World merchandise trade volume increased by 2.3% in the first quarter of 2021 over the previous quarter, in seasonally adjusted terms. This increase was driven by the quarter-on-quarter growth of merchandise exports from Asia.

World merchandise exports increased 2.3% in Q1 2021 led by exports from Asia (7.8%). Other regions recorded flat or negative growth of exports over the previous quarter. On the import side, all regions, with the exception of Europe (-1.6%), recorded positive growth in Q1 2021.

### MERCHANDISE TRADE VOLUME

1. Average of exports and imports.
   
   Source: WTO-UNCTAD

### MERCHANDISE TRADE PRICES

Prices for fuels showed strong growth, rising 36.0% in Q1 2021, as economic activity picked up again. Prices for non-fuel commodities (12.9%) and manufactures (2.7%) also continued to increase.

Data can be retrieved in WTO Data by selecting "Export and Import prices of manufacturing goods - Monthly"
NOTES

Annualized short-term statistics may differ from the annual statistics disseminated through the 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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