

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

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**+16.0 bn
balance in PLN**

Foreign trade turnover¹ in January – April 2021 in exports at current prices amounted to PLN 408.4 bn, while in imports - PLN 392.3 bn. The positive balance reached the level of PLN 16.0 bn, while in the same period of 2020 year amounted to PLN 3.4 bn. In comparison to the corresponding period of 2020 exports increased by 25.6%, while imports by 22.0%.

In the period January-April 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 108.4 bn, while imports amounted to USD 104.2 bn (an increase in exports of 30.3% and in imports of 26.6%). The positive balance reached the level of USD 4.2 bn, while in the same period of 2020 year amounted to USD 0.9 bn.

Exports expressed in EUR amounted to 90.0 bn, while imports amounted to EUR 86.5 bn (an increase in exports of 19.0% and in imports of 15.6%). The positive balance reached EUR 3.5 bn, while EUR 0.8 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 – 86.3% (of which EU 75.0%) and in imports – 64.1% (of which EU 55.6%), in comparison with 86.4% (of which EU 73.5%) and 65.3% (of which EU 55.1%) 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 5.6%, and in imports – 6.7%, in comparison with 5.8% and 7.1% in the January - April 2020 period.

The negative balance was recorded with the developing countries – minus PLN 81.3 bn (minus USD 21.6 bn, minus EUR 17.9 bn) and with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe minus PLN 3.6 bn (minus USD 1.0 bn, minus EUR 0.8 bn). The positive balance was obtained in turnover with the developed countries PLN 100.9 bn (USD 26.8 bn, EUR 22.2 bn), of which with the EU countries the balance of PLN 88.4 bn (USD 23.5 bn, EUR 19.5 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 - IV 2021 | | | | | | 2020 | 2021 |
|--|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | bn | bn | bn | I - IV 2020 = 100 | | | I - IV | |
| | PLN | USD | EUR | PLN | USD | EUR | structure in % | |
| Exports | 408.4 | 108.4 | 90.0 | 125.6 | 130.3 | 119.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Developed countries | 352.3 | 93.6 | 77.6 | 125.5 | 130.2 | 118.9 | 86.4 | 86.3 |
| of which EU | 306.4 | 81.4 | 67.5 | 128.3 | 133.0 | 121.5 | 73.5 | 75.0 |
| of which euro-zone | 242.4 | 64.4 | 53.4 | 130.6 | 135.5 | 123.7 | 57.1 | 59.4 |
| Developing countries | 33.2 | 8.8 | 7.3 | 130.8 | 136.0 | 124.2 | 7.8 | 8.1 |
| Count. of Cent. and East. Europe | 22.9 | 6.1 | 5.0 | 120.7 | 125.1 | 114.3 | 5.8 | 5.6 |
| Imports (country of origin)² | 392.3 | 104.2 | 86.5 | 122.0 | 126.6 | 115.6 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Developed countries | 251.4 | 66.8 | 55.4 | 119.6 | 124.2 | 113.4 | 65.3 | 64.1 |
| of which EU | 218.0 | 57.9 | 48.0 | 123.0 | 127.7 | 116.6 | 55.1 | 55.6 |
| of which euro-zone | 180.9 | 48.0 | 39.9 | 123.9 | 128.6 | 117.4 | 45.4 | 46.1 |
| Developing countries | 114.4 | 30.4 | 25.2 | 129.1 | 134.1 | 122.5 | 27.6 | 29.2 |
| Count. of Cent. and East. Europe | 26.5 | 7.0 | 5.8 | 116.1 | 120.3 | 109.9 | 7.1 | 6.7 |
| Balance | 16.0 | 4.2 | 3.5 | . | . | . | . | . |
| Developed countries | 100.9 | 26.8 | 22.2 | . | . | . | . | . |
| of which EU | 88.4 | 23.5 | 19.5 | . | . | . | . | . |
| of which euro-zone | 61.5 | 16.3 | 13.5 | . | . | . | . | . |
| Developing countries | -81.3 | -21.6 | -17.9 | . | . | . | . | . |
| Count. of Cent. and East. Europe | -3.6 | -1.0 | -0.8 | . | . | . | . | . |

Foreign trade turnover by major countries

After four months of 2021 among the main trade partners of Poland a decrease in exports was not observed, while in imports only from the United States.

The turnover with the top ten of Polish trade partners in exports accounted for 65.4% (65.6% in the same period of the last year), while in total imports – 64.7% (in comparison with 63.4% in January – April 2020).

The share of Germany in exports increased in comparison with the corresponding period of the last year by 0.7 pp and amounted to 28.8% and in imports by 0.3 pp and accounted for 21.8%. The positive balance amounted to PLN 32.2 bn (USD 8.6 bn, EUR 7.0 bn) in comparison with PLN 22.3 bn (USD 5.7 bn, EUR 5.1 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 – IV 2021 | | | | | | 2020 | 2021 |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|-------|-------|----------------|------|
| | bn PLN | bn USD | bn EUR | I – IV 2020 = 100 | | | I - IV | |
| | | | | PLN | USD | EUR | structure in % | |
| EXPORTS | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Germany | 117.8 | 31.3 | 25.9 | 128.8 | 133.8 | 122.1 | 28.1 | 28.8 |
| 2. France | 24.6 | 6.5 | 5.4 | 135.5 | 140.1 | 128.1 | 5.6 | 6.0 |
| 3. Czechia | 23.3 | 6.2 | 5.1 | 120.1 | 124.5 | 113.7 | 6.0 | 5.7 |
| 4. Italy | 20.1 | 5.4 | 4.4 | 151.2 | 156.3 | 143.0 | 4.1 | 4.9 |
| 5. United Kingdom | 20.1 | 5.3 | 4.4 | 103.9 | 107.7 | 98.3 | 6.0 | 4.9 |
| 6. Netherlands | 17.1 | 4.6 | 3.8 | 118.3 | 123.0 | 112.3 | 4.5 | 4.2 |
| 7. Sweden | 11.7 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 123.5 | 128.4 | 117.1 | 2.9 | 2.9 |
| 8. Russia | 11.3 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 118.1 | 122.6 | 111.9 | 3.0 | 2.8 |
| 9. United States | 10.5 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 110.1 | 114.4 | 104.5 | 2.9 | 2.6 |
| 10. Spain | 10.5 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 129.9 | 134.3 | 122.7 | 2.5 | 2.6 |
| IMPORTS (country of origin) | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Germany | 85.6 | 22.7 | 18.9 | 123.9 | 128.6 | 117.4 | 21.5 | 21.8 |
| 2. China | 56.1 | 14.9 | 12.4 | 136.1 | 141.4 | 129.1 | 12.8 | 14.3 |
| 3. Italy | 20.1 | 5.4 | 4.4 | 132.4 | 137.2 | 125.2 | 4.7 | 5.1 |
| 4. Russia | 19.1 | 5.1 | 4.2 | 109.1 | 113.0 | 103.2 | 5.4 | 4.9 |
| 5. Netherlands | 15.5 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 127.2 | 132.2 | 120.6 | 3.8 | 4.0 |
| 6. France | 13.7 | 3.7 | 3.0 | 121.5 | 126.0 | 115.1 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| 7. Czechia | 13.0 | 3.5 | 2.9 | 126.2 | 130.9 | 119.5 | 3.2 | 3.3 |
| 8. United States | 10.8 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 92.2 | 95.8 | 87.5 | 3.6 | 2.8 |
| 9. South Korea | 9.8 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 117.8 | 122.3 | 111.8 | 2.6 | 2.5 |
| 10. Belgium | 9.7 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 130.1 | 135.2 | 123.4 | 2.3 | 2.5 |

Imports from the United Kingdom in January - April of 2021 amounted to PLN 6.2 bn, USD 1.6 bn and EUR 1.4 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 287.9 bn, of which with the EU – PLN 267.3 bn, compared to PLN 237.5 bn, of which with the EU - PLN 214.9 bn in the same period of 2020.

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

| SPECIFICATION | I - IV 2021 | | | | | | 2020 | 2021 |
|--|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | bn | bn | bn | I - IV 2020 = 100 | | | I - IV | |
| | PLN | USD | EUR | PLN | USD | EUR | structure in % | |
| Imports (country of consignment) ³ | 392.3 | 104.2 | 86.5 | 122.0 | 126.6 | 115.6 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Developed countries | 287.9 | 76.5 | 63.4 | 121.2 | 125.8 | 114.9 | 73.8 | 73.4 |
| of which EU | 267.3 | 71.0 | 58.9 | 124.3 | 129.1 | 117.8 | 66.8 | 68.1 |
| of which euro-zone | 226.0 | 60.0 | 49.8 | 124.7 | 129.5 | 118.2 | 56.3 | 57.6 |
| Developing countries | 77.2 | 20.5 | 17.0 | 129.5 | 134.6 | 122.9 | 18.5 | 19.7 |
| Countries of Cent. and East. Europe | 27.2 | 7.2 | 6.0 | 110.8 | 114.8 | 104.9 | 7.7 | 6.9 |
| Balance | 16.0 | 4.2 | 3.5 | . | . | . | . | . |
| Developed countries | 64.4 | 17.1 | 14.2 | . | . | . | . | . |
| of which EU | 39.2 | 10.4 | 8.6 | . | . | . | . | . |
| of which euro-zone | 16.4 | 4.3 | 3.6 | . | . | . | . | . |
| Developing countries | -44.0 | -11.7 | -9.7 | . | . | . | . | . |
| Countries of Cent. and East. Europe | -4.4 | -1.2 | -1.0 | . | . | . | . | . |

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 2.2 pp, Belgium by 1.4 pp, Czechia by 0.7 pp and France by 0.4 pp.

Table 4. Imports by country of consignment – countries

| SPECIFICATION | I - IV 2021 | | | | | | 2020 | 2021 |
|---|-------------|------|------|-------------------|-------|-------|----------------|------|
| | bn | bn | bn | I - IV 2020 = 100 | | | I - IV | |
| | PLN | USD | EUR | PLN | USD | EUR | structure in % | |
| IMPORTS (country of consignment) | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Germany | 107.0 | 28.4 | 23.6 | 122.8 | 127.5 | 116.4 | 27.1 | 27.3 |
| 2. China | 37.2 | 9.9 | 8.2 | 136.1 | 141.4 | 129.2 | 8.5 | 9.5 |
| 3. Netherlands | 24.4 | 6.5 | 5.4 | 128.3 | 133.5 | 121.8 | 5.9 | 6.2 |
| 4. Italy | 20.3 | 5.4 | 4.5 | 134.7 | 139.6 | 127.4 | 4.7 | 5.2 |
| 5. Russia | 19.1 | 5.1 | 4.2 | 104.0 | 107.6 | 98.4 | 5.7 | 4.9 |
| 6. Czechia | 15.6 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 127.1 | 131.8 | 120.3 | 3.8 | 4.0 |
| 7. France | 15.4 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 122.6 | 127.1 | 116.0 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| 8. Belgium | 15.3 | 4.1 | 3.4 | 127.7 | 132.7 | 121.1 | 3.7 | 3.9 |
| 9. Slovakia | 10.1 | 2.7 | 2.2 | 139.9 | 145.2 | 132.6 | 2.2 | 2.6 |
| 10. Spain | 9.7 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 121.9 | 126.6 | 115.6 | 2.5 | 2.5 |

Imports from China according by country of consignment in comparison with imports by country of origin was lower by 4.8 pp

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

After four months 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 machinery and transport equipment (by 34.0%), crude materials inedible, except fuels (by 32.5%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (by 30.7%), animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 28.1%), manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (by 23.6%), chemicals and related products (by 18.9%), mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 11.6%), food and live animals (by 8.9%) and beverages and tobacco (by 1.4%), while a decrease was reported in commodities and transaction not classified elsewhere in the SITC (by 25.9%).

In imports the largest increase was recorded in commodities and transaction not classified elsewhere in the SITC (by 62.9%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (by 26.0%), manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (by 25.9%), machinery and transport equipment (by 25.7%), crude materials inedible, except fuels (by 23.4%), chemicals and related products (by 19.7%), animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 6.4%), mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 6.1%), beverages and tobacco (by 5.4%) and food and live animals (by 4.8%).

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

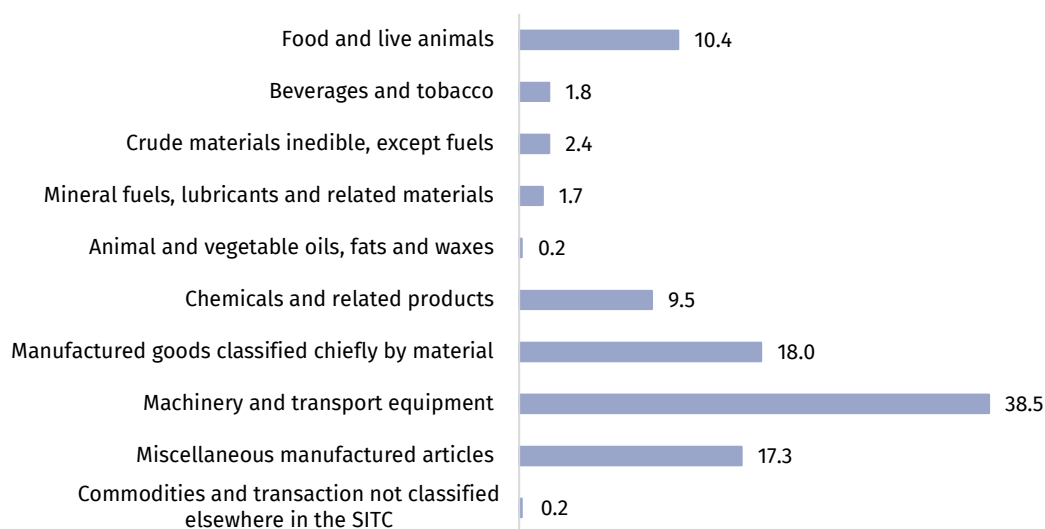
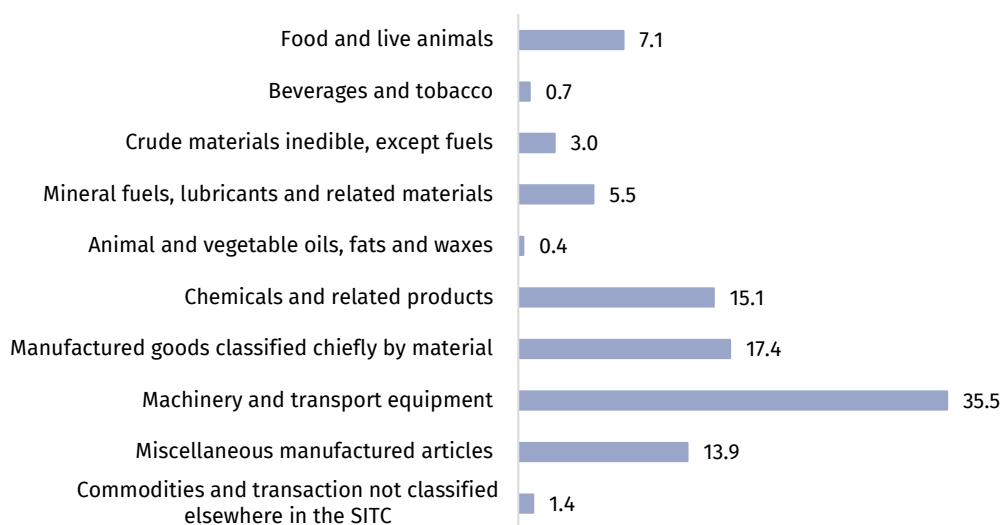


Chart 2. Composition of imports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in I - IV 2021



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