

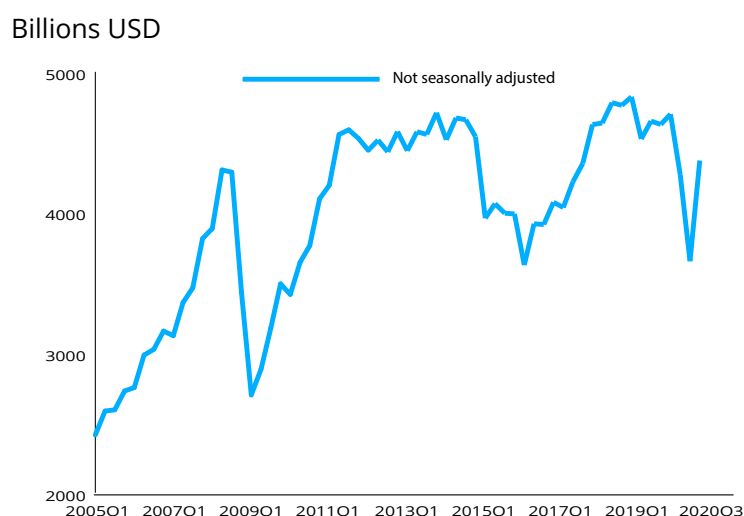
## MERCHANDISE TRADE VALUE

UPDATED ON 4 DECEMBER 2020

# -4%

World merchandise exports decreased by **4%** in the third quarter of 2020 over the previous year. This was a significant improvement from the 21% decline in the second quarter of 2020 as production resumed and lockdown measures were eased in major economies.

Source: WTO

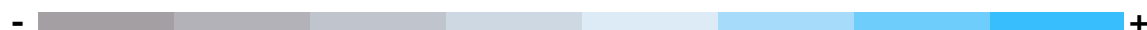


World merchandise exports decreased by **4% in Q3 2020**. All regions recorded declines except Asia (2%), which was buoyed by Chinese exports. World merchandise imports contracted in every region of the world, falling the most in South & Central America (-23%).

Year-on-year growth, %

	Exports				Imports			
	2019Q4	2020Q1	2020Q2	2020Q3	2019Q4	2020Q1	2020Q2	2020Q3
<b>World</b>	-2	-6	-21	-4	-3	-5	-21	-6
North America	-1	-2	-32	-11	-5	-5	-23	-7
South & Central America <sup>1</sup>	-9	-7	-19	-10	-8	-6	-26	-23
Europe	-1	-5	-24	-2	-3	-6	-22	-3
Asia	-1	-7	-10	2	-3	-4	-17	-6
Other	-9	-16	-39	-23	5	-4	-24	-13

Color Key



1. Includes the Caribbean

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## NOTES

Annualized short-term statistics may differ from the annual statistics disseminated through [WTO Data Portal](#), 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 25th of June
- Q2 Around the 25th of September
- Q3 Around the 20th of December
- Q4 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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