

MERCHANDISE TRADE VOLUME

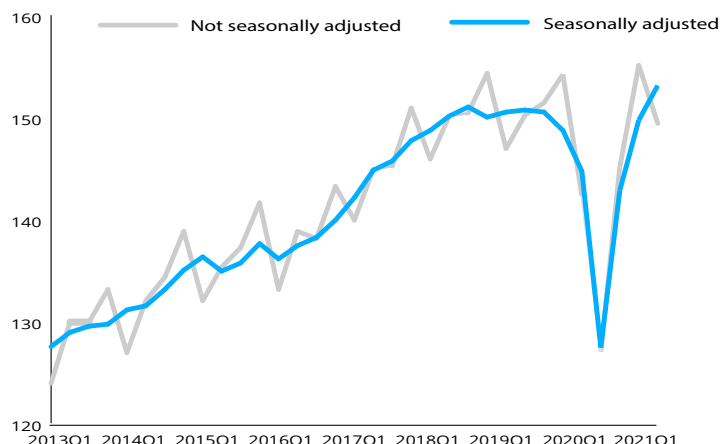
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2.3%

World merchandise trade volume¹ 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.

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

Indices, 2005=100



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.

Quarter-on-quarter growth, %, seasonally adjusted

	Exports				Imports			
	2020Q2	2020Q3	2020Q4	2021Q1	2020Q2	2020Q3	2020Q4	2021Q1
World	-12.8	13.8	4.3	2.3	-11.1	10.3	5.4	2.2
North America	-24.5	22.4	5.5	0.1	-14.1	16.2	5.4	2.3
South & Central America	-6.1	4.3	0.1	0.2	-12.5	0.2	17.3	7.0
Europe	-17.9	18.8	4.9	-0.3	-15.4	16.0	4.5	-1.6
Asia	-4.0	10.4	4.5	7.8	-4.4	3.3	5.4	6.2
Other ¹	-7.6	0.9	0.0	-6.4	-10.9	4.8	5.0	1.9

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1. Includes the Caribbean

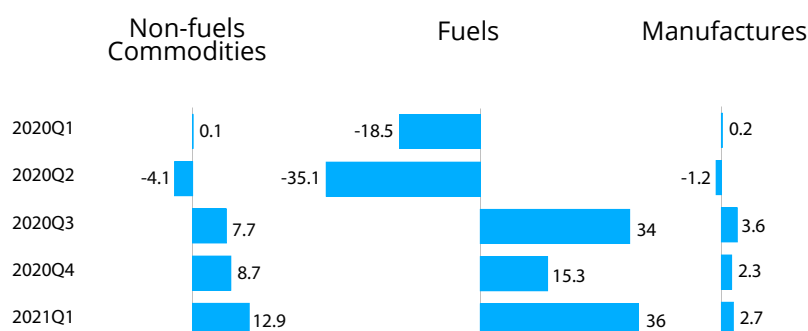
Source: WTO-UNCTAD

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 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.

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](#).

Questions? Comments?

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