

Foreign trade turnover of goods in total and by countries in January 2021

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**+3.7 bn
balance in PLN**

Foreign trade turnover¹ in January 2021 in exports at current prices amounted to PLN 86.6 bn, while in imports - PLN 82.9 bn. The positive balance reached the level of PLN 3.7 bn, while in the same period of 2020 year amounted to PLN 1.1 bn. In comparison to the corresponding period of 2020 exports increased by 1.0%, while imports decreased by 2.0%.

Foreign trade turnover expressed in US dollars and in EUR

Exports expressed in USD amounted to 23.5 bn, while imports amounted to USD 22.4 bn (an increase in exports of 4.8% and in imports of 1.7%). The positive balance reached the level of USD 1.0 bn, while in the same period of 2020 year amounted to USD 0.3 bn.

Exports expressed in EUR amounted to 19.2 bn, while imports amounted to EUR 18.4 bn (a decrease in exports of 4.3% and in imports of 7.2%). The positive balance reached the EUR 0.8 bn, EUR 0.3 bn in the same period of 2020.

Foreign trade turnover of goods in total and by groups of countries

Poland has the largest share in total exports with the developed countries – 87.1% (of which EU 75.7%) and in imports – 61.5% (of which EU 53.3%), in comparison with 87.9% (of which EU 75.7%) and 63.7% (of which EU 53.2%) in the corresponding period in 2020 year. However, the smallest share was observed with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, which in total exports amounted to 4.9%, and in imports – 7.2%, in comparison with 5.3% and 7.8% in the January 2020 period.

The negative balance was recorded with the developing countries – minus PLN 19.0 bn (minus USD 5.2 bn, minus EUR 4.2 bn) and with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe minus PLN 1.7 bn (minus USD 0.5 bn, minus EUR 0.4 bn). The positive balance was obtained in turnover with the developed countries PLN 24.4 bn (USD 6.6 bn, EUR 5.4 bn), of which with the EU countries the balance of PLN 21.4 bn (USD 5.8 bn, EUR 4.8 bn).

Note. Due to the rounding of data, in some cases sums of components may slightly differ from the amount given in the item "total".

¹ Collection of data on foreign trade turnover is open. Data published formerly is updated according to new customs documentation and INTRASTAT declarations.

Table 1. Foreign trade turnover of goods in total and by groups of countries

SPECIFICATION	I 2021						2020	2021
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	I 2020 = 100			I	
				PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
Exports	86.6	23.5	19.2	101.0	104.8	95.7	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	75.4	20.4	16.7	100.1	103.8	94.8	87.9	87.1
of which EU	65.6	17.8	14.6	101.1	104.9	95.8	75.7	75.7
of which euro-zone	51.8	14.0	11.5	102.6	106.5	97.2	58.9	59.8
Developing countries	6.9	1.9	1.5	118.8	123.3	112.6	6.8	8.0
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	4.3	1.2	0.9	94.0	97.5	89.0	5.3	4.9
Imports (country of origin)²	82.9	22.4	18.4	98.0	101.7	92.8	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	51.0	13.8	11.3	94.7	98.2	89.7	63.7	61.5
of which EU	44.2	12.0	9.8	98.2	101.9	93.1	53.2	53.3
of which euro-zone	36.5	9.9	8.1	98.6	102.3	93.4	43.8	44.1
Developing countries	26.0	7.0	5.8	107.6	111.7	102.0	28.5	31.3
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	5.9	1.6	1.3	90.1	93.5	85.4	7.8	7.2
Balance	3.7	1.0	0.8	.	.	.	.	.
Developed countries	24.4	6.6	5.4	.	.	.	.	.
of which EU	21.4	5.8	4.8	.	.	.	.	.
of which euro-zone	15.3	4.1	3.4	.	.	.	.	.
Developing countries	-19.0	-5.2	-4.2	.	.	.	.	.
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	-1.7	-0.5	-0.4	.	.	.	.	.

Foreign trade turnover by major countries

In January 2021 among the main trade partners of Poland there was a decrease in exports to United Kingdom and Czechia and in imports – from United States, Russia, South Korea, France and Germany.

The turnover with the top ten of Polish trade partners in exports accounted for 65.9% (66.3% in the same period of the last year), while in total imports – 64.7% (in comparison with 64,8% in January 2020) .

The share of Germany in exports increased in comparison with the corresponding period of the last year by 0.4 pp and amounted to 28.2%, while in imports increased by 0.3 pp and accounted for 21.2%. The positive balance amounted to PLN 6.8 bn (USD 1.8 bn, EUR 1.5 bn) in comparison with PLN 6.1 bn (USD 1.6 bn, EUR 1.4 bn) in the same period of 2020.

² Country of origin is the country where the commodity was produced or processed and in this form entered the Polish customs zone.

Table 2. Foreign trade turnover by major countries

SPECIFICATION	I 2021						2020	2021
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	I 2020 = 100			I	
				PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
EXPORTS								
1. Germany	24.4	6.6	5.4	102.4	106.3	97.0	27.8	28.2
2. France	5.6	1.5	1.2	100.8	104.5	95.5	6.5	6.4
3. Czechia	5.0	1.3	1.1	92.8	96.3	87.9	6.2	5.7
4. Italy	4.3	1.2	1.0	111.3	115.5	105.4	4.5	5.0
5. United Kingdom	4.1	1.1	0.9	79.3	82.2	75.1	6.0	4.7
6. Netherlands	4.0	1.1	0.9	104.7	108.6	99.2	4.5	4.7
7. Sweden	2.6	0.7	0.6	107.0	111.0	101.3	2.8	3.0
8. Spain	2.5	0.7	0.6	102.6	106.4	97.2	2.8	2.9
9. United States	2.3	0.6	0.5	100.5	104.2	95.2	2.7	2.7
10. Russia	2.3	0.6	0.5	104.5	108.5	99.0	2.5	2.6
IMPORTS (country of origin)								
1. Germany	17.6	4.8	3.9	99.6	103.3	94.3	20.9	21.2
2. China	13.1	3.6	2.9	110.6	114.8	104.8	14.0	15.8
3. Russia	4.4	1.2	1.0	83.3	86.4	78.9	6.3	5.3
4. Italy	3.9	1.1	0.9	100.8	104.5	95.5	4.6	4.7
5. Netherlands	3.0	0.8	0.7	110.7	114.8	104.8	3.2	3.6
6. Czechia	2.8	0.8	0.6	100.7	104.4	95.4	3.3	3.3
7. France	2.7	0.7	0.6	90.4	93.7	85.6	3.5	3.2
8. United States	2.2	0.6	0.5	64.8	67.2	61.3	4.1	2.7
9. South Korea	2.1	0.6	0.5	89.6	92.9	84.8	2.8	2.6
10. Belgium	1.9	0.5	0.4	108.1	112.2	102.4	2.1	2.3

Imports from the United Kingdom in January of 2021 amounted to PLN 0.8 bn, USD 0.2 bn and EUR 0.2 bn

Imports by country of consignment – total and groups of counties

The highest turnover in imports by country of consignment Poland recorded with the developed countries - PLN 59.5 bn, of which with the EU – PLN 55.6 bn, compared to PLN 61.6 bn, of which with the EU - PLN 55.4 bn in the same period of 2020.

Table 3. Imports by country of consignment – total and groups of counties

SPECIFICATION	I 2021						2020	2021
	bn	bn	bn	I 2020 = 100			I	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
Imports (country of consignment) ³	82.9	22.4	18.4	98.0	101.7	92.8	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	59.5	16.1	13.2	96.6	100.2	91.5	72.9	71.8
of which EU	55.6	15.1	12.4	100.3	104.1	95.0	65.5	67.1
of which euro-zone	46.8	12.7	10.4	100.5	104.3	95.2	55.1	56.5
Developing countries	17.1	4.6	3.8	109.1	113.2	103.4	18.5	20.6
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	6.3	1.7	1.4	86.4	89.6	81.8	8.6	7.6
Balance	3.7	1.0	0.8	.	.	.	.	.
Developed countries	15.9	4.3	3.5	.	.	.	.	.
of which EU	10.0	2.7	2.2	.	.	.	.	.
of which euro-zone	4.9	1.3	1.1	.	.	.	.	.
Developing countries	-10.1	-2.7	-2.3	.	.	.	.	.
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	-2.0	-0.6	-0.5	.	.	.	.	.

Imports by country of consignment – countries

The share of Germany in imports by country of consignment in comparison with imports by country of origin was higher by 6.3 pp, accordingly the share of the Netherlands was higher by 2.3 pp, Belgium by 1.6 pp, Czechia by 0.9 pp and France by 0.4 pp.

Table 4. Imports by country of consignment – countries

SPECIFICATION	I 2021						2020	2021
	bn	bn	bn	I 2020 = 100			I	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
IMPORTS (country of consignment)								
1. Germany	22.8	6.2	5.1	100.5	104.2	95.2	26.8	27.5
2. China	8.7	2.3	1.9	109.9	114.0	104.1	9.5	10.4
3. Netherlands	4.9	1.3	1.1	109.8	113.9	104.0	5.3	5.9
4. Russia	4.7	1.3	1.0	81.7	84.8	77.4	6.8	5.6
5. Italy	3.8	1.0	0.9	100.5	104.3	95.2	4.5	4.6
6. Czechia	3.5	0.9	0.8	100.2	104.0	94.9	4.1	4.2
7. Belgium	3.3	0.9	0.7	109.3	113.4	103.5	3.5	3.9
8. France	3.0	0.8	0.7	89.7	93.1	85.0	4.0	3.6
9. Slovakia	2.2	0.6	0.5	119.2	123.7	113.0	2.2	2.7
10. South Korea	2.0	0.5	0.4	122.0	126.5	115.5	1.9	2.4

Imports from China according by country of consignment in comparison with imports by country of origin was lower by 5.4 pp

³ Country of consignment is the country from which the goods were introduced into the Polish territory irrespective of their origin.

In January 2021 trade turnover in goods according to the SITC nomenclature compared to the same period of 2020 year, reported a greater decrease in commodity sections in imports than in exports.

In exports the largest increase concerned animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 29.9%), manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (by 4.2%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (by 4.1%), chemicals and related products (by 2.8%) and machinery and transport equipment (by 1.1%), while a decrease was reported among others in mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 23.9%), beverages and tobacco (by 18.4%), crude materials inedible, except fuels (by 5.5%) and food and live animals (by 1.3%).

In imports the largest increase was recorded in miscellaneous manufactured articles (by 5.3%), manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (by 2.0%) and chemicals and related products (by 1.6%), while a decrease was observed in mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 25.3%), food and live animals (by 10.3%), beverages and tobacco (by 7.5%), crude minerals inedible, except fuels (by 6.2%), animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 6.1%) and in machinery and transport equipment (by 2.3%).

Chart 1. Composition of exports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in January 2021

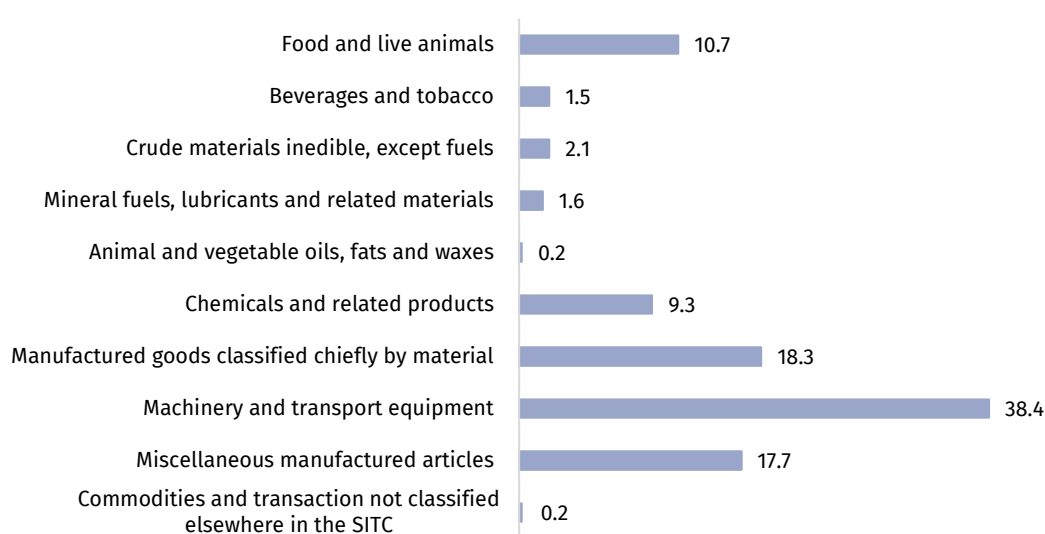
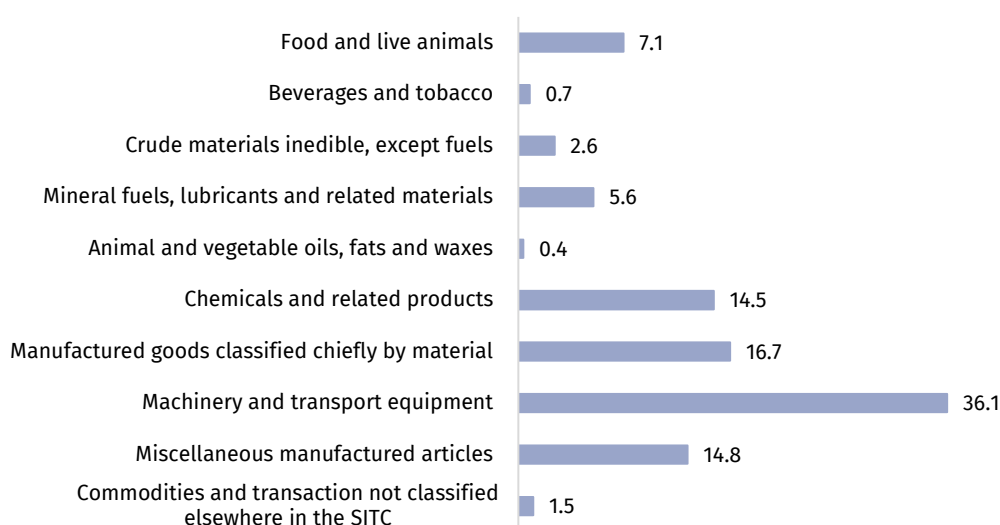


Chart 2. Composition of imports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in January 2021



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