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FOREIGN TRADE IN GOODS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA – Provisional Data January – March 2023 and January – April 2023

According to provisional data, from January to March 2023, total export of the Republic of Croatia amounted to 5.8 billion euro. At the same time, total import was 9.9 billion euro. Foreign trade deficit amounted to 4.0 billion euro.

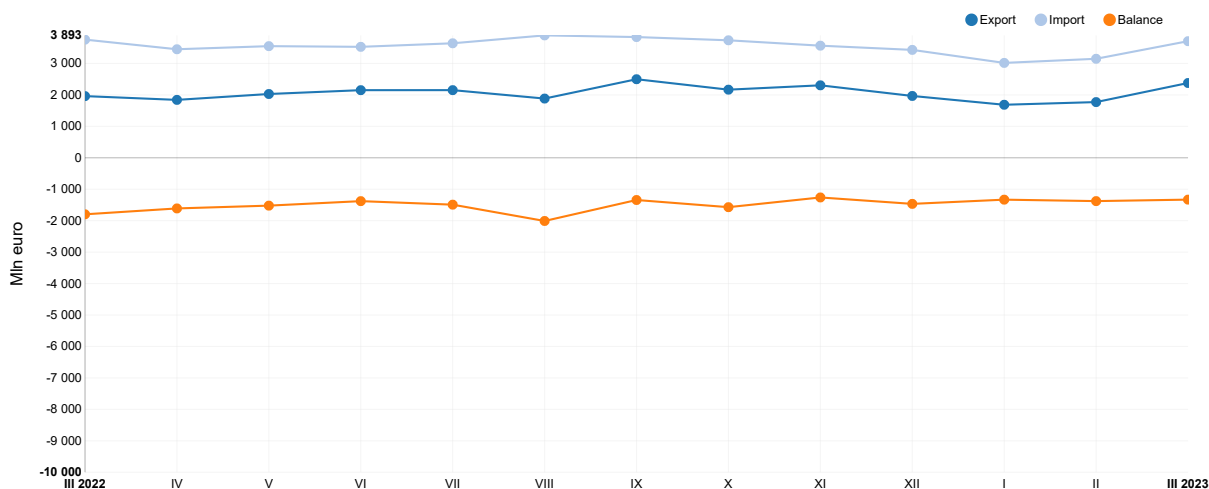
In the period from January to March 2023, coverage of import by export was 59.1%.

According to the First Results, in the period from January to April 2023, total export of the Republic of Croatia amounted to 7.6 billion euro, while total import was 12.9 billion euro. Foreign trade deficit amounted to 5.3 billion euro.

According to the First Results, coverage of import by export was 58.9% in the period from January to April 2023.

Remark: From 1 January 2023, a new currency, the euro, was introduced in the Republic of Croatia. Values for periods before 1 January 2023 have been converted into euro at a fixed exchange rate (1 euro = 7.53450 kuna) and the data for 2022 differ from those published in the First Release VT-2023-1-2.

G-1 FOREIGN TRADE IN GOODS, MARCH 2022 – MARCH 2023



1 FOREIGN TRADE IN GOODS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

	Export		Import		Balance of foreign trade in goods		Coverage of import by export, %
	Thousand euro	Thousand US \$	Thousand euro	Thousand US \$	Thousand euro	Thousand US \$	
2022							
I	1 493 587	1 693 397	2 570 127	2 914 112	-1 076 540	-1 220 716	58,1
II	1 662 924	1 870 153	2 901 671	3 258 998	-1 238 746	-1 388 845	57,3
III	1 963 530	2 210 178	3 762 537	4 230 512	-1 799 007	-2 020 334	52,2
IV	1 850 980	2 040 464	3 468 477	3 824 503	-1 617 496	-1 784 039	53,4
V	2 035 638	2 160 223	3 561 497	3 777 599	-1 525 859	-1 617 376	57,2
VI	2 148 936	2 288 714	3 525 910	3 757 830	-1 376 974	-1 469 116	60,9
VII	2 148 407	2 253 632	3 635 546	3 813 782	-1 487 139	-1 560 150	59,1
VIII	1 879 173	1 925 049	3 882 197	3 978 264	-2 003 024	-2 053 216	48,4
IX	2 489 267	2 489 045	3 825 807	3 825 322	-1 336 540	-1 336 277	65,1
X	2 163 486	2 137 720	3 731 390	3 683 309	-1 567 904	-1 545 589	58,0
XI	2 303 006	2 283 072	3 562 787	3 533 297	-1 259 780	-1 250 225	64,6
XII	1 969 287	2 031 518	3 436 574	3 545 949	-1 467 287	-1 514 431	57,3
I – XII	24 108 220	25 383 164	41 864 518	44 143 477	-17 756 298	-18 760 313	57,6
2023							
I	1 686 665	1 798 997	3 017 820	3 218 804	-1 331 156	-1 419 807	55,9
II	1 771 877	1 919 468	3 148 807	3 411 090	-1 376 931	-1 491 622	56,3
III	2 378 504	2 525 731	3 708 819	3 938 388	-1 330 315	-1 412 657	64,1
I – III	5 837 046	6 244 197	9 875 447	10 568 283	-4 038 401	-4 324 086	59,1

I FOREIGN TRADE IN GOODS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, EURO

1 EXPORT AND IMPORT, ACCORDING TO NKD 2007

Thousand euro

	Export			Import		
	I - III 2022	I - III 2023	indices I - III 2023 I - III 2022	I - III 2022	I - III 2023	indices I - III 2023 I - III 2022
Total	5 120 041	5 837 046	114,0	9 234 334	9 875 447	106,9
A Agriculture, forestry and fishing	348 151	304 863	87,6	268 978	320 905	119,3
B Mining and quarrying	235 391	234 888	99,8	811 272	720 979	88,9
C Manufacturing	4 218 323	4 897 084	116,1	7 684 111	8 498 655	110,6
10 Manufacture of food products	387 749	477 988	123,3	693 018	856 117	123,5
11 Manufacture of beverages	41 570	57 983	139,5	60 039	70 441	117,3
12 Manufacture of tobacco products	41 492	56 939	137,2	42 829	49 193	114,9
13 Manufacture of textiles	52 857	58 654	111,0	124 128	144 274	116,2
14 Manufacture of wearing apparel	172 846	239 266	138,4	324 674	426 123	131,2
15 Manufacture of leather and related products	118 886	134 113	112,8	159 503	207 610	130,2
16 Manufacture of wood and of products of wood and cork, except furniture; manufacture of articles of straw and plaiting materials	301 807	279 239	92,5	132 635	140 870	106,2
17 Manufacture of paper and paper products	114 527	112 488	98,2	181 019	185 313	102,4
18 Printing and reproduction of recorded media	577	479	82,9	1 162	782	67,4
19 Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products	213 121	253 746	119,1	680 463	709 360	104,2
20 Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products	311 425	318 894	102,4	729 223	787 863	108,0
21 Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical preparations	247 511	267 376	108,0	471 401	464 845	98,6
22 Manufacture of rubber and plastic products	185 942	187 651	100,9	366 479	366 004	99,9
23 Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products	161 835	185 578	114,7	161 265	185 144	114,8
24 Manufacture of basic metals	276 596	251 255	90,8	759 791	607 200	79,9
25 Manufacture of fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	327 620	350 143	106,9	315 114	326 624	103,7
26 Manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products	144 588	154 743	107,0	463 684	509 043	109,8
27 Manufacture of electrical equipment	390 769	471 446	120,6	458 091	517 117	112,9
28 Manufacture of machinery and equipment n. e. c.	282 053	351 137	124,5	595 538	692 681	116,3
29 Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	169 422	190 112	112,2	525 978	779 147	148,1
30 Manufacture of other transport equipment	135 675	346 354	255,3	135 551	130 086	96,0
31 Manufacture of furniture	81 568	85 832	105,2	116 118	135 219	116,5
32 Other manufacturing	57 887	65 669	113,4	186 410	207 597	111,4
D Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	169 880	265 954	156,6	375 216	264 564	70,5
E Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	125 572	111 094	88,5	78 560	53 906	68,6
J Information and communication	19 318	19 738	102,2	15 422	15 393	99,8
M Professional, scientific and technical activities	0	8	1)	30	6	18,6
R Arts, entertainment and recreation	91	72	79,2	85	447	523,4
Not classified	3 315	3 346	100,9	660	593	89,8

1) The index exceeds 999.

2 EXPORT AND IMPORT, ACCORDING TO SITC SECTIONS

Thousand euro

	Export			Import		
	I - III 2022	I - III 2023	indices I - III 2023 I - III 2022	I - III 2022	I - III 2023	indices I - III 2023 I - III 2022
Total	5 120 041	5 837 046	114,0	9 234 334	9 875 447	106,9
0 Food and live animals	613 421	669 924	109,2	838 701	1 051 089	125,3
1 Beverages and tobacco	79 100	110 324	139,5	104 147	124 348	119,4
2 Crude materials, except fuels	429 678	412 749	96,1	227 422	197 898	87,0
3 Mineral fuels and lubricants	594 454	733 019	123,3	1 857 863	1 694 721	91,2
4 Animal and vegetable oils and fats	36 011	22 221	61,7	46 544	42 336	91,0
5 Chemical products	637 514	662 700	104,0	1 319 513	1 359 409	103,0
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	953 396	974 322	102,2	1 627 414	1 591 582	97,8
7 Machinery and transport equipment	1 100 697	1 477 998	134,3	2 073 625	2 509 548	121,0
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	638 960	750 922	117,5	1 047 595	1 253 065	119,6
9 Commodities and transactions, n. e. s.	33 495	19 520	58,3	90 851	50 858	56,0
Not classified	3 315	3 346	100,9	660	593	89,8

3 EXPORT AND IMPORT, ACCORDING TO ECONOMIC CLASSIFICATION OF COUNTRIES

Thousand euro

	Export			Import		
	I - III 2022	I - III 2023	indices I - III 2023 I - III 2022	I - III 2022	I - III 2023	indices I - III 2023 I - III 2022
Total	5 120 041	5 837 046	114,0	9 234 334	9 875 447	106,9
EU Member States	3 588 598	4 046 531	112,8	6 940 324	7 552 040	108,8
Austria	306 817	307 027	100,1	547 755	576 236	105,2
Belgium	52 605	56 626	107,6	187 622	179 089	95,5
Bulgaria	32 834	39 095	119,1	156 090	99 760	63,9
Cyprus	40 227	5 587	13,9	2 488	3 862	155,2
Czech Republic	79 239	101 191	127,7	186 073	217 631	117,0
Denmark	27 852	33 115	118,9	50 059	57 877	115,6
Estonia	5 158	6 957	134,9	3 431	4 291	125,1
Finland	8 463	12 770	150,9	15 286	17 809	116,5
France	142 950	149 998	104,9	206 616	241 559	116,9
Greece	19 555	38 946	199,2	79 726	76 662	96,2
Ireland	16 372	14 923	91,1	22 765	25 195	110,7
Italy	682 450	665 772	97,6	1 261 660	1 442 800	114,4
Latvia	7 462	5 547	74,3	5 960	4 356	73,1
Lithuania	18 004	23 840	132,4	17 530	14 606	83,3
Luxembourg	5 352	3 208	59,9	3 929	3 495	89,0
Hungary	407 738	419 701	102,9	708 174	639 456	90,3
Malta	8 845	212 770	¹⁾	4 767	13 516	283,5
Netherlands	74 124	104 347	140,8	318 420	373 324	117,2
Germany	657 544	711 396	108,2	1 210 410	1 390 216	114,9
Poland	109 628	129 511	118,1	324 043	389 563	120,2
Portugal	21 598	20 904	96,8	12 677	15 706	123,9
Romania	92 423	90 856	98,3	116 968	125 093	106,9
Northern Ireland	1 549	488	31,5	2 107	3 108	147,5
Slovakia	55 829	68 296	122,3	212 586	209 645	98,6
Slovenia	587 036	682 168	116,2	1 053 973	1 121 856	106,4
Spain	71 716	91 051	127,0	166 528	236 406	142,0
Sweden	53 404	49 123	92,0	62 641	68 917	110,0
Not classified	1 823	1 317	72,2	43	6	13,1
EFTA countries	81 742	99 844	122,1	50 275	57 067	113,5
Iceland	624	958	153,5	13	18	138,0
Liechtenstein	5 902	5 867	99,4	11	8	69,9
Norway	11 441	13 954	122,0	4 326	6 014	139,0
Switzerland	63 774	79 065	124,0	45 925	51 027	111,1
CEFTA countries	916 497	1 043 837	113,9	616 082	671 372	109,0
Albania	17 928	21 213	118,3	9 978	7 689	77,1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	504 098	537 800	106,7	305 648	334 735	109,5
Montenegro	57 608	72 913	126,6	1 920	1 800	93,8
Kosovo	30 293	33 628	111,0	2 127	3 366	158,2
Moldova	412	441	107,0	498	734	147,5
North Macedonia	38 985	44 787	114,9	26 835	25 327	94,4
Serbia	267 173	333 056	124,7	269 077	297 720	110,6
OPEC countries	39 157	40 917	104,5	35 725	16 127	45,1
Algeria	200	2 131	¹⁾	12 976	13 697	105,6
Angola	1 131	824	72,9	-	-	-
Equatorial Guinea	12	162	¹⁾	-	-	-
Gabon	442	92	20,9	0	59	¹⁾
Iraq	1 526	2 282	149,5	114	33	28,8
Iran, Islamic Republic of	1 194	1 608	134,6	1 450	1 002	69,1
Congo	73	572	788,6	-	1	-
Kuwait	1 769	1 470	83,1	0	-	-
Libya	1 388	1 278	92,0	2 387	-	-
Nigeria	544	3 406	625,7	14 326	250	1,7
Saudi Arabia	14 652	14 046	95,9	3 885	405	10,4
United Arab Emirates	16 222	12 976	80,0	521	680	130,4
Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of	3	71	¹⁾	65	-	-
Other countries in Europe	172 217	244 296	141,9	263 769	240 212	91,1
Belarus	4 272	2 428	56,8	1 793	248	13,8

Russian Federation	33 208	55 001	165,6	53 600	22 012	41,1
Turkey	69 402	108 198	155,9	166 904	169 586	101,6
United Kingdom	53 980	53 569	99,2	24 720	23 838	96,4
Ukraine	11 244	25 043	222,7	16 665	24 036	144,2
Other countries	112	58	51,6	86	492	570,6
Other countries in Asia	122 187	133 345	109,1	653 153	555 531	85,1
Azerbaijan	2 229	1 827	82,0	145 657	162	0,1
Bangladesh	900	176	19,6	3 393	16 078	473,8
Philippines	1 502	543	36,2	351	688	195,8
Hong Kong, China	1 946	2 818	144,8	1 219	815	66,9
India	3 659	3 729	101,9	38 052	91 935	241,6
Indonesia	1 953	1 792	91,7	9 659	16 531	171,1
Israel	6 351	7 779	122,5	9 997	9 446	94,5
Japan	37 394	47 587	127,3	8 538	16 006	187,5
Qatar	3 825	945	24,7	591	746	126,2
Kazakhstan	4 622	13 602	294,3	40 992	720	1,8
China	22 157	19 625	88,6	323 457	316 925	98,0
Korea, Republic of	2 585	3 619	140,0	33 323	18 247	54,8
Lebanon	6 806	6 074	89,3	3	45	1 ¹⁾
Malaysia	757	975	128,8	3 999	6 067	151,7
Pakistan	89	1 084	1 ¹⁾	3 670	3 730	101,6
Singapore	1 555	1 685	108,4	4 304	5 042	117,1
Thailand	2 701	1 932	71,5	4 115	4 444	108,0
Taiwan, China	7 164	1 910	26,7	7 159	11 489	160,5
Viet Nam	5 989	6 447	107,7	10 057	25 653	255,1
Other countries	8 004	9 195	114,9	4 617	10 762	233,1
Other countries in Africa	38 750	45 638	117,8	23 895	189 639	793,6
Egypt	23 454	22 035	94,0	11 639	10 648	91,5
Ethiopia	443	809	182,5	806	1 653	205,0
South Africa	3 227	3 407	105,6	4 770	24 342	510,3
Morocco	6 615	11 505	173,9	2 643	3 944	149,2
Mozambique	6	12	209,4	2 315	145 466	1 ¹⁾
Tunisia	520	543	104,5	443	1 609	363,2
Other countries	4 485	7 327	163,4	1 279	1 977	154,6
Other countries in America	150 439	170 692	113,5	582 475	545 883	93,7
Argentina	471	701	148,7	3 358	2 404	71,6
Brazil	2 886	3 155	109,3	4 851	2 978	61,4
Canada	10 257	18 408	179,5	5 331	7 646	143,4
Mexico	1 394	1 766	126,7	5 748	4 921	85,6
United States	130 805	142 288	108,8	555 255	458 935	82,7
Other countries	4 626	4 374	94,5	7 932	69 000	869,9
Countries of Oceania	7 417	9 192	123,9	4 623	1 740	37,6
Australia	6 805	8 615	126,6	3 443	1 211	35,2
New Zealand	533	544	102,0	173	438	253,3
Other countries	79	33	41,4	1 007	90	9,0
Not classified	3 036	2 754	90,7	64 013	45 836	71,6

1) The index exceeds 999.

4 FIRST RESULTS OF FOREIGN TRADE IN GOODS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

Thousand euro

	I - IV 2022	I - IV 2023	Indices I - IV 2023 I - IV 2022
Export	6 971 021	7 623 838	109,4
EU Member States	4 878 597	5 237 269	107,4
Non-EU Member States	2 092 424	2 386 569	114,1
Import	12 702 811	12 936 259	101,8
EU Member States	9 445 755	9 982 236	105,7
Non-EU Member States	3 257 056	2 954 024	90,7
Balance of foreign trade in goods	-5 731 790	-5 312 421	1)
Coverage of import by export, %	54,9	58,9	1)

1) The index is not presented.

NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

Sources and methods of data collection

The data source for statistics on trading in goods with EU Member States is the Intrastat form used by the reporting units to report on arrivals and/or dispatches on a monthly basis, that is, for each month in which goods physically enter or leave the territory of the Republic of Croatia. The reporting units are all business entities, value added tax payers whose value of trading in goods with EU Member States exceeds the exemption threshold determined for the reference year. For 2023, an exemption threshold of 400 thousand euro for arrivals and of 200 thousand euro for dispatches has been determined. In order to achieve complete harmonisation with the EU methodology and legislation, data on foreign trade in goods have been supplemented with trade value below the exemption threshold after being estimated on the basis of data on supplies and acquisitions of goods in/from EU Member States provided by the Tax Administration Office of the Republic of Croatia.

The First Results of the statistics concerning the foreign trade in goods of the Republic of Croatia are an integral part of this First Release and they contain the estimate of the trade value below the exemption threshold for the entire period they refer to.

The data source for statistics on trading in goods with third countries, that is, non-EU countries, are customs declarations on export and import of goods. The Croatian Bureau of Statistics receives the reviewed customs declarations from the Customs Administration of the Republic of Croatia in the form of data records.

Following basic methodological recommendations of the UN Statistical Office and Eurostat, the Croatian Bureau of Statistics statistically processes and disseminates collected Intrastat and Extrastat data as unique information on foreign trade in goods of the Republic of Croatia.

Legal basis

The legal basis for the conduct of the Intrastat survey is the European legislation related to statistics on trading in goods between EU Member States, Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council as well as the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1197, the Official Statistics Act (NN, No. 25/20), the Annual Implementation Plan of Statistical Activities of the Republic of Croatia 2023 (NN, No. 35/23) and the Customs Administration Act (NN, Nos 68/13, 30/14, 115/16, 39/19 and 98/19). More detailed notes on methodology for this survey are published on the website of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics at [Državni zavod za statistiku - Intrastat \(gov.hr\)](http://Drzavni.zavod.za.statistiku.gov.hr).

The legal basis for Extrastat is the European legislation related to statistics on trading in goods with third countries, Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council as well as the Commission Implementing Regulations (EU) 2020/1197 and 2021/1225, the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1704, the Act on the Implementation of the Customs Legislation of the European Union (NN, No. 40/16), the Official Statistics Act (NN, No. 25/20), the Annual Implementation Plan of Statistical Activities of the Republic of Croatia 2023 (NN, No. 35/23), the Customs Administration Act (NN, Nos 68/13, 30/14, 115/16, 39/19 and 98/19) and the Ordinance on Filling in the Single Administrative Document (NN, Nos 65/19 and 136/20).

Coverage and comparability

Statistics on foreign trade in goods include all goods exported from or imported into the country. Data on foreign trade in goods include both export and import based on gross inward and outward processing.

Statistical value of goods is the value of goods at the Croatian border. Values for export, i.e. dispatches, are shown as an FOB-type value, while values for import, i.e. arrivals, are shown as a CIF-type value.

Amounts expressed in foreign currencies are converted into euros and US dollars according to the monthly exchange rate lists determined for the reporting month. The mean exchange rate of the Croatian National Bank is used.

In certain tables, the sum total may not equal the sum of individual figures due to the rounding to thousands.

Data by type of activities have been presented according to the NKD 2007 (NN, Nos 58/07 and 72/07), which entered into force on 1 January 2008 and is based on the European classification NACE, Rev. 2, which is obligatory in EU Member States. Data are presented using a production approach by which export and import data are reported according to the manufacturing activity from which the product originates.

Goods listed under export and import are classified, for statistical needs, according to the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC, Rev. 4).

Data on export are shown by countries of destination, while two methodological criteria have been applied, by which data on import are shown by countries. In Extrastat, data on import are shown by countries of origin of goods, while, in Intrastat, data on arrivals of goods are presented by countries of dispatch.

OPEC membership is subject to frequent changes. More detailed information about OPEC Member Countries is published on the website <https://www.opec.org/>.

Only customs declarations containing the date of acceptance in a customs office in a particular month are processed for that month as well as Intrastat forms submitted for the reporting month. Already issued data for previous months are changed during the current year in order to classify subsequently received and/or corrected Intrastat forms and customs declarations for earlier periods.

Monthly data are corrected until final data processing for the current year is done (the middle of the next year). Monthly data are considered provisional until the final processing of the current year and dissemination of final data is done. Monthly data for 2022 are considered final.

Data on foreign trade in goods are available in the time series published on the website of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics under [Statistics in Line; Economy – Basic Indicators](#) (data from 2000) and [Foreign Trade in Goods](#) (data from 2010).

Abbreviations

CEFTA	Central European Free Trade Agreement
CIF	cost, insurance and freight
EC	European Community
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
EU	European Union
Eurostat	Statistical Office of the European Union
FOB	free on board
mIn	million
NACE	Statistical Classification of Economic Activities in the European Community
n. e. c.	not elsewhere classified
n. e. s.	not elsewhere specified
NKD 2007	National Classification of Activities, 2007 version
NN	Narodne novine, official gazette of the Republic of Croatia
OPEC	Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries
PSI	provider of statistical information
SITC	Standard International Trade Classification
UN	United Nations
US \$	United States dollar

Symbols

-	no occurrence
0	value not zero but less than 0.5 of the unit of measure used

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