World merchandise trade increased by 2% in the fourth quarter of 2020 over the previous year, a return to positive year-on-year growth after several months of declines. The increase was largely driven by Asia and Europe, while in other regions trade performance remained subdued.

Source: WTO

World merchandise exports increased by 3% in Q4 2020. Exports expanded by 5% in Europe and by 9% in Asia, led by China. However, in Other regions, exports contracted by 20% compared with the same period of 2019. Imports were up 5% in Europe and 3% in North America, while they stagnated in Asia.

Source: WTO

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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