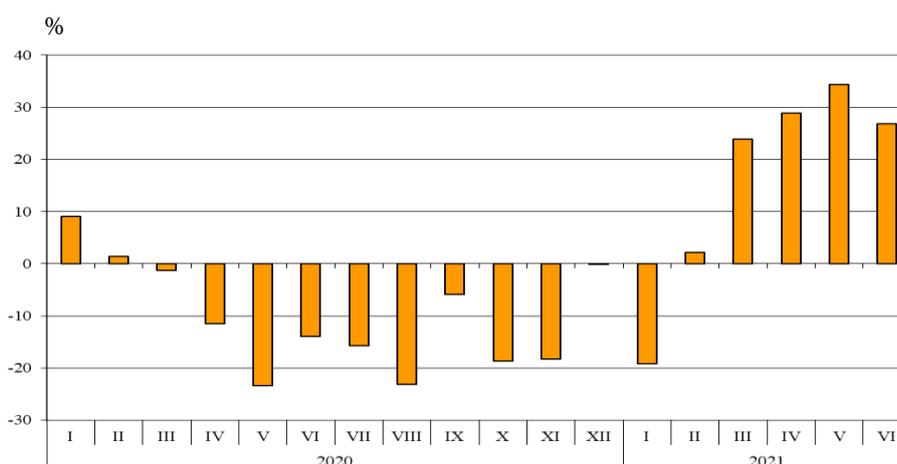


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN THE PERIOD JANUARY - JUNE 2021 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In the period January - June 2021 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 14.4% in comparison with the same period of 2020 and added up to 10 580.7 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Turkey, China, the United States, Serbia, the United Kingdom, the Republic of North Macedonia and the Russian Federation, which accounted for 56.0% of the exports to non EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In June 2021 the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries grew by 26.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 1 838.6 million BGN.

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to non EU countries
in the period 2020 - 2021
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the period January - June 2021 in the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth compared to the same period of 2020 was recorded in sections 'Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)² (28.2%) and 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material'³ (27.2%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in section 'Beverages and tobacco' (24.2%).

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in the period January - June 2021 increased by 24.2% in comparison with the same period of 2020 and added up to 13 970.7 million BGN (at CIF prices)⁴

¹ Value changes at current prices.

² The section includes following divisions: raw hides, skins and furskins; oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits; crude rubber; cork and wood; pulp and waste paper; textile fibres and their wastes; crude fertilizers and crude minerals; metalliferous ores and metal scrap; crude animal and vegetable materials, n.e.s.

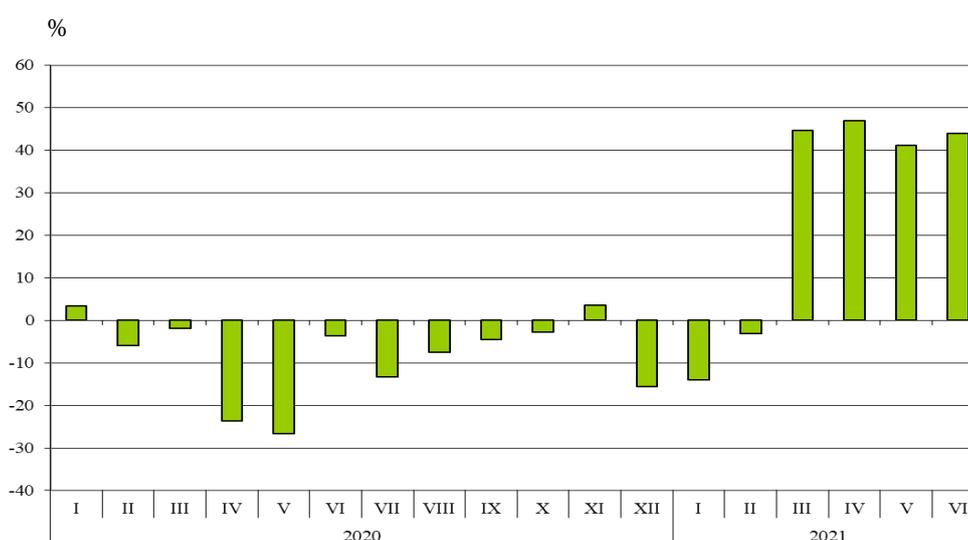
³ The section includes the following divisions: Prefabricated buildings; sanitary, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures and fittings, Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings, Travel goods, handbags and similar containers, Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, Footwear, Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus, Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies and optical goods, n.e.s.; watches and clocks, Miscellaneous manufactured articles, n.e.s.

⁴ Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB (<http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang= EN>).

(Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Turkey, the Russian Federation, China and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

In **June 2021 the imports** of goods to Bulgaria **from third countries** grew by 44.0% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 690.0 million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value¹ change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from non EU countries in the period 2020 - 2021 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In the period **January - June 2021** in the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth compared to the same period of 2020 was recorded in the sections ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’ (33.1%) and ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (29.6%) (Annex, Table 4). Fall was not observed in any of the sections.

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries in the period **January - June 2021** was negative and added up to 3 390.0 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In **June 2021** the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 851.4 million BGN.

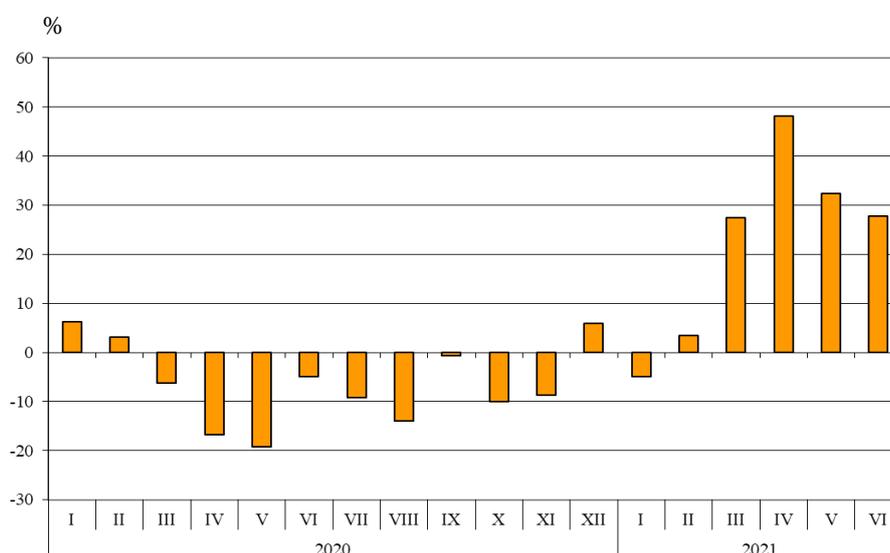
¹ Value changes at current prices.

Trade in goods of Bulgaria with third countries and EU - total

In the period **January - June 2021** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 31 996.5 million BGN, which is 20.8% more than the same period of 2020 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **June 2021** the **total exports** of goods added up to 5 637.5 million BGN and increased by 27.8% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria in the period 2020 - 2021 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)

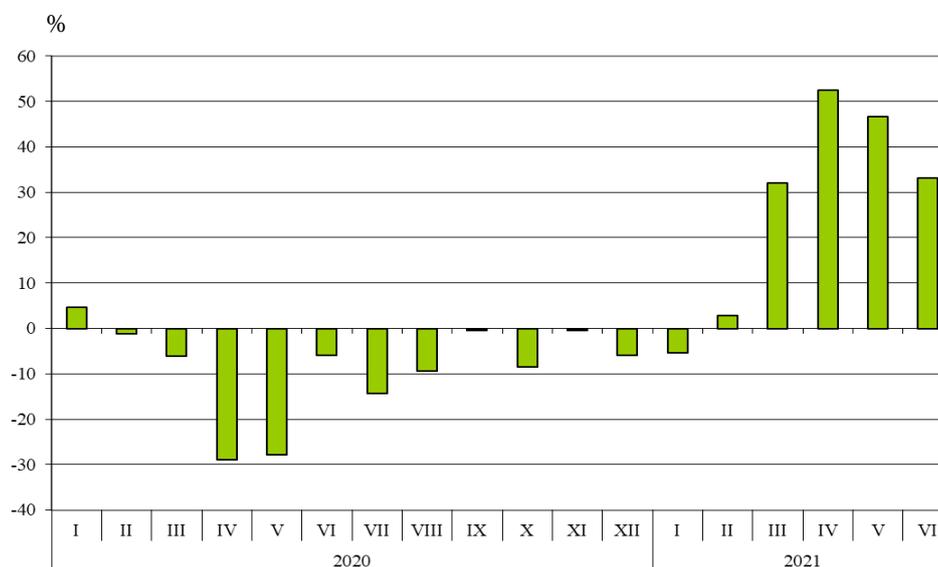


The total value of **all the goods imported** in the country in the period **January - June 2021** amounted to 35 606.4 million BGN (at CIF prices), or by 24.8% more than the same period of 2020 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **June 2021** the **total imports** of goods increased by 33.2% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 6 446.2 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

**Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of goods to Bulgaria in the period 2020 - 2021
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was negative in **the period January - June 2021** and amounted to 3 609.9 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In **June 2021** the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 808.7 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in the period
January - June 2020¹ and 2021¹ by months

(Million BGN)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF ²			Trade balance - FOB/CIF		
	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I.2020	4989.4	3209.3	1780.1	5302.3	3100.0	2202.3	-312.9	109.3	-422.2
II.2020	4847.8	3176.1	1671.7	5276.4	3228.3	2048.1	-428.6	-52.2	-376.4
III.2020	4505.9	2884.1	1621.8	5053.6	3225.3	1828.3	-547.7	-341.2	-206.5
I - III.2020	14343.1	9269.5	5073.6	15632.3	9553.6	6078.7	-1289.2	-284.1	-1005.1
IV.2020	3889.5	2445.1	1444.4	3962.1	2295.9	1666.2	-72.6	149.2	-221.8
V.2020	3842.4	2558.8	1283.6	4085.3	2448.8	1636.5	-242.9	110.0	-352.9
VI.2020	4409.7	2960.2	1449.5	4841.2	2972.8	1868.4	-431.5	-12.6	-418.9
IV - VI.2020	12141.6	7964.1	4177.5	12888.6	7717.5	5171.1	-747.0	246.6	-993.6
I - VI.2020	26484.7	17233.6	9251.1	28520.9	17271.1	11249.8	-2036.2	-37.5	-1998.7
I.2021	4746.0	3306.9	1439.1	5019.4	3125.2	1894.2	-273.4	181.7	-455.1
II.2021	5016.2	3308.8	1707.4	5425.6	3441.2	1984.4	-409.4	-132.4	-277.0
III.2021	5743.7	3733.8	2009.9	6677.6	4033.7	2643.9	-933.9	-299.9	-634.0
I - III.2021	15505.9	10349.5	5156.4	17122.6	10600.1	6522.5	-1616.7	-250.6	-1366.1
IV.2021	5764.7	3904.2	1860.5	6044.1	3596.7	2447.4	-279.4	307.5	-586.9
V.2021	5088.4	3363.2	1725.2	5993.5	3682.7	2310.8	-905.1	-319.5	-585.6
VI.2021	5637.5	3798.9	1838.6	6446.2	3756.2	2690.0	-808.7	42.7	-851.4
IV - VI.2021	16490.6	11066.3	5424.3	18483.8	11035.6	7448.2	-1993.2	30.7	-2023.9
I - VI.2021	31996.5	21415.8	10580.7	35606.4	21635.7	13970.7	-3609.9	-219.9	-3390.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12th August, 2021.

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

(<http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang= EN&toLang= EN>).

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in the period
January - June 2021¹ compared to the same period of the previous
year

(Per cent)

Months/Periods	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF		
	Total	EU	Non EU	Total	EU	Non EU
I	-4.9	3.0	-19.2	-5.3	0.8	-14.0
II	3.5	4.2	2.1	2.8	6.6	-3.1
III	27.5	29.5	23.9	32.1	25.1	44.6
I - III	8.1	11.7	1.6	9.5	11.0	7.3
IV	48.2	59.7	28.8	52.5	56.7	46.9
V	32.4	31.4	34.4	46.7	50.4	41.2
VI	27.8	28.3	26.8	33.2	26.4	44.0
IV - VI	35.8	39.0	29.8	43.4	43.0	44.0
I - VI	20.8	24.3	14.4	24.8	25.3	24.2

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12th August, 2021.

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries¹ in the period January - June 2020² and 2021²

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries -total	9251.1	10580.7	14.4	11249.8	13970.7	24.2	-1998.7	-3390.0
of which:								
Albania	80.5	98.5	22.4	23.6	38.0	61.0	56.9	60.5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	83.8	90.1	7.5	22.5	24.4	8.4	61.3	65.7
Brazil	27.1	36.5	34.7	26.9	208.1	673.6	0.2	-171.6
Canada	160.0	56.6	-64.6	85.2	183.3	115.1	74.8	-126.7
China	847.2	1110.1	31.0	1462.6	1816.0	24.2	-615.4	-705.9
Egypt	173.0	255.0	47.4	436.9	246.6	-43.6	-263.9	8.4
Georgia	111.7	136.4	22.1	438.6	344.5	-21.5	-326.9	-208.1
Gibraltar	132.4	183.0	38.2	0.1	0.0	x	132.3	183.0
India	92.8	120.4	29.7	138.9	178.0	28.1	-46.1	-57.6
Indonesia	34.4	49.8	44.8	121.6	29.3	-75.9	-87.2	20.5
Iran, Islamic Republic of	133.1	84.0	-36.9	18.9	41.2	118.0	114.2	42.8
Israel	120.4	140.4	16.6	44.4	222.8	401.8	76.0	-82.4
Japan	53.2	50.1	-5.8	136.7	195.2	42.8	-83.5	-145.1
Kazakhstan	32.3	29.3	-9.3	8.9	2.6	-70.8	23.4	26.7
Korea, Republic of	57.9	83.6	44.4	126.2	124.6	-1.3	-68.3	-41.0
Libya	94.4	160.3	69.8	0.0	2.9	x	94.4	157.4
Morocco	99.1	111.9	12.9	37.1	94.4	154.4	62.0	17.5
Namibia	119.2	108.8	-8.7	0.0	0.0	x	119.2	108.8
Norway	47.6	51.8	8.8	25.0	29.9	19.6	22.6	21.9
Peru	8.2	4.2	-48.8	292.7	421.5	44.0	-284.5	-417.3
Republic of North Macedonia	329.6	462.4	40.3	273.2	322.0	17.9	56.4	140.4
Russian Federation	415.4	382.5	-7.9	2086.6	2427.1	16.3	-1671.2	-2044.6
Serbia	443.8	605.6	36.5	590.8	667.0	12.9	-147.0	-61.4
Singapore	25.8	28.8	11.6	34.4	43.1	25.3	-8.6	-14.3
South Africa	109.9	33.1	-69.9	27.5	52.7	91.6	82.4	-19.6
Switzerland	178.8	225.8	26.3	234.9	273.3	16.3	-56.1	-47.5
Syrian Arab Republic	3.5	3.5	0.0	0.3	3.7	1133.3	3.2	-0.2
Taiwan	44.3	27.1	-38.8	98.1	145.4	48.2	-53.8	-118.3
Tunisia	126.7	217.3	71.5	14.0	17.7	26.4	112.7	199.6
Turkey	1782.1	2107.7	18.3	1892.1	2595.1	37.2	-110.0	-487.4
Ukraine	202.7	335.4	65.5	499.3	713.0	42.8	-296.6	-377.6
United Arab Emirates	68.0	71.3	4.9	25.1	38.4	53.0	42.9	32.9
United Kingdom ³	616.3	592.2	-3.9	318.6	281.1	-11.8	297.7	311.1
United States	524.3	666.0	27.0	352.0	237.7	-32.5	172.3	428.3
Viet-Nam	40.3	48.1	19.4	69.1	87.7	26.9	-28.8	-39.6

¹ Partner country:

- In case of exports (or dispatches) is the country (or Member State) of final destination of the goods.
- In case of imports (or arrivals) is the country (or Member State) of consignment of the goods.

² Data are preliminary as of 12th August, 2021.

³ The United Kingdom includes: Northern Ireland; Great Britain; Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

'x' - not applicable.

'0' - less than half of unit employed.

Table 4

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 in the period January - June 2020¹ and 2021¹

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2020	2021
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries - total	9251.1	10580.7	14.4	11249.8	13970.7	24.2	-1998.7	-3390.0
Food and live animals	1291.2	1226.0	-5.0	589.1	642.8	9.1	702.1	583.2
Beverages and tobacco	118.2	89.6	-24.2	122.6	143.8	17.3	-4.4	-54.2
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	813.9	1043.2	28.2	2106.4	2802.7	33.1	-1292.5	-1759.5
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	923.1	1001.1	8.4	1966.3	2548.0	29.6	-1043.2	-1546.9
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	219.3	208.2	-5.1	74.0	86.9	17.4	145.3	121.3
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	1263.2	1275.3	1.0	1097.7	1333.8	21.5	165.5	-58.5
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2004.7	2550.9	27.2	2272.8	2718.8	19.6	-268.1	-167.9
Machinery and transport equipment	1482.5	1813.3	22.3	2204.6	2651.0	20.2	-722.1	-837.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1108.4	1331.7	20.1	794.6	1009.0	27.0	313.8	322.7
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	26.6	41.4	55.6	21.7	33.9	56.2	4.9	7.5

¹ Data are preliminary as of 12th August, 2021.