



BELGIUM / Foreign trade's figures

8 MONTHS 2011  
(Provisory figures)

Overall developments 2010/2011

Year	Exports	Imports	Balance	Cover (%)
2010 (8 m.)	265.31	249.77	15.54	106.2 %
2011 (8 m.)	<b>322.61</b>	<b>312.67</b>	<b>9.94</b>	<b>103.2 %</b>

(In USD billions) (Average values: 8 m. 2010: USD 1 = EUR 0.7605 /  
8 m. 2011: USD 1 = EUR 0.7094)

Developments in the European Union - 2010/2011

Year	Exports	Imports	Balance	Cover (%)
2010 (8 m.)	193.22	173.96	19.26	111.1 %
2011 (8 m.)	<b>233.76</b>	<b>212.00</b>	<b>21.76</b>	<b>110.3 %</b>

(In USD billions)

Geographical breakdown of the exports & imports / 8 months 2011

Exports	USD billions	Total (% of)	Imports	USD billions	Total (% of)
EUROPE	<b>251.08</b>	<b>77.8</b>	EUROPE	<b>232.18</b>	<b>74.3</b>
• European Union	233.76	72.5	• European Union	212.00	67.8
-- Euro area countries (*)	192.85	59.8	-- Euro area countries (*)	177.98	56.9
-- Other EU-countries (**)	40.91	12.7	-- Other EU-countries (**)	34.02	10.9
• Europe outside EU (***)	17.33	5.4	• Europe outside EU (***)	20.18	6.5
• Other Europ. countries	1.53	0.5	• Other Europ. countries	0.51	0.2
ASIA	<b>33.70</b>	<b>10.4</b>	ASIA	<b>43.63</b>	<b>14.0</b>
- India	8.09	2.5	- PR of China	13.55	4.3
AMERICA	<b>23.05</b>	<b>7.1</b>	AMERICA	<b>27.41</b>	<b>8.8</b>
- USA	16.03	5.0	- USA	17.36	5.6
AFRICA	<b>8.91</b>	<b>2.8</b>	AFRICA	<b>7.72</b>	<b>2.5</b>
- South Africa	1.49	0.5	- South Africa	1.82	0.6
OCEANIA	<b>1.83</b>	<b>0.6</b>	OCEANIA	<b>1.70</b>	<b>0.5</b>
- Australia	1.60	0.5	- Australia	1.29	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	4.04	<b>1.3</b>	Miscellaneous	0.03	<b>0.0</b>
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#### Belgium's top 20 customers / 8 months 2011

Exports / Ranking	USD billions	EUR millions	% of the total
1 - Germany	<b>58.35</b>	41,395.7	<b>18.1</b>
2 - France	<b>53.78</b>	38,151.9	<b>16.7</b>
3 - Netherlands	<b>39.50</b>	28,024.6	<b>12.2</b>
4 - United Kingdom	22.37	15,871.9	6.9
5 - USA	16.03	11,370.2	5.0
6 - Italy	14.94	10,597.6	4.6
7 - Spain	8.76	6,211.1	2.7
8 - India	8.09	5,736.5	2.5
9 - PR of China	6.45	4,574.8	2.0
10 - GD of Luxembourg	5.74	4,072.9	1.8
11 - Poland	5.22	3,706.1	1.6
12 - Switzerland	4.69	3,327.6	1.5
13 - Turkey	4.62	3,274.4	1.4
14 - Sweden	4.54	3,217.3	1.4
15 - Russian Federation	4.30	3,047.7	1.3
16 - Japan	3.10	2,196.6	1.0
17 - Austria	3.04	2,154.7	0.9
18 - Czech Republic	2.71	1,921.6	0.8
19 - Hong Kong	2.49	1,766.8	0.8
20 - Israël	2.30	1,631.5	0.7

Top 20 / Evolution  
(Compared with the  
period "7 months 2011"):

+ 1 : Japan  
- 1 : Austria

(Total 20 countries: 83.9  
% of the Belgian export)

#### Belgium's top 20 suppliers / 8 months 2011

Imports / Ranking	USD billions	EUR millions	% of the total
1 - Netherlands	<b>61.51</b>	43,633.6	<b>19.7</b>
2 - Germany	<b>45.81</b>	32,498.5	<b>14.7</b>
3 - France	<b>32.91</b>	23,344.5	<b>10.5</b>
4 - United Kingdom	18.44	13,080.9	5.9
5 - USA	17.36	12,317.0	5.6
6 - Ireland	14.19	10,066.7	4.5
7 - PR of China	13.55	9,609.7	4.3
8 - Italy	8.98	6,371.1	2.9
9 - Russian Federation	8.80	6,244.7	2.8
10 - Japan	6.40	4,538.9	2.0
11 - Spain	6.13	4,346.3	2.0
12 - Sweden	5.98	4,240.2	1.9
13 - India	5.38	3,816.4	1.7
14 - Norway	4.05	2,871.1	1.3
15 - Switzerland	3.54	2,507.9	1.1
16 - Poland	2.99	2,123.6	1.0

Top 20 / Evolution  
(Compared with the  
period "7 months 2011"):

New in top 20 : Brazil  
Out of top 20 : United  
Arab Emirates

17 - Turkey	2.96	2,102.8	0.9
18 - Czech Rep.	2.63	1,867.0	0.8
19 - Singapore	2.62	1,855.8	0.8
20 - Brazil	2.58	1,833.4	0.8

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

#### ▣ Sectoral breakdown of the exports & imports / 8 months 2011

Exports / Ranking	USD billions	EUR millions	% of the total
1 • Chemicals & pharmaceuticals products	<b>76.46</b>	54,239.8	<b>23.7</b>
2 • Mineral products	<b>37.41</b>	26,540.1	<b>11.6</b>
3 • Machinery & mechanical appliances	<b>35.32</b>	25,056.0	<b>10.9</b>
4 • Transport equipment	<b>29.89</b>	21,206.3	<b>9.3</b>
5 • Base metals & articles thereof	<b>28.92</b>	20,517.6	<b>9.0</b>
6 • Plastics, rubber & articles thereof	27.84	19,750.3	8.6
7 • Pearls, precious stones & metals	17.11	12,137.4	5.3
8 • Prepared foodstuffs & beverages	13.54	9,602.7	4.2
9 • Textiles & textile articles	10.99	7,795.2	3.4
10 • Optical & precision instruments	7.75	5,495.0	2.4
11 • Vegetable products	7.18	5,090.6	2.2
12 • Live animals & animal products	6.69	4,743.2	2.1
13 • Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	5.56	3,945.4	1.7
14 • Miscell. manufactured articles	3.61	2,562.1	1.1
15 • Stone, cement & ceramic - Glass	3.36	2,382.9	1.0
16 • Footwear & headgear	3.24	2,298.4	1.0
17 • Non-classified articles (*)	2.88	2,043.1	0.9
18 • Wood, cork & articles thereof	2.03	1,443.6	0.6
19 • Fats & oils (animal/vegetable)	1.50	1,061.1	0.5
20 • Hides, skins, leather & furskins	1.06	752.2	0.3
21 • Arms, ammunition & accessories	0.23	162.8	0.1
22 • Works of art, collectors' pieces & antiques	0.05	35.4	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>322.61</b>	<b>228,861.3</b>	<b>100,0</b>

(\*) Non classified in commercial statistics

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

- 1 • Pharmaceutical products (43.17 % / - 8.43 %)
- 2 • Mineral fuels, mineral oils (94.78 % / + 46.27 %)
- 3 • Nuclear reactors, boilers & mechanical appliances (68.60 % / + 18.68 %)
- 4 • Vehicles other than railway and parts & accessories (97.15 % / + 18.76 %)
- 5 • Iron & steel (53.93 % / + 27.08 %)

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

Imports / Top 5  
Principal chapter with % /

products	<b>62.42</b>	44,280.1	<b>20.0</b>
2 • Mineral products	<b>55.75</b>	39,551.9	<b>17.8</b>
3 • Machinery & mechanical appliances	<b>38.31</b>	27,174.3	<b>12.3</b>
4 • Transport equipment	<b>30.96</b>	21,963.4	<b>9.9</b>
5 • Base metals & articles thereof	<b>26.09</b>	18,509.2	<b>8.3</b>
6 • Plastics, rubber & articles thereof	16.83	11,937.0	5.4
7 • Pearls, precious stones & metals	16.50	11,702.2	5.3
8 • Prepared foodstuffs & beverages	10.16	7,206.6	3.2
9 • Textiles & textile articles	9.41	6,675.1	3.0
10 • Vegetable products	9.26	6,568.7	3.0
11 • Optical & precision instruments	7.68	5,446.7	2.5
12 • Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	5.71	4,052.1	1.8
13 • Live animals & animal products	5.71	4,050.2	1.8
14 • Miscell. manufactured articles	4.60	3,263.6	1.5
15 • Non-classified articles (*)	3.36	2,381.5	1.1
16 • Stone, cement & ceramic - Glass	2.74	1,944.7	0.9
17 • Wood, cork & articles thereof	2.18	1,548.8	0.7
18 • Footwear & headgear	1.97	1,400.8	0.6
19 • Fats & oils (animal/vegetable)	1.90	1,350.6	0.6
20 • Hides, skins, leather & furskins	0.92	649.6	0.3
21 • Arms, ammunition & accessories	0.11	77.2	0.0
22 • Works of art, collectors' pieces & antiques	0.10	72.5	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>312.67</b>	<b>221,807.0</b>	<b>100,0</b>

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*Variation compared with the same period in 2010:*

1 • Pharmaceutical products (36.96 % / - 19.06 %)  
2 • Mineral fuels, mineral oils (92.38 % / + 45.92 %)  
3 • Nuclear reactors, boilers & mechanical appliances (62.73 % / + 17.14 %)  
4 • Vehicles other than railway and parts & accessories (96.38 % / + 11.14 %)  
5 • Iron & steel (45.53 % / + 36.86 %)