

Foreign trade turnover of goods in total and by countries in 2020

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**+47.2 bn
balance in PLN**

Foreign trade turnover in 2020 according to final data in exports at current prices amounted to PLN 1 062.5 bn, while in imports - PLN 1 015.4 bn. The positive balance reached the level of PLN 47.2 bn, while in the same period of 2019 year amounted to PLN 5.1 bn. In comparison to the corresponding period of 2019 exports increased by 3.8%, while imports decreased by 0.3%.

Foreign trade turnover expressed in US dollars and in EUR

Exports expressed in USD amounted to USD 272,7 bn, while imports amounted to USD 260,6 bn (an increase in exports of 2.1% and in imports a decrease of 1.9%). The positive balance reached the level of USD 12.0 bn, while in the same period of 2019 year amounted to USD 1.3 bn.

Exports expressed in EUR amounted to EUR 239.9 bn, while imports amounted to EUR 229.4 bn (an increase in exports of 0.7% and in imports a decrease of 3.2%). The positive balance reached EUR 10.5 bn, while in the same period of 2019 - EUR 1.2 bn.

Foreign trade turnover of goods in total and by groups of countries¹

Poland has the largest share in total exports with the developed countries – 86.3% (of which EU 74.1%) and in imports – 65.1% (of which EU 55.4%), in comparison with 86.8% (of which EU 74.0%) and 65.8% (of which EU 55.8%) in the corresponding period in 2019 year. However, the smallest share was observed with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, which in total exports was at the same level like in 2019 year and amounted to 6.0%, while in imports 6.1%, in comparison with 7.8% in 2019 period.

The negative balance was recorded with the developing countries – minus PLN 211.2 bn (minus USD 54.2 bn, minus EUR 47.7 bn). The positive balance was obtained in turnover with the developed countries PLN 256.6 bn (USD 65.9 bn, EUR 57.8 bn), of which with the EU countries the balance of PLN 224.0 bn (USD 57.5 bn, EUR 50.5 bn) and with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe PLN 1.7 bn (USD 0.4 bn, EUR 0.3 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 The structure and dynamics of the European Union for 2019 are given in real condition, it means that data for EU was reduced by value of trade turnover of the United Kingdom.

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

SPECIFICATION	2020						2019	2020
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	2019 = 100			structure in %	
				PLN	USD	EUR		
Exports	1062.5	272.7	239.9	103.8	102.1	100.7	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	917.6	235.5	207.2	103.3	101.6	100.3	86.8	86.3
of which EU	786,9	202.0	177.7	103.9	102.2	100.8	74.0	74.1
of which euro-zone	616.8	158.3	139.2	104.7	103.0	101.6	57.5	58.1
Developing countries	81.4	20.9	18.4	110.7	108.8	107.3	7.2	7.7
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	63.5	16.3	14.3	102.5	100.9	99.4	6.0	6.0
Imports (country of origin)²	1015.4	260.6	229.4	99.7	98.1	96.8	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	661.0	169.6	149.3	98.7	97.0	95.8	65.8	65.1
of which EU	562.9	144.5	127.2	99.1	97.5	96.2	55.8	55.4
of which euro-zone	466.9	119.8	105.5	99.5	97.8	96.6	46.1	46.0
Developing countries	292.6	75.1	66.0	108.8	107.0	105.5	26.4	28.8
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	61.8	15.9	14.0	77.6	76.4	75.6	7.8	6.1
Balance	47.2	12.0	10.5	.	.	.	.	.
Developed countries	256.6	65.9	57.8	.	.	.	.	.
of which EU	224.0	57.5	50.5	.	.	.	.	.
of which euro-zone	149.9	38.5	33.8	.	.	.	.	.
Developing countries	-211.2	-54.2	-47.7	.	.	.	.	.
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	1.7	0.4	0.3	.	.	.	.	.

Foreign trade turnover by major countries

After twelve months of 2020 year among the main trade partners of Poland there was a decrease in exports to most countries, except Sweden, Germany, the United States and Spain and an increase in imports – from China, South Korea, the Netherlands and Italy.

The turnover with the top ten of Polish trade partners in exports accounted for 66.0% (66.1% in the same period of the last year), while in total imports – 64.3% (in comparison with 63.6% in 2019).

The share of Germany in exports increased in comparison with the corresponding period of the last year by 1.3 pp and amounted to 29.0%, while in imports was at the same level and accounted for 21.9%. The positive balance amounted to PLN 85.6 bn (USD 22.0 bn, EUR 19.2 bn) in comparison with PLN 61.1 bn (USD 16.0 bn, EUR 14.2 bn) in the same period of 2019.

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	2020						2019	2020
	bn	bn	bn	2019 = 100			structure in %	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR		
EXPORTS								
1. Germany	307.7	79.0	69.4	108.4	106.6	105.1	27.7	29.0
2. Czechia	62.3	16.0	14.1	99.3	97.7	96.4	6.1	5.9
3. United Kingdom	60.7	15.6	13.7	99.2	97.6	96.4	6.0	5.7
4. France	59.5	15.3	13.5	99.3	97.8	96.4	5.9	5.6
5. Italy	46.0	11.8	10.4	99.2	97.8	96.3	4.5	4.3
6. Netherlands	45.3	11.6	10.2	101.1	99.4	98.2	4.4	4.3
7. Russia	31.7	8.1	7.2	99.3	97.7	96.3	3.1	3.0
8. Sweden	31.2	8.0	7.0	108.8	107.0	105.5	2.8	2.9
9. United States	29.8	7.6	6.7	102.5	100.3	99.4	2.8	2.8
10. Hungary	27.0	6.9	6.1	95.5	93.9	92.7	2.8	2.5
IMPORTS (country of origin)								
1. Germany	222.1	57.0	50.2	99.7	98.1	96.8	21.9	21.9
2. China	146.6	37.6	33.0	116.6	114.7	113.0	12.3	14.4
3. Italy	52.2	13.4	11.8	101.8	100.3	98.9	5.0	5.1
4. Russia	45.1	11.6	10.2	72.5	71.4	70.7	6.1	4.4
5. Netherlands	40.4	10.3	9.1	104.7	102.8	101.5	3.8	4.0
6. France	35.0	9.0	7.9	94.3	92.8	91.7	3.6	3.5
7. Czechia	32.3	8.3	7.3	95.2	93.8	92.5	3.3	3.2
8. United States	31.7	8.1	7.2	96.6	94.8	93.9	3.2	3.1
9. South Korea	24.3	6.2	5.5	112.6	110.6	109.2	2.1	2.4
10. Belgium	23.2	6.0	5.2	98.3	96.4	95.4	2.3	2.3

Imports from the United Kingdom after twelve months of 2020 year amounted to PLN 21.8 bn, USD 5.6 bn and EUR 4.9 bn

Imports by country of consignment – total and groups of countries

The highest turnover in imports by country of consignment Poland recorded with the developed countries - PLN 756.3 bn, of which with the EU - PLN 688.2 bn, compared to PLN 750.9 bn, of which with the EU - PLN 677.4 bn in the same period of 2019.

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

SPECIFICATION	2020						2019	2020
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	2019 = 100			structure in %	
				PLN	USD	EUR		
Imports (country of consignment) ³	1015.4	260.6	229.4	99.7	98.1	96.8	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	756.3	194.1	170.9	100.7	99.1	97.8	73.7	74.5
of which EU	688.2	176.7	155.5	101.6	99.9	98.6	66.5	67.8
of which euro-zone	583.0	149.6	131.7	102.2	100.5	99.2	56.0	57.4
Developing countries	193.9	49.7	43.8	106.0	104.2	102.7	18.0	19.1
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	65.1	16.7	14.8	77.0	75.8	75.0	8.3	6.4
Balance	47.2	12.0	10.5	.	.	.	.	.
Developed countries	161.3	41.4	36.3	.	.	.	.	.
of which EU	98.7	25.3	22.2	.	.	.	.	.
of which euro-zone	33.8	8.7	7.6	.	.	.	.	.
Developing countries	-112.5	-28.9	-25.4	.	.	.	.	.
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	-1.7	-0.5	-0.4	.	.	.	.	.

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 5.7 pp, accordingly the share of the Netherlands was higher by 2.2 pp, Belgium by 1.4 pp, Czechia by 0.6 pp and France by 0.3 pp.

Table 4. Imports by country of consignment – countries

SPECIFICATION	2020						2019	2020
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	2019 = 100			structure in %	
				PLN	USD	EUR		
IMPORTS (country of consignment)								
1. Germany	279.9	71.9	63.2	101.9	100.3	98.9	27.0	27.6
2. China	94.6	24.3	21.3	116.7	114.8	113.1	8.0	9.3
3. Netherlands	62.6	16.0	14.1	109.0	107.0	105.7	5.6	6.2
4. Italy	52.0	13.4	11.8	101.3	99.9	98.4	5.0	5.1
5. Russia	46.7	12.0	10.6	72.2	71.1	70.3	6.4	4.6
6. Czechia	39.0	10.0	8.8	96.2	94.8	93.5	4.0	3.8
7. France	38.6	9.9	8.7	94.1	92.6	91.4	4.0	3.8
8. Belgium	37.8	9.7	8.5	100.3	98.5	97.4	3.7	3.7
9. Spain	24.8	6.4	5.6	103.4	101.6	100.4	2.4	2.4
10. Slovakia	24.3	6.2	5.5	102.0	100.3	98.9	2.3	2.4

Imports from China by country of consignment in comparison with imports by country of origin was lower by 5.1 pp

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

In the year of 2020 trade turnover in goods according to the SITC nomenclature compared to the same period of 2019 year, recorded a greater decrease in commodity sections in imports than exports.

In exports the largest increase included animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 27.2%), beverages and tobacco (by 18.8%), chemicals and related products (by 10.1%), food and live animals (by 9.7%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (by 7.0%) and machinery and transport equipment (by 2.2%), while a decrease was reported among others in mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 27.3%).

In imports the largest increase was recorded in animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 25.1%), beverages and tobacco (by 19.8%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (by 9.5%), food and live animals (by 8.7%) and chemicals and related products (by 7.5%), while a decrease was observed among others in commodities and transaction not classified elsewhere in the SITC (by 38.7%), mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 31.8%), crude minerals inedible, except fuels (by 3.6%) and machinery and transport equipment (by 0.7%).

Chart 1. Composition of exports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in 2020

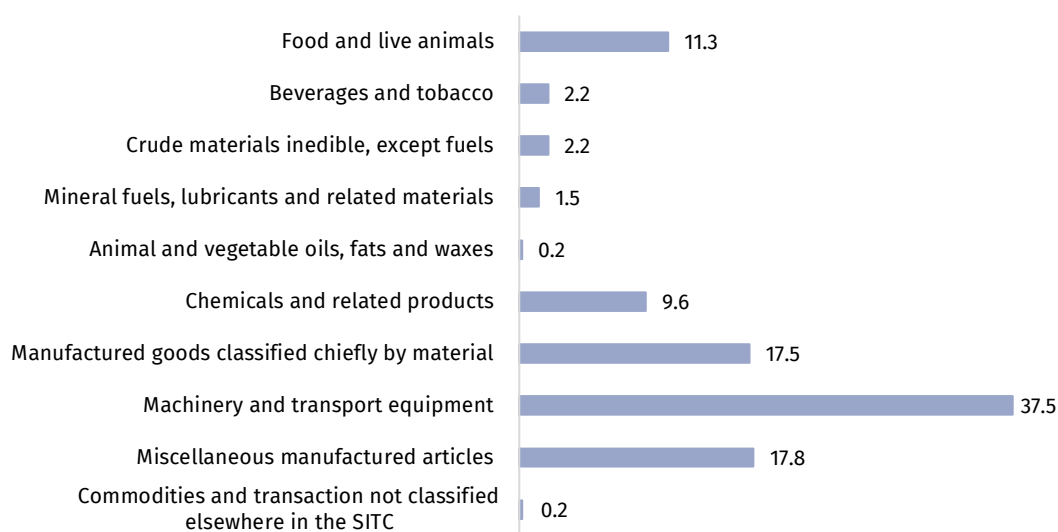
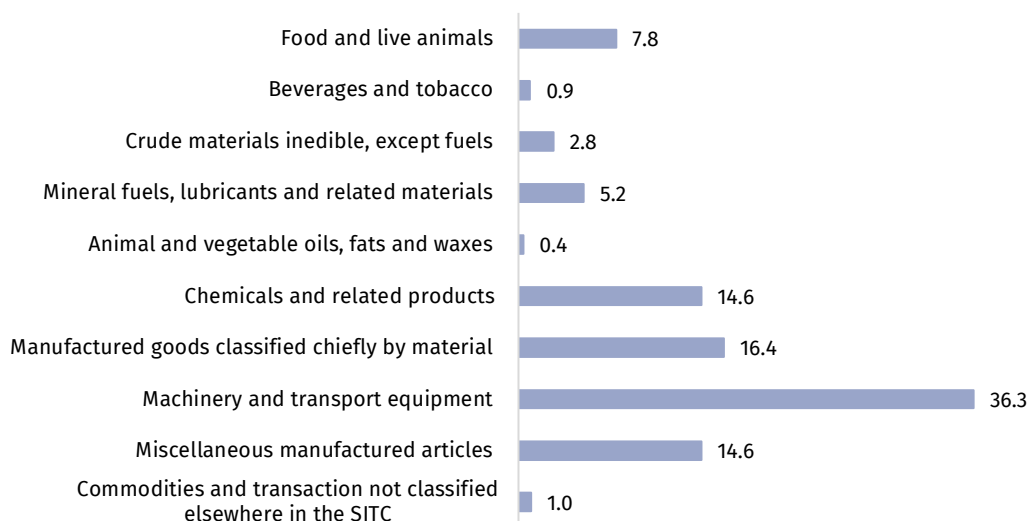


Chart 2. Composition of imports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in 2020



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