

Foreign trade turnover of goods in total and by countries in January - April 2023

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 **19.2 bn**
balance in PLN

Foreign trade turnover¹ in January - April 2023 in exports at current prices amounted to PLN 550.7 bn, while in imports - PLN 531.4 bn. The positive balance reached the level of PLN 19.2 bn, while in the same period of 2022 year was negative and amounted to PLN 32.6 bn. In comparison to the corresponding period of last year exports increased by 10.2%, while imports decreased by 0.2%.

Foreign trade turnover expressed in US dollars and in EUR

Exports expressed in USD amounted to 125.7 bn, while imports amounted to USD 121.3 bn (an increase in exports of 2.5% and decrease in imports of 7.1%). The positive balance reached the level of USD 4.4 bn, while in the same period of 2022 year was negative and amounted to USD 8.0 bn.

Exports expressed in EUR amounted to 117.0 bn, while imports amounted to EUR 112.9 bn (an increase in exports of 7.3% and decrease in imports of 2.8%). The positive balance reached EUR 4.1 bn, compared to a negative balance of EUR 7.1 bn in the same period of 2022.

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

Poland has the largest share in total exports with the developed countries – 86.9% (of which EU 75.3%) and in imports – 65.0% (of which EU 53.3%), in comparison with 88.5% (of which EU 77.0%) and 61.7% (of which EU 52.8%) in the corresponding period of 2022. However, the smallest share was observed with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, which in total exports amounted to 4.8%, and in imports – 2.9%, in comparison with 3.9% and 9.1% in January - April 2022.

The negative balance was recorded with the developing countries – minus PLN 125.1 bn (minus USD 28.6 bn, minus EUR 26.6 bn). The positive balance was obtained in turnover with other groups of countries, i.e. Central and Eastern Europe PLN 11.1 bn (USD 2.5 bn, EUR 2.4 bn) and with developed countries PLN 133.2 bn (USD 30.4 bn, EUR 28.3 bn), of which with the EU countries the balance of PLN 131.6 bn (USD 30.0 bn, EUR 28.0 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 and INTRASTAT declarations. Data for January - April 2023 have been amended to include unregistered customs declarations for earlier months of this year.

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

SPECIFICATION	I-IV 2023						2022	2023
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	I-IV 2022 = 100			I-IV	
				PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
Exports	550.7	125.7	117.0	110.2	102.5	107.3	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	478.5	109.2	101.7	108.2	100.6	105.4	88.5	86.9
of which EU	414.8	94.7	88.1	107.8	100.3	105.0	77.0	75.3
of which euro-zone	329.0	75.1	69.9	108.5	100.9	105.7	60.7	59.8
Developing countries	45.6	10.4	9.7	120.2	111.8	117.0	7.6	8.3
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	26.6	6.1	5.6	136.4	126.8	132.8	3.9	4.8
Imports (country of origin)²	531.4	121.3	112.9	99.8	92.9	97.2	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	345.3	78.8	73.4	105.1	97.7	102.3	61.7	65.0
of which EU	283.2	64.7	60.2	100.6	93.6	98.0	52.8	53.3
of which euro-zone	226.4	51.7	48.1	97.3	90.4	94.7	43.7	42.6
Developing countries	170.7	39.0	36.3	109.9	102.3	107.1	29.2	32.1
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	15.5	3.5	3.3	31.9	29.6	31.0	9.1	2.9
Balance	19.2	4.4	4.1	.	.	.	.	.
Developed countries	133.2	30.4	28.3	.	.	.	.	.
of which EU	131.6	30.0	28.0	.	.	.	.	.
of which euro-zone	102.6	23.4	21.8	.	.	.	.	.
Developing countries	-125.1	-28.6	-26.6	.	.	.	.	.
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	11.1	2.5	2.4	.	.	.	.	.

Foreign trade turnover by major countries

In January - April 2023 among the main trade partners of Poland increases in exports were observed compared to January - April 2022. However, in January - April 2023 imports decreased with Italy by 7.0%, Belgium by 5.2%, China by 5.0%, Germany by 4.4% and Czechia by 1.5% in comparison with the same period of 2022.

The turnover with the top ten of Polish trade partners in exports accounted for 66.1% (65.2% in the same period of 2022 year), while in total imports – 60.0% (in comparison with 58.9% in January - April 2022).

The share of Germany in exports decreased in comparison with the corresponding period of 2022 year by 0.1 pp and amounted to 28.2% and in imports decreased by 0.9 pp and accounted for 19.8%. The positive balance amounted to PLN 49.9 bn (USD 11.4 bn, EUR 10.6 bn) in comparison with PLN 31.1 bn (USD 7.6 bn, EUR 6.7 bn) in the same period of 2022.

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 2023						2022	2023
	bn	bn	bn	I-IV 2022 = 100			I-IV	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
EXPORTS								
1. Germany	155.3	35.5	33.0	109.9	102.2	107.0	28.3	28.2
2. Czechia	35.2	8.0	7.5	109.9	102.4	107.1	6.4	6.4
3. France	34.5	7.9	7.3	118.0	109.8	114.9	5.9	6.3
4. United Kingdom	26.9	6.1	5.7	109.2	101.5	106.3	4.9	4.9
5. Italy	25.0	5.7	5.3	102.6	95.4	99.9	4.9	4.5
6. Netherlands	24.5	5.6	5.2	107.4	99.9	104.6	4.6	4.4
7. United States	16.5	3.8	3.5	111.0	103.3	108.1	3.0	3.0
8. Ukraine	15.9	3.6	3.4	186.3	173.9	181.8	1.7	2.9
9. Slovakia	15.5	3.5	3.3	106.4	99.0	103.7	2.9	2.8
10. Spain	15.0	3.4	3.2	114.6	106.6	111.6	2.6	2.7
IMPORTS (country of origin)								
1. Germany	105.4	24.1	22.4	95.6	88.9	93.1	20.7	19.8
2. China	72.2	16.5	15.3	95.0	88.3	92.5	14.3	13.6
3. Italy	24.4	5.6	5.2	93.0	86.3	90.4	4.9	4.6
4. United States	22.7	5.2	4.8	125.0	116.5	122.0	3.4	4.3
5. Netherlands	20.6	4.7	4.4	104.2	97.1	101.5	3.7	3.9
6. France	17.4	4.0	3.7	104.5	97.0	101.6	3.1	3.3
7. Czechia	16.9	3.9	3.6	98.5	91.6	95.9	3.2	3.2
8. South Korea	15.1	3.4	3.2	134.1	124.8	130.6	2.1	2.8
9. Belgium	12.2	2.8	2.6	94.8	88.1	92.3	2.4	2.3
10. Saudi Arabia	11.9	2.7	2.5	199.4	186.2	194.5	1.1	2.2

Imports from the United Kingdom in January - April 2023 amounted to PLN 9.3 bn, USD 2.1 bn and EUR 2.0 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 398.9 bn, of which with the EU – PLN 353.6 bn, compared to PLN 376.9 bn, of which with the EU - PLN 345.8 bn in the same period of 2022.

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

SPECIFICATION	I-IV 2023						2022	2023
	bn	bn	bn	I-IV 2022 = 100			I-IV	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
Imports (country of consignment) ³	531.4	121.3	112.9	99.8	92.9	97.2	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	398.9	91.1	84.8	105.8	98.5	103.1	70.8	75.1
of which EU	353.6	80.7	75.1	102.3	95.1	99.6	65.0	66.5
of which euro-zone	289.7	66.2	61.6	99.2	92.2	96.5	54.9	54.5
Developing countries	117.3	26.8	24.9	110.4	102.8	107.6	19.9	22.1
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	15.2	3.5	3.2	30.9	28.7	30.1	9.3	2.8
Balance	19.2	4.4	4.1	.	.	.	.	.
Developed countries	79.5	18.2	16.9	.	.	.	.	.
of which EU	61.1	14.0	13.0	.	.	.	.	.
of which euro-zone	39.3	9.0	8.4	.	.	.	.	.
Developing countries	-71.7	-16.4	-15.2	.	.	.	.	.
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	11.4	2.6	2.4	.	.	.	.	.

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 5.4 pp, accordingly the share of the Netherlands was higher by 2.5 pp, Belgium by 1.7 pp, Czechia by 0.9 pp and France by 0.5 pp.

Table 4. Imports by country of consignment – countries

SPECIFICATION	I-IV 2023						2022	2023
	bn	bn	bn	I-IV 2022 = 100			I-IV	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
IMPORTS (country of consignment)								
1. Germany	133.8	30.5	28.4	97.9	91.0	95.3	25.7	25.2
2. China	44.5	10.2	9.5	90.7	84.3	88.3	9.2	8.4
3. Netherlands	33.8	7.7	7.2	103.8	96.6	101.0	6.1	6.4
4. Italy	24.7	5.6	5.2	94.3	87.6	91.7	4.9	4.6
5. Czechia	21.6	4.9	4.6	107.5	100.0	104.7	3.8	4.1
6. Belgium	21.1	4.8	4.5	101.6	94.3	98.9	3.9	4.0
7. France	20.3	4.6	4.3	106.9	99.3	104.0	3.6	3.8
8. United States	15.9	3.6	3.4	120.9	112.8	118.0	2.5	3.0
9. South Korea	12.8	2.9	2.7	149.2	138.9	145.3	1.6	2.4
10. Sweden	12.4	2.8	2.6	105.6	98.2	102.8	2.2	2.3

Imports from China in January - April 2023 according by country of consignment in comparison with imports by country of origin was lower by 5.2 pp

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

In January - April 2023 trade turnover in goods according to the SITC nomenclature reported an increase in 6 commodity sections in exports and in 4 commodity sections in imports compared to the same period of 2022.

In exports the largest increase concerned animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 39.4%), beverages and tobacco (by 31.0%), food and live animals (by 21.4%), machinery and transport equipment (by 19.6%), mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 11.9%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (by 7.1%), There was a decrease in commodities and transaction not classified elsewhere in the SITC (by 38.3%), crude materials inedible, except fuels (by 13.2%), manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (by 2.7%) and chemicals and related products (by 1.3%).

In imports an increase was recorded in beverages and tobacco (by 26.0%), mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 20.7%), food and live animals (by 18.8%), machinery and transport equipment (by 10.5%). The largest decrease was recorded in commodities and transaction not classified elsewhere in the SITC (by 58.3%), manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (by 15.2%), animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 11.4%), crude materials inedible, except fuels (by 7.3%), miscellaneous manufactured articles (by 1.7%) and chemicals and related products (by 1.4%).

Chart 1. Composition of exports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in January - April 2023

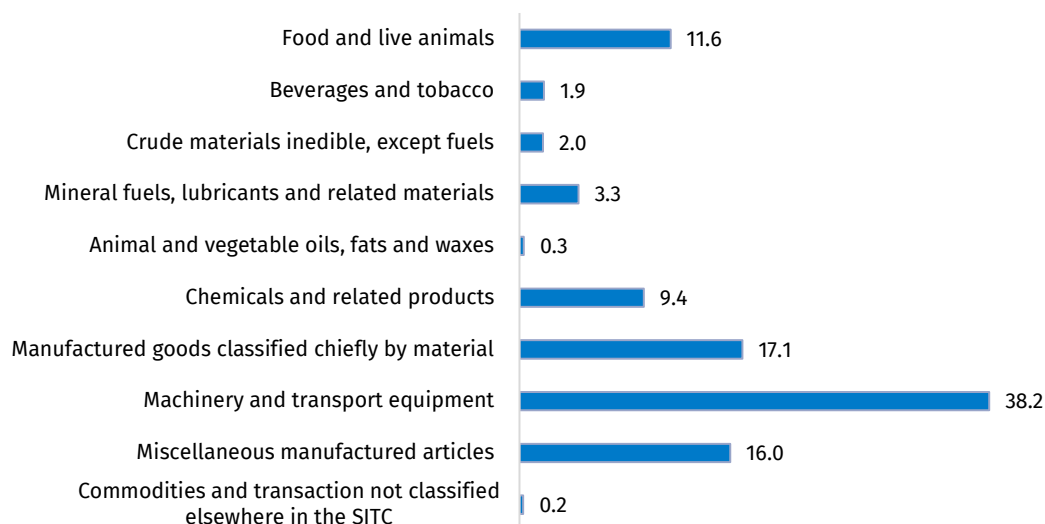
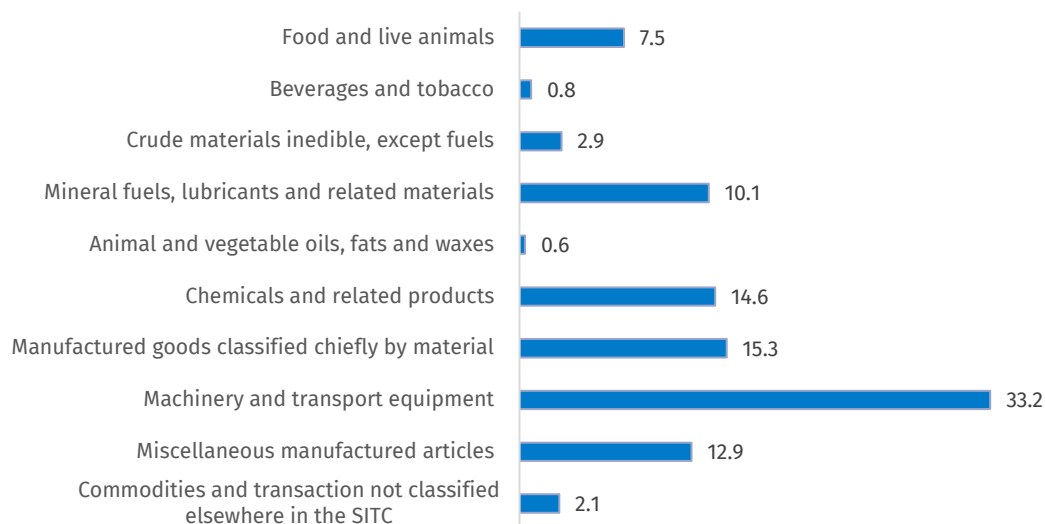


Chart 2. Composition of imports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in January - April 2023



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