

Foreign trade turnover of goods in total and by countries in January – December 2020

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**+53.7 bn
balance in PLN**

Foreign trade turnover¹ after twelve months of 2020 according to temporary data² in exports at current prices amounted to PLN 1051.9 bn, while in imports - PLN 998.3 bn. The positive balance reached the level of PLN 53.7 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 2.8%, while imports decreased by 2.0%.

Foreign trade turnover expressed in US dollars and in EUR

Exports expressed in USD amounted to USD 269.9 bn, while imports amounted to USD 256.2 bn (an increase in exports of 1.1% and in imports a decrease of 3.6%). The positive balance reached the level of USD 13.7 bn, while in the same period of 2019 year amounted to USD 1.3 bn.

Exports expressed in EUR amounted to EUR 237.5 bn, while imports amounted to EUR 225.5 bn (an decrease in exports of 0.3% and in imports of 4.8%). The positive balance reached EUR 12.0 bn, while in the same period of 2019 - EUR 1.2 bn.

Foreign trade turnover of goods in total and by groups of countries³

Poland has the largest share in total exports with the developed countries – 86.2% (of which EU 73.8%) and in imports – 64.7% (of which EU 55.0%), 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 and amounted to 6.0%, and in imports 6.2%, in comparison with 7.8% in the January – December 2019 period.

The negative balance was recorded with the developing countries – minus PLN 209.2 bn (minus USD 53.7 bn, minus EUR 47.2 bn). The positive balance was obtained in turnover with the developed countries PLN 261.0 bn (USD 67.0 bn, EUR 58.8 bn), of which with the EU countries the balance of PLN 227.3 bn (USD 58.3 bn, EUR 51.2 bn) and with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe PLN 1.9 bn (USD 0.5 bn, EUR 0.4bn).

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.

² Final data will be available at the end of July this year.

³ The structure and dynamics of the European Union for January - December 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	I - XII 2020						2019	2020
	bn	bn	bn	I - XII 2019 = 100			I - XII	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
Exports	1051.9	269.9	237.5	102.8	101.1	99.7	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	907.0	232.7	204.8	102.1	100.4	99.1	86.8	86.2
of which EU	776.8	199.4	175.4	102.5	100.9	99.5	74.0	73.8
of which euro-zone	609.2	156.4	137.5	103.4	101.7	100.3	57.5	57.9
Developing countries	81.4	20.9	18.4	110.7	108.9	107.4	7.2	7.8
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	63.5	16.3	14.3	102.5	100.9	99.5	6.0	6.0
Imports (country of origin)⁴	998.3	256.2	225.5	98.0	96.4	95.2	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	646.0	165.8	146.0	96.4	94.8	93.7	65.8	64.7
of which EU	549.5	141.0	124.2	96.8	95.1	94.0	55.8	55.0
of which euro-zone	456.0	117.0	103.0	97.1	95.5	94.3	46.1	45.7
Developing countries	290.7	74.6	65.6	108.0	106.3	104.8	26.4	29.1
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	61.6	15.8	13.9	77.3	76.1	75.3	7.8	6.2
Balance	53.7	13.7	12.0	.	.	.	.	.
Developed countries	261.0	67.0	58.8	.	.	.	.	.
of which EU	227.3	58.3	51.2	.	.	.	.	.
of which euro-zone	153.1	39.3	34.5	.	.	.	.	.
Developing countries	-209.2	-53.7	-47.2	.	.	.	.	.
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	1.9	0.5	0.4	.	.	.	.	.

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 and the Netherlands.

The turnover with the top ten of Polish trade partners in exports accounted for 65.7% (65.9% in the same period of the last year), while in total imports – 64.2% (in comparison with 63.6% in January – December 2019).

The share of Germany in exports increased in comparison with the corresponding period of the last year by 1.2 pp and amounted to 28.9%, while in imports decreased by 0.1 pp and accounted for 21.8%. The positive balance amounted to PLN 85.9 bn (USD 22.0 bn, EUR 19.3 bn) in comparison with PLN 61.1 bn (USD 16.0 bn, EUR 14.2 bn) in the same period of 2019.

⁴ 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 - XII 2020						2019	2020
	bn	bn	bn	I - XII 2019 = 100			I - XII	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
EXPORTS								
1. Germany	304.0	78.0	68.6	107.1	105.3	103.9	27.7	28.9
2. Czechia	61.3	15.7	13.8	97.8	96.2	95.0	6.1	5.8
3. United Kingdom	60.2	15.5	13.6	98.3	96.7	95.5	6.0	5.7
4. France	59.0	15.1	13.3	98.3	96.8	95.5	5.9	5.6
5. Italy	45.5	11.7	10.3	98.2	96.7	95.3	4.5	4.3
6. Netherlands	44.6	11.4	10.1	99.5	97.8	96.6	4.4	4.2
7. Russia	31.7	8.1	7.2	99.3	97.7	96.3	3.1	3.0
8. Sweden	30.8	7.9	6.9	107.5	105.7	104.2	2.8	2.9
9. United States	29.8	7.6	6.7	102.5	100.3	99.5	2.8	2.8
10. Spain	26.7	6.9	6.0	102.1	100.6	99.1	2.6	2.5
IMPORTS (country of origin)								
1. Germany	218.1	56.0	49.3	97.9	96.3	95.0	21.9	21.8
2. China	145.5	37.3	32.8	115.7	113.9	112.1	12.3	14.6
3. Italy	49.8	12.8	11.2	97.2	95.7	94.4	5.0	5.0
4. Russia	44.9	11.5	10.2	72.2	71.1	70.4	6.1	4.5
5. Netherlands	39.3	10.1	8.9	101.9	100.0	98.7	3.8	3.9
6. France	34.3	8.8	7.8	92.5	90.9	89.8	3.6	3.4
7. Czechia	31.5	8.1	7.1	92.8	91.5	90.3	3.3	3.2
8. United States	31.1	8.0	7.0	94.6	92.9	92.0	3.2	3.1
9. South Korea	24.0	6.1	5.4	111.1	109.1	107.8	2.1	2.4
10. Belgium	22.6	5.8	5.1	95.6	93.8	92.9	2.3	2.3

Imports from the United Kingdom after twelve months of 2020 year amounted to PLN 21.0 bn, USD 5.4 bn and EUR 4.8 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 739.6 bn, of which with the EU – PLN 672.3 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	I - XII 2020						2019	2020
	bn	bn	bn	I - XII 2019 = 100			I - XII	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
Imports (country of consignment) ⁵	998.3	256.2	225.5	98.0	96.4	95.2	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	739.6	189.8	167.1	98.5	96.9	95.6	73.7	74.1
of which EU	672.3	172.6	151.9	99.2	97.6	96.4	66.5	67.3
of which euro-zone	569.7	146.2	128.7	99.9	98.2	97.0	56.0	57.1
Developing countries	193.6	49.7	43.7	105.8	104.0	102.6	18.0	19.4
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	65.1	16.7	14.7	76.9	75.8	74.9	8.3	6.5
Balance	53.7	13.7	12.0	.	.	.	.	.
Developed countries	167.4	42.9	37.7	.	.	.	.	.
of which EU	104.5	26.8	23.5	.	.	.	.	.
of which euro-zone	39.5	10.2	8.8	.	.	.	.	.
Developing countries	-112.1	-28.8	-25.3	.	.	.	.	.
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	-1.6	-0.4	-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 0.4 pp.

Table 4. Imports by country of consignment – countries

SPECIFICATION	I - XII 2020						2019	2020
	bn	bn	bn	I - XII 2019 = 100			I - XII	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
IMPORTS (country of consignment)								
1. Germany	274.2	70.4	61.9	99.8	98.2	96.9	27.0	27.5
2. China	94.5	24.2	21.3	116.6	114.6	113.0	8.0	9.5
3. Netherlands	61.1	15.6	13.8	106.4	104.4	103.1	5.6	6.1
4. Italy	49.6	12.8	11.2	96.6	95.2	93.8	5.0	5.0
5. Russia	46.6	12.0	10.6	72.1	71.1	70.3	6.4	4.7
6. Czechia	38.1	9.8	8.6	94.0	92.6	91.4	4.0	3.8
7. France	37.9	9.7	8.6	92.4	90.9	89.8	4.0	3.8
8. Belgium	37.1	9.5	8.4	98.4	96.7	95.5	3.7	3.7
9. Spain	24.3	6.2	5.5	101.4	99.7	98.4	2.4	2.4
10. Slovakia	23.9	6.1	5.4	100.4	98.8	97.4	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

⁵ Country of consignment is the country from which the goods were introduced into the Polish territory irrespective of their origin.

After twelve months of 2020 year 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 25.3%), beverages and tobacco (by 17.1%), food and live animals (by 8.8%), chemicals and related products (by 8.8%) and miscellaneous manufactured articles (by 6.0%), while a decrease was reported among others in mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 27.40%), crude materials inedible, except fuels (by 0.6%) and manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (by 0.4%).

In imports the largest increase was recorded in animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 22.6), beverages and tobacco (by 17.5%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (by 8.1%), food and live animals (by 6.7%) and chemicals and related products (by 6.1%), while a decrease was observed among others in commodities and transaction not classified elsewhere in the SITC (by 38.9%), mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 31.9%), crude minerals inedible, except fuels (by 4.9%), machinery and transport equipment (by 3.0%) and in manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (by 2.1%).

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

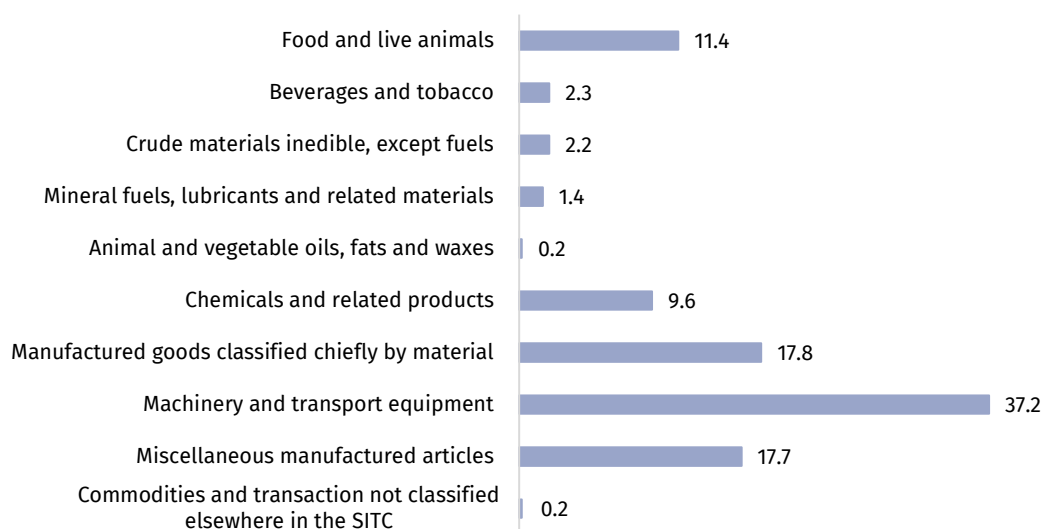
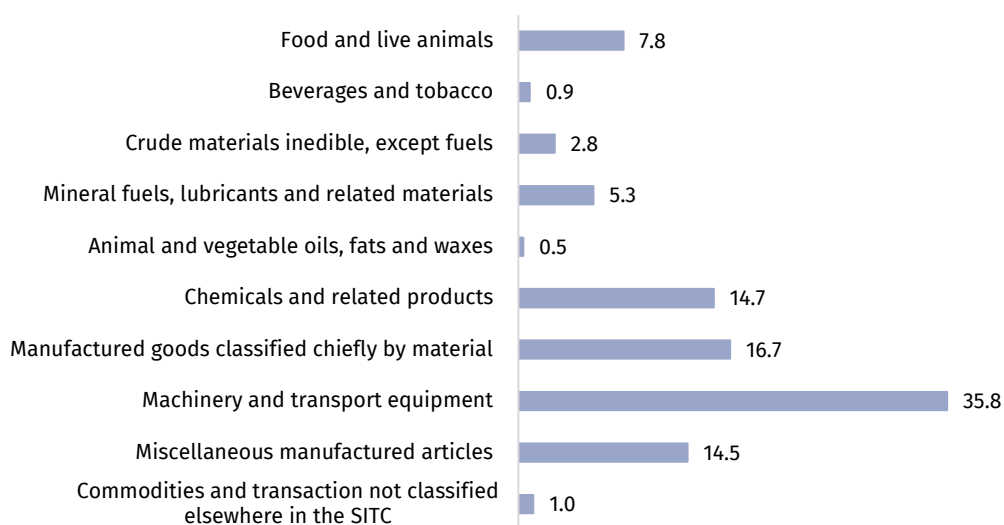


Chart 2. Composition of imports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in I - XII 2020



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