



BELGIUM / Foreign trade's figures

11 MONTHS 2011
(Provisory figures)

Overall developments 2010/2011

Year	Exports	Imports	Balance	Cover (%)
2010 (11 m.)	377.53	356.22	21.31	106.0 %
2011 (11 m.)	442.05	428.37	13.68	103.2 %

(In USD billions) (Average values: 11 m. 2010: USD 1 = EUR 0.7550 / 11 m. 2011: USD 1 = EUR 0.7145)

Developments in the European Union - 2010/2011

Year	Exports	Imports	Balance	Cover (%)
2010 (11 m.)	275.60	247.93	27.67	111.2 %
2011 (11 m.)	320.11	291.36	28.75	109.9 %

(In USD billions)

Geographical breakdown of the exports & imports / 11 months 2011

EXPORTS	USD billions	Total (% of)	IMPORTS	USD billions	Total (% of)
EUROPE	344.36	77.9	EUROPE	318.55	74.4
• European Union	320.11	72.4	• European Union	291.36	68.0
-- Euro area countries (*)	263.49	59.6	-- Euro area countries (*)	243.91	56.9
-- Other EU-countries (**)	56.62	12.8	-- Other EU-countries (**)	47.45	11.1
• Europe outside EU (***)	24.25	5.5	• Europe outside EU (***)	27.19	6.3
• Other Europ. countries	1.97	0.4	• Other Europ. countries	0.71	0.2
ASIA (****)	45.51	10.3	ASIA (****)	58.98	13.8
- India	10.21	2.3	- PR of China	18.54	4.3
AMERICA	31.56	7.1	AMERICA	38.01	8.9
- United States	21.94	5.0	- United States	24.22	5.7
AFRICA	12.48	2.8	AFRICA	10.43	2.4
- South Africa	2.08	0.5	- South Africa	2.45	0.6
OCEANIA	2.53	0.6	OCEANIA	2.36	0.6
- Australia	2.19	0.5	- Australia	1.79	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	5.61	1.3	Miscellaneous	0.04	0.0
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■ Belgium's top 20 customers / 11 months 2011

Exports / Ranking	USD billions	EUR millions	% of the total
1 - Germany	80.69	57,654.5	18.3
2 - France	73.00	52,155.8	16.5
3 - Netherlands	53.66	38,342.2	12.1
4 - United Kingdom	31.06	22,193.9	7.0
5 - USA	21.94	15,677.5	5.0
6 - Italy	20.16	14,404.4	4.6
7 - Spain	11.85	8,465.1	2.7
8 - India	10.21	7,292.1	2.3
9 - PR of China	9.37	6,693.9	2.1
10 - GD of Luxembourg	7.93	5,663.5	1.8
11 - Poland	7.18	5,127.7	1.6
12 - Switzerland	6.88	4,913.7	1.6
13 - Sweden	6.27	4,478.1	1.4
14 - Russian Federation	6.14	4,390.3	1.4
15 - Turkey	6.08	4,340.9	1.4
16 - Japan	4.32	3,087.6	1.0
17 - Austria	4.22	3,018.1	1.0
18 - Czech Republic	3.67	2,618.7	0.8
19 - Brazil	3.18	2,272.2	0.7
20 - Hong Kong	3.17	2,264.8	0.7

Top 20 / Evolution
(Compared with the
period "10 months
2011"):

+ 1 : Russian Fed.
- 1 : Turkey
New in top 20 : Brazil
Out of top 20 : Denmark

(Total 20 countries: 84.0
% of the Belgian export)

■ Belgium's top 20 suppliers / 11 months 2011

Imports / Ranking	USD billions	EUR millions	% of the total
1 - Netherlands	83.92	59,962.4	19.6
2 - Germany	63.01	45,019.4	14.7
3 - France	44.98	32,141.1	10.6
4 - United Kingdom	25.75	18,397.3	6.0
5 - USA	24.22	17,302.8	5.7
6 - Ireland	19.38	13,845.6	4.5
7 - PR of China	18.54	13,243.8	4.3
8 - Italy	12.45	8,896.3	2.9
9 - Russian Federation	11.51	8,221.6	2.7
10 - Japan	8.49	6,063.9	2.0
11 - Spain	8.34	5,957.9	1.9
12 - Sweden	8.34	5,956.0	1.9
13 - India	7.02	5,013.1	1.6
14 - Norway	5.64	4,029.0	1.3
15 - Switzerland	4.76	3,402.5	1.1
16 - Poland	4.09	2,921.0	1.0

Top 20 / Evolution
(Compared with the
period "10 months
2011"):

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17 - Turkey	3.98	2,843.0	0.9
18 - Czech Rep.	3.66	2,613.1	0.9
19 - Singapore	3.66	2,613.1	0.9
20 - Brazil	3.47	2,478.3	0.8

(Total 20 countries: 85.3 % of the Belgian import)

▣ Sectoral breakdown of the exports & imports / 11 months 2011

Exports / Ranking	USD billions	EUR millions	% of the total
1 • Chemicals & pharmaceuticals products	103.58	74,006.6	23.4
2 • Mineral products	50.73	36,246.8	11.5
3 • Machinery & mechanical appliances	48.58	34,713.3	11.0
4 • Transport equipment	41.94	29,964.7	9.5
5 • Base metals & articles thereof	39.17	27,986.5	8.9
6 • Plastics, rubber & articles thereof	37.47	26,774.8	8.5
7 • Pearls, precious stones & metals	23.80	17,004.5	5.4
8 • Prepared foodstuffs & beverages	19.14	13,673.7	4.3
9 • Textiles & textile articles	15.09	10,781.8	3.4
10 • Optical & precision instruments	10.65	7,606.2	2.4
11 • Vegetable products	9.77	6,984.0	2.2
12 • Live animals & animal products	9.21	6,582.0	2.1
13 • Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	7.72	5,512.8	1.7
14 • Miscellaneous manufactured articles	5.05	3,610.5	1.1
15 • Stone, cement & ceramic - Glass	4.65	3,324.1	1.1
16 • Non-classified articles (*)	4.61	3,295.0	1.0
17 • Footwear, headgear & umbrella's	4.23	3,021.3	1.0
18 • Wood, cork & articles thereof	2.74	1,956.4	0.6
19 • Fats & oils (animal or vegetable)	2.08	1,489.5	0.5
20 • Hides, skins, leather & furskins	1.42	1,017.0	0.3
21 • Arms, ammunition & accessories	0.32	232.1	0.1
22 • Works of art, collectors' pieces & antiques	0.08	59.3	0.0
TOTAL	442.05	315,843.1	100,0

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

- 1 • Pharmaceutical products (43.42 % / - 8.12 %)
- 2 • Mineral fuels, mineral oils (94.59 % / + 38.24 %)
- 3 • Nuclear reactors, boilers & mechanical appliances (67.97 % / + 16.39 %)
- 4 • Vehicles other than railway and parts & accessories (97.28 % / + 15.48 %)
- 5 • Iron & steel (54.01 % / + 20.94 %)

(*) Non classified in commercial statistics

Imports / Ranking	USD billions	EUR millions	% of the total
1 • Chemicals & pharmaceutical products	84.71	60,527.5	19.8
2 • Mineral products	75.98	54,290.3	17.7
3 • Machinery & mechanical appliances	53.53	38,244.3	12.5
4 • Transport equipment	43.24	30,897.8	10.1
5 • Base metals & articles thereof	34.97	24,984.5	8.2
6 • Plastics, rubber & articles thereof	22.93	16,381.1	5.4
7 • Pearls, precious stones & metals	22.31	15,939.9	5.2
8 • Prepared foodstuffs & beverages	14.43	10,307.5	3.4
9 • Textiles & textile articles	12.71	9,078.5	3.0
10 • Vegetable products	12.56	8,971.6	2.9
11 • Optical & precision instruments	10.58	7,556.5	2.5
12 • Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	7.92	5,658.1	1.8
13 • Live animals & animal products	7.87	5,626.5	1.8
14 • Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6.44	4,602.3	1.5
15 • Non-classified articles (*)	4.81	3,436.3	1.1
16 • Stone, cement & ceramic - Glass	3.75	2,676.8	0.9
17 • Wood, cork & articles thereof	2.99	2,138.8	0.7
18 • Fats & oils (animal or vegetable)	2.62	1,874.3	0.6
19 • Footwear, headgear & umbrella's	2.52	1,802.1	0.6
20 • Hides, skins, leather & furskins	1.24	886.4	0.3
21 • Arms, ammunition & accessories	0.14	101.2	0.0
22 • Works of art, collectors' pieces & antiques	0.12	88.8	0.0
TOTAL	428.37	306,071.1	100,0

(*) Non classified in commercial statistics

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

- 1 • Pharmaceutical products (37.46 % / - 18.09 %)
- 2 • Mineral fuels, mineral oils (92.18 % / + 37.60 %)
- 3 • Nuclear reactors, boilers & mechanical appliances (62.68 % / + 15.57 %)
- 4 • Vehicles other than railway and parts & accessories (96.09 % / + 7.68 %)
- 5 • Iron & steel (44.85 % / + 28.16 %)