

Foreign Trade

April 2011

Istat presents data on Italy's foreign trade as well as unit value and volume indices (base year 2005=100) referring to April 2011. The results of the flash estimates on extra-EU trade for April 2011 has been disseminated on May 20th.

- In April 2011 seasonally-adjusted data, compared to March 2011, presented an increase of 0.8% both for export or imports. The growth is more relevant in extra-EU flows: +2.8 for outgoing flows and +2.4% for incoming flows. A slight drop in export (-0.6%) and import (-0.5%) is recorded on EU markets. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data, in comparison with the previous three months, showed a higher increase for incoming flows (+4.9%) than outgoing flows (+3.1%).
- In April 2011, compared with the same month of the previous year, trade raised by 12.9% for exports: 17.7% for non EU countries and 9.4% for EU area and by 20.7% (+30% for non EU and +13.4% for EU countries) for imports. The trade balance amounts to -3.8 billion Euro (table 1) compared with -1.3 billion Euro registered in the same month of 2010.
- In the first four months of 2011, compared with the same period of the previous year, trade increased by 16.9% for exports (+21.6% for non EU countries and +13.8% for EU area) and by 22.5% (+31% for non EU and +15.8% for EU countries) for imports. The trade balance showed a deficit of 17.9 billion Euro (table 1). It was 9.9 in the first period of 2010.

Table 1 – Exports, imports and trade balance. April 2011

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Apr. 2011	Jan.-Apr. 2011	Apr.11 Apr.10	Jan.-Apr.11 Jan.-Apr.10	Apr. 2011	Apr.11 Mar.11	Feb.-Apr.11 Nov.10-Jan.11
	TOTAL						
Exports	31,226	121,668	12.9	16.9	31.503	0,8	3,1
Imports	34,987	139,608	20.7	22.5	35.800	0,8	4,9
Trade balance	-3,761	-17,940			-4.297		
	EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	17,635	70,420	9.4	13.8	17.699	-0,6	2,7
Imports	18,321	73,903	13.4	15.8	18.805	-0,5	4,0
Trade balance	-686	-3,483			-1.106		
	NON-EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	13,591	51,248	17.7	21.6	13.804	2,8	3,6
Imports	16,667	65,705	30.0	31.0	16.995	2,4	5,8
Trade balance	-3,076	-14,457			-3.191		

Table 2 – Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings. April 2011

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		Apr.11 Apr.10	Jan.-Apr.11 Jan.-Apr.10		Apr.11 Apr.10	Jan.-Apr.11 Jan.-Apr.10	Apr.2011	Jan.-Apr.2011
Consumer goods	29.4	8.4	10.8	25.2	8.9	11.4	472	1,841
- consumer durables	6.3	1.6	7.7	3.5	-3.2	-0.7	811	3,069
- consumer non durables	23.1	10.4	11.7	21.8	10.9	13.4	-340	-1,228
Capital goods	32.3	16.6	16.0	22.1	12.0	8.0	3,129	9,510
Intermediate goods	33.4	13.1	20.9	33.8	25.9	37.2	-1,251	-7,092
Energy	4.8	11.9	34.0	18.9	37.4	31.0	-6,111	-22,199
Total (except energy)	95.2	12.9	16.1	81.1	16.8	20.5	2,350	4,259
Total	100.0	12.9	16.9	100.0	20.7	22.5	-3,761	-17,940

(a) Calculated on 2010 total foreign trade.

Table 3 – Exports, imports and trade balance by countries. April 2011

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		Apr.11 Apr.10	Jan.-Apr.11 Jan.-Apr.10		Apr.11 Apr.10	Jan.-Apr.11 Jan.-Apr.10	Apr.2011	Jan.-Apr.2011
EU countries	57.3	9.4	13.8	54.9	13.4	15.8	-686	-3,483
EMU17:	43.5	8.8	13.9	44.1	10.7	13.9	-979	-4,440
<i>Austria</i>	2.4	10.8	17.9	2.5	9.3	19.0	-87	-387
<i>Belgium</i>	2.6	-2.0	9.9	3.6	15.0	19.4	-444	-1,817
<i>France</i>	11.6	12.2	14.2	8.3	6.1	10.9	1,086	3,488
<i>Germany</i>	13.0	13.9	18.5	15.9	11.0	14.9	-1,009	-4,518
<i>Netherlands</i>	2.5	-2.7	8.9	5.3	10.2	9.4	-1,066	-3,944
<i>Spain</i>	5.8	-0.6	9.3	4.5	13.7	17.5	152	934
Poland	2.5	15.8	16.0	2.0	11.6	8.3	142	505
United Kingdom	5.3	3.2	2.7	3.3	59.6	44.8	36	515
Non-EU countries	42.7	17.7	21.6	45.1	30.0	31.0	-3,076	-14,457
European non-EU countries	12.1	21.7	28.1	10.3	24.6	23.7	-44	-450
<i>Russian Federation</i>	2.3	21.4	28.8	3.6	35.1	22.1	-826	-2,927
<i>Switzerland</i>	4.7	26.1	30.5	3.2	8.8	21.7	461	1,602
<i>Turkey</i>	2.4	25.8	37.4	1.4	38.7	27.2	287	947
North Africa	4.0	-19.4	-10.0	6.7	-11.4	6.9	-878	-5,008
Other African countries	1.3	5.9	11.6	1.6	66.7	75.6	-390	-1,650
North America	6.7	37.8	31.8	3.4	25.2	32.8	1,135	3,388
<i>United States</i>	6.0	40.4	33.2	3.0	33.6	36.4	1,023	3,016
Central and South America	3.3	47.2	34.4	2.7	21.1	41.7	230	67
Middle Eastern countries	4.8	5.2	12.4	5.7	66.2	44.5	-1,020	-2,907
Other Asian countries	9.0	14.6	22.3	14.2	42.0	37.4	-2,409	-9,100
<i>China</i>	2.5	13.7	27.3	7.8	43.6	39.2	-1,709	-7,150
<i>Japan</i>	1.2	0.3	18.7	1.2	8.3	18.9	-125	-275
<i>India</i>	1.0	22.6	22.2	1.0	55.2	36.2	-163	-502
Oceania and other territories	1.6	16.5	21.8	0.5	23.4	27.2	300	1,202
OPEC	5.3	-14.2	-1.5	9.4	3.1	22.6	-1,466	-7,144
MERCOSUR	1.5	40.0	28.6	1.3	31.9	39.9	45	-45
DAE	3.0	21.2	17.7	2.1	52.4	45.8	176	536
ASEAN	1.4	30.9	21.6	1.6	11.4	31.2	5	-436
Total	100.0	12.9	16.9	100.0	20.7	22.5	-3,761	-17,940

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Table 4 - Index unit values and volume – April 2011

	INDEXES		PERCENTAGE CHANGES			
	Unit value indexes	Volume indexes	Unit value indexes		Volume indexes	
	April 2011	April 2011	Apr.11 Apr.10	Jan.-Apr.11 Jan.-Apr.10	Apr.11 Apr.10	Jan.-Apr.11 Jan.-Apr.10
TOTAL						
Exports	129.5	96.5	8.3	9.0	4.3	7.3
Imports	136.1	99.7	11.5	13.9	8.3	7.5
EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	128.0	90.1	8.8	10.4	0.6	3.1
Imports	121.2	98.7	6.7	7.9	6.4	7.3
NON-EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	132.3	106.0	7.8	7.4	9.2	13.2
Imports	154.9	102.9	16.5	20.6	11.6	8.6

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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