

MONTHLY TRADE TRENDS: March 2021 - April 2021

MERCHANDISE TRADE

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Major traders recorded significant positive growth of merchandise exports and imports signalling a strong recovery in April. European Union Extra-Trade recorded a 58% increase in exports and 47% increase in imports year-on-year in April.

Exports	Value, Bn\$		Monthly year-on-year growth (%)						
	Mar-21	Apr-21	Mar-20	Apr-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21
China	241	264	-7	3	18	...	...	31	32
European Union Extra-Trade	232	214	-7	-31	11	-2	7	19	58
United States of America ¹	152	144	-10	-30	-2	-1	-5	14	53
Japan	68	66	-9	-19	7	12	0	15	36
United Kingdom	49	39	-21	-24	-4	-22	6	37	32
Korea, Republic of	54	51	-2	-26	12	11	9	16	41
<i>Memorandum items</i>									
European Union Total Trade	597	544	-10	-33	13	1	10	28	68
European Union Intra-Trade	364	329	-11	-35	14	4	12	34	75
<i>Imports</i>									
China	228	221	-1	-14	7	...	...	38	43
European Union Extra-Trade	210	199	-13	-26	6	-9	8	28	47
United States of America	245	235	-6	-20	7	5	9	23	37
Japan	62	64	-2	-4	-7	-5	17	5	11
United Kingdom	58	54	-20	-30	18	-11	-4	13	47
Korea, Republic of	50	51	0	-16	2	4	14	19	34
<i>Memorandum items</i>									
European Union Total Trade	566	517	-11	-31	11	-1	11	31	60
European Union Intra-Trade	355	318	-10	-34	15	5	12	32	69

1. FAS: Free Alongside Ship.

TRADE IN COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Trade in commercial services picked up for all major traders. The Republic of Korea registered an increase in exports of 45% and China recorded a 38% increase year-on-year. On the import side, the United States of America registered a 27% increase year-on-year.

Selected traders

Exports	Value, Bn\$		Monthly year-on-year growth (%)						
	Mar-21	Apr-21	Mar-20	Apr-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21
European Union Extra-Trade ¹	92	86	-9	-28	-3	1	4	13	29
United States of America ²	57	58	-17	-25	-19	-16	-16	-3	9
China	32	31	-6	-4	14	43	20	35	38
United Kingdom ^{1,2}	30	30	-12	-21	-17	-15	-9	3	14
Japan	16	12	-17	-33	-23	-31	0	2	7
India ¹	20	18	1	-9	-6	-10	-1	13	7
Korea, Republic of	8	9	-17	-27	9	1	8	21	45
<i>Imports</i>									
European Union Extra-Trade ¹	79	71	11	-29	-12	-16	-17	-8	14
United States of America ²	39	40	-21	-34	-19	-17	-17	6	27
China	35	31	-19	-36	-19	-16	-7	3	11
United Kingdom ^{1,2}	16	16	-17	-27	-29	-29	-26	-11	2
Japan	17	21	-1	-9	-7	-13	-9	-3	11
India ^{1,3}	13	10	-2	-18	-8	-16	-4	13	6
Korea, Republic of	9	9	-19	-23	-9	-20	-11	8	17

1. Total Services

2. Seasonally adjusted

3. Data do not include part of the costs for freight transport and insurance (i.e. cif/fob adjustment).

NOTES

Annualized short-term statistics may differ from the annual statistics disseminated through the WTO's online databases, publications or press releases. Data for the latest period are provisional.

1. Data can be downloaded on our website data.wto.org by selecting the following indicators:

- Total merchandise exports - monthly
- Total merchandise imports - monthly
- Commercial services exports of selected economies - monthly
- Commercial services imports of selected economies - monthly

2. The publication is updated with the same frequency as the data release - around the 25th of the month.

3. The economies/territories shown in the publication represent a selection of our coverage of reporting economies and territories. In particular, the reporter "European Union" now reflects the current membership of 27 economies (no longer including the United Kingdom).

For more information on the scope and methodology of the time series, please refer to the [metadata](#).

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