

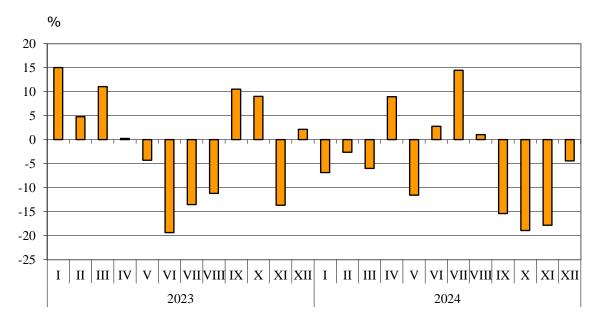


In **2024, the exports** of goods from Bulgaria **to third countries** decreased by 5.1% in comparison with 2023 and added up to 30 114.9 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The main trade partners of Bulgaria were Türkiye, the United States, Serbia, the Republic of North Macedonia, China, the United Kingdom and Egypt, which accounted for 51.6% of the exports to non-EU countries (Annex, Table 3).

In **December 2024,** the **exports** of goods from Bulgaria **to third countries** decreased by 4.4% compared to the previous year and amounted to 2 450.3 million BGN.

Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to non-EU countries in the period 2023 - 2024





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 section 'Chemical and related products n.e.c.' (10.1%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (36.5%).

Imports of goods to Bulgaria **from third countries** in **2024** increased by 6.9% in comparison with 2023 and added up to 41 603.0 million BGN (at CIF prices)² (Annex,

¹ Value changes at current prices.

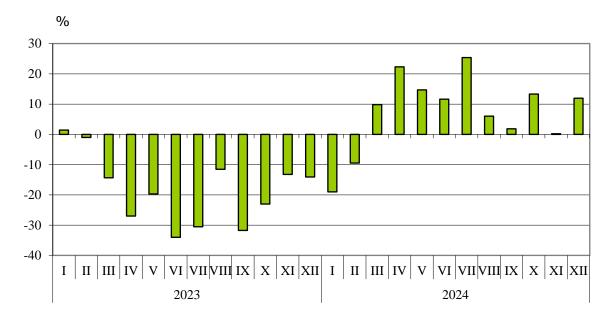
² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB (http://bnb.bg/Statistics/StExternalSector/StForeignTrade/StFTImports/index.htm?toLang= EN).

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

In December 2024, the imports of goods to Bulgaria from third countries increased by 12.0% compared to the previous year and amounted to 3 372.6 million BGN.

Figure 2. Nominal value¹ 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 'Miscellaneous manufactured articles' (24.5%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Machinery and transport equipment' (1.5%).

The foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (exports FOB - imports CIF) with third countries in **2024** was negative and added up to 11 488.1 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In December 2024, the foreign trade balance of Bulgaria (export FOB - import CIF) with third countries was also negative and amounted to 922.3 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

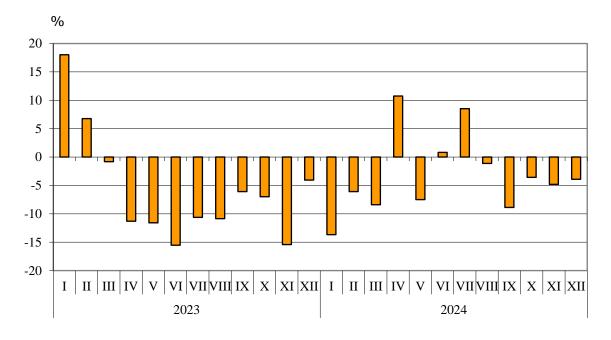
Trade in goods of Bulgaria with third countries and the EU - total

In **2024,** the total value of **all the goods exported** from Bulgaria amounted to 84 047.2 million BGN, which is 3.3% less than the previous year (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

In December 2024, the total exports of goods added up to 6 209.3 million BGN and decreased by 3.9% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year.

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 **2024** amounted to 97 389.1 million BGN (at CIF prices), or 0.3% more than in 2023 (Annex, Tables 1 and 2).

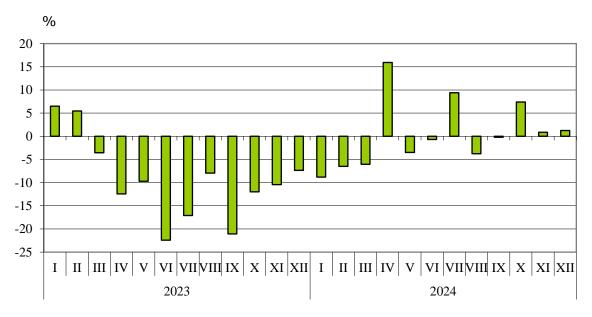
In December 2024, the total imports of goods increased by 1.2% compared to the same month of the previous year and added up to 7 883.8 million BGN.

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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 **2024** and amounted to 13 341.9 million BGN (Annex, Table 1).

In December 2024, the total foreign trade balance (exports FOB - import CIF) was also negative and added up to 1 674.5 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

Annex

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in 2023 and 2024¹ by months

(Million BGN)

Table 1

Months/Periods	E	xports - FC)B	Imports - CIF ²			(Million BGN) Trade balance - FOB/CIF		
	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU
I.2023	7370.6	4932.1	2438.5	8138.6	4578.7	3559.9	-768.0	353.4	-1121.4
II.2023	7126.4	4609.7	2516.7	8115.4	4846.0	3269.4	-989.0	-236.3	-752.7
III.2023	7970.4	5072.6	2897.8	8646.9	5487.6	3159.3	-676.5	-415.0	-261.5
I - III.2023	22467.4	14614.4	7853.0	24900.9	14912.3	9988.6	-2433.5	-297.9	-2135.6
IV.2023	6732.9	4277.6	2455.3	7394.4	4566.0	2828.4	-661.5	-288.4	-373.1
V.2023	7359.2	4738.3	2620.9	8145.2	4973.5	3171.7	-786.0	-235.2	-550.8
VI.2023	7314.1	4729.1	2585.0	7929.2	4851.3	3077.9	-615.1	-122.2	-492.9
IV - VI.2023	21406.2	13745.0	7661.2	23468.8	14390.8	9078.0	-2062.6	-645.8	-1416.8
I - VI.2023	43873.6	28359.4	15514.2	48369.7	29303.1	19066.6	-4496.1	-943.7	-3552.4
VII.2023	7317.5	4792.5	2525.0	7888.6	4754.4	3134.2	-571.1	38.1	-609.2
VIII.2023	6962.2	4391.7	2570.5	7856.5	4486.2	3370.3	-894.3	-94.5	-799.8
IX.2023	7329.5	4578.3	2751.2	7926.2	4605.7	3320.5	-596.7	-27.4	-569.3
VII - IX.2023	21609.2	13762.5	7846.7	23671.3	13846.3	9825.0	-2062.1	-83.8	-1978.3
I - IX.2023	65482.8	42121.9	23360.9	72041.0	43149.4	28891.6	-6558.2	-1027.5	-5530.7
X.2023	7718.1	4609.9	3108.2	8643.9	5135.6	3508.3	-925.8	-525.7	-400.1
XI.2023	7239.8	4524.2	2715.6	8600.9	5080.3	3520.6	-1361.1	-556.1	-805.0
XII.2023	6462.9	3899.0	2563.9	7787.2	4774.9	3012.3	-1324.3	-875.9	-448.4
X - XII.2023	21420.8	13033.1	8387.7	25032.0	14990.8	10041.2	-3611.2	-1957.7	-1653.5
I - XII.2023	86903.6	55155.0	31748.6	97073.0	58140.2	38932.8	-10169.4	-2985.2	-7184.2
I.2024	6362.2	4091.2	2271.0	7422.2	4538.7	2883.5	-1060.0	-447.5	-612.5
II.2024	6693.3	4242.2	2451.1	7588.1	4628.1	2960.0	-894.8	-385.9	-508.9
III.2024	7301.1	4576.8	2724.3	8123.7	4653.6	3470.1	-822.6	-76.8	-745.8
I - III.2024	20356.6	12910.2	7446.4	23134.0	13820.4	9313.6	-2777.4	-910.2	-1867.2
IV.2024	7456.8	4781.3	2675.5	8571.9	5113.1	3458.8	-1115.1	-331.8	-783.3
V.2024	6808.6	4490.7	2317.9	7862.1	4224.1	3638.0	-1053.5	266.6	-1320.1
VI.2024	7375.5	4718.3	2657.2	7875.6	4440.3	3435.3	-500.1	278.0	-778.1
IV - VI.2024	21640.9	13990.3	7650.6	24309.6	13777.5	10532.1	-2668.7	212.8	-2881.5
I - VI.2024	41997.5	26900.5	15097.0	47443.6	27597.9	19845.7	-5446.1	-697.4	-4748.7
VII.2024	7942.1	5052.1	2890.0	8631.2	4702.5	3928.7	-689.1	349.6	-1038.7
VIII.2024	6884.7	4286.8	2597.9	7560.6	3988.4	3572.2	-675.9	298.4	-974.3
IX.2024	6679.1	4350.9	2328.2	7910.5	4528.8	3381.7	-1231.4	-177.9	-1053.5
VII - IX.2024	21505.9	13689.8	7816.1	24102.3	13219.7	10882.6	-2596.4	470.1	-3066.5
I - IX.2024	63503.4	40590.3	22913.1	71545.9	40817.6	30728.3	-8042.5	-227.3	-7815.2
X.2024	7443.3	4923.6	2519.7	9283.5	5308.2	3975.3	-1840.2	-384.6	-1455.6
XI.2024	6891.2	4659.4	2231.8	8675.9	5149.1	3526.8	-1784.7	-489.7	-1295.0
XII.2024	6209.3	3759.0	2450.3	7883.8	4511.2	3372.6	-1674.5	-752.2	-922.3
X - XII.2024	20543.8	13342.0	7201.8		14968.5	10874.7	-5299.4	-1626.5	-3672.9
I - XII.2024	84047.2	53932.3	30114.9	97389.1	55786.1	41603.0	-13341.9	-1853.8	-11488.1

 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ Data are preliminary as of February 10, 2025.

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

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

Table 2

Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in 2024¹ compared to the same period of the previous year

(Per cent)

	Ex	(ports - F	ОВ	Imports - CIF			
Months/Periods	Total	EU	Non-EU	Total	EU	Non-EU	
I	-13.7	-17.0	-6.9	-8.8	-0.9	-19.0	
II	-6.1	-8.0	-2.6	-6.5	-4.5	-9.5	
III	-8.4	-9.8	-6.0	-6.1	-15.2	9.8	
I - III	-9.4	-11.7	-5.2	-7.1	-7.3	-6.8	
IV	10.8	11.8	9.0	15.9	12.0	22.3	
V	-7.5	-5.2	-11.6	-3.5	-15.1	14.7	
VI	8.0	-0.2	2.8	-0.7	-8.5	11.6	
IV - VI	1.1	1.8	-0.1	3.6	-4.3	16.0	
I - VI	-4.3	-5.1	-2.7	-1.9	-5.8	4.1	
VII	8.5	5.4	14.5	9.4	-1.1	25.3	
VIII	-1.1	-2.4	1.1	-3.8	-11.1	6.0	
IX	-8.9	-5.0	-15.4	-0.2	-1.7	1.8	
VII - IX	-0.5	-0.5	-0.4	1.8	-4.5	10.8	
I - IX	-3.0	-3.6	-1.9	-0.7	-5.4	6.4	
X	-3.6	6.8	-18.9	7.4	3.4	13.3	
XI	-4.8	3.0	-17.8	0.9	1.4	0.2	
XII	-3.9	-3.6	-4.4	1.2	-5.5	12.0	
X- XII	-4.1	2.4	-14.1	3.2	-0.1	8.3	
I - XII	-3.3	-2.2	-5.1	0.3	-4.0	6.9	

¹ Data are preliminary as of February 10, 2025.

Table 3 Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with main non EU partner countries in 2023 and 2024²

	Ex	kports - F(ОВ	Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2023	2024	Change compared	2023	2024	Change compared	2023	2024
Countries and territories	Million BGN		to the same period of the previous year - %	Million BGN		to the same period of the previous year - %	Million BGN	
Third countries -total	31748.6	30114.9	-5.1	38932.8	41603.0	6.9	-7184.2	-11488.1
of which:								
Albania	260.8	534.2	104.8	93.7	97.3	3.8	167.1	436.9
Algeria	1079.3	1052.5	-2.5	131.7	80.3	-39.0	947.6	972.2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	186.5	172.9	-7.3	110.9	103.0	-7.1	75.6	69.9
Brazil	87.5	96.3	10.1	776.5	1000.9	28.9	-689.0	-904.6
Canada	320.1	307.0	-4.1	314.9	348.9	10.8	5.2	-41.9
Chile	29.1	37.9	30.2	298.1	619.9	108.0	-269.0	-582.0
China	2015.6	1471.0	-27.0	5257.7	5410.6	2.9	-3242.1	-3939.6
Egypt	1452.2	1286.9	-11.4	727.3	1976.0	171.7	724.9	-689.1
Georgia	566.4	760.4	34.3	584.0	392.2	-32.8	-17.6	368.2
Gibraltar	336.3	1074.1	219.4	0.1	0.3	200.0	336.2	1073.8
India	430.3	316.3	-26.5	483.7	467.9	-3.3	-53.4	-151.6
Indonesia	538.4	171.1	-68.2	722.3	953.3	32.0	-183.9	-782.2
Iran, Islamic Republic of	243.6	257.5	5.7	110.2	119.3	8.3	133.4	138.2
Israel	414.9	320.7	-22.7	245.2	136.8	-44.2	169.7	183.9
Japan	175.3	160.5	-8.4	384.0	325.4	-15.3	-208.7	-164.9
Kazakhstan	174.7	177.1	1.4	16.2	1988.3	12173.5	158.5	-1811.2
Korea, Republic of	455.1	319.1	-29.9	362.2	431.0	19.0	92.9	-111.9
Libya	315.5	112.8	-64.2	3.8	652.1	17060.5	311.7	-539.3
Morocco	359.9	409.7	13.8	179.7	244.2	35.9	180.2	165.5
Namibia	101.6	7.5	-92.6	8.5	190.4	2140.0	93.1	-182.9
Norway	130.0	132.3	1.8	327.9	962.3	193.5	-197.9	-830.0
Peru	52.4	24.8	-52.7	401.9	707.4	76.0	-349.5	-682.6
Republic of North	1707.6	1574.2	0.0	1020.7	1042.7		606.0	F21 F
Macedonia	1727.6	1574.2	-8.9	1030.7	1042.7	1.2	696.9	531.5
Russian Federation	979.7	706.9	-27.8	6535.4	1217.6	-81.4	-5555.7 -405.4	-510.7
Serbia	1880.6	1904.6 75.1	1.3 -72.0	2286.0	2175.3	-4.8 -42.5	-405.4 196.3	-270.7
Singapore	267.8			71.5	41.1			34.0
South Africa	271.1	229.7	-15.3	190.7	54.2	-71.6	80.4 -99.2	175.5
Switzerland	664.2	735.8	10.8 -70.2	763.4	848.1 255.4	11.1		-112.3
Taiwan⁴ Tunisia	289.3 222.4	86.1 221.4	-70.2 -0.4	308.1	179.8	-17.1	-18.8 153.9	-169.3 41.6
Turkey	5071.3	5649.7	11.4	68.5 7957.3	9417.8	162.5 18.4	-2886.0	-3768.1
Ukraine	1675.1	1234.2	-26.3	1979.3	2264.4	14.4	-304.2	-1030.2
United Arab Emirates	350.4	287.7	-26.3 -17.9	1979.3	168.4	66.2	249.1	119.3
United Kingdom ³		1461.7	_	785.2	930.4		844.2	531.3
United Kingdom ³ United States	1629.4 2230.4	2198.5	-10.3 -1.4	1078.2	930.4 824.7	18.5 -23.5	1152.2	1373.8
Viet Nam	108.8	109.6	0.7	288.8	416.2	-23.5 44.1	-180.0	-306.6
VICE INGILI	100.8	109.6	0.7	200.8	410.2	44.1	-100.0	-300.6

¹ Partner country:

Table 4

⁻ 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 10, 2025.

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

⁴ Separate customs territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu.

Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria with non-EU countries by sections of SITC, rev.4 in 2023 and 2024¹

	ı	Exports - F	ЮВ	Imports - CIF			Trade balance - FOB/CIF	
	2023	2024	Change compared	2023	2024	Change compared	2023	2024
Sections by SITC	Million BGN		to the same period of the previous year - %	Million BGN		to the same period of the previous year - %	Million BGN	
Third countries - total	31748.6	30114.9	-5.1	38932.8	41603.0	6.9	-7184.2	-11488.1
Food and live animals	5523.4	4667.4	-15.5	2068.7	2306.9	11.5	3454.7	2360.5
Beverages and tobacco	319.1	323.6	1.4	354.0	355.0	0.3	-34.9	-31.4
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	2080.3	2186.1	5.1	5291.4	6468.9	22.3	-3211.1	-4282.8
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	4972.4	4377.9	-12.0	9154.2	9428.3	3.0	-4181.8	-5050.4
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	908.2	576.9	-36.5	482.7	590.3	22.3	425.5	-13.4
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	3592.1	3954.4	10.1	3484.2	3625.2	4.0	107.9	329.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4765.6	4960.8	4.1	7161.5	7244.8	1.2	-2395.9	-2284.0
Machinery and transport equipment	5904.6	5898.0	-0.1	8137.8	8018.2	-1.5	-2233.2	-2120.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	3275.8	2999.3	-8.4	2776.2	3455.6	24.5	499.6	-456.3
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	407.1	170.5	-58.1	22.1	109.8	396.8	385.0	60.7

¹ Data are preliminary as of February 10, 2025.

Methodological Notes

Legislative Framework

Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 December 2019 on European business statistics (including intra-EU trade in goods).

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1197 of 30 July 2020 laying down technical specifications and rules pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council on European business statistics.

Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/1704 of 14 July 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council by further specifying the details of the statistical information to be provided by tax and customs authorities, and amending Annexes V and VI thereof (text relevant to the EEA).

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1225 of 27 July 2021 laying down the rules for data exchange pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council and amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1197 regarding the member country of extra-EU export and the obligations of reporting units.

Law on Statistics of Intra-EU Trade in Goods effective from 1 July 2012, amended and supplemented, Issue 61 of 2 October 2022.

Scope and Basic Terminology

External trade in goods covers trade with third countries (Extrastat) and with EU Member States (Intrastat), with detailed statistical information collected at the commodity code level (8 digits) of the Combined Nomenclature.

Imports include all goods entering the statistical territory* of the Republic of Bulgaria from other countries intended for domestic consumption, processing in the country for export after processing, as well as imports of goods processed outside the country.

Exports include all goods leaving the statistical territory of the Republic of Bulgaria intended for normal export to another country. This includes goods returned to the trading partner after processing in Bulgaria or goods exported for processing in another country with the intention of being returned to Bulgaria.

The **statistical territory of the European Union (EU)**, in the context of statistics of international trade in goods, corresponds to the combined customs territories of the EU Member States with one exception: unlike the customs territory, the statistical territory of Germany includes Helgoland.

Statistical volumes of imports and exports do not include imported goods placed under customs warehousing without processing, nor do exports include the re-export of these goods.

International trade statistics do not account for the transit of goods through the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria.

Main Sources of Information

Customs declaration - Single Administrative Document (SAD), which is filled out by all entities importing or exporting goods to/from third countries.

Intrastat declaration for intra-EU imports and exports to/from EU Member States.

The **Customs Agency** is the institution responsible for collecting customs declarations (SAD), and the **National Revenue Agency** is responsible for Intrastat declarations.

Trade estimates are made to compensate for the impact of thresholds below which traders are exempt from submitting Intrastat declarations, as well as for those who have not responded.