

# External Trade Report in the First Half of 2021

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## Highlights

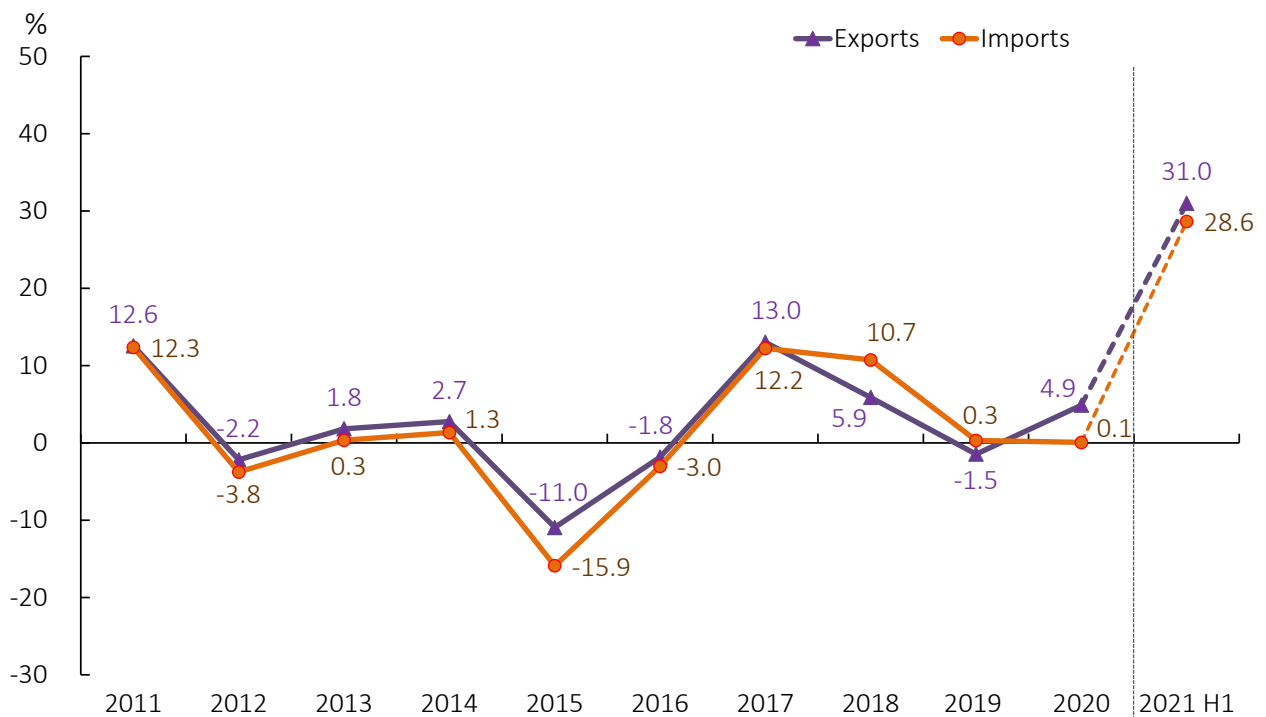
In the first half of 2021, total exports increased 31.0% to US\$206.9 billion compared to the same period last year; total imports over the same period increased 28.6% to US\$175.1 billion. The trade balance in the first half of this year was favorable, amounting to US\$31.8 billion.

Table 1 Trade Performance

Unit : US\$ million ; %

Item	2021 H1					
	Amount	Annual Change Rate	Q1		Q2	
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Exports	206,916	31.0	97,943	24.6	108,973	37.4
Imports	175,083	28.6	83,573	21.1	91,510	36.4
Trade Balance	31,833	45.8	14,370	49.8	17,463	42.7

Figure 1 Annual Change Rate



## Major Trading Commodities

### ● Exports

In the first half of 2021, compared with the same period of last year, exports of Parts of Electronic Product, Information, Communication and Audio-video Products, Base Metals and Articles of Base Metal, Plastics & Rubber and Articles Thereof, Machinery, Chemicals, Optical, Photographic, Cinematographic Apparatus, Mineral Products grew by 29.8%, 29.2%, 33.1%, 49.7%, 26.0%, 36.7%, 32.6% and 19.1% respectively.

**Table 2 Exports of Leading Export Commodities**

Unit : US\$ million ; %

Item	2021 H1		Annual Change Rate		
	Amount	As % of All Exports	2021 H1	Q1	Q2
Parts of Electronic Product	78,763	38.1	29.8	28.4	31.1
Electronic Integrated Circuits	71,146	34.4	29.6	28.2	30.9
Information, Communication and Audio-video Products	27,935	13.5	29.2	29.7	28.7
Base Metals and Articles of Base Metal	16,162	7.8	33.1	20.0	47.3
Plastics & Rubber and Articles Thereof	14,566	7.0	49.7	36.1	64.2
Machinery	13,254	6.4	26.0	24.5	27.4
Chemicals	11,069	5.3	36.7	20.8	55.3
Optical, Photographic, Cinematographic Apparatus	6,973	3.4	32.6	38.9	26.9
Mineral Products	5,200	2.5	19.1	-28.7	110.1

### ● Imports

In the first half of 2021, compared with the same period of last year, imports of Parts of Electronic Product, Mineral Products, Machinery, Chemicals, Base Metals and Articles of Base Metal, Information, Communication and Audio-video Products, Vehicles, Aircraft, Vessels and Associated Transport Equipment, Plastics & Rubber and Articles Thereof grew by 32.1%, 30.2%, 30.2%, 21.4%, 35.2%, 28.0%, 38.4% and 25.9% respectively.

**Table 3 Imports of Leading Import Commodities**

Unit : US\$ million ; %

Item	2021 H1		Annual Change Rate		
	Amount	As % of All Imports	2021 H1	Q1	Q2
Parts of Electronic Product	42,134	24.1	32.1	32.1	32.1
Mineral Products	23,584	13.5	30.2	-2.1	81.1
Petroleum	8,447	4.8	17.3	-28.6	133.2
Machinery	20,035	11.4	30.2	23.8	37.6
Chemicals	15,983	9.1	21.4	15.6	27.2
Base Metals and Articles of Base Metal	13,048	7.5	35.2	18.7	52.0
Information, Communication and Audio-video Products	11,878	6.8	28.0	38.9	19.2
Vehicles, Aircraft, Vessels and Associated Transport Equipment	7,020	4.0	38.4	22.5	54.6
Plastics & Rubber and Articles Thereof	5,505	3.1	25.9	24.0	27.6

## Major Trading Partners

### ● Exports

In the first half of 2021, compared with the same period of last year, exports to Mainland China & Hong Kong, ASEAN, Japan, U.S.A. and Europe grew by 32.6%, 34.8%, 15.3%, 28.3% and 29.1% respectively.

**Table 4 Exports to Key Trading Partners**

Unit : US\$ million ; %

Item	2021 H1		Annual Change Rate		
	Amount	As % of All Exports	2021 H1	Q1	Q2
Mainland China & Hong Kong	88,629	42.8	32.6	35.6	30.0
ASEAN	33,512	16.2	34.8	22.2	48.8
Japan	13,531	6.5	15.3	7.1	23.7
U.S.A.	29,455	14.2	28.3	24.0	32.1
Europe	17,251	8.3	29.1	14.0	46.6

- Imports

In the first half of 2021, compared with the same period of last year, imports from Mainland China & Hong Kong, ASEAN, Japan, U.S.A., Europe and Middle East grew by 31.5%, 24.3%, 20.3%, 17.0%, 31.4% and 21.3% respectively.

**Table 5 Imports from Key Trading Partners**

Unit : US\$ million ; %

Item	2021 H1		Annual Change Rate		
	Amount	As % of All Imports	2021 H1	Q1	Q2
Mainland China & Hong Kong	39,284	22.4	31.5	35.5	28.0
ASEAN	21,643	12.4	24.3	17.8	31.1
Japan	26,764	15.3	20.3	17.2	23.4
U.S.A.	18,785	10.7	17.0	0.4	37.5
Europe	21,732	12.4	31.4	27.6	35.1
Middle East	10,526	6.0	21.3	-16.9	91.8