

Information of Statistics Poland on the revision of international trade in services in 2010-2020

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Statistics Poland published revised data on international trade in services for 2010-2020. The correction was related to the process of revising statistical data resulting from the work carried out to improve the quality of data sources. Revisions of full time series are conducted in order to provide users with consistent and comparable data between different statistical areas. Therefore, the correction of data on international trade in services was also reflected in the balance of payment statistics as well as in national accounts statistics.

The changes in international trade in services concerned not only total annual values of services provided to non-residents and acquired from non-residents but also data by kind of services by EBOPS classification and by country. In addition, the published revised data also included the balance and the structure of these services and trade in services with EU and OECD countries. The revision used new and updated existing data sources and improved data compilation methods. The revision covered the full range of information on international trade in services that is part of the balance of payments.

The revision comprised government services, which includes the value of services provided by the general government to the institutions of the European Union. These services relate to the charge of customs and agricultural duties for the EU institutions. In addition, an adjustment was made for travel, which resulted from a change in the estimates of seasonal labour income. Due to the revision of trade in goods, which excludes transactions of non-residents paying VAT in Poland, the value of freight transport services has also changed. In accordance with international standards, freight transport services are increased by the value of services related to the transport costs included in the value of imported goods, for which the base of delivery terms is cif/fob.

As a result of the revisions, for example, in 2020 the total balance of international trade in services improved by PLN 635,9 million with a simultaneous increase in both the value of services provided to non-residents and acquired from non-residents.

Table 1. Value of services provided to non-residents and acquired from non-residents in 2019 and 2020

Specification	2019			2020		
	mIn PLN	mIn EUR	mIn USD	mIn PLN	mIn EUR	mIn USD
Data before revision						
Total provided services	268495,2	62470	69930	257839,2	58009	66124
Total acquired services	166871,3	38825	43462	156482,8	35206	40131
Balance	101623,9	23645	26468	101356,4	22803	25993
Revised data						
Total provided services	270532,6	62944	70460	258964,9	58262	66413
Total acquired services	167092,9	38877	43519	156972,6	35316	40257
Balance	103439,7	24067	26941	101992,3	22946	26156

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