

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for December 2020

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for December 2020				
	Total Exports	392,216		
	Imports	437,947		
	Trade Balance	-45,731		
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	December 2020	December 2019	Value	%
Total Exports	392,216	351,276	+40,940	+11.7
Imports	437,947	383,773	+54,175	+14.1
Trade Balance	-45,731	-32,497	-13,234	
Current month compared with last month	December 2020	November 2020		
Total Exports	392,216	379,568	+12,648	+3.3
Imports	437,947	405,177	+32,771	+8.1
Trade Balance	-45,731	-25,609	-20,123	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Oct-Dec 2020	Oct-Dec 2019		
Total Exports	1,114,078	1,057,654	+56,424	+5.3
Imports	1,223,437	1,147,623	+75,814	+6.6
Trade Balance	-109,358	-89,968	-19,390	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Jan 2020 to Dec 2020	Jan 2019 to Dec 2019		
Total Exports	3,927,517	3,988,685	-61,168	-1.5
Imports	4,269,752	4,415,440	-145,688	-3.3
Trade Balance	-342,235	-426,755	+84,520	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2017 to December 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
	9	379,348.3	+9.1	392,041.8	+3.4
	10	344,656.5	-1.1	381,412.6	+0.6
	11	379,568.2	+5.6	405,176.8	+5.1
	12	392,216.2	+11.7	437,947.3	+14.1

Table 3 : Seasonally Adjusted Series of Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2017 to December 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
	9	+4.4	+3.6
	10	+5.8	+5.3
	11	+7.7	+7.2
	12	+5.5	+8.9

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	Dec 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2020 over Dec 2019 (% change)	Jan - Dec 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Dec 2020 over Jan - Dec 2019 (% change)
Total Exports	392,216	+11.7	3,927,517	-1.5
The mainland of China	241,661	+17.5	2,324,511	+5.1
United States of America	23,443	+3.2	258,842	-14.9
Japan	10,113	+1.5	109,326	-9.7
Taiwan	10,463	+28.9	98,507	+11.6
India	7,930	-21.4	97,392	-17.6
Vietnam	8,139	+18.2	84,484	+5.3
Netherlands	7,372	+25.5	64,643	-5.2
Singapore	5,070	-13.5	59,371	-17.5
Germany	5,563	-7.2	59,277	-14.5
Korea	5,208	+20.1	52,260	-7.6

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

Supplier	Dec 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2020 over Dec 2019 (% change)	Jan - Dec 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Dec 2020 over Jan - Dec 2019 (% change)
Total Imports	437,947	+14.1	4,269,752	-3.3
The mainland of China	204,358	+14.7	1,923,535	-6.5
Taiwan	41,911	+35.6	405,695	+22.8
Singapore	30,150	+21.7	314,144	+8.1
Korea	28,011	+42.0	247,170	+12.3
Japan	24,587	+10.2	239,984	-5.0
United States of America	16,757	-4.9	174,706	-17.9
Malaysia	15,214	+9.8	163,904	+1.2
Vietnam	11,322	+21.3	100,642	+28.4
Thailand	8,484	+7.9	86,458	+1.4
Philippines	6,444	-0.2	70,094	-0.1

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

Commodity division	Dec 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2020 over Dec 2019 (% change)	Jan - Dec 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Dec 2020 over Jan - Dec 2019 (% change)
Total Exports	392,216	+11.7	3,927,517	-1.5
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	174,771	+20.8	1,703,189	+8.5
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	66,616	+8.1	666,634	-9.4
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	42,077	+10.1	429,753	+7.4
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	18,714	+13.9	186,410	-16.6
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	12,841	+8.7	123,730	-20.4
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	9,886	+10.6	98,008	+5.5
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,898	+3.8	84,622	-19.4
Power generating machinery and equipment	6,883	-31.2	80,615	-0.0
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	5,400	-27.9	63,784	-33.7
Non-ferrous metals	6,149	+174.7	54,384	+68.2

Note : '0.0' denotes increase or decrease of less than 0.05%.

Table 7 : Value of Imports of 10 Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Dec 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Dec 2020 over Dec 2019 (% change)	Jan - Dec 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Dec 2020 over Jan - Dec 2019 (% change)
Total Imports	437,947	+14.1	4,269,752	-3.3
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	184,980	+23.6	1,796,531	+7.4
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	71,705	+17.7	645,991	-6.6
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	36,516	+13.1	351,899	-0.7
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	23,836	+13.0	223,414	-15.0
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	15,844	+31.1	127,699	-27.9
Power generating machinery and equipment	8,513	-9.4	103,503	+9.3
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	10,016	+13.3	94,839	+5.5
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	9,473	+4.2	85,064	-18.8
Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	6,590	+65.8	68,911	+31.6
Non-ferrous metals	7,056	+59.3	66,013	+23.0