

Foreign Trade

June 2012

Istat presents data on Italy's foreign trade as well as unit value and volume indices (base year 2005=100) referring to June 2012. The results of the flash estimates on extra-EU trade for May 2012 have been disseminated on July 24th.

- Compared to the previous month, export in June decreased by 1.4% reflecting a decrement of 2.8% of sales to non-EU markets. Imports increased by 5.3%, with a fall of purchases by both EU markets (-4.6%) and non-EU (-5.9%). In the quarter (April-June 2012), exports registered an economic growth of 1.5% due to an increase in sales to countries outside the EU (+4.8%). For purchases of goods there is a fall of 0.5% greater for non-EU markets (-1.0%) and equal to zero for EU markets.
- In June 2012, compared with the same month of the previous year, export increased by 5.5% and affects non-EU markets (12.3%). The decrease of imports (-7.1%) was due to reduced purchases by both EU countries (-7.1%) and non EU countries (-7.2%). In June, trade balance amounted to 2.517 million euros: 997 million for EU countries and 1.520 for non-EU countries. Net of energy products, the balance was 7.1 billion euros (Table 2).

Table 1 – Exports, imports and trade balance. June 2012

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	Jun. 2012	Jan.-Jun. 2012	Jun. 12 Jun. 11	Jan.-Jun.12 Jan.-Jun. 11	Jun. 2012	Jun. 12 May 12	Apr.-Jun.12 Jan.-Mar. 12
TOTAL							
Exports	34,383	195,145	5,5	4,2	32,302	-1.4	1.5
Imports	31,866	195,230	-7,1	-5,8	30,710	-5.3	-0.5
Trade balance	2,517	-85			1,592		
EU COUNTRIES							
Exports	18,208	107,288	0,0	0,0	17,194	-0.1	-1.2
Imports	17,211	102,158	-7,1	-7,5	16,186	-4.6	0.0
Trade balance	997	5,130			1,008		
NON-EU COUNTRIES							
Exports	16,175	87,858	12,3	9,9	15,108	-2.8	4.8
Imports	14,655	93,073	-7,2	-3,8	14,524	-5.9	-1.0
Trade balance	1,520	-5,215			584		

Table 2 – Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings. June 2012

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		Jun. 12 Jun. 11	Jan.-Jun.12 Jan.-Jun. 11		Jun. 12 Jun. 11	Jan.-Jun.12 Jan.-Jun. 11	Jun. 2012	Jan.- Jun.2012
Consumer goods	28.9	9.5	5.5	25.0	-5.2	-3.0	1,674	7,016
- consumer durables	5.9	8.3	2.0	3.0	-5.1	-7.9	1,092	5,600
- consumer non durables	23.0	9.9	6.4	22.0	-5.2	-2.3	583	1,416
Capital goods	32.2	1.4	2.6	20.8	-10.4	-12.1	4,747	23,497
Intermediate goods	34.3	4.1	2.7	34.5	-11.8	-12.4	700	2,081
Energy	4.7	21.4	18.8	19.7	3.4	10.5	-4,605	-32,680
Total (except energy)	95.3	4.7	3.5	80.3	-9.4	-9.5	7,122	32,595
Total	100.0	5.5	4.2	100.0	-7.1	-5.8	2,517	-85

(a) Calculated on 2011 total foreign trade.

Table 3 – Exports, imports and trade balance by countries. June 2012

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		Jun. 12 Jun. 11	Jan.-Jun.12 Jan.-Jun. 11		Jun. 12 Jun. 11	Jan.-Jun.12 Jan.-Jun. 11	Jun.2012	Jan.- Jun.2012
EU countries	56.0	0.0	0.0	53.3	-7.1	-7.5	997	5,130
EMU17:	42.7	-1.6	-1.2	43.2	-5.7	-7.1	-410	-1,619
<i>Austria</i>	2.3	2.3	-1.2	2.2	0.9	-1.4	8	-112
<i>Belgium</i>	2.6	9.5	3.0	3.6	-23.2	-10.5	-209	-2,025
<i>France</i>	11.6	1.7	-0.3	8.3	-4.4	-5.3	1,136	5,902
<i>Germany</i>	13.1	-2.5	1.3	15.6	-9.6	-10.0	-536	-3,168
<i>Netherlands</i>	2.4	3.9	1.1	5.2	10.0	-3.8	-1,077	-5,593
<i>Spain</i>	5.3	-3.7	-8.5	4.5	-5.3	-8.1	46	951
Poland	2.5	0.5	-2.6	1.9	-7.5	-7.2	187	1,002
United Kingdom	4.7	15.9	10.6	2.7	-23.2	-14.8	990	4,576
Czech Republic	1.1	-4.3	1.9	1.2	-8.7	-5.1	-22	-312
Romania	1.6	0.8	-0.5	1.3	-17.8	-7.9	143	615
Non-EU countries	44.0	12.3	9.9	46.7	-7.2	-3.8	1,520	-5,215
European non-EU countries	13.3	10.0	11.3	11.1	-6.2	-5.6	1,402	4,964
<i>Russian Federation</i>	2.5	11.6	9.1	4.5	0.7	3.1	-330	-4,308
<i>Switzerland</i>	5.5	8.9	16.9	2.8	-0.1	-4.1	892	5,626
<i>Turkey</i>	2.6	17.4	6.7	1.5	-22.2	-20.5	595	2,570
North Africa	2.9	29.2	18.3	4.5	62.6	31.4	-697	-7,278
Other African countries	1.4	15.3	15.5	2.4	-10.6	-2.4	-347	-1,909
North America	6.8	31.5	16.8	3.7	-4.1	4.7	1,440	7,076
<i>United States</i>	6.1	35.4	18.2	3.3	-4.4	3.4	1,337	6,610
Central and South America	3.8	10.3	7.7	3.0	-17.4	-13.2	556	1,773
Middle Eastern countries	4.9	4.1	4.2	7.3	-19.7	-5.6	-362	-3,896
Other Asian countries	9.3	4.0	2.8	14.1	-15.6	-14.2	-850	-8,111
<i>China</i>	2.7	-10.4	-11.6	7.3	-10.1	-17.1	-1,515	-8,304
<i>Japan</i>	1.3	38.0	23.2	1.1	-17.4	-18.2	296	754
<i>India</i>	1.0	-33.8	-10.9	1.2	-44.2	-21.9	34	-257
Oceania and other territories	1.7	6.7	10.8	0.6	-18.8	-6.5	378	2,166
OPEC	4.7	33.0	24.1	8.6	25.3	25.3	-1,301	-11,076
MERCOSUR	1.6	-8.7	1.9	1.5	-33.4	-15.3	106	431
DAE	3.2	13.4	9.9	2.0	-21.6	-22.1	631	2,693
ASEAN	1.5	15.9	9.4	1.7	-14.9	-7.9	83	-135
Total	100.0	5.5	4.2	100.0	-7.1	-5.8	2,517	-85

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Table 4 - Index unit values and volume – June 2012

	INDEXES		PERCENTAGE CHANGES			
	Unit value indexes	Volume indexes	Unit value indexes		Volume indexes	
	Jun. 2012	Jun. 2012	<u>Jun. 12</u> <u>Jun. 11</u>	<u>Jan.-Jun.12</u> <u>Jan.-Jun. 11</u>	<u>Jun. 12</u> <u>Jun. 11</u>	<u>Jan.-Jun.12</u> <u>Jan.-Jun. 11</u>
TOTAL						
Exports	135.3	101.7	3.8	4.6	1.7	-0.4
Imports	139.9	88.4	3.2	5.0	-10.0	-10.2
EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	131.9	90.2	2.6	3.1	-2.5	-3.1
Imports	120.6	93.2	0.2	0.9	-7.2	-8.3
NON-EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	140.7	118.7	5.3	6.8	6.7	2.9
Imports	164.6	85.2	6.7	9.3	-13.0	-11.9

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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