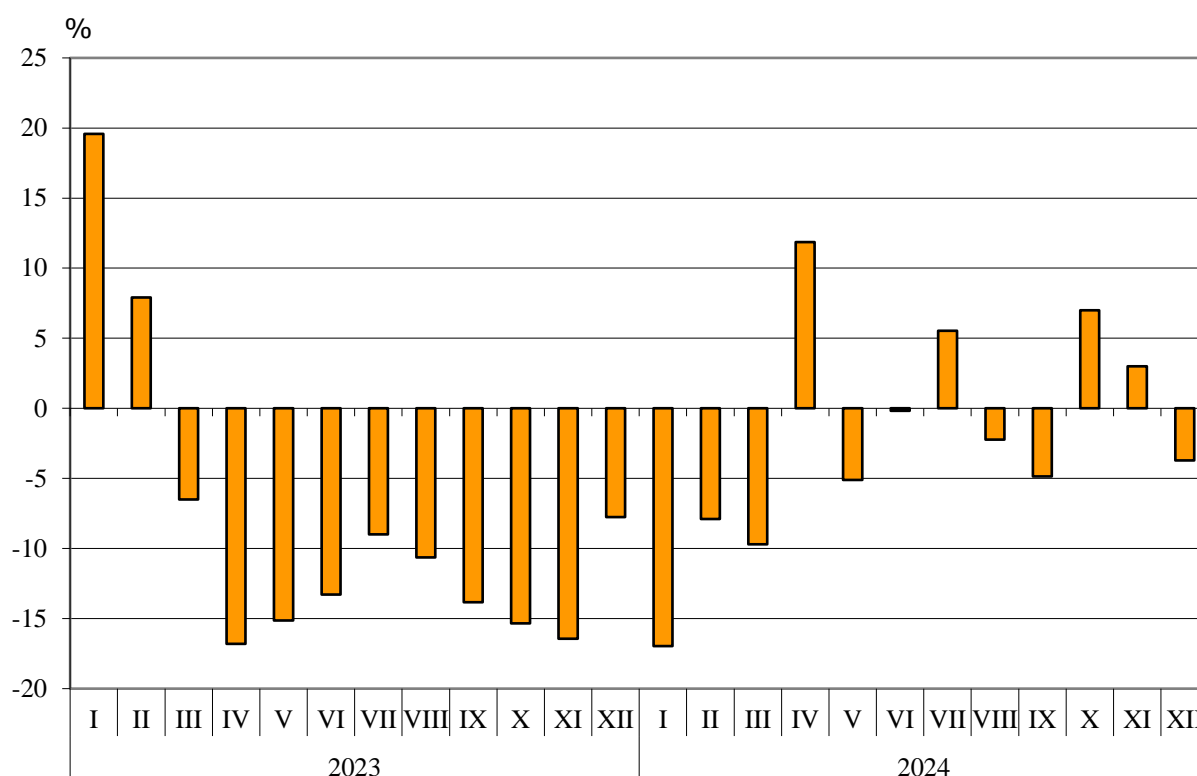




TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN 2024 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

In **2024**, the **exports of goods** from Bulgaria to the **EU** decreased by 2.1% in comparison with the same period of 2023 and amounted to 53 975.8 million BGN (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). Main trade partners of Bulgaria were Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece and France, which accounted for 61.8% of the exports to the EU Member States (Annex, Table 3).

**Figure 1. Nominal value¹ change of exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU
in the period 2023 - 2024
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the exports of goods from Bulgaria to the EU, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the most notable growth was recorded in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (25.6%) (Annex, Table 4). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes' (19.4%).

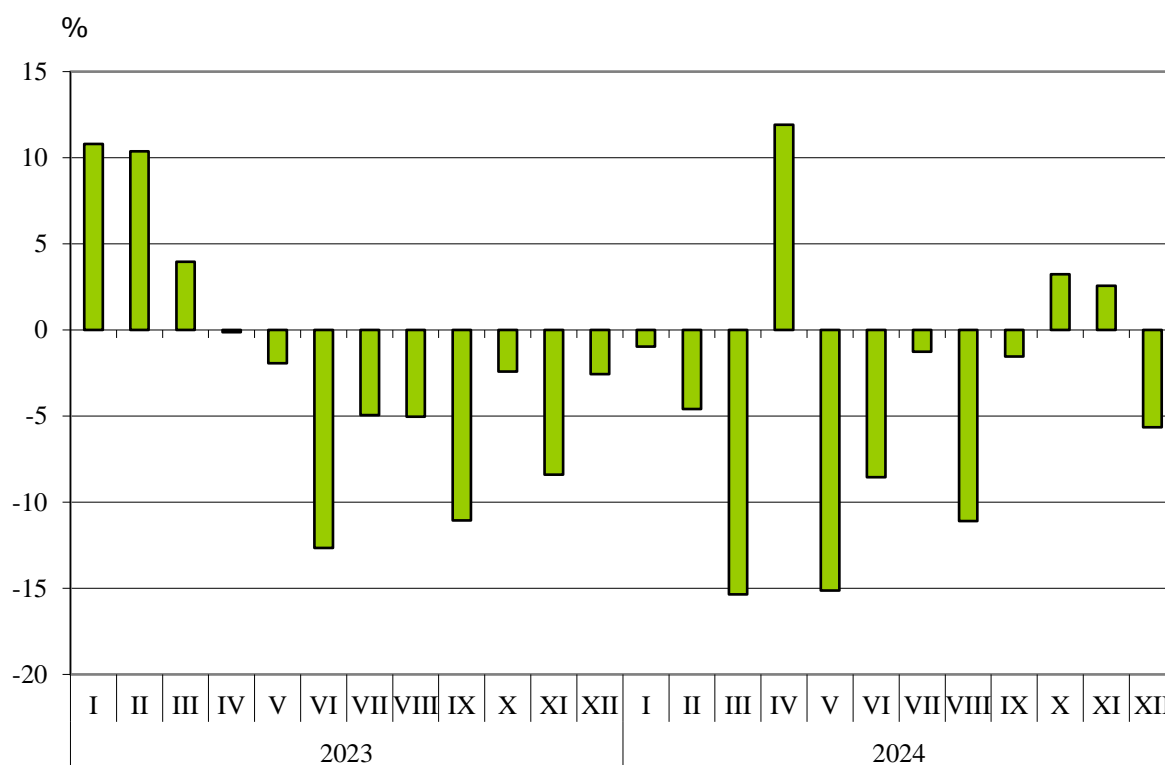
In **December 2024**, the **exports to the EU** decreased by 3.7% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and amounted to 3 753.8 million BGN.

¹ Value changes at current prices.

TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN 2024 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

Imports of goods to Bulgaria **from the EU** in **2024** decreased by 4.0% in comparison with the same period of 2023 and is worth to 55 805.5 million BGN (at CIF prices)¹ (Annex, Tables 1 and 2). The largest amounts were reported for the goods imported from Germany, Romania, Italy, Greece and Poland (Annex, Table 3).

**Figure 2. Nominal value² change of imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU
in the period 2023 - 2024
(Compared to the same month of the previous year)**



In the imports of goods to Bulgaria from the EU Member States, distributed according to the **Standard International Trade Classification**, the largest growth was recorded in the section 'Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials' (60.3%). The most notable fall was reported in the section 'Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material' (13.2%).

In **December 2024**, the imports from the EU decreased by 5.6% compared to the corresponding month of the previous year and reached 4 505.2 million BGN.

The **foreign trade balance** of Bulgaria (**export FOB - import CIF**) with the EU in **2024** was negative and added up to 1 829.7 million BGN (Annex, Table 1 and Table 3).

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 THE EU IN 2024
(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

Annex

Table 1

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria in
2023 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	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	6373.9	4095.0	2278.9	7418.2	4534.1	2884.1	-1044.3	-439.1	-605.2
II.2024	6684.5	4245.6	2438.9	7575.8	4624.0	2951.8	-891.3	-378.4	-512.9
III.2024	7318.5	4581.1	2737.4	8040.0	4645.0	3395.0	-721.5	-63.9	-657.6
I - III.2024	20376.9	12921.7	7455.2	23034.0	13803.1	9230.9	-2657.1	-881.4	-1775.7
IV.2024	7444.6	4785.1	2659.5	8544.6	5109.9	3434.7	-1100.0	-324.8	-775.2
V.2024	6835.2	4495.7	2339.5	7868.2	4221.5	3646.7	-1033.0	274.2	-1307.2
VI.2024	7259.6	4720.6	2539.0	7838.1	4436.2	3401.9	-578.5	284.4	-862.9
IV - VI.2024	21539.4	14001.4	7538.0	24250.9	13767.6	10483.3	-2711.5	233.8	-2945.3
I - VI.2024	41916.3	26923.1	14993.2	47284.9	27570.7	19714.2	-5368.6	-647.6	-4721.0
VII.2024	7979.8	5057.5	2922.3	8634.4	4694.6	3939.8	-654.6	362.9	-1017.5
VIII.2024	6940.8	4293.6	2647.2	7601.5	3988.4	3613.1	-660.7	305.2	-965.9
IX.2024	6728.7	4355.4	2373.3	7926.6	4534.7	3391.9	-1197.9	-179.3	-1018.6
VII - IX.2024	21649.3	13706.5	7942.8	24162.5	13217.7	10944.8	-2513.2	488.8	-3002.0
I - IX.2024	63565.6	40629.6	22936.0	71447.4	40788.4	30659.0	-7881.8	-158.8	-7723.0
X.2024	7533.8	4932.6	2601.2	9306.8	5301.3	4005.5	-1773.0	-368.7	-1404.3
XI.2024	7024.9	4659.8	2365.1	8747.4	5210.6	3536.8	-1722.5	-550.8	-1171.7
XII.2024	6245.2	3753.8	2491.4	7889.4	4505.2	3384.2	-1644.2	-751.4	-892.8
X - XII.2024	20803.9	13346.2	7457.7	25943.6	15017.1	10926.5	-5139.7	-1670.9	-3468.8
I - XII.2024	84369.5	53975.8	30393.7	97391.0	55805.5	41585.5	-13021.5	-1829.7	-11191.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of March 12, 2025.

² Imports at FOB prices are calculated by BNB

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

**TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN 2024
(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

Table 2

**Value changes of exports and imports of Bulgaria in 2024¹ 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	-13.5	-17.0	-6.5	-8.9	-1.0	-19.0
II	-6.2	-7.9	-3.1	-6.6	-4.6	-9.7
III	-8.2	-9.7	-5.5	-7.0	-15.4	7.5
I - III	-9.3	-11.6	-5.1	-7.5	-7.4	-7.6
IV	10.6	11.9	8.3	15.6	11.9	21.4
V	-7.1	-5.1	-10.7	-3.4	-15.1	15.0
VI	-0.7	-0.2	-1.8	-1.1	-8.6	10.5
IV - VI	0.6	1.9	-1.6	3.3	-4.3	15.5
I - VI	-4.5	-5.1	-3.4	-2.2	-5.9	3.4
VII	9.1	5.5	15.7	9.5	-1.3	25.7
VIII	-0.3	-2.2	3.0	-3.2	-11.1	7.2
IX	-8.2	-4.9	-13.7	0.0	-1.5	2.2
VII - IX	0.2	-0.4	1.2	2.1	-4.5	11.4
I - IX	-2.9	-3.5	-1.8	-0.8	-5.5	6.1
X	-2.4	7.0	-16.3	7.7	3.2	14.2
XI	-3.0	3.0	-12.9	1.7	2.6	0.5
XII	-3.4	-3.7	-2.8	1.3	-5.6	12.3
X - XII	-2.9	2.4	-11.1	3.6	0.2	8.8
I - XII	-2.9	-2.1	-4.3	0.3	-4.0	6.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of March 12, 2025.

**TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN 2024
(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of
Bulgaria in 2023 and 2024²**

Countries and groups of 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	
Total	86903.6	84369.5	-2.9	97073.0	97391.0	0.3	-10169.4	-13021.5
EU	55155.0	53975.8	-2.1	58140.2	55805.5	-4.0	-2985.2	-1829.7
Austria	1787.4	1327.2	-25.7	2585.4	2382.6	-7.8	-798.0	-1055.4
Belgium	2734.3	1834.0	-32.9	2159.9	1932.1	-10.5	574.4	-98.1
Croatia	625.2	998.1	59.6	259.0	329.0	27.0	366.2	669.1
Cyprus	279.0	256.7	-8.0	118.4	187.9	58.7	160.6	68.8
Czechia	1635.1	1607.8	-1.7	2738.6	2396.1	-12.5	-1103.5	-788.3
Denmark	396.2	385.1	-2.8	618.3	504.9	-18.3	-222.1	-119.8
Estonia	133.5	75.3	-43.6	189.3	391.6	106.9	-55.8	-316.3
Finland	191.1	169.1	-11.5	247.5	224.8	-9.2	-56.4	-55.7
France	2837.9	2828.9	-0.3	2601.0	2287.9	-12.0	236.9	541.0
Germany	11834.2	12819.2	8.3	11991.6	11277.0	-6.0	-157.4	1542.2
Greece	4784.7	4412.3	-7.8	4245.0	4841.5	14.1	539.7	-429.2
Hungary	1100.8	1148.5	4.3	3377.4	3329.5	-1.4	-2276.6	-2181.0
Ireland	259.4	252.1	-2.8	389.0	442.6	13.8	-129.6	-190.5
Italy	6238.9	5852.0	-6.2	6490.6	5601.7	-13.7	-251.7	250.3
Latvia	111.0	90.2	-18.7	86.2	85.2	-1.2	24.8	5.0
Lithuania	236.0	206.3	-12.6	251.2	263.9	5.1	-15.2	-57.6
Luxembourg	29.7	29.2	-1.7	68.4	70.3	2.8	-38.7	-41.1
Malta	38.1	35.0	-8.1	27.4	19.8	-27.7	10.7	15.2
Netherlands	1731.2	1499.8	-13.4	3966.3	3645.6	-8.1	-2235.1	-2145.8
Poland	2032.0	2132.0	4.9	3784.4	3703.3	-2.1	-1752.4	-1571.3
Portugal	242.1	248.3	2.6	212.8	215.8	1.4	29.3	32.5
Romania	7962.3	7447.6	-6.5	6686.5	6935.5	3.7	1275.8	512.1
Slovakia	1015.8	881.5	-13.2	1166.5	1205.7	3.4	-150.7	-324.2
Slovenia	469.9	493.8	5.1	882.4	905.8	2.7	-412.5	-412.0
Spain	2266.6	1632.4	-28.0	1839.1	1630.5	-11.3	427.5	1.9
Sweden	788.3	704.5	-10.6	797.4	574.9	-27.9	-9.1	129.6
Not specified	3394.3	4608.9	35.8	360.6	420.0	16.5	3033.7	4188.9

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, 2025.

TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN 2024 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

Table 3

Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner countries¹ of Bulgaria in 2023 and 2024²

(Continued)

Countries and groups of 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	
Non-EU countries	31748.6	30393.7	-4.3	38932.8	41585.5	6.8	-7184.2	-11191.8
CIS ³	1923.7	1857.1	-3.5	7460.2	3627.3	-51.4	-5536.5	-1770.2
of which:								
Kazakhstan	174.7	184.0	5.3	16.2	1994.2	12209.9	158.5	-1810.2
Russian Federation	979.7	724.1	-26.1	6535.4	1217.6	-81.4	-5555.7	-493.5
OECD ⁴	11497.6	11473.9	-0.2	12796.8	14571.6	13.9	-1299.2	-3097.7
of which:								
Canada	320.1	318.1	-0.6	314.9	346.9	10.2	5.2	-28.8
Chile	29.1	38.1	30.9	298.1	623.6	109.2	-269.0	-585.5
Israel	414.9	319.7	-22.9	245.2	136.0	-44.5	169.7	183.7
Japan	175.3	162.1	-7.5	384.0	325.6	-15.2	-208.7	-163.5
Korea, Republic of	455.1	319.6	-29.8	362.2	431.1	19.0	92.9	-111.5
Türkiye	5071.3	5767.0	13.7	7957.3	8961.2	12.6	-2886.0	-3194.2
United Kingdom ⁵	1629.4	1262.5	-22.5	785.2	941.6	19.9	844.2	320.9
United States	2230.4	2021.9	-9.3	1078.2	821.7	-23.8	1152.2	1200.2

¹ Partner country:

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² Data are preliminary as of March 12, 2025.

³ CIS includes: Azerbaijan; Armenia; Belarus; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyzstan; Moldova, Republic of; Russian Federation; Tajikistan; Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

⁴ OECD includes: Australia; Virgin Islands (US); United States; Iceland; Canada; Chile; Colombia; Costa Rica; Mexico; New Zealand; Norway; Korea, Republic of; Türkiye; United Kingdom; Switzerland; Japan and Israel.

⁵ The United Kingdom includes: Northern Ireland; Great Britain; Channel Islands and Isle of Man.

**TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN 2024
(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner
countries¹ of Bulgaria in 2023 and 2024²**

(Continued)

Countries and groups of 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	
EFTA ³	801.0	883.0	10.2	1096.8	1808.5	64.9	-295.8	-925.5
of which:								
Norway	130.0	133.7	2.8	327.9	965.5	194.4	-197.9	-831.8
Switzerland	664.2	742.6	11.8	763.4	840.3	10.1	-99.2	-97.7

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, 2025.

³ EFTA includes: Norway; Switzerland; Iceland and Liechtenstein.

**TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN 2024
(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

Table 3

**Exports, imports and trade balance by groups of countries and main partner
countries¹ of Bulgaria in 2023 and 2024²**

(Continued and end)

Countries and groups of 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	
Countries not included in the upper groups								
Albania	260.8	510.2	95.6	93.7	97.3	3.8	167.1	412.9
Algeria	1079.3	1022.3	-5.3	131.7	80.3	-39.0	947.6	942.0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	186.5	169.0	-9.4	110.9	65.7	-40.8	75.6	103.3
Brazil	87.5	108.2	23.7	776.5	1000.9	28.9	-689.0	-892.7
China	2015.6	1476.4	-26.8	5257.7	5384.4	2.4	-3242.1	-3908.0
Egypt	1452.2	1288.1	-11.3	727.3	1812.0	149.1	724.9	-523.9
Georgia	566.4	765.1	35.1	584.0	390.5	-33.1	-17.6	374.6
India	430.3	315.1	-26.8	483.7	449.9	-7.0	-53.4	-134.8
Indonesia	538.4	171.5	-68.1	722.3	978.8	35.5	-183.9	-807.3
Iran, Islamic Republic of	243.6	261.3	7.3	110.2	119.4	8.3	133.4	141.9
Peru	52.4	25.7	-51.0	401.9	729.4	81.5	-349.5	-703.7
Republic of North Macedonia	1727.6	1555.8	-9.9	1030.7	977.6	-5.2	696.9	578.2
Serbia	1880.6	1849.5	-1.7	2286.0	1983.5	-13.2	-405.4	-134.0
Singapore	267.8	76.0	-71.6	71.5	41.1	-42.5	196.3	34.9
South Africa	271.1	236.2	-12.9	190.7	54.1	-71.6	80.4	182.1
Taiwan ³	289.3	86.5	-70.1	308.1	255.4	-17.1	-18.8	-168.9
Tunisia	222.4	222.6	0.1	68.5	179.8	162.5	153.9	42.8
Ukraine	1675.1	1025.8	-38.8	1979.3	2213.3	11.8	-304.2	-1187.5
United Arab Emirates	350.4	295.5	-15.7	101.3	168.4	66.2	249.1	127.1
Viet Nam	108.8	110.5	1.6	288.8	416.8	44.3	-180.0	-306.3

¹ Partner country:

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² Data are preliminary as of March 12, 2025.

³ Separate territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu.

**TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN 2024
(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4,
in 2023 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	
Total	86903.6	84369.5	-2.9	97073.0	97391.0	0.3	-10169.4	-13021.5
of which: EU	55155.0	53975.8	-2.1	58140.2	55805.5	-4.0	-2985.2	-1829.7
Food and live animals	11232.5	9814.0	-12.6	8370.1	8908.7	6.4	2862.4	905.3
of which: EU	5709.1	5130.0	-10.1	6301.3	6600.0	4.7	-592.2	-1470.0
Beverages and tobacco	751.0	746.3	-0.6	1686.6	1847.5	9.5	-935.6	-1101.2
of which: EU	431.9	419.9	-2.8	1332.6	1492.5	12.0	-900.7	-1072.6
Crude materials, inedible (except fuel)	5245.6	4897.3	-6.6	7436.7	8786.1	18.1	-2191.1	-3888.8
of which: EU	3165.3	2691.3	-15.0	2145.3	2252.4	5.0	1020.0	438.9
Mineral fuel, lubricants and related materials	6746.9	6559.3	-2.8	10787.5	11951.0	10.8	-4040.6	-5391.7
of which: EU	1774.4	2228.3	25.6	1633.2	2618.0	60.3	141.2	-389.7
Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	1687.3	1205.0	-28.6	898.7	1051.5	17.0	788.6	153.5
of which: EU	779.2	627.9	-19.4	416.1	461.4	10.9	363.1	166.5
Chemical and related products n.e.c.	9142.6	8850.5	-3.2	13206.8	12480.4	-5.5	-4064.2	-3629.9
of which: EU	5550.5	4872.6	-12.2	9722.5	9061.4	-6.8	-4172.0	-4188.8

¹ Data are preliminary as of March 12, 2025.

**TRADE IN GOODS OF BULGARIA WITH THE EU IN 2024
(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

Table 4

**Exports, imports and trade balance of Bulgaria by sections of SITC, rev. 4,
in 2023 and 2024¹**

(Continued and end)

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	
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	17560.9	18588.2	5.8	15417.8	14412.0	-6.5	2143.1	4176.2
of which: EU	12795.3	13458.1	5.2	8256.4	7165.3	-13.2	4538.9	6292.8
Machinery and transport equipment	20506.9	19630.6	-4.3	30372.9	28057.0	-7.6	-9866.0	-8426.4
of which: EU	14602.3	13700.6	-6.2	22235.1	20034.6	-9.9	-7632.8	-6334.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	13568.4	13880.5	2.3	8785.8	9383.6	6.8	4782.6	4496.9
of which: EU	10292.5	10819.8	5.1	6009.6	5716.5	-4.9	4282.9	5103.3
Commodities and transactions n.e.c.	461.5	197.8	-57.1	110.1	513.2	366.1	351.4	-315.4
of which: EU	54.5	27.3	-49.9	88.1	403.4	357.9	-33.6	-376.1

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Methodological Notes

Legislative Framework

Regulation (EU) 2019/2152 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 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 August 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 international trade in goods statistics, 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.