

Foreign trade turnover of goods in total and by countries in January – April 2019

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Index of exports (in PLN) amounted to 107.4

↑ 105.6
Index of imports in PLN – the same period last year = 100

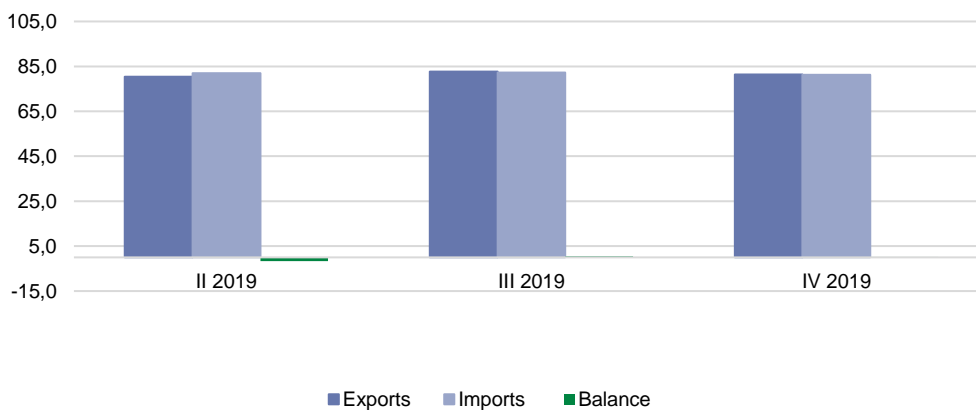
Foreign trade turnover¹ in January – April this year according to exports at current prices amounted to PLN 325.0 bn, while imports amounted to PLN 325.7 bn. The negative balance reached the level of PLN 0.7 bn, while in the same period last year amounted to minus PLN 5.9 bn. In comparison to the corresponding period of the 2018, exports increased by 7.4%, and imports by 5.6%.

Foreign trade turnover expressed in US dollars and in EUR

Exports expressed in USD amounted to 85.9 bn USD while imports amounted to USD 86.1 bn (a decrease in exports of 2.6% and in imports of 4.2%). The negative balance reached the level of USD 0.2 bn, while the same period last year amounted to minus USD 1.7 bn.

Exports expressed in EUR amounted to 75.6 bn while imports amounted to EUR 75.8 bn (an increase in exports of 4.7% and in imports of 2.9%). The negative balance reached the level of EUR 0.2 bn and minus EUR 1.4 bn in the same period in 2018.

Chart 1. Turnover in the last three months in PLN billion



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

Poland has the largest share in total exports with developed countries – 87.2% (of which EU 80.1%), and imports – 66.2% (of which EU 58.5%), as against 87.5% (of which EU 81.0%) and 66.9% (of which EU 59.9%) in the corresponding period of the previous year. However, the smallest share was observed in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, which in total exports amounted to 5.8%, and in imports – 8.0%, as against 5.4% and 8.6% in January – April 2018.

The high share of developed countries in trade in goods is affected by high turnover with the EU

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 INTRA-STAT declarations.

The negative balances were recorded with developing countries – minus PLN 61.2 bn (minus USD 16.2 bn, minus EUR 14.3 bn) and with countries Central and Eastern Europe – minus PLN 7.4 bn (minus USD 1.9 bn, minus EUR 1.7 bn). The positive balance was obtained in turnover with developed countries PLN 67.8 bn (USD 17.9 bn, EUR 15.8 bn), of which EU countries a balance of PLN 69.7 bn (USD 18.5 bn, EUR 16.2 bn).

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

SPECIFICATION	I – IV 2019						2018	2019
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	I – IV 2018 = 100			I – IV	
				PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
Exports	325.0	85.9	75.6	107.4	97.5	104.7	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	283.3	74.9	65.9	107.0	97.1	104.3	87.5	87.2
of which EU	260.2	68.8	60.5	106.1	96.3	103.4	81.0	80.1
of which euro-zone	186.7	49.3	43.4	105.9	96.1	103.2	58.3	57.4
Developing countries	22.8	6.0	5.3	106.2	96.3	103.5	7.1	7.0
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	18.8	5.0	4.4	115.2	104.4	112.2	5.4	5.8
Imports (country of origin)²	325.7	86.1	75.8	105.6	95.8	102.9	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	215.5	57.0	50.1	104.4	94.7	101.7	66.9	66.2
of which EU	190.5	50.3	44.3	103.1	93.5	100.5	59.9	58.5
of which euro-zone	150.9	39.9	35.1	102.4	92.9	99.8	47.8	46.3
Developing countries	84.0	22.2	19.6	110.9	100.8	108.1	24.5	25.8
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	26.2	6.9	6.1	99.2	90.0	96.6	8.6	8.0
Balance	-0.7	-0.2	-0.2	X	X	X	X	X
Developed countries	67.8	17.9	15.8	X	X	X	X	X
of which EU	69.7	18.5	16.2	X	X	X	X	X
of which euro-zone	35.8	9.4	8.3	X	X	X	X	X
Developing countries	-61.2	-16.2	-14.3	X	X	X	X	X
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	-7.4	-1.9	-1.7	X	X	X	X	X

Foreign trade turnover by major countries

In January – April this year among the main trade partners of Poland there was an increase in exports to all counters from top ten and in imports – from China, United States, Spain, Germany, Netherlands and Czech Republic.

The turnover with the top ten of Polish trade partners in exports after four months 2019 accounted for 66.3% (67.1% in the same period last year), while total imports – 63.9% (against 65.2% in January – April 2018).

The share of Germany in exports decreased in comparison with the corresponding period of last year by 1.1 pp and amounted to 27.1%, and imports has decreased by 0.5 pp and accounted for 22.4%. The positive balance amounted to PLN 15.3 bn (USD 4.0 bn, EUR 3.5 bn) against PLN 14.6 bn (USD 4.3 bn, EUR 3.5 bn) in the same period of 2018.

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 – IV 2019						2018	2019
	bn	bn	bn	I – IV 2018 = 100			I – IV	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
EXPORTS								
1. Germany	88.2	23.3	20.5	103.5	93.9	100.9	28.2	27.1
2. United Kingdom	20.2	5.3	4.7	108.4	98.4	105.6	6.2	6.2
3. Czech Republic	19.8	5.2	4.6	102.5	93.1	99.9	6.4	6.1
4. France	19.3	5.1	4.5	109.0	99.0	106.2	5.9	6.0
5. Netherlands	15.3	4.0	3.6	111.1	100.9	108.3	4.5	4.7
6. Italy	14.9	3.9	3.5	106.3	96.4	103.6	4.6	4.6
7. United States	9.8	2.6	2.3	117.5	106.5	114.4	2.8	3.0
8. Russia	9.6	2.5	2.2	112.2	101.8	109.4	2.8	3.0
9. Hungary	9.2	2.4	2.1	114.4	103.8	111.5	2.7	2.8
10. Sweden	9.0	2.4	2.1	104.4	94.8	101.7	2.9	2.8
IMPORTS (country of origin)								
1. Germany	72.9	19.3	17.0	103.2	93.7	100.6	22.9	22.4
2. China	39.1	10.3	9.1	114.0	103.6	111.1	11.1	12.0
3. Russia	20.1	5.3	4.7	94.7	85.9	92.3	6.9	6.2
4. Italy	15.4	4.1	3.6	98.6	89.4	96.0	5.1	4.7
5. France	12.0	3.2	2.8	99.8	90.5	97.2	3.9	3.7
6. Netherlands	11.9	3.1	2.8	100.4	91.1	97.9	3.8	3.6
7. Czech Republic	11.1	2.9	2.6	100.1	90.8	97.5	3.6	3.4
8. United States	10.2	2.7	2.4	112.1	101.7	109.3	2.9	3.1
9. Belgium	7.8	2.1	1.8	98.6	89.4	96.0	2.6	2.4
10. Spain	7.7	2.0	1.8	103.5	94.0	100.9	2.4	2.4

The share of Russia in imports decreased by 0.7 pp compared to the same period of 2018 and it was 6.2%

Imports by country of consignment in total and by groups of counties

The highest turnover in imports by country of consignment Poland recorded with the developed countries - PLN 240.0 bn, of which the EU – PLN 223.7 bn, compared to PLN 232.0 bn, of which the EU - PLN 218.6 bn in the same period of 2018.

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

SPECIFICATION	I – IV 2019						2018	2019
	bn	bn	bn	I – IV 2018 = 100			I – IV	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
Imports (country of consignment) ³	325.7	86.1	75.8	105.6	95.8	102.9	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	240.0	63.4	55.8	103.5	93.9	100.8	75.2	73.7
of which EU	223.7	59.1	52.0	102.4	92.9	99.7	70.9	68.7
of which euro-zone	180.6	47.7	42.0	102.3	92.8	99.7	57.2	55.4
Developing countries	57.4	15.2	13.4	119.0	108.0	115.9	15.6	17.6
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	28.2	7.5	6.6	99.9	90.7	97.3	9.2	8.7
Balance	-0.7	-0.2	-0.2	X	X	X	X	X
Developed countries	43.3	11.5	10.1	X	X	X	X	X
of which EU	36.5	9.7	8.5	X	X	X	X	X
of which euro-zone	6.1	1.6	1.4	X	X	X	X	X
Developing countries	-34.6	-9.2	-8.1	X	X	X	X	X
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	-9.4	-2.5	-2.2	X	X	X	X	X

Imports by country of consignment – by countries

The share of Germany in imports by country of consignment to imports by country of origin was higher by 4.3 pp, accordingly the share of the Netherlands was higher by 1.8 pp, Belgium by 1.4 pp, Czech Republic by 0.6 pp and Russia by 0.3 pp.

Table 4. Imports by country of consignment – by countries

SPECIFICATION	I – IV 2019						2018	2019
	bn	bn	bn	I – IV 2018 = 100			I – IV	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
IMPORTS (country of consignment)								
1. Germany	87.1	23.0	20.3	102.4	92.9	99.8	27.6	26.7
2. China	26.5	7.0	6.2	121.8	110.7	118.7	7.1	8.1
3. Russia	21.3	5.6	5.0	94.8	86.1	92.4	7.3	6.5
4. Netherlands	17.6	4.7	4.1	99.7	90.4	97.1	5.7	5.4
5. Italy	15.2	4.0	3.5	97.1	88.0	94.5	5.1	4.7
6. Czech Republic	12.9	3.4	3.0	102.8	93.3	100.2	4.1	4.0
7. France	12.9	3.4	3.0	98.8	89.6	96.2	4.2	4.0
8. Belgium	12.3	3.3	2.9	104.1	94.4	101.5	3.8	3.8
9. United Kingdom	8.1	2.1	1.9	103.6	93.9	100.9	2.5	2.5
10. Sweden	8.1	2.1	1.9	100.6	91.3	98.0	2.6	2.5

Imports from China according by country of consignment to imports by country of origin was lower by 3.9 pp

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

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