



BELGIUM / Foreign trade's figures

7 MONTHS 2011
(Provisory figures)

Overall developments 2010/2011

Year	Exports	Imports	Balance	Cover (%)
2010 (7 m.)	234.86	219.99	14.87	106.8 %
2011 (7 m.)	284.37	274.51	9.86	103.6 %

(In USD billions) (Average values: 7 m. 2010: USD 1 = EUR 0.7584 /
7 m. 2011: USD 1 = EUR 0.7113)

Developments in the European Union - 2010/2011

Year	Exports	Imports	Balance	Cover (%)
2010 (7 m.)	171.27	154.05	17.22	111.2 %
2011 (7 m.)	206.15	186.87	19.28	110.3 %

(In USD billions)

Geographical breakdown of the exports & imports / 7 months 2011

Exports	USD billions	Total (% of)	Imports	USD billions	Total (% of)
EUROPE	221.21	77.8	EUROPE	204.56	74.5
• European Union	206.15	72.5	• European Union	186.87	68.1
-- Euro area countries (*)	170.21	59.9	-- Euro area countries (*)	157.21	57.3
-- Other EU-countries (**)	35.94	12.6	-- Other EU-countries (**)	29.66	10.8
• Europe outside EU (***)	15.07	5.3	• Europe outside EU (***)	17.69	6.4
• Other Europ. countries	1.36	0.5	• Other Europ. countries	0.46	0.2
ASIA	30.32	10.7	ASIA	37.81	13.8
- India	7.58	2.7	- PR of China	11.48	4.2
AMERICA	19.81	7.0	AMERICA	23.84	8.7
- USA	13.71	4.8	- USA	15.17	5.5
AFRICA	7.82	2.7	AFRICA	6.76	2.5
- Nigeria	1.33	0.5	- South Africa	1.63	0.6
OCEANIA	1.61	0.6	OCEANIA	1.51	0.6
- Australia	1.41	0.5	- Australia	1.15	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	3.60	1.3	Miscellaneous	0.03	0.0
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■ Belgium's top 20 customers / 7 months 2011

Exports / Ranking	USD billions	EUR millions	% of the total
1 - Germany	50.97	36,252.3	17.9
2 - France	47.87	34,050.1	16.8
3 - Netherlands	34.48	24,528.3	12.1
4 - United Kingdom	19.68	14,001.0	6.9
5 - USA	13.71	9,752.9	4.8
6 - Italy	13.65	9,708.1	4.8
7 - Spain	7.82	5,559.6	2.7
8 - India	7.58	5,388.4	2.7
9 - PR of China	5.74	4,083.1	2.0
11 - GD of Luxembourg	5.03	3,581.0	1.8
11 - Poland	4.60	3,270.3	1.6
12 - Switzerland	4.13	2,940.9	1.5
13 - Turkey	4.07	2,898.3	1.4
14 - Sweden	4.00	2,843.7	1.4
15 - Russian Federation	3.60	2,558.8	1.3
16 - Austria	2.69	1,915.4	0.9
17 - Japan	2.64	1,876.0	0.9
18 - Czech Republic	2.38	1,690.9	0.8
19 - Hong Kong	2.27	1,616.0	0.8
20 - Israël	2.11	1,499.8	0.7

Top 20 / Evolution
(Compared with the
period "6 months 2011"):

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

(Total 20 countries: 83.8
% of the Belgian export)

■ Belgium's top 20 suppliers / 7 months 2011

Imports / Ranking	USD billions	EUR millions	% of the total
1 - Netherlands	53.82	38,283.0	19.6
2 - Germany	40.23	28,617.5	14.7
3 - France	29.40	20,913.6	10.7
4 - United Kingdom	8.20	6,247.6	5.5
5 - USA	15.17	10,793.8	5.5
6 - Ireland	12.72	9,047.3	4.6
7 - PR of China	11.48	8,163.9	4.2
8 - Italy	8.04	5,721.7	2.9
9 - Russian Federation	7.73	5,499.1	2.8
10 - Japan	5.61	3,993.8	2.0
11 - Spain	5.55	3,944.7	2.0
12 - Sweden	5.38	3,824.4	2.0
13 - India	4.63	3,290.5	1.7
14 - Norway	3.61	2,568.8	1.3
15 - Switzerland	3.02	2,149.0	1.1
16 - Poland	2.64	1,880.6	1.0

Top 20 / Evolution
(Compared with the
period "6 months 2011"):

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

17 - Turkey	2.58	1,832.7	0.9
18 - Czech Rep.	2.33	1,657.9	0.8
19 - Singapore	2.28	1,619.1	0.8
20 - United Arab Emirates	2.21	1,571.8	0.8

(Total 20 countries: 85.2 % of the Belgian import)

▣ Sectoral breakdown of the exports & imports / 7 months 2011

Exports / Ranking	USD billions	EUR millions	% of the total
1 • Chemicals & pharmaceuticals products	66.65	47,406.3	23.4
2 • Mineral products	32.83	23,350.3	11.5
3 • Machinery & mechanical appliances	31.07	22,096.9	10.9
4 • Base metals & articles thereof	27.01	19,209.4	9.5
5 • Transport equipment	25.64	18,238.6	9.0
6 • Plastics, rubber & articles thereof	24.55	17,461.3	8.6
7 • Pearls, precious stones & metals	15.73	11,186.8	5.5
8 • Prepared foodstuffs & beverages	11.75	8,359.4	4.1
9 • Textiles & textile articles	9.57	6,810.1	3.4
10 • Optical & precision instruments	6.89	4,904.4	2.4
11 • Vegetable products	6.36	4,521.9	2.2
12 • Live animals & animal products	5.85	4,159.5	2.1
13 • Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	4.85	3,448.3	1.7
14 • Footwear & headgear	3.17	2,255.3	1.1
15 • Miscell. manufactured articles	2.97	2,114.6	1.0
16 • Stone, cement & ceramic - Glass	2.66	1,891.5	0.9
17 • Non-classified articles (*)	2.55	1,811.8	0.9
18 • Wood, cork & articles thereof	1.83	1,301.2	0.6
19 • Fats & oils (animal/vegetable)	1.30	924.6	0.5
20 • Hides, skins, leather & furskins	0.90	641.7	0.3
21 • Arms, ammunition & accessories	0.21	148.8	0.1
22 • Works of art, collectors' pieces & antiques	0.04	31.8	0.0
TOTAL	284.37	202,274.5	100,0

(*) Non classified in commercial statistics

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

- 1 • Pharmaceutical products (42.92 % / - 9.99 %)
- 2 • Mineral fuels, mineral oils (94.66 % / + 47.99 %)
- 3 • Nuclear reactors, boilers & mechanical appliances (68.65 % / + 19.42 %)
- 4 • Vehicles other than railway and parts & accessories (97.20 % / + 20.74 %)
- 5 • Iron & steel (54.01 % / + 27.68 %)

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

Imports / Top 5
Principal chapter with % /

products	54.80	38,979.6	20.0
2 • Mineral products	48.80	34,711.2	17.8
3 • Machinery & mechanical appliances	33.62	23,912.2	12.2
4 • Transport equipment	28.08	19,976.7	10.2
5 • Base metals & articles thereof	23.05	16,397.0	8.4
7 • Plastics, rubber & articles thereof	14.21	10,104.3	5.2
7 • Pearls, precious stones & metals	14.72	10,472.5	5.4
8 • Prepared foodstuffs & beverages	8.78	6,246.6	3.2
9 • Textiles & textile articles	8.15	5,794.6	3.0
10 • Vegetable products	8.10	5,758.9	2.9
11 • Optical & precision instruments	6.78	4,821.5	2.5
12 • Live animals & animal products	4.97	3,536.9	1.8
13 • Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	4.96	3,528.4	1.8
14 • Miscell. manufactured articles	4.00	2,847.6	1.5
15 • Non-classified articles (*)	2.89	2,057.9	1.1
16 • Stone, cement & ceramic - Glass	2.40	1,704.7	0.9
17 • Fats & oils (animal/vegetable)	1.90	1,354.9	0.7
18 • Footwear & headgear	1.69	1,200.5	0.6
19 • Wood, cork & articles thereof	1.63	1,162.8	0.6
20 • Hides, skins, leather & furskins	0.78	554.3	0.3
21 • Works of art, collectors' pieces & antiques	0.09	66.9	0.0
22 • Arms, ammunition & accessories	0.09	66.5	0.0
TOTAL	274.51	195,256.5	100,0

(*) Non classified in commercial statistics

Variation compared with the same period in 2010:

1 • Pharmaceutical products (37.07 % / - 19.75 %)
2 • Mineral fuels, mineral oils (92.38 % / + 45.77 %)
3 • Nuclear reactors, boilers & mechanical appliances (62.70 % / + 17.40 %)
4 • Vehicles other than railway and parts & accessories (96.47 % / + 11.82 %)
5 • Iron & steel (45.30 % / + 36.99 %)