

Foreign Trade

April 2014

Istat presents data on Italy's foreign trade as well as unit value and volume indices (base year 2010=100) referring to April 2014. The results of the flash estimates on extra-EU trade for April 2014 have been disseminated on May 23rd.

- In April 2014 seasonally-adjusted data, compared to March, increased by 0.4% for outgoing flows and decreased by 0.6% for incoming flows. The growth in exports is the synthesis of the increase in sales to EU countries (+0.9%) and the decrease to non EU countries (-0.2%). Imports decreased for EU countries (-1.4%) and increased for EU countries (+0.4%). Over the last three months, seasonally-adjusted data, in comparison with the previous three months, showed a fall for both flows: -0.7% for exports and -1.5% for imports.
- In April 2014, compared with the same month of the previous year, trade increased by 2.0% for exports (+5.0% for EU area and -1.7% for non EU countries) and fell by 2.9% for imports (-2.6% for EU and -3.4% for non EU countries). The trade balance in April amounted to +3.5 billion Euro (+1,851 million Euro for EU area and +1,654 million Euro for non EU countries) (Table 1).

Table 1 – Exports, imports and trade balance. April 2014

	NON SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED				SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED		
	Millions of euro		Percentage changes		Millions of euro		Percentage changes
	Apr.2014	Jan.-Apr. 2014	Apr.14 Apr.13	Jan.-Apr.14 Jan.-Apr.13	Apr.2014	Apr.14 Mar.14	Feb.-Apr.14 Nov.13-Jan.14
TOTAL							
Exports	32,504	128,610	2.0	1.6	32,869	0.4	-0.7
Imports	28,999	118,228	-2.9	-3.3	28,942	-0.6	-1.5
Trade balance	3,505	10,382			3,927		
EU COUNTRIES							
Exports	18,182	72,444	5.0	4.6	18,216	0.9	0.3
Imports	16,330	66,888	-2.6	-0.5	16,392	-1.4	-0.7
Trade balance	1,851	5,556			1,824		
NON-EU COUNTRIES							
Exports	14,323	56,166	-1.7	-2.0	14,653	-0.2	-1.9
Imports	12,669	51,340	-3.4	-6.7	12,550	0.4	-2.5
Trade balance	1,654	4,826			2,103		

Table 2 – Exports, imports and trade balance by Main Industrial Groupings. April 2014

MIGS	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		Apr.14 Apr.13	Jan.-Apr.14 Jan.-Apr.13		Apr.14 Apr.13	Jan.-Apr.14 Jan.-Apr.13	Apr.2014	Jan.-Apr.2014
Consumer goods	31.0	4.5	3.6	27.3	4.2	2.1	1,602	7,193
- consumer durables	6.0	3.8	3.6	2.9	2.5	7.2	1,049	4,060
- consumer non durables	25.1	4.7	3.6	24.4	4.4	1.5	554	3,133
Capital goods	32.3	4.1	5.2	20.3	5.7	2.1	4,456	16,350
Intermediate goods	32.3	-0.9	-1.3	32.5	-3.5	-0.4	971	1,694
Energy	4.4	-9.4	-14.9	19.9	-20.2	-20.3	-3,524	-14,854
Total (except energy)	95.6	2.5	2.4	80.1	1.3	1.0	7,030	25,236
Total	100.0	2.0	1.6	100.0	-2.9	-3.3	3,505	10,382

(a) Calculated on 2013 total foreign trade.

Table 3 – Exports, imports and trade balance by countries. April 2014

COUNTRIES	EXPORTS			IMPORTS			TRADE BALANCE	
	Share (a)	Percentage changes		Share (a)	Percentage changes		Millions of euro	
		Apr.14 Apr.13	Jan.-Apr.14 Jan.-Apr.13		Apr.14 Apr.13	Jan.-Apr.14 Jan.-Apr.13	Apr.2014	Jan.-Apr.2014
EU countries	53.7	5.0	4.6	55.3	-2.6	-0.5	1,851	5,556
EMU17:	39.8	3.9	3.2	44.3	-3.8	-1.3	535	616
<i>Austria</i>	2.2	0.4	1.3	2.5	-2.4	-0.7	-16	-128
<i>Belgium</i>	2.9	8.9	9.5	4.2	-9.5	-3.6	-30	-651
<i>France</i>	10.8	1.2	-0.6	8.4	-4.9	-1.6	1,142	4,131
<i>Germany</i>	12.4	5.6	4.4	14.7	3.2	0.7	-204	-1,158
<i>Netherlands</i>	2.3	-1.6	3.4	5.8	-2.8	-4.2	-845	-3,303
<i>Spain</i>	4.4	5.6	3.5	4.5	-4.5	1.1	150	439
Poland	2.4	14.8	9.7	1.8	8.5	8.6	231	917
United Kingdom	5.0	3.0	7.3	2.7	3.7	-0.1	828	3,270
Czech Republic	1.1	14.5	10.9	1.2	-2.5	3.1	8	-58
Romania	1.5	5.3	9.2	1.4	10.7	10.4	95	230
Non-EU countries	46.3	-1.7	-2.0	44.7	-3.4	-6.7	1,654	4,826
European non-EU countries	13.0	-9.7	-9.7	12.1	-1.5	-8.4	378	1,400
<i>Russian Federation</i>	2.8	0.7	-4.8	5.6	-15.7	-20.6	-599	-2,538
<i>Switzerland</i>	5.2	-16.4	-17.6	2.9	16.4	-3.6	555	2,655
<i>Turkey</i>	2.6	-1.7	-1.6	1.5	3.8	-0.8	336	1,119
North Africa	3.8	8.8	0.5	5.3	-29.6	-41.9	-25	-238
Other African countries	1.5	-4.9	3.0	2.1	22.8	11.3	-254	-972
North America	7.7	5.3	5.2	3.7	27.1	17.3	1,175	4,666
<i>United States</i>	6.9	5.1	5.7	3.2	22.8	11.7	1,109	4,460
Central and South America	3.7	-3.8	-4.6	2.5	4.3	2.0	279	1,294
Middle Eastern countries	5.1	-7.2	-8.1	5.6	-10.8	-4.5	162	354
Other Asian countries	9.6	4.9	7.4	12.8	-4.2	2.1	-456	-3,259
<i>China</i>	2.5	5.1	11.1	6.4	-0.6	1.9	-836	-4,489
<i>Japan</i>	1.5	7.1	-7.0	0.7	-1.5	-0.3	227	921
<i>India</i>	0.8	-4.8	-8.2	1.1	-1.0	-4.4	-91	-378
Oceania and other territories	1.9	-1.7	-7.1	0.5	-1.6	-3.3	394	1,581
OPEC	6.0	1.3	-6.9	8.1	-19.1	-36.1	-30	-156
MERCOSUR	1.8	-5.1	-2.8	1.3	-12.8	-8.6	166	822
DAE	3.6	5.4	14.6	1.7	-9.3	2.1	666	2,732
ASEAN	1.7	2.3	8.5	1.8	4.9	5.6	25	-48
Total	100.0	2.0	1.6	100.0	-2.9	-3.3	3,505	10,382

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Table 4 - Index unit values and volume – April 2014

	INDEXES		PERCENTAGE CHANGES			
	Unit value indexes	Volume indexes	Unit value indexes		Volume indexes	
	April 2014	April 2014	<u>Apr.14</u> <u>Apr.13</u>	<u>Jan.Apr.14</u> <u>Jan.Apr.13</u>	<u>Apr.14</u> <u>Apr.13</u>	<u>Jan.Apr.14</u> <u>Jan.Apr.13</u>
TOTAL						
Exports	113.3	102.1	0.1	0.2	1.9	1.4
Imports	110.3	85.9	-3.8	-2.8	0.9	-0.5
EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	112.8	99.0	0.4	0.5	4.8	4.0
Imports	108.2	89.3	-0.6	-0.6	-1.9	0.1
NON-EU COUNTRIES						
Exports	114.1	106.2	-0.3	-0.3	-1.4	-1.6
Imports	112.4	82.2	-7.2	-5.0	4.1	-1.7

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