

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

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**+17.3 bn
balance in PLN**

Foreign trade turnover¹ in January – June 2021 in exports at current prices amounted to PLN 621.2 bn, while in imports - PLN 603.8 bn. The positive balance reached the level of PLN 17.3 bn, while in the same period of 2020 year amounted to PLN 16.7 bn. In comparison to the corresponding period of 2020 exports increased by 27.4%, while imports by 28.3%.

In the period January – June 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 165.2 bn, while imports amounted to USD 160.6 bn (an increase in exports of 35.2% and in imports of 35.9%). The positive balance reached the level of USD 4.6 bn, while in the same period of 2020 year amounted to USD 4.1 bn.

Exports expressed in EUR amounted to 136.8 bn, while imports amounted to EUR 133.0 bn (an increase in exports of 22.9% and in imports of 23.6%). The positive balance reached EUR 3.8 bn, while EUR 3.7 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 74.9%) and in imports – 64.1% (of which EU 55.6%), in comparison with 86.4% (of which EU 73.6%) and 65.7% (of which EU 55.6%) 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 – 7.0%, in comparison with 5.9% and 6.5% in the January – June 2020 period.

The negative balance was recorded with the developing countries – minus PLN 123.6 bn (minus USD 32.9 bn, minus EUR 27.2 bn) and with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe minus PLN 8.0 bn (minus USD 2.1 bn, minus EUR 1.8 bn). The positive balance was obtained in turnover with the developed countries PLN 149.0 bn (USD 39.6 bn, EUR 32.8 bn), of which with the EU countries the balance of PLN 129.8 bn (USD 34.5 bn, EUR 28.6 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 - VI 2021						2020	2021
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	I - VI 2020 = 100			I - VI	
				PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
Exports	621.2	165.2	136.8	127.4	135.2	122.9	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	536.3	142.6	118.1	127.3	135.0	122.7	86.4	86.3
of which EU	465.3	123.7	102.5	129.7	137.5	125.0	73.6	74.9
of which euro-zone	367.3	97.7	80.9	131.4	139.4	126.7	57.3	59.1
Developing countries	50.4	13.4	11.1	134.3	142.6	129.6	7.7	8.1
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	34.5	9.2	7.6	120.7	128.1	116.5	5.9	5.6
Imports (country of origin)²	603.8	160.6	133.0	128.3	135.9	123.6	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	387.3	103.0	85.3	125.2	132.6	120.6	65.7	64.1
of which EU	335.5	89.2	73.9	128.2	135.9	123.5	55.6	55.6
of which euro-zone	278.2	74.0	61.3	128.5	136.2	123.8	46.0	46.1
Developing countries	174.0	46.3	38.3	133.1	141.2	128.4	27.8	28.9
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	42.6	11.3	9.4	139.0	146.7	133.4	6.5	7.0
Balance	17.3	4.6	3.8	.	.	.	.	.
Developed countries	149.0	39.6	32.8	.	.	.	.	.
of which EU	129.8	34.5	28.6	.	.	.	.	.
of which euro-zone	89.0	23.7	19.6	.	.	.	.	.
Developing countries	-123.6	-32.9	-27.2	.	.	.	.	.
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	-8.0	-2.1	-1.8	.	.	.	.	.

Foreign trade turnover by major countries

After six months of 2021 among the main trade partners of Poland a decrease both in exports and imports was not observed.

The turnover with the top ten of Polish trade partners in exports accounted for 65.3% (65.7% in the same period of the last year), while in total imports – 64.6% (in comparison with 64.1% in January – June 2020).

The share of Germany in exports increased in comparison with the corresponding period of the last year by 0.3 pp and amounted to 28.7% and in imports by 0.1 pp and accounted for 21.6%. The positive balance amounted to PLN 47.9 bn (USD 12.7 bn, EUR 10.5 bn) in comparison with PLN 37.2 bn (USD 9.3 bn, EUR 8.4 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 – VI 2021						2020	2021
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	I – VI 2020 = 100			I - VI	
				PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
EXPORTS								
1. Germany	178.1	47.3	39.2	128.6	136.6	124.1	28.4	28.7
2. France	37.1	9.9	8.2	136.3	144.3	131.3	5.6	6.0
3. Czechia	36.5	9.7	8.0	125.8	133.4	121.3	6.0	5.9
4. United Kingdom	31.0	8.2	6.8	111.2	117.6	106.9	5.7	5.0
5. Italy	30.1	8.0	6.6	150.3	159.1	144.8	4.1	4.8
6. Netherlands	26.0	6.9	5.7	122.1	129.5	117.8	4.4	4.2
7. Sweden	17.5	4.6	3.8	122.1	129.7	117.9	2.9	2.8
8. Russia	17.0	4.5	3.7	117.7	125.0	113.6	3.0	2.7
9. United States	16.3	4.3	3.6	107.0	114.0	103.5	3.1	2.6
10. Spain	16.0	4.2	3.5	134.3	141.9	129.1	2.4	2.6
IMPORTS (country of origin)								
1. Germany	130.2	34.6	28.7	128.6	136.3	123.9	21.5	21.6
2. China	84.8	22.5	18.7	133.1	141.5	128.6	13.5	14.0
3. Italy	31.4	8.4	6.9	136.5	144.5	131.3	4.9	5.2
4. Russia	30.6	8.1	6.7	133.1	140.3	127.6	4.9	5.1
5. Netherlands	24.8	6.6	5.4	127.9	136.1	123.5	4.1	4.1
6. France	21.2	5.7	4.7	128.5	136.1	123.7	3.5	3.5
7. Czechia	19.9	5.3	4.4	133.9	141.6	128.7	3.2	3.3
8. United States	17.4	4.6	3.8	103.6	109.7	99.7	3.6	2.9
9. Belgium	15.0	4.0	3.3	132.7	140.9	128.0	2.4	2.5
10. South Korea	14.6	3.9	3.2	122.0	129.1	117.5	2.5	2.4

Imports from the United Kingdom in January - June of 2021 amounted to PLN 9.7 bn, USD 2.6 bn and EUR 2.1 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 441.6 bn, of which with the EU – PLN 409.1 bn, compared to PLN 421.4 bn, of which with the EU - PLN 358.8 bn in the same period of 2020.

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

SPECIFICATION	I - VI 2021						2020	2021
	bn	bn	bn	I - VI 2020 = 100			I - VI	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
Imports (country of consignment) ³	603.8	160.6	133.0	128.3	135.9	123.6	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	441.6	117.4	97.3	126.0	133.5	121.4	74.5	73.1
of which EU	409.1	108.8	90.1	128.7	136.4	124.0	67.5	67.7
of which euro-zone	346.4	92.1	76.3	129.0	136.7	124.2	57.1	57.4
Developing countries	118.7	31.6	26.1	134.9	143.3	130.2	18.7	19.7
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	43.5	11.6	9.6	135.1	142.3	129.5	6.8	7.2
Balance	17.3	4.6	3.8	.	.	.	.	.
Developed countries	94.6	25.2	20.8	.	.	.	.	.
of which EU	56.3	15.0	12.4	.	.	.	.	.
of which euro-zone	20.9	5.5	4.6	.	.	.	.	.
Developing countries	-68.4	-18.2	-15.1	.	.	.	.	.
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	-9.0	-2.4	-2.0	.	.	.	.	.

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 5.3 pp, accordingly the share of the Netherlands was higher by 2.3 pp, Belgium by 1.4 pp, Czechia by 0.6 pp and France by 0.5 pp.

Table 4. Imports by country of consignment – countries

SPECIFICATION	I - VI 2021						2020	2021
	bn	bn	bn	I - VI 2020 = 100			I - VI	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
IMPORTS (country of consignment)								
1. Germany	162.4	43.2	35.8	126.9	134.5	122.2	27.2	26.9
2. China	56.4	15.0	12.4	133.7	142.2	129.2	9.0	9.3
3. Netherlands	38.4	10.2	8.5	130.1	138.3	125.7	6.3	6.4
4. Italy	31.6	8.4	7.0	138.7	146.8	133.5	4.8	5.2
5. Russia	30.5	8.1	6.7	129.8	136.5	124.3	5.0	5.0
6. France	23.9	6.4	5.3	130.2	137.9	125.3	3.9	4.0
7. Belgium	23.7	6.3	5.2	133.4	141.5	128.6	3.8	3.9
8. Czechia	23.5	6.3	5.2	132.4	140.1	127.4	3.8	3.9
9. Slovakia	15.2	4.0	3.3	139.8	148.3	134.8	2.3	2.5
10. Spain	14.9	4.0	3.3	128.1	135.8	123.4	2.5	2.5

Imports from China according by country of consignment in comparison with imports by country of origin was lower by 4.7 pp

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

After six months of 2021 trade turnover in goods according to the SITC nomenclature compared to the same period of 2020 year, reported an increase in all commodity sections in imports while in exports a decrease only in one commodity section.

In exports the largest increase concerned crude materials inedible, except fuels (by 37.8%), animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 37.1%), machinery and transport equipment (by 35.6%), mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 29.4%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (by 28.1%), manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (by 28.0%), chemicals and related products (by 20.8%), food and live animals (by 10.1%) and beverages and tobacco (by 1.4%), while a decrease was reported in commodities and transaction not classified elsewhere in the SITC (by 16.2%).

In imports an increase was recorded in commodities and transaction not classified elsewhere in the SITC (by 91.6%), manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (by 34.8%), machinery and transport equipment (by 31.3%), crude materials inedible, except fuels (by 30.4%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (by 27.7%), mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 25.5%), chemicals and related products (by 25.2%), animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 18.2%), beverages and tobacco (by 8.1%) and food and live animals (by 5.8%).

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

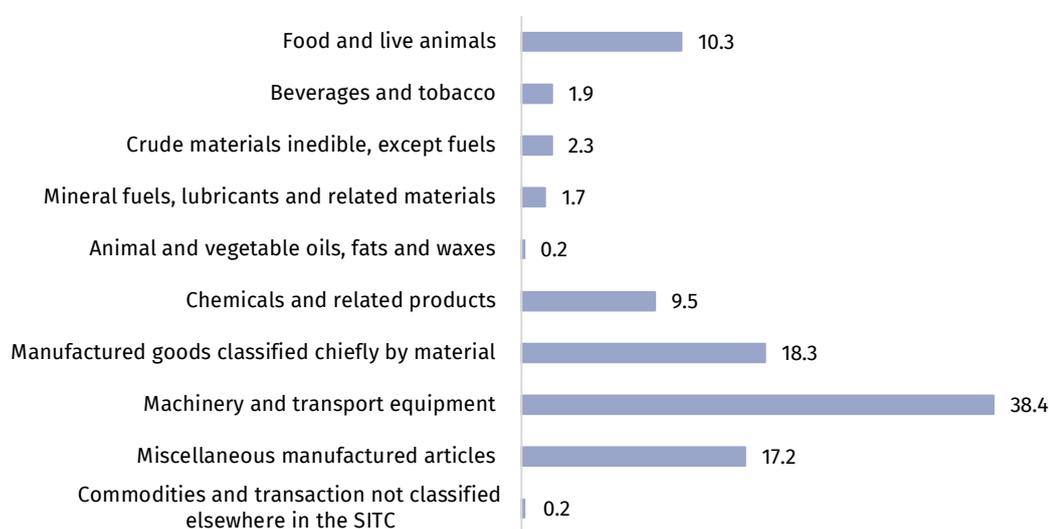
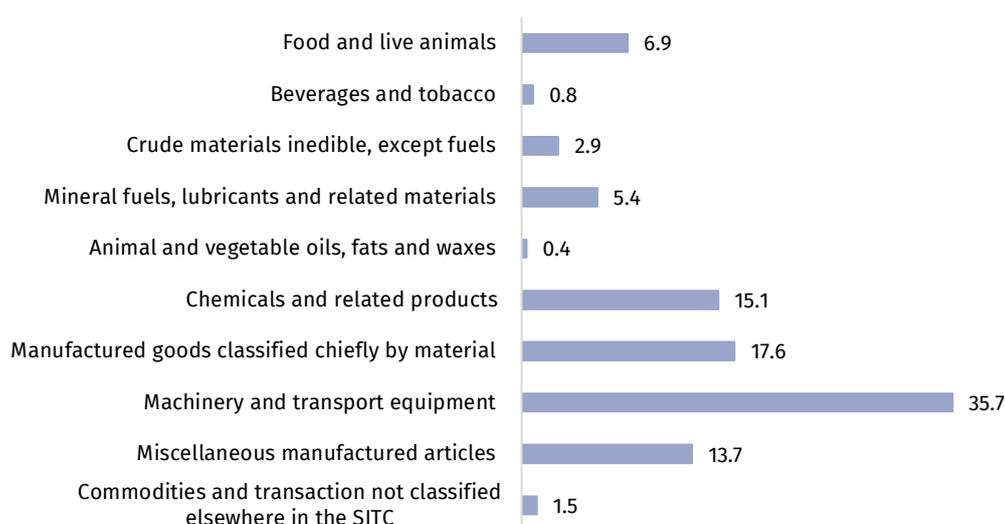


Chart 2. Composition of imports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in I - VI 2021



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