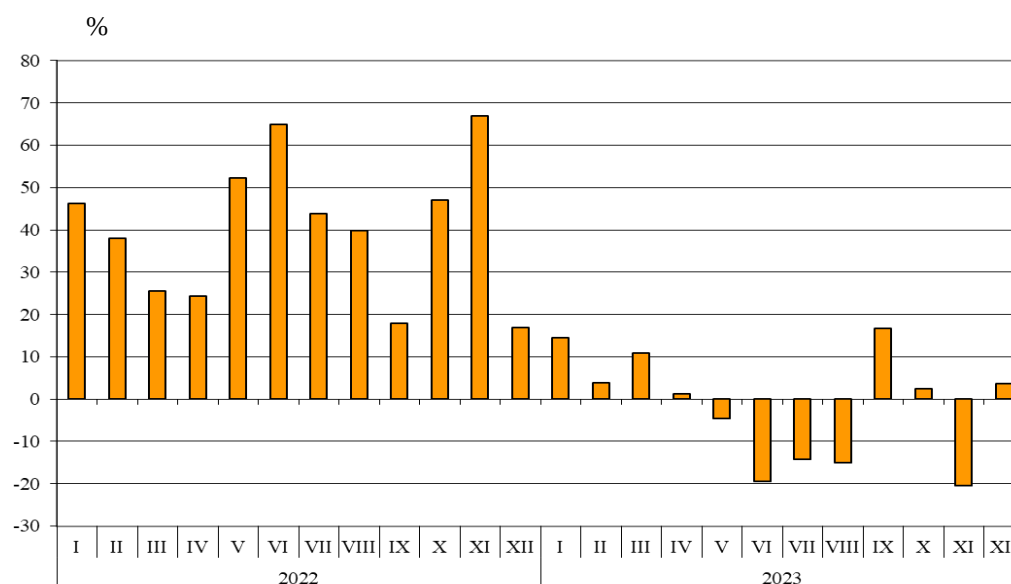


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN 2023 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In 2023, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries decreased by 2.9% in comparison with 2022 and added up to 31 385.5 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Türkiye, the United States, China, Serbia, Ukraine, the Republic of North Macedonia and Egypt, which accounted for 50.0% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to non-EU countries
in the period 2022 - 2023
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



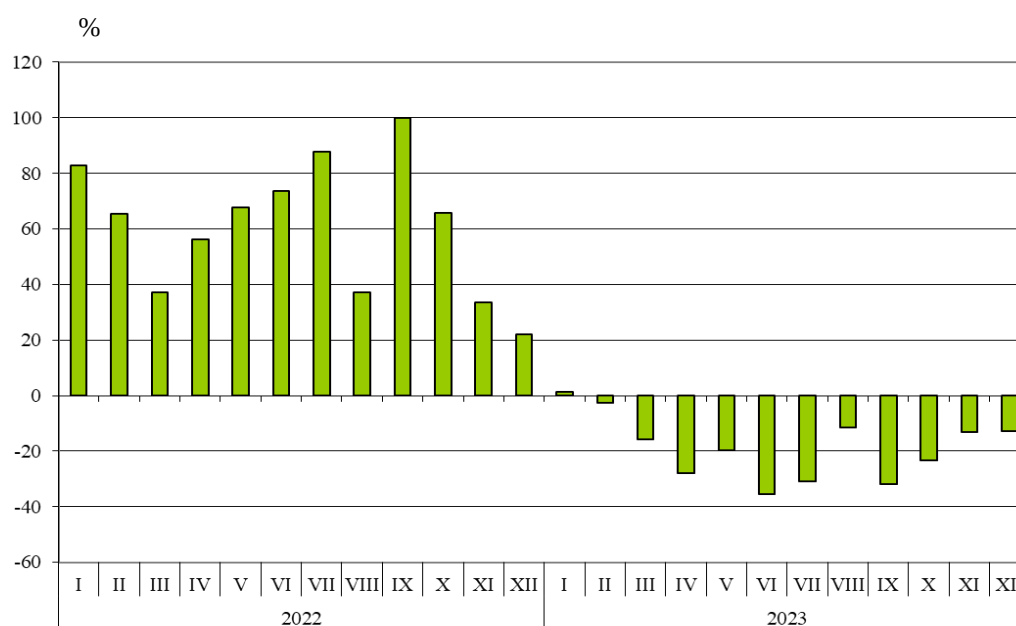
In the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth was recorded in the sections ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (28.5%) and ‘Food and live animals’ (22.1%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (29.6%).

In **December 2023**, the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries increased by 3.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 2 603.5 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in 2023 decreased by 19.7% in comparison with 2022 and added up to 38 766.8 million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Türkiye, the Russian Federation, China and Serbia (Annex, Table 3).

Figure 2. Nominal value² change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from non-EU countries in the period 2022 - 2023
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



In the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth was recorded in the sections ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (12.6%) and ‘Food and live animals’ (9.8%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes’ (50.4%).

In December 2023, the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries decreased by 12.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 059.0 million BGN.

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in **2023** was negative and added up to 7 381.3 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In **December 2023**, the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 455.5 million BGN.

¹ Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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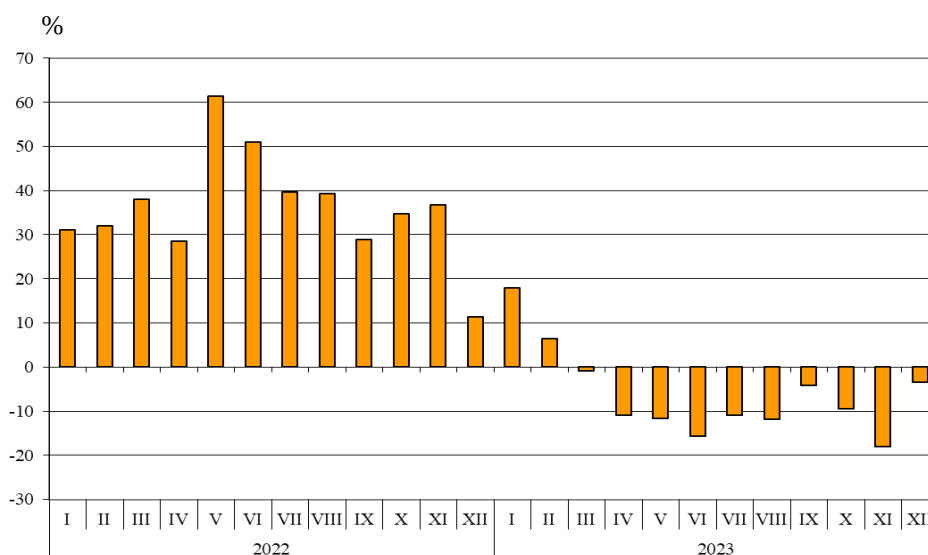
² Value changes at current prices.

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

In **2023**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 86 562.7 million BGN, which is 6.8% less than the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **December 2023**, the total exports of goods added up to 6 501.8 million BGN and decreased by 3.5% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

**Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria in the period 2022 - 2023
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**

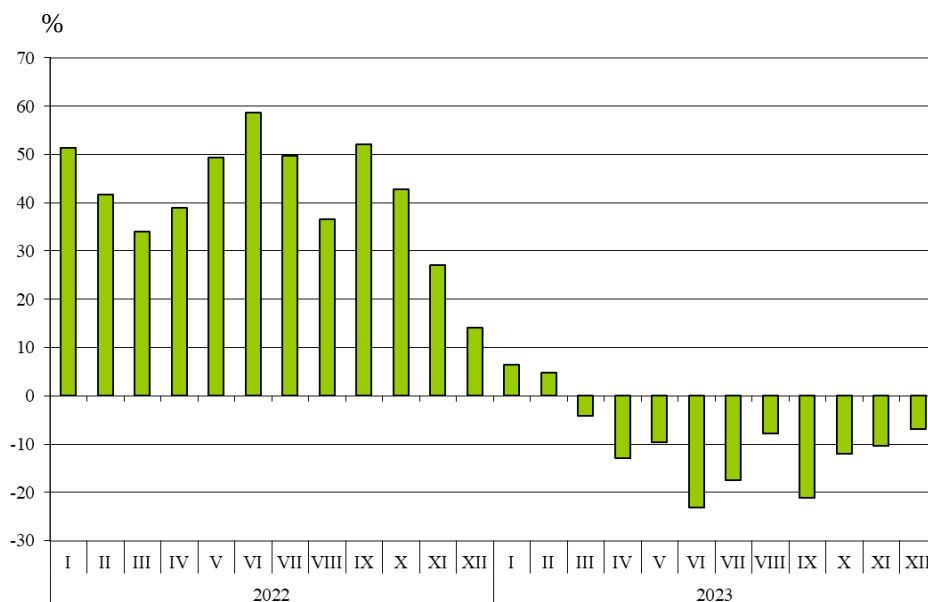


The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in **2023** amounted to 96 870.7 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 10.2% less than in 2022 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In **December 2023**, the total imports of goods decreased by 6.9% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 7 822.6 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

**Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of goods to Bulgaria in the period 2022 - 2023
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - imports CIF) was negative in **2023** and amounted to 10 308.0 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In December 2023, the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - imports CIF) was also negative and added up to 1 320.8 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in 2022 and 2023¹ 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.2022	6244.6	4124.4	2120.2	7643.0	4132.2	3510.8	-1398.4	-7.8	-1390.6
II.2022	6673.8	4272.2	2401.6	7694.6	4390.7	3303.9	-1020.8	-118.5	-902.3
III.2022	8035.5	5425.9	2609.6	8966.6	5278.8	3687.8	-931.1	147.1	-1078.2
I - III.2022	20953.9	13822.5	7131.4	24304.2	13801.7	10502.5	-3350.3	20.8	-3371.1
IV.2022	7590.2	5141.0	2449.2	8445.5	4571.6	3873.9	-855.3	569.4	-1424.7
V.2022	8322.2	5584.1	2738.1	9020.1	5071.1	3949.0	-697.9	513.0	-1210.9
VI.2022	8659.8	5453.8	3206.0	10219.3	5554.4	4664.9	-1559.5	-100.6	-1458.9
IV - VI.2022	24572.2	16178.9	8393.3	27684.9	15197.1	12487.8	-3112.7	981.8	-4094.5
I - VI.2022	45526.1	30001.4	15524.7	51989.1	28998.8	22990.3	-6463.0	1002.6	-7465.6
VII.2022	8187.0	5266.7	2920.3	9513.6	5001.4	4512.2	-1326.6	265.3	-1591.9
VIII.2022	7809.0	4915.0	2894.0	8535.3	4724.1	3811.2	-726.3	190.9	-917.2
IX.2022	7803.3	5313.9	2489.4	10043.6	5178.1	4865.5	-2240.3	135.8	-2376.1
VII - IX.2022	23799.3	15495.6	8303.7	28092.5	14903.6	13188.9	-4293.2	592.0	-4885.2
I - IX.2022	69325.4	45497.0	23828.4	80081.6	43902.4	36179.2	-10756.2	1594.6	-12350.8
X.2022	8296.5	5445.2	2851.3	9821.0	5262.9	4558.1	-1524.5	182.3	-1706.8
XI.2022	8559.4	5414.7	3144.7	9603.7	5546.6	4057.1	-1044.3	-131.9	-912.4
XII.2022	6736.5	4226.6	2509.9	8406.5	4900.5	3506.0	-1670.0	-673.9	-996.1
X - XII.2022	23592.4	15086.5	8505.9	27831.2	15710.0	12121.2	-4238.8	-623.5	-3615.3
I - XII.2022	92917.8	60583.5	32334.3	107912.8	59612.4	48300.4	-14995.0	971.1	-15966.1
I.2023	7359.6	4931.9	2427.7	8137.1	4577.5	3559.6	-777.5	354.4	-1131.9
II.2023	7103.7	4609.3	2494.4	8067.4	4845.9	3221.5	-963.7	-236.6	-727.1
III.2023	7964.8	5073.0	2891.8	8594.1	5487.6	3106.5	-629.3	-414.6	-214.7
I - III.2023	22428.1	14614.2	7813.9	24798.6	14911.0	9887.6	-2370.5	-296.8	-2073.7
IV.2023	6760.5	4278.6	2481.9	7356.0	4565.7	2790.3	-595.5	-287.1	-308.4
V.2023	7354.6	4741.9	2612.7	8148.1	4976.6	3171.5	-793.5	-234.7	-558.8
VI.2023	7309.0	4729.4	2579.6	7862.8	4849.2	3013.6	-553.8	-119.8	-434.0
IV - VI.2023	21424.1	13749.9	7674.2	23366.9	14391.5	8975.4	-1942.8	-641.6	-1301.2
I - VI.2023	43852.2	28364.1	15488.1	48165.5	29302.5	18863.0	-4313.3	-938.4	-3374.9
VII.2023	7294.3	4786.4	2507.9	7858.0	4732.5	3125.5	-563.7	53.9	-617.6
VIII.2023	6893.0	4436.6	2456.4	7862.1	4484.6	3377.5	-969.1	-48.0	-921.1
IX.2023	7481.8	4575.8	2906.0	7917.8	4598.1	3319.7	-436.0	-22.3	-413.7
VII - IX.2023	21669.1	13798.8	7870.3	23637.9	13815.2	9822.7	-1968.8	-16.4	-1952.4
I - IX.2023	65521.3	42162.9	23358.4	71803.4	43117.7	28685.7	-6282.1	-954.8	-5327.3
X.2023	7517.9	4596.0	2921.9	8637.1	5141.0	3496.1	-1119.2	-545.0	-574.2
XI.2023	7021.7	4520.0	2501.7	8607.6	5081.6	3526.0	-1585.9	-561.6	-1024.3
XII.2023	6501.8	3898.3	2603.5	7822.6	4763.6	3059.0	-1320.8	-865.3	-455.5
X - XII.2023	21041.4	13014.3	8027.1	25067.3	14986.2	10081.1	-4025.9	-1971.9	-2054.0
I - XII.2023	86562.7	55177.2	31385.5	96870.7	58103.9	38766.8	-10308.0	-2926.7	-7381.3

¹ Data are preliminary as of February 09, 2024.

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Table 2

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in 2023¹
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	17.9	19.6	14.5	6.5	10.8	1.4
II	6.4	7.9	3.9	4.8	10.4	-2.5
III	-0.9	-6.5	10.8	-4.2	4.0	-15.8
I - III	7.0	5.7	9.6	2.0	8.0	-5.9
IV	-10.9	-16.8	1.3	-12.9	-0.1	-28.0
V	-11.6	-15.1	-4.6	-9.7	-1.9	-19.7
VI	-15.6	-13.3	-19.5	-23.1	-12.7	-35.4
IV - VI	-12.8	-15.0	-8.6	-15.6	-5.3	-28.1
I - VI	-3.7	-5.5	-0.2	-7.4	1.0	-18.0
VII	-10.9	-9.1	-14.1	-17.4	-5.4	-30.7
VIII	-11.7	-9.7	-15.1	-7.9	-5.1	-11.4
IX	-4.1	-13.9	16.7	-21.2	-11.2	-31.8
VII - IX	-9.0	-11.0	-5.2	-15.9	-7.3	-25.5
I - IX	-5.5	-7.3	-2.0	-10.3	-1.8	-20.7
X	-9.4	-15.6	2.5	-12.1	-2.3	-23.3
XI	-18.0	-16.5	-20.4	-10.4	-8.4	-13.1
XII	-3.5	-7.8	3.7	-6.9	-2.8	-12.7
X - XII	-10.8	-13.7	-5.6	-9.9	-4.6	-16.8
I - XII	-6.8	-8.9	-2.9	-10.2	-2.5	-19.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of February 09, 2024.

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non-EU partner countries¹
in 2022 and 2023²**

Countries	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries -total	32334.3	31385.5	-2.9	48300.4	38766.8	-19.7	-15966.1	-7381.3
of which:								
Albania	256.2	258.7	1.0	108.6	93.5	-13.9	147.6	165.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	192.2	186.3	-3.1	53.0	71.5	34.9	139.2	114.8
Brazil	190.7	79.7	-58.2	599.3	770.3	28.5	-408.6	-690.6
Canada	208.0	309.4	48.8	225.6	254.1	12.6	-17.6	55.3
Chile	41.5	27.1	-34.7	288.6	301.1	4.3	-247.1	-274.0
China	1539.0	1989.6	29.3	6251.4	5208.8	-16.7	-4712.4	-3219.2
Egypt	1266.8	1485.2	17.2	482.9	688.6	42.6	783.9	796.6
Georgia	489.4	560.5	14.5	1018.5	585.5	-42.5	-529.1	-25.0
Gibraltar	1026.3	341.6	-66.7	0.3	0.1	-66.7	1026.0	341.5
India	741.9	388.0	-47.7	477.7	462.6	-3.2	264.2	-74.6
Indonesia	171.3	530.0	209.4	535.7	728.5	36.0	-364.4	-198.5
Iran, Islamic Republic of	249.6	232.3	-6.9	167.0	110.2	-34.0	82.6	122.1
Israel	587.6	401.5	-31.7	116.3	227.7	95.8	471.3	173.8
Japan	149.7	172.1	15.0	458.0	383.8	-16.2	-308.3	-211.7
Kazakhstan	109.9	169.8	54.5	57.5	16.2	-71.8	52.4	153.6
Korea, Republic of	258.9	426.1	64.6	388.8	362.1	-6.9	-129.9	64.0
Libya	372.7	318.8	-14.5	34.0	3.8	-88.8	338.7	315.0
Morocco	178.8	341.1	90.8	151.4	179.7	18.7	27.4	161.4
Namibia	200.5	50.0	-75.1	14.1	8.5	-39.7	186.4	41.5
Norway	112.7	128.7	14.2	70.9	327.6	362.1	41.8	-198.9
Peru	33.1	42.4	28.1	404.4	405.5	0.3	-371.3	-363.1
Republic of North Macedonia	1522.0	1634.3	7.4	876.8	1034.9	18.0	645.2	599.4
Russian Federation	956.3	973.4	1.8	11702.3	6345.0	-45.8	-10746.0	-5371.6
Serbia	2286.6	1887.6	-17.4	1861.0	2117.3	13.8	425.6	-229.7
Singapore	49.5	265.5	436.4	111.6	71.5	-35.9	-62.1	194.0
South Africa	472.5	266.0	-43.7	230.1	190.0	-17.4	242.4	76.0
Switzerland	608.5	706.6	16.1	623.0	706.2	13.4	-14.5	0.4
Syrian Arab Republic	9.0	4.7	-47.8	10.5	1.8	-82.9	-1.5	2.9
Taiwan	115.5	284.3	146.1	486.1	308.1	-36.6	-370.6	-23.8
Tunisia	440.2	220.5	-49.9	78.8	68.7	-12.8	361.4	151.8
Türkiye	5553.1	5025.0	-9.5	9095.8	7954.4	-12.5	-3542.7	-2929.4
Ukraine	2252.6	1645.5	-27.0	3411.8	1905.9	-44.1	-1159.2	-260.4
United Arab Emirates	274.5	347.3	26.5	95.7	97.5	1.9	178.8	249.8
United Kingdom ³	1452.0	1400.7	-3.5	862.6	784.9	-9.0	589.4	615.8
United States	2068.1	2040.4	-1.3	1586.3	1025.8	-35.3	481.8	1014.6
Viet Nam	100.4	103.3	2.9	335.0	288.8	-13.8	-234.6	-185.5

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 February 09, 2024.

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

Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non-EU countries by sections of SITC, rev. 4
in 2022 and 2023¹**

Sections by SITC	Exports - FOB			Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023	Change compared to the same period of the previous year - %	2022	2023
	Million BGN			Million BGN			Million BGN	
Third countries - total	32334.3	31385.5	-2.9	48300.4	38766.8	-19.7	-15966.1	-7381.3
Food and live animals	4459.4	5447.0	22.1	1879.2	2063.5	9.8	2580.2	3383.5
Beverages and tobacco	247.2	317.6	28.5	314.2	353.9	12.6	-67.0	-36.3
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	2015.4	1988.9	-1.3	7409.6	5309.5	-28.3	-5394.2	-3320.6
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	7220.9	5085.7	-29.6	13943.1	9177.5	-34.2	-6722.2	-4091.8
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	1229.2	890.9	-27.5	983.0	487.5	-50.4	246.2	403.4
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	3849.5	3497.4	-9.1	4232.7	3296.4	-22.1	-383.2	201.0
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	5145.6	4565.1	-11.3	8401.5	7164.1	-14.7	-3255.9	-2599.0
Machinery and transport equipment	5013.8	6099.4	21.7	8354.4	7961.6	-4.7	-3340.6	-1862.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3068.2	3086.4	0.6	2766.2	2930.7	5.9	302.0	155.7
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	85.1	407.1	378.4	16.5	22.1	33.9	68.6	385.0

¹ Data are preliminary as of February 09, 2024.