World merchandise trade recorded an 18% year-on-year increase in the first quarter of 2022, as growth of world merchandise trade continued into its sixth consecutive quarter.

World merchandise exports increased by 16% in Q1 2022. Merchandise exports were up 27% in Other regions and 25% in South and Central America in the first quarter. North America and Asia followed with an increase of 19% and 16% respectively. World merchandise imports increased by 20% in Q1 2022, with South and Central America recording the highest growth (+32%).

### Year-on-year growth, %

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### Color Key

- Means World
- Means North America
- Means South & Central America
- Means Europe
- Means Asia
- Means Other

1. Includes the Caribbean

Source: WTO

### NOTES

Annualized short-term statistics may differ from the annual statistics disseminated through [WTO Stats Portal](https://stats.wto.org), 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](https://stats.wto.org).

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