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Foreign Trade Statistics, January 2021

According to the general trade system exports increased by 2.3%, import decreased by 5.9% respectively in January 2021

According to the provisional data, produced with the cooperation of the Turkish Statistical Institute and the Ministry of Trade, in January 2021; exports were 15 billion 45 million dollars with a 2.3% increase and imports were 18 billion 79 million dollars with a 5.9% decrease compared with January 2020.

Foreign trade by months, January 2021

(Million US $)

Months	Year	Exports (FOB) Value	Exports (FOB) Change (%)	Imports (CIF) Value	Imports (CIF) Change (%)	Balance Value	Balance Change (%)	Proportion of imports covered by exports (%)
January	2020	14 702		19 214		- 4 513		76.5
	2021	15 045	2.3	18 079	-5.9	- 3 034	-32.8	83.2

Energy products and non-monetary gold excluded exports and imports increased by 1.2%, 5.2% respectively in January

Exports, excluding energy products and non-monetary gold, were 14 billion 56 million dollars with a 1.2% increase in January 2021. Imports, excluding energy products and non-monetary gold, were 14 billion 46 million dollars with a 5.2% increase in January 2021.

Foreign trade surplus, excluding energy products and non-monetary gold, was 9 million dollars in January 2021.

Foreign trade volume was 28 billion 102 million dollars with a 3.1% increase. Energy products and non-monetary gold excluded export coverage imports was 100.1%.

The foreign trade deficit decreased by 32.8% in January 2021

In January 2021 foreign trade deficit was 3 billion 34 million dollars with a 32.8% decrease compared with January 2020. In January 2021, exports coverage imports was 83.2%, while it was 76.5% in January 2020.

Export, Import and Balance, January 2021

The ratio of manufacturing industries products in total exports was 93.8% in January 2021

In January 2021, according to economic activities, the ratios of manufacturing industries products, agriculture, forestry and fishing, mining and quarrying in total exports were 93.8%, 4.0%, 1.7%, respectively.

The ratio of intermediate goods in total imports was 76.3% in January 2021

In January 2021, according to the BEC classification, the ratios of intermediate goods, capital goods and consumption goods in total imports were 76.3%, 13.9%, 9.7%, respectively.

Foreign trade by sectors, January 2021

	January				
	2020		2021		
Sectors	Value	Share (%)	Value	Share (%)	Change (%)
ISIC Rev.4			Exports (FOB)		
Total	**14 702**	**100.0**	**15 045**	**100.0**	**2.3**
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	570	3.9	603	4.0	5.8
Mining and quarrying	251	1.7	252	1.7	0.4
Manufacturing	13 824	94.0	14 112	93.8	2.1
Others	57	0.4	79	0.5	39.5
BEC			Imports (CIF)		
Total	**19 214**	**100.0**	**18 079**	**100.0**	**-5.9**
Capital goods	2 301	12.0	2 520	13.9	9.5
Intermediate goods	14 998	78.1	13 787	76.3	-8.1
Consumption goods	1 805	9.4	1 753	9.7	-2.9
Others	110	0.6	19	0.1	-82.8

Figures in table may not add up to totals due to rounding.

ISIC: International Standard Industrial Classification

BEC:Broad Economic Categories Classification

The main partner for exports was Germany in January 2021

In January 2021, the main partner country for exports was Germany with 1 billion 455 million dollars. The country was followed by USA with 933 million dollars, Italy with 864 million dollars, United Kingdom with 813 million dollars and France with 738 million dollars. The ratio of the first five countries in total exports was 31.9% in January 2021.

The main partner for imports was China in January 2021

In January 2021, the top country for Turkey's imports was China with 2 billion 200 million dollars. The country was followed by Russia with 1 billion 829 million dollars, Germany with 1 billion 511 million dollars, Iraq with 809 million dollars and USA with 729 million dollars. The ratio of first five countries in total imports was 39.1% in January 2021.

Exports by countries, January 2021

Imports by countries, January 2021

Seasonally and calendar adjusted exports increased by 1.6%

In January 2021, while seasonally and calendar adjusted exports increased by 1.6%, imports decreased 2.7% compared with previous month. In January 2021, while calendar adjusted exports increased by 9.3%, imports decreased 0.4% respectively compared with January 2020.

Ratio of exports of high-tech products in manufacturing industries was 3.0%

Foreign trade by technology intensity covers the manufacturing industries' products in classification of ISIC Rev.4. According to the ISIC Rev.4, the ratio of manufacturing industries products in total exports was 93.8% in January 2021. The ratio of high-technology products in manufacturing industries exports was 3.0%.

The ratio of manufacturing industries' products in total imports was 78.7%. The ratio of high-technology products in manufacturing industries' imports was 13.6% in January 2021.

Foreign trade by manufacturing industries based on technology intensity, January 2021

(Million US $)

	January				
	2020		2021		
Technology intensity	Value	Share (%)	Value	Share (%)	Change (%)
	Exports (FOB)				
Total manufacturing industries	**13 824**	**100.0**	**14 112**	**100.0**	**2.1**
High-technology industries	416	3.0	418	3.0	0.7
Medium-high-technology industries	4 960	35.9	5 028	35.6	1.4
Medium-low-technology industries	3 776	27.3	3 945	28.0	4.5
Low-technology industries	4 673	33.8	4 721	33.5	1.0
	Imports (CIF)				
Total manufacturing industries	**14 564**	**100.0**	**14 236**	**100.0**	**-2.3**
High-technology industries	1 894	13.0	1 932	13.6	2.0
Medium-high-technology industries	5 503	37.8	6 237	43.8	13.3
Medium-low-technology industries	5 250	36.0	4 619	32.4	-12.0
Low-technology industries	1 917	13.2	1 449	10.2	-24.4

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Classification of product group by technology intensity was prepared by Eurostat based on NACE Rev.2 classification, adjusted to ISIC Rev.4 classification.

According to the special trade system, exports were 14 billion 279 million dollars in January 2021

According to the special trade system, in January 2021, exports were 14 billion 279 million dollars with a 3.1% increase and imports were 17 billion 827 million dollars with a 3.7% decrease compared with January 2020.

In January 2021 foreign trade deficit was 3 billion 548 million dollars with a 24.1% decrease compared with January 2020.

Exports coverage imports was 80.1%, while it was 74.8% in January 2020.

Foreign trade by special trade system, January 2021

(Million US $)

Months	Year	Exports (FOB) Value	Exports (FOB) Change (%)	Imports (CIF) Value	Imports (CIF) Change (%)	Balance Value	Balance Change (%)	Proportion of imports covered by exports (%)
January	2020	13 845		18 516		- 4 672		74.8
	2021	14 279	3.1	17 827	-3.7	- 3 548	-24.1	80.1

The next release on this subject will be on March 31, 2021.

EXPLANATION

Foreign trade statistics are calculated according to two different trade systems, general trade system and special trade system. In the general trade system, goods entering and leaving the economic area of a country are covered. In this system, free zones, customs warehouses and goods entering or leaving the free circulation area, which constitute the economic area of the country, are included in the calculations. In the special trade system, customs warehouses and free zones are not included in the statistics, only goods entering and leaving the country's free circulation area are covered.

In this context, in order to ensure consistency with economic statistics such as balance of payments and national accounts calculations, foreign trade statistics, which is produced by Turkish Statistical Institute in collaboration with the Ministry of Trade, have been published according to the general trade system in detail from January 2020. In addition, statistics according to the special trade system have been published in the press release and additional tables.

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