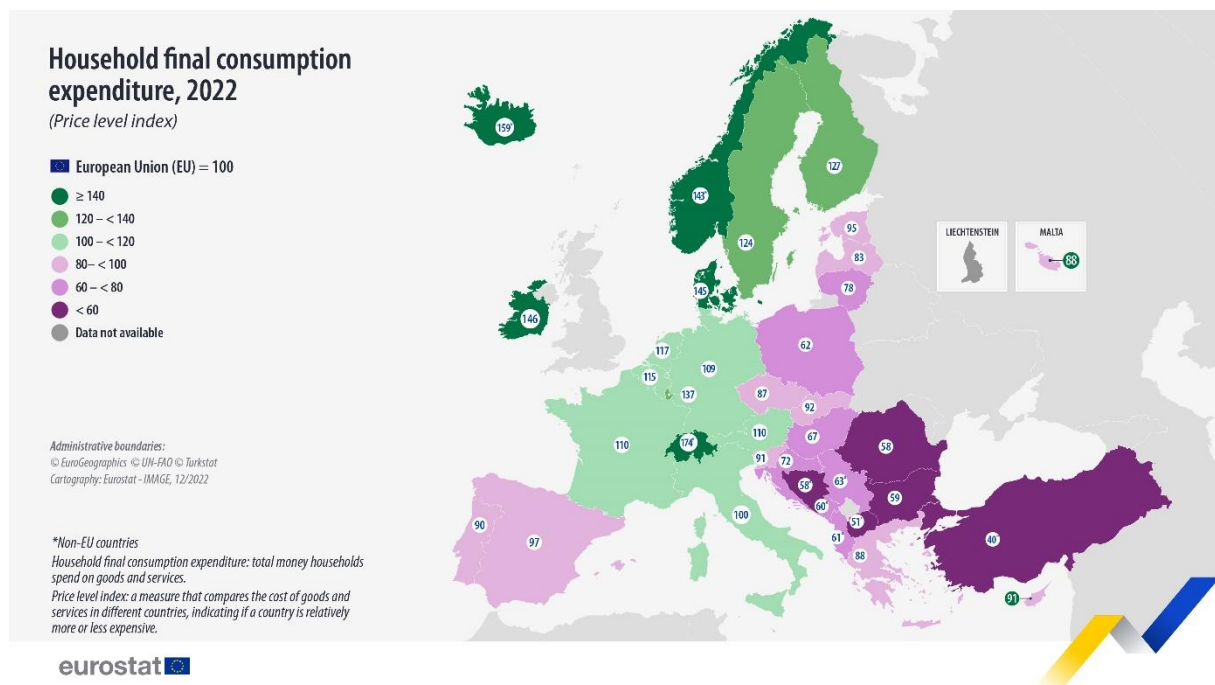


Household consumption: price levels in 2022

In 2022, price levels for household final consumption expenditure differed widely across the EU.

The highest price levels were recorded in Ireland (146% of the EU average), Denmark (145%) and Luxembourg (137%). Meanwhile, the lowest levels were recorded in Romania (58%), Bulgaria (59%) and Poland (62%).

This information comes from data on price level indices published by Eurostat. The article presents a handful of findings from the more detailed Statistics Explained article.



Widest price gap for alcohol & tobacco

In 2022, the price level for alcohol & tobacco was around 3.3 times higher in the most expensive country than in the least expensive one. The lowest price levels for alcohol & tobacco were recorded in Bulgaria (66% of the EU average), Poland (73%) and Hungary (78%). Meanwhile, the highest levels were recorded in Ireland (216%), Finland (174%) and Denmark (138%). This large price variation is mainly due to differences in taxation of these products.

Restaurants & hotels ranked second in terms of price level difference, with the lowest price levels registered in Bulgaria (51% of the EU average), Romania (61%) and

Hungary (62%) and the highest in Denmark (156%), Finland (132%) and Luxembourg (131%).

Clothing was cheapest in Bulgaria (80% of the EU average), Hungary (83%) and Romania (84%), while it was most expensive in Denmark (134%), Sweden (117%) and Czechia (115%).

Disparities were also recorded for food & non-alcoholic beverages (varying from 72% of the EU average in Romania to 121% in Denmark), personal transport equipment (varying from 87% in Poland to 132% in Denmark) and consumer electronics (varying from 92% in Italy to 115% in France).

For more information:

- Source dataset: [prc_ppp_ind](#)
- [Statistics Explained article on comparative price levels of consumer goods and services](#)
- [Statistics Explained article on comparative price levels for food, beverages and tobacco](#)
- [Statistics Explained article on comparative price levels for investment](#)
- [Thematic section on purchasing power parities](#)
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Methodological notes:

- Data presented in this news article are based on the results of a price survey covering more than 2 000 consumer goods and services across Europe. The overall price levels included in this news article relate to the concept of household final consumption expenditure ([HFCE](#)). This news article covers selected subcategories of total HFCE.

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