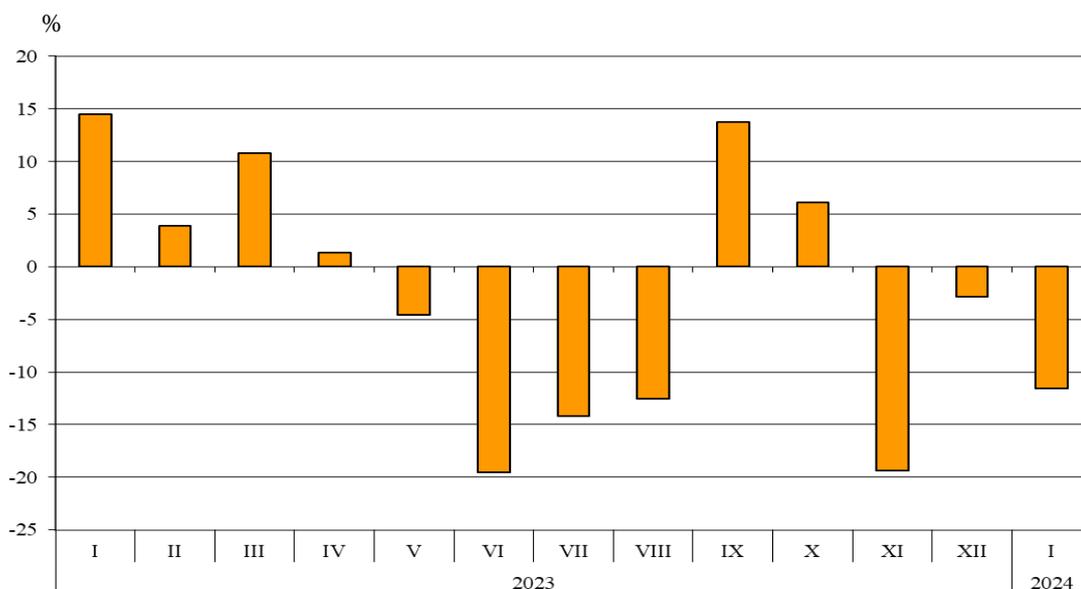


TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THIRD COUNTRIES IN JANUARY 2024 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In **January 2024**, the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria to **third countries** decreased by 11.6% in comparison with the same month of 2023 and added up to 2 147.0 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Türkiye, China, the Republic of North Macedonia, the United Kingdom, the United States, Serbia and Ukraine, which accounted for 51.1% 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 2023 - 2024 (Compared to the same month of the previous year)

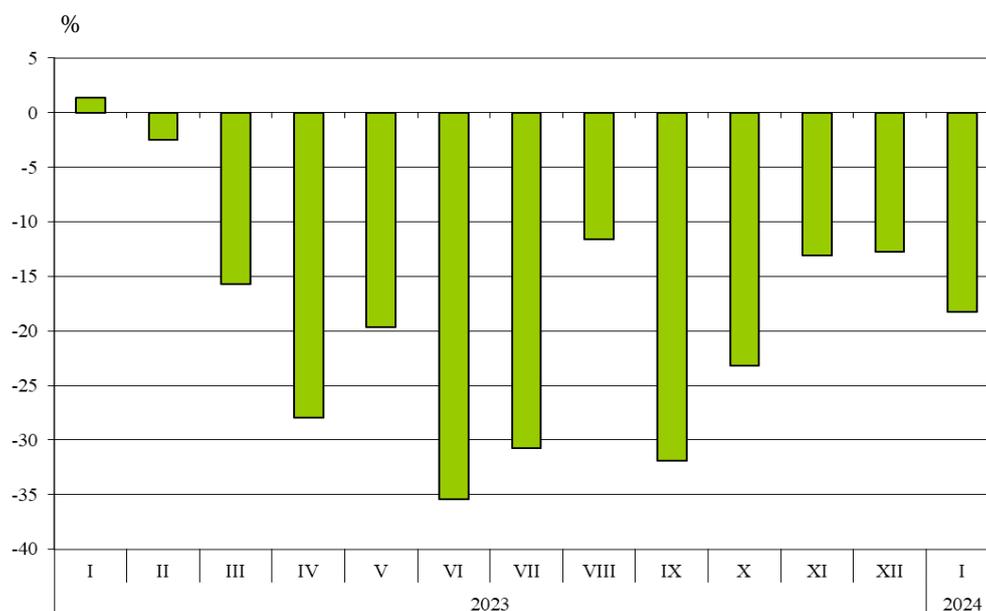


In the exports of goods from Bulgaria to third countries, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth was recorded in the sections ‘Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)’ (35.7%) and ‘Chemical and related products n.e.c.’ (13.9%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Beverages and tobacco’ (66.5%).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries in January 2024 decreased by 18.2% in comparison with the same month of 2023 and added up to 2 911.1 million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Türkiye, China, the Russian Federation, and Ukraine (Annex, Table 3).

Figure 2. Nominal value² change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from non-EU countries in the period 2023 - 2024
(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 section ‘Food and live animals’ (9.1%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section ‘Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials’ (38.1%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in **January 2024** was negative and added up to 764.1 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

¹ Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

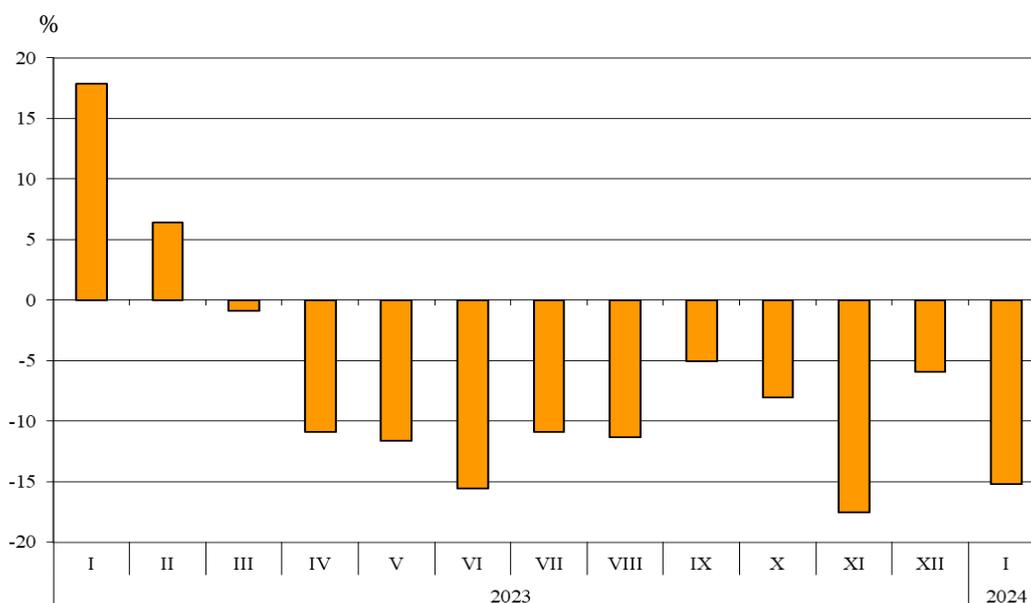
(<http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang= EN>).

² Value changes at current prices.

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

In **January 2024**, the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 6 240.3 million BGN, which is 15.2% less than the same month of the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

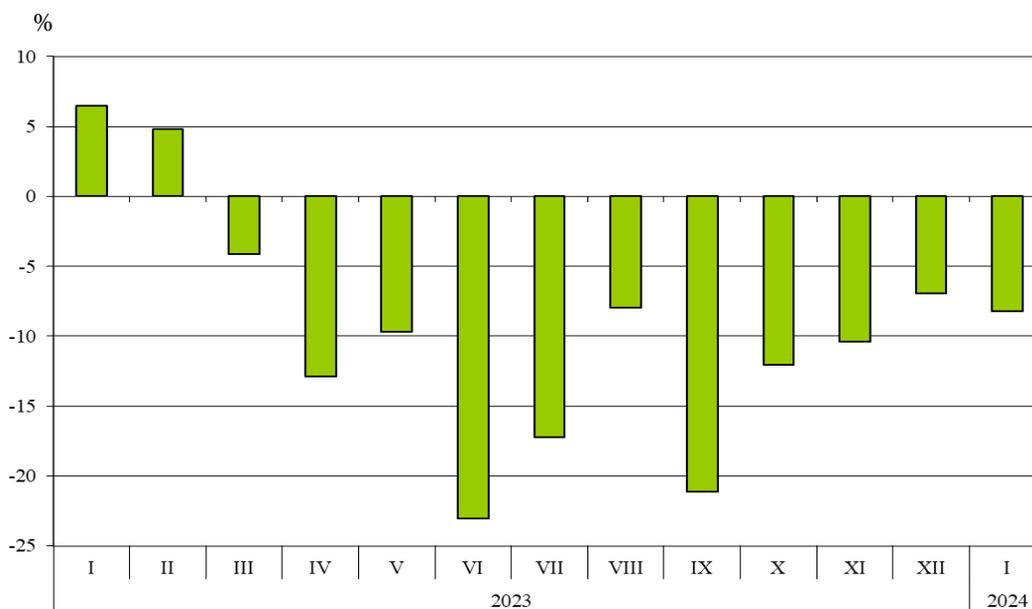
Figure 3. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria in the period 2023 - 2024
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)



The total value of **all the goods imported** into the country in **January 2024** amounted to 7 467.8 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 8.2% less than the same month of 2023 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

¹ Value changes at current prices.

**Figure 4. Nominal value¹ change of imports of goods to Bulgaria in the period 2023 - 2024
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



The total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - imports CIF) was negative in **January 2024** and amounted to 1 227.5 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

¹ Value changes at current prices.



Annex

Table 1

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in January 2023¹ and 2024¹ 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.2023 | 7359.5 | 4931.8 | 2427.7 | 8138.4 | 4578.7 | 3559.7 | -778.9 | 353.1 | -1132.0 |
| I.2024 | 6240.3 | 4093.3 | 2147.0 | 7467.8 | 4556.7 | 2911.1 | -1227.5 | -463.4 | -764.1 |

¹ Data are preliminary as of March 12, 2024.

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 January 2024¹
compared to the same month of the previous year

(Per cent)

| Months/Periods | Exports - FOB | | | Imports - CIF | | |
|----------------|---------------|-------|--------|---------------|------|--------|
| | Total | EU | Non-EU | Total | EU | Non-EU |
| I | -15.2 | -17.0 | -11.6 | -8.2 | -0.5 | -18.2 |

¹ Data are preliminary as of March 12, 2024.



Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non-EU partner countries¹ in January
2023² and 2024²

| Countries | Exports - FOB | | | Imports - CIF | | | Trade balance - FOB/CIF | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---|---------------|---------------|---|-------------------------|---------------|
| | 2023 | 2024 | Change compared to the same period of the previous year - % | 2023 | 2024 | Change compared to the same period of the previous year - % | 2023 | 2024 |
| | Million BGN | | | Million BGN | | | Million BGN | |
| Third countries - total | 2427.7 | 2147.0 | -11.6 | 3559.7 | 2911.1 | -18.2 | -1132.0 | -764.1 |
| of which: | | | | | | | | |
| Albania | 19.1 | 68.0 | 256.0 | 7.0 | 7.7 | 10.0 | 12.1 | 60.3 |
| Algeria | 111.4 | 44.0 | -60.5 | 25.7 | 23.6 | -8.2 | 85.7 | 20.4 |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 13.5 | 13.5 | 0.0 | 4.7 | 4.1 | -12.8 | 8.8 | 9.4 |
| Brazil | 5.5 | 4.7 | -14.5 | 128.3 | 51.8 | -59.6 | -122.8 | -47.1 |
| Canada | 12.7 | 12.1 | -4.7 | 8.5 | 20.0 | 135.3 | 4.2 | -7.9 |
| Chile | 2.8 | 6.4 | 128.6 | 55.7 | 84.0 | 50.8 | -52.9 | -77.6 |
| China | 101.6 | 163.6 | 61.0 | 494.4 | 269.5 | -45.5 | -392.8 | -105.9 |
| Egypt | 38.8 | 71.9 | 85.3 | 43.4 | 137.6 | 217.1 | -4.6 | -65.7 |
| Georgia | 21.8 | 24.5 | 12.4 | 21.0 | 11.6 | -44.8 | 0.8 | 12.9 |
| Gibraltar | 148.9 | 79.9 | -46.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | x | 148.9 | 79.9 |
| India | 90.3 | 18.7 | -79.3 | 72.0 | 58.2 | -19.2 | 18.3 | -39.5 |
| Indonesia | 3.3 | 8.1 | 145.5 | 65.0 | 121.6 | 87.1 | -61.7 | -113.5 |
| Iran, Islamic Republic of | 19.6 | 22.7 | 15.8 | 8.7 | 7.0 | -19.5 | 10.9 | 15.7 |
| Israel | 69.7 | 21.3 | -69.4 | 13.6 | 10.5 | -22.8 | 56.1 | 10.8 |
| Japan | 11.7 | 8.3 | -29.1 | 40.9 | 30.7 | -24.9 | -29.2 | -22.4 |
| Kazakhstan | 12.9 | 15.4 | 19.4 | 1.9 | 0.3 | -84.2 | 11.0 | 15.1 |
| Korea, Republic of | 14.2 | 83.4 | 487.3 | 35.7 | 23.3 | -34.7 | -21.5 | 60.1 |
| Libya | 5.6 | 1.9 | -66.1 | - | 0.2 | x | 5.6 | 1.7 |
| Morocco | 7.9 | 20.3 | 157.0 | 3.9 | 13.0 | 233.3 | 4.0 | 7.3 |
| Namibia | 0.1 | 0.0 | -100.0 | 4.1 | 0.0 | -100.0 | -4.0 | 0.0 |
| Norway | 10.7 | 8.9 | -16.8 | 3.5 | 5.9 | 68.6 | 7.2 | 3.0 |
| Peru | 4.9 | 1.4 | -71.4 | 67.2 | 109.9 | 63.5 | -62.3 | -108.5 |
| Republic of North Macedonia | 106.4 | 125.8 | 18.2 | 74.1 | 62.8 | -15.2 | 32.3 | 63.0 |
| Russian Federation | 82.2 | 45.8 | -44.3 | 698.3 | 228.9 | -67.2 | -616.1 | -183.1 |
| Serbia | 146.6 | 101.4 | -30.8 | 154.4 | 151.8 | -1.7 | -7.8 | -50.4 |
| Singapore | 3.3 | 8.5 | 157.6 | 9.1 | 3.0 | -67.0 | -5.8 | 5.5 |
| South Africa | 9.9 | 38.3 | 286.9 | 19.8 | 6.8 | -65.7 | -9.9 | 31.5 |
| Switzerland | 62.4 | 48.8 | -21.8 | 58.3 | 55.4 | -5.0 | 4.1 | -6.6 |
| Taiwan | 6.4 | 3.8 | -40.6 | 37.9 | 22.0 | -42.0 | -31.5 | -18.2 |
| Tunisia | 39.9 | 14.6 | -63.4 | 7.3 | 35.5 | 386.3 | 32.6 | -20.9 |
| Turkey | 419.0 | 370.7 | -11.5 | 645.9 | 775.1 | 20.0 | -226.9 | -404.4 |
| Ukraine | 209.3 | 93.6 | -55.3 | 185.5 | 196.4 | 5.9 | 23.8 | -102.8 |
| United Arab Emirates | 17.8 | 20.4 | 14.6 | 6.0 | 6.2 | 3.3 | 11.8 | 14.2 |
| United Kingdom ³ | 108.3 | 124.7 | 15.1 | 55.1 | 49.3 | -10.5 | 53.2 | 75.4 |
| United States | 192.5 | 117.3 | -39.1 | 173.6 | 65.8 | -62.1 | 18.9 | 51.5 |
| Viet Nam | 4.0 | 5.2 | 30.0 | 23.2 | 26.2 | 12.9 | -19.2 | -21.0 |

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 March 12, 2024.

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

'x' - not applicable.

'0' - less than half of the unit employed.

'-' - no case registered.



Table 4
Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non-EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4
in January 2023¹ and 2024¹

| Sections by SITC | Exports - FOB | | | Imports - CIF | | | Trade balance - FOB/CIF | |
|---|---------------|---------------|---|---------------|---------------|---|-------------------------|---------------|
| | 2023 | 2024 | Change compared to the same period of the previous year - % | 2023 | 2024 | Change compared to the same period of the previous year - % | 2023 | 2024 |
| | Million BGN | | | Million BGN | | | Million BGN | |
| Third countries - total | 2427.7 | 2147.0 | -11.6 | 3559.7 | 2911.1 | -18.2 | -1132.0 | -764.1 |
| Food and live animals | 368.6 | 279.8 | -24.1 | 169.5 | 184.9 | 9.1 | 199.1 | 94.9 |
| Beverages and tobacco | 36.4 | 12.2 | -66.5 | 23.4 | 21.0 | -10.3 | 13.0 | -8.8 |
| Crude materials, inedible (except fuel) | 123.2 | 167.2 | 35.7 | 586.5 | 581.3 | -0.9 | -463.3 | -414.1 |
| Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials | 488.9 | 310.7 | -36.4 | 943.4 | 583.9 | -38.1 | -454.5 | -273.2 |
| Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes | 111.6 | 83.8 | -24.9 | 54.3 | 50.7 | -6.6 | 57.3 | 33.1 |
| Chemical and related products n.e.c. | 269.6 | 307.1 | 13.9 | 268.7 | 269.0 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 38.1 |
| Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material | 378.1 | 359.7 | -4.9 | 630.2 | 551.5 | -12.5 | -252.1 | -191.8 |
| Machinery and transport equipment | 387.7 | 422.8 | 9.1 | 681.7 | 490.9 | -28.0 | -294.0 | -68.1 |
| Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 221.8 | 202.2 | -8.8 | 200.0 | 177.1 | -11.5 | 21.8 | 25.1 |
| Commodities and transactions n.e.c. | 41.8 | 1.5 | -96.4 | 2.0 | 0.8 | -60.0 | 39.8 | 0.7 |

¹ Data are preliminary as of March 12, 2024.