

## MERCHANDISE TRADE VOLUME

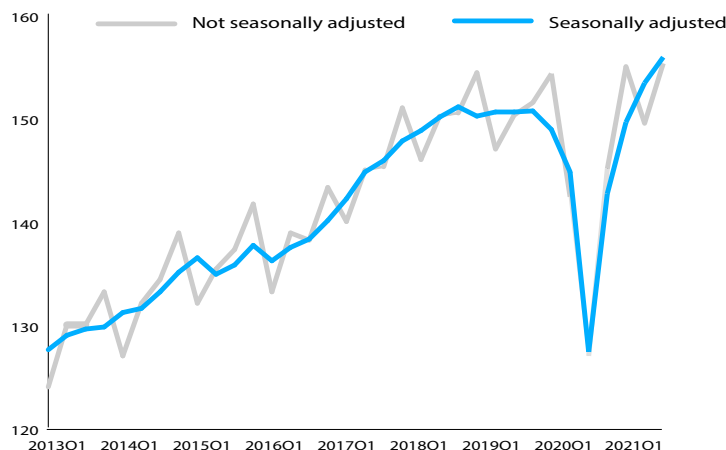
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# 1.6%

World merchandise trade volume<sup>1</sup> increased by 1.6% in the second quarter of 2021 over the previous quarter, in seasonally adjusted terms. Quarterly growth rates are to a considerable extent a function of the decline suffered by each region in 2020, explaining the regional disparity in the data below.

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

Indices, 2005=100



World merchandise exports increased 0.9% in Q2 2021 with highest growth recorded in South and Central America (6.5%) and Europe (1.3%). Other regions also recorded positive growth of exports over the previous quarter, except Asia which recorded -0.6%. On the import side, all regions recorded positive growth in Q2 2021.

Quarter-on-quarter growth, %, seasonally adjusted

	Exports				Imports			
	2020Q3	2020Q4	2021Q1	2021Q2	2020Q3	2020Q4	2021Q1	2021Q2
World	13.9	4.2	2.4	0.9	10.3	5.5	2.7	2.2
North America	22.1	4.7	0.4	0.8	15.4	5.4	3.0	1.1
South & Central America <sup>1</sup>	5.3	0.7	0.8	6.5	0.6	17.3	7.6	4.8
Europe	19.1	5.0	0.0	1.3	16.5	4.8	-1.4	2.7
Asia	10.5	4.4	7.0	-0.6	3.2	5.4	6.2	1.8
Other	2.8	0.2	-3.0	4.2	5.4	5.1	5.5	0.8

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1. Includes the Caribbean

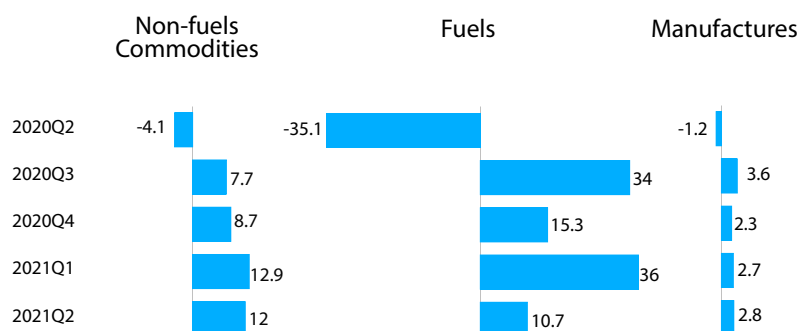
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Data can be retrieved in [WTO Data](#) by selecting "Merchandise export volume indices, seasonally adjusted - quarterly" and "Merchandise import volume indices, seasonally adjusted - quarterly"

## MERCHANDISE TRADE PRICES

Prices for fuels showed growth of 10.7% in Q2 2021, as economic activity continued. Prices for non-fuel commodities (12%) and manufactures (2.8%) also continued to increase.

Quarter-on-quarter growth, %



Data can be retrieved in [WTO Data](#) by selecting "Export and Import prices of manufacturing goods - Monthly"

Source: IMF and WTO.

## 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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