

Foreign trade turnover of goods in total and by countries in 2018

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↑ 107.8

Index of exports in PLN – previous year = 100

Foreign trade turnover in 2018 according to final data, exports at current prices amounted to PLN 951.3 bn, while imports amounted to PLN 970.8 bn. The negative balance reached the level of PLN 19.5 bn, while in 2017 it was positive and amounted to PLN 2.5 bn. In comparison to the corresponding period of the 2017, exports increased by 7.8%, and imports by 10.3%.

Index of imports (in PLN) amounted to 110.3

Foreign trade turnover expressed in US dollars and in EUR

Exports expressed in USD amounted to 264.8 bn USD while imports amounted to USD 270.2 bn (an increase in exports of 14.3% and in imports of 16.9%). The negative balance reached the level of USD 5.4 bn (in the corresponding period of the 2017, the positive balance amounted to USD 0.6 bn).

In the whole 2018 we have the negative balance in foreign trade

Exports expressed in EUR amounted to 223.6 bn while imports amounted to EUR 228.2 bn (an increase in exports of 8.2% and in imports of 10.7%). The negative balance reached the level of EUR 4.6 bn compared to positive balance EUR 0.5 bn in 2017.

Chart 1. Turnover in the last three months 2018 in PLN billion

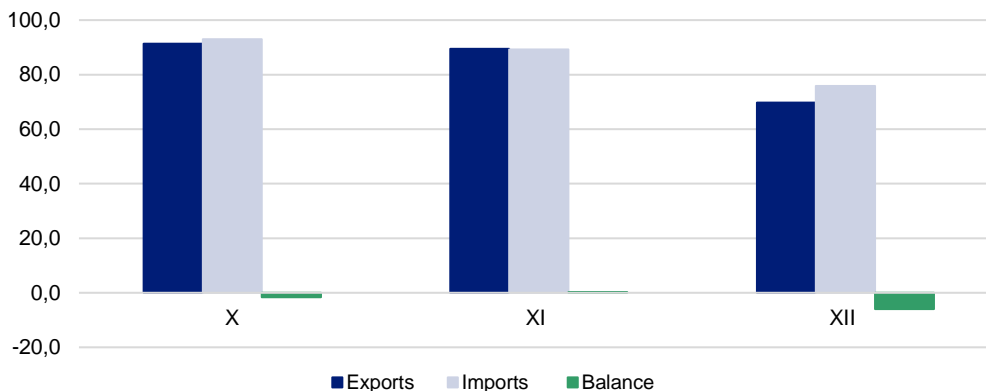


Chart 2. Indices of value exports in PLN – previous year = 100

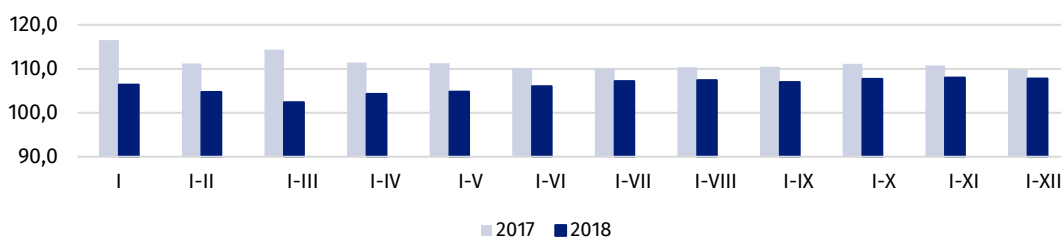
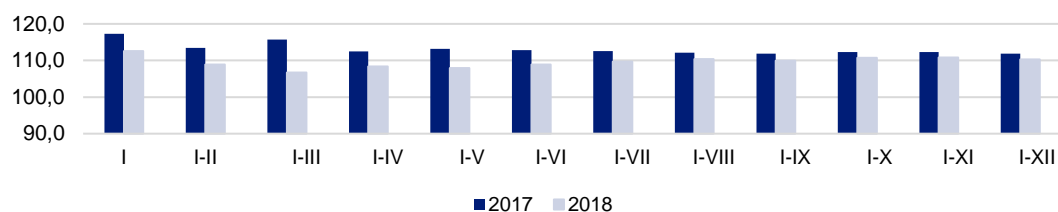


Chart 3. Indices of value imports in PLN – previous year = 100



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

Poland has the largest share in total exports with developed countries – 87.1% (of which EU 80.6%), and imports – 65.9% (of which EU 58.8%), as against 86.6% (of which EU 80.0%) and 67.7% (of which EU 60.4%) in the corresponding period of the 2017. 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 – 8.9%, as against 5.8% and 7.9% in the 2017.

The negative balances were recorded with developing countries – minus PLN 177.3 bn (minus USD 49.2 bn, minus EUR 41.6 bn) and with countries Central and Eastern Europe – minus PLN 31.1 bn (minus USD 8.6 bn, minus EUR 7.3 bn). The positive balances were obtained in turnover with developed countries PLN 188.8 bn (USD 52.5 bn, EUR 44.4 bn), of which EU countries a balance of PLN 196.4 bn (USD 54.6 bn, EUR 46.2 bn).

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

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

SPECIFICATION	2018						2017	2018
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	2017 = 100			structure in %	
				PLN	USD	EUR		
Exports	951.3	264.8	223.6	107.8	114.3	108.2	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	829.1	230.8	194.9	108.4	115.1	108.9	86.6	87.1
of which EU	767.0	213.5	180.3	108.6	115.2	109.0	80.0	80.6
of which euro-zone	550.5	153.2	129.4	109.3	116.0	109.7	57.1	57.9
Developing countries	67.2	18.7	15.8	100.5	106.5	100.9	7.6	7.1
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	55.0	15.3	12.9	107.5	113.5	107.7	5.8	5.8
Imports (country of origin)¹	970.8	270.2	228.2	110.3	116.9	110.7	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	640.3	178.3	150.5	107.4	114.0	107.8	67.7	65.9
of which EU	570.6	158.9	134.1	107.4	113.9	107.8	60.4	58.8
of which euro-zone	456.6	127.2	107.3	107.5	114.1	107.9	48.3	47.0
Developing countries	244.5	67.9	57.4	114.0	120.7	114.4	24.4	25.2
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	86.1	23.9	20.2	123.5	130.7	123.9	7.9	8.9
Balance	-19.5	-5.4	-4.6	X	X	X	X	X
Developed countries	188.8	52.5	44.4	X	X	X	X	X
of which EU	196.4	54.6	46.2	X	X	X	X	X
of which euro-zone	93.9	26.0	22.1	X	X	X	X	X
Developing countries	-177.3	-49.2	-41.6	X	X	X	X	X
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	-31.1	-8.6	-7.3	X	X	X	X	X

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 Country of origin is the country where the commodity was produced or processed and in this form entered the Polish customs zone.

Foreign trade turnover by major countries

In 2018 among the main trade partners of Poland there was an increase in exports and imports to all countries from the top ten of our partners.

The turnover with the top ten of Polish trade partners in exports accounted for 66.7% (66.2% in the same period 2017), while total imports – 64.8% (against 65.7% in the 2017).

The share of Germany in exports increased in comparison with the corresponding period of 2017 by 0.7 pp and amounted to 28.2%, and imports has decreased by 0.5 pp and accounted for 22.6%. The positive balance amounted to PLN 49.5 bn (USD 13.7 bn, EUR 11.6 bn) against PLN 39.0 bn (USD 10.2 bn, EUR 9.1 bn) in the same period of 2017.

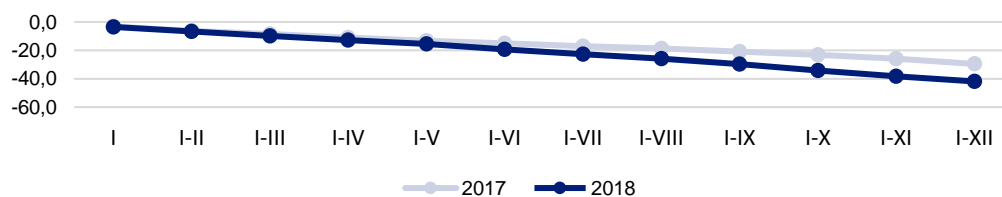
Since Poland's accession to the EU, Germany has been our the largest trading partner both in exports and imports

Table 2. Foreign trade turnover by major countries

SPECIFICATION	2018						2017	2018
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	2017 = 100			structure in %	
				PLN	USD	EUR		
EXPORTS								
1. Germany	268.4	74.7	63.1	110.6	117.3	111.1	27.5	28.2
2. Czech Republic	60.7	16.9	14.3	106.8	113.3	107.2	6.4	6.4
3. United Kingdom	59.3	16.5	13.9	104.5	110.8	104.9	6.4	6.2
4. France	53.1	14.8	12.5	106.9	113.6	107.4	5.6	5.6
5. Italy	43.8	12.2	10.3	101.4	107.9	101.9	4.9	4.6
6. Netherlands	43.0	12.0	10.1	110.7	117.6	111.2	4.4	4.5
7. Russia	28.8	8.0	6.8	109.3	115.3	109.5	3.0	3.0
8. Sweden	26.5	7.4	6.2	106.7	113.2	107.1	2.8	2.8
9. United States	26.2	7.3	6.1	111.9	118.7	112.3	2.6	2.7
10. Hungary	25.4	7.1	6.0	108.7	115.4	109.1	2.6	2.7
IMPORTS (country of origin)								
1. Germany	218.9	61.0	51.5	107.5	114.0	107.9	23.1	22.6
2. China	112.7	31.3	26.5	108.7	114.8	109.0	11.8	11.6
3. Russia	69.3	19.2	16.3	123.9	131.2	124.3	6.4	7.1
4. Italy	49.8	13.9	11.7	106.4	113.0	106.8	5.3	5.1
5. France	35.6	9.9	8.4	104.3	110.8	104.7	3.9	3.7
6. Netherlands	35.2	9.8	8.3	104.8	111.4	105.2	3.8	3.6
7. Czech Republic	33.4	9.3	7.9	105.3	111.9	105.8	3.6	3.4
8. United States	27.6	7.7	6.5	110.1	117.0	110.5	2.8	2.8
9. Belgium	24.1	6.7	5.7	107.2	113.9	107.7	2.6	2.5
10. United Kingdom	23.7	6.6	5.6	112.1	118.5	112.5	2.4	2.4

The share of Russia in imports increased by 0.7 pp compared to the same period of 2017 and it was 7.1%

Chart 4. The balance of Poland with Russia (in PLN billion)



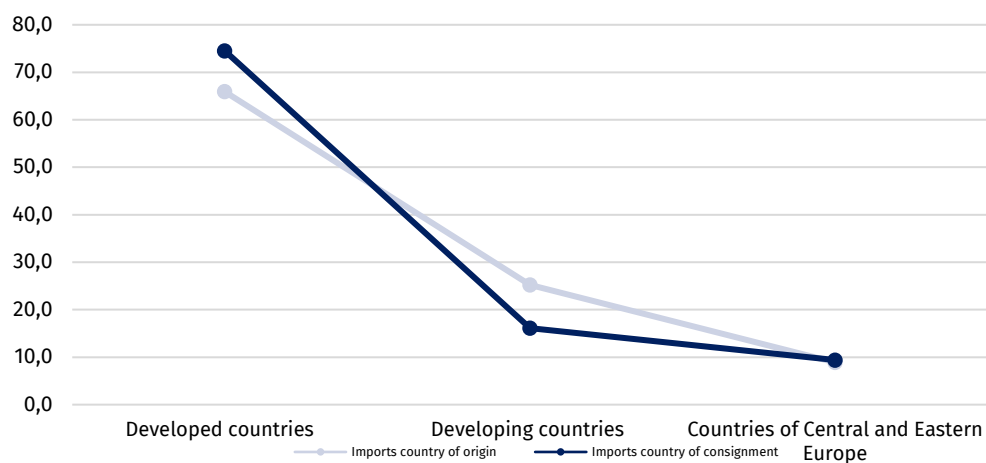
Imports by country of consignment in total and by groups of counties

The highest turnover in imports by country of consignment Poland recorded with the developed countries - PLN 724.0 bn, of which the EU – PLN 680.4 bn, compared to PLN 672.6 bn, of which the EU - PLN 631.8 bn in 2017.

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

SPECIFICATION	2018						2017	2018
	bn	bn	bn	2017 = 100			structure in %	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR		
Imports (country of consignment)²	970.8	270.2	228.2	110.3	116.9	110.7	100.0	100.0
Developed countries	724.0	201.6	170.2	107.6	114.2	108.1	76.4	74.5
of which EU	680.4	189.4	159.9	107.7	114.2	108.1	71.8	70.1
of which euro-zone	552.0	153.7	129.8	107.7	114.2	108.1	58.2	56.9
Developing countries	155.9	43.3	36.6	114.6	121.3	115.0	15.5	16.1
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	90.9	25.3	21.4	127.2	134.7	127.7	8.1	9.4
Balance	-19.5	-5.4	-4.6	X	X	X	X	X
Developed countries	105.1	29.2	24.7	X	X	X	X	X
of which EU	86.6	24.1	20.4	X	X	X	X	X
of which euro-zone	-1.5	-0.5	-0.4	X	X	X	X	X
Developing countries	-88.7	-24.6	-20.8	X	X	X	X	X
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	-35.9	-10.0	-8.5	X	X	X	X	X

Chart 5. Share of imports groups of countries by country of origin, and consignment in 2018



² Country of consignment is the country from which the goods were introduced into the Polish territory irrespective of their origin.

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 and Belgium by 1.3 pp., Czech Republic by 0.6 pp and Russia by 0.4 pp.

Table 4. Imports by country of consignment – by countries

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	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	2017 = 100			structure in %	
				PLN	USD	EUR		
IMPORTS (country of consignment)								
1. Germany	267.7	74.5	62.9	108.6	115.0	108.9	28.0	27.6
2. Russia	72.4	20.1	17.0	127.9	135.4	128.4	6.4	7.5
3. China	69.6	19.3	16.4	111.8	118.4	112.2	7.1	7.2
4. Netherlands	53.8	15.0	12.6	102.6	109.0	103.0	6.0	5.5
5. Italy	50.0	13.9	11.8	105.4	112.0	105.8	5.4	5.2
6. Czech Republic	38.9	10.8	9.1	109.3	115.9	109.7	4.0	4.0
7. France	38.5	10.7	9.1	105.5	112.2	106.0	4.1	4.0
8. Belgium	36.9	10.3	8.7	112.7	119.6	113.1	3.7	3.8
9. United Kingdom	25.4	7.1	6.0	105.1	111.2	105.5	2.7	2.6
10. Slovakia	22.9	6.4	5.4	107.4	113.9	107.8	2.4	2.4

Imports from China according by country of consignment to imports by country of origin was lower about 4.4 pp

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