

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

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 **6.6%**

exports increased in the same period last year (in PLN)

Foreign trade turnover¹ after twelve months of 2019 according to temporary data², exports at current prices amounted to PLN 1 013.7 bn, while imports amounted to PLN 1 005.8 bn. The positive balance reached the level of PLN 7.9 bn, while in 2018 year amounted to minus PLN 19.5 bn. In comparison of 2018, exports increased by 6.6%, and imports by 3.6%.

Foreign trade turnover expressed in US dollars and in EUR

Exports expressed in USD amounted to 264.5 bn USD while imports amounted to USD 262.5 bn (a decrease in exports of 0.1% and in imports of 2.8%). The positive balance reached the level of USD 2.0 bn, while in 2018 year amounted to minus USD 5.4 bn.

Exports expressed in EUR amounted to 253.8 bn while imports amounted to EUR 234.0 bn (an increase in exports of 5.5% and in imports of 2.6%). The positive balance reached the EUR 1.8 bn and minus EUR 4.6 bn in 2018.

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

Poland has the largest share in total exports with developed countries – 86.6% (of which EU 79.8%), and imports – 65.5% (of which EU 57.7%), as against 87.1% (of which EU 80.6%) and 65.9% (of which EU 58.8%) in 2018 year. However, the smallest share was observed with the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, which in total exports amounted to 6.1%, and in imports – 7.9%, as against 5.8% and 8.9% in January – December 2018.

The negative balances were recorded with developing countries – minus PLN 193.9 bn (minus USD 50.6 bn, minus EUR 45.2 bn) and with countries Central and Eastern Europe – minus PLN 17.6 bn (minus USD 4.6 bn, minus EUR 4.1 bn). The positive balance was obtained in turnover with developed countries PLN 219.3 bn (USD 57.2 bn, EUR 51.1 bn), of which EU countries a balance of PLN 228.2 bn (USD 59.5 bn, EUR 53.0 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 documentation and INTRASTAT declarations.

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

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

SPECIFICATION	I – XII 2019						2018	2019
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	I – XII 2018 = 100			I - XII structure in %	
				PLN	USD	EUR		
Exports	1013.7	264.5	235.8	106.6	99.9	105.5	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	878.0	229.1	204.3	105.9	99.3	104.8	87.1	86.6
of which EU	808.7	211.0	188.1	105.4	98.8	104.4	80.6	79.8
of which euro-zone	581.6	151.8	135.3	105.7	99.1	104.6	57.9	57.4
Developing countries	73.7	19.2	17.1	109.5	102.7	108.5	7.1	7.3
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	62.0	16.2	14.4	112.8	105.8	111.7	5.8	6.1
Imports (country of origin)³	1005.8	262.5	234.0	103.6	97.2	102.6	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	658.7	171.9	153.2	102.9	96.4	101.8	65.9	65.5
of which EU	580.5	151.5	135.1	101.7	95.4	100.7	58.8	57.7
of which euro-zone	460.6	120.2	107.2	100.9	94.5	99.8	47.0	45.8
Developing countries	267.6	69.8	62.3	109.4	102.7	108.4	25.2	26.6
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	79.6	20.8	18.5	92.5	86.8	91.6	8.9	7.9
Balance	7.9	2.0	1.8	X	X	X	X	X
Developed countries	219.3	57.2	51.1	X	X	X	X	X
of which EU	228.2	59.5	53.0	X	X	X	X	X
of which euro-zone	121.0	31.6	28.1	X	X	X	X	X
Developing countries	-193.9	-50.6	-45.2	X	X	X	X	X
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	-17.6	-4.6	-4.1	X	X	X	X	X

Foreign trade turnover by major countries

After twelve months 2019 year among the main trade partners of Poland there was an increase in exports to all countries from top ten and in imports – from United States, China, Spain, Netherlands, France and Italy.

The turnover with the top ten of Polish trade partners in exports after twelve months of 2019 accounted for 66.2% (66.7% in the same period 2018 year), while total imports – 63.8% (against 64.6% in January – December 2018).

The share of Germany in exports decreased in comparison with 2018 year by 0.6 pp and amounted to 27.6%, and imports decreased by 0.8 pp and accounted for 21.8%. The positive balance amounted to PLN 60.8 bn (USD 15.9 bn, EUR 14.2 bn) against PLN 49.5 bn (USD 13.7 bn, EUR 11.6 bn) in 2018.

³ 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 2019						2018	2019
	bn	bn	bn	I – XII 2018 = 100			I - XII	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
EXPORTS								
1. Germany	279.6	73.0	65.1	104.2	97.7	103.1	28.2	27.6
2. Czech Republic	62.0	16.2	14.4	102.2	95.8	101.1	6.4	6.1
3. United Kingdom	60.7	15.8	14.1	102.3	96.0	101.3	6.2	6.0
4. France	59.3	15.5	13.8	111.6	104.5	110.4	5.6	5.8
5. Italy	46.5	12.1	10.8	106.0	99.3	104.9	4.6	4.6
6. Netherlands	44.6	11.6	10.4	103.7	97.3	102.7	4.5	4.4
7. Russia	32.0	8.3	7.4	111.0	104.1	109.9	3.0	3.2
8. United States	29.1	7.6	6.8	111.2	104.3	110.1	2.7	2.9
9. Sweden	28.3	7.4	6.6	106.9	100.1	105.7	2.8	2.8
10. Hungary	28.0	7.3	6.5	110.4	103.5	109.3	2.7	2.8
IMPORTS (country of origin)								
1. Germany	218.8	57.1	50.9	99.9	93.7	98.9	22.6	21.8
2. China	125.0	32.6	29.1	111.0	104.3	109.9	11.6	12.4
3. Russia	62.1	16.2	14.4	89.6	84.1	88.8	7.1	6.2
4. Italy	50.2	13.1	11.7	100.6	94.3	99.6	5.1	5.0
5. Netherlands	37.4	9.8	8.7	106.1	99.3	105.0	3.6	3.7
6. France	36.5	9.5	8.5	102.4	95.9	101.4	3.7	3.6
7. Czech Republic	33.3	8.7	7.8	99.8	93.4	98.7	3.4	3.3
8. United States	32.6	8.5	7.6	118.4	110.7	117.2	2.8	3.2
9. Spain	23.2	6.1	5.4	106.3	99.5	105.2	2.2	2.3
10. Belgium	23.0	6.0	5.3	95.1	89.1	94.1	2.5	2.3

The share of Russia in imports decreased by 0.9 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 738.3 bn, of which the EU – PLN 690.6 bn, compared to PLN 724.0 bn, of which the EU - PLN 680.4 bn in 2018.

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

SPECIFICATION	I – XII 2019						2018	2019
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	I – XII 2018 = 100			I – XII	
				PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
Imports (country of consignment) ⁴	1005.8	262.5	234.0	103.6	97.2	102.6	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	738.3	192.7	171.8	102.0	95.6	100.9	74.5	73.4
of which EU	690.6	180.2	160.7	101.5	95.2	100.5	70.1	68.7
of which euro-zone	559.9	146.1	130.3	101.4	95.1	100.4	56.9	55.7
Developing countries	182.9	47.7	42.6	117.3	110.1	116.2	16.1	18.2
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	84.6	22.1	19.7	93.0	87.4	92.2	9.4	8.4
Balance	7.9	2.0	1.8	X	X	X	X	X
Developed countries	139.7	36.4	32.5	X	X	X	X	X
of which EU	118.1	30.8	27.4	X	X	X	X	X
of which euro-zone	21.7	5.7	5.0	X	X	X	X	X
Developing countries	-109.2	-28.5	-25.5	X	X	X	X	X
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	-22.6	-5.9	-5.3	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 5.0 pp, accordingly the share of the Netherlands was higher by 1.9 pp, Belgium by 1.4 pp, Czech Republic by 0.7 pp and France by 0.4 pp.

Table 4. Imports by country of consignment – by countries

SPECIFICATION	I – XII 2019						2018	2019
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	I – XII 2018 = 100			I – XII	
				PLN	USD	EUR	structure in %	
IMPORTS (country of consignment)								
1. Germany	269.2	70.3	62.6	100.6	94.3	99.6	27.6	26.8
2. China	81.0	21.1	18.9	116.3	109.3	115.2	7.2	8.1
3. Russia	64.7	16.9	15.0	89.3	83.8	88.4	7.5	6.4
4. Netherlands	55.9	14.6	13.0	104.0	97.3	102.9	5.5	5.6
5. Italy	50.5	13.2	11.7	100.9	94.5	99.8	5.2	5.0
6. France	40.5	10.6	9.4	105.0	98.3	103.9	4.0	4.0
7. Czech Republic	39.9	10.4	9.3	102.7	96.2	101.6	4.0	4.0
8. Belgium	36.9	9.6	8.6	100.2	94.0	99.2	3.8	3.7
9. United Kingdom	25.4	6.6	5.9	99.7	93.5	98.7	2.6	2.5
10. Slovakia	23.7	6.2	5.5	103.9	97.3	102.8	2.4	2.4

Imports from China according by country of consignment to imports by country of origin was lower by 4.3 pp

⁴ Country of consignment is the country from which the goods were introduced into the Polish territory irrespective of their origin.

After twelve months 2019 year in trade in goods according to the SITC nomenclature, as compared to twelve months 2018 year, there was an increase in most commodity sectors.

In export the largest increase concerned in animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 27.2%) and beverages and tobacco (by 10.0%), while decrease was reported in mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 12.0%)

In import the largest increase was recorded in beverages and tobacco (by 12.6%) and machinery and transport equipment and animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 8.1%) while decrease was observed in mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 6.2%), manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (by 2.6%) and in crude materials inedible, except fuels (by 1.4%).

Chart 1. Composition of exports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in I – XII 2019

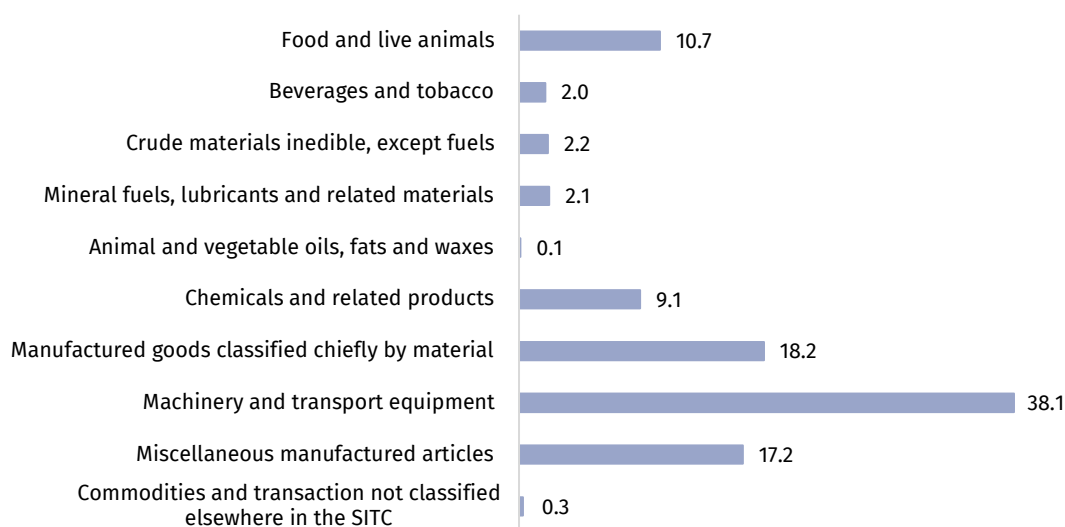
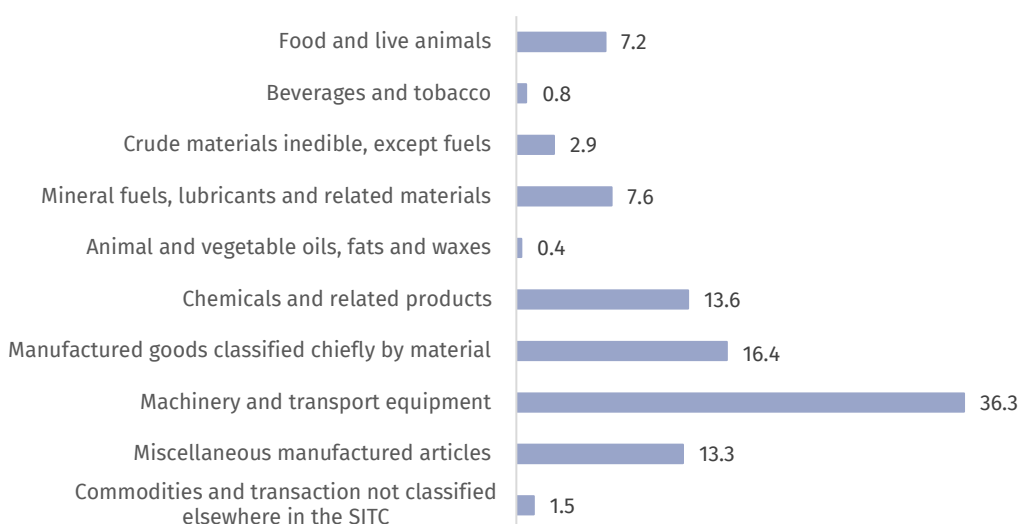


Chart 2. Composition of imports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in I – XII 2019



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