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UN INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS ANALYTICAL TABLES

Information for Users

What are the UN International Trade Statistics Analytical Tables?

The Trade Statistics Section of the United Nations Statistics Divisions publishes analytical tables showing world and region totals for trade values and trade indices and the underlying national data on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis. Trade values and trade indices (unit value/price and volume indices) are compiled for total exports, total imports, manufactured goods exports and fuel imports. In addition, the interlinked nature of trade is shown in so called matrix tables showing and analyzing world exports by provenance and destination.

Where can I find this data?

The analytical tables are published monthly, quarterly and annually in the Monthly Bulletin of Statistics and the data is also available in the online version of the Bulletin (<http://unstats.un.org/unsd/mbs/>). In addition, annual tables containing longer time series are published in the International Trade Statistics Yearbook and in the Statistical Yearbook.

What are the data sources and what is the country coverage?

The data sources for values and indices (unit value/price and volume indices) of total exports and imports are the International Monetary Fund (IMF), data submissions by countries and other national sources. Re-exports are compiled from national sources. For exchange rate data the source is the IMF. Value data is compiled for over 200 countries and areas although not for all countries actual recent data is available. Index data is compiled for over 80 countries although not all countries have current data or data for all types of indices, i.e. for a number of countries only export unit value/price indices are available.

The data sources for values and indices (unit value/price indices) of manufactured goods exports and fuel imports are data submissions of countries and other national sources. If no such data is available, the data is calculated using the UN Commodity Trade Statistics Database (UN Comtrade). Data for manufactured goods exports is currently compiled for 36 countries and data for fuel imports for 24 countries. Current data is not available for all countries.

The source of data for the matrix tables of world exports by provenance and destination is UN Comtrade which contains detailed annual trade data by commodity and partner country for 130 countries.

How are region totals and indices derived?

Trade values of countries are, where necessary, converted to U.S. dollar using trade weighted averages of exchange rates. The region totals for total exports and imports are adjusted to exclude re-exports of countries or areas comprising each region (this does not apply to the matrix tables). Missing trade values of countries included in the region totals are estimated.

The volume and unit value/price indices as compiled by countries are re-based to a uniform base year (currently 2000) and where applicable adjusted for U.S. dollar exchange rate changes. The regional aggregations of unit value/price indices are current period weighted. Volume indices are derived from value data and unit value/price indices and its regional aggregation is base period weighted. Missing index data of countries required for the calculation of the region totals are estimated.

Terms of trade for countries and regions are calculated by dividing the export unit value/price index divided with the corresponding import unit value/price index. The index of purchasing power of exports is calculated by multiplying the terms of trade with the volume index of exports. The index of purchasing power of exports is only provided on a country basis.

What is the publication schedule of the analytical tables?

The following publication schedule refers to the publication of the analytical tables in the Monthly Bulletin of Statistics (MBS) (monthly, quarterly and annual tables) and in the International Trade Statistics Yearbook (ITSYB) (annual tables).

The Monthly Bulletin of Statistics is produced by end of the month and usually available in print after the second week of the following month. The International Trade Statistics Yearbook is produced by end of November and available in print usually 3-6 months later.

Publication schedule for

Tables covering trade values and indices for total exports and imports:

Monthly tables (with the most recent annual, quarterly and monthly data)

- MBS Table 35: Total imports and exports by regions and countries or areas (Imports C.I.F., exports F.O.B. and balance in million U.S. dollars)
- MBS Table 36: Total imports and exports by countries or areas (Imports CIF, exports FOB - value (million), volume and unit value/price: 2000=100)

Quarterly tables (with the most recent annual and quarterly data)

- MBS Table 37: Total exports and imports by countries or areas (Volume, unit value/price, terms of trade and purchasing power of exports, in US dollars (2000 = 100)), published in January, April, July, October
- MBS Table 38: External trade conversion factors (Imports, exports: US dollars per national currency), published in March, June, September, December
- MBS Table 39: Total exports and imports by regions (Volume and unit value indices and terms of trade in US dollars (2000 = 100)), published in February, May, August, November

Annual tables (covering annual data, produced at the end of the year, usually November)

- ITSYB Table A: Total imports and exports by regions and countries or areas (Imports C.I.F., exports F.O.B. and balance in million U.S. dollars)
- ITSYB Table B: Total imports and exports by countries or areas (Imports CIF, exports FOB and balance in millions of national currency)
- ITSYB Table C: External trade conversion factors (Imports, exports: US dollars per national currency)
- ITSYB Table G: Total exports and imports by countries or areas (Volume, unit value/price, terms of trade and purchasing power of exports, in US dollars (2000 = 100))
- ITSYB Table H: Total exports and imports by regions (Volume and unit value indices and terms of trade in US dollars (2000 = 100))

Publication schedule for

Tables covering values and indices for manufactured goods exports and fuel imports

Quarterly tables (with the most recent annual and quarterly data)

- MBS Table 40: Manufactured goods exports (Unit value indices (US dollars, SDR's and national currency), volume indices (2000=100) and value (thousand millions US dollars)), published in March, June, September, December
- MBS Table 18: Fuel imports, developed economies (Unit value indices (US dollars and national currency), volume indices (2000=100) and value (thousand millions US dollars)), published in March, June, September, December
- MBS Table 19: Indicators for fuel imports, developed economies (2000=100), published in March, June, September, December

Annual tables (covering annual data, produced at the end of the year, usually November)

- ITSYB Table I: Manufactured goods exports (Unit value indices (US dollars, SDR's and national currency), volume indices (2000=100) and value (thousand millions US dollars))
- ITSYB Table J: Fuel imports, developed economies (Unit value indices (US dollars and national currency), volume indices (2000=100) and value (thousand millions US dollars))
- ITSYB Table K: Indicators for fuel imports, developed economies (2000=100)

Publication schedule for

Matrix tables of world exports by provenance and destination

Annual tables (covering annual data)

- MBS Table 41: World exports by provenance and destination (Exports f.o.b.: million US dollars), published in July
- MBS Table 42: Exports by commodity classes and by regions: developed economies (Exports f.o.b.: million US dollars), published in September
- MBS Table 43: World exports by commodity classes and by regions (Exports f.o.b.: million US dollars), published in November
- ITSYB Table D: World exports by commodity classes and by regions (Exports f.o.b. in million US dollars), produced in November
- ITSYB Table E: Growth of world exports by commodity classes and by region (Annual average rate: in per cent), produced in November
- ITSYB Table F: Structure of world exports by commodity classes and by region (In per cent), produced in November

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