

## G20 international merchandise trade collapsed in April 2020 but began to recover in May and June as COVID-19 containment measures eased

COVID-19 measures introduced in most countries sent **G20** merchandise trade plummeting in the second quarter of 2020. Compared with the first quarter of 2020, **exports** fell by 17.7% and **imports** by 16.7%, the largest fall since the 2009 financial crisis.

Monthly data for the second quarter reveal that the collapse in trade occurred in April 2020 when most countries had stringent COVID-19 containment measures in place. Compared to March 2020, G20 exports and imports fell by 18.7% and 16.0% respectively. However, data for May and June point to a partial recovery from the April lows in nearly all G20 economies, as containment measures eased. July data, in those economies where data are available, point to a continued improvement.

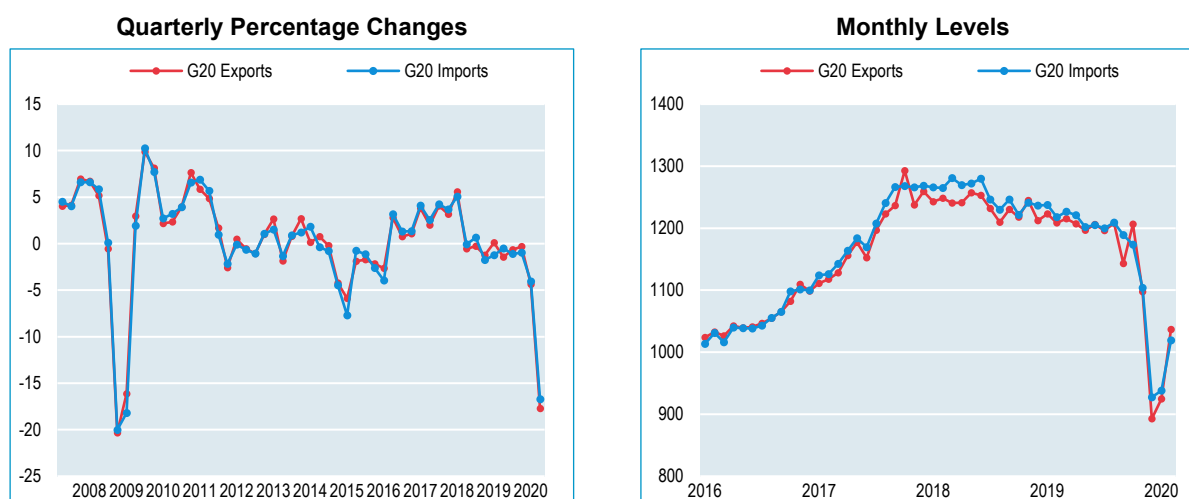
**China** was the only G20 economy to record export growth in the second quarter of 2020 (up 9.1%), following a 9.3% fall in the first quarter. Chinese imports however continued to fall, by 4.9%. **Australia** registered only single-digit falls in both exports (down by 4.4%) and imports (down by 5.6%). In **Japan**, exports fell by 15.2% and imports by 4.6%, while in **Korea** exports dropped by 20.1% and imports by 10.8%.

**India** and **Indonesia** experienced particularly sharp falls in exports (down by 30.1% and 15.9% respectively) and imports (down by 47.4% and 18.5% respectively). Exports and imports also fell precipitously in North America: **Canada**, by 27.7% and 25.5% respectively; the **United States** by 28.2% and 14.5%; and **Mexico** by 36.1% and 29.7%.

Similar collapses were seen in Europe. **EU 27** exports fell by 21.3% and imports by 19.0%. **France**, **Germany**, **Italy** and the **United Kingdom**, saw exports fall by 29.3%, 22.5%, 26.5% and 23.6% respectively while imports fell by 20.4%, 15.6%, 23.3% and 25.2% respectively. **Russian** exports fell by 24.6% and imports fell by 14.9%.

### G20 international merchandise trade

*Based on seasonally adjusted figures, in current prices and billion US dollars*



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**G20 quarterly international merchandise trade**  
*Seasonally adjusted, current prices and billion US dollars*

	Quarters	2018 Q2	2018 Q3	2018 Q4	2019 Q1	2019 Q2	2019 Q3	2019 Q4	2020 Q1	2020 Q2
<b>G20</b>	<b>Export</b>	3748.4	3738.4	3692.1	3695.6	3642.5	3619.1	3607.7	3450.3	2838.8
	<b>Import</b>	3797.2	3822.5	3755.5	3709.0	3690.1	3649.4	3613.8	3466.8	2886.8
<b>Argentina</b>	<b>Export</b>	14.5	14.6	16.3	16.2	15.4	16.1	17.4	15.0	13.2
	<b>Import</b>	17.3	16.1	13.8	13.3	12.6	12.3	11.0	10.6	9.1
<b>Australia</b>	<b>Export</b>	63.4	63.7	66.0	67.0	69.6	68.5	65.8	62.6	59.9
	<b>Import</b>	58.2	55.2	55.3	55.2	53.8	52.0	52.6	49.0	46.3
<b>Brazil</b>	<b>Export</b>	56.9	59.7	61.7	58.2	56.0	56.1	55.3	54.8	50.8
	<b>Import</b>	42.3	49.7	45.5	43.0	42.6	47.3	43.5	44.7	36.5
<b>Canada</b>	<b>Export</b>	114.3	115.3	110.2	108.3	114.9	112.8	110.9	106.1	76.8
	<b>Import</b>	116.7	115.3	113.1	115.0	113.8	113.5	111.0	106.9	79.7
<b>China</b>	<b>Export</b>	623.8	626.9	616.9	635.3	615.3	620.2	623.0	565.1	616.5
	<b>Import</b>	538.8	554.8	516.4	514.2	517.1	514.9	529.9	492.9	468.8
<b>EU 27</b>	<b>Export</b>	1509.5	1488.4	1470.4	1479.5	1460.4	1440.0	1443.3	1397.8	1100.0
	<b>Import</b>	1448.2	1437.4	1419.8	1410.6	1398.5	1370.7	1357.4	1312.0	1063.2
<b>France</b>	<b>Export</b>	145.4	144.1	143.9	146.1	145.4	140.9	140.7	131.0	92.7
	<b>Import</b>	171.9	167.3	165.4	167.9	166.0	161.8	159.9	148.9	118.6
<b>Germany</b>	<b>Export</b>	396.0	384.9	379.7	380.3	371.5	369.4	370.6	358.2	277.6
	<b>Import</b>	323.9	323.0	314.4	315.6	310.9	304.5	304.2	297.1	250.7
<b>India</b>	<b>Export</b>	82.5	82.1	82.1	83.2	81.3	79.0	80.5	73.6	51.4
	<b>Import</b>	126.7	133.9	129.7	124.0	127.0	118.7	115.3	112.7	59.2
<b>Indonesia</b>	<b>Export</b>	45.2	45.2	43.9	42.3	41.7	42.1	42.1	42.5	35.7
	<b>Import</b>	46.7	48.7	48.8	41.5	42.4	42.9	44.0	39.5	32.1
<b>Italy</b>	<b>Export</b>	137.9	136.0	135.7	134.7	133.7	132.1	134.1	127.6	93.7
	<b>Import</b>	126.6	126.2	125.2	120.1	120.3	119.0	116.1	109.7	84.2
<b>Japan</b>	<b>Export</b>	191.5	183.9	179.5	174.1	181.3	180.1	171.0	164.5	139.5
	<b>Import</b>	185.4	188.0	189.7	179.6	183.5	184.0	174.8	164.8	157.3
<b>Korea</b>	<b>Export</b>	149.2	155.4	149.5	138.4	136.2	135.5	132.0	135.8	108.5
	<b>Import</b>	133.2	132.4	136.1	125.6	128.6	126.0	123.0	121.0	107.9
<b>Mexico</b>	<b>Export</b>	111.2	114.4	113.7	114.8	117.1	115.8	112.7	113.8	72.8
	<b>Import</b>	116.0	117.7	117.0	115.6	115.5	113.8	110.2	108.7	76.4
<b>Russia</b>	<b>Export</b>	110.4	113.1	113.7	108.1	103.1	105.0	104.0	93.1	70.2
	<b>Import</b>	63.6	60.9	60.3	62.9	62.3	63.3	66.0	63.5	54.0
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	<b>Export</b>	73.6	77.2	75.4	69.4	66.5	63.1	62.9	55.6	30.2
	<b>Import</b>	34.2	34.6	34.2	35.2	38.9	39.0	39.2	33.7	29.8
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>Export</b>	23.7	23.2	23.0	22.7	22.5	22.4	22.2	23.4	15.2
	<b>Import</b>	23.1	23.1	22.4	21.9	22.9	21.9	21.4	19.8	13.9
<b>Turkey</b>	<b>Export</b>	43.1	45.4	44.6	45.8	44.1	45.7	45.0	43.5	32.3
	<b>Import</b>	62.0	54.8	48.4	51.8	51.0	52.5	55.1	56.0	42.4
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>Export</b>	112.5	113.2	109.3	115.7	108.5	107.9	110.5	101.4	77.4
	<b>Import</b>	159.0	158.5	160.4	169.4	149.2	149.2	150.2	139.9	104.6
<b>United States</b>	<b>Export</b>	423.1	416.6	415.9	416.6	408.6	408.7	409.3	401.7	288.5
	<b>Import</b>	625.9	641.3	644.3	630.3	630.6	627.1	609.5	591.0	505.5

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	Quarters	2018 Q3	2018 Q4	2019 Q1	2019 Q2	2019 Q3	2019 Q4	2020 Q1	2020 Q2
<b>G20</b>	Export	-0.3%	-1.2%	0.1%	-1.4%	-0.6%	-0.3%	-4.4%	-17.7%
	Import	0.7%	-1.8%	-1.2%	-0.5%	-1.1%	-1.0%	-4.1%	-16.7%
<b>Argentina</b>	Export	1.0%	11.5%	-0.3%	-5.1%	4.3%	8.0%	-13.7%	-11.8%
	Import	-6.9%	-14.6%	-3.5%	-5.2%	-2.2%	-11.0%	-3.1%	-14.4%
<b>Australia</b>	Export	0.4%	3.7%	1.5%	3.8%	-1.6%	-4.0%	-4.8%	-4.4%
	Import	-5.2%	0.2%	-0.3%	-2.4%	-3.3%	1.1%	-6.8%	-5.6%
<b>Brazil</b>	Export	5.1%	3.3%	-5.6%	-3.9%	0.3%	-1.5%	-1.0%	-7.2%
	Import	17.5%	-8.4%	-5.6%	-1.0%	11.0%	-8.1%	2.8%	-18.2%
<b>Canada</b>	Export	0.9%	-4.5%	-1.7%	6.1%	-1.8%	-1.7%	-4.3%	-27.7%
	Import	-1.2%	-1.8%	1.6%	-1.1%	-0.3%	-2.2%	-3.7%	-25.5%
<b>China</b>	Export	0.5%	-1.6%	3.0%	-3.1%	0.8%	0.4%	-9.3%	9.1%
	Import	3.0%	-6.9%	-0.4%	0.6%	-0.4%	2.9%	-7.0%	-4.9%
<b>EU 27</b>	Export	-1.4%	-1.2%	0.6%	-1.3%	-1.4%	0.2%	-3.1%	-21.3%
	Import	-0.7%	-1.2%	-0.6%	-0.9%	-2.0%	-1.0%	-3.3%	-19.0%
<b>France</b>	Export	-0.9%	-0.2%	1.6%	-0.5%	-3.1%	-0.1%	-6.9%	-29.3%
	Import	-2.7%	-1.1%	1.5%	-1.1%	-2.6%	-1.2%	-6.8%	-20.4%
<b>Germany</b>	Export	-2.8%	-1.4%	0.2%	-2.3%	-0.6%	0.3%	-3.3%	-22.5%
	Import	-0.3%	-2.7%	0.4%	-1.5%	-2.0%	-0.1%	-2.3%	-15.6%
<b>India</b>	Export	-0.5%	0.0%	1.3%	-2.3%	-2.9%	2.0%	-8.6%	-30.1%
	Import	5.7%	-3.1%	-4.4%	2.4%	-6.5%	-2.9%	-2.3%	-47.4%
<b>Indonesia</b>	Export	0.0%	-2.9%	-3.8%	-1.3%	0.9%	0.0%	0.9%	-15.9%
	Import	4.2%	0.3%	-15.0%	2.1%	1.3%	2.6%	-10.4%	-18.5%
<b>Italy</b>	Export	-1.3%	-0.2%	-0.8%	-0.7%	-1.2%	1.5%	-4.8%	-26.5%
	Import	-0.3%	-0.8%	-4.1%	0.2%	-1.0%	-2.4%	-5.5%	-23.3%
<b>Japan</b>	Export	-4.0%	-2.4%	-3.0%	4.2%	-0.6%	-5.1%	-3.8%	-15.2%
	Import	1.4%	0.9%	-5.3%	2.2%	0.3%	-5.0%	-5.7%	-4.6%
<b>Korea</b>	Export	4.2%	-3.8%	-7.4%	-1.6%	-0.5%	-2.6%	2.9%	-20.1%
	Import	-0.5%	2.8%	-7.7%	2.4%	-2.0%	-2.4%	-1.6%	-10.8%
<b>Mexico</b>	Export	2.9%	-0.6%	1.0%	2.1%	-1.1%	-2.7%	1.0%	-36.1%
	Import	1.5%	-0.6%	-1.2%	-0.1%	-1.4%	-3.2%	-1.4%	-29.7%
<b>Russia</b>	Export	2.5%	0.6%	-5.0%	-4.7%	1.9%	-1.0%	-10.5%	-24.6%
	Import	-4.3%	-1.0%	4.2%	-0.9%	1.6%	4.2%	-3.7%	-14.9%
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	Export	4.8%	-2.2%	-8.0%	-4.2%	-5.0%	-0.4%	-11.6%	-45.8%
	Import	1.0%	-1.0%	2.8%	10.5%	0.4%	0.3%	-13.8%	-11.5%
<b>South Africa</b>	Export	-2.1%	-1.1%	-1.0%	-1.0%	-0.3%	-1.0%	5.4%	-35.1%
	Import	-0.2%	-2.9%	-2.4%	4.7%	-4.2%	-2.7%	-7.1%	-29.9%
<b>Turkey</b>	Export	5.4%	-1.8%	2.8%	-3.7%	3.6%	-1.5%	-3.3%	-25.8%
	Import	-11.6%	-11.6%	7.0%	-1.6%	3.0%	4.8%	1.8%	-24.3%
<b>United Kingdom</b>	Export	0.7%	-3.5%	5.9%	-6.2%	-0.5%	2.3%	-8.2%	-23.6%
	Import	-0.3%	1.2%	5.6%	-11.9%	0.0%	0.6%	-6.9%	-25.2%
<b>United States</b>	Export	-1.5%	-0.2%	0.2%	-1.9%	0.0%	0.2%	-1.9%	-28.2%
	Import	2.5%	0.5%	-2.2%	0.0%	-0.6%	-2.8%	-3.0%	-14.5%

**G20 monthly international merchandise trade**  
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	Months	2019 M11	2019 M12	2020 M1	2020 M2	2020 M3	2020 M4	2020 M5	2020 M6	2020 M7
<b>G20</b>	<b>Export</b>	1196.0	1207.8	1143.0	1206.7	1097.7	892.6	924.9	1024.0	
	<b>Import</b>	1199.5	1209.0	1188.8	1173.4	1104.0	927.4	938.2	1023.8	
<b>Argentina</b>	<b>Export</b>	6.1	5.7	5.3	5.1	4.5	4.2	4.5	4.5	4.5
	<b>Import</b>	3.6	3.5	3.8	3.7	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.0
<b>Australia</b>	<b>Export</b>	22.1	22.1	21.0	19.8	21.8	20.5	18.5	20.9	
	<b>Import</b>	17.0	18.1	17.3	16.1	15.6	15.5	15.0	15.8	
<b>Brazil</b>	<b>Export</b>	18.6	18.3	17.1	19.3	18.4	17.3	17.3	16.2	17.4
	<b>Import</b>	14.4	13.5	15.1	14.8	14.7	11.7	14.7	10.1	10.3
<b>Canada</b>	<b>Export</b>	36.5	37.4	36.4	36.7	33.1	23.7	24.2	28.9	
	<b>Import</b>	36.6	36.8	37.1	36.2	33.6	25.0	24.3	30.3	
<b>China</b>	<b>Export</b>	206.0	209.7	144.5	220.6	200.0	207.3	206.1	203.1	223.4
	<b>Import</b>	177.3	180.7	154.9	173.3	164.7	151.7	149.0	168.1	169.3
<b>EU 27</b>	<b>Export</b>	477.7	481.2	486.5	477.8	433.6	325.4	362.3	413.8	
	<b>Import</b>	53.8	52.5	52.8	52.6	43.5	32.4	39.6	46.6	
<b>France</b>	<b>Export</b>	47.0	46.6	45.3	45.8	39.9	26.4	30.1	36.1	
	<b>Import</b>	53.8	52.5	52.8	52.6	43.5	32.4	39.6	46.6	
<b>Germany</b>	<b>Export</b>	122.3	123.8	123.1	123.6	111.4	81.7	90.2	105.6	
	<b>Import</b>	101.4	101.2	102.3	98.9	95.9	79.1	82.2	89.5	
<b>India</b>	<b>Export</b>	27.2	26.5	26.5	28.4	18.7	10.7	18.6	22.2	24.4
	<b>Import</b>	38.8	38.7	41.9	40.8	30.0	17.3	21.0	21.0	28.3
<b>Indonesia</b>	<b>Export</b>	14.0	14.1	13.6	14.9	13.9	12.5	10.6	12.7	12.9
	<b>Import</b>	14.8	14.8	13.4	12.7	13.3	11.6	8.8	11.7	9.6
<b>Italy</b>	<b>Export</b>	44.0	44.6	45.7	44.9	37.0	24.8	31.7	37.2	
	<b>Import</b>	38.9	38.4	39.9	38.6	31.2	25.9	27.2	31.1	
<b>Japan</b>	<b>Export</b>	56.9	56.4	54.4	55.8	54.3	48.0	45.5	46.0	48.5
	<b>Import</b>	58.5	57.6	56.4	51.9	56.5	56.8	50.7	49.8	48.8
<b>Korea</b>	<b>Export</b>	43.0	44.8	45.0	45.9	44.9	35.0	35.7	37.8	41.9
	<b>Import</b>	40.8	42.3	41.4	39.0	40.6	36.9	35.5	35.5	37.7
<b>Mexico</b>	<b>Export</b>	37.4	37.8	39.3	38.0	36.5	23.1	18.0	31.7	
	<b>Import</b>	36.6	36.5	37.4	36.6	34.6	27.2	22.1	27.1	
<b>Russia</b>	<b>Export</b>	34.7	34.6	34.0	30.9	28.2	23.7	22.3	24.3	
	<b>Import</b>	22.3	21.7	22.0	21.5	20.0	17.0	18.4	18.6	
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	<b>Export</b>	21.6	22.9	22.1	17.7	12.9	9.9	9.7	11.6	
	<b>Import</b>	11.8	13.6	10.6	11.3	11.2	10.2	9.2	11.9	
<b>South Africa</b>	<b>Export</b>	7.4	7.2	8.3	8.0	7.1	2.9	6.0	6.3	
	<b>Import</b>	7.2	7.1	7.0	7.0	5.8	4.8	5.0	4.1	
<b>Turkey</b>	<b>Export</b>	15.2	14.9	15.6	15.0	13.0	8.8	10.9	12.6	
	<b>Import</b>	18.4	19.0	19.8	18.4	17.8	12.9	14.1	15.4	
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<b>Export</b>	35.5	37.3	37.0	35.2	29.2	24.0	24.7	28.7	
	<b>Import</b>	48.2	48.4	49.4	47.6	42.8	32.7	32.8	39.1	
<b>United States</b>	<b>Export</b>	136.2	136.9	136.4	137.7	127.6	95.7	89.9	102.9	
	<b>Import</b>	200.9	206.2	201.9	196.6	192.5	166.4	165.3	173.8	

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	Months	2019 M12	2020 M1	2020 M2	2020 M3	2020 M4	2020 M5	2020 M6	2020 M7
<b>G20</b>	Export	1.0%	-5.4%	5.6%	-9.0%	-18.7%	3.6%	10.7%	
	Import	0.8%	-1.7%	-1.3%	-5.9%	-16.0%	1.2%	9.1%	
<b>Argentina</b>	Export	-7.0%	-6.2%	-3.3%	-12.2%	-6.6%	6.9%	-0.5%	-0.8%
	Import	-3.2%	7.8%	-1.2%	-15.5%	-6.3%	4.6%	-0.2%	-1.2%
<b>Australia</b>	Export	-0.2%	-4.8%	-6.1%	10.4%	-5.9%	-10.0%	12.9%	
	Import	6.9%	-4.8%	-6.7%	-3.0%	-0.6%	-3.6%	5.6%	
<b>Brazil</b>	Export	-1.6%	-6.6%	12.8%	-4.5%	-5.8%	-0.1%	-6.6%	7.4%
	Import	-6.6%	12.2%	-1.9%	-0.5%	-20.6%	25.3%	-30.9%	1.8%
<b>Canada</b>	Export	2.5%	-2.8%	0.8%	-9.8%	-28.5%	2.2%	19.7%	
	Import	0.7%	0.8%	-2.5%	-7.2%	-25.5%	-2.7%	24.5%	
<b>China</b>	Export	1.8%	-31.1%	52.7%	-9.3%	3.6%	-0.6%	-1.4%	10.0%
	Import	1.9%	-14.3%	11.9%	-4.9%	-7.9%	-1.8%	12.8%	0.7%
<b>EU 27</b>	Export	0.7%	1.1%	-1.8%	-9.3%	-24.9%	11.3%	14.2%	
	Import	-2.4%	0.7%	-0.5%	-17.2%	-25.7%	22.2%	17.9%	
<b>France</b>	Export	-0.9%	-2.7%	1.1%	-12.9%	-33.9%	14.2%	19.9%	
	Import	-2.4%	0.7%	-0.5%	-17.2%	-25.7%	22.2%	17.9%	
<b>Germany</b>	Export	1.3%	-0.5%	0.4%	-9.9%	-26.6%	10.3%	17.1%	
	Import	-0.2%	1.1%	-3.3%	-3.0%	-17.5%	3.8%	8.9%	
<b>India</b>	Export	-2.5%	0.0%	7.0%	-34.2%	-42.8%	74.1%	19.2%	10.3%
	Import	-0.1%	8.3%	-2.8%	-26.4%	-42.5%	21.7%	-0.1%	35.1%
<b>Indonesia</b>	Export	0.8%	-3.3%	9.6%	-6.7%	-10.3%	-15.5%	20.1%	2.0%
	Import	0.3%	-9.5%	-5.2%	5.0%	-13.1%	-23.8%	32.4%	-18.0%
<b>Italy</b>	Export	1.3%	2.4%	-1.6%	-17.8%	-32.8%	27.6%	17.5%	
	Import	-1.1%	3.8%	-3.2%	-19.3%	-17.0%	4.9%	14.7%	
<b>Japan</b>	Export	-0.8%	-3.6%	2.6%	-2.6%	-11.8%	-5.0%	1.0%	5.5%
	Import	-1.5%	-2.0%	-8.0%	8.7%	0.6%	-10.7%	-1.7%	-2.0%
<b>Korea</b>	Export	4.2%	0.5%	1.9%	-2.1%	-22.0%	2.0%	5.7%	11.1%
	Import	3.6%	-2.0%	-6.0%	4.2%	-9.0%	-3.9%	-0.1%	6.2%
<b>Mexico</b>	Export	1.2%	3.9%	-3.3%	-3.9%	-36.9%	-21.7%	75.6%	
	Import	-0.5%	2.7%	-2.2%	-5.5%	-21.3%	-18.7%	22.2%	
<b>Russia</b>	Export	-0.2%	-1.6%	-9.4%	-8.7%	-16.0%	-5.9%	9.0%	
	Import	-2.5%	1.3%	-2.2%	-7.0%	-15.0%	8.2%	1.1%	
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	Export	6.2%	-3.3%	-20.2%	-26.9%	-23.5%	-1.6%	19.1%	
	Import	15.7%	-22.1%	6.6%	-0.8%	-9.3%	-9.3%	28.9%	
<b>South Africa</b>	Export	-1.7%	15.0%	-3.3%	-12.2%	-58.7%	104.1%	6.5%	
	Import	-0.6%	-1.5%	-0.6%	-16.6%	-17.1%	3.2%	-17.8%	
<b>Turkey</b>	Export	-2.2%	4.6%	-4.0%	-13.3%	-32.2%	24.2%	15.3%	
	Import	3.7%	4.2%	-7.4%	-2.9%	-27.6%	9.3%	8.9%	
<b>United Kingdom</b>	Export	4.8%	-0.8%	-4.7%	-17.1%	-17.9%	3.0%	16.3%	
	Import	0.5%	2.1%	-3.7%	-10.1%	-23.5%	0.1%	19.3%	
<b>United States</b>	Export	0.5%	-0.4%	1.0%	-7.4%	-25.0%	-6.0%	14.3%	
	Import	2.6%	-2.1%	-2.6%	-2.1%	-13.6%	-0.6%	5.1%	

**G20 economies: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States and the European Union (EU 27).**

**The G20 aggregate is derived from the seasonally adjusted data of the individual economies.**

**>> Methodological Notes:**

Further methodological information can be downloaded from:

<https://www.oecd.org/sdd/its/OECD-G20-trade-technical-note.pdf>

**>> Access data:**

The online dataset is available at:

[https://stats.oecd.org/Index.aspx?datasetcode=MEI\\_TRD](https://stats.oecd.org/Index.aspx?datasetcode=MEI_TRD)

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