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International trade January to September 2025: Exports down, imports up

Trade deficit widens to €4.91 billion

Vienna, 2025-12-05 – According to preliminary calculations by Statistics Austria, exports fell between January and September 2025 by 2.2% to €140.64 billion compared with the same period last year. The value of imports rose by 3.2% to €145.55 billion. This resulted in a trade deficit of €4.91 billion, following a surplus of €2.84 billion in the same period of the previous year.

“Between January and September 2025, exports in Austrian international trade fell by 2.2% to €140.64 billion, while imports rose by 3.2% to €145.55 billion. This was mainly due to the increase in imports from Switzerland, which rose by almost two-thirds compared with the same period last year. The decline in exports is mainly due to a 22.2% drop in exports to the USA – Austria’s second most important export partner after Germany”, says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics at Statistics Austria.

January to September 2025: Slight trade surplus in trade with the EU-27

Austria imported goods worth €95.58 bn (+1.6%) from **European Union member states** in the first nine months of 2025. The value of goods exported to EU countries recorded a decrease of 0.6% compared to the same period of the previous year and amounted to €95.90 bn. The positive trade balance with the European Union amounted to €0.33 bn, after an asset of €2.44 bn in the period January to September 2024.

International trade of goods with **third countries** showed an increase in imports (+6.4% to €49.97 bn) and a decrease in exports (–5.5% to €44.74 bn) compared to the same period last year. This resulted in a negative trade balance with third countries of €5.24 bn (see table 1).

September 2025: Increases in both EU imports and EU exports

According to preliminary results, the value of goods exports rose by 3.2% to €16.56 bn in **September 2025** compared with September of the previous year. At the same time, the value of imports grew by 6.5% to €16.79 bn. The resulting trade deficit amounted to €0.23 bn.

Austria imported goods worth €10.88 bn from **European Union member states** in **September 2025**, and goods worth €11.43 bn were exported to these countries. Compared to September 2024, intra-EU imports increased by 5.9% and intra-EU exports increased by 4.5%. There was a positive trade balance with European Union member states of €0.55 bn.

Imports from **non-EU countries** amounted to €5.91 bn in September 2025, showing an increase of 7.7% year-on-year; extra-EU exports increased by 0.4% to €5.13 bn. The resulting negative trade balance with non-EU countries amounted to €0.78 bn (see table 2).

For detailed results and further information, please refer to our [website](#). Visualisations of the international trade data are available in the [ITGS-Atlas](#).

Table 1: International trade in goods, January to September 2025

| 2025 ¹ | Import | Export | Trade balance ² | In- (+) or decrease (-) compared to previous year (in%) | |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|---|-------------|
| | | | | Import | Export |
| Total | 145 547 028 | 140 638 902 | -4 908 126 | 3.2 | -2.2 |
| EU-27 (Intra-EU imports/exports) | 95 575 891 | 95 903 213 | 327 322 | 1.6 | -0.6 |
| Third states (Extra-EU imports/exports) | 49 971 137 | 44 735 689 | -5 235 448 | 6.4 | -5.5 |

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, monthly international trade in goods statistics. – Values in 1 000 euro. – Rounding differences not balanced.
– 1) Preliminary results. – 2) Trade balance = exports minus imports (import or export surplus).

Table 2: International trade in goods, September 2025

| 2025 ¹ | Import | Export | Trade balance ² | In- (+) or decrease (-) compared to previous year (in%) | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---|------------|
| | | | | Import | Export |
| Total | 16 793 192 | 16 562 414 | -230 779 | 6.5 | 3.2 |
| EU-27 (Intra-EU imports/exports) | 10 881 012 | 11 432 846 | 551 834 | 5.9 | 4.5 |
| Third states (Extra-EU imports/exports) | 5 912 181 | 5 129 568 | -782 613 | 7.7 | 0.4 |

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Information on methodology, definitions: The available result of the foreign trade statistics (ITGS: International Trade in Goods Statistics) contains data of the statistics of the trade in goods with third countries (EXTRASTAT) associated with the customs declaration and the primary statistics of the trade in goods with the EU member states (INTRASTAT) as well as additional estimates on the INTRASTAT data collected, which cover the non-response to the survey and values not collected due to thresholds. Foreign trade statistics usually take into account the physical movement of goods that cross the Austrian border.

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