



BELGIUM / Foreign trade's figures

6 MONTHS 2011
(Provisory figures)

Overall developments 2010/2011

Year	Exports	Imports	Balance	Cover (%)
2010 (6 m.)	202.44	189.88	12.56	106.6 %
2011 (6 m.)	245.65	237.65	8.00	103.4 %

(In USD billions) (Average values: 6 m. 2010: USD 1 = EUR 0.7540 /
6 m. 2011: USD 1 = EUR 0.7134)

Developments in the European Union - 2010/2011

Year	Exports	Imports	Balance	Cover (%)
2010 (6 m.)	148.42	133.42	15.00	111.2 %
2011 (6 m.)	178.86	162.16	16.70	110.3 %

(In USD billions)

Geographical breakdown of the exports & imports / 6 months 2011

Exports	USD billions	Total (% of)	Imports	USD billions	Total (% of)
EUROPE	191.79	78.1	EUROPE	177.43	74.7
• European Union	178.86	72.8	• European Union	162.16	68.2
-- Euro area countries (*)	147.61	60.1	-- Euro area countries (*)	136.57	57.5
-- Other EU-countries (**)	31.24	12.7	-- Other EU-countries (**)	25.59	10.8
• Europe outside EU (***)	12.93	5.3	• Europe outside EU (***)	15.27	6.4
• Other Europ. countries	1.18	0.5	• Other Europ. countries	0.38	0.2
ASIA	25.52	10.4	ASIA	32.44	13.6
- India	6.26	2.5	- PR of China	9.75	4.1
AMERICA	17.35	7.1	AMERICA	20.66	8.7
- USA	12.10	4.9	- USA	13.29	5.6
AFRICA	6.54	2.7	AFRICA	5.85	2.5
- South Africa	1.11	0.5	- South Africa	1.39	0.6
OCEANIA	1.42	0.6	OCEANIA	1.26	0.5
- Australia	1.25	0.5	- Australia	0.96	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	3.02	1.2	Miscellaneous	0.03	0.0
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■ Belgium's top 20 customers / 6 months 2011

Exports / Ranking	USD billions	EUR millions	% of the total
1 - Germany	39.63	28,275.0	16.1
2 - France	35.74	25,495.8	14.5
3 - Netherlands	25.63	18,285.5	10.4
4 - United Kingdom	14.71	10,493.7	6.0
5 - USA	12.50	8,919.4	5.1
6 - Italy	9.94	7,090.0	4.0
7 - Spain	6.63	4,729.0	2.7
8 - India	4.84	3,453.7	2.0
9 - GD of Luxembourg	3.84	2,738.1	1.6
10 - PR of China	3.66	2,614.2	1.5
11 - Poland	3.44	2,455.3	1.4
12 - Sweden	3.05	2,175.7	1.2
13 - Turkey	2.60	1,857.4	1.1
14 - Switzerland	2.57	1,831.4	1.0
15 - Austria	2.10	1,497.0	0.9
16 - Russian Federation	2.09	1,493.5	0.9
17 - Japan	1.88	1,338.4	0.8
18 - Czech Republic	1.81	1,291.0	0.7
19 - Hong Kong	1.77	1,260.9	0.7
20 - Denmark	1.57	1,123.3	0.6

Top 20 / Evolution
(Compared with the
period "5 months 2011"):

+ 1 : Austria / Czech Rep.
/ GD of Luxembourg /
Sweden / Turkey
- 2 : Switzerland
- 1 : PR of China / Hong
Kong / Russian Fed.
New in top 20 : Denmark
Out of top 20 : Israël

(Total 20 countries: 73.2
% of the Belgian export)

■ Belgium's top 20 suppliers / 6 months 2011

Imports / Ranking	USD billions	EUR millions	% of the total
1 - Netherlands	37.21	26,544.2	15.7
2 - Germany	33.04	23,570.6	13.9
3 - France	23.61	16,845.4	9.9
4 - USA	11.45	8,171.9	4.8
5 - Ireland	11.03	7,867.2	4.6
6 - United Kingdom	10.39	7,411.8	4.4
7 - PR of China	7.73	5,517.7	3.3
8 - Italy	6.26	4,462.9	2.6
9 - Japan	4.74	3,381.8	2.0
10 - Russian Federation	4.35	3,100.0	1.8
11 - Spain	4.14	2,953.3	1.7
12 - Sweden	3.71	2,648.5	1.6
13 - India	2.57	1,833.5	1.1
14 - Norway	2.31	1,648.8	1.0
15 - Switzerland	2.01	1,433.5	0.8
16 - Poland	1.97	1,403.3	0.8

Top 20 / Evolution
(Compared with the
period "5 months 2011"):

+ 2 : Singapore
+ 1 : Ireland / Japan
- 1 : Czech Rep. / Russian
Fed. / Turkey / United
Kingdom
New in top 20 : GD of
Luxembourg
Out of top 20 : Brazil

17 - Singapore	1.84	1,311.2	0.8
18 - Turkey	1.70	1,213.3	0.7
19 - Czech Rep.	1.63	1,161.9	0.7
20 - GD of Luxembourg	1.50	1,072.7	0.6

(Total 20 countries: 72.8 % of the Belgian import)

▣ Sectoral breakdown of the exports & imports / 6 months 2011

Exports / Ranking	USD billions	EUR millions	% of the total
1 • Chemicals & pharmaceutical products	58.38	41,650.1	23.8
2 • Mineral products	27.89	19,893.7	11.4
3 • Machinery & mechanical appliances	27.04	19,291.2	11.0
4 • Transport equipment	23.56	16,804.3	9.6
5 • Base metals & articles thereof	22.12	15,783.2	9.0
6 • Plastics, rubber & articles thereof	21.27	15,177.4	8.7
7 • Pearls, precious stones & metals	12.88	9,186.0	5.2
8 • Prepared foodstuffs & beverages	10.13	7,228.5	4.1
9 • Textiles & textile articles	8.15	5,811.8	3.3
10 • Optical & precision instruments	5.99	4,271.9	2.4
11 • Vegetable products	5.56	3,964.3	2.3
12 • Live animals & animal products	5.05	3,604.4	2.1
13 • Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	4.19	2,985.8	1.7
14 • Miscell. manufactured articles	2.75	1,964.8	1.1
15 • Stone, cement & ceramic - Glass	2.62	1,867.7	1.1
16 • Non-classified articles (*)	2.22	1,581.1	0.9
17 • Footwear & headgear	2.18	1,553.5	0.9
18 • Wood, cork & articles thereof	1.60	1,140.1	0.7
19 • Fats & oils (animal/vegetable)	1.12	798.0	0.5
20 • Hides, skins, leather & furskins	0.74	531.2	0.3
21 • Arms, ammunition & accessories	0.18	129.2	0.1
22 • Works of art, collectors' pieces & antiques	0.04	26.2	0.0
TOTAL	245.65	175,244.3	100,0

(*) Non classified in commercial statistics

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

- 1 • Pharmaceutical products (43.39 % / - 6.63 %)
- 2 • Mineral fuels, mineral oils (94.52 % / + 50.94 %)
- 3 • Nuclear reactors, boilers & mechanical appliances (68.63 % / + 21.05 %)
- 4 • Vehicles other than railway and parts & accessories (97.41 % / + 20.43 %)
- 5 • Iron & steel (54.18 % / + 30.95 %)

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

Imports / Top 5
Principal chapter with % /

products	47.78	34,083.5	20.1
2 • Mineral products	41.94	29,922.1	17.6
3 • Machinery & mechanical appliances	29.34	20,929.0	12.3
4 • Transport equipment	24.60	17,546.5	10.3
5 • Base metals & articles thereof	19.99	14,258.3	8.4
6 • Pearls, precious stones & metals	11.94	8,515.6	5.0
7 • Plastics, rubber & articles thereof	12.78	9,120.4	5.4
8 • Prepared foodstuffs & beverages	7.51	5,354.7	3.2
9 • Vegetable products	7.00	4,991.5	2.9
10 • Textiles & textile articles	6.89	4,918.2	2.9
11 • Optical & precision instruments	5.87	4,189.9	2.5
12 • Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	4.29	3,062.9	1.8
13 • Live animals & animal products	4.28	3,053.7	1.8
14 • Miscell. manufactured articles	3.48	2,485.1	1.5
15 • Non-classified articles (*)	2.56	1,824.1	1.1
16 • Stone, cement & ceramic - Glass	2.10	1,497.6	0.9
17 • Wood, cork & articles thereof	1.68	1,195.3	0.7
18 • Footwear & headgear	1.44	1,026.4	0.6
19 • Fats & oils (animal/vegetable)	1.38	986.2	0.6
20 • Hides, skins, leather & furskins	0.65	460.8	0.3
21 • Arms, ammunition & accessories	0.08	60.0	0.0
22 • Works of art, collectors' pieces & antiques	0.08	56.2	0.0
TOTAL	237.65	169,537.8	100,0

(*) Non classified in commercial statistics

Variation compared with the same period in 2010:

1 • Pharmaceutical products (37.24 % / - 17.05 %)
2 • Mineral fuels, mineral oils (92.28 % / + 47.14 %)
3 • Nuclear reactors, boilers & mechanical appliances (62.47 % / + 19.13 %)
4 • Vehicles other than railway and parts & accessories (96.43 % / + 12.33 %)
5 • Iron & steel (45.09 % / + 36.64 %)