

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for September 2020

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for September 2020				
	Total Exports		379,348	
	Imports		392,042	
	Trade Balance		-12,694	
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	September 2020	September 2019	Value	%
Total Exports	379,348	347,685	+31,663	+9.1
Imports	392,042	379,325	+12,717	+3.4
Trade Balance	-12,694	-31,639	+18,946	
Current month compared with last month	September 2020	August 2020		
Total Exports	379,348	344,484	+34,864	+10.1
Imports	392,042	359,110	+32,932	+9.2
Trade Balance	-12,694	-14,626	+1,932	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Jul-Sep 2020	Jul-Sep 2019		
Total Exports	1,051,101	1,037,537	+13,564	+1.3
Imports	1,108,793	1,130,082	-21,289	-1.9
Trade Balance	-57,692	-92,545	+34,853	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year	Jan-Sep 2020	Jan-Sep 2019		
Total Exports	2,813,439	2,931,031	-117,592	-4.0
Imports	3,046,315	3,267,818	-221,502	-6.8
Trade Balance	-232,876	-336,787	+103,910	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Oct 2019 to Sep 2020	Oct 2018 to Sep 2019		
Total Exports	3,871,093	4,016,305	-145,212	-3.6
Imports	4,193,938	4,494,677	-300,739	-6.7
Trade Balance	-322,845	-478,372	+155,527	

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

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

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	Sep 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Sep 2020 over Sep 2019 (% change)	Jan - Sep 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Sep 2020 over Jan - Sep 2019 (% change)
Total Exports	379,348	+9.1	2,813,439	-4.0
The mainland of China	235,991	+17.0	1,662,788	+4.0
United States of America	26,081	+5.7	187,684	-19.2
Japan	8,568	-14.4	79,747	-12.9
India	11,347	-16.2	71,068	-19.4
Taiwan	8,176	+10.4	70,603	+8.2
Vietnam	7,867	+6.9	60,994	+1.7
Netherlands	5,265	-3.3	45,103	-9.1
Singapore	4,628	-11.2	43,794	-17.2
Germany	5,389	-2.5	42,769	-19.2
Korea	4,351	+5.2	38,151	-11.3

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

Supplier	Sep 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Sep 2020 over Sep 2019 (% change)	Jan - Sep 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Sep 2020 over Jan - Sep 2019 (% change)
Total Imports	392,042	+3.4	3,046,315	-6.8
The mainland of China	179,955	-0.9	1,363,475	-10.5
Taiwan	40,537	+37.8	292,649	+22.5
Singapore	27,833	+17.1	225,888	+5.9
Japan	21,338	-7.4	172,291	-7.3
Korea	22,587	+15.1	170,653	+6.5
United States of America	12,824	-21.6	125,844	-21.9
Malaysia	14,298	+20.0	122,728	+3.7
Vietnam	9,373	+9.7	69,929	+35.5
Thailand	8,035	+14.1	62,675	-0.3
Philippines	6,775	+1.4	51,016	-0.3

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

Commodity division	Sep 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Sep 2020 over Sep 2019 (% change)	Jan - Sep 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Sep 2020 over Jan - Sep 2019 (% change)
Total Exports	379,348	+9.1	2,813,439	-4.0
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	174,285	+19.7	1,224,651	+7.6
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	65,530	+5.7	468,813	-12.0
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	38,917	+18.1	312,158	+7.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	17,711	-5.2	130,857	-23.5
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	11,877	-19.2	83,487	-30.3
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	7,901	+5.7	70,882	+2.5
Power generating machinery and equipment	5,963	-11.1	60,891	+12.2
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,233	-12.0	58,991	-25.0
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,112	-26.2	46,814	-36.5
Non-ferrous metals	5,409	+115.4	35,388	+39.8

Table 7 : Value of Imports of 10 Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Sep 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Sep 2020 over Sep 2019 (% change)	Jan - Sep 2020 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Sep 2020 over Jan - Sep 2019 (% change)
Total Imports	392,042	+3.4	3,046,315	-6.8
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	171,594	+15.7	1,285,819	+4.6
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	60,329	-5.3	449,132	-9.2
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	32,554	+15.4	252,816	-3.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	19,335	-13.7	156,602	-20.8
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	11,968	-26.4	86,095	-38.1
Power generating machinery and equipment	7,779	+3.3	77,559	+14.2
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	7,604	+5.2	68,249	+3.2
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	7,681	-9.5	58,000	-26.7
Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	6,619	+66.7	47,892	+19.8
Non-ferrous metals	6,343	+28.4	43,162	+14.5