

Foreign trade turnover of goods in total and by countries in January - May 2023

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 **24.6 bn**
balance in PLN

Foreign trade turnover¹ in January - May 2023 in exports at current prices amounted to PLN 687.0 bn, while in imports - PLN 662.4 bn. The positive balance reached the level of PLN 24.6 bn, while in the same period of 2022 year was negative and amounted to PLN 37.6 bn. In comparison to the corresponding period of last year exports increased by 8.1%, while imports decreased by 1.6%.

Foreign trade turnover expressed in US dollars and in EUR

Exports expressed in USD amounted to 158.0 bn, while imports amounted to USD 152.3 bn (an increase in exports of 2.3% and decrease in imports of 7.0%). The positive balance reached the level of USD 5.7 bn, while in the same period of 2022 year was negative and amounted to USD 9.2 bn.

Exports expressed in EUR amounted to 146.4 bn, while imports amounted to EUR 141.2 bn (an increase in exports of 5.8% and decrease in imports of 3.7%). The positive balance reached EUR 5.2 bn, compared to a negative balance of EUR 8.2 bn in the same period of 2022.

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

Poland has the largest share in total exports with the developed countries – 86.9% (of which EU 75.2%) and in imports – 65.1% (of which EU 53.4%), in comparison with 88.4% (of which EU 76.9%) and 62.3% (of which EU 53.3%) in the corresponding period of 2022. However, the smallest share was observed with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, which in total exports amounted to 4.8%, and in imports – 2.7%, in comparison with 4.0% and 8.4% in January - May 2022.

The negative balance was recorded with the developing countries – minus PLN 155.7 bn (minus USD 35.8 bn, minus EUR 33.2 bn). The positive balance was obtained in turnover with other groups of countries, i.e. Central and Eastern Europe PLN 15.1 bn (USD 3.5 bn, EUR 3.2 bn) and with developed countries PLN 165.3 bn (USD 38.0 bn, EUR 35.2 bn), of which with the EU countries the balance of PLN 163.1 bn (USD 37.5 bn, EUR 34.8 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 and INTRASTAT declarations. Data for January - May 2023 have been amended to include unregistered customs declarations for earlier months of this year.

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

SPECIFICATION	I-V 2023						2022	2023
	bn	bn	bn	I-V 2022 = 100			I-V	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
Exports	687.0	158.0	146.4	108.1	102.3	105.8	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	596.8	137.2	127.2	106.2	100.5	104.0	88.4	86.9
of which EU	516.8	118.8	110.1	105.7	100.0	103.5	76.9	75.2
of which euro-zone	409.6	94.2	87.3	106.7	100.9	104.5	60.4	59.6
Developing countries	57.1	13.1	12.2	117.7	111.4	115.2	7.6	8.3
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	33.1	7.6	7.1	130.1	123.2	127.4	4.0	4.8
Imports (country of origin)²	662.4	152.3	141.2	98.4	93.0	96.3	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	431.5	99.2	92.0	102.8	97.3	100.6	62.3	65.2
of which EU	353.7	81.3	75.4	98.6	93.2	96.5	53.3	53.4
of which euro-zone	283.5	65.2	60.4	95.6	90.4	93.5	44.1	42.8
Developing countries	212.8	48.9	45.4	108.0	102.3	105.8	29.3	32.1
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	18.1	4.2	3.9	32.0	30.1	31.3	8.4	2.7
Balance	24.6	5.7	5.2	.	.	.	.	.
Developed countries	165.3	38.0	35.2	.	.	.	.	.
of which EU	163.1	37.5	34.8	.	.	.	.	.
of which euro-zone	126.2	29.0	26.9	.	.	.	.	.
Developing countries	-155.7	-35.8	-33.2	.	.	.	.	.
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	15.1	3.5	3.2	.	.	.	.	.

Foreign trade turnover by major countries

In January - May 2023 among the main trade partners of Poland increases in exports were observed compared to January - May 2022. However, in January - May 2023 imports decreased with Germany by 7.7%, Italy by 5.9%, China by 5.3%, Belgium by 2.0%, and Czechia by 2.0% in comparison with the same period of 2022.

The turnover with the top ten of Polish trade partners in exports accounted for 66.0% (65.3% in the same period of 2022 year), while in total imports – 60.4% (in comparison with 59.3% in January - May 2022).

The share of Germany in exports increased in comparison with the corresponding period of 2022 year by 0.1 pp and amounted to 28.2% and in imports decreased by 1.3 pp and accounted for 19.8%. The positive balance amounted to PLN 62.3 bn (USD 14.3 bn, EUR 13.3 bn) in comparison with PLN 36.2 bn (USD 8.8 bn, EUR 7.9 bn) in the same period of 2022.

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-V 2023						2022	2023
	bn	bn	bn	I-V 2022 = 100			I-V	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
EXPORTS								
1. Germany	193.6	44.5	41.3	108.4	102.6	106.1	28.1	28.2
2. Czechia	43.9	10.1	9.4	104.4	99.0	102.3	6.6	6.4
3. France	42.9	9.9	9.1	116.3	110.0	113.9	5.8	6.2
4. United Kingdom	33.9	7.8	7.2	109.0	103.1	106.8	4.9	4.9
5. Italy	31.5	7.2	6.7	102.1	96.6	100.0	4.9	4.6
6. Netherlands	29.8	6.9	6.4	103.6	98.0	101.4	4.5	4.3
7. United States	20.8	4.8	4.4	111.6	105.6	109.3	2.9	3.0
8. Ukraine	20.2	4.6	4.3	159.6	152.3	156.8	2.0	2.9
9. Slovakia	19.3	4.4	4.1	102.2	96.8	100.1	3.0	2.8
10. Spain	18.9	4.3	4.0	113.3	107.2	110.9	2.6	2.7
IMPORTS (country of origin)								
1. Germany	131.3	30.2	28.0	92.3	87.3	90.3	21.1	19.8
2. China	90.5	20.8	19.3	94.7	89.5	92.7	14.2	13.7
3. Italy	31.3	7.2	6.7	94.1	88.9	92.0	4.9	4.7
4. United States	28.6	6.6	6.1	118.2	112.1	115.9	3.6	4.3
5. Netherlands	25.5	5.9	5.4	101.7	96.3	99.6	3.7	3.9
6. France	21.7	5.0	4.6	104.2	98.4	101.9	3.1	3.3
7. Czechia	21.4	4.9	4.6	98.0	92.7	96.0	3.2	3.2
8. South Korea	19.0	4.4	4.0	135.4	128.2	132.6	2.1	2.9
9. Belgium	15.4	3.6	3.3	98.0	92.5	95.8	2.3	2.3
10. Saudi Arabia	15.2	3.5	3.2	206.7	196.1	202.7	1.1	2.3

Imports from the United Kingdom in January - May 2023 amounted to PLN 11.6 bn, USD 2.7 bn and EUR 2.5 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 498.6 bn, of which with the EU – PLN 441.7 bn, compared to PLN 481.6 bn, of which with the EU - PLN 440.9 bn in the same period of 2022.

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

SPECIFICATION	I-V 2023						2022	2023
	bn	bn	bn	I-V 2022 = 100			I-V	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
Imports (country of consignment) ³	662.4	152.3	141.2	98.4	93.0	96.3	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	498.6	114.6	106.3	103.5	98.0	101.4	71.5	75.3
of which EU	441.7	101.6	94.1	100.2	94.8	98.1	65.5	66.7
of which euro-zone	362.7	83.4	77.3	97.5	92.2	95.4	55.3	54.8
Developing countries	146.1	33.6	31.1	108.8	103.0	106.6	19.9	22.0
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	17.7	4.1	3.8	30.8	29.0	30.1	8.6	2.7
Balance	24.6	5.7	5.2	.	.	.	.	.
Developed countries	98.2	22.6	20.9	.	.	.	.	.
of which EU	75.0	17.2	16.0	.	.	.	.	.
of which euro-zone	46.9	10.8	10.0	.	.	.	.	.
Developing countries	-89.0	-20.5	-19.0	.	.	.	.	.
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	15.4	3.6	3.3	.	.	.	.	.

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 5.4 pp, accordingly the share of the Netherlands was higher by 2.4 pp, Belgium by 1.7 pp, Czechia by 0.9 pp and France by 0.5 pp.

Table 4. Imports by country of consignment – countries

SPECIFICATION	I-V 2023						2022	2023
	bn	bn	bn	I-V 2022 = 100			I-V	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
IMPORTS (country of consignment)								
1. Germany	167.1	38.4	35.6	94.8	89.7	92.8	26.2	25.2
2. China	56.2	12.9	12.0	91.1	86.1	89.1	9.2	8.5
3. Netherlands	42.0	9.7	8.9	101.7	96.2	99.6	6.1	6.3
4. Italy	31.6	7.3	6.7	94.8	89.6	92.7	4.9	4.8
5. Czechia	27.1	6.2	5.8	105.7	100.1	103.6	3.8	4.1
6. Belgium	26.6	6.1	5.7	104.1	98.2	101.8	3.8	4.0
7. France	25.3	5.8	5.4	106.2	100.3	103.9	3.5	3.8
8. United States	19.7	4.5	4.2	111.7	106.1	109.6	2.6	3.0
9. South Korea	16.2	3.7	3.5	150.5	142.5	147.4	1.6	2.4
10. Spain	15.5	3.6	3.3	104.0	98.3	101.8	2.2	2.3

Imports from China in January - May 2023 according by country of consignment in comparison with imports by country of origin was lower by 5.2 pp

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

In January - May 2023 trade turnover in goods according to the SITC nomenclature reported an increase in 5 commodity sections in exports and in 4 commodity sections in imports compared to the same period of 2022.

In exports the largest increase concerned beverages and tobacco (by 28.7%), food and live animals (by 19.4%), machinery and transport equipment (by 18.1%), animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 13.7%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (by 6.5%). There was a decrease in commodities and transaction not classified elsewhere in the SITC (by 40.3%), crude materials inedible, except fuels (by 14.2%), manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (by 5.0%) chemicals and related products (by 3.4%) and mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 1.4%).

In imports an increase was recorded in beverages and tobacco (by 26.2%), mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 19.7%), food and live animals (by 16.0%), machinery and transport equipment (by 10.0%). The largest decrease was recorded in commodities and transaction not classified elsewhere in the SITC (by 61.7%), animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 17.5%), manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (by 16.2%), crude materials inedible, except fuels (by 12.2%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (by 4.0%) and chemicals and related products (by 2.4%).

Chart 1. Composition of exports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in January - May 2023

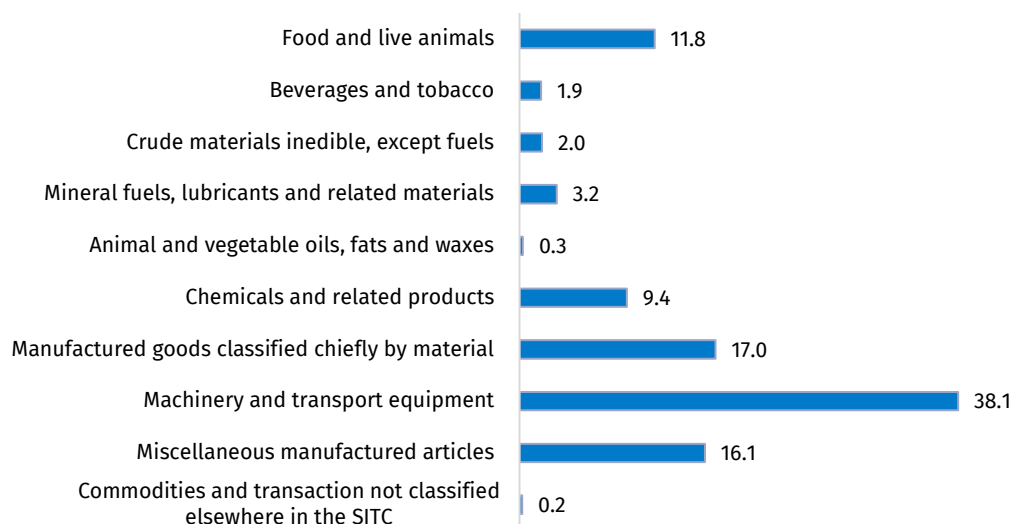
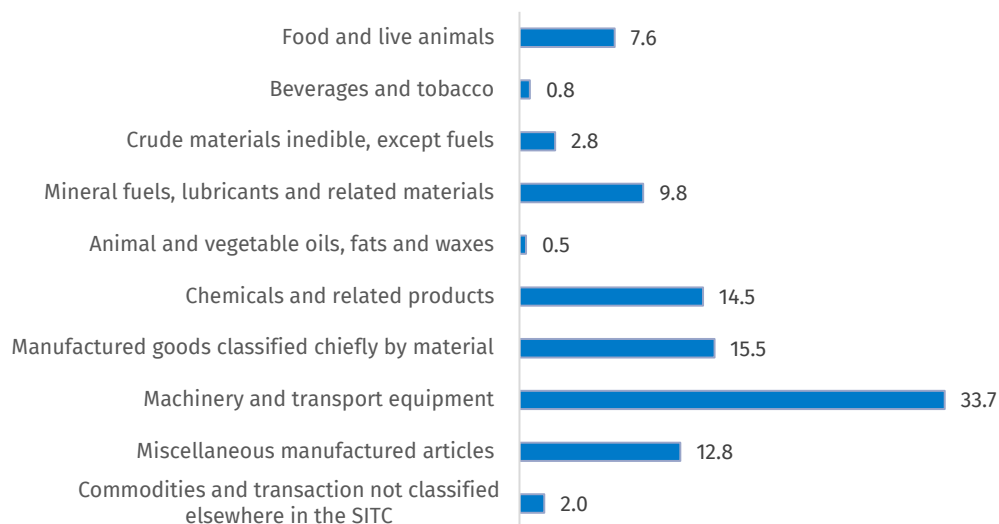


Chart 2. Composition of imports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in January - May 2023



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