

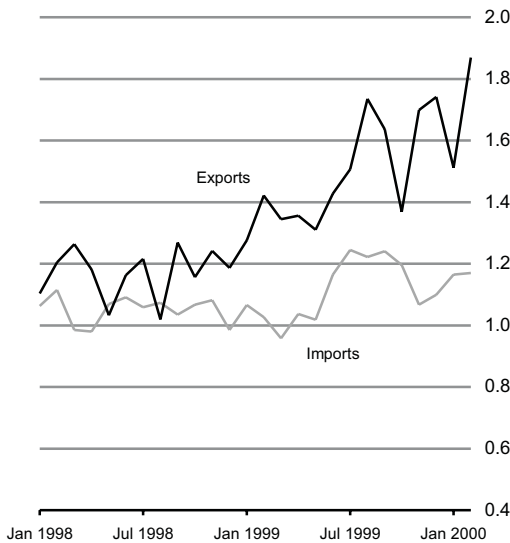


Trade with Non-EU Countries February 2000

Imports v Exports

Seasonally Adjusted

£billion



	Imports	Exports
Jan-Feb 1999	£2,036m	£2,488m
Jan-Feb 2000	£2,382m	£3,175m
% change	+17%	+28%
February 1999	£973m	£1,326m
February 2000	£1,182m	£1,798m

Trade with non-EU countries remains high

Ireland's exports to non-EU countries rose to £1,798m in February 2000, a 36% increase on the £1,326m recorded in February 1999. The import value at £1,182m was 21% higher than the £973m recorded in February 1999.

On a seasonally adjusted basis (*see graph*), exports rose to £1,869m in February following a dip to £1,512m in January and imports rose marginally to £1,170m.

Comparing January - February 2000 with the corresponding period in 1999 shows that (*see Tables 3 and 4*):

- ◆ Imports increased from £2,036m to £2,382m (+17%). Imports from USA increased from £763m to £912m (+19%) and imports from Hong Kong increased from £29m to £74m (+151%). Imports from Singapore fell from £222m to £185m (-16%).
- ◆ Imports of Telecommunications and sound equipment increased by 70% from £95m to £163m. There was a 21% increase in the imports of Electrical machinery from £314m to £381m. Imports of Organic chemicals fell from £176m to £148m (-16%).
- ◆ Exports increased by £687m from £2,489m to £3,175m (+28%). Exports to the USA increased from £1,180m to £1,508m (+28%), and exports to Japan increased from £166m to £360m (+117%). Exports to Malaysia fell from £115m to £91m (-21%).
- ◆ Exports of Organic chemicals increased from £626m to £883m (+41%) and exports of Computer equipment increased from £419m to £554m (+32%). There was a 15% drop in the value of Telecommunications and sound equipment exported from £157m to £133m.

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Table 1 Summary of trade with non-EU Countries

Period	Value		Volume Index		Price Index		Terms of Trade ¹
	Imports £m	Exports £m	Base 1990=100		Imports	Exports	
			Imports	Exports			
1995	7,584.3	7,315.0	182.7	195.3	113.6	103.8	91.3
1996	8,008.2	8,798.4	196.1	226.7	111.8	107.5	96.2
1997	9,975.4	11,105.4	245.6	282.6	111.2	108.9	97.9
1998	12,570.9	14,037.4	307.0	341.5	112.1	113.9	101.6
1999	13,262.6	17,772.5	310.3	423.7	117.0	116.2	99.3
1999 January	1,063.1	1,162.3	305.4	338.4	114.3	114.2	99.8
February	973.3	1,326.3	285.4	390.9	112.0	112.8	100.7
March	1,104.3	1,369.6	303.9	406.3	119.4	112.1	93.9
April	1,078.9	1,384.5	303.6	389.7	116.7	118.1	101.2
May	1,054.3	1,324.7	299.7	371.2	115.5	118.6	102.7
June	1,108.2	1,529.3	313.7	427.0	116.0	119.1	102.6
July	1,113.1	1,667.8	311.1	482.9	117.5	114.8	97.7
August	1,052.8	1,558.5	282.0	434.1	122.6	119.4	97.3
September	1,186.6	1,794.8	334.4	536.6	116.5	111.2	95.4
October	1,211.5	1,447.1	347.0	403.9	114.7	119.1	103.9
November	1,214.7	1,696.7	339.8	484.0	117.4	116.5	99.2
December	1,101.8	1,511.0	299.2	422.8	121.0	118.8	98.2
2000 January	1,200.7	1,377.3	315.4	398.4	125.1	114.9	91.9
February	1,181.6	1,798.1	313.5	492.7	123.8	121.3	98.0

Table 2 Seasonally adjusted² trade with non-EU Countries

Period	Value		Volume Index	
	Imports £m	Exports £m	Base 1990=100	
			Imports	Exports
1999 January	1,065.8	1,275.8	303.9	368.2
February	1,026.3	1,421.5	307.7	413.2
March	957.6	1,344.1	267.9	412.1
April	1,037.2	1,356.0	294.7	396.8
May	1,018.6	1,310.3	298.7	374.6
June	1,164.9	1,427.9	333.7	409.4
July	1,245.0	1,506.6	351.4	435.8
August	1,222.2	1,735.5	321.1	472.9
September	1,240.1	1,636.1	347.0	489.2
October	1,196.2	1,367.8	336.0	377.1
November	1,066.7	1,698.4	290.4	473.1
December	1,099.6	1,740.8	291.9	466.2
2000 January	1,164.6	1,511.9	308.2	442.2
February	1,170.0	1,869.1	310.7	513.8

¹ Export Price Index divided by Import Price Index² Based on seasonal patterns up to December 1999

Table 3 Trade with Non-EU Countries classified by Country

£ million

Country	Imports				Exports			
	Feb 1999	Feb 2000	Jan-Feb 1999	Jan-Feb 2000	Feb 1999	Feb 2000	Jan-Feb 1999	Jan-Feb 2000
Australia	1.7	2.9	6.8	5.6	26.7	30.1	48.9	45.8
Brazil	2.1	7.2	4.8	11.4	9.9	6.2	19.2	14.6
Canada	26.2	18.6	52.9	57.6	15.5	21.0	38.8	44.0
China	29.7	34.5	59.1	77.5	5.6	8.2	16.5	16.1
Czech Republic	4.2	5.4	8.4	11.8	8.5	13.5	16.5	29.6
Egypt	0.4	0.7	0.9	1.4	11.4	27.8	23.2	32.2
Hong Kong	13.6	41.2	29.4	73.7	20.7	22.2	37.1	46.4
Hungary	11.8	15.4	27.2	39.7	4.9	15.3	9.9	30.5
India	4.5	6.7	9.0	13.4	5.4	6.1	8.3	9.9
Israel	12.8	17.7	39.9	31.2	16.1	18.6	30.8	50.8
Japan	177.6	142.3	318.1	302.8	87.3	213.5	165.9	359.6
Malaysia	38.1	41.1	76.2	78.8	54.6	40.2	115.2	90.7
Mexico	2.8	4.6	5.4	9.3	9.0	8.8	17.5	18.8
Norway	22.9	41.4	53.1	73.0	42.0	32.6	75.1	74.7
Philippines	14.5	19.2	30.8	33.4	32.4	32.1	58.2	62.8
Poland	6.8	3.5	10.6	7.5	13.0	17.5	28.8	38.7
Russia	0.4	0.6	2.4	0.9	7.0	8.4	15.0	22.0
Saudi Arabia	1.4	0.0	3.7	0.1	18.8	35.2	37.6	54.1
Singapore	82.2	86.7	222.0	185.4	27.0	25.1	53.7	50.4
South Africa	2.2	3.9	4.9	15.4	14.3	18.2	28.7	36.5
South Korea	24.7	48.8	48.5	105.9	13.0	40.9	23.5	76.2
Switzerland	15.2	40.4	31.0	59.2	74.5	100.0	153.5	160.6
Taiwan	51.9	49.6	97.9	104.3	10.6	11.5	26.1	19.5
Thailand	8.0	11.4	16.8	22.9	4.7	6.6	8.6	12.5
Turkey	4.4	5.4	9.3	11.5	11.7	24.5	24.8	44.7
USA	358.9	467.3	763.4	912.2	651.3	887.8	1,179.8	1,508.0
EU Member States ¹	15.2	9.5	24.9	20.9	–	–	–	–
Other countries ²	35.1	50.2	72.3	105.3	103.0	108.3	174.2	192.5
Country unknown ³	4.0	5.2	7.1	10.3	27.3	17.6	52.9	32.9
Total	973.3	1,181.6	2,036.4	2,382.2	1,326.3	1,797.9	2,488.5	3,175.1

¹ EU member state products imported from a non-EU country.² Other non-EU countries not listed individually.³ Trade for which the country of origin or country of final destination is unknown.

Table 4 Trade with Non-EU Countries classified by Commodity

£ million

SITC (Rev 3)	Imports				Exports			
	Feb 1999	Feb 2000	Jan-Feb 1999	Jan-Feb 2000	Feb 1999	Feb 2000	Jan-Feb 1999	Jan-Feb 2000
0 Food and live animals	24.6	23.4	47.1	61.1	93.0	96.1	161.0	164.7
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	0.3	1.0	0.4	12.1	2.7	4.0	4.0	9.8
01 Meat & meat preparations	0.3	0.6	0.6	1.0	25.2	26.5	39.0	35.7
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	5.0	6.5	8.4	11.8
03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and preparations thereof	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.5	3.4	6.0	7.2	10.3
04 Cereals & cereal preparations	0.7	1.0	0.9	1.3	1.9	0.7	2.4	3.0
05 Vegetables & fruit	2.9	2.6	4.8	5.5	0.2	0.1	1.1	0.2
06 Sugars, sugar preparations & honey	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.4	0.5	1.7	3.0	3.1
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices & manufactures thereof	1.8	2.7	4.3	6.0	5.2	3.4	9.3	5.8
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excl unmilled cereals)	16.4	12.3	32.7	30.4	0.2	0.6	0.5	1.1
09 Miscellaneous edible products & preparations	1.0	1.4	1.7	2.8	48.7	46.5	86.1	83.9
1 Beverages and tobacco	2.2	2.3	5.3	5.4	17.0	22.4	30.9	37.4
11 Beverages	1.6	2.1	4.2	5.1	16.2	20.9	29.7	35.9
12 Tobacco & tobacco manufactures	0.6	0.2	1.0	0.2	0.8	1.5	1.2	1.5
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	18.4	21.4	37.3	41.7	12.4	12.5	23.3	20.9
21 Hides, skins & furskins, raw	–	0.0	–	0.0	0.5	2.1	1.2	3.0
22 Oil seeds & oleaginous fruits	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.3	–	–	–	–
23 Crude rubber (incl synthetic & reclaimed)	0.7	0.5	1.3	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
24 Cork & wood	5.5	7.6	12.6	15.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25 Pulp & waste paper	1.5	1.0	3.0	4.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.4
26 Textile fibres & their wastes	1.1	1.6	2.2	2.9	3.5	0.9	4.5	1.9
27 Crude fertilisers & minerals (excl coal, petroleum and precious stones)	2.6	2.9	4.4	5.4	3.1	1.1	4.5	2.3
28 Metalliferous ores & metal scrap	6.1	6.1	11.8	10.1	4.9	7.8	12.5	12.6
29 Crude animal & vegetable materials nes	0.8	1.6	1.8	2.7	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.7
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	19.4	38.0	41.5	54.6	2.2	6.3	3.6	15.2
32 Coal, coke & briquettes	5.4	2.7	9.8	8.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3
33 Petroleum, petroleum products & related materials	13.9	35.3	31.3	46.4	1.9	6.1	3.4	14.8
34 Gas, natural & manufactured	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.1	–	–	–	–
35 Electric Current	–	–	–	–	–	0.1	–	0.1
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	1.0	0.8	1.9	1.5	0.4	0.0	0.8	0.0
41 Animal oils & fats	–	–	–	–	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
42 Fixed vegetable fats & oils	0.7	0.6	1.4	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
43 Animal or vegetable fats & oils, processed; waxes	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.0
5 Chemicals and related products nes	128.5	159.8	252.7	270.1	480.0	754.4	921.3	1,215.9
51 Organic chemicals	89.5	88.7	176.0	147.8	311.6	599.1	626.4	883.2
52 Inorganic chemicals	2.6	3.8	5.9	8.1	0.3	0.5	1.0	0.7
53 Dyeing, tanning & colouring materials	1.2	3.7	2.3	10.1	1.1	0.8	1.5	1.6
54 Medical & pharmaceutical products	14.8	37.4	27.8	54.0	105.3	84.8	176.4	210.7
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet & cleansing preparations	2.0	3.0	5.0	5.6	38.5	42.5	74.7	69.7
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	6.1	7.8	13.0	13.0	0.0	–	0.1	–
57 Plastics in primary forms	4.0	3.9	7.1	7.9	3.6	3.0	5.9	6.3
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	3.6	5.3	7.1	10.7	4.6	5.5	8.2	8.9
59 Chemical materials & products nes	4.7	6.3	8.5	12.9	14.9	18.1	27.0	34.8

Table 4 Trade with Non-EU Countries classified by Commodity — Continued

£ million

SITC (Rev 3)	Imports				Exports			
	Feb 1999	Feb 2000	Jan-Feb 1999	Jan-Feb 2000	Feb 1999	Feb 2000	Jan-Feb 1999	Jan-Feb 2000
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	34.5	47.0	75.3	94.1	28.4	30.2	48.0	56.1
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	1.0	1.7	1.5	3.0
62 Rubber manufactures nes	3.1	3.7	6.9	7.5	1.2	1.5	2.7	3.2
63 Cork & wood manufactures (excl furniture)	2.1	3.8	6.5	8.6	1.1	1.0	2.0	1.9
64 Paper, paperboard & articles thereof	2.3	2.8	4.3	5.5	0.3	1.6	0.6	4.2
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles & related products	5.9	7.7	13.5	16.1	5.3	5.6	10.4	12.8
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	4.6	9.7	8.2	15.5	10.3	10.2	16.8	17.6
67 Iron & steel	2.6	2.6	5.3	5.8	0.2	1.0	0.7	1.4
68 Non-ferrous metals	5.6	4.3	12.0	8.2	4.3	1.6	5.0	2.3
69 Manufactures of metals nes	8.3	12.2	18.4	26.9	4.7	6.0	8.3	9.8
7 Machinery and transport equipment	623.1	726.0	1,316.6	1,512.3	507.5	611.1	943.0	1,181.8
71 Power generating machinery & equipment	21.6	33.0	43.4	65.7	12.6	9.8	22.3	18.3
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	13.1	15.9	30.4	31.4	6.3	12.4	21.9	24.1
73 Metalworking machinery	3.3	9.2	6.5	16.3	4.0	2.6	7.3	5.2
74 General industrial machinery & equipment nes & parts nes	13.9	27.4	34.0	56.1	18.6	27.7	29.6	41.5
75 Office machines & automatic data processing machines	302.6	300.6	626.9	623.9	218.6	279.5	419.5	553.4
76 Telecommunications & sound equipment	48.1	80.5	95.4	162.5	96.9	72.8	156.9	132.8
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus & appliances nes & parts	147.7	177.9	314.2	380.9	136.5	196.0	265.3	381.3
78 Road vehicles (incl air-cushion vehicles)	53.3	68.3	127.7	137.8	0.4	2.9	0.6	3.3
79 Other transport equipment	19.4	13.2	38.2	37.6	13.6	7.3	19.7	21.8
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	93.5	130.2	200.0	253.4	137.5	208.3	268.9	378.2
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing & electrical fixtures & fittings	0.7	1.0	2.5	2.0	0.3	0.9	0.5	1.2
82 Furniture & parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	1.9	4.1	3.9	8.8	1.7	0.7	2.2	1.2
83 Travel goods, handbags & similar containers	1.2	2.4	2.3	4.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	14.5	22.8	28.5	43.5	2.2	5.7	4.7	9.6
85 Footwear	1.8	3.4	3.7	5.6	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.4
87 Professional, scientific & controlling apparatus nes	29.7	51.3	51.6	94.7	42.2	65.6	76.5	118.2
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches & clocks	13.1	6.7	22.1	18.0	11.6	15.3	19.0	26.1
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	30.6	38.4	85.4	76.6	79.2	119.9	165.1	221.2
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	28.1	32.7	58.8	88.0	48.0	56.6	87.8	105.0
Total	973.3	1,181.6	2,036.4	2,382.2	1,326.3	1,797.9	2,488.5	3,175.1

Table 5 Summary of trade with non-EU Countries (in Euro currency)

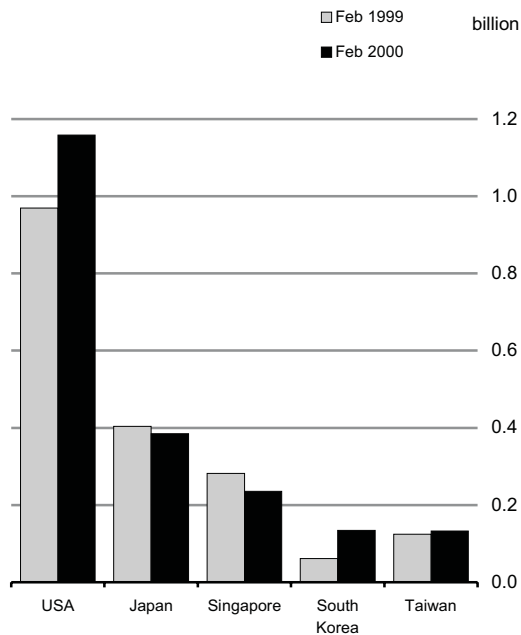
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Period	Unadjusted		Seasonally Adjusted ²	
	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports
1995	9,630.1	9,288.1		
1996	10,168.3	11,171.7		
1997	12,666.1	14,100.9		
1998	15,961.8	17,823.8		
1999	16,840.0	22,566.4		
1999 January	1,349.9	1,475.8	1,353.3	1,619.9
February	1,235.8	1,684.1	1,303.1	1,804.9
March	1,402.2	1,739.0	1,215.9	1,706.7
April	1,369.9	1,758.0	1,317.0	1,721.8
May	1,338.7	1,682.0	1,293.4	1,663.7
June	1,407.1	1,941.8	1,479.1	1,813.1
July	1,413.3	2,117.7	1,580.8	1,913.0
August	1,336.8	1,978.9	1,551.9	2,203.6
September	1,506.7	2,278.9	1,574.6	2,077.4
October	1,538.3	1,837.4	1,518.9	1,736.7
November	1,542.4	2,154.4	1,354.4	2,156.5
December	1,399.0	1,918.6	1,396.2	2,210.4
2000 January	1,524.6	1,748.8	1,478.7	1,919.7
February	1,500.3	2,283.1	1,485.6	2,373.3

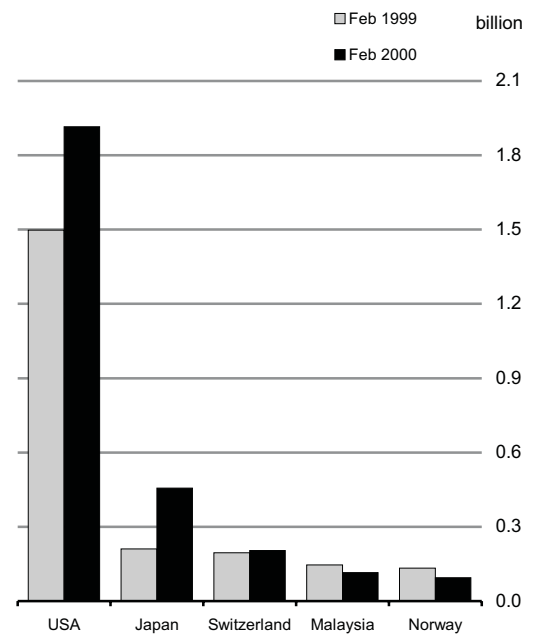
¹ Converted at the European Union official exchange rate conversion factor, fixed at 0.787564, effective from 1 January 1999

² Based on Seasonal patterns up to December 1999

Main Countries of Origin of Non-EU Imports



Main Countries of Destination of Non-EU Exports



Background Notes

Introduction The data in this release relate only to trade with non-EU countries, which is subject to Customs documentation. Estimates for trade by companies operating in the Shannon Free Zone and for parcel post trade are also included. About 35% of total external trade is covered. Up to the end of 1992, statistics of Ireland's external trade were collected almost entirely from Customs documentation. Following the completion of the single market at the end of 1992, trade statistics with EU member states and trade statistics with non-EU countries are compiled from different sources.

The trade statistics with non-EU countries are for the most part compiled, in a similar manner as previously, from the returns provided by importers and exporters (or their agents) to the Customs authorities. These returns give value and quantity information classified according to the headings of the Customs and Excise Tariff of Ireland and to countries of origin or destination. This information is processed in the Office of the Revenue Commissioners and converted to the format required for statistical purposes.

Revisions Data from December 1998 onwards are provisional and are subject to minor amendments.

Imports These are classified by country of origin. Goods imported directly into Ireland from a non-EU country are covered in this release since they are recorded on Customs documentation. Occasionally, goods from a non-EU country may be released for free circulation in another EU member state before being imported into Ireland. These "indirect" imports are not covered in this release, as they are not subject to Customs documentation. They are surveyed in the Intrastat system and, therefore, estimates of total imports from non-EU countries will become available only when the Intrastat estimates are to hand. However, the year-on-year percentage changes derived from the coverage of non-EU imports in this release give reasonable trend indications.

Exports These are classified by country of final destination in so far as this is known. From 1993, there are some circumstances in which Customs documentation for Irish exports to a non-EU country may be completed at the external frontier of another member state. These "indirect" exports to non-EU countries are recorded in the Intrastat system and are not covered in this release. Furthermore, since in the Intrastat system a trader indicates only the EU member state to which these "indirect" exports are first despatched, with no indication of the non-EU country to which they are subsequently sent, the Intrastat results will not give rise to adjustments to the value of non-EU exports.

Publication arrangements Estimates of trade with EU countries based on the Intrastat survey become available later than the mainly Customs-based non-EU trade statistics. Two releases are issued in respect of each month, one relating to non-EU trade and the other covering all trade including the Intrastat estimates of trade with EU countries.