



BELGIUM / Foreign trade's figures

9 MONTHS 2011  
(Provisory figures)

Overall developments 2010/2011

Year	Exports	Imports	Balance	Cover (%)
2010 (9 m.)	301.84	283.81	18.03	106.4 %
2011 (9 m.)	<b>363.25</b>	<b>353.17</b>	<b>10.08</b>	<b>102.9 %</b>

(In USD billions) (Average values: 9 m. 2010: USD 1 = EUR 0.7613 / 9 m. 2011: USD 1 = EUR 0.7111)

Developments in the European Union - 2010/2011

Year	Exports	Imports	Balance	Cover (%)
2010 (9 m.)	220.15	197.54	22.61	111.4 %
2011 (9 m.)	<b>263.94</b>	<b>240.05</b>	<b>23.89</b>	<b>110.0 %</b>

(In USD billions)

Geographical breakdown of the exports & imports / 9 months 2011

Exports	USD billions	Total (% of)	Imports	USD billions	Total (% of)
EUROPE	<b>283.47</b>	<b>78.0</b>	EUROPE	<b>262.57</b>	<b>74.3</b>
• European Union	263.94	72.7	• European Union	240.05	68.0
-- Euro area countries (*)	217.48	59.9	-- Euro area countries (*)	201.17	57.0
-- Other EU-countries (**)	46.46	12.8	-- Other EU-countries (**)	38.88	11.0
• Europe outside EU (***)	19.53	5.4	• Europe outside EU (***)	22.52	6.4
• Other Europ. countries	1.67	0.5	• Other Europ. countries	0.57	0.2
ASIA	<b>37.45</b>	<b>10.3</b>	ASIA	<b>49.01</b>	<b>13.9</b>
- India	8.79	2.4	- PR of China	15.35	4.3
AMERICA	<b>25.55</b>	<b>7.0</b>	AMERICA	<b>31.00</b>	<b>8.8</b>
- USA	17.75	4.9	- USA	19.81	5.6
AFRICA	<b>10.18</b>	<b>2.8</b>	AFRICA	<b>8.63</b>	<b>2.4</b>
- South Africa	1.67	0.5	- South Africa	2.01	0.6
OCEANIA	<b>2.06</b>	<b>0.6</b>	OCEANIA	<b>1.93</b>	<b>0.5</b>
- Australia	1.80	0.5	- Australia	1.48	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	4.53	<b>1.2</b>	Miscellaneous	0.03	<b>0.0</b>
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#### ■ Belgium's top 20 customers / 9 months 2011

Exports / Ranking	USD billions	EUR millions	% of the total
1 - Germany	<b>66.31</b>	47,152.2	<b>18.3</b>
2 - France	<b>60.42</b>	42,963.3	<b>16.6</b>
3 - Netherlands	<b>44.34</b>	31,530.5	<b>12.2</b>
4 - United Kingdom	25.48	18,116.2	7.0
5 - USA	17.75	12,619.0	4.9
6 - Italy	16.73	11,894.9	4.6
7 - Spain	9.86	7,013.3	2.7
8 - India	8.79	6,249.9	2.4
9 - PR of China	7.33	5,212.1	2.0
10 - GD of Luxembourg	6.50	4,618.6	1.8
11 - Poland	5.87	4,174.6	1.6
12 - Switzerland	5.37	3,821.6	1.5
13 - Sweden	5.13	3,647.7	1.4
14 - Turkey	5.11	3,636.0	1.4
15 - Russian Federation	4.87	3,463.5	1.3
16 - Austria	3.43	2,440.4	0.9
17 - Japan	3.43	2,440.1	0.9
18 - Czech Republic	3.05	2,171.0	0.8
19 - Hong Kong	2.78	1,978.5	0.8
20 - Denmark	2.61	1,857.4	0.7

Top 20 / Evolution  
(Compared with the  
period "8 months 2011"):

+ 1 : Austria / Sweden  
- 1 : Japan / Turkey  
New in top 20 : Denmark  
Out of top 20 : Israël

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

#### ■ Belgium's top 20 suppliers / 9 months 2011

Imports / Ranking	USD billions	EUR millions	% of the total
1 - Netherlands	<b>69.27</b>	49,261.4	<b>19.6</b>
2 - Germany	<b>52.13</b>	37,072.2	<b>14.8</b>
3 - France	<b>37.38</b>	26,581.4	<b>10.6</b>
4 - United Kingdom	21.05	14,970.2	6.0
5 - USA	19.81	14,084.2	5.6
6 - Ireland	15.84	11,262.2	4.5
7 - PR of China	15.35	10,915.2	4.3
8 - Italy	10.14	7,211.6	2.9
9 - Russian Federation	9.70	6,896.5	2.7
10 - Japan	7.09	5,040.3	2.0
11 - Spain	6.90	4,906.1	2.0
12 - Sweden	6.81	4,842.3	1.9
13 - India	6.05	4,299.4	1.7
14 - Norway	4.62	3,281.8	1.3
15 - Switzerland	3.94	2,802.4	1.1
16 - Poland	3.38	2,405.9	1.0

Top 20 / Evolution  
(Compared with the  
period "8 months 2011"):

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17 - Turkey	3.31	2,355.1	0.9
18 - Czech Rep.	3.01	2,141.6	0.9
19 - Singapore	2.96	2,105.1	0.8
20 - Brazil	2.87	2,044.1	0.8

(Total 20 countries: 85.4 % of the Belgian import)

▣ Sectoral breakdown of the exports & imports / 9 months 2011

Exports / Ranking	USD billions	EUR millions	% of the total
1 • Chemicals & pharmaceuticals products	<b>85.40</b>	60,726.3	<b>23.5</b>
2 • Mineral products	<b>41.86</b>	29,767.4	<b>11.5</b>
3 • Machinery & mechanical appliances	<b>39.72</b>	28,244.7	<b>10.9</b>
4 • Transport equipment	<b>33.88</b>	24,093.7	<b>9.3</b>
5 • Base metals & articles thereof	<b>32.61</b>	23,192.2	<b>9.0</b>
6 • Plastics, rubber & articles thereof	31.11	22,123.0	8.6
7 • Pearls, precious stones & metals	19.90	14,148.3	5.5
8 • Prepared foodstuffs & beverages	15.44	10,982.0	4.3
9 • Textiles & textile articles	12.49	8,883.4	3.4
10 • Optical & precision instruments	8.75	6,223.2	2.4
11 • Vegetable products	8.02	5,705.1	2.2
12 • Live animals & animal products	7.52	5,344.4	2.1
13 • Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	6.32	4,492.1	1.7
14 • Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4.09	2,907.1	1.1
15 • Stone, cement & ceramic - Glass	3.81	2,707.8	1.0
16 • Footwear & headgear	3.61	2,566.6	1.0
17 • Non-classified articles (*)	3.24	2,301.5	0.9
18 • Wood, cork & articles thereof	2.28	1,618.5	0.6
19 • Fats & oils (animal/vegetable)	1.70	1,207.1	0.5
20 • Hides, skins, leather & furskins	1.19	848.4	0.3
21 • Arms, ammunition & accessories	0.26	183.4	0.1
22 • Works of art, collectors' pieces & antiques	0.06	39.6	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>363.25</b>	<b>258,305.6</b>	<b>100,0</b>

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

- 1 • Pharmaceutical products (43.05 % / - 8.74 %)
- 2 • Mineral fuels, mineral oils (94.55 % / + 43.94 %)
- 3 • Nuclear reactors, boilers & mechanical appliances (68.44 % / + 17.08 %)
- 4 • Vehicles other than railway and parts & accessories (97.19 % / + 16.58 %)
- 5 • Iron & steel (53.87 % / + 24.86 %)

(\*) Non classified in commercial statistics

Imports / Ranking	USD billions	EUR millions	% of the total
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Imports / Top 5

1 • Chemicals & pharmaceutical products	<b>70.03</b>	49,798.3	<b>19.8</b>
2 • Mineral products	<b>62.70</b>	44,585.4	<b>17.8</b>
3 • Machinery & mechanical appliances	<b>43.61</b>	31,014.2	<b>12.3</b>
4 • Transport equipment	<b>34.96</b>	24,861.3	<b>9.9</b>
5 • Base metals & articles thereof	<b>29.27</b>	20,815.1	<b>8.3</b>
6 • Plastics, rubber & articles thereof	19.10	13,582.4	5.4
7 • Pearls, precious stones & metals	18.72	13,310.6	5.3
8 • Prepared foodstuffs & beverages	11.57	8,226.6	3.3
9 • Textiles & textile articles	10.78	7,668.5	3.1
10 • Vegetable products	10.37	7,377.2	2.9
11 • Optical & precision instruments	8.64	6,146.6	2.4
12 • Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	6.52	4,634.7	1.8
13 • Live animals & animal products	6.41	4,560.8	1.8
14 • Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5.24	3,724.5	1.5
15 • Non-classified articles (*)	4.06	2,884.6	1.1
16 • Stone, cement & ceramic - Glass	3.10	2,204.1	0.9
17 • Wood, cork & articles thereof	2.47	1,758.4	0.7
18 • Footwear, headgear & umbrella's	2.19	1,558.5	0.6
19 • Fats & oils (animal or vegetable)	2.13	1,517.3	0.6
20 • Hides, skins, leather & furskins	1.05	748.4	0.3
21 • Arms, ammunition & accessories	0.12	84.1	0.0
22 • Works of art, collectors' pieces & antiques	0.11	78.3	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>353.17</b>	<b>251,140.2</b>	<b>100,0</b>

(\*) Non classified in commercial statistics

*Principal chapter with % / Variation compared with the same period in 2010:*

1 • Pharmaceutical products (36.91 % / - 19.43 %)  
2 • Mineral fuels, mineral oils (92.26 % / + 44.80 %)  
3 • Nuclear reactors, boilers & mechanical appliances (62.77 % / + 16.74 %)  
4 • Vehicles other than railway and parts & accessories (96.61 % / + 10.05 %)  
5 • Iron & steel (45.04 % / + 34.35 %)