

# MONTHLY TRADE TRENDS: August 2021 - September 2021



## MERCHANDISE TRADE

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Exports and imports of selected traders mostly increased in September, largely showing positive year-on-year growth. On the export side, China reported strong year-on-year growth in merchandise exports (+28%) in September. On the import side, the United Kingdom was the only major trader to report a slight decrease (-4%) in September.

Exports	Value, Bn\$		Monthly year-on-year growth (%)						
	Aug-21	Sep-21	Aug-20	Sep-20	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21
China	294	306	9	9	28	32	19	26	28
European Union Extra-Trade	196	220	-9	3	48	31	14	19	9
United States of America <sup>1</sup>	148	142	-15	-10	60	41	28	26	17
Japan	60	62	-15	-3	47	45	33	22	8
United Kingdom	33	39	-9	-11	44	26	16	11	18
Korea, Republic of	53	56	-10	7	46	40	30	35	17
Memorandum items									
European Union Total Trade	488	572	-3	6	53	33	18	19	12
European Union Intra-Trade	292	352	2	8	56	35	20	18	14
Imports									
China	236	239	-2	13	52	37	28	33	18
European Union Extra-Trade	203	219	-10	-2	49	40	23	34	26
United States of America	255	254	-5	0	41	36	20	22	19
Japan	66	68	-20	-16	26	30	24	40	33
United Kingdom	55	62	-9	5	54	29	13	3	-4
Korea, Republic of	52	52	-16	2	38	41	38	44	31
Memorandum items									
European Union Total Trade	490	559	-3	3	55	37	21	24	18
European Union Intra-Trade	286	340	2	6	59	36	20	17	14

1. FAS: Free Alongside Ship.

## TRADE IN COMMERCIAL SERVICES

China and the Republic of Korea reported strong year-on-year growth of exports of trade in commercial services, mainly due to an increase in transport service exports. Exports from China grew by 51% and the Republic of Korea recorded a 49% increase of commercial services exports in September.

Selected traders	Value, Bn\$		Monthly year-on-year growth (%)						
	Aug-21	Sep-21	Aug-20	Sep-20	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21
Exports									
European Union Extra-Trade <sup>1</sup>	100	105	-22	-12	33	24	27	30	20
United States of America <sup>2</sup>	62	63	-25	-24	15	17	17	17	16
China	33	36	-6	8	19	57	31	50	51
United Kingdom <sup>1,2</sup>	33	33	-11	-12	16	13	13	10	8
Japan	14	13	-36	-19	8	7	14	27	2
India <sup>1</sup>	20	21	-10	-1	7	19	9	19	20
Korea, Republic of	11	10	-20	-16	36	39	44	56	49
Imports									
European Union Extra-Trade <sup>1</sup>	85	77	-15	-4	33	17	18	26	9
United States of America <sup>2</sup>	46	46	-29	-27	29	32	35	34	30
China	38	43	-30	-18	15	20	10	23	26
United Kingdom <sup>1,2</sup>	17	17	-25	-28	18	13	7	3	3
Japan	16	15	-22	-15	7	10	20	12	2
India <sup>1,3</sup>	12	12	-20	-9	0	9	10	20	21
Korea, Republic of	10	10	-26	-17	32	28	22	26	14

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

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databases, publications or press releases. Data for the latest period are provisional.

1. Data can be downloaded on our website [stats.wto.org](https://stats.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 econ -  
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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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