

# Foreign trade turnover of goods in total and by countries in 2019

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 **7.6%**

exports increased in relation to 2018 (in PLN)

Foreign trade turnover<sup>1</sup> in 2019 according to final data, exports at current prices amounted to PLN 1 023.6 bn, while imports amounted to PLN 1 018.5 bn. The positive balance reached the level of PLN 5.1 bn, while in 2018 year amounted to minus PLN 19.5 bn. In comparison of 2018, exports increased by 7.6%, and imports by 4.9%.

## Foreign trade turnover expressed in US dollars and in EUR

Exports expressed in USD amounted to 267.1 bn USD while imports amounted to USD 265.8 bn (a increase in exports of 0.9% and decrease in imports of 1.6%). The positive balance reached the level of USD 1.3 bn, while in 2018 year amounted to minus USD 5.4 bn.

Exports expressed in EUR amounted to 238.1 bn while imports amounted to EUR 237.0 bn (an increase in exports of 6.5% and in imports of 3.9%). The positive balance reached the EUR 1.2 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 – 86.8% (of which EU 80.0%), and imports – 65.8% (of which EU 58.1%), 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 6.0%, and in imports – 7.8%, as against 5.8% and 8.9% in 2018.

The negative balances were recorded with developing countries – minus PLN 195.5 bn (minus USD 51.0 bn, minus EUR 45.5 bn) and with countries Central and Eastern Europe – minus PLN 17.7 bn (minus USD 4.6 bn, minus EUR 4.1 bn). The positive balance was obtained in turnover with developed countries PLN 218.2 bn (USD 56.9 bn, EUR 50.8 bn), of which EU countries a balance of PLN 227.6 bn (USD 59.3 bn, EUR 52.9 bn).

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<sup>1</sup> Note. Due to the rounding of data, in some cases sums of components may slightly differ from the amount given in the item "total".

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

SPECIFICATION	2019						2018	2019
	bn PLN	bn USD	bn EUR	2018 = 100			structure in %	
				PLN	USD	EUR		
<b>Exports</b>	<b>1023.6</b>	<b>267.1</b>	<b>238.1</b>	<b>107.6</b>	<b>100.9</b>	<b>106.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Developed countries	888.1	231.7	206.6	107.1	100.4	106.0	87.1	86.8
of which EU	818.8	213.6	190.5	106.7	100.1	105.7	80.6	80.0
of which euro-zone	589.0	153.7	137.0	107.0	100.3	105.9	57.9	57.5
Developing countries	73.6	19.2	17.1	109.4	102.6	108.3	7.1	7.2
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	61.9	16.1	14.4	112.7	105.8	111.6	5.8	6.0
<b>Imports (country of origin)<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>1018.5</b>	<b>265.8</b>	<b>237.0</b>	<b>104.9</b>	<b>98.4</b>	<b>103.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Developed countries	669.8	174.8	155.9	104.6	98.0	103.5	65.9	65.8
of which EU	591.2	154.3	137.6	103.6	97.1	102.6	58.8	58.1
of which euro-zone	469.5	122.5	109.2	102.8	96.3	101.8	47.0	46.1
Developing countries	269.0	70.2	62.6	110.0	103.3	109.0	25.2	26.4
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	79.6	20.8	18.5	92.5	86.9	91.6	8.9	7.8
<b>Balance</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>	.	.	.	.	.
Developed countries	218.2	56.9	50.8	.	.	.	.	.
of which EU	227.6	59.3	52.9	.	.	.	.	.
of which euro-zone	119.6	31.2	27.8	.	.	.	.	.
Developing countries	-195.5	-51.0	-45.5	.	.	.	.	.
Count. of Cent. and East. Europe	-17.7	-4.6	-4.1	.	.	.	.	.

### Foreign trade turnover by major countries

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

The turnover with the main trade partners (with the top ten) accounted for 66.1% of exports (66.8% in 2018), while total imports – 63.8% (against 64.7% in 2018).

The share of Germany in exports decreased in comparison with 2018 year by 0.5 pp and amounted to 27.7%, and imports decreased by 0.7 pp and accounted for 21.9%. The positive balance amounted to PLN 61.1 bn (USD 16.0 bn, EUR 14.2 bn) against PLN 49.5 bn (USD 13.7 bn, EUR 11.6 bn) in 2018.

<sup>2</sup> Country of origin is the country where the commodity was produced or processed and in this form supplied the Polish customs zone.

**Table 2. Foreign trade turnover by major countries**

SPECIFICATION	2019						2018	2019
	bn	bn	bn	2018 = 100			structure in %	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR		
<b>EXPORTS</b>								
1. Germany	283.9	74.1	66.0	105.8	99.2	104.7	28.2	27.7
2. Czechia	62.7	16.4	14.6	103.3	96.8	102.3	6.4	6.1
3. United Kingdom	61.2	16.0	14.2	103.2	96.8	102.1	6.2	6.0
4. France	59.9	15.6	13.9	112.9	105.7	111.7	5.6	5.9
5. Italy	46.3	12.1	10.8	105.6	98.9	104.5	4.6	4.5
6. Netherlands	44.8	11.7	10.4	104.3	97.8	103.2	4.5	4.4
7. Russia	31.9	8.3	7.4	110.9	104.1	109.9	3.0	3.1
8. United States	29.1	7.6	6.8	111.2	104.3	110.1	2.8	2.8
9. Sweden	28.6	7.5	6.7	108.1	101.2	106.9	2.8	2.8
10. Hungary	28.3	7.4	6.6	111.4	104.4	110.3	2.7	2.8
<b>IMPORTS (country of origin)</b>								
1. Germany	222.8	58.1	51.8	101.8	95.4	100.7	22.6	21.9
2. China	125.7	32.8	29.3	111.6	104.8	110.5	11.6	12.3
3. Russia	62.1	16.2	14.5	89.6	84.2	88.8	7.1	6.1
4. Italy	51.2	13.4	11.9	102.8	96.3	101.7	5.1	5.0
5. Netherlands	38.6	10.1	9.0	109.6	102.5	108.4	3.6	3.8
6. France	37.1	9.7	8.6	104.3	97.6	103.2	3.7	3.6
7. Czechia	33.9	8.9	7.9	101.5	95.1	100.5	3.4	3.3
8. United States	32.8	8.6	7.6	119.2	111.5	117.9	2.8	3.2
9. Belgium	23.6	6.2	5.5	97.9	91.7	96.9	2.5	2.3
10. Spain	23.5	6.1	5.5	107.8	100.9	106.7	2.3	2.3

The share of Russia in imports decreased by 1.0 pp compared to 2018 and it was 6.1%

### Imports by country of consignment – total and by groups of counties

The highest turnover in imports by country of consignment Poland recorded with the developed countries - PLN 750.9bn, of which the EU – PLN 703.2bn, compared to PLN 724.0bn, of which the EU - PLN 680.4bn in 2018.

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

SPECIFICATION	2019						2018	2019
	bn	bn	bn	2018 = 100			structure in %	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR		
<b>Imports</b> (country of consignment) <sup>3</sup>	<b>1018.5</b>	<b>265.8</b>	<b>237.0</b>	<b>104.9</b>	<b>98.4</b>	<b>103.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Developed countries	750.9	196.0	174.7	103.7	97.2	102.7	74.5	73.7
of which EU	703.2	183.5	163.6	103.4	96.9	102.3	70.1	69.0
of which euro-zone	570.4	148.8	132.7	103.3	96.9	102.3	56.9	56.0
Developing countries	183.0	47.7	42.6	117.4	110.2	116.3	16.1	18.0
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	84.6	22.1	19.7	93.1	87.4	92.2	9.4	8.3
<b>Balance</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>	.	.	.	.	.
Developed countries	137.2	35.8	31.9	.	.	.	.	.
of which EU	115.6	30.1	26.9	.	.	.	.	.
of which euro-zone	18.6	4.9	4.3	.	.	.	.	.
Developing countries	-109.4	-28.5	-25.5	.	.	.	.	.
Countries of Cent. and East. Europe	-22.6	-5.9	-5.3	.	.	.	.	.

**Imports by country of consignment – countries**

The share of Germany in imports by country of consignment to imports by country of origin was higher by 5.1 pp, accordingly the share of the Netherlands was higher by 1.8 pp, Belgium by 1.4 pp, Czechia by 0.7 pp and France by 0.4 pp.

**Table 4. Imports by country of consignment – countries**

SPECIFICATION	2019						2018	2019
	bn	bn	bn	2018 = 100			structure in %	
	PLN	USD	EUR	PLN	USD	EUR		
<b>IMPORTS (country of consignment)</b>								
1. Germany	274.7	71.7	63.9	102.6	96.2	101.6	27.6	27.0
2. China	81.0	21.1	18.9	116.4	109.3	115.2	7.2	8.0
3. Russia	64.7	16.9	15.0	89.3	83.8	88.4	7.5	6.4
4. Netherlands	57.4	15.0	13.4	106.8	99.9	105.6	5.5	5.6
5. Italy	51.4	13.4	12.0	102.7	96.2	101.6	5.2	5.0
6. France	41.1	10.7	9.6	106.5	99.7	105.4	4.0	4.0
7. Czechia	40.6	10.6	9.4	104.3	97.8	103.2	4.0	4.0
8. Belgium	37.7	9.8	8.8	102.2	95.8	101.2	3.8	3.7
9. United Kingdom	25.8	6.7	6.0	101.3	95.1	100.3	2.6	2.5
10. Spain	24.0	6.3	5.6	105.2	98.6	104.1	2.4	2.4

The share imports from China according by country of consignment to the share imports by country of origin was lower by 4.3 pp

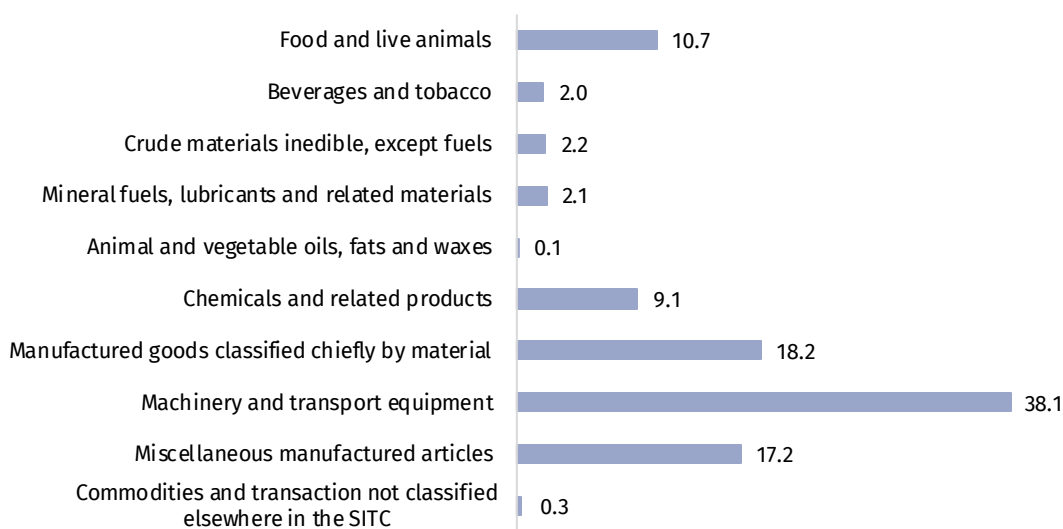
<sup>3</sup> Country of consignment is the country from which the goods were introduced into the Polish territory irrespective of their origin.

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

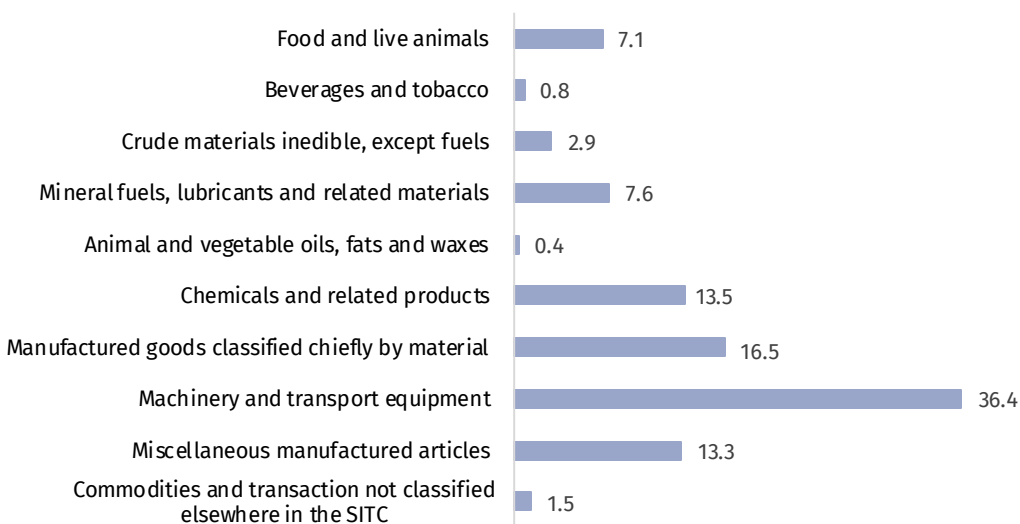
In export the largest increase concerned in commodities and transaction not classified elsewhere in the SITC (by 60.0%), animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 28.9%) and beverages and tobacco (by 10.8%), while decrease was reported in mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 11.9%)

In imports increased the largest: beverages and tobacco (by 13.4%), animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (by 9.8%) and machinery and transport equipment (by 9.7%) while decreased: mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (by 6.1%), manufactured goods classified chiefly by material and crude materials inedible, except fuels (by 0.8%).

**Chart 1. Composition of exports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in 2019**



**Chart 2. Composition of imports by sections according to SITC nomenclature in 2019**



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