



BELGIUM / Foreign trade's figures

3 MONTHS 2011
(Provisory figures)

Overall developments 2010/2011

Year	Exports	Imports	Balance	Cover (%)
2010 (3 m.)	102.87	95.96	6.91	107.2 %
2011 (3 m.)	119.54	116.10	3.44	103.0 %

(In USD billions) (Average values: 3 m. 2010: USD 1 = EUR 0.7224 /
3 m. 2011: USD 1 = EUR 0.7319)

Developments in the European Union - 2010/2011

Year	Exports	Imports	Balance	Cover (%)
2010 (3 m.)	75.58	67.96	7.62	111.2 %
2011 (3 m.)	86.74	79.54	7.20	109.1 %

(In USD billions)

Geographical breakdown of the exports & imports / 3 months 2011

Exports	USD billions	Total (% of)	Imports	USD billions	Total (% of)
EUROPE	92.86	77.7	EUROPE	87.04	75.0
• European Union	86.74	72.6	• European Union	79.54	68.5
-- Euro area countries (*)	71.64	59.9	-- Euro area countries (*)	67.61	58.2
-- Other EU-countries (**)	15.10	12.6	-- Other EU-countries (**)	11.93	10.3
• Europe outside EU (***)	6.11	5.1	• Europe outside EU (***)	7.49	6.5
• Other Europ. countries	0.51	0.4	• Other Europ. countries	0.19	0.2
ASIA	12.51	10.5	ASIA	15.84	13.6
- India	3.00	2.5	- PR of China	4.52	3.9
AMERICA	8.94	7.5	AMERICA	9.86	8.5
- USA	6.51	5.4	- USA	6.35	5.5
AFRICA	3.09	2.6	AFRICA	2.70	2.3
- Nigeria	0.53	0.4	- South Africa	0.64	0.5
OCEANIA	0.71	0.6	OCEANIA	0.65	0.6
- Australia	0.62	0.5	- Australia	0.55	0.5

(*) 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	1.44	1.2	Miscellaneous	0.013	0.0
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Belgium's top 20 customers / 3 months 2011

Exports / Ranking	USD billions	EUR millions	% of the total
1 - Germany	21.34	15,622.4	17.9
2 - France	20.47	14,980.8	17.1
3 - Netherlands	14.36	10,511.1	12.0
4 - United Kingdom	8.30	6,076.9	6.9
5 - USA	6.51	4,765.1	5.4
6 - Italy	5.65	4,134.6	4.7
7 - Spain	3.31	2,424.7	2.8
8 - India	3.00	2,193.3	2.5
9 - PR of China	2.48	1,812.9	2.1
10 - G-D of Luxembourg	2.06	1,505.1	1.7
11 - Poland	1.93	1,409.8	1.6
12 - Turkey	1.80	1,318.0	1.5
13 - Switzerland	1.78	1,306.1	1.5
14 - Sweden	1.70	1,246.1	1.4
15 - Russian Federation	1.26	924.7	1.1
16 - Japan	1.14	831.2	1.0
17 - Austria	1.12	822.8	0.9
18 - Czech Republic	1.01	738.7	0.8
19 - Hong Kong	0.91	666.6	0.8
20 - Israël	0.87	635.3	0.7

Top 20 / Evolution
(Compared with the
period "2 months 2011"):

+ 1 : Austria / Czech
Rep.
- 2 : Hong Kong

(Total 20 countries: 84.4
% of the Belgian export)

Belgium's top 20 suppliers / 3 months 2011

Imports / Ranking	USD billions	EUR millions	% of the total
1 - Netherlands	23.04	16,865.8	19.8
2 - Germany	17.67	12,930.0	15.2
3 - France	12.49	9,139.3	10.8
4 - USA	6.35	4,650.8	5.5
5 - United Kingdom	6.01	4,401.6	5.2
6 - Ireland	5.63	4,123.9	4.9
7 - PR of China	4.52	3,305.3	3.9
8 - Italy	3.32	2,428.2	2.9
9 - Russian Federation	3.18	2,325.3	2.7
10 - Japan	2.51	1,838.0	2.2
11 - Spain	2.35	1,718.6	2.0
12 - Sweden	2.33	1,702.7	2.0
13 - India	2.08	1,522.9	1.8
14 - Norway	1.74	1,277.1	1.5
15 - Switzerland	1.19	868.0	1.0
16 - Poland	1.14	833.0	1.0

Top 20 / Evolution
(Compared with the
period "2 months 2011"):

+ 2 : Japan
+ 1 : Czech Rep. / Italy /
Poland / Turkey
- 3 : Singapore
- 2 : Sweden
- 1 : Russian Federation

17 - Turkey	1.02	784.7	0.9
18 - Czech Rep.	1.02	749.9	0.9
19 - Singapore	1.00	731.0	0.9
20 - Israël	0.93	681.0	0.8

(Total 20 countries: 85.9 % of the Belgian import)

▣ Sectoral breakdown of the exports & imports / 3 months 2011

Exports / Ranking	USD billions	EUR millions	% of the total
1 • Chemicals & pharmaceuticals products	28.83	21,099.4	24.1
2 • Mineral products	13.05	9,554.4	10.9
3 • Machinery & mechanical appliances	13.02	9,526.1	10.9
4 • Transport equipment	11.82	8,651.5	9.9
5 • Base metals & articles thereof	10.74	7,862.6	9.0
6 • Plastics, rubber & articles thereof	10.16	7,437.1	8.5
7 • Pearls, precious stones & metals	6.34	4,637.6	5.3
8 • Prepared foodstuffs & beverages	4.85	3,546.4	4.1
9 • Textiles & textile articles	4.11	3,008.9	3.4
10 • Optical & precision instruments	2.91	2,126.9	2.4
11 • Vegetable products	2.71	1,984.1	2.3
12 • Live animals & animal products	2.41	1,761.7	2.0
13 • Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	2.06	1,508.2	1.7
14 • Miscell. manufactured articles	1.32	966.0	1.1
15 • Stone, cement & ceramic - Glass	1.22	893.0	1.0
16 • Footwear & headgear	1.21	887.9	1.0
17 • Non-classified articles (*)	1.10	804.8	0.9
18 • Wood, cork & articles thereof	0.74	541.0	0.6
19 • Fats & oils (animal/vegetable)	0.49	361.7	0.4
20 • Hides, skins, leather & furskins	0.35	254.1	0.3
21 • Arms, ammunition & accessories	0.09	66.4	0.1
22 • Works of art, collectors' pieces & antiques	0.01	10.2	0.0
TOTAL	119.54	87,489.8	100,0

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

- 1 • Pharmaceutical products (44.34 % / - 10.51 %)
- 2 • Mineral fuels, mineral oils (93.95 % / + 49.07 %)
- 3 • Nuclear reactors, boilers & mechanical appliances (68.20 % / + 26.06 %)
- 4 • Vehicles other than railway and parts & accessories (97.55 % / + 30.01 %)
- 5 • Iron & steel (53.70 % / + 45.82 %)

(*) Non classified in commercial statistics

Imports / Ranking	USD billions	EUR millions	% of the total
1 • Chemicals & pharmaceutical			

Imports / Top 5
Principal chapter with % /

products	23.69	17,341.7	20.4
2 • Mineral products	21.10	15,446.1	18.2
3 • Machinery & mechanical appliances	13.86	10,145.0	11.9
4 • Transport equipment	12.33	9,024.0	10.6
5 • Base metals & articles thereof	9.32	6,820.8	8.0
6 • Plastics, rubber & articles thereof	6.09	4,455.4	5.2
7 • Pearls, precious stones & metals	5.62	4,114.5	4.8
8 • Prepared foodstuffs & beverages	3.57	2,614.6	3.1
9 • Textiles & textile articles	3.51	2,566.2	3.0
10 • Vegetable products	3.46	2,534.1	3.0
11 • Optical & precision instruments	2.82	2,063.0	2.4
12 • Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	2.11	1,541.0	1.8
13 • Live animals & animal products	2.08	1,521.1	1.8
14 • Miscell. manufactured articles	1.68	1,230.0	1.4
15 • Non-classified articles (*)	1.19	873.6	1.0
16 • Stone, cement & ceramic - Glass	1.01	736.7	0.9
17 • Footwear & headgear	0.86	626.5	0.7
18 • Wood, cork & articles thereof	0.78	568.3	0.7
19 • Fats & oils (animal/vegetable)	0.63	461.8	0.5
20 • Hides, skins, leather & furskins	0.32	231.2	0.3
21 • Arms, ammunition & accessories	0.04	29.9	0.0
22 • Works of art, collectors' pieces & antiques	0.04	28.2	0.0
TOTAL	116.10	84,973.6	100,0

(*) Non classified in commercial statistics

Variation compared with the same period in 2010:

1 • Pharmaceutical products (38.19 % / - 15.22 %)
2 • Mineral fuels, mineral oils (92.47 % / + 57.41 %)
3 • Nuclear reactors, boilers & mechanical appliances (62.52 % / + 19.42 %)
4 • Vehicles other than railway and parts & accessories (96.74 % / + 15.96 %)
5 • Iron & steel (42.70 % / + 46.16 %)