

Foreign trade turnover of goods in total and by countries in 2021

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 **-7.0 bn**
balance in PLN

Foreign trade turnover in 2021 according to final data in exports at current prices amounted to PLN 1 316.0 bn, while in imports - PLN 1 323.0 bn. The negative balance reached the level of PLN 7.0 bn, while in the same period of 2020 year was positive and amounted to PLN 47.2 bn. In comparison to the corresponding period of 2020 exports increased by 23.9%, while imports by 30.3%.

Foreign trade turnover expressed in US dollars and in EUR

Exports expressed in USD amounted to 342.0 bn, while imports amounted to USD 343.5 bn (an increase in exports of 25.4% and in imports of 31.8%). The negative balance reached the level of USD 1.5 bn, while in the same period of 2020 year was positive and amounted to USD 12.0 bn.

Exports expressed in EUR amounted to 288.1 bn, while imports amounted to EUR 289.6 bn (an increase in exports of 20.1% and in imports of 26.3 %). The negative balance reached EUR 1.5 bn, compared to a positive balance of EUR 10.5 bn in 2020.

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

Poland has the largest share in total exports with the developed countries – 86.4% (of which EU 75.1%) and in imports – 62.7% (of which EU 54.1%), in comparison with 86.3% (of which EU 74.1%) and 65.1% (of which EU 55.4%) in 2020. However, the smallest share was observed with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, which in total exports amounted to 5.7%, and in imports – 7.9%, in comparison with 6.0% and 6.1% in 2020 period.

The negative balance was recorded with the developing countries – minus PLN 284.9 bn (minus USD 73.8 bn, minus EUR 62.3 bn) and with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe minus PLN 30.1 bn (minus USD 7.7 bn, minus EUR 6.6 bn). The positive balance was obtained in turnover with the developed countries PLN 308.0 bn (USD 80.1 bn, EUR 67.4 bn), of which with the EU countries the balance of PLN 272.7 bn (USD 70.9 bn, EUR 59.7 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".

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

SPECIFICATION	2021						2020	2021
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	2020 = 100			structure in %	
				PLN	USD	EUR		
Exports	1316.0	342.0	288.1	123.9	125.4	120.1	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	1137.7	295.7	249.1	124.0	125.6	120.2	86.3	86.4
of which EU	987.9	256.8	216.3	125.5	127.1	121.8	74.1	75.1
of which euro-zone	779.0	202.5	170.6	126.3	127.9	122.5	58.1	59.2
Developing countries	103.4	26.9	22.6	127.0	128.7	123.2	7.7	7.9
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	74.9	19.4	16.4	117.9	119.3	114.3	6.0	5.7
Imports (country of origin)²	1323.0	343.5	289.6	130.3	131.8	126.3	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	829.8	215.6	181.7	125.5	127.1	121.7	65.1	62.7
of which EU	715.2	185.9	156.6	127.1	128.7	123.2	55.4	54.1
of which euro-zone	594.3	154.5	130.1	127.3	128.9	123.4	46.0	44.9
Developing countries	388.3	100.7	85.0	132.7	134.1	128.7	28.8	29.4
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	104.9	27.2	22.9	169.7	171.1	163.9	6.1	7.9
Balance	-7.0	-1.5	-1.5	.	.	.	.	.
Developed countries	308.0	80.1	67.4	.	.	.	.	.
of which EU	272.7	70.9	59.7	.	.	.	.	.
of which euro-zone	184.6	48.0	40.4	.	.	.	.	.
Developing countries	-284.9	-73.8	-62.3	.	.	.	.	.
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	-30.1	-7.7	-6.6	.	.	.	.	.

Foreign trade turnover by major countries

In 2021 among the main trade partners of Poland a decrease both in exports and imports was not observed compared to 2020.

The turnover with the top ten of Polish trade partners in exports accounted for 65.1% (66.0% in 2020), while in total imports – 65.1% (in comparison with 64.3% in 2020).

The share of Germany in exports decreased in comparison with the corresponding period of 2020 by 0.2 pp and amounted to 28.8% and in imports decreased by 1.0 pp and accounted for 20.9%. The positive balance amounted to PLN 101.7 bn (USD 26.4 bn, EUR 22.3 bn) in comparison with PLN 85.6 bn (USD 22.0 bn, EUR 19.2 bn) in 2020.

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	2021						2020	2021
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	2020 = 100			structure in %	
				PLN	USD	EUR		
EXPORTS								
1. Germany	378.4	98.4	82.9	123.0	124.6	119.3	29.0	28.8
2. Czechia	77.8	20.2	17.0	125.0	126.6	121.2	5.9	5.9
3. France	75.5	19.6	16.5	126.8	128.4	122.9	5.6	5.7
4. United Kingdom	65.8	17.1	14.4	108.3	109.5	104.9	5.7	5.0
5. Italy	61.0	15.9	13.4	132.7	134.3	128.8	4.3	4.6
6. Netherlands	57.2	14.9	12.5	126.2	127.7	122.3	4.3	4.3
7. Sweden	36.7	9.5	8.0	117.8	119.3	114.3	2.9	2.8
8. Russia	36.5	9.5	8.0	115.2	116.7	111.8	3.0	2.8
9. United States	34.8	9.0	7.6	116.9	118.8	113.3	2.8	2.6
10. Slovakia	33.8	8.8	7.4	126.9	128.3	123.0	2.5	2.6
IMPORTS (country of origin)								
1. Germany	276.7	71.9	60.6	124.6	126.1	120.7	21.9	20.9
2. China	195.9	50.8	42.8	133.6	134.9	129.7	14.4	14.8
3. Russia	77.8	20.1	17.0	172.6	173.7	166.4	4.4	5.9
4. Italy	66.7	17.4	14.6	127.9	129.4	124.0	5.1	5.0
5. Netherlands	54.7	14.2	12.0	135.4	137.3	131.4	4.0	4.1
6. France	44.2	11.5	9.7	126.2	127.8	122.2	3.5	3.3
7. Czechia	41.7	10.8	9.1	129.2	130.6	125.1	3.2	3.2
8. United States	40.8	10.6	8.9	128.5	129.9	124.2	3.1	3.1
9. Belgium	32.6	8.5	7.1	140.3	142.5	136.1	2.3	2.5
10. South Korea	29.9	7.8	6.5	122.9	124.6	119.1	2.4	2.3

Imports from the United Kingdom in 2021 amounted to PLN 20.8 bn (USD 5.4 bn and EUR 4.6 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 949.7 bn, of which with the EU – PLN 878.4 bn, compared to PLN 756.3 bn, of which with the EU - PLN 688.2 bn in 2020.

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

SPECIFICATION	2021						2020	2021
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	2020 = 100			structure in %	
				PLN	USD	EUR		
Imports (country of consignment) ³	1323.0	343.5	289.6	130.3	131.8	126.3	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	949.7	246.8	207.9	125.6	127.1	121.7	74.5	71.8
of which EU	878.4	228.3	192.3	127.6	129.2	123.7	67.8	66.4
of which euro-zone	745.3	193.7	163.2	127.8	129.4	123.9	57.4	56.3
Developing countries	266.6	69.1	58.3	137.5	138.9	133.3	19.1	20.1
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	106.7	27.6	23.3	163.8	165.0	158.1	6.4	8.1
Balance	-7.0	-1.5	-1.5	.	.	.	.	.
Developed countries	188.0	48.9	41.2	.	.	.	.	.
of which EU	109.5	28.5	24.0	.	.	.	.	.
of which euro-zone	33.7	8.8	7.4	.	.	.	.	.
Developing countries	-163.2	-42.2	-35.7	.	.	.	.	.
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	-31.9	-8.2	-7.0	.	.	.	.	.

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 5.5 pp, accordingly the share of the Netherlands was higher by 2.4 pp, Belgium by 1.3 pp, France by 0.6 pp and Czechia by 0.5 pp.

Table 4. Imports by country of consignment – countries

SPECIFICATION	2021						2020	2021
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	2020 = 100			structure in %	
				PLN	USD	EUR		
IMPORTS (country of consignment)								
1. Germany	349.7	90.9	76.6	124.9	126.4	121.1	27.6	26.4
2. China	129.6	33.6	28.4	137.0	138.4	133.0	9.3	9.8
3. Netherlands	85.7	22.2	18.8	137.0	138.7	132.9	6.2	6.5
4. Russia	78.0	20.2	17.0	167.1	168.0	161.1	4.6	5.9
5. Italy	67.1	17.5	14.7	129.0	130.4	125.1	5.1	5.1
6. France	51.2	13.3	11.2	132.4	134.1	128.2	3.8	3.9
7. Belgium	50.1	13.0	11.0	132.6	134.4	128.5	3.7	3.8
8. Czechia	49.4	12.8	10.8	126.6	128.0	122.6	3.8	3.7
9. Slovakia	31.7	8.2	6.9	130.5	132.2	126.6	2.4	2.4
10. Spain	31.2	8.1	6.8	125.9	127.7	122.1	2.4	2.4

Imports from China in 2021 according by country of consignment in comparison with imports by country of origin was lower by 5.0 pp

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

In 2021, trade turnover in goods according to the SITC nomenclature compared to the same period of 2020, reported an increase in all commodity sections both in exports and imports.

In exports the largest increase concerned mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 74.0%), animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 57.0%), crude materials inedible, except fuels (by 35.9%), manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (by 29.2%), commodities and transaction not classified elsewhere in the SITC (by 27.2%), chemicals and related products (by 25.0%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (by 23.3%), machinery and transport equipment (by 22.6%), food and live animals (by 14.4%), and beverages and tobacco (by 3.0 %).

In imports an increase was recorded in commodities and transaction not classified elsewhere in the SITC (by 230.2%), mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 54.4%), animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 42.5%), manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (by 39.2%), crude materials inedible, except fuels (by 36.7%), chemicals and related products (by 31.4%), machinery and transport equipment (by 23.8%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (by 23.3%), food and live animals (by 12.0%), and beverages and tobacco (by 7.1%).

Chart 1. Composition of exports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in 2021

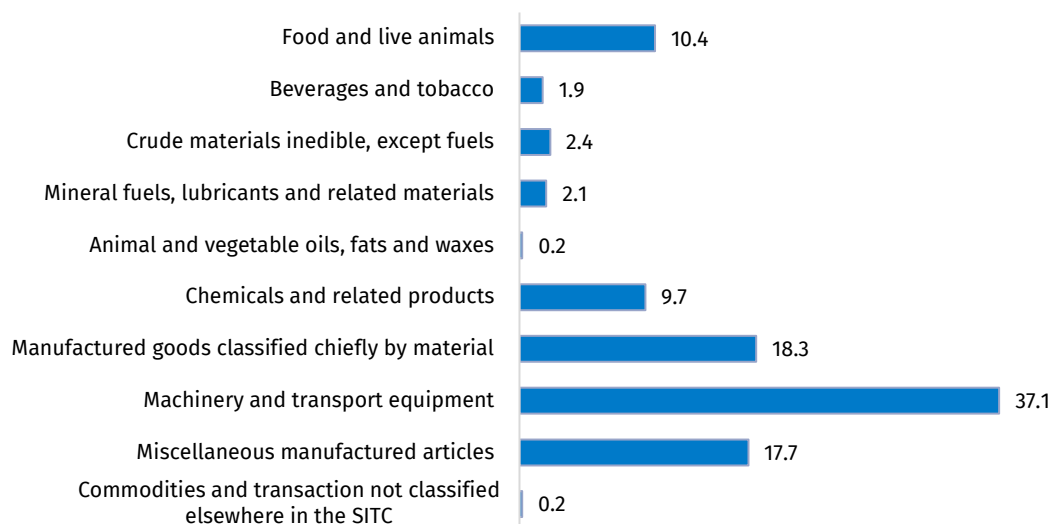
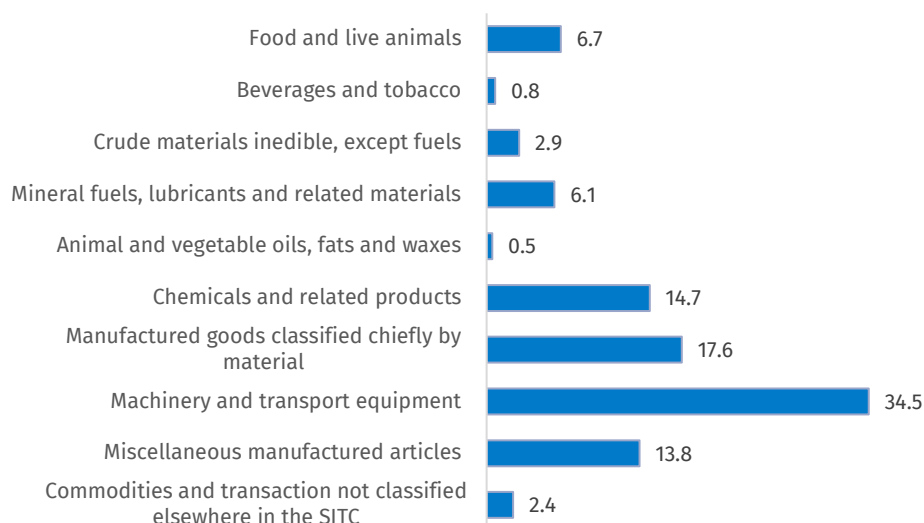


Chart 2. Composition of imports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in 2021



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