

External Trade

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- Great Britain, the USA and Belgium remain the most significant destinations for Irish exports.
- Pharmaceuticals, Organic Chemicals and Computers are the dominant products exported.
- The EU (particularly the UK, France and Germany), the USA and Japan are the main import sources although in recent years steady increases in imports from China have been significant.
- Computers, Electrical Machinery, and Road Vehicles remain the leading products imported.

Introduction

This chapter contains information on Ireland's external merchandise trade. Statistics on Ireland's trade in goods with other countries are compiled and published in detail on a monthly basis. The sources for these estimates are a combination of Customs-based non-EU trade statistics and the Intrastat survey of Irish traders engaged in trade with other EU member states which is conducted by the Revenue Commissioners.

Long term growth

Between 1971 and 2004, exports at current prices grew from €684m to €83,892m. Imports at current prices over the same period also increased strongly, from €958m to over €50,100m. The resulting merchandise trade balance at current prices changed from a deficit of €275m in 1971 to a surplus of €33,792m in 2004. Surplus, as used here, differs from the Balance of International Payments concept of current account balance, which includes in addition, transactions relating to invisibles.

The volume of exports is estimated to have increased by a factor of twenty-two between 1971 and 2004 while import volumes for the same period increased by a factor of eight.

Trade by area

Merchandise imports from the European Union increased from €16,158m in 1996 (EU15) to €28,846m in 2004 (EU25). Imports from Great Britain totalled €14,299m in 2004 accounting for 29% of Ireland's total imports.

Merchandise exports to the USA rose from €3,573m in 1996 to €16,509m in 2004; this accounted for the significant increase in the share of exports going to countries outside Europe. Exports to Great Britain increased from €8,449m in 1996 to €13,402m in 2004.

Industrial Origin

The share of exports classified as agricultural produce declined from 8.2% in 1996 to 4.8% in 2004. On the other hand, the share of exports classified as industrial produce increased from 89% in 1996 to 94% in 2004.

Valuation

For merchandise imports the *cif* value (inclusive of cost, insurance and freight to the point of entry to the State) is used. This is normally the transaction value.

For merchandise exports the *fob* (free on board) value is used. This is the cost of goods to the purchaser abroad up to the point where the goods are put on board the exporting vessel or aircraft or are conveyed to the land frontier.

Exclusions

Certain classes of goods are excluded from the trade statistics. These include, in particular, transit trade, certain categories of temporary trade where the goods are returned to the original country without change of ownership and certain goods which are not the subject of a commercial transaction.

Notes to the tables

In all tables 'Unclassified estimates' comprises those estimates which cannot be allocated on a country or commodity basis.

Tables 13.10 to 13.13 show trade classified by the trading areas. The countries comprising each of these are as follows:

EFTA (European Free Trade Area): Iceland, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

Other Europe: Ceuta, Melilla, Faroe Islands, Gibraltar, San Marino, Bulgaria, Belarus, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro, Turkey, Andorra, Vatican City, Romania, Albania, Moldova, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Bosnia & Herzegovina, former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia and Ukraine.

NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement): USA, Canada and Mexico.

Other APEC (Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation and excluding NAFTA countries): Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, Singapore, Philippines, China, South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand, Chile (from 1998), Papua New Guinea (from 1998), Russia (from 1998), Vietnam (from 1998), Peru (from 1998).

OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development): EU (excluding Cyprus, Estonia, Latvia, Malta, Slovenia), EFTA (excluding Liechtenstein), Turkey, USA, Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico (from 1995), South Korea (from 1998); unclassified estimates are excluded.

Table 13.1 Summary of external trade

Year	Value			Volume index	
	Imports	Exports	Trade surplus	Imports	Exports
	€m	€m	€m	Base year 1990=100	
1971	958.5	684.0	-274.6	35.4	20.5
1972	1,064.1	822.2	-241.9	37.5	21.8
1973	1,444.0	1,103.6	-340.4	45.1	23.9
1974	2,065.0	1,440.2	-624.8	44.2	25.2
1975	2,163.8	1,837.8	-326.0	38.3	27.2
1976	2,968.6	2,360.5	-608.0	44.2	28.2
1977	3,924.6	3,197.4	-727.2	49.9	33.2
1978	4,714.7	3,762.5	-952.2	57.1	36.7
1979	6,130.2	4,415.8	-1,714.4	65.5	39.6
1980	6,882.9	5,183.7	-1,699.2	62.3	42.7
1981	8,352.9	6,066.3	-2,286.6	63.7	43.0
1982	8,654.7	7,226.6	-1,428.1	61.5	46.1
1983	9,353.9	8,816.9	-537.0	63.5	51.7
1984	11,316.1	11,297.5	-18.6	70.0	61.2
1985	11,971.3	12,371.1	399.8	72.3	65.2
1986	10,946.8	11,902.9	956.1	74.4	67.6
1987	11,624.7	13,616.0	1,991.3	79.1	77.4
1988	12,970.1	15,623.9	2,653.9	82.8	82.9
1989	15,597.8	18,534.4	2,936.6	93.6	92.2
1990	15,832.1	18,203.9	2,371.7	100.0	100.0
1991	16,317.2	19,070.1	2,752.9	100.8	105.6
1992	16,753.9	21,260.2	4,506.4	105.6	121.1
1993	18,899.7	25,178.5	6,278.9	113.0	133.4
1994	21,945.4	28,890.9	6,945.6	127.9	153.2
1995	26,180.9	35,330.1	9,149.2	146.3	184.0
1996	28,479.5	38,608.9	10,129.6	160.9	202.2
1997	32,863.5	44,868.0	12,004.5	184.8	232.4
1998	39,715.0	57,321.8	17,606.7	218.3	289.2
1999	44,327.1	66,956.2	22,629.1	236.5	336.5
2000	55,908.8	83,888.9	27,980.1	275.2	401.4
2001	57,384.2	92,689.9	35,305.7	274.2	422.0
2002	55,628.1	93,675.2	38,047.1	275.7	434.9
2003	47,864.6	82,076.1	34,211.5	258.0	418.6
2004	50,099.6	83,891.5	33,791.8	279.7	444.7

Source: CSO

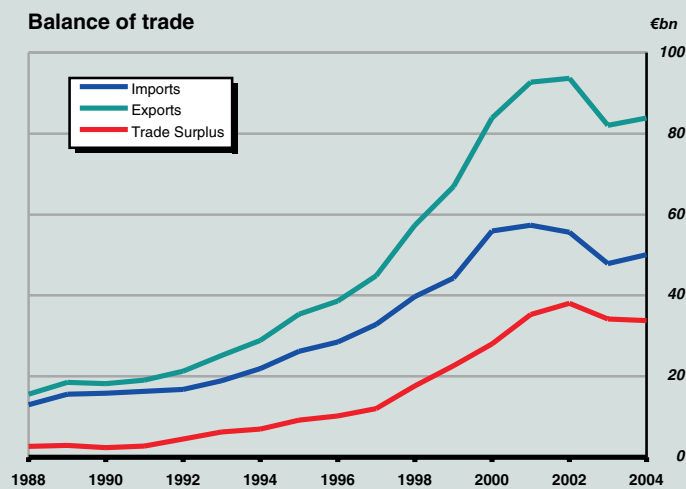


Table 13.2 Imports by country of origin

	€m								
Country of origin	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Great Britain	9,085.7	10,412.3	12,393.5	13,485.1	16,408.2	19,249.9	19,083.9	13,662.1	14,299.2
Northern Ireland	815.7	946.0	1,073.0	1,141.4	1,205.0	1,231.3	1,036.3	1,042.3	1,102.7
Austria	68.8	72.5	83.6	108.0	131.9	149.7	206.4	163.1	123.0
Belgium & Luxembourg	370.4	388.5	463.8	590.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Belgium	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	902.3	864.4	788.4	751.2	930.2
Luxembourg	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.5	11.7	20.8	20.6	24.4
Denmark	206.6	243.0	261.7	353.8	657.5	725.6	694.1	815.2	747.7
Finland	185.0	277.5	311.7	295.4	341.6	450.1	728.6	264.3	238.9
France	1,115.4	1,592.7	1,552.3	1,820.9	2,577.0	2,751.7	2,265.2	1,913.6	2,232.3
Germany	1,939.8	1,982.7	2,466.8	2,751.4	3,336.2	3,520.5	3,564.3	3,498.2	3,764.2
Greece	19.8	21.5	24.9	31.8	39.2	47.5	42.4	49.1	39.7
Italy	586.9	634.2	768.3	927.1	1,253.1	1,185.4	1,098.6	1,072.0	1,090.3
Netherlands	853.5	1,078.3	1,233.2	1,335.8	1,778.0	1,860.0	1,858.8	1,679.2	1,874.4
Portugal	97.0	90.5	107.5	115.7	136.3	158.6	170.3	179.2	200.4
Spain	349.2	357.8	439.9	541.3	757.8	645.9	676.9	666.5	649.8
Sweden	384.8	375.3	392.8	450.8	607.8	510.8	421.4	435.1	517.1
Czech Republic ¹	33.7	39.4	51.4	62.7	109.9	123.0	143.0	144.6	110.3
Hungary ¹	23.1	81.9	237.3	243.7	299.7	408.5	182.3	163.5	214.6
Poland ¹	64.5	70.3	72.1	87.6	102.6	121.0	126.6	158.2	126.6
Other new accession states ²	55.6	46.0	50.8	76.9	111.5	114.4	126.9	153.1	128.4
EU Country not specified	79.4	1.5	4.6	426.6	607.7	678.1	513.0	436.8	431.4
EU countries	16,334.8	18,712.0	21,989.2	24,846.6	31,373.7	34,808.1	33,748.0	27,267.8	28,845.5
<i>of which EU-15</i>	<i>16,157.9</i>	<i>18,474.4</i>	<i>21,577.6</i>	<i>24,375.7</i>	<i>30,750.0</i>	<i>34,041.2</i>	<i>33,169.3</i>	<i>26,648.5</i>	<i>28,265.7</i>
Australia	30.1	33.1	46.3	62.6	73.5	95.6	130.1	124.2	176.3
Brazil	59.9	62.4	42.4	82.3	127.3	135.8	159.3	221.5	231.7
Canada	197.7	264.7	371.1	375.4	504.3	621.9	423.8	452.4	269.9
China	321.5	408.9	639.4	656.0	900.4	1,085.9	1,495.1	2,215.5	2,838.6
Costa Rica	4.6	8.2	8.8	26.6	50.4	114.8	183.7	49.8	27.3
Guinea	80.0	74.3	93.5	81.8	90.7	106.8	83.4	60.0	70.3
Hong Kong	149.1	165.3	240.2	443.6	650.2	532.6	498.3	382.3	495.2
India	85.0	71.3	80.9	106.2	135.3	153.4	156.2	134.8	152.5
Indonesia	48.4	60.1	82.4	73.8	107.9	116.7	125.7	80.7	78.8
Israel	65.3	146.9	180.5	270.0	308.4	240.6	85.8	83.7	108.4
Japan	1,533.0	2,266.3	2,773.1	2,542.2	2,635.2	1,990.9	1,840.3	2,296.4	2,170.1
Malaysia	427.4	358.2	437.6	579.1	657.9	582.4	675.4	468.8	466.0
Mexico	81.8	66.1	75.3	68.1	142.2	242.8	249.6	209.3	149.5
Norway	350.0	482.4	450.8	531.5	1,091.0	942.2	721.8	760.9	936.6
Philippines	49.5	82.7	210.0	241.5	449.6	324.9	353.3	181.8	109.5
Singapore	1,255.7	1,797.6	1,950.6	1,721.8	2,027.0	1,357.0	1,005.6	1,039.1	885.1
South Africa	41.6	47.6	57.3	70.9	103.4	101.7	113.1	154.9	157.9
South Korea	311.6	441.9	637.6	801.9	1,291.0	796.5	889.5	733.4	991.9
Switzerland	186.5	232.4	321.9	285.7	381.0	530.1	616.6	487.5	536.1
Taiwan	342.4	452.7	740.4	911.6	1,011.9	1,075.6	999.1	787.9	948.4
Thailand	202.8	249.7	188.6	156.7	239.9	336.1	283.1	334.9	350.9
Turkey	59.3	72.4	87.8	94.5	125.0	145.1	226.5	262.2	321.0
USA	4,395.5	4,922.6	6,362.5	7,383.7	9,148.5	8,699.5	8,517.7	7,416.4	6,960.7
Other Countries ³	445.3	456.6	497.0	578.1	711.4	811.1	746.1	703.7	763.4
Country unknown ⁴	317.3	92.3	66.7	60.1	87.0	125.1	155.2	119.2	104.7
Unclassified estimates ⁵	1,103.5	834.5	1,083.2	1,275.1	1,484.5	1,311.3	1,145.6	835.4	953.3
Total	28,479.5	32,863.5	39,715.0	44,327.1	55,908.8	57,384.2	55,628.1	47,864.6	50,099.6

¹ Joined EU on 1st May 2004² Includes Cyprus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Slovakia and Slovenia all of which joined the EU on 1st May 2004³ Other non-EU countries not listed individually⁴ Trade for which the country of final destination is unknown⁵ Estimates not allocated by country

Source: CSO

Table 13.3 Exports by country of destination

	€m								
Country of destination	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Great Britain	8,449.2	9,706.1	11,416.8	13,175.4	17,083.9	20,765.5	20,853.1	13,434.7	13,401.6
Northern Ireland	1,044.5	1,348.8	1,503.8	1,514.8	1,785.9	1,864.3	1,610.7	1,408.3	1,419.6
Austria	193.2	189.2	319.9	408.4	464.2	407.2	334.9	332.0	359.9
Belgium & Luxembourg	1,832.2	2,244.8	3,645.4	3,491.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Belgium	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4,113.2	4,431.0	13,547.1	10,334.5	12,314.8
Luxembourg	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	39.0	91.0	76.5	105.8	102.4
Denmark	492.3	506.2	587.0	614.0	621.8	595.6	545.3	504.4	498.6
Finland	212.6	230.7	289.3	522.5	405.3	406.0	303.0	293.9	296.5
France	3,178.1	3,612.9	4,814.2	5,636.4	6,342.6	5,531.5	4,685.4	5,010.5	5,028.2
Germany	5,062.4	5,623.0	8,292.6	7,995.8	9,414.7	11,670.6	6,729.1	6,845.4	6,421.6
Greece	223.0	142.1	156.7	237.8	294.4	326.0	329.9	312.7	328.1
Italy	1,384.2	1,475.3	1,937.1	2,532.0	3,316.8	3,309.1	3,597.1	3,748.6	3,809.6
Netherlands	2,594.3	3,193.9	3,165.4	4,155.6	4,687.0	4,236.9	3,493.5	4,184.4	3,814.3
Portugal	163.3	197.3	233.4	248.6	256.6	302.3	362.1	309.2	338.0
Spain	890.0	1,158.0	1,537.0	1,830.6	2,123.8	2,283.3	2,239.7	2,359.6	2,430.7
Sweden	697.0	715.7	1,089.1	1,094.3	1,336.1	1,354.0	1,202.1	1,163.3	1,108.2
Czech Republic ¹	102.5	109.7	135.3	203.2	346.5	258.3	198.7	177.1	196.3
Hungary ¹	65.3	72.4	93.6	162.6	224.4	169.2	144.4	138.5	146.9
Poland ¹	138.1	170.5	243.4	254.0	361.0	319.1	282.9	259.6	259.7
Other new accession states ²	107.1	130.3	119.9	133.8	210.9	195.6	186.4	166.5	134.1
EU Country not specified	0.5	8.3	54.1	0.8	1.1	1.7	1.2	1.2	37.6
EU countries	26,829.7	30,835.2	39,634.0	44,212.4	53,429.3	58,518.2	60,723.0	51,090.1	52,446.7
<i>of which EU-15</i>	<i>26,416.7</i>	<i>30,352.3</i>	<i>39,041.8</i>	<i>43,458.8</i>	<i>52,286.5</i>	<i>57,576.0</i>	<i>59,910.7</i>	<i>50,348.4</i>	<i>51,709.8</i>
Australia	233.4	280.7	449.1	578.9	580.7	834.8	636.1	647.6	736.1
Brazil	88.0	116.6	145.7	143.6	206.0	225.8	125.2	141.7	151.2
Canada	313.9	291.9	346.2	330.4	394.5	592.5	510.9	469.3	326.4
China	40.2	42.5	75.3	119.0	166.5	338.5	538.7	585.0	639.2
Hong Kong	179.2	246.6	295.1	333.3	617.4	670.2	534.1	688.3	832.9
Israel	126.6	120.6	231.1	284.5	408.8	344.6	242.3	204.2	305.9
Japan	1,092.3	1,418.3	1,486.7	1,959.0	3,122.9	3,261.1	2,630.8	2,109.4	2,332.6
Malaysia	444.3	398.1	324.3	824.2	753.6	1,140.3	765.9	578.1	447.5
Mexico	128.0	136.2	164.0	173.4	254.9	552.4	456.6	518.5	459.4
Nigeria	49.0	64.0	78.1	84.7	97.3	127.0	138.2	126.4	121.8
Norway	426.6	487.2	560.4	595.9	614.9	587.2	517.2	530.1	490.3
Philippines	183.7	203.7	288.7	424.0	691.8	769.5	342.7	208.0	194.1
Russia	284.0	286.7	245.9	257.7	177.6	240.6	255.7	251.4	213.1
Saudi Arabia	186.3	234.2	287.9	329.8	357.2	388.2	365.1	273.6	249.7
Singapore	225.6	274.2	375.9	482.1	506.4	641.3	739.3	734.2	866.4
South Africa	192.9	286.2	343.6	369.8	391.6	385.0	274.6	269.1	254.1
South Korea	263.1	635.0	362.7	361.2	1,045.8	695.9	640.4	509.6	587.8
Switzerland	712.3	763.7	1,156.2	1,618.8	2,033.2	2,705.7	3,103.8	2,603.3	2,761.4
Taiwan	122.2	138.3	147.8	165.2	199.8	377.2	346.0	285.6	355.8
Thailand	87.1	101.1	82.7	96.6	141.1	144.3	112.0	145.1	161.8
Turkey	99.6	153.4	176.3	215.4	387.0	310.4	327.8	303.8	300.6
United Arab Emirates	73.1	95.9	102.6	144.6	218.2	197.9	177.9	115.1	146.1
USA	3,573.4	5,050.2	7,742.6	10,336.8	14,227.8	15,694.4	16,509.4	16,939.2	16,509.3
Other Countries ³	947.1	1,049.7	1,297.7	1,424.1	1,754.4	1,727.5	1,397.9	1,238.8	1,529.0
Country unknown ⁴	619.6	409.0	280.6	392.7	320.4	445.9	488.8	499.1	412.7
Unclassified estimates ⁵	1,087.5	748.6	640.7	698.4	789.7	773.6	775.0	11.3	59.7
Total	38,608.9	44,868.0	57,321.8	66,956.2	83,888.9	92,689.9	93,675.2	82,076.1	83,891.5

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Table 13.4 Imports by SITC section and division

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SITC (Rev 3)	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
0 Food and live animals	2,325.9	2,555.9	2,825.7	3,116.2	3,156.5	3,159.8	3,167.5
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	140.4	149.8	227.9	198.9	170.6	210.8	211.8
01 Meat and meat preparations	217.3	240.3	299.5	391.6	383.7	416.5	461.2
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	235.4	280.6	273.8	267.9	275.8	333.8	332.2
03 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs and preparations thereof	84.2	90.7	96.5	136.0	119.4	95.5	100.9
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	387.0	432.8	476.1	493.8	500.3	495.6	505.2
05 Vegetables and fruit	424.6	468.8	505.1	573.1	626.2	622.4	588.1
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	109.8	131.7	145.8	176.6	184.6	165.2	169.2
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	227.3	226.6	243.8	257.8	271.7	252.1	247.5
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)	315.2	338.9	351.2	381.3	388.9	335.2	329.2
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	184.4	195.8	206.0	239.0	235.4	232.6	222.3
1 Beverages and tobacco	410.6	500.2	522.1	679.4	728.5	705.7	675.3
11 Beverages	344.3	426.7	446.7	596.3	643.8	598.8	617.7
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	66.4	73.5	75.4	83.1	84.7	106.9	57.6
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	653.0	671.1	819.7	798.8	800.4	790.1	825.4
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	5.1	6.4	9.3	4.7	5.3	5.8	2.5
22 Oilseeds and oleaginous fruits	16.8	10.9	11.8	18.1	17.1	14.5	21.4
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	15.9	14.3	23.4	20.1	26.6	19.3	17.8
24 Cork and wood	218.5	231.3	294.3	275.6	267.2	328.0	351.8
25 Pulp and waste paper	22.2	24.2	27.7	28.3	22.6	20.3	20.3
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	65.1	63.0	67.6	62.2	55.1	33.4	19.3
27 Crude fertilisers and minerals, excluding coal, petroleum etc	107.7	112.4	136.5	135.6	171.6	163.9	168.8
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	127.4	126.0	151.0	150.8	125.9	101.3	114.1
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials nes	74.4	82.7	97.9	103.4	109.1	103.7	109.3
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	1,008.1	1,294.1	2,299.7	2,218.7	1,932.2	1,968.9	2,633.4
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	130.0	97.1	100.1	149.8	135.0	122.3	203.3
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	736.3	1,007.6	1,926.2	1,729.5	1,533.2	1,592.8	2,135.7
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	139.5	177.3	266.7	336.1	244.3	225.0	256.8
35 Electric current	2.3	12.1	6.8	3.3	19.6	28.9	37.6
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	123.5	138.2	121.9	122.8	115.8	120.7	114.4
41 Animal oils and fats	4.7	10.3	10.1	13.3	6.6	3.6	4.9
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	75.4	70.0	64.3	68.4	66.1	74.3	73.0
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes	43.4	57.9	47.6	41.1	43.0	42.9	36.5
5 Chemicals and related products nes	4,340.3	4,931.9	6,105.2	6,340.5	6,922.3	6,897.5	7,029.6
51 Organic chemicals	1,231.6	1,466.9	1,669.4	1,558.3	2,013.8	1,841.0	2,156.1
52 Inorganic chemicals	153.3	191.3	270.1	239.7	172.5	154.6	174.1
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	169.4	199.7	210.5	179.4	168.1	170.1	171.8
54 Medical and pharmaceutical products	931.1	1,124.4	1,525.4	1,902.6	2,075.3	2,168.0	1,976.1
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet and cleansing preparations	517.1	569.8	717.1	830.4	864.6	880.6	881.4
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	163.0	176.3	225.8	218.6	186.2	244.0	247.6
57 Plastics in primary forms	449.6	430.9	547.4	537.8	530.0	531.5	564.6
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	320.0	330.6	393.7	414.3	421.3	424.0	422.0
59 Chemical materials and products nes	405.1	442.0	545.8	459.6	490.5	483.6	435.9

Table 13.4 Imports by SITC section and division (continued)

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SITC (Rev 3)	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	3,768.6	3,806.9	4,350.6	4,390.7	4,338.3	4,245.0	4,458.0
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	9.8	10.8	11.9	11.8	12.2	10.3	11.6
62 Rubber manufactures nes	198.4	198.0	230.9	221.7	215.0	230.8	232.2
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	157.4	173.6	232.1	245.2	253.9	269.3	299.7
64 Paper, paperboard and articles thereof	769.4	767.7	838.2	825.7	828.1	798.0	723.8
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	624.6	557.4	605.0	600.2	537.8	491.6	496.1
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	404.9	468.5	565.5	524.4	494.8	550.2	612.4
67 Iron and steel	490.6	481.0	549.7	572.8	661.0	567.7	660.0
68 Non-ferrous metals	390.2	332.6	372.6	481.7	429.5	408.2	451.2
69 Manufactures of metals nes	723.0	817.4	944.7	907.3	905.9	918.8	971.0
7 Machinery and transport equipment	20,058.3	22,820.6	29,739.5	30,224.1	28,317.3	20,732.0	21,759.9
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	445.8	504.5	736.6	678.9	570.2	679.1	581.8
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	1,330.6	1,010.8	1,080.6	1,062.5	1,024.6	1,004.5	977.3
73 Metalworking machinery	161.4	139.5	210.1	144.5	132.9	192.3	136.2
74 General industrial machinery and equipment nes and parts nes	1,117.3	1,137.8	1,324.5	1,186.0	1,120.2	1,207.1	1,097.1
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	7,951.2	8,368.1	11,363.2	11,269.5	8,450.4	7,986.7	7,893.6
76 Telecommunications and sound equipment	1,160.1	2,074.1	2,880.9	3,150.2	2,249.7	1,393.7	1,649.6
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances nes and parts	4,363.1	5,192.9	7,048.4	8,496.0	9,943.3	4,646.7	4,669.4
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	2,780.4	2,984.5	4,053.5	3,190.6	3,328.2	2,809.5	3,253.7
79 Other transport equipment	748.3	1,408.3	1,041.7	1,046.0	1,497.8	812.4	1,501.4
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	4,423.3	4,891.2	5,893.0	6,299.7	6,115.9	6,302.5	6,209.0
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing and electrical fixtures and fittings	151.5	191.3	213.2	236.7	211.6	226.7	268.1
82 Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	228.0	266.4	326.3	333.0	362.9	360.2	422.5
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	46.3	51.8	90.0	105.5	96.3	65.2	64.6
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	1,059.3	1,094.6	1,335.5	1,399.8	1,386.8	1,296.2	1,292.1
85 Footwear	233.6	236.7	278.9	272.8	273.7	267.0	272.5
87 Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus nes	670.5	777.1	1,175.9	1,010.6	865.0	822.0	705.1
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches and clocks	269.6	284.1	352.3	307.2	244.6	267.3	221.1
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	1,764.5	1,989.1	2,121.0	2,634.1	2,675.0	2,998.0	2,962.9
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	856.8	846.4	1,088.3	1,232.2	1,369.1	1,265.8	1,351.2
Unclassified estimates¹	1,746.7	1,870.7	2,143.0	1,961.0	1,831.8	1,676.6	1,875.9
Total	39,715.0	44,327.1	55,908.8	57,384.2	55,628.1	47,864.6	50,099.6

¹ Estimates for which no Commodity breakdown is available
 Source: CSO

TABLE 13.4

Table 13.5 Exports by SITC section and division

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SITC (Rev 3)	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
0 Food and live animals	4,947.0	5,483.6	5,948.4	5,801.1	5,779.7	5,779.4	5,969.1
00 Live animals other than animals of Division 03	178.3	298.3	420.0	184.7	210.8	238.3	225.9
01 Meat and meat preparations	1,481.7	1,770.6	1,752.2	1,594.1	1,744.5	1,857.6	1,994.8
02 Dairy products and birds' eggs	1,019.1	1,008.0	1,160.6	1,080.9	952.4	955.6	1,050.1
03 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs and preparations thereof	295.0	299.4	323.9	423.1	410.6	372.3	362.5
04 Cereals and cereal preparations	248.2	263.9	292.2	314.6	258.3	214.9	199.9
05 Vegetables and fruit	185.4	171.8	172.3	229.9	234.3	242.7	218.0
06 Sugars, sugar preparations and honey	89.9	100.3	101.8	113.1	135.6	118.9	141.9
07 Coffee, tea, cocoa, spices and manufactures thereof	260.9	246.4	258.2	259.5	276.5	268.4	261.0
08 Feeding stuff for animals (excluding unmilled cereals)	105.5	113.8	121.5	135.1	142.5	152.9	167.9
09 Miscellaneous edible products and preparations	1,083.1	1,211.2	1,345.7	1,466.1	1,414.3	1,357.9	1,347.2
1 Beverages and tobacco	721.0	803.7	958.2	984.7	1,003.0	1,107.5	1,043.2
11 Beverages	670.2	743.6	854.4	871.0	895.3	1,012.7	955.5
12 Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	50.9	60.1	103.9	113.8	107.7	94.8	87.7
2 Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	740.7	797.5	942.3	953.2	862.7	865.5	975.5
21 Hides, skins and furskins, raw	79.1	75.0	96.6	99.6	104.3	85.6	82.1
22 Oilseeds and oleaginous fruits	1.2	1.7	0.8	1.2	1.2	1.7	6.5
23 Crude rubber (including synthetic and reclaimed)	1.3	7.3	8.0	1.9	1.0	1.2	1.6
24 Cork and wood	52.7	52.7	61.2	65.9	83.8	81.3	79.2
25 Pulp and waste paper	5.1	8.0	13.9	12.7	18.8	23.5	36.5
26 Textile fibres and their wastes	120.9	122.0	114.8	115.4	125.4	117.2	112.3
27 Crude fertilisers and minerals, excluding coal, petroleum etc	31.7	65.0	33.1	56.2	43.1	52.1	57.4
28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	340.6	372.4	517.8	501.9	398.6	420.1	515.0
29 Crude animal and vegetable materials nes	108.1	93.4	96.3	98.4	86.5	82.8	85.0
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	150.7	177.0	285.5	296.9	361.9	201.2	398.2
32 Coal, coke and briquettes	38.9	50.0	40.9	53.8	65.2	60.5	58.9
33 Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	108.5	124.6	242.0	239.8	290.7	135.5	321.7
34 Gas, natural and manufactured	2.6	2.3	2.4	3.2	5.7	2.5	6.6
35 Electric current	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.2	2.7	11.0
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	51.2	28.9	27.3	23.6	25.7	31.3	25.9
41 Animal oils and fats	27.2	21.5	22.0	17.7	21.5	23.6	19.6
42 Fixed vegetable fats and oils	4.2	4.4	3.9	5.0	1.5	0.9	1.5
43 Animal or vegetable fats and oils, processed; waxes	19.8	3.1	1.4	0.9	2.6	6.9	4.8
5 Chemicals and related products nes	18,156.0	21,168.7	27,360.5	32,281.4	39,060.6	35,785.5	37,454.8
51 Organic chemicals	9,946.3	11,394.1	16,897.5	17,117.9	17,385.4	15,081.1	14,658.7
52 Inorganic chemicals	168.8	214.8	356.0	239.8	142.7	131.0	159.0
53 Dyeing, tanning and colouring materials	48.3	51.5	58.8	49.5	54.7	59.3	63.3
54 Medical and pharmaceutical products	4,212.4	4,815.1	5,311.7	8,975.1	15,671.9	13,611.6	15,111.3
55 Essential oils; perfume materials; toilet and cleansing preparations	2,012.4	2,448.7	2,355.2	3,140.9	3,177.9	4,173.0	4,761.0
56 Fertilisers (other than those of Division 27)	45.7	37.2	36.0	43.3	31.2	0.6	0.6
57 Plastics in primary forms	141.6	160.7	196.9	193.1	169.8	179.0	189.3
58 Plastics in non-primary forms	166.3	183.9	207.6	226.4	199.1	190.6	212.8
59 Chemical materials and products nes	1,414.1	1,862.8	1,940.9	2,295.2	2,227.9	2,359.2	2,298.6

TABLE 13.5

Table 13.5 Exports by SITC section and division (continued)

€m

SITC (Rev 3)	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
6 Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	1,803.6	1,812.8	1,973.1	1,954.7	1,925.9	1,792.1	1,772.8
61 Leather; leather manufactures nes; dressed furskins	69.4	58.3	71.9	74.8	53.0	44.3	33.0
62 Rubber manufactures nes	101.0	91.5	112.9	111.2	95.0	86.5	88.2
63 Cork and wood manufactures (excluding furniture)	107.8	119.8	135.9	166.0	189.0	209.7	222.9
64 Paper, paperboard and articles thereof	135.8	157.3	188.7	190.0	169.9	206.3	177.8
65 Textile yarn, fabrics, made-up articles and related products	455.1	416.6	501.9	479.2	416.5	337.1	327.8
66 Non-metallic mineral manufactures nes	330.9	395.1	353.7	338.5	395.6	371.0	361.0
67 Iron and steel	137.9	108.8	129.6	93.6	49.6	55.4	66.1
68 Non-ferrous metals	85.7	87.5	92.8	76.2	72.1	64.1	76.4
69 Manufactures of metals nes	380.0	377.9	385.7	425.1	485.2	417.7	419.6
7 Machinery and transport equipment	21,443.7	26,193.2	34,011.7	37,606.7	33,170.8	23,521.3	22,664.0
71 Power generating machinery and equipment	352.2	345.9	382.3	406.4	494.4	376.5	405.3
72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	235.1	280.2	313.8	336.8	283.9	278.5	282.2
73 Metalworking machinery	38.5	65.3	60.1	57.1	108.2	71.3	83.3
74 General industrial machinery and equipment nes and parts nes	806.2	889.7	1,017.2	1,039.0	1,035.8	1,007.8	1,137.7
75 Office machines and automatic data processing machines	12,940.2	15,152.7	19,616.8	21,034.5	17,329.6	14,837.0	13,453.2
76 Telecommunications and sound equipment	2,150.4	3,582.1	3,736.5	3,657.6	2,638.0	1,392.8	1,314.4
77 Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances nes and parts	4,212.2	5,135.8	7,916.0	10,164.5	10,567.0	5,096.3	5,547.3
78 Road vehicles (including air-cushion vehicles)	376.4	454.7	576.0	672.6	590.5	359.6	310.1
79 Other transport equipment	332.4	286.7	393.0	238.1	123.3	101.4	130.6
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles	6,705.2	7,638.5	8,863.9	8,969.2	8,284.9	9,456.9	9,848.9
81 Prefab buildings; plumbing and electrical fixtures and fittings	75.1	73.9	84.3	89.4	99.5	93.9	92.6
82 Furniture and parts thereof; bedding, cushions etc	122.2	106.9	109.8	110.9	123.2	103.2	95.5
83 Travel goods, handbags and similar containers	14.1	10.0	16.5	17.6	19.1	15.8	14.1
84 Articles of apparel; clothing accessories	448.6	377.3	343.3	342.9	338.3	319.7	293.2
85 Footwear	23.2	28.8	31.8	32.7	23.6	29.7	30.5
87 Professional, scientific and controlling apparatus nes	1,395.0	1,387.3	1,703.2	1,881.8	2,063.0	3,267.3	3,808.4
88 Photographic apparatus; optical goods; watches and clocks	395.6	445.3	453.2	491.2	564.4	670.6	710.7
89 Miscellaneous manufactured articles nes	4,231.4	5,209.0	6,121.9	6,002.7	5,053.8	4,956.6	4,803.9
9 Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	1,941.5	2,123.9	2,576.2	2,799.2	2,579.3	2,697.2	2,965.0
Unclassified estimates¹	661.3	728.4	941.7	1,019.3	620.9	838.1	774.1
Total	57,321.8	66,956.2	83,888.9	92,689.9	93,675.2	82,076.1	83,891.5

¹ Estimates for which no Commodity breakdown is available
 Source: CSO

TABLE 13.5

Table 13.6 Imports according to main use

€m

Main use	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Producers capital goods ready for use	3,038.6	3,834.5	5,175.5	6,511.9	8,069.5	7,534.3	7,067.3	5,754.6	6,494.6
Consumption goods ready for use									
Food, drink, tobacco	1,627.0	1,783.3	2,022.1	2,292.9	2,481.5	2,881.7	2,958.8	2,952.6	2,958.8
Other	4,444.6	5,260.7	6,256.5	7,094.5	9,004.5	9,565.0	9,801.8	9,740.4	9,963.2
Total	6,071.6	7,044.0	8,278.6	9,387.4	11,486.0	12,446.7	12,760.7	12,692.9	12,922.0
Materials for further production									
Agriculture	722.7	637.3	631.6	730.4	886.9	941.7	946.3	990.0	1,062.6
Other	16,989.5	19,723.2	23,641.5	25,527.6	33,169.7	34,347.7	32,845.1	26,576.2	27,586.1
Total	17,712.2	20,360.4	24,273.1	26,258.0	34,056.7	35,289.3	33,791.4	27,566.2	28,648.7
Unclassified imports	1,656.9	1,624.6	1,988.5	2,170.0	2,296.6	2,113.8	2,008.7	1,851.4	2,034.3
Total imports	28,479.5	32,863.5	39,715.0	44,327.1	55,908.8	57,384.2	55,628.1	47,864.6	50,099.6

Source: CSO

Table 13.7 Percentage distribution of imports by main use

%

Main use	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Producers capital goods ready for use	10.7	11.7	13.0	14.7	14.4	13.1	12.7	12.0	13.0
Consumption goods ready for use									
Food, drink, tobacco	5.7	5.4	5.1	5.2	4.4	5.0	5.3	6.2	5.9
Other	15.6	16.0	15.8	16.0	16.1	16.7	17.6	20.3	19.9
Total	21.3	21.4	20.8	21.2	20.5	21.7	22.9	26.5	25.8
Materials for further production									
Agriculture	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	2.1	2.1
Other	59.7	60.0	59.5	57.6	59.3	59.9	59.0	55.5	55.1
Total	62.2	62.0	61.1	59.2	60.9	61.5	60.7	57.6	57.2
Unclassified imports	5.8	4.9	5.0	4.9	4.1	3.7	3.6	3.9	4.1
Total imports	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: CSO

Distribution of imports by main use, 2004

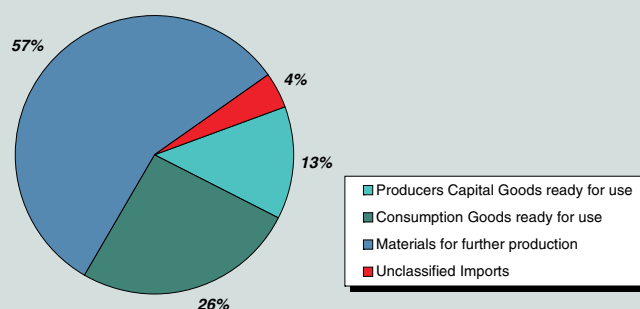


Table 13.8 Exports by industrial origin

	€m								
Industrial origin	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Agricultural produce	3,173.2	3,218.3	3,342.7	3,696.8	4,046.6	3,655.7	3,672.8	3,797.9	4,068.4
Forestry and fishing produce	368.0	336.1	347.5	351.7	385.0	488.9	494.2	453.5	441.7
Industrial produce	34,356.7	40,632.6	52,555.6	61,748.8	77,648.5	86,627.8	87,995.8	76,874.5	78,492.5
Unclassified exports	711.1	681.0	1,078.5	1,162.4	1,808.8	1,917.5	1,512.4	950.2	888.9
Total exports	38,608.9	44,868.0	57,321.8	66,956.2	83,888.9	92,689.9	93,675.2	82,076.1	83,891.5

Source: CSO

Table 13.9 Percentage distribution of exports by industrial origin

	%								
Industrial origin	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Agricultural produce	8.2	7.2	5.8	5.5	4.8	3.9	3.9	4.6	4.8
Forestry and fishing produce	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5
Industrial produce	89.0	90.6	91.7	92.2	92.6	93.5	93.9	93.7	93.6
Unclassified exports	1.8	1.5	1.9	1.7	2.2	2.1	1.6	1.2	1.1
Total exports	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: CSO

TABLE 13.8

TABLE 13.9

Exports by origin of produce

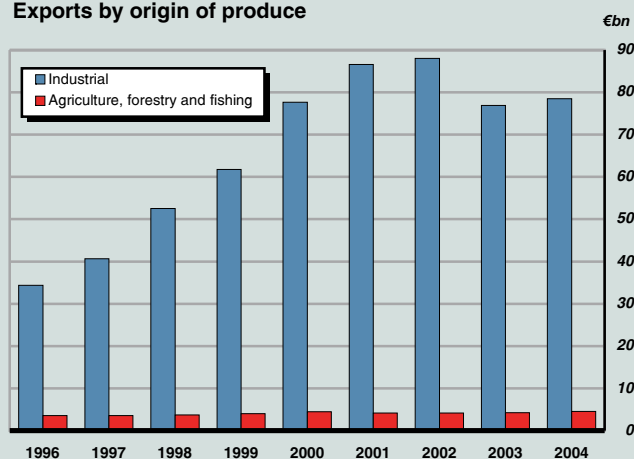


Table 13.10 Imports by area

										€m
Area	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	
European Union										
Great Britain	9,085.7	10,412.3	12,393.5	13,485.1	16,408.2	19,249.9	19,083.9	13,662.1	14,299.2	
Northern Ireland	815.7	946.0	1,073.0	1,141.4	1,205.0	1,231.3	1,036.3	1,042.3	1,102.7	
Other member states	6,256.6	7,116.1	8,111.0	9,322.5	13,136.8	13,563.3	13,041.5	11,944.1	13,443.7	
Other European countries										
Members of EFTA	554.5	737.2	782.5	821.0	1,477.5	1,477.5	1,343.7	1,254.3	1,478.8	
Other Europe	545.4	370.1	537.5	522.6	717.3	887.3	670.6	706.8	99.0	
Other countries										
NAFTA	4,675.0	5,253.4	6,808.8	7,827.2	9,794.9	9,564.2	9,191.2	8,078.1	7,380.2	
Other APEC	4,691.3	6,337.0	8,017.6	8,283.7	10,152.9	8,421.1	8,442.8	8,798.0	9,692.3	
Rest of world	698.8	803.3	846.9	1,571.4	1,435.8	1,553.3	1,505.7	1,410.0	1,479.1	
Unclassified	1,156.5	888.0	1,144.1	1,352.0	1,580.3	1,436.4	1,312.4	968.9	1,124.7	
Total	28,479.5	32,863.5	39,715.0	44,327.1	55,908.8	57,384.2	55,628.1	47,864.6	50,099.6	
<i>of which members of OECD</i>	<i>23,069.4</i>	<i>26,979.0</i>	<i>33,098.3</i>	<i>36,946.4</i>	<i>46,692.2</i>	<i>48,787.4</i>	<i>47,131.5</i>	<i>39,905.6</i>	<i>41,280.0</i>	

Source: CSO

Table 13.11 Percentage distribution of imports by area

										%
Area	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	
European Union										
Great Britain	31.9	31.7	31.2	30.4	29.3	33.5	34.3	28.5	28.5	
Northern Ireland	2.9	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.2	2.1	1.9	2.2	2.2	
Other member states	22.0	21.7	20.4	21.0	23.5	23.6	23.4	25.0	26.8	
Other European countries										
Members of EFTA	1.9	2.2	2.0	1.9	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.6	3.0	
Other Europe	1.9	1.1	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.2	1.5	0.2	
Other countries										
NAFTA	16.4	16.0	17.1	17.7	17.5	16.7	16.5	16.9	14.7	
Other APEC	16.5	19.3	20.2	18.7	18.2	14.7	15.2	18.4	19.3	
Rest of world	2.5	2.4	2.1	3.5	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.9	3.0	
Unclassified	4.1	2.7	2.9	3.1	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.0	2.2	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
<i>of which members of OECD</i>	<i>81.0</i>	<i>82.1</i>	<i>83.3</i>	<i>83.3</i>	<i>83.5</i>	<i>85.0</i>	<i>84.7</i>	<i>83.4</i>	<i>82.4</i>	

Source: CSO

Table 13.12 Exports by area

	€m								
Area	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
European Union									
Great Britain	8,449.2	9,706.1	11,416.8	13,175.4	17,083.9	20,765.5	20,853.1	13,434.7	13,401.6
Northern Ireland	1,044.5	1,348.8	1,503.8	1,514.8	1,785.9	1,864.3	1,610.7	1,408.3	1,419.6
Other member states	16,926.8	19,297.4	26,121.2	28,767.8	33,416.7	34,946.1	37,445.7	35,505.4	37,625.5
Other European countries									
Members of EFTA	1,206.4	1,317.1	1,764.6	2,255.0	2,689.4	3,320.8	3,656.5	3,176.8	3,297.8
Other Europe	1,253.3	989.3	846.8	849.7	1,312.0	1,095.4	962.0	878.7	207.2
Other countries									
NAFTA	4,015.3	5,478.3	8,252.8	10,840.6	14,877.2	16,839.3	17,476.9	17,927.1	17,295.1
Other APEC	2,919.9	3,809.3	4,248.0	5,735.5	8,208.6	9,310.9	7,706.2	6,900.8	7,583.2
Rest of world	1,507.4	1,841.8	2,255.7	2,726.4	3,407.6	3,328.1	2,700.4	2,333.8	2,589.0
Unclassified	1,286.1	1,079.8	912.2	1,091.0	1,107.5	1,219.5	1,263.7	510.4	472.5
Total	38,608.9	44,868.0	57,321.8	66,956.2	83,888.9	92,689.9	93,675.2	82,076.1	83,891.5
<i>of which members of OECD</i>	<i>33,215.6</i>	<i>39,216.3</i>	<i>52,045.4</i>	<i>60,355.2</i>	<i>75,998.7</i>	<i>83,664.8</i>	<i>85,983.9</i>	<i>75,691.8</i>	<i>76,965.3</i>

Source: CSO

Table 13.13 Percentage distribution of exports by area

	%								
Area	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
European Union									
Great Britain	21.9	21.6	19.9	19.7	20.4	22.4	22.3	16.4	16.0
Northern Ireland	2.7	3.0	2.6	2.3	2.1	2.0	1.7	1.7	1.7
Other member states	43.8	43.0	45.6	43.0	39.8	37.7	40.0	43.3	44.9
Other European countries									
Members of EFTA	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.2	3.6	3.9	3.9	3.9
Other Europe	3.2	2.2	1.5	1.3	1.6	1.2	1.0	1.1	0.2
Other countries									
NAFTA	10.4	12.2	14.4	16.2	17.7	18.2	18.7	21.8	20.6
Other APEC	7.6	8.5	7.4	8.6	9.8	10.0	8.2	8.4	9.0
Rest of world	3.9	4.1	3.9	4.1	4.1	3.6	2.9	2.8	3.1
Unclassified	3.3	2.4	1.6	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.6	0.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>of which members of OECD</i>	<i>86.0</i>	<i>87.4</i>	<i>90.8</i>	<i>90.1</i>	<i>90.6</i>	<i>90.3</i>	<i>91.8</i>	<i>92.2</i>	<i>91.7</i>

Source: CSO

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