

MONTHLY TRADE TRENDS: May 2021 - June 2021

MERCHANDISE TRADE

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Major traders recorded strong year-on-year growth of merchandise exports and imports in June. Japan recorded a 45% increase in exports and Korea reported a 41% increase in imports year-on-year in June.

Exports	Value, Bn\$		Monthly year-on-year growth (%)						
	May-21	Jun-21	May-20	Jun-20	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21
China	264	281	-4	0	...	31	32	28	32
European Union Extra-Trade	209	227	-32	-10	7	19	58	48	31
United States of America ¹	145	148	-36	-24	-5	14	53	60	41
Japan	57	66	-26	-26	0	15	36	47	45
United Kingdom	39	40	-34	-20	5	39	33	48	34
Korea, Republic of	51	55	-24	-11	9	16	41	46	40
<i>Memorandum items</i>									
<i>European Union Total Trade</i>	<i>542</i>	<i>582</i>	<i>-30</i>	<i>-8</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>69</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>32</i>
<i>European Union Intra-Trade</i>	<i>332</i>	<i>355</i>	<i>-29</i>	<i>-7</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>33</i>
Imports									
China	218	230	-16	3	...	38	43	51	37
European Union Extra-Trade	199	209	-28	-13	8	28	47	49	39
United States of America	239	251	-25	-13	9	23	37	41	36
Japan	59	62	-24	-14	17	5	12	26	30
United Kingdom	56	62	-31	-7	-5	12	46	54	27
Korea, Republic of	48	50	-21	-11	14	19	34	38	41
<i>Memorandum items</i>									
<i>European Union Total Trade</i>	<i>527</i>	<i>556</i>	<i>-29</i>	<i>-10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>36</i>
<i>European Union Intra-Trade</i>	<i>328</i>	<i>347</i>	<i>-30</i>	<i>-8</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>35</i>

1. FAS: Free Alongside Ship.

TRADE IN COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Major traders continued to show positive year-on-year growth of exports and imports of trade in commercial services. China reported a 57% increase of exports and 33% increase of imports in June.

Selected traders

Exports	Value, Bn\$		Monthly year-on-year growth (%)						
	May-21	Jun-21	May-20	Jun-20	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21
European Union Extra-Trade ¹	88	97	-28	-20	-1	8	31	29	21
United States of America ²	59	60	-26	-26	-16	-3	8	11	12
China	26	34	-6	-5	20	35	38	19	57
United Kingdom ^{1,2}	30	30	-25	-22	-9	5	9	16	12
Japan	15	13	-24	-23	1	1	7	7	6
India ¹	17	20	-10	-8	1	15	7	4	16
Korea, Republic of	9	9	-27	-22	8	21	45	36	39
Imports									
European Union Extra-Trade ¹	76	80	-29	-20	-15	-6	16	20	6
United States of America ²	41	42	-34	-34	-17	6	27	30	33
China	32	35	-33	-25	-7	3	11	15	20
United Kingdom ^{1,2}	16	17	-34	-31	-23	-5	-1	11	5
Japan	18	17	-5	-12	-10	-4	11	5	9
India ^{1,3}	10	11	-20	-15	-6	10	6	3	12
Korea, Republic of	10	10	-30	-27	-11	8	17	32	28

1. Total Services

2. Seasonally adjusted

3. Data do not include part of the costs for freight transport and insurance (i.e. cif/fob adjustment).

NOTES

Annualized short-term statistics may differ from the annual statistics disseminated through the WTO's online databases, publications or press releases. Data for the latest period are provisional.

1. Data can be downloaded on our website data.wto.org, by selecting the following indicators:

- Total merchandise exports - monthly
- Total merchandise imports - monthly
- Commercial services exports of selected economies - monthly
- Commercial services imports of selected economies - monthly

2. The publication is updated with the same frequency as the data release - around the 25th of the month.

3. The economies/territories shown in the publication represent a selection of our coverage of reporting economies and territories. In particular, the reporter "European Union" now reflects the current membership of 27 economies (no longer including the United Kingdom).

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