

Foreign trade turnover of goods in total and by countries in January – May 2019

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Index of imports (in PLN) amounted to 107.7

 **109.6**

Index of exports in PLN – the same period last year = 100

Foreign trade turnover¹ in January – May this year according to exports at current prices amounted to PLN 416.7 bn, while imports amounted to PLN 415.8 bn. The positive balance reached the level of PLN 0.9 bn, while in the same period last year amounted to minus PLN 5.8 bn. In comparison to the corresponding period of the 2018, exports increased by 9.6%, and imports by 7.7%.

Foreign trade turnover expressed in US dollars and in EUR

Exports expressed in USD amounted to 110.2 bn USD while imports amounted to USD 109.9 bn (a decrease in exports of 0.9% and in imports of 2.6%). The positive balance reached the level of USD 0.3 bn, while the same period last year amounted to minus USD 1.7 bn.

Exports expressed in EUR amounted to 97.0 bn while imports amounted to EUR 96.8 bn (an increase in exports of 6.8% and in imports of 4.9%). The positive balance reached the level of EUR 0.2 bn and minus EUR 1.4 bn in the same period in 2018.

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

Poland has the largest share in total exports with developed countries – 87.4% (of which EU 80.4%), and imports – 66.4% (of which EU 58.6%), as against 87.6% (of which EU 80.9%) and 67.0% (of which EU 59.8%) 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 exports amounted to 5.7%, and in imports – 7.9%, as against 5.4% and 8.5% in January – May 2018.

The negative balances were recorded with developing countries – minus PLN 78.2 bn (minus USD 20.7 bn, minus EUR 18.2 bn) and with countries Central and Eastern Europe – minus PLN 9.2 bn (minus USD 2.4 bn, minus EUR 2.2 bn). The positive balance was obtained in turnover with developed countries PLN 88.3 bn (USD 23.4 bn, EUR 20.6 bn), of which EU countries a balance of PLN 91.2 bn (USD 24.1 bn, EUR 21.3 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 – V 2019						2018	2019
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	I – V 2018 = 100			I – V	
				PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
Exports	416.7	110.2	97.0	109.6	99.1	106.8	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	364.1	96.3	84.8	109.3	98.9	106.5	87.6	87.4
of which EU	334.9	88.5	78.0	108.8	98.4	106.1	80.9	80.4
of which euro-zone	241.0	63.7	56.1	109.0	98.6	106.2	58.1	57.8
Developing countries	28.8	7.6	6.7	108.1	97.7	105.3	7.0	6.9
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	23.8	6.3	5.5	115.3	104.1	112.3	5.4	5.7
Imports (country of origin)²	415.8	109.9	96.8	107.7	97.4	104.9	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	275.8	72.9	64.2	106.6	96.4	103.9	67.0	66.4
of which EU	243.7	64.4	56.7	105.5	95.4	102.8	59.8	58.6
of which euro-zone	193.7	51.2	45.1	105.1	95.0	102.4	47.7	46.6
Developing countries	107.0	28.3	24.9	113.3	102.5	110.4	24.5	25.7
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	33.0	8.7	7.7	100.1	90.5	97.5	8.5	7.9
Balance	0.9	0.3	0.2	X	X	X	X	X
Developed countries	88.3	23.4	20.6	X	X	X	X	X
of which EU	91.2	24.1	21.3	X	X	X	X	X
of which euro-zone	47.3	12.5	11.0	X	X	X	X	X
Developing countries	-78.2	-20.7	-18.2	X	X	X	X	X
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	-9.2	-2.4	-2.2	X	X	X	X	X

Foreign trade turnover by major countries

In January – May this year among the main trade partners of Poland there was an increase in exports to all counters from top ten and in imports – from China, United States, Spain, Germany, France, Netherlands, Czech Republic, Italy, and Belgium.

The turnover with the top ten of Polish trade partners in exports after four months 2019 accounted for 66.6% (66.7% in the same period last year), while total imports – 63.8% (against 64.7% in January – May 2018).

The share of Germany in exports decreased in comparison with the corresponding period of last year by 0.5 pp and amounted to 27.5%, and imports has decreased by 0.5 pp and accounted for 22.3%. The positive balance amounted to PLN 21.7 bn (USD 5.8 bn, EUR 5.1 bn) against PLN 18.4 bn (USD 5.4 bn, EUR 4.4 bn) in the same period of 2018.

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 2019						2018	2019
	bn	bn	bn	I – V 2018 = 100			I – V	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
EXPORTS								
1. Germany	114.5	30.3	26.7	107.5	97.2	104.8	28.0	27.5
2. Czech Republic	25.5	6.7	5.9	104.5	94.5	101.8	6.4	6.1
3. United Kingdom	25.4	6.7	5.9	109.7	99.2	106.9	6.1	6.1
4. France	24.6	6.5	5.7	110.9	100.3	108.1	5.8	5.9
5. Netherlands	19.8	5.2	4.6	114.0	103.2	111.1	4.6	4.8
6. Italy	19.4	5.1	4.5	109.0	98.5	106.2	4.7	4.7
7. United States	12.5	3.3	2.9	120.6	109.0	117.5	2.7	3.0
8. Russia	12.1	3.2	2.8	111.7	100.9	108.8	2.8	2.9
9. Sweden	11.8	3.1	2.7	107.5	97.3	104.8	2.9	2.8
10. Hungary	11.6	3.1	2.7	114.3	103.3	111.4	2.7	2.8
IMPORTS (country of origin)								
1. Germany	92.8	24.5	21.6	105.4	95.3	102.7	22.8	22.3
2. China	49.2	13.0	11.5	116.4	105.4	113.5	10.9	11.8
3. Russia	25.4	6.7	5.9	96.1	87.0	93.7	6.8	6.1
4. Italy	20.1	5.3	4.7	101.3	91.5	98.7	5.1	4.8
5. France	15.5	4.1	3.6	105.2	95.1	102.4	3.8	3.7
6. Netherlands	15.4	4.1	3.6	105.1	95.0	102.4	3.8	3.7
7. Czech Republic	14.0	3.7	3.3	101.6	91.9	99.0	3.6	3.4
8. United States	13.4	3.6	3.1	114.8	103.7	111.9	3.0	3.2
9. Spain	10.0	2.6	2.3	108.2	97.8	105.4	2.4	2.4
10. Belgium	9.9	2.6	2.3	101.3	91.6	98.7	2.5	2.4

The share of Russia in imports decreased by 0.7 pp compared to the same period of 2018 and it was 6.1%

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

The highest turnover in imports by country of consignment Poland recorded with the developed countries - PLN 307.4 bn, of which the EU – PLN 287.3 bn, compared to PLN 290.6 bn, of which the EU - PLN 273.0 bn in the same period of 2018.

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

SPECIFICATION	I – V 2019						2018	2019
	bn	bn	bn	I – V 2018 = 100			I – V	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
Imports (country of consignment) ³	415.8	109.9	96.8	107.7	97.4	104.9	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	307.4	81.3	71.6	105.8	95.7	103.1	75.2	73.9
of which EU	287.3	76.0	66.9	105.2	95.2	102.6	70.7	69.1
of which euro-zone	232.5	61.5	54.1	105.4	95.3	102.7	57.1	55.9
Developing countries	73.0	19.3	17.0	121.3	109.7	118.2	15.6	17.6
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	35.4	9.4	8.3	100.0	90.5	97.5	9.2	8.5
Balance	0.9	0.3	0.2	X	X	X	X	X
Developed countries	56.7	15.0	13.2	X	X	X	X	X
of which EU	47.6	12.5	11.1	X	X	X	X	X
of which euro-zone	8.5	2.2	2.0	X	X	X	X	X
Developing countries	-44.2	-11.7	-10.3	X	X	X	X	X
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	-11.6	-3.1	-2.8	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 4.5 pp, accordingly the share of the Netherlands was higher by 1.8 pp, Belgium by 1.4 pp, Czech Republic by 0.6 pp and Russia by 0.3 pp.

Table 4. Imports by country of consignment – by countries

SPECIFICATION	I – V 2019						2018	2019
	bn	bn	bn	I – V 2018 = 100			I – V	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
IMPORTS (country of consignment)								
1. Germany	111.6	29.5	26.0	105.4	95.4	102.8	27.4	26.8
2. China	32.8	8.7	7.6	122.5	110.9	119.4	6.9	7.9
3. Russia	26.8	7.1	6.2	95.1	86.1	92.7	7.3	6.4
4. Netherlands	22.8	6.0	5.3	103.6	93.6	100.9	5.7	5.5
5. Italy	19.9	5.3	4.6	99.9	90.3	97.4	5.2	4.8
6. France	16.7	4.4	3.9	104.3	94.3	101.6	4.1	4.0
7. Czech Republic	16.4	4.3	3.8	105.6	95.5	102.9	4.0	4.0
8. Belgium	15.8	4.2	3.7	106.9	96.7	104.2	3.8	3.8
9. United Kingdom	10.5	2.8	2.4	107.0	96.7	104.3	2.5	2.5
10. Spain	10.3	2.7	2.4	109.6	99.1	106.8	2.4	2.5

Imports from China according by country of consignment to imports by country of origin was lower by 3.9 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 this year in trade in goods according to the SITC nomenclature, as compared to five months of last year, there was an increase in all commodity sectors both on the export and import side.

In export the largest increase concerned in commodities and transaction not classified elsewhere in the SITC, animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes and beverages and tobacco.

In import the largest increase was recorded in beverages and tobacco, commodities and transaction not classified elsewhere in the SITC, machinery and transport equipment.

Whereas, the smallest increase was concerned in mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials.

Chart 1. Composition of exports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in I – V 2019

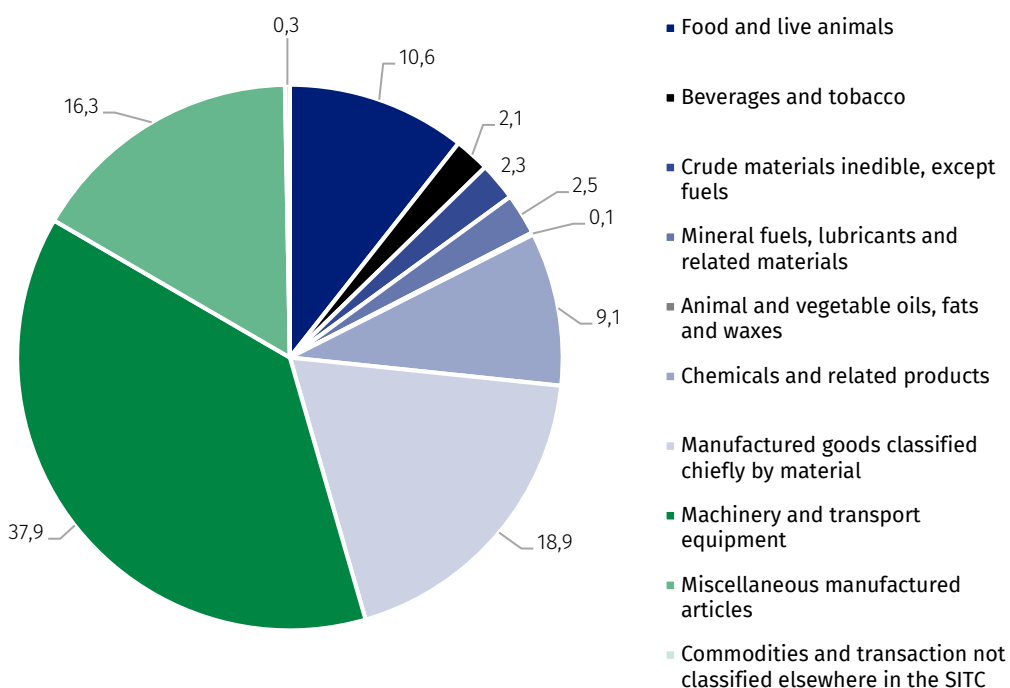
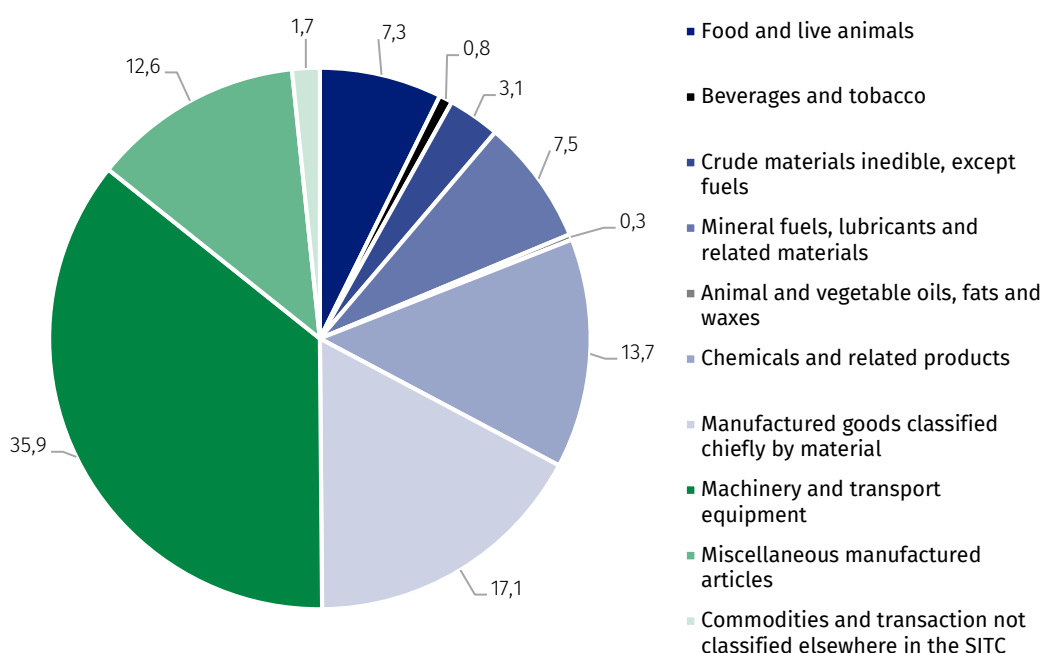


Chart 2. Composition of imports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in I – V 2019



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