Second Quarter 2019 Merchandise Trade

-0.2%

World merchandise trade volumes decreased **0.2%** in the second quarter of 2019 over the previous quarter, in seasonally adjusted terms.

South and Central America and Europe reported the weakest performance of all regions in exports and imports in 2019Q2. North America’s exports continued on a positive trend during 2019Q2, while imports decreased by **0.6%**. Asia’s exports and imports rebounded after a weak 2019Q1.

### Merchandise Trade Volume

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<th>Region</th>
<th>Exports</th>
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<tr>
<td>North America</td>
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<td>South &amp; Central America</td>
<td>3.2</td>
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<td>Europe</td>
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<td>Asia</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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1. Includes the Caribbean
2. Comprising Africa, Middle East and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)

Data can be retrieved in WTO Data by selecting “Merchandise export volume indices, seasonally adjusted - quarterly and “Merchandise import volume indices, seasonally adjusted - quarterly

### Merchandise Trade Prices & Values

Fuel prices decreased slightly in 2019Q2 (**-0.2%**) after two quarters of marked reductions. Non-fuels commodities increased by 2.5%, growing for the second consecutive quarter. Manufacture prices dipped by **0.6%**.

Data can be retrieved in WTO Data by selecting “Export and Import prices of manufacturing goods - Monthly”

Source: WTO
In value terms, world exports and imports decreased at about **3.2%** and **2.9%** in year-on-year terms. All regions saw their exports declined during 2019Q2. Imports decreased for all regions except for “Other” which reported a combined rise of **1.0%**.

### Notes

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

1. The publication is updated with the same frequency as the data release.
   - Q1 Around the 20th of June
   - Q2 Around the 20th of September
   - Q3 Around the 20th of December
   - Q4 end-March / early April, along with the release of annual data.

2. For more information on the methodology, please refer to the [metadata](#).

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