



BELGIUM / Foreign trade's figures

2 MONTHS 2011  
(Provisory figures)

Overall developments 2010/2011

Year	Exports	Imports	Balance	Cover (%)
2010 (2 m.)	64.35	60.60	3.75	106.2 %
2011 (2 m.)	<b>74.37</b>	<b>72.61</b>	<b>1.76</b>	<b>102.4 %</b>

(In USD billions) (Average values: 2 m. 2010: USD 1 = EUR 0.7149 /  
2 m. 2011: USD 1 = EUR 0.7412)

Developments in the European Union - 2010/2011

Year	Exports	Imports	Balance	Cover (%)
2010 (2 m.)	47.55	42.94	4.61	110.7 %
2011 (2 m.)	<b>53.90</b>	<b>49.65</b>	<b>4.25</b>	<b>108.6 %</b>

(In USD billions)

Geographical breakdown of the exports & imports / 2 months 2011

Exports	USD billions	Total (% of)	Imports	USD billions	Total (% of)
EUROPE	<b>57.58</b>	<b>77.4</b>	EUROPE	<b>54.46</b>	<b>75.0</b>
• European Union	53.90	72.5	• European Union	49.65	68.4
-- Euro area countries (*)	44.79	60.2	-- Euro area countries (*)	42.17	58.1
-- Other EU-countries (**)	9.11	12.3	-- Other EU-countries (**)	7.48	10.3
• Europe outside EU (***)	3.69	5.0	• Europe outside EU (***)	4.81	6.6
• Other Europ. countries	0.28	0.4	• Other Europ. countries	0.11	0.2
ASIA	<b>7.83</b>	<b>10.5</b>	ASIA	<b>10.02</b>	<b>13.8</b>
- India	1.87	2.5	- PR of China	2.97	4.1
AMERICA	<b>5.73</b>	<b>7.7</b>	AMERICA	<b>6.11</b>	<b>8.4</b>
- USA	4.23	5.7	- USA	3.88	5.3
AFRICA	<b>1.87</b>	<b>2.5</b>	AFRICA	<b>1.65</b>	<b>2.3</b>
- South Africa	0.33	0.4	- South Africa	0.41	0.6
OCEANIA	<b>0.46</b>	<b>0.6</b>	OCEANIA	<b>0.36</b>	<b>0.5</b>
- Australia	0.40	0.5	- Australia	0.31	0.4

(\*) Austria • Cyprus • Finland • France • Germany • Greece • Ireland • Italy • Latvia • GD of Luxembourg • Malta • Netherlands • Portugal • Slovakia • Slovenia • Spain • Belgium.

(\*\*) Bulgaria • Cyprus • Czech Rep. • Denmark • Estonia • Hungary • Latvia • Lithuania • Malta • Poland • Romania • Sweden • United Kingdom.

(\*\*\*) Iceland • Norway • Russian Fed. • Switzerland • Turkey • Ukraine.

Miscellaneous	0.90	<b>1.2</b>	Miscellaneous	0.006	<b>0.0</b>
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#### Belgium's top 20 customers / 2 months 2011

Exports / Ranking	USD billions	EUR millions	% of the total
1 - Germany	<b>13.25</b>	9,822.5	<b>17.8</b>
2 - France	<b>12.75</b>	9,451.2	<b>17.1</b>
3 - Netherlands	<b>9.11</b>	6,753.8	<b>12.3</b>
4 - United Kingdom	4.97	3,682.2	6.7
5 - USA	4.23	3,132.5	5.7
6 - Italy	3.54	2,626.7	4.8
7 - Spain	2.09	1,546.5	2.8
8 - India	1.87	1,384.7	2.5
9 - PR of China	1.39	1,028.4	1.9
10 - G-D of Luxembourg	1.28	946.7	1.7
11 - Poland	1.18	876.5	1.6
12 - Turkey	1.12	828.9	1.5
13 - Switzerland	1.06	782.9	1.4
14 - Sweden	1.04	770.2	1.4
15 - Russian Federation	0.78	575.9	1.0
16 - Japan	0.73	543.0	1.0
17 - Hong Kong	0.73	542.3	1.0
18 - Austria	0.68	506.0	0.9
19 - Czech Republic	0.61	454.4	0.8
20 - Israël	0.53	390.1	0.7

Top 20 / Evolution  
(Compared with the  
period "1 month 2011"):

+ 1 : Poland / Russian  
Fed. / Switzerland  
- 1 : Austria / Israël /  
Japan / Sweden / Czech  
Rep. / Turkey  
New in top 20 : Hong  
Kong  
Out of top 20 : Denmark

(Total 20 countries: 84.6  
% of the Belgian export)

#### Belgium's top 20 suppliers / 2 months 2011

Imports / Ranking	USD billions	EUR millions	% of the total
1 - Netherlands	<b>14.47</b>	10,722.6	<b>19.9</b>
2 - Germany	<b>10.81</b>	8,010.2	<b>14.9</b>
3 - France	<b>7.87</b>	5,831.5	<b>10.8</b>
4 - USA	3.88	2,878.0	5.3
5 - United Kingdom	3.80	2,817.3	5.2
6 - Ireland	3.64	2,695.3	5.0
7 - PR of China	2.97	2,199.3	4.1
8 - Russian Federation	2.05	1,517.9	2.8
9 - Italy	2.02	1,498.0	2.8
10 - Sweden	1.47	1,089.2	2.0
11 - Spain	1.46	1,085.3	2.0
12 - Japan	1.45	1,073.7	2.0
13 - India	1.30	960.7	1.8
14 - Norway	0.60	445.5	1.7
15 - Switzerland	0.77	567.9	1.1
16 - Singapore	0.71	528.2	1.0

Top 20 / Evolution  
(Compared with the  
period "1 month 2011"):

+ 4 : Singapore  
+ 2 : Poland / Sweden /  
Switzerland  
+ 1 : India  
- 2 : Japan  
- 1 : Norway  
New in top 20 : Czech  
Rep.  
Out of top 20 : United  
Arab Emirates

17 - Poland	0.69	509.8	0.9
18 - Turkey	0.69	508.0	0.9
19 - Czech Rep.	0.64	476.1	0.9
20 - Israël	0.61	454.5	0.8

(Total 20 countries: 85.7 % of the Belgian import)

▣ Sectoral breakdown of the exports & imports / 2 months 2011

Exports / Ranking	USD billions	EUR millions	% of the total
1 • Chemicals & pharmaceuticals products	<b>17.97</b>	13,321.3	<b>24.2</b>
2 • Mineral products	<b>8.09</b>	5,994.3	<b>10.9</b>
3 • Machinery & mechanical appliances	<b>7.89</b>	5,846.8	<b>10.6</b>
4 • Transport equipment	<b>7.17</b>	5,315.2	<b>9.6</b>
5 • Base metals & articles thereof	<b>6.75</b>	5,003.7	<b>9.1</b>
6 • Plastics, rubber & articles thereof	6.29	4,663.6	8.5
7 • Pearls, precious stones & metals	4.14	3,066.0	5.6
8 • Prepared foodstuffs & beverages	3.06	2,268.4	4.1
9 • Textiles & textile articles	2.61	1,935.1	3.5
10 • Optical & precision instruments	1.71	1,270.6	2.3
11 • Vegetable products	1.70	1,259.5	2.3
12 • Live animals & animal products	1.49	1,103.6	2.0
13 • Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	1.31	969.5	1.8
14 • Footwear & headgear	0.83	618.3	1.1
15 • Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.83	614.8	1.1
16 • Stone, cement & ceramic - Glass	0.76	560.8	1.0
17 • Non-classified articles (*)	0.72	530.5	1.0
18 • Wood, cork & articles thereof	0.46	339.8	0.6
19 • Fats & oils (animal/vegetable)	0.32	233.8	0.4
20 • Hides, skins, leather & furskins	0.23	168.0	0.3
21 • Arms, ammunition & accessories	0.04	32.6	0.1
22 • Works of art, collectors' pieces & antiques	0.009	7.3	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>74.37</b>	<b>55,123.4</b>	<b>100,0</b>

Exports / Top 5  
Principal chapter with % / Variation compared with the same period in 2010:

- 1 • Pharmaceutical products (43.42 % / - 12.47 %)
- 2 • Mineral fuels, mineral oils (93.60 % / + 43.50 %)
- 3 • Nuclear reactors, boilers & mechanical appliances (66.78 % / + 24.59 %)
- 4 • Vehicles other than railway and parts & accessories (97.57 % / + 36.46 %)
- 5 • Iron & steel (53.72 % / + 52.77 %)

(\*) Non classified in commercial statistics

Imports / Ranking	USD billions	EUR millions	% of the total
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Imports / Top 5

1 • Chemicals & pharmaceutical products	<b>14.79</b>	10,961.5	<b>20.4</b>
2 • Mineral products	<b>13.45</b>	9,969.8	<b>18.5</b>
3 • Machinery & mechanical appliances	<b>8.50</b>	6,303.4	<b>11.7</b>
4 • Transport equipment	<b>7.48</b>	5,547.0	<b>10.3</b>
5 • Base metals & articles thereof	<b>5.92</b>	4,386.8	<b>8.2</b>
6 • Plastics, rubber & articles thereof	3.78	2,799.0	5.2
7 • Pearls, precious stones & metals	3.53	2,618.9	4.9
8 • Textiles & textile articles	2.26	1,672.6	3.1
9 • Prepared foodstuffs & beverages	2.20	1,634.0	3.0
10 • Vegetable products	2.16	1,600.4	3.0
11 • Optical & precision instruments	1.74	1,289.8	2.4
12 • Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	1.32	978.6	1.8
13 • Live animals & animal products	1.30	963.4	1.8
14 • Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.05	775.6	1.4
15 • Non-classified articles (*)	0.79	588.1	1.1
16 • Stone, cement & ceramic - Glass	0.63	467.4	0.9
17 • Footwear & headgear	0.55	404.5	0.8
18 • Wood, cork & articles thereof	0.49	366.2	0.7
19 • Fats & oils (animal/vegetable)	0.41	300.6	0.6
20 • Hides, skins, leather & furskins	0.21	152.7	0.3
22 • Arms, ammunition & accessories	0.02	17.0	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>72.61</b>	<b>53,817.6</b>	<b>100,0</b>

(\*) Non classified in commercial statistics

*Principal chapter with % / Variation compared with the same period in 2010:*

1 • Pharmaceutical products (37.87 % / - 14.18 %)  
2 • Mineral fuels, mineral oils (92.24 % / + 56.30 %)  
3 • Nuclear reactors, boilers & mechanical appliances (61.70 % / + 18.63 %)  
4 • Vehicles other than railway and parts & accessories (96.64 % / + 18.77 %)  
5 • Iron & steel (42.00 % / + 55.08 %)