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## Trade Figures for Apr. 2023



### Highlights

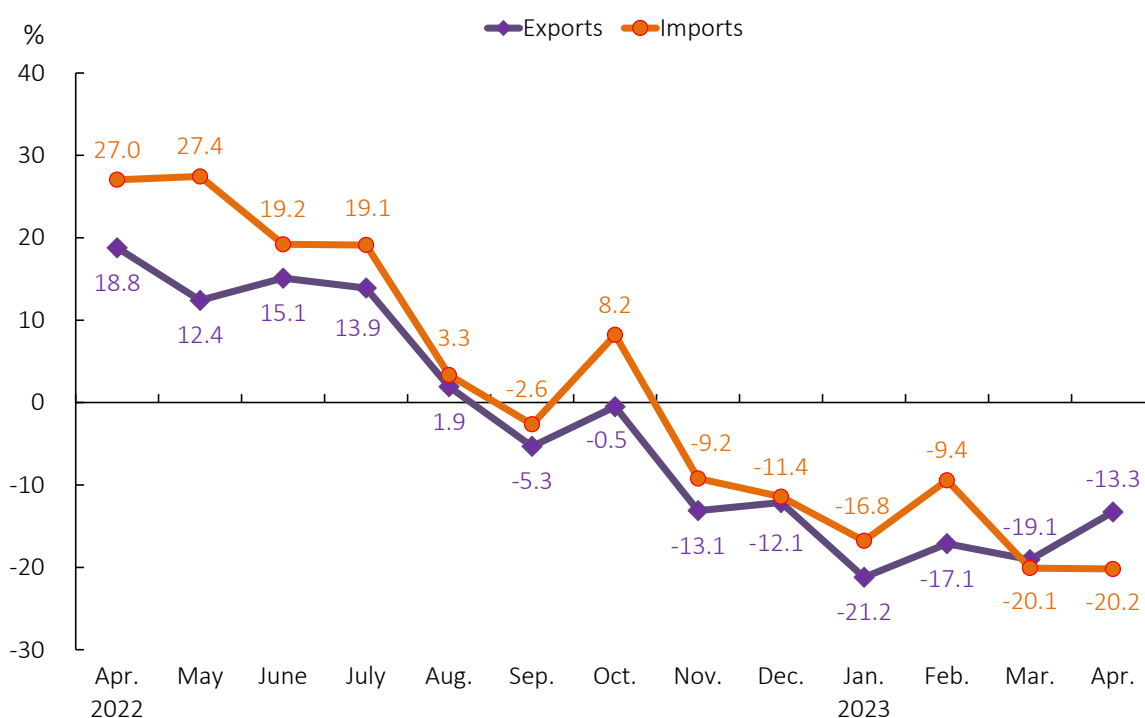
For Apr. 2023, total exports contracted 13.3% year on year to US\$ 35.96 billion; total imports fell 20.2% from a year earlier to US\$ 29.25 billion. The trade balance of this month was favorable, amounting to US\$ 6.71 billion.

Table 1 Trade Performance for Apr. 2023

Units: US\$ million, %

	Apr.		Jan. - Apr.	
	Amount	Annual Change Rate	Amount	Annual Change Rate
Exports	35,955	-13.3	133,699	-17.7
Imports	29,247	-20.2	118,073	-16.9
Trade Balance	6,708	39.5	15,626	-22.8

Figure 1 Annual Change Rate



## Major Trading Commodities

### ● Exports

In Apr. 2023, compared with the same month of last year, exports of information, communication and audio-video products grew by 5.4%. However, exports of parts of electronic product, base metals and articles of base metal, machinery, plastics & rubber and articles thereof declined 8.6%, 25.2%, 13.0%, and 28.6%, respectively.

**Table 2 Exports of Leading Export Commodities**

Units: US\$ million, %

	Apr.			Jan. - Apr.		
	Amount	As % of All Exports	Annual Change Rate	Amount	As % of All Exports	Annual Change Rate
Parts of Electronic Product	15,735	43.8	-8.6	56,955	42.6	-15.1
Information, Communication and Audio-video Products	5,466	15.2	5.4	19,095	14.3	-7.6
Base Metals and Articles of Base Metal	2,502	7.0	-25.2	9,694	7.3	-26.4
Machinery	2,131	5.9	-13.0	7,710	5.8	-20.7
Plastics & Rubber and Articles Thereof	1,691	4.7	-28.6	6,742	5.0	-30.3

### ● Imports

In Apr. 2023, 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 declined 26.0%, 18.8%, 18.3%, 33.2%, and 31.7%, respectively.

**Table 3 Imports of Leading Import Commodities**

Units: US\$ million, %

	Apr.			Jan. - Apr.		
	Amount	As % of All Imports	Annual Change Rate	Amount	As % of All Imports	Annual Change Rate
Parts of Electronic Product	6,393	21.9	-26.0	25,219	21.4	-27.9
Mineral Products	5,331	18.2	-18.8	21,873	18.5	-13.5
Petroleum	1,866	6.4	-11.6	7,830	6.6	-8.0
Machinery	3,219	11.0	-18.3	14,550	12.3	-0.8
Chemicals	2,406	8.2	-33.2	9,764	8.3	-22.3
Base Metals and Articles of Base Metal	1,987	6.8	-31.7	7,617	6.5	-29.2

## Major Trading Partners

### ● Exports

In Apr. 2023, compared with the same month of last year, exports to Japan grew by 19.8%. However, exports to Mainland China & Hong Kong, ASEAN, the U.S.A., and Europe declined 22.0%, 7.1%, 10.3%, and 3.6%, respectively.

**Table 4 Exports to Key Trading Partners**

Units: US\$ million, %

	Apr.			Jan. - Apr.		
	Amount	As % of All Exports	Annual Change Rate	Amount	As % of All Exports	Annual Change Rate
Mainland China & Hong Kong	12,737	35.4	-22.0	47,072	35.2	-28.5
ASEAN	6,367	17.7	-7.1	23,067	17.3	-14.1
Japan	3,196	8.9	19.8	10,726	8.0	1.2
U.S.A.	5,592	15.6	-10.3	21,192	15.9	-15.0
Europe	3,502	9.7	-3.6	13,460	10.1	-2.2

### ● Imports

In Apr. 2023, 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 declined 23.4%, 26.1%, 25.3%, 12.8%, 7.6%, and 17.1%, respectively.

**Table 5 Imports from Key Trading Partners**

Units: US\$ million, %

	Apr.			Jan. - Apr.		
	Amount	As % of All Imports	Annual Change Rate	Amount	As % of All Imports	Annual Change Rate
Mainland China & Hong Kong	5,515	18.9	-23.4	21,958	18.6	-24.4
ASEAN	3,500	12.0	-26.1	13,963	11.8	-21.1
Japan	3,847	13.2	-25.3	15,754	13.3	-18.4
U.S.A.	3,226	11.0	-12.8	13,395	11.3	-8.4
Europe	4,248	14.5	-7.6	16,613	14.1	0.8
Middle East	2,154	7.4	-17.1	8,666	7.3	-19.3