

February 2008 compared with January 2008

Volume of retail trade down by 0.5% in euro area

Up by 0.3% in EU27

In February 2008, compared with January 2008, the volume of retail trade¹ fell by 0.5% in the **euro area**² (EA15), but grew by 0.3% in the **EU27**². In January³ retail trade rose by 0.5% and 0.6% respectively.

In February 2008⁴, compared with February 2007, the retail sales index fell by 0.2% in the **euro area**, but rose by 2.0% in the **EU27**.

Monthly changes

In February 2008, compared with January 2008, “food, drinks and tobacco” fell by 0.2% in the **euro area**, but increased by 0.5% in the **EU27**. The non food sector fell by 0.8% and 0.1% respectively.

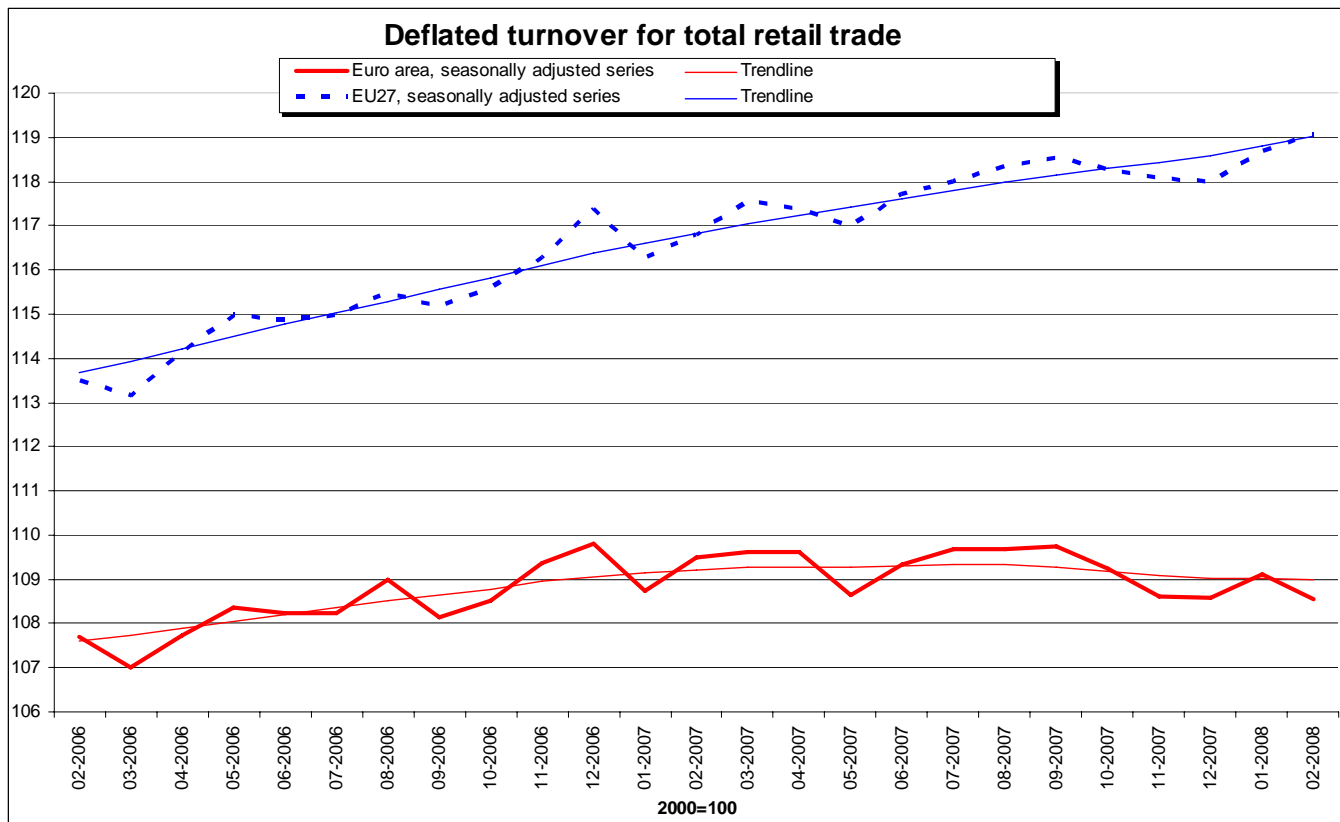
Among the Member States for which data are available, total retail trade rose in thirteen Member States and fell in three. The highest increases were observed in **Estonia** and **Luxembourg** (both +3.2%), **Belgium** (+3.1%) and **Finland** (+2.8%), and the largest decreases in **Germany** (-1.6%) and **Poland** (-0.3%).

Annual changes

In February 2008, compared with February 2007, retail trade of “food, drinks and tobacco” fell by 0.9% in the **euro area**, but rose by 0.8% in the **EU27**. The non food sector fell by 0.4% in the **euro area**, but grew by 2.4% in the **EU27**.

Among the Member States for which data are available, total retail trade rose in fourteen Member States, and fell only in **Germany** (-3.1%) and **Spain** (-2.6%). The highest increases were observed in **Slovakia** (+16.6%), **Lithuania** (+15.1%), **Bulgaria** (+11.7%) and **Finland** (+7.0%).

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



- 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.
- The euro area (EA15) consists of Belgium, Germany, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Cyprus, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia 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).
- Data of previous months have been revised compared to those issued in the News Release 31/2008 of 5 March 2008, when the figures published for January 2008 were +0.4% in the euro area and +0.6% in the EU27 for the monthly variations, and -0.1% in the euro area and +1.8% in the EU27 for the annual variations.
Germany revised its national series from January 2006, generating a discontinuity between December 2005 and January 2006. For more information (in German only) see the web site of the German statistical office at: <http://www.destatis.de/presse/deutsch/pm2007/p1220171.htm>. In the interests of consistency over time and with other Member States and to obtain a proper time series for the euro area and EU, Eurostat has adjusted the level of the series for Germany to eliminate the discontinuity.
- Based on data adjusted for working days.

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

	Sep-07	Oct-07	Nov-07	Dec-07	Jan-08	Feb-08
EA15						
Total retail trade	0.1	-0.5	-0.6	0.0	0.5	-0.5
Food, drinks, tobacco, of which:	0.2	-0.3	-0.7	-0.3	0.0	-0.2
Sales in non specialised stores	0.0	0.1	-0.7	-0.2	-0.1	:
Sales in specialised stores	-0.7	-0.1	-0.4	-0.2	-0.1	:
Non food products, of which:	0.0	-0.6	-0.4	-0.1	0.9	-0.8
Textiles, clothing, footwear	1.8	-3.1	-0.5	0.2	1.7	:
Household goods	-1.3	-0.5	-0.8	0.5	0.7	:
Books, newspapers and other sales in specialised stores	-0.5	0.1	0.2	-0.4	1.2	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.3	:
Other sales in non specialised stores	0.4	0.3	-0.7	-0.1	0.8	:
Mail orders	-0.3	-0.3	-1.3	3.0	0.2	:
EU27						
Total retail trade	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.6	0.3
Food, drinks, tobacco, of which:	-0.1	0.0	-0.4	-0.4	0.5	0.5
Sales in non specialised stores	0.0	0.1	-0.4	-0.2	0.3	:
Sales in specialised stores	-0.8	-0.4	-0.7	0.3	-0.6	:
Non food products, of which:	0.3	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	1.0	-0.1
Textiles, clothing, footwear	2.1	-2.9	-0.5	0.6	1.3	:
Household goods	-0.2	0.0	-0.5	0.7	0.7	:
Books, newspapers and other sales in specialised stores	0.0	-0.1	0.7	-0.4	0.9	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.4	:
Other sales in non specialised stores	0.4	0.4	-0.4	-1.0	0.8	:
Mail orders	0.7	0.2	1.3	2.0	1.1	:

	Sep-07	Oct-07	Nov-07	Dec-07	Jan-08	Feb-08
EA15	0.1	-0.5	-0.6	0.0	0.5	-0.5
EU27	0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.6	0.3
Belgium	0.2	-1.7	-5.2	-1.1	4.7	3.1
Bulgaria	0.8	0.9	0.8	1.1	0.7	0.9
Czech Republic	0.8	-0.3	-0.2	0.4	0.4	c
Denmark	1.5	-1.5	0.0	0.8	-0.8	0.8
Germany	0.0	-0.9	-0.9	-0.1	0.9	-1.6
Estonia	-0.3	-1.0	0.0	-0.6	0.1	3.2
Ireland	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.5	c
Greece	-0.9	0.1	0.3	-0.4	0.9	c
Spain	-0.4	-0.9	0.1	-0.9	-1.1	-0.2
France	0.3	0.3	-0.6	0.9	0.1	c
Italy	-0.7	0.2	-0.7	-0.3	-0.1	:
Cyprus	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.6	0.5	c
Latvia	-0.1	-1.3	0.5	-2.2	-1.4	2.4
Lithuania	1.3	1.1	1.3	1.2	2.0	1.8
Luxembourg	2.1	0.3	1.0	-6.8	0.7	3.2
Hungary	-0.6	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	c
Malta	:	:	:	:	:	:
Netherlands	1.4	-1.2	0.3	1.1	-1.9	c
Austria	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.3	1.7
Poland	-0.2	1.6	0.5	-0.6	1.2	-0.3
Portugal	-1.7	-0.8	-0.8	-1.6	3.6	2.3
Romania	2.6	-10.0	3.0	2.5	1.0	:
Slovenia	2.9	-0.1	-0.8	0.3	1.7	:
Slovakia	-0.3	2.0	0.7	1.2	3.0	2.6
Finland	-0.6	0.1	0.7	-0.5	0.6	2.8
Sweden	2.2	-1.1	-0.8	0.8	-0.9	1.7
United Kingdom	0.4	0.0	0.5	0.0	1.4	1.2

* Seasonally adjusted

: Data not available

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

	Sep-07	Oct-07	Nov-07	Dec-07	Jan-08	Feb-08
EA15						
Total retail trade	1.3	0.9	-0.7	-1.5	0.2	-0.2
Food, drinks, tobacco, of which:	-0.2	0.6	-1.1	-1.9	-1.6	-0.9
Sales in non specialised stores	0.0	1.0	-1.0	-1.4	-1.5	:
Sales in specialised stores	-1.6	-1.6	-2.4	-2.6	-2.4	:
Non food products, of which:	2.6	1.2	-0.6	-1.3	1.7	-0.4
Textiles, clothing, footwear	9.4	1.8	-0.9	-1.3	2.4	:
Household goods	0.7	-0.3	-2.5	-2.6	0.4	:
Books, newspapers and other sales in specialised stores	1.5	1.2	1.5	0.6	2.6	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	4.4	4.3	3.6	2.7	2.9	:
Other sales in non specialised stores	-0.1	1.4	-1.0	-2.0	1.7	:
Mail orders	2.8	1.1	-3.1	-0.6	4.5	:
EU27						
Total retail trade	3.1	2.3	1.2	0.2	2.0	2.0
Food, drinks, tobacco, of which:	0.8	1.1	-0.2	-1.5	-0.1	0.8
Sales in non specialised stores	1.1	1.6	0.3	-0.8	0.2	:
Sales in specialised stores	-0.1	-0.9	-2.5	-2.3	-2.5	:
Non food products, of which:	4.7	3.1	2.0	1.1	3.7	2.4
Textiles, clothing, footwear	10.7	3.0	0.5	0.6	3.6	:
Household goods	3.5	2.8	0.7	0.9	2.9	:
Books, newspapers and other sales in specialised stores	4.5	3.3	4.4	2.6	4.6	:
Pharmaceutical and medical goods	4.7	4.5	4.3	3.3	3.7	:
Other sales in non specialised stores	3.1	3.8	2.6	-0.6	2.2	:
Mail orders	8.6	6.5	7.5	9.0	13.2	:

	Sep-07	Oct-07	Nov-07	Dec-07	Jan-08	Feb-08
EA15	1.3	0.9	-0.7	-1.5	0.2	-0.2
EU27	3.1	2.3	1.2	0.2	2.0	2.0
Belgium	1.3	-1.0	-6.0	-6.3	-2.1	3.7
Bulgaria	9.6	9.7	10.1	12.0	11.4	11.7
Czech Republic	8.1	6.2	3.2	4.2	3.8	c
Denmark	4.1	0.0	-0.8	0.0	0.0	0.9
Germany	-0.9	-2.0	-3.0	-7.7	-0.5	-3.1
Estonia	9.5	5.8	3.5	0.7	-0.3	5.0
Ireland	7.3	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.0	c
Greece	0.4	1.3	1.9	0.0	3.4	c
Spain	2.0	1.4	0.5	-2.1	-2.4	-2.6
France	3.3	3.5	0.8	3.8	2.6	c
Italy	-2.4	-0.7	-2.9	-3.1	-2.4	:
Cyprus	8.1	8.4	10.8	14.9	10.8	c
Latvia	17.4	9.1	11.0	1.4	-0.6	1.0
Lithuania	13.2	11.5	9.5	7.6	13.8	15.1
Luxembourg	15.1	10.9	15.2	-0.8	-0.5	5.2
Hungary	-4.8	-4.1	-4.2	-4.0	-2.9	c
Malta	:	:	:	:	:	:
Netherlands	4.5	1.7	1.5	3.4	0.5	c
Austria	1.9	1.4	1.0	-1.1	0.3	2.4
Poland	12.0	14.1	13.6	7.7	8.3	5.9
Portugal	-0.6	1.0	0.5	-1.5	1.4	3.1
Romania	36.2	14.4	18.1	20.4	18.9	:
Slovenia	9.3	8.0	4.5	4.3	8.2	:
Slovakia	1.9	4.8	5.0	7.9	15.6	16.6
Finland	5.1	5.4	5.3	3.5	4.2	7.0
Sweden	7.9	5.1	3.7	2.7	3.2	4.7
United Kingdom	5.6	4.2	4.5	2.8	6.0	6.8

* Working day adjusted

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

	02/07	03/07	04/07	05/07	06/07	07/07	08/07	09/07	10/07	11/07	12/07	01/08	02/08
EA15	109.5	109.6	109.6	108.7	109.3	109.7	109.7	109.8	109.2	108.6	108.6	109.1	108.5
EU27	116.8	117.5	117.4	117.0	117.7	118.0	118.3	118.5	118.3	118.0	118.0	118.7	119.1
BE	98.5	100.6	100.4	98.8	102.4	99.2	101.5	101.7	99.9	94.7	93.7	98.1	101.2
BG	233.3	236.6	237.9	240.2	242.5	244.7	246.5	248.4	250.7	252.9	255.6	257.4	259.8
CZ	133.7	134.6	134.1	134.7	135.6	136.0	136.4	137.5	137.1	136.8	137.3	137.9	c
DK	130.0	133.0	131.0	130.0	132.0	133.0	131.0	133.0	131.0	131.0	132.0	131.0	132.0
DE	100.7	100.3	101.9	98.8	100.2	100.4	100.1	100.1	99.2	98.3	98.2	99.1	97.5
EE	230.8	238.7	231.3	236.5	238.6	236.0	239.0	238.3	235.9	235.9	234.6	234.9	242.3
IE	139.4	140.2	142.2	144.7	141.2	144.4	143.3	144.4	145.1	145.5	146.0	146.8	c
EL	136.7	135.2	133.6	135.7	136.4	135.7	136.5	135.2	135.4	135.8	135.2	136.4	c
ES	123.2	124.7	122.8	123.4	123.1	124.7	124.3	123.8	122.7	122.8	121.7	120.4	120.1
FR	119.1	120.2	120.2	119.7	120.5	121.1	120.8	121.2	121.6	120.9	122.0	122.1	c
IT	93.8	94.3	93.3	93.3	93.3	93.0	93.3	92.6	92.8	92.1	91.9	91.8	:
CY	131.6	134.4	133.6	135.4	137.3	138.6	139.5	140.7	142.2	144.1	146.3	147.1	c
LV	249.3	252.2	247.9	254.1	259.7	260.4	257.7	257.4	254.0	255.3	249.8	246.3	252.2
LT	175.3	178.3	179.1	181.6	183.0	184.5	186.6	188.9	191.1	193.6	195.9	199.8	203.4
LU	151.4	151.5	151.9	151.7	155.4	152.6	157.3	160.6	161.0	162.7	151.6	152.7	157.5
HU	142.0	141.9	140.4	140.3	139.6	139.3	139.3	138.4	138.3	137.9	137.7	137.8	c
MT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	106.1	107.0	107.2	105.0	106.9	107.3	106.4	107.9	106.7	107.0	108.1	106.1	c
AT	105.3	105.6	104.2	103.5	104.7	103.9	105.0	104.9	104.9	104.7	104.5	104.8	106.6
PL	134.6	138.0	136.6	138.1	140.4	137.9	140.0	139.7	142.0	142.7	141.8	143.5	143.1
PT	107.1	110.0	104.1	104.3	107.6	107.2	109.3	107.4	106.5	105.6	103.9	107.6	110.1
RO	159.3	191.4	198.1	204.6	210.6	217.5	223.8	229.7	206.8	213.0	218.3	220.4	:
SI	141.6	154.6	144.1	145.2	145.4	144.7	146.4	150.6	150.5	149.3	149.7	152.2	:
SK	133.9	137.2	138.0	142.0	141.7	140.9	141.7	141.3	144.2	145.2	146.9	151.3	155.2
FI	134.3	136.4	132.7	134.3	134.8	136.4	138.5	137.6	137.8	138.8	138.1	138.9	142.8
SE	136.4	138.4	138.9	139.1	141.1	142.2	140.3	143.4	141.8	140.7	141.8	140.6	143.0
UK	131.5	133.0	132.9	133.3	133.4	134.4	135.4	136.0	136.0	136.7	136.7	138.5	140.2

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

	02/05	02/06	02/07	03/07	04/07	05/07	06/07	07/07	08/07	09/07	10/07	11/07	12/07	01/08	02/08
EA15	93.0	94.1	95.5	107.3	107.2	106.4	107.7	109.8	105.1	107.1	113.1	110.4	137.4	103.5	95.3
EU27	98.1	99.9	102.8	114.0	114.8	114.5	115.8	118.1	114.4	115.4	121.0	121.6	151.1	110.4	104.9
BE	91.5	85.6	88.0	101.0	101.1	96.9	103.6	99.8	94.4	99.6	100.2	93.8	113.1	98.7	91.2
BG	154.7	171.8	196.1	215.6	222.9	234.8	245.5	252.1	257.8	258.6	267.5	273.8	305.0	217.7	219.0
CZ	97.1	103.8	114.1	131.1	133.3	139.5	137.2	133.0	131.2	135.9	140.2	139.6	173.6	115.3	c
DK	106.0	111.0	111.0	130.0	131.0	132.0	132.0	135.0	134.0	127.0	131.0	130.0	167.0	122.0	112.0
DE	89.1	89.3	88.5	102.3	102.7	97.2	96.5	98.9	96.6	97.7	103.2	103.4	118.2	91.2	85.7
EE	147.3	168.3	199.0	234.4	227.3	245.5	252.2	248.2	249.3	237.2	240.4	229.8	277.9	206.0	209.0
IE	116.0	123.1	132.6	132.2	138.5	133.7	134.3	141.8	136.3	142.2	134.2	148.3	206.6	143.9	c
EL	123.2	130.5	135.6	126.4	137.5	130.6	135.6	138.6	130.3	132.8	132.2	133.8	169.5	126.4	c
ES	104.3	105.0	108.8	122.4	117.6	122.3	122.2	131.9	117.0	120.3	124.8	120.2	143.4	127.0	105.9
FR	97.4	99.6	102.2	114.1	114.4	113.6	118.8	121.1	122.9	119.3	127.6	120.7	156.6	118.2	c
IT	84.6	84.8	83.4	90.5	91.2	94.2	91.8	89.3	76.1	88.6	98.5	96.7	131.9	81.8	:
CY	98.1	102.3	108.4	127.3	126.7	133.4	141.5	152.5	139.8	140.8	141.9	138.8	189.7	129.9	c
LV	146.6	168.6	218.2	244.2	237.7	258.7	263.4	267.6	269.7	254.8	258.0	245.8	313.1	222.2	220.5
LT	125.3	135.4	149.6	175.6	168.0	181.7	183.8	191.4	199.4	192.3	193.3	183.9	241.6	182.0	172.1
LU	103.0	118.3	133.9	153.0	153.2	150.5	151.3	156.2	140.4	154.3	167.5	164.7	182.6	150.5	140.8
HU	102.4	108.6	108.2	131.4	133.8	135.5	140.0	144.1	146.6	141.9	147.1	143.0	185.8	106.7	c
MT	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
NL	84.8	88.6	91.7	105.6	107.5	107.7	109.9	109.0	104.7	105.8	108.8	106.7	126.9	97.6	c
AT	86.5	89.2	91.8	105.6	104.6	100.4	101.1	102.6	102.7	102.4	108.3	107.0	131.8	97.4	94.0
PL	93.1	99.6	115.3	141.0	136.1	138.7	141.4	140.5	144.3	142.2	148.5	138.2	174.4	125.4	122.1
PT	89.2	90.0	90.6	104.9	99.1	99.9	101.0	109.9	111.1	107.5	106.9	106.7	142.1	97.0	93.4
RO	126.2	159.9	153.5	189.7	197.0	198.3	193.3	220.9	242.6	234.7	199.2	203.2	318.6	181.2	:
SI	109.1	115.7	118.5	151.3	145.7	147.6	149.6	148.3	145.9	151.9	155.7	144.1	178.0	134.0	:
SK	105.3	112.4	117.7	129.6	133.9	143.7	144.3	142.7	143.3	139.6	149.4	151.4	177.3	132.2	137.2
FI	101.2	104.6	114.7	128.2	127.1	138.4	145.1	144.5	144.0	133.3	136.9	137.9	177.3	124.0	122.7
SE	102.4	109.7	115.8	131.8	138.9	141.6	144.9	143.2	144.5	141.3	139.8	138.6	180.8	123.7	121.2
UK	113.6	115.1	120.6	124.7	128.7	128.4	129.7	133.0	129.9	129.4	135.4	150.1	182.0	126.4	128.8

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