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## Trade Figures for May 2021



### Highlights

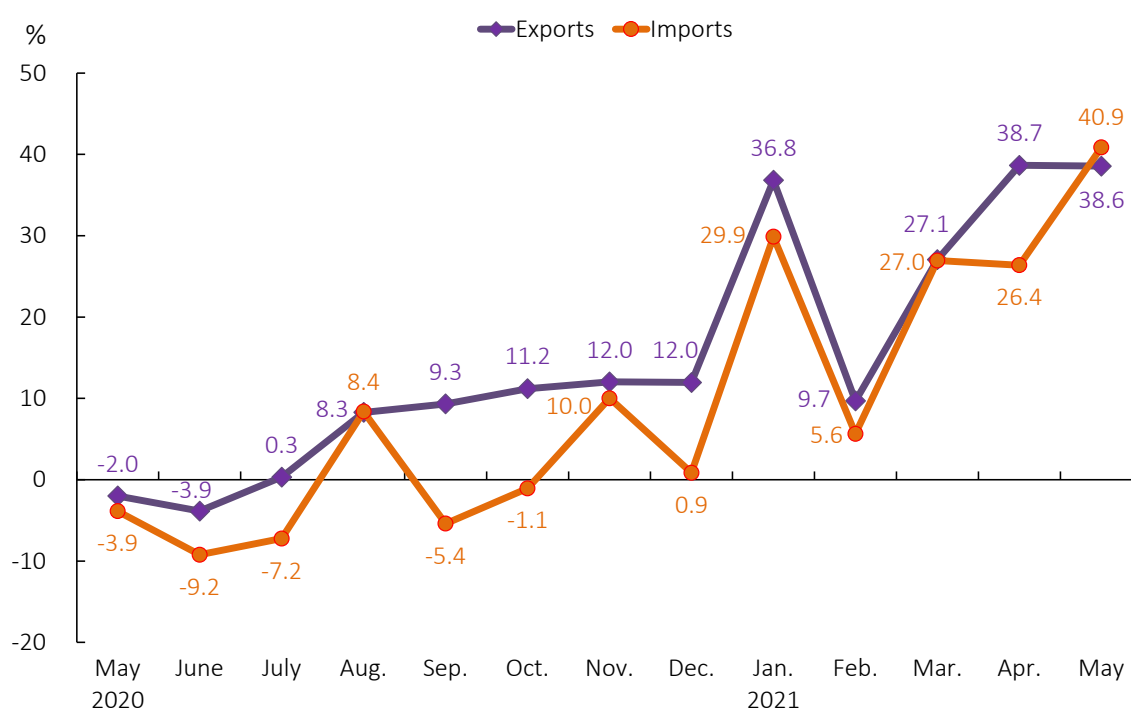
For May 2021, total exports expanded 38.6% year on year to US\$ 37.41 billion; total imports rose by 40.9% from a year earlier to US\$ 31.25 billion. The trade balance of this month was favorable, amounting to US\$ 6.16 billion.

Table 1 Trade Performance for May 2021

Units: US\$ million, %

	May		Jan. – May	
	Amount	Annual Change Rate	Amount	Annual Change Rate
Exports	37,410	38.6	170,317	30.2
Imports	31,254	40.9	143,613	26.0
Trade Balance	6,156	27.9	26,704	58.6

Figure 1 Annual Change Rate



## Major Trading Commodities

### ● Exports

In May 2021, compared with the same month 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 grew by 29.6%, 28.8%, 54.2%, 74.7%, and 28.3%, respectively.

**Table 2 Exports of Leading Export Commodities**

Units: US\$ million, %

	May			Jan. - May		
	Amount	As % of All Exports	Annual Change Rate	Amount	As % of All Exports	Annual Change Rate
Parts of Electronic Product	13,269	35.5	29.6	64,250	37.7	29.8
Information, Communication and Audio-video Products	5,095	13.6	28.8	23,016	13.5	30.7
Base Metals and Articles of Base Metal	3,157	8.4	54.2	13,373	7.9	30.7
Plastics & Rubber and Articles Thereof	2,806	7.5	74.7	12,070	7.1	46.8
Machinery	2,484	6.6	28.3	11,077	6.5	25.9

### ● Imports

In May 2021, compared with the same month of last year, imports of parts of electronic product, mineral products, machinery, chemicals, base metals and articles of base metal grew by 35.4%, 73.8%, 50.4%, 36.3%, and 60.8%, respectively.

**Table 3 Imports of Leading Import Commodities**

Units: US\$ million, %

	May			Jan. - May		
	Amount	As % of All Imports	Annual Change Rate	Amount	As % of All Imports	Annual Change Rate
Parts of Electronic Product	7,425	23.8	35.4	34,749	24.2	31.0
Mineral Products	4,216	13.5	73.8	19,233	13.4	19.2
Petroleum	1,518	4.9	105.2	6,715	4.7	0.2
Machinery	3,186	10.2	50.4	16,565	11.5	30.2
Chemicals	2,896	9.3	36.3	13,106	9.1	18.4
Base Metals and Articles of Base Metal	2,452	7.8	60.8	10,431	7.3	29.7

## Major Trading Partners

### ● Exports

In May 2021, compared with the same month of last year, exports to Mainland China & Hong Kong, ASEAN, Japan, the U.S.A., and Europe grew by 29.5%, 54.7%, 19.0%, 27.3%, and 57.5%, respectively.

**Table 4 Exports to Key Trading Partners**

Units: US\$ million, %

	May			Jan. - May		
	Amount	As % of All Exports	Annual Change Rate	Amount	As % of All Exports	Annual Change Rate
Mainland China & Hong Kong	15,691	41.9	29.5	72,532	42.6	33.5
ASEAN	5,914	15.8	54.7	27,703	16.3	33.5
Japan	2,410	6.4	19.0	11,265	6.6	13.7
U.S.A.	5,436	14.5	27.3	24,037	14.1	26.9
Europe	3,442	9.2	57.5	14,459	8.5	28.2

### ● Imports

In May 2021, compared with the same month of last year, imports from Mainland China & Hong Kong, ASEAN, Japan, the U.S.A., Europe, and the Middle East grew by 33.4%, 36.1%, 26.5%, 43.0%, 39.9%, and 89.2%, respectively.

**Table 5 Imports from Key Trading Partners**

Units: US\$ million, %

	May			Jan. - May		
	Amount	As % of All Imports	Annual Change Rate	Amount	As % of All Imports	Annual Change Rate
Mainland China & Hong Kong	7,361	23.6	33.4	32,382	22.5	31.4
ASEAN	3,902	12.5	36.1	17,840	12.4	22.0
Japan	4,351	13.9	26.5	21,867	15.2	19.4
U.S.A.	3,457	11.1	43.0	15,439	10.8	13.6
Europe	3,788	12.1	39.9	17,704	12.3	28.0
Middle East	1,902	6.1	89.2	8,561	6.0	9.3