

Foreign trade turnover of goods in total and by countries in January - May 2021

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**+16.0 bn
balance in PLN**

Foreign trade turnover¹ in January – May 2021 in exports at current prices amounted to PLN 512.2 bn, while in imports - PLN 496.2 bn. The positive balance reached the level of PLN 16.0 bn, while in the same period of 2020 year amounted to PLN 8.8 bn. In comparison to the corresponding period of 2020 exports increased by 28.6%, while imports by 27.4%.

In the period January – May this year, a significant increase in dynamics, both in exports and imports, is noticeable. This is due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic last year and the introduction of lockdown in most countries. Therefore, the dynamics is calculated on the low basis that occurred in the same period of last year.

Foreign trade turnover expressed in US dollars and in EUR

Exports expressed in USD amounted to 135.8 bn, while imports amounted to USD 131.6 bn (an increase in exports of 34.8% and in imports of 33.5%). The positive balance reached the level of USD 4.2 bn, while in the same period of 2020 year amounted to USD 2.2 bn.

Exports expressed in EUR amounted to 112.8 bn, while imports amounted to EUR 109.2 bn (an increase in exports of 22.9% and in imports of 21.7%). The positive balance reached EUR 3.5 bn, while EUR 2.0 bn in the same period of 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 – 86.3% (of which EU 75.0%) and in imports – 63.7% (of which EU 55.2%), in comparison with 86.3% (of which EU 73.5%) and 65.1% (of which EU 54.9%) in the corresponding period in 2020 year. However, the smallest share was observed with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, which in total exports amounted to 5.6%, and in imports – 6.8%, in comparison with 5.9% and 6.7% in the January – May 2020 period.

The negative balance was recorded with the developing countries – minus PLN 104.6 bn (minus USD 27.7 bn, minus EUR 23.0 bn) and with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe minus PLN 5.2 bn (minus USD 1.4 bn, minus EUR 1.2 bn). The positive balance was obtained in turnover with the developed countries PLN 125.8 bn (USD 33.4 bn, EUR 27.7 bn), of which with the EU countries the balance of PLN 110.1 bn (USD 29.2 bn, EUR 24.2 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 2021						2020	2021
	bn	bn	bn	I - V 2020 = 100			I - V	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
Exports	512.2	135.8	112.8	128.6	134.8	122.9	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	442.2	117.2	97.3	128.6	134.8	122.9	86.3	86.3
of which EU	384.0	101.8	84.6	131.1	137.4	125.3	73.5	75.0
of which euro-zone	303.5	80.5	66.8	133.2	139.6	127.3	57.2	59.3
Developing countries	41.5	11.0	9.1	133.8	140.4	128.1	7.8	8.1
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	28.5	7.5	6.3	121.7	127.6	116.4	5.9	5.6
Imports (country of origin)²	496.2	131.6	109.2	127.4	133.5	121.7	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	316.3	83.9	69.6	124.7	130.6	119.1	65.1	63.7
of which EU	274.0	72.6	60.3	128.1	134.2	122.4	54.9	55.2
of which euro-zone	227.2	60.2	50.0	128.7	134.9	123.0	45.3	45.8
Developing countries	146.2	38.8	32.2	133.2	139.9	127.5	28.2	29.5
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	33.7	8.9	7.4	129.1	134.6	122.9	6.7	6.8
Balance	16.0	4.2	3.5	.	.	.	.	.
Developed countries	125.8	33.4	27.7	.	.	.	.	.
of which EU	110.1	29.2	24.2	.	.	.	.	.
of which euro-zone	76.3	20.2	16.8	.	.	.	.	.
Developing countries	-104.6	-27.7	-23.0	.	.	.	.	.
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	-5.2	-1.4	-1.2	.	.	.	.	.

Foreign trade turnover by major countries

After five months of 2021 among the main trade partners of Poland a decrease in exports was not observed, while in imports only from the United States.

The turnover with the top ten of Polish trade partners in exports accounted for 65.4% (65.5% in the same period of the last year), while in total imports – 64.3% (in comparison with 63.7% in January – May 2020).

The share of Germany in exports increased in comparison with the corresponding period of the last year by 0.6 pp and amounted to 28.9% and in imports by 0.3 pp and accounted for 21.6%. The positive balance amounted to PLN 40.4 bn (USD 10.7 bn, EUR 8.9 bn) in comparison with PLN 29.9 bn (USD 7.5 bn, EUR 6.9 bn) in the same period of 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	I – V 2021						2020	2021
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	I – V 2020 = 100			I – V	
				PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
EXPORTS								
1. Germany	147.8	39.2	32.5	131.0	137.5	125.3	28.3	28.9
2. France	30.4	8.1	6.7	136.8	143.0	130.5	5.6	5.9
3. Czechia	29.7	7.9	6.5	125.6	131.5	119.9	6.0	5.8
4. United Kingdom	25.5	6.7	5.6	109.8	114.8	104.7	5.8	5.0
5. Italy	25.1	6.6	5.5	153.8	160.8	146.8	4.1	4.9
6. Netherlands	21.6	5.7	4.8	122.9	129.0	117.6	4.4	4.2
7. Sweden	14.6	3.9	3.2	125.3	131.5	119.9	2.9	2.9
8. Russia	14.0	3.7	3.1	118.3	124.1	113.1	3.0	2.7
9. United States	13.3	3.5	2.9	112.5	118.2	107.7	3.0	2.6
10. Spain	13.1	3.5	2.9	136.1	142.1	129.6	2.4	2.5
IMPORTS (country of origin)								
1. Germany	107.4	28.5	23.6	129.5	135.6	123.6	21.3	21.6
2. China	71.1	18.9	15.7	135.9	142.9	130.3	13.4	14.3
3. Italy	25.5	6.8	5.6	137.9	144.3	131.6	4.8	5.1
4. Russia	24.1	6.4	5.3	122.2	127.2	116.2	5.1	4.9
5. Netherlands	20.0	5.3	4.4	130.7	137.4	125.1	3.9	4.0
6. France	17.0	4.5	3.8	126.6	132.4	120.8	3.5	3.4
7. Czechia	16.4	4.3	3.6	132.3	138.5	126.3	3.2	3.3
8. United States	14.0	3.7	3.1	98.9	103.7	94.6	3.6	2.8
9. South Korea	12.5	3.3	2.7	122.0	128.0	116.8	2.6	2.5
10. Belgium	11.7	3.1	2.6	129.9	136.3	124.2	2.3	2.4

Imports from the United Kingdom in January - May of 2021 amounted to PLN 7.8 bn, USD 2.1 bn and EUR 1.7 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 362.3 bn, of which with the EU – PLN 335.8 bn, compared to PLN 287.3 bn, of which with the EU - PLN 259.8 bn in the same period of 2020.

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

SPECIFICATION	I - V 2021						2020	2021
	bn	bn	bn	I - V 2020 = 100			I - V	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
Imports (country of consignment) ³	496.2	131.6	109.2	127.4	133.5	121.7	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	362.3	96.1	79.8	126.1	132.2	120.5	73.8	73.0
of which EU	335.8	89.1	73.9	129.2	135.4	123.4	66.7	67.7
of which euro-zone	284.2	75.4	62.6	129.6	135.8	123.8	56.3	57.3
Developing countries	99.3	26.3	21.9	133.5	140.2	127.9	19.1	20.0
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	34.5	9.2	7.6	124.1	129.3	118.1	7.1	7.0
Balance	16.0	4.2	3.5	.	.	.	.	.
Developed countries	79.8	21.2	17.6	.	.	.	.	.
of which EU	48.3	12.8	10.6	.	.	.	.	.
of which euro-zone	19.4	5.1	4.3	.	.	.	.	.
Developing countries	-57.8	-15.3	-12.7	.	.	.	.	.
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	-6.0	-1.6	-1.3	.	.	.	.	.

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 2.3 pp, Belgium by 1.5 pp, Czechia by 0.7 pp and France by 0.5 pp.

Table 4. Imports by country of consignment – countries

SPECIFICATION	I - V 2021						2020	2021
	bn	bn	bn	I - V 2020 = 100			I - V	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
IMPORTS (country of consignment)								
1. Germany	134.2	35.6	29.6	128.2	134.3	122.4	26.9	27.1
2. China	47.2	12.5	10.4	134.8	141.8	129.3	9.0	9.5
3. Netherlands	31.2	8.3	6.9	132.1	138.8	126.5	6.1	6.3
4. Italy	25.6	6.8	5.6	140.0	146.5	133.5	4.7	5.2
5. Russia	24.1	6.4	5.3	117.5	122.3	111.7	5.3	4.9
6. Czechia	19.6	5.2	4.3	133.2	139.4	127.1	3.8	4.0
7. France	19.2	5.1	4.2	128.3	134.2	122.4	3.9	3.9
8. Belgium	19.2	5.1	4.2	131.9	138.4	126.1	3.7	3.9
9. Slovakia	12.6	3.4	2.8	143.9	150.9	137.5	2.3	2.5
10. Spain	12.2	3.2	2.7	125.6	131.8	120.1	2.5	2.5

Imports from China according by country of consignment in comparison with imports by country of origin was lower by 4.8 pp

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

After five months of 2021 trade turnover in goods according to the SITC nomenclature compared to the same period of 2020 year, reported an increase in most commodity sections both in imports and in exports.

In exports the largest increase concerned machinery and transport equipment (by 38.4%), crude materials inedible, except fuels (by 37.3%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (by 32.8%), animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 30.8%), manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (by 27.3%), mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 20.3%), chemicals and related products (by 19.2%), food and live animals (by 9.2%) and beverages and tobacco (by 2.2 %), while a decrease was reported in commodities and transaction not classified elsewhere in the SITC (by 17.2%).

In imports the largest increase was recorded in commodities and transaction not classified elsewhere in the SITC (by 74.0%), manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (by 32.4%), machinery and transport equipment (by 31.7%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (by 30.7%), crude materials inedible, except fuels (by 26.7%), chemicals and related products (by 23.2%), mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 17.6%), animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 11.7%), beverages and tobacco (by 8.3%) and food and live animals (by 6.1%).

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

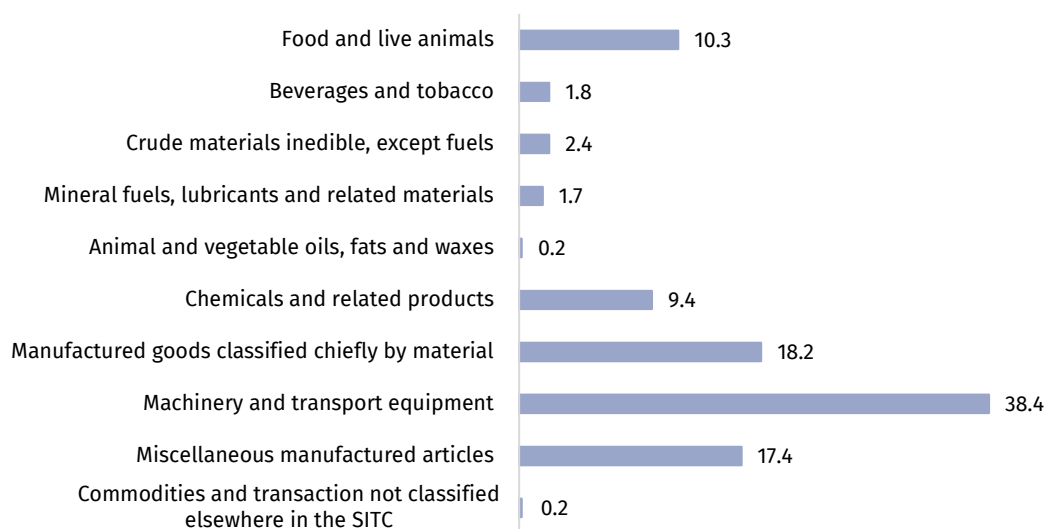
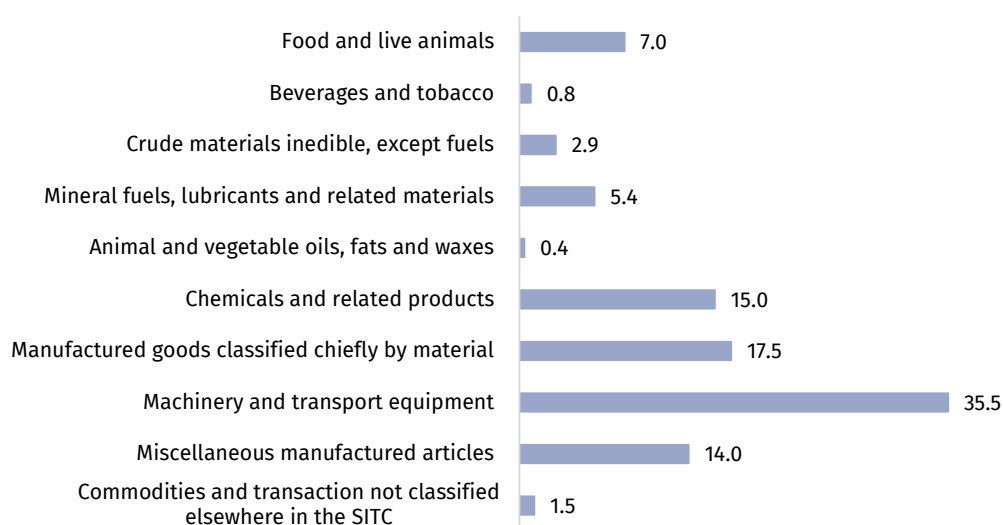


Chart 2. Composition of imports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in I - V 2021



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