

Foreign trade turnover of goods in total and by countries in January – August 2018

11.10.2018

After eight months we note increase in both exports and imports with the corresponding period of the previous year

↑ 105.4

Index of exports in PLN – previous year = 100

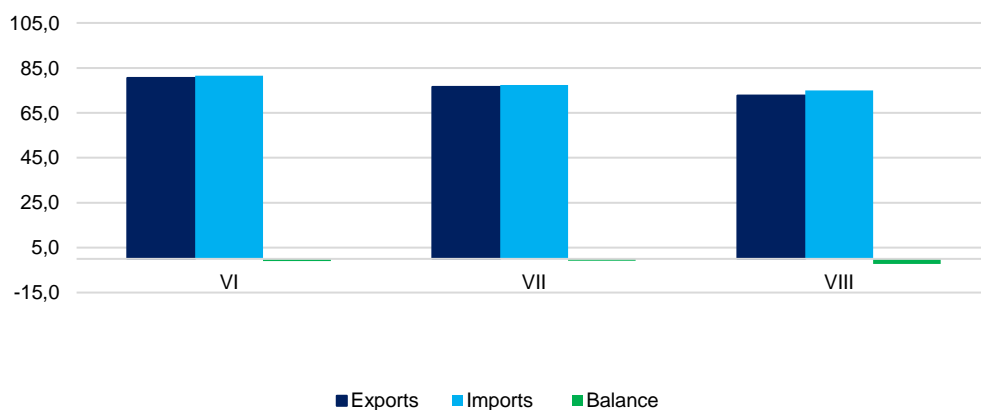
Foreign trade turnover¹ in January – August this year according to exports at current prices amounted to PLN 607.7 bn, while imports amounted to PLN 615.8 bn. The negative balance reached the level of PLN 8.1 bn, while in the same period last year it was positive and amounted to PLN 4.4 bn. In comparison to the corresponding period of the 2017, exports increased by 5.4%, and imports by 7.7%.

Foreign trade turnover expressed in US dollars and in EUR

Exports expressed in USD amounted to 172.5 bn USD while imports amounted to USD 174.8 bn (an increase in exports of 17.9% and in imports of 20.3%). The negative balance reached the level of USD 2.3 bn (in the corresponding period of the 2017, the positive balance amounted to USD 1.1 bn).

Exports expressed in EUR amounted to 143.6 bn while imports amounted to EUR 145.6 bn (an increase in exports of 6.7% and in imports of 9.0%). The negative balance reached the level of EUR 2.0 bn compared to positive balance EUR 1.0 bn in the same period in 2017.

Chart 1. Turnover in the last three months in PLN billion



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

Poland has the largest share in total exports with developed countries – 86.9% (of which EU 80.2), and imports – 66.3% (of which EU 59.1%), as against 86.7% (of which EU 79.9%) and 67.9% (of which EU 60.4%) in the corresponding period of the previous year. However, the smallest share was observed in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, which in total

The high share of developed countries in trade in goods is affected by high turnover with the EU

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

exports amounted to 5.8%, and in imports – 9.0%, as against 5.8% and 7.8% in January – August 2017.

The negative balances were recorded with developing countries – minus PLN 108.1 bn (minus USD 30.7 bn, minus EUR 25.5 bn) and with countries Central and Eastern Europe – minus PLN 19.8 bn (minus USD 5.6 bn, minus EUR 4.7 bn). The positive balances were obtained in turnover with developed countries PLN 119.8 bn (USD 34.0 bn, EUR 28.3 bn), of which EU countries a balance of PLN 123.4 bn (USD 35.0 bn, EUR 29.2 bn).

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

| SPECIFICATION | I – VIII 2018 | | | | | | 2017 | 2018 |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | bn PLN | bn USD | bn EUR | I – VIII 2017 = 100 | | | I – VIII | |
| | | | | PLN | USD | EUR | structure in % | |
| Exports | 607.7 | 172.5 | 143.6 | 105.4 | 117.9 | 106.7 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Developed countries | 528.1 | 150.0 | 124.8 | 105.7 | 118.2 | 107.0 | 86.7 | 86.9 |
| of which EU | 487.1 | 138.3 | 115.2 | 105.8 | 118.3 | 107.1 | 79.9 | 80.2 |
| of which euro-zone | 350.4 | 99.5 | 82.8 | 106.7 | 119.4 | 108.0 | 57.0 | 57.7 |
| Developing countries | 44.3 | 12.5 | 10.5 | 102.7 | 114.6 | 103.8 | 7.5 | 7.3 |
| Count. of Cent. and East. Europe | 35.3 | 10.0 | 8.3 | 105.9 | 117.6 | 106.9 | 5.8 | 5.8 |
| Imports (country of origin)² | 615.8 | 174.8 | 145.6 | 107.7 | 120.3 | 109.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Developed countries | 408.3 | 116.0 | 96.5 | 105.2 | 117.6 | 106.5 | 67.9 | 66.3 |
| of which EU | 363.7 | 103.3 | 86.0 | 105.3 | 117.8 | 106.6 | 60.4 | 59.1 |
| of which euro-zone | 292.2 | 83.0 | 69.1 | 105.8 | 118.2 | 107.0 | 48.3 | 47.4 |
| Developing countries | 152.4 | 43.2 | 36.0 | 109.5 | 122.3 | 110.8 | 24.3 | 24.7 |
| Count. of Cent. and East. Europe | 55.1 | 15.6 | 13.0 | 123.1 | 137.4 | 124.6 | 7.8 | 9.0 |
| Balance | -8.1 | -2.3 | -2.0 | X | X | X | X | X |
| Developed countries | 119.8 | 34.0 | 28.3 | X | X | X | X | X |
| of which EU | 123.4 | 35.0 | 29.2 | X | X | X | X | X |
| of which euro-zone | 58.2 | 16.5 | 13.7 | X | X | X | X | X |
| Developing countries | -108.1 | -30.7 | -25.5 | X | X | X | X | X |
| Count. of Cent. and East. Europe | -19.8 | -5.6 | -4.7 | X | X | X | X | X |

Foreign trade turnover by major countries

In January – August this year among the main trade partners of Poland there was an increase in exports to the United States, Germany, Russia, Hungary, Netherlands, France, Czech Republic and Sweden, and imports – from all countries from the main trade partners of Poland.

Among our main trade partners in exports we recorded a decrease in turnover for United Kingdom and Italy

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

The turnover with the top ten of Polish trade partners in exports as in the corresponding period of the previous year – 66.4%, while total imports – 65.2% (against 65.7% after eight months 2017).

The share of Germany in exports increased in comparison with the corresponding period of last year by 0.6 pp and amounted to 28.0%, and imports has decreased by 0.4 pp and accounted for 22.8%. The positive balance amounted to PLN 30.0 bn (USD 8.5 bn, EUR 7.1 bn) against PLN 25.2 bn (USD 6.3 bn, EUR 5.9 bn) in the same period of 2017.

Table 2. Foreign trade turnover by major countries

| SPECIFICATION | I – VIII 2018 | | | | | | 2017 | 2018 |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|-------|-------|----------------|------|
| | bn PLN | bn USD | bn EUR | I – VIII 2017 = 100 | | | I – VIII | |
| | | | | PLN | USD | EUR | structure in % | |
| EXPORTS | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Germany | 170.4 | 48.4 | 40.3 | 108.0 | 120.7 | 109.3 | 27.4 | 28.0 |
| 2. Czech Republic | 38.8 | 11.0 | 9.2 | 104.8 | 117.1 | 106.0 | 6.4 | 6.4 |
| 3. United Kingdom | 36.8 | 10.4 | 8.7 | 99.1 | 110.8 | 100.3 | 6.4 | 6.1 |
| 4. France | 34.2 | 9.7 | 8.1 | 106.0 | 118.9 | 107.4 | 5.6 | 5.6 |
| 5. Italy | 28.0 | 7.9 | 6.6 | 97.6 | 109.5 | 98.9 | 5.0 | 4.6 |
| 6. Netherlands | 27.2 | 7.7 | 6.4 | 106.2 | 118.9 | 107.5 | 4.4 | 4.5 |
| 7. Russia | 18.5 | 5.2 | 4.4 | 107.7 | 119.5 | 108.7 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| 8. United States | 17.0 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 109.0 | 121.5 | 110.2 | 2.7 | 2.8 |
| 9. Sweden | 16.6 | 4.7 | 3.9 | 103.1 | 115.4 | 104.4 | 2.8 | 2.7 |
| 10. Hungary | 16.3 | 4.6 | 3.9 | 106.3 | 118.8 | 107.6 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| IMPORTS (country of origin) | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Germany | 140.4 | 39.9 | 33.2 | 105.9 | 118.2 | 107.1 | 23.2 | 22.8 |
| 2. China | 69.1 | 19.6 | 16.3 | 104.0 | 116.0 | 105.2 | 11.6 | 11.2 |
| 3. Russia | 44.3 | 12.6 | 10.5 | 123.3 | 137.8 | 124.8 | 6.3 | 7.2 |
| 4. Italy | 31.1 | 8.8 | 7.4 | 101.4 | 113.5 | 102.6 | 5.4 | 5.0 |
| 5. France | 23.1 | 6.6 | 5.5 | 104.2 | 116.7 | 105.5 | 3.9 | 3.8 |
| 6. Netherlands | 23.0 | 6.6 | 5.5 | 105.2 | 117.8 | 106.5 | 3.8 | 3.7 |
| 7. Czech Republic | 21.1 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 103.2 | 115.8 | 104.6 | 3.6 | 3.4 |
| 8. United States | 18.9 | 5.4 | 4.5 | 112.8 | 125.7 | 114.0 | 2.9 | 3.1 |
| 9. Belgium | 15.7 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 105.7 | 118.2 | 107.0 | 2.6 | 2.6 |
| 10. United Kingdom | 14.6 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 108.7 | 121.3 | 109.9 | 2.4 | 2.4 |

The share of Russia in imports increased by 0.9 pp compared to the same period of 2017 and it was 7.2%

Imports by country of consignment in total and by groups of countries

The highest turnover in imports by country of consignment Poland recorded with the developed countries - PLN 458.3 bn, of which the EU – PLN 429.2 bn, compared to PLN 437.5 bn, of which the EU - PLN 409.9 bn in the same period of 2017.

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

| SPECIFICATION | I – VIII 2018 | | | | | | 2017 | 2018 |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | bn | bn | bn | I – VIII 2017 = 100 | | | I – VIII | |
| | PLN | USD | EUR | PLN | USD | EUR | structure in % | |
| Imports (country of consignment) ³ | 615.8 | 174.8 | 145.6 | 107.7 | 120.3 | 109.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Developed countries | 458.3 | 130.2 | 108.4 | 104.8 | 117.1 | 106.0 | 76.5 | 74.4 |
| of which EU | 429.2 | 121.9 | 101.5 | 104.7 | 117.1 | 106.0 | 71.7 | 69.7 |
| of which euro-zone | 349.3 | 99.2 | 82.6 | 104.9 | 117.2 | 106.1 | 58.2 | 56.7 |
| Developing countries | 98.9 | 28.0 | 23.4 | 111.5 | 124.5 | 112.8 | 15.5 | 16.1 |
| Countries of Cent. and East. Europe | 58.6 | 16.6 | 13.8 | 128.4 | 143.4 | 129.9 | 8.0 | 9.5 |
| Balance | -8.1 | -2.3 | -2.0 | X | X | X | X | X |
| Developed countries | 69.8 | 19.8 | 16.4 | X | X | X | X | X |
| of which EU | 57.9 | 16.4 | 13.7 | X | X | X | X | X |
| of which euro-zone | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.2 | X | X | X | X | X |
| Developing countries | -54.6 | -15.5 | -12.9 | X | X | X | X | X |
| Countries of Cent. and East. Europe | -23.3 | -6.6 | -5.5 | X | X | X | X | X |

Imports by country of consignment – by countries

The share of Germany in imports by country of consignment to imports by country of origin was higher by 4.6 pp, accordingly the share of the Netherlands was higher by 1.9 pp, Belgium by 1.2 pp, Czech Republic by 0.5 pp and Russia by 0.4 pp.

Table 4. Imports by country of consignment – by countries

| SPECIFICATION | I – VIII 2018 | | | | | | 2017 | 2018 |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------|------|------|---------------------|-------|-------|----------------|------|
| | bn | bn | bn | I – VIII 2017 = 100 | | | I – VIII | |
| | PLN | USD | EUR | PLN | USD | EUR | structure in % | |
| IMPORTS (country of consignment) | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Germany | 168.6 | 47.9 | 39.9 | 105.2 | 117.4 | 106.4 | 28.0 | 27.4 |
| 2. Russia | 46.7 | 13.2 | 11.0 | 129.4 | 144.5 | 131.0 | 6.3 | 7.6 |
| 3. China | 44.0 | 12.5 | 10.4 | 108.1 | 120.7 | 109.4 | 7.1 | 7.1 |
| 4. Netherlands | 34.7 | 9.9 | 8.2 | 101.8 | 114.0 | 103.1 | 6.0 | 5.6 |
| 5. Italy | 31.1 | 8.8 | 7.4 | 100.4 | 112.4 | 101.6 | 5.4 | 5.1 |
| 6. France | 25.2 | 7.2 | 5.9 | 105.6 | 118.3 | 106.9 | 4.2 | 4.1 |
| 7. Czech Republic | 24.0 | 6.8 | 5.7 | 105.4 | 118.3 | 106.8 | 4.0 | 3.9 |
| 8. Belgium | 23.5 | 6.7 | 5.6 | 109.0 | 121.8 | 110.3 | 3.8 | 3.8 |
| 9. United Kingdom | 15.8 | 4.5 | 3.7 | 102.5 | 114.5 | 103.8 | 2.7 | 2.6 |
| 10. Spain | 14.7 | 4.2 | 3.5 | 107.5 | 120.4 | 108.9 | 2.4 | 2.4 |

The share of imports from China according by country of consignment to the share of the country of origin was lower by 4.1 pp

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

Prepared by:

Trade and Services Department

Aldona B. Matejak

Tel: +48 22 608 34 83

e-mail: a.matejak@stat.gov.pl

Issued by:

**The Spokesperson for the President
of Statistics Poland**

Karolina Dawidziuk

Tel: +48 22 608 3475, 22 608 3009

e-mail: rzecznik@stat.gov.pl

Press Office

tel.: +48 22 608 34 91, +48 22 608 38 04

fax: +48 22 608 38 86

e-mail: obslugaprasowa@stat.gov.pl



www.stat.gov.pl/en/



@StatPoland



@GlownyUrzadStatystyczny

Related information

[Yearbook of Foreign Trade Statistics of Poland 2017](#)

[Foreign trade turnover by main commodities 2016](#)

[Foreign trade. Mirror and asymmetry statistics](#)

Data available in databases

[Knowledge Databases \(DBW\). Foreign trade](#)

[Database. Analytical Platform - SWAiD - Knowledge Databases. Foreign trade](#)

Terms used in official statistics

[Exports of commodities](#)

[Imports of commodities](#)

[Balance foreign trade commodity turnover](#)