

MERCHANDISE TRADE VALUE

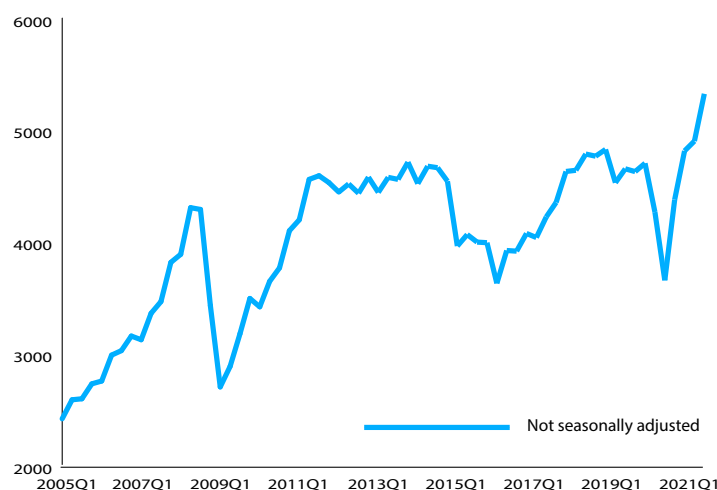
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45%

World merchandise trade recorded a 45% year-on-year increase in the second quarter of 2021, from a very low base in the same quarter of 2020. Strong trade growth was recorded in all regions due to high demand for goods from firms and households.

Source: WTO

Billions USD



Global merchandise exports were up 48% in Europe and 55% in North America. South and Central America and Asia followed with 53% and 37% respectively. Other regions saw higher increases. World merchandise imports increased by 44% in Q2 2021, with South and Central America recording the highest growth (+60%).

Year-on-year growth, %

	Exports				Imports			
	2020Q3	2020Q4	2021Q1	2021Q2	2020Q3	2020Q4	2021Q1	2021Q2
World	-4	3	17	46	-6	2	14	44
North America	-11	-3	4	55	-7	3	11	42
South & Central America ¹	-9	-3	15	53	-22	-3	11	60
Europe	-3	5	13	48	-3	5	12	47
Asia	2	9	28	37	-6	1	19	42
Other	-23	-17	8	68	-12	-6	10	40

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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](#).

Questions? Comments?

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