

## MERCHANDISE TRADE VALUE

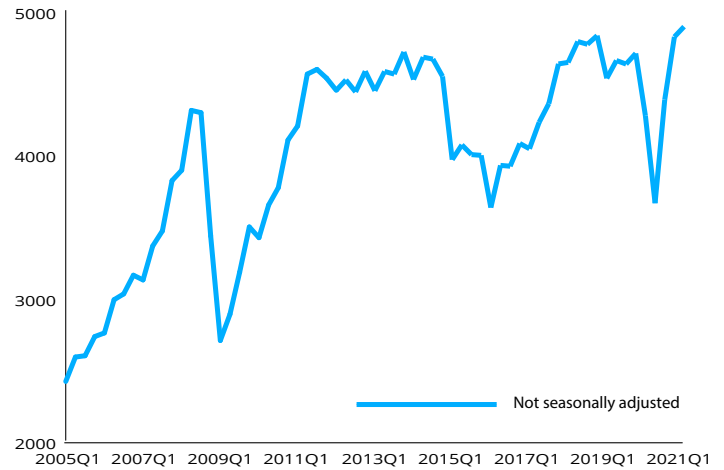
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# 15%

World merchandise trade recorded a strong 15% increase over the previous year in the first quarter of 2021. This growth was led by Asia which registered a particularly strong increase in export growth (28%) due to a return in demand over the previous year in all regions.

Source: WTO

Billions USD

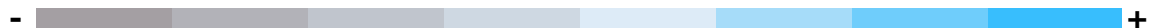


World merchandise exports increased by **16% in Q1 2021**. Exports expanded by 28% in Asia, by 13% in South and Central America, and by 13% in Europe. World merchandise imports increased by 14% in Q1 2021. Year-on-year growth of imports registered in the double-digits for most regions.

Year-on-year growth, %

	Exports				Imports			
	2020Q2	2020Q3	2020Q4	2021Q1	2020Q2	2020Q3	2020Q4	2021Q1
<b>World</b>	-21	-4	3	16	-21	-6	2	14
North America	-32	-11	-3	4	-23	-7	3	11
South & Central America	-19	-9	-3	13	-26	-23	-2	13
Europe	-23	-3	5	13	-22	-3	5	11
Asia	-10	2	9	28	-17	-6	1	19
Other <sup>1</sup>	-39	-21	-16	8	-23	-11	-5	8

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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