

Foreign Trade

May 2013

Istat presents data on Italy's foreign trade as well as unit value and volume indices (base year 2010=100) referring to May 2013. The results of the flash estimates on extra-EU trade for May 2013 have been disseminated on June 24th.

- In May 2013 seasonally-adjusted data, compared to April 2013, showed an increase for exports (+0.6) and a decrease of 0.9% for imports. The increase, for exports, was the synthesis of an increase of 3.2% for non EU countries and a decrease of 1.8% for EU countries. As regards imports the fall was recorded for both: -0.5% for EU and -1.6% for non EU markets. Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data, in comparison with the previous three months, showed a fall of 0.5% for outgoing flows and a drop of 3.1% for incoming flows.
- In May 2013, compared with the same month of the previous year, trade decreased by 1.5% for exports (-3.4% for EU area and +0.7% for non EU countries) and decreased by 10.3% for imports (-5.5% for EU and -15.8% for non EU countries). The trade balance amounted to 3.9 billion Euro (0.9 billion Euro for EU area and 3.0 billion Euro for non EU countries) (Table 1).

Table 1 – Exports, imports and trade balance. May 2013

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro	Percentage changes	
	May2013	Jan.-May2013	May13 May12	Jan.-May13 Jan.-May12	May2013	May13 Apr.13	Mar.-May13 Dec.12-Feb.13
TOTAL							
Exports	34,616	161,093	-1.5	0.1	32,531	0.6	-0.5
Imports	30,721	152,454	-10.3	-7.2	29,376	-0.9	-3.1
Trade balance	3,895	8,640			3,155		
EU COUNTRIES							
Exports	17,978	86,486	-3.4	-3.2	16,858	-1.8	-0.7
Imports	17,088	83,371	-5.5	-3.0	16,323	-0.5	-1.1
Trade balance	890	3,114			535		
NON-EU COUNTRIES							
Exports	16,638	74,608	0.7	4.2	15,673	3.2	-0.2
Imports	13,633	69,082	-15.8	-11.8	13,053	-1.6	-5.5
Trade balance	3,005	5,526			2,620		

Table 2 – Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings. May 2013

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		May13 May12	Jan.-May13 Jan.-May12		May13 May12	Jan.-May13 Jan.-May12	May2013	Jan.-May2013
Consumer goods	29.3	6.8	7.1	25.6	-0.4	0.6	1,712	8,244
- consumer durables	5.8	-0.6	1.4	2.9	-12.9	-11.4	1,125	5,168
- consumer non durables	23.5	8.9	8.6	22.7	1.5	2.2	587	3,076
Capital goods	31.6	-0.7	0.1	19.5	-13.2	-8.3	5,366	20,753
Intermediate goods	33.6	-6.1	-3.0	32.6	-8.2	-4.0	729	2,374
Energy	5.5	-17.8	-16.6	22.3	-22.8	-19.4	-3,911	-22,731
Total (except energy)	94.5	-0.6	1.1	77.7	-7.1	-3.7	7,807	31,371
Total	100.0	-1.5	0.1	100.0	-10.3	-7.2	3,895	8,640

(a) Calculated on 2012 total foreign trade.

Table 3 – Exports, imports and trade balance by countries. May 2013

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		May13 May12	Jan.-May13 Jan.-May12		May13 May12	Jan.-May13 Jan.-May12	May2013	Jan.-May2013
EU countries	53.7	-3.4	-3.2	52.9	-5.5	-3.0	890	3,114
EMU17:	40.5	-4.5	-4.0	42.7	-5.4	-3.0	-454	-2,065
<i>Austria</i>	2.2	-7.9	-3.0	2.3	5.1	2.3	-85	-271
<i>Belgium</i>	2.6	8.3	17.3	3.8	18.4	8.4	-415	-1,532
<i>France</i>	11.1	-5.6	-2.8	8.3	-10.4	-6.5	1,042	5,127
<i>Germany</i>	12.5	-4.9	-4.7	14.6	-13.3	-7.5	-342	-2,049
<i>Netherlands</i>	2.4	0.9	-4.5	5.4	-1.9	-2.6	-953	-4,566
<i>Spain</i>	4.7	-4.9	-8.2	4.4	-6.0	-2.2	53	369
Poland	2.4	-2.7	-2.9	1.9	-6.1	-10.5	230	1,031
United Kingdom	4.9	-0.2	-0.2	2.5	-6.2	-2.2	762	3,599
Czech Republic	1.1	-1.1	-2.5	1.2	-7.3	-9.4	-3	-140
Romania	1.5	-2.3	-2.5	1.3	-5.9	-1.9	155	434
Non-EU countries	46.3	0.7	4.2	47.1	-15.8	-11.8	3,005	5,526
European non-EU countries	13.9	-4.1	1.4	11.3	5.2	7.4	738	2,687
<i>Russian Federation</i>	2.6	14.2	12.1	4.8	26.7	17.7	-893	-4,741
<i>Switzerland</i>	5.9	-15.8	-1.8	2.9	-13.1	-2.5	803	4,643
<i>Turkey</i>	2.7	-2.5	-2.2	1.4	8.8	9.2	505	1,679
North Africa	3.5	15.8	13.9	7.1	-31.5	-15.2	-332	-4,082
Other African countries	1.4	-8.0	0.8	2.2	-31.9	-23.5	90	-650
North America	7.6	-4.5	-0.3	3.8	-15.8	-19.8	1,991	6,920
<i>United States</i>	6.8	-5.6	-1.3	3.3	-11.0	-19.1	1,817	6,260
Central and South America	3.9	-2.7	4.5	2.5	-19.7	-15.5	480	2,049
Middle Eastern countries	4.9	8.2	12.0	6.6	-35.5	-33.2	354	1,004
Other Asian countries	9.2	5.8	4.9	13.0	-11.2	-9.4	-807	-4,637
<i>China</i>	2.3	10.9	5.0	6.5	-16.9	-8.2	-1,116	-5,821
<i>Japan</i>	1.4	19.9	19.6	0.8	-36.2	-29.0	290	1,346
<i>India</i>	0.9	-19.4	-10.5	1.0	14.8	0.8	-98	-454
Oceania and other territories	1.9	5.2	12.1	0.5	-23.2	-13.3	490	2,235
OPEC	5.7	7.6	13.0	10.8	-40.5	-27.2	-64	-3,683
MERCOSUR	1.6	11.9	14.1	1.2	-16.2	-12.9	191	955
DAE	3.4	5.7	5.8	1.8	-13.2	-12.6	583	2,746
ASEAN	1.7	11.5	11.0	1.7	14.5	7.2	-41	-143
Total	100.0	-1.5	0.1	100.0	-10.3	-7.2	3,895	8,640

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Table 4 - Index unit values and volume – May 2013

	INDEXES		PERCENTAGE CHANGES			
	Unit value indexes	Volume indexes	Unit value indexes		Volume indexes	
	May 2013	May 2013	<u>May13</u> May12	<u>Jan.-May13</u> Jan.-May12	<u>May13</u> May12	<u>Jan.-May13</u> Jan.-May12
TOTAL						
Exports	112.6	109.4	1.2	1.7	-2.6	-1.6
Imports	113.3	88.6	-1.0	-0.9	-9.3	-6.4
EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	112.2	99.4	1.3	1.6	-4.6	-4.7
Imports	108.2	94.1	1.4	1.6	-6.8	-4.5
NON-EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	113.3	122.4	1.1	1.8	-0.4	2.4
Imports	118.9	82.9	-3.6	-3.4	-12.6	-8.7

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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