12/08	01/09	02/09	03/09	04/09
EA16	99.0	100.8	100.5	101.9	99.4	104.7	98.8	101.5	103.4	102.8	131.5	96.5	88.5	95.9	98.1
EU27	99.8	102.7	103.4	105.5	103.1	107.4	102.7	104.3	106.5	107.6	134.5	98.7	91.9	99.2	102.0
BE	103.1	104.0	106.0	107.4	106.4	102.7	98.9	109.2	104.4	95.6	124.5	106.3	93.4	108.0	106.4
BG	102.9	126.6	136.6	136.4	139.6	143.7	143.2	142.5	147.6	144.9	157.3	116.7	114.3	120.2	123.8
CZ	104.3	113.1	124.2	127.3	123.4	120.9	121.1	138.5	131.9	142.9	152.1	108.1	103.8	117.1	c
DK	103.0	102.0	102.0	104.0	101.0	99.0	99.0	95.0	96.0	97.0	119.0	91.0	82.0	93.0	96.0
DE	100.0	100.2	95.8	96.1	92.0	94.5	94.0	95.3	99.9	100.9	115.4	88.1	84.1	95.9	95.4
EE	111.7	125.0	124.6	131.2	130.5	134.3	133.1	121.5	122.9	116.3	127.8	99.1	91.3	101.9	102.2
IE	101.5	112.2	111.5	111.8	109.8	115.8	109.1	108.5	111.2	112.9	150.1	103.4	103.0	98.7	c
EL	111.1	111.4	119.2	109.9	111.7	111.1	101.8	105.8	116.6	108.9	129.0	99.7	99.5	92.2	c
ES	97.9	100.0	97.7	99.8	96.9	106.9	94.4	95.3	98.3	94.6	111.1	102.0	83.0	91.2	90.6
FR	97.0	101.0	102.8	105.1	107.0	109.5	109.7	107.5	111.2	107.8	136.3	102.0	88.7	98.0	c
IT	95.9	95.3	95.1	97.1	90.0	104.1	85.1	98.6	93.2	101.2	162.4	91.7	91.2	89.6	:
CY	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c	c
LV	108.9	130.7	132.5	136.2	132.6	134.7	133.4	126.0	123.3	117.5	141.2	96.3	87.1	91.5	93.2
LT	98.3	112.0	125.6	128.7	125.5	131.1	133.7	125.3	127.8	120.7	145.1	99.2	92.8	98.4	101.1
LU	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
HU	101.7	99.9	99.3	99.8	101.3	106.1	107.2	103.4	108.5	103.2	126.4	78.9	77.5	91.3	c
MT	84.9	107.4	101.6	101.5	94.0	105.9	107.9	102.7	96.5	87.2	116.9	:	:	:	:
NL	106.2	111.1	110.9	114.8	114.0	111.0	109.0	108.9	112.3	109.4	128.3	99.6	93.6	105.0	c
AT	100.1	102.1	101.9	102.6	96.6	100.7	98.2	98.5	104.1	102.7	125.4	97.7	91.4	103.7	104.5
PL	108.8	123.1	131.9	131.7	131.7	133.2	133.3	133.3	137.2	125.1	152.7	121.3	119.3	133.9	133.5
PT	94.3	93.0	95.7	99.1	96.7	110.0	111.0	104.4	104.1	104.4	131.6	94.5	86.2	94.7	93.9
RO	109.6	130.6	170.9	174.8	183.0	184.1	188.7	184.3	183.7	177.4	190.8	135.9	132.9	149.8	153.9
SI	101.6	105.3	122.4	127.2	120.7	126.2	122.4	131.8	131.6	119.8	134.8	106.2	96.0	111.6	112.0
SK	102.3	108.3	118.3	125.5	123.9	128.1	127.6	126.9	131.2	128.8	147.3	98.8	98.0	104.6	107.4
FI	99.8	104.1	110.8	117.0	114.7	118.9	114.0	108.0	112.5	104.8	134.4	98.6	91.6	97.5	111.3
SE	105.2	106.6	108.1	111.4	114.0	112.1	113.9	107.3	105.4	104.3	131.3	95.5	91.0	101.7	112.1
UK	99.5	104.1	105.4	109.9	106.5	108.8	106.0	105.0	109.4	119.6	142.2	104.0	100.5	104.4	107.9

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