

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

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**+10.9 bn
balance in PLN**

Foreign trade turnover¹ in January – March 2021 in exports at current prices amounted to PLN 298.8 bn, while in imports - PLN 287.9 bn. The positive balance reached the level of PLN 10.9 bn, while in the same period of 2020 year amounted to PLN 4.3 bn. In comparison to the corresponding period of 2020 exports increased by 14.6%, while imports by 12.3%.

In the first quarter of this year, a significant increase in dynamics, both in exports and imports, is noticeable. This is due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic last year and the introduction of lockdown in most countries. Therefore, the dynamics is calculated on the low basis that occurred in the same period of last year.

Foreign trade turnover expressed in US dollars and in EUR

Exports expressed in USD amounted to 80.4 bn, while imports amounted to USD 77.4 bn (an increase in exports of 19.2% and in imports of 16.8%). The positive balance reached the level of USD 2.9 bn, while in the same period of 2020 year amounted to USD 1.1 bn.

Exports expressed in EUR amounted to 66.3 bn, while imports amounted to EUR 63.9 bn (an increase in exports of 8.3% and in imports of 6.1%). The positive balance reached the EUR 2.4 bn, EUR 1.0 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 – 86.4% (of which EU 75.1%) and in imports – 63.6% (of which EU 55.3%), in comparison with 86.8% (of which EU 74.0%) and 65.8% (of which EU 55.9%) 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 5.4%, and in imports – 6.8%, in comparison with 5.8% and 7.3% in the January - March 2020 period.

The negative balance was recorded with the developing countries – minus PLN 60.7 bn (minus USD 16.3 bn, minus EUR 13.5 bn) and with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe minus PLN 3.2 bn (minus USD 0.9 bn, minus EUR 0.7 bn). The positive balance was obtained in turnover with the developed countries PLN 74.8 bn (USD 20.1 bn, EUR 16.6 bn), of which with the EU countries the balance of PLN 65.4 bn (USD 17.6 bn, EUR 14.5 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 - III 2021						2020	2021
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	I - III 2020 = 100			I - III	
				PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
Exports	298.8	80.4	66.3	114.6	119.2	108.3	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	258.0	69.4	57.2	114.0	118.6	107.7	86.8	86.4
of which EU	224.5	60.4	49.8	116.4	121.1	110.0	74.0	75.1
of which euro-zone	177.8	47.8	39.4	118.8	123.5	112.2	57.4	59.5
Developing countries	24.6	6.6	5.4	126.6	131.7	119.6	7.4	8.2
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	16.2	4.4	3.6	108.4	112.8	102.3	5.8	5.4
Imports (country of origin)²	287.9	77.4	63.9	112.3	116.8	106.1	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	183.2	49.3	40.6	108.5	112.9	102.5	65.8	63.6
of which EU	159.1	42.8	35.3	110.9	115.4	104.8	55.9	55.3
of which euro-zone	131.9	35.5	29.3	111.7	116.2	105.5	46.1	45.8
Developing countries	85.3	22.9	18.9	123.6	128.6	116.8	26.9	29.6
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	19.4	5.2	4.3	104.5	108.7	98.7	7.3	6.8
Balance	10.9	2.9	2.4	.	.	.	.	.
Developed countries	74.8	20.1	16.6	.	.	.	.	.
of which EU	65.4	17.6	14.5	.	.	.	.	.
of which euro-zone	45.8	12.3	10.2	.	.	.	.	.
Developing countries	-60.7	-16.3	-13.5	.	.	.	.	.
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	-3.2	-0.9	-0.7	.	.	.	.	.

Foreign trade turnover by major countries

In the first quarter of 2021 among the main trade partners of Poland there was a decrease in exports to the United Kingdom and in imports – from the United States and Russia.

The turnover with the top ten of Polish trade partners in exports accounted for 65.5% (65.8% in the same period of the last year), while in total imports – 64.8% (in comparison with 63.8% in January - March 2020).

The share of Germany in exports increased in comparison with the corresponding period of the last year by 1.1 pp and amounted to 28.9%, while in imports decreased by 0.1 pp and accounted for 21.7%. The positive balance amounted to PLN 24.1 bn (USD 6.5 bn, EUR 5.4 bn) in comparison with PLN 16.6 bn (USD 4.3 bn, EUR 3.9 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 - III 2021						2020	2021
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	I - III 2020 = 100			I - III	
				PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
EXPORTS								
1. Germany	86.5	23.3	19.2	119.2	124.1	112.6	27.8	28.9
2. France	18.2	4.9	4.0	118.8	123.4	112.2	5.9	6.1
3. Czechia	16.8	4.5	3.7	106.2	110.5	100.3	6.1	5.6
4. Italy	14.8	4.0	3.3	132.3	137.4	124.9	4.3	5.0
5. United Kingdom	14.6	3.9	3.2	91.5	95.2	86.4	6.1	4.9
6. Netherlands	12.7	3.4	2.8	112.9	117.4	106.6	4.3	4.3
7. Sweden	8.5	2.3	1.9	113.4	118.1	107.1	2.9	2.8
8. Russia	8.1	2.2	1.8	108.4	112.9	102.4	2.9	2.7
9. Spain	7.8	2.1	1.7	111.2	115.6	105.0	2.7	2.6
10. United States	7.7	2.1	1.7	103.7	108.0	97.9	2.8	2.6
IMPORTS (country of origin)								
1. Germany	62.4	16.8	13.8	111.6	116.2	105.5	21.8	21.7
2. China	42.3	11.4	9.4	131.8	137.0	124.5	12.5	14.7
3. Italy	14.8	4.0	3.3	116.1	120.8	109.6	5.0	5.1
4. Russia	14.1	3.8	3.1	97.9	101.7	92.4	5.6	4.9
5. Netherlands	11.5	3.1	2.5	119.5	124.5	112.9	3.7	4.0
6. France	10.0	2.7	2.2	107.7	112.0	101.7	3.6	3.5
7. Czechia	9.6	2.6	2.1	113.0	117.6	106.8	3.3	3.3
8. United States	7.9	2.1	1.7	88.3	91.8	83.4	3.5	2.7
9. South Korea	7.1	1.9	1.6	111.6	115.9	105.4	2.5	2.5
10. Belgium	6.9	1.8	1.5	116.3	121.2	109.9	2.3	2.4

Imports from the United Kingdom in January - March of 2021 amounted to PLN 4.4 bn, USD 1.2 bn and EUR 1.0 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 210.6 bn, of which with the EU – PLN 196.0 bn, compared to PLN 190.9 bn, of which with the EU - PLN 173.1 bn in the same period of 2020.

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

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	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
Imports (country of consignment)³	287.9	77.4	63.9	112.3	116.8	106.1	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	210.6	56.6	46.7	110.3	114.8	104.2	74.4	73.1
of which EU	196.0	52.7	43.5	113.2	117.9	107.0	67.5	68.1
of which euro-zone	165.8	44.6	36.8	113.9	118.5	107.6	56.8	57.6
Developing countries	57.2	15.4	12.7	125.6	130.7	118.7	17.8	19.9
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	20.2	5.4	4.5	100.8	104.8	95.2	7.8	7.0
Balance	10.9	2.9	2.4	.	.	.	.	.
Developed countries	47.4	12.8	10.5	.	.	.	.	.
of which EU	28.5	7.7	6.3	.	.	.	.	.
of which euro-zone	12.0	3.2	2.7	.	.	.	.	.
Developing countries	-32.7	-8.8	-7.2	.	.	.	.	.
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	-3.9	-1.1	-0.9	.	.	.	.	.

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 5.5 pp, accordingly the share of the Netherlands was higher by 2.3 pp, Belgium by 1.5 pp, Czechia by 0.7 pp and France by 0.4 pp.

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4. Italy	14.9	4.0	3.3	117.9	122.6	111.3	4.9	5.2
5. Russia	14.3	3.8	3.2	94.0	97.7	88.8	5.9	5.0
6. Czechia	11.6	3.1	2.6	114.6	119.2	108.2	4.0	4.0
7. France	11.3	3.0	2.5	108.5	112.8	102.4	4.1	3.9
8. Belgium	11.2	3.0	2.5	117.7	122.6	111.2	3.7	3.9
9. Slovakia	7.5	2.0	1.7	129.4	134.6	122.2	2.3	2.6
10. Spain	7.1	1.9	1.6	111.2	115.7	105.0	2.5	2.5

Imports from China according by country of consignment in comparison with imports by country of origin was lower by 4.9 pp

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

Table 4. Imports by country of consignment – countries

In the first quarter of 2021 trade turnover in goods according to the SITC nomenclature compared to the same period of 2020 year, reported an increase in most commodity sections both in imports and in exports.

In exports the largest increase concerned animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 34.6%), crude materials inedible, except fuels (by 27.1%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (by 19.9%), machinery and transport equipment (by 17.3%), manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (by 14.6%), chemicals and related products (by 10.9%) and food and live animals (by 6.3%), while a decrease was reported among others in mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 6.8%) and beverages and tobacco (by 2.1%).

In imports the largest increase was recorded among others in miscellaneous manufactured articles (by 18.1%), manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (by 16.6%), chemicals and related products (by 14.7%), crude minerals inedible, except fuels (by 13.5%), machinery and transport equipment (by 11.5%) and in beverages and tobacco (by 3.9%), while a decrease was observed among others in mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 4.8%).

Chart 1. Composition of exports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in I - III 2021

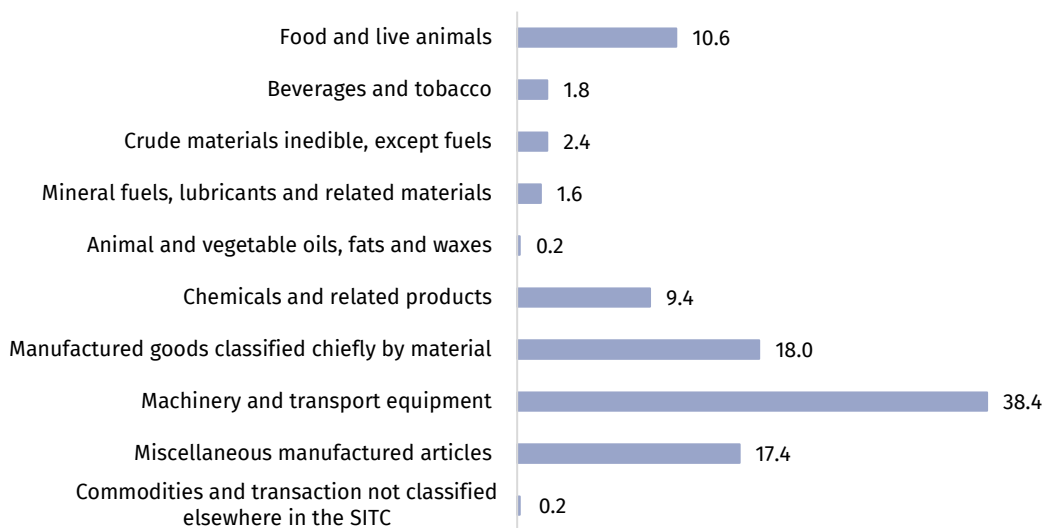
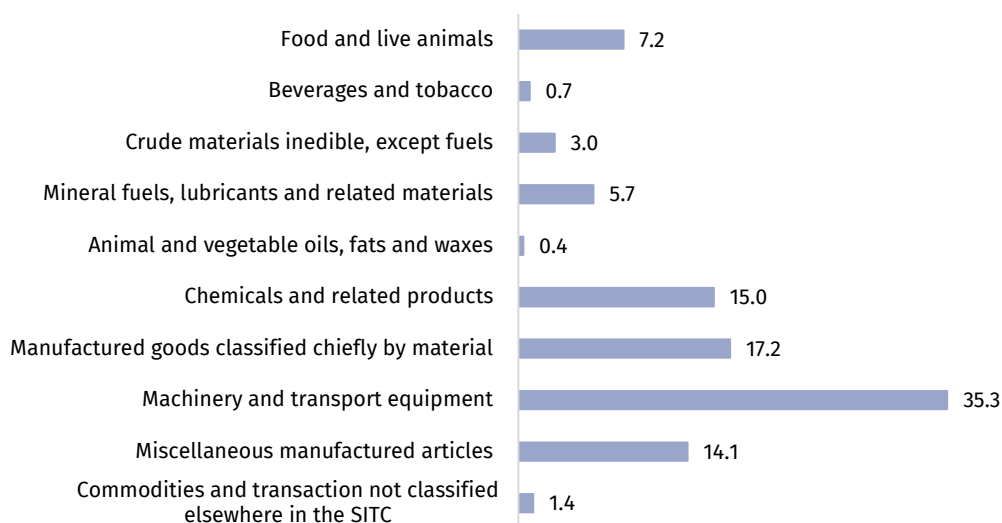


Chart 2. Composition of imports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in I - III 2021



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