

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for August 2020

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for August 2020				
	Total Exports	344,484		
	Imports	359,110		
	Trade Balance	-14,626		
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	August 2020	August 2019	Value	%
Total Exports	344,484	352,727	-8,243	-2.3
Imports	359,110	380,777	-21,667	-5.7
Trade Balance	-14,626	-28,049	+13,424	
Current month compared with last month	August 2020	July 2020		
Total Exports	344,484	328,466	+16,018	+4.9
Imports	359,110	358,282	+827	+0.2
Trade Balance	-14,626	-29,816	+15,191	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Jun-Aug 2020	Jun-Aug 2019		
Total Exports	977,485	999,349	-21,864	-2.2
Imports	1,055,502	1,115,624	-60,122	-5.4
Trade Balance	-78,017	-116,275	+38,259	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year	Jan-Aug 2020	Jan-Aug 2019		
Total Exports	2,434,845	2,583,634	-148,789	-5.8
Imports	2,654,563	2,888,728	-234,165	-8.1
Trade Balance	-219,718	-305,094	+85,376	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Sep 2019 to Aug 2020	Sep 2018 to Aug 2019		
Total Exports	3,839,896	4,043,286	-203,390	-5.0
Imports	4,181,275	4,538,055	-356,780	-7.9
Trade Balance	-341,378	-494,769	+153,391	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2017 to August 2020

(HK\$ Million)

Year	Month	Total Exports	Year-on-year % Change	Imports	Year-on-year % Change
2017	1	296,298.9	-1.2	308,643.4	-2.7
	2	241,707.1	+18.2	297,978.3	+25.4
	3	321,895.4	+16.9	364,163.0	+13.0
	4	305,388.7	+7.1	339,519.6	+7.3
	5	303,105.1	+4.0	338,752.6	+6.6
	6	329,406.3	+11.1	377,684.4	+10.4
	7	326,589.1	+7.3	356,190.0	+5.5
	8	332,663.3	+7.4	368,189.8	+7.7
	9	358,705.3	+9.4	403,412.7	+9.7
	10	334,735.3	+6.7	378,694.3	+7.9
	11	367,423.2	+7.8	407,129.4	+8.6
	12	360,688.5	+6.0	420,586.4	+9.0
2018	1	350,046.5	+18.1	381,970.6	+23.8
	2	245,744.1	+1.7	288,476.3	-3.2
	3	347,731.5	+8.0	403,236.1	+10.7
	4	330,223.6	+8.1	377,172.7	+11.1
	5	351,368.2	+15.9	394,618.1	+16.5
	6	340,334.4	+3.3	394,471.0	+4.4
	7	359,125.1	+10.0	406,234.0	+14.0
	8	376,302.8	+13.1	428,452.0	+16.4
	9	374,961.2	+4.5	422,676.3	+4.8
	10	383,651.5	+14.6	428,141.8	+13.1
	11	364,319.8	-0.8	409,284.3	+0.5
	12	339,937.8	-5.8	391,186.7	-7.0
2019	1	348,701.4	-0.4	359,000.0	-6.0
	2	228,674.2	-6.9	277,508.2	-3.8
	3	343,641.5	-1.2	402,882.9	-0.1
	4	321,517.1	-2.6	356,608.5	-5.5
	5	343,065.0	-2.4	377,774.1	-4.3
	6	309,606.8	-9.0	364,793.9	-7.5
	7	338,617.6	-5.7	370,790.1	-8.7
	8	352,727.3	-6.3	380,776.7	-11.1
	9	347,685.3	-7.3	379,324.5	-10.3
	10	348,527.6	-9.2	379,117.8	-11.5
	11	359,269.9	-1.4	385,437.9	-5.8
	12	351,275.7	+3.3	383,772.6	-1.9
2020	1	269,395.5	-22.7	299,990.8	-16.4
	2	238,557.6	+4.3	277,108.4	-0.1
	3	323,646.8	-5.8	358,353.9	-11.1
	4	309,462.4	-3.7	332,799.4	-6.7
	5	317,610.5	-7.4	331,340.6	-12.3
	6	305,607.9	-1.3	338,949.4	-7.1
	7	328,465.8	-3.0	358,282.2	-3.4
	8	344,483.8	-2.3	359,109.6	-5.7

Table 3 : Seasonally Adjusted Series of Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2017 to August 2020

Year	Month	Change of the latest 3-month period over the preceding 3-month period (%)	
		Total Exports	Imports
2017	1	+5.0	+3.6
	2	+2.5	+3.4
	3	+0.5	+2.1
	4	-0.3	+0.9
	5	-0.5	-1.3
	6	+2.0	+0.7
	7	+1.3	+0.8
	8	+3.1	+2.9
	9	+0.9	+1.2
	10	+1.7	+2.1
	11	+2.4	+3.2
	12	+3.4	+3.9
2018	1	+3.7	+4.1
	2	+2.9	+3.4
	3	+2.5	+3.8
	4	+2.1	+3.8
	5	+1.7	+3.1
	6	+1.8	+1.0
	7	+2.0	+0.8
	8	+1.9	+0.8
	9	+1.2	+1.7
	10	+1.5	+1.3
	11	-0.5	-1.2
	12	-2.9	-3.8
2019	1	-6.2	-6.7
	2	-7.3	-7.7
	3	-2.8	-2.6
	4	-1.5	-0.5
	5	+4.4	+4.8
	6	-0.2	-1.0
	7	-0.2	-1.5
	8	-3.5	-4.5
	9	-0.6	-2.6
	10	+0.5	-1.9
	11	+0.8	-1.6
	12	+1.2	-0.8
2020	1	-4.4	-2.2
	2	-7.8	-5.8
	3	-9.8	-5.7
	4	-0.8	-4.0
	5	+5.1	+1.7
	6	+5.8	+0.3
	7	+1.7	+0.9
	8	+0.3	+0.6

Note : Seasonally adjusted series may be revised as more data become available. For external merchandise trade figures, the seasonally adjusted series for the preceding 3 years are revised each year when the figures for January become available. The figures shown in Table 3 have already been revised.

Table 4 : Value of Total Exports of Goods to 10 Main Destinations

Destination	Aug 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2020 over Aug 2019 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2020 over Jan - Aug 2019 (% change)
Total Exports	344,484	-2.3	2,434,845	-5.8
The mainland of China	199,247	-1.4	1,426,931	+2.2
United States of America	25,315	-14.9	161,951	-22.0
Japan	8,363	-19.4	71,199	-12.7
Taiwan	8,225	+1.6	62,433	+8.0
India	11,291	+12.8	59,743	-20.0
Vietnam	8,201	+11.5	53,146	+1.0
Netherlands	4,962	-3.4	39,863	-9.8
Singapore	4,668	-14.6	39,158	-17.8
Germany	4,787	-24.2	37,395	-21.1
Korea	4,657	-9.1	33,831	-13.0

Table 5 : Value of Imports of Goods from 10 Main Suppliers

Supplier	Aug 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2020 over Aug 2019 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2020 over Jan - Aug 2019 (% change)
Total Imports	359,110	-5.7	2,654,563	-8.1
The mainland of China	166,775	-6.1	1,183,659	-11.9
Taiwan	35,708	+20.8	252,135	+20.3
Singapore	26,062	-1.1	198,056	+4.5
Japan	20,441	-6.6	151,022	-7.3
Korea	18,335	-11.8	148,133	+5.3
United States of America	13,281	-29.3	113,027	-22.0
Malaysia	11,463	+0.3	108,431	+1.8
Vietnam	8,222	+13.6	60,562	+40.6
Thailand	7,280	-4.8	54,646	-2.1
Philippines	6,372	+2.5	44,243	-0.6

Table 6 : Value of Total Exports of 10 Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Aug 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2020 over Aug 2019 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2020 over Jan - Aug 2019 (% change)
Total Exports	344,484	-2.3	2,434,845	-5.8
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	149,686	+4.8	1,050,580	+5.8
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	61,254	-3.1	403,569	-14.3
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	35,854	-1.5	273,389	+5.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	17,803	-13.2	113,156	-25.7
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	12,095	+11.8	71,614	-31.9
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	8,744	+8.1	62,993	+2.1
Power generating machinery and equipment	5,309	-21.4	54,929	+15.5
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	7,912	-17.5	50,764	-26.7
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,372	-33.6	40,717	-37.8
Non-ferrous metals	3,806	+66.9	29,979	+31.5

Table 7 : Value of Imports of 10 Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Aug 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2020 over Aug 2019 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2020 over Jan - Aug 2019 (% change)
Total Imports	359,110	-5.7	2,654,563	-8.1
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	149,958	-0.3	1,114,386	+3.1
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	57,578	+2.4	388,885	-9.7
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	29,641	+0.1	220,257	-5.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	18,205	-16.8	137,267	-21.8
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	10,613	-18.7	74,133	-39.7
Power generating machinery and equipment	8,308	-15.3	69,780	+15.5
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	8,084	+5.2	60,658	+3.0
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	7,453	-11.7	50,321	-28.8
Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	6,283	+49.4	41,331	+14.7
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	5,488	-34.5	37,092	-38.7