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# Exports rose in February 2026

## Exports to Germany increased by 3.3%

Vienna, 2026-05-07 – According to preliminary calculations by Statistics Austria, the value of exported goods rose by 2.0% to €16.16 bn in February 2026 compared to February of the previous year. The value of imports fell by 1.9% to €15.82 bn. This results in a trade surplus of €0.34 billion. The last time exports exceeded imports was in October 2024.

“In February 2026, Austrian exports grew by 2.0% to €16.16 billion, while imports fell by 1.9% year-on-year to €15.82 billion. This trend is attributable in particular to Austria’s most important trading partner, Germany. In absolute terms, this saw the strongest growth in exports of all trading partners and the sharpest decline in imports,” says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics at Statistics Austria.

Austria imported goods worth €10.31 bn from **European Union** member states in February 2026, and goods worth €10.98 bn were exported to these countries. Compared to February 2025, intra-EU imports decreased by 3.4% and intra-EU exports increased by 4.3%. There was a positive trade balance with European Union member states of €0.67 bn.

Imports from **non-EU countries** amounted to €5.51 bn in February 2026, showing an increase of 1.1% year-on-year; extra-EU exports decreased by 2.5% to €5.19 bn. The resulting negative trade balance with non-EU-countries amounted to €0.33 bn (see table 1).

The main factor behind this negative trade balance with third countries was trade with China (trade balance: –€1.14 bn). Particularly machinery and vehicles showed imports from China that were nearly four times as high (+20.7% to €0.84 bn) as exports (–31.0% to €0.21 bn). The largest trade surplus with a partner country this month was recorded with the United States (trade balance: +€0.40 bn). Trade in the machinery and vehicles product group was particularly significant in this regard. Imports rose by 43.7% to €0.17 bn, while exports fell by 2.8% to €0.55 bn.

### Increases in imports and exports of machinery and vehicles

Overall, exports declined in half of the 10 product groups in February 2026. The 4 **most important product groups** in Austria’s international trade – machinery and vehicles, processed goods, chemical products and other manufactured goods – together showed an increase of 1.0% to €13.23 bn on the export side. The highest and only absolute declines in exports in these four groups were observed for other manufactured goods (–2.1%; –€0.03 bn). The highest absolute increases in exports across all groups were recorded for other goods which rose by more than half (+55.3%; +€0.23 bn) and machinery and vehicles (+2.5%; +€0.15 bn).

In terms of imports, 2 of the 4 most important product groups saw a decline, namely chemical products (–9.8%; –€0.25 bn) and processed goods (–1.3%; –€0.03 bn). Increases on the other hand were recorded for machinery and vehicles (+5.9%; +€0.31 bn) and other manufactured goods (+2.6%; +€0.06 bn). The 4 most important product groups in imports together showed an increase of 0.7% to €12.55 bn. Apart from the 4 most important product groups, fuels and energy recorded the highest absolute decreases in imports (–21.5%; –€0.26 bn). This was mainly due to crude oil and petroleum products, where the import value fell

by 19.5%, while the imported volume declined too (-3.0%). Imports of gas fell by 43.4% in value while volume declined by 22.5%.

### **Massive decline in trade with the Russian Federation since February 2022**

With the start of the Russian Federation's war against Ukraine in February four years ago, trade with the Russian Federation collapsed (February 2026: imports: -99.2%; exports: -57.7% compared to February 2022). This development is primarily due to the sharp decline in imports of fuels and energy (-100.0%). Whereas 4 years ago Russia ranked sixth among Austria's most important trading partners in terms of imports and 17th in terms of exports, by February 2026 the Russian Federation had slipped to 74th place (imports) and 29th place (exports).

### **Austria's trade with Ukraine: imports down, exports up since 2022**

In trade with Ukraine, only imports showed a decline compared with February 2022 (imports: -32.2%, exports: +38.4%). The main products that Austria imports from Ukraine include raw materials, especially ores and metal waste, while exports are dominated by machinery and vehicles, especially power-driven machinery.

### **January to February 2026: imports down by 1.2%, exports down by 0.2%**

In January and February 2026, the total value of imports of goods was nominally at €31.32 bn, while exports of goods amounted to €31.19 bn. Thus, imports decreased by 1.2% and exports decreased by 0.2% compared to the first 2 months of the previous year. The trade balance deficit fell to a value of €0.14 bn, compared to a negative trade balance of €0.48 bn in the same period the year before.

In the first 2 months of 2026 – with the exception of Germany (-3.3%), the United States (-20.7%), the Netherlands (-6.4%) and Hungary (-0.9%) – trade with the 10 most important import partners showed absolute increases in imports. Besides the increase with China (+11.1%), the largest absolute increases were seen in imports from Switzerland (+14.3%), Poland (+7.5%) and Italy (+3.5%). In trade with the 10 most important export partners, 3 countries showed decreases and 7 countries showed increases. Exports decreased to the United States (-27.8%), China (-8.9%) and Poland (-0.1%), while the strongest growth were seen in exports to the United Kingdom (+13.7%), France (+9.1%) and Germany (+0.3%).

Austria imported goods worth €20.35 bn (-2.0%) from European Union member states in the first 2 months of 2026. The value of goods exported to EU countries recorded an increase of 1.4% compared to the same period of the previous year and amounted to €21.25 bn. The positive trade balance with the European Union amounted to €0.90 bn, after an asset of €0.20 bn in the period January to February 2025.

International trade of goods with third countries showed an increase in imports (+0.2% to €10.97 bn) and a decrease in exports (-3.4% to €9.93 bn) compared to the same period last year. This resulted in a negative trade balance with third countries of €1.04 bn (see table 2).

**Table 1 International trade in goods, February 2026**

2026 <sup>1</sup>	Import	Export	Trade balance <sup>2</sup>	In- (+) or decrease (-) compared to previous year (in%)	
				Import	Export
<b>Total</b>	<b>15 822 850</b>	<b>16 164 848</b>	<b>341 999</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>2.0</b>
EU-27 (Intra-EU imports/exports)	10 308 889	10 977 441	668 552	-3.4	4.3
Third states (Extra-EU imports/exports)	5 513 960	5 187 407	-326 553	1.1	-2.5

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, January to February 2026**

2026 <sup>1</sup>	Import	Export	Trade balance <sup>2</sup>	In- (+) or decrease (-) compared to previous year (in%)	
				Import	Export
<b>Total</b>	<b>31 321 298</b>	<b>31 185 666</b>	<b>-135 632</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>-0.2</b>
EU-27 (Intra-EU imports/exports)	20 350 459	21 252 667	902 208	-2.0	1.4
Third states (Extra-EU imports/exports)	10 970 839	9 932 999	-1 037 840	0.2	-3.4

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).

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

**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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