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Slight increases in imports and exports in October 2025

Trade deficit with China widens

Vienna, 2026-01-09 – According to preliminary calculations by Statistics Austria, exports of goods rose by 0.1% to €17.54 bn in October 2025 compared to October of the previous year. The value of imports rose slightly stronger, by 0.8% to €17.63 bn. This resulted in a trade deficit of €0.08 bn, following a surplus of €0.04 bn in the same period in the year 2024.

“For Austrian international trade in October 2025 Exports remained almost unchanged compared to the previous year, rising by 0.1% to €17.54 billion, while imports increased slightly more strongly, growing by 0.8% to €17.63 billion. Chemical products in particular saw a significant increase in imports of 16.5% in October, while the value of fuel and energy imports fell by a fifth. In the case of gas, in particular, both the import value and the volume almost halved compared with the year 2024,” says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics at Statistics Austria.

Austria imported goods worth €11.46 bn from **European Union member states** in **October 2025**, and goods worth €12.01 bn were exported to these countries. Compared to October 2024, intra-EU imports increased by 0.5% and intra-EU exports rose by 2.1%. There was a positive trade balance with European Union member states of €0.55 bn.

Imports from **non-EU countries** amounted to €6.17 bn in October 2025, showing an increase of 1.5% year-on-year; extra-EU exports decreased by 4.0% to €5.54 bn. The resulting negative trade balance with non-EU countries amounted to €0.64 bn (see table 2).

The main factor behind this negative trade balance with third countries was trade with China (trade balance: –€1.21 bn). This is the highest negative trade balance with this partner country since November 2022. In particular for machinery and vehicles, imports from China were almost three times higher (+15.7% to €0.95 bn) than exports (+34.8% to €0.34 bn).

Overall, half of the 10 product groups showed declining export values this month. The 4 most **important product groups** in Austria’s international trade – machinery and vehicles, processed goods, chemical products and other manufactured goods – together showed a decrease of 1.8% to €14.50 bn on the export side. The highest absolute declines in exports were observed for chemical products (–5.7%; –€0.16 bn), followed by machinery and vehicles (–1.5%; –€0.10 bn). The highest absolute increases in exports across all groups were recorded for other goods (+105.9%; +€0.29 bn) and processed goods (+1.2%; +€0.04 bn).

In terms of imports, only one of the 4 most important product groups saw a decline, namely processed goods (–1.3%; –€0.03 bn). Increases were recorded for chemical products (+16.5%; +€0.38 bn), machinery and vehicles (+2.2%; +€0.13 bn) and other manufactured goods (+1.7%; +€0.04 bn). The 4 most important product groups in imports together showed an increase of 3.8% to €14.14 bn. Apart from the 4 most important product groups, fuels and energy recorded the highest absolute decreases in imports (–20.3%; –€0.25 bn). This was mainly due to gas, where the import value fell by 49.4%, while the imported volume declined by almost the same amount (–45.0%). Imports of crude oil and petroleum products fell by 15.9% in value and by 8.5% in volume.

January to October 2025: Exports to the US slumped by almost a fifth

Between January and October 2025, exports fell by 1.6% to €158.87 bn compared with the same period of the previous year. The value of imports rose by 3.1% to €163.36 bn. This resulted in a trade deficit of €4.49 bn, following a surplus of €2.89 bn in the same period of the previous year.

In trade with the 10 most important import partners, 4 partners saw declines in the first 10 months of this year, while 6 partners saw increases. Besides the growth with Switzerland (+55.8%), the largest absolute gains were seen in imports from China (+11.7%) and Germany (+2.8%). The largest absolute declines were recorded with France (-6.9%) and Poland (-2.4%). In trade with the 10 most important export partners, half of the countries showed increases and half showed decreases. Exports to the United States (-20.8%), Germany (-1.8%) and France (-5.8%) showed the largest declines in absolute terms, while exports to Italy (+6.7%) and Czechia (+6.2%) showed the largest increases.

Austria imported goods worth €107.17 bn (+1.6%) from **European Union member states** in the first 10 months of 2025. The value of goods exported to EU countries recorded a slight decrease of 0.3% compared to the same period of the previous year and amounted to €107.97 bn. The positive trade balance with the European Union amounted to €0.79 bn, after an asset of €2.80 bn in the period January to October 2024.

International trade of goods with **third countries** showed an increase in imports (+5.9% to €56.18 bn) and a decrease in exports (-4.2% to €50.91 bn) compared to the same period last year. This resulted in a negative trade balance with third countries of €5.28 bn (see table 1).

Exports to the United States fell by 20.8% to €10.80 bn in the first 10 months of 2025. The sharpest decline was recorded in medical and pharmaceutical products, where the trade volume almost halved (-49.0%). Austria's imports from the US rose by 1.0% to €6.56 bn compared to the same period last year. Nevertheless, this resulted in a trade surplus of €4.24 bn, by far the highest trade surplus with any partner country.

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 October 2025

2025 ¹	Import	Export	Trade balance ²	In- (+) or decrease (-) compared to previous year (in %)	
				Import	Export
Total	163 357 802	158 872 181	-4 485 620	3.1	-1.6
EU-27 (Intra-EU imports/exports)	107 172 913	107 966 380	793 467	1.6	-0.3
Third states (Extra-EU imports/exports)	56 184 888	50 905 801	-5 279 087	5.9	-4.2

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, October 2025

2025 ¹	Import	Export	Trade balance ²	In- (+) or decrease (-) compared to previous year (in%)	
				Import	Export
Total	17 629 486	17 544 916	-84 570	0.8	0.1
EU-27 (Intra-EU imports/exports)	11 457 218	12 007 876	550 659	0.5	2.1
Third states (Extra-EU imports/exports)	6 172 268	5 537 039	-635 229	1.5	-4.0

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– 1) Preliminary results – 2) Trade balance = exports minus imports (import or export surplus).

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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