



BELGIUM / Foreign trade's figures

4 MONTHS 2011  
(Provisory figures)

Overall developments 2010/2011

Year	Exports	Imports	Balance	Cover (%)
2010 (4 m.)	137.00	128.55	13.57	106.6 %
2011 (4 m.)	<b>159.97</b>	<b>154.48</b>	<b>5.49</b>	<b>103.6 %</b>

(In USD billions) (Average values: 4 m. 2010: USD 1 = EUR 0.7278 /  
4 m. 2011: USD 1 = EUR 0.7221)

Developments in the European Union - 2010/2011

Year	Exports	Imports	Balance	Cover (%)
2010 (4 m.)	100.65	90.87	9.78	110.8 %
2011 (4 m.)	<b>116.06</b>	<b>105.83</b>	<b>10.23</b>	<b>109.7 %</b>

(In USD billions)

Geographical breakdown of the exports & imports / 4 months 2011

Exports	USD billions	Total (% of)	Imports	USD billions	Total (% of)
EUROPE	<b>124.43</b>	<b>77.8</b>	EUROPE	<b>115.81</b>	<b>75.0</b>
• European Union	116.06	72.6	• European Union	105.83	68.5
-- Euro area countries (*)	95.91	60.0	-- Euro area countries (*)	89.72	58.1
-- Other EU-countries (**)	20.15	12.6	-- Other EU-countries (**)	16.10	10.4
• Europe outside EU (***)	8.37	5.2	• Europe outside EU (***)	9.98	6.5
• Other Europ. countries	0.75	0.5	• Other Europ. countries	0.25	0.2
ASIA	<b>16.72</b>	<b>10.5</b>	ASIA	<b>20.92</b>	<b>13.5</b>
- India	3.93	2.5	- PR of China	5.98	3.9
AMERICA	<b>11.53</b>	<b>7.2</b>	AMERICA	<b>13.10</b>	<b>8.5</b>
- USA	8.16	5.1	- USA	8.40	5.4
AFRICA	<b>4.34</b>	<b>2.7</b>	AFRICA	<b>3.77</b>	<b>2.4</b>
- Nigeria	0.82	0.5	- Algeria	0.86	0.6
OCEANIA	<b>0.93</b>	<b>0.6</b>	OCEANIA	<b>0.86</b>	<b>0.6</b>
- Australia	0.82	0.5	- Australia	0.72	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	2.02	<b>1.3</b>	Miscellaneous	0.02	<b>0.0</b>
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#### Belgium's top 20 customers / 4 months 2011

Exports / Ranking	USD billions	EUR millions	% of the total
1 - Germany	<b>28.80</b>	20,796.2	<b>18.0</b>
2 - France	<b>27.12</b>	19,580.2	<b>16.9</b>
3 - Netherlands	<b>19.32</b>	13,953.4	<b>12.1</b>
4 - United Kingdom	10.94	7,896.9	6.8
5 - USA	8.16	5,893.1	5.1
6 - Italy	7.54	5,443.2	4.7
7 - Spain	4.43	3,196.4	2.8
8 - India	3.93	2,840.4	2.5
9 - PR of China	3.28	2,369.7	2.1
10 - GD of Luxembourg	2.77	2,003.8	1.7
11 - Poland	2.62	1,894.9	1.6
12 - Turkey	2.38	1,717.3	1.5
13 - Switzerland	2.38	1,716.0	1.5
14 - Sweden	2.31	1,666.0	1.4
15 - Russian Federation	1.82	1,311.1	1.1
16 - Austria	1.52	1,098.9	1.0
17 - Japan	1.46	1,057.6	0.9
18 - Czech Republic	1.36	984.6	0.9
19 - Hong Kong	1.25	901.7	0.8
20 - Israël	1.18	850.5	0.7

Top 20 / Evolution  
(Compared with the  
period "3 months 2011"):

+ 1 : Austria  
- 1 : Japan

(Total 20 countries: 84.1  
% of the Belgian export)

#### Belgium's top 20 suppliers / 4 months 2011

Imports / Ranking	USD billions	EUR millions	% of the total
1 - Netherlands	<b>30.94</b>	22,340.8	<b>20.0</b>
2 - Germany	<b>23.15</b>	16,718.0	<b>15.0</b>
3 - France	<b>16.59</b>	11,979.4	<b>10.7</b>
4 - USA	8.40	6,063.4	5.4
5 - United Kingdom	8.19	5,913.2	5.3
6 - Ireland	7.27	5,248.7	4.7
7 - PR of China	5.98	4,315.1	3.9
8 - Italy	4.46	3,218.8	2.9
9 - Russian Federation	4.32	3,120.4	2.8
10 - Japan	3.36	2,425.5	2.2
11 - Spain	3.14	2,268.6	2.0
12 - Sweden	3.10	2,239.0	2.0
13 - India	2.72	1,962.3	1.8
14 - Norway	2.17	1,569.1	1.4
15 - Switzerland	1.60	1,158.4	1.0
16 - Poland	1.53	1,107.9	1.0

Top 20 / Evolution  
(Compared with the  
period "3 months 2011"):

New in top 20 : Brazil  
Out of top 20 : Israël

17 - Turkey	1.45	1,050.6	0.9
18 - Czech Rep.	1.37	988.4	0.9
19 - Singapore	1.31	943.4	0.8
20 - Brazil	1.22	883.1	0.8

(Total 20 countries: 85.5 % of the Belgian import)

▣ Sectoral breakdown of the exports & imports / 4 months 2011

Exports / Ranking	USD billions	EUR millions	% of the total
1 • Chemicals & pharmaceuticals products	<b>38.05</b>	27,478.3	<b>23.8</b>
2 • Mineral products	<b>17.97</b>	12,973.9	<b>11.2</b>
3 • Machinery & mechanical appliances	<b>17.39</b>	12,559.9	<b>10.9</b>
4 • Transport equipment	<b>15.61</b>	11,272.4	<b>9.8</b>
5 • Base metals & articles thereof	<b>14.48</b>	10,453.0	<b>9.0</b>
6 • Plastics, rubber & articles thereof	13.77	9,943.6	8.6
7 • Pearls, precious stones & metals	8.39	6,058.2	5.2
8 • Prepared foodstuffs & beverages	6.54	4,723.0	4.1
9 • Textiles & textile articles	5.45	3,933.0	3.4
10 • Optical & precision instruments	3.86	2,784.9	2.4
11 • Vegetable products	3.66	2,641.7	2.3
12 • Live animals & animal products	3.28	2,369.7	2.1
13 • Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	2.74	1,980.1	1.7
14 • Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.78	1,284.5	1.1
15 • Stone, cement & ceramic - Glass	1.66	1,199.2	1.0
16 • Footwear, headgear & umbrella's	1.57	1,134.6	1.0
17 • Non-classified articles (*)	1.44	1,043.2	0.9
18 • Wood, cork & articles thereof	1.02	733.7	0.6
19 • Fats & oils (animal or vegetable)	0.71	512.2	0.4
20 • Hides, skins, leather & furskins	0.46	335.0	0.3
21 • Arms, ammunition & accessories	0.12	89.4	0.1
22 • Works of art, collectors' pieces & antiques	0.02	14.5	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>159.97</b>	<b>115,517.9</b>	<b>100,0</b>

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

- 1 • Pharmaceutical products (44.40 % / - 7.98 %)
- 2 • Mineral fuels, mineral oils (93.96 % / + 50.53 %)
- 3 • Nuclear reactors, boilers & mechanical appliances (68.74 % / + 22.70 %)
- 4 • Vehicles other than railway and parts & accessories (97.43 % / + 25.35 %)
- 5 • Iron & steel (54.04 % / + 38.46 %)

(\*) Non classified in commercial statistics

Imports / Ranking	USD billions	EUR millions	% of the total
1 • Chemicals & pharmaceutical products	<b>31.23</b>	22,553.2	<b>20.2</b>
2 • Mineral products	<b>28.70</b>	20,341.5	<b>18.2</b>
3 • Machinery & mechanical appliances	<b>18.80</b>	13,572.4	<b>12.2</b>
4 • Transport equipment	<b>16.16</b>	11,672.7	<b>10.5</b>
5 • Base metals & articles thereof	<b>12.65</b>	9,132.7	<b>8.2</b>
6 • Plastics, rubber & articles thereof	8.25	5,959.5	5.3
7 • Pearls, precious stones & metals	7.20	5,200.4	4.7
8 • Prepared foodstuffs & beverages	4.82	3,480.5	3.1
9 • Vegetable products	4.65	3,357.9	3.0
10 • Textiles & textile articles	4.49	3,239.0	2.9
11 • Optical & precision instruments	3.79	2,737.4	2.5
12 • Live animals & animal products	2.82	2,035.9	1.8
13 • Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	2.44	1,858.6	1.6
14 • Miscell. manufactured articles	2.26	1,631.7	1.5
15 • Non-classified articles (*)	1.59	1,145.7	1.0
16 • Stone, cement & ceramic - Glass	1.35	976.2	0.9
17 • Wood, cork & articles thereof	1.05	760.7	0.7
18 • Footwear & headgear	1.02	735.7	0.7
19 • Fats & oils (animal/vegetable)	0.87	629.1	0.6
20 • Hides, skins, leather & furskins	0.40	292.2	0.3
21 • Arms, ammunition & accessories	0.06	40.4	0.0
22 • Works of art, collectors' pieces & antiques	0.05	32.7	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>154.48</b>	<b>111,550.2</b>	<b>100,0</b>

(\*) Non classified in commercial statistics

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

1 • Pharmaceutical products (37.78 % / - 16.18 %)  
2 • Mineral fuels, mineral oils (92.42 % / + 53.48 %)  
3 • Nuclear reactors, boilers & mechanical appliances (62.77 % / + 18.90 %)  
4 • Vehicles other than railway and parts & accessories (96.70 % / + 11.43 %)  
5 • Iron & steel (44.00 % / + 38.31 %)