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| 2013 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 0 |
| 2014 | 1.6 | 1.7 | -0.1 |
| 2015 | 0.1 | 0 | 0.1 |
| 2016 | 1.3 | 0.3 | 1 |
| 2017 | 2.1 | 2 | 0.1 |
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