

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for August 2021

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for August 2021				
	Total Exports	433,671		
	Imports	459,968		
	Trade Balance	-26,298		
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year			Value	%
	August 2021	August 2020		
Total Exports	433,671	344,484	+89,187	+25.9
Imports	459,968	359,110	+100,859	+28.1
Trade Balance	-26,298	-14,626	-11,672	
Current month compared with last month				
	August 2021	July 2021		
Total Exports	433,671	416,953	+16,717	+4.0
Imports	459,968	451,935	+8,034	+1.8
Trade Balance	-26,298	-34,981	+8,684	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier				
	Jun-Aug 2021	Jun-Aug 2020		
Total Exports	1,256,180	977,485	+278,694	+28.5
Imports	1,358,316	1,055,502	+302,814	+28.7
Trade Balance	-102,136	-78,017	-24,120	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year				
	Jan-Aug 2021	Jan-Aug 2020		
Total Exports	3,141,385	2,434,845	+706,540	+29.0
Imports	3,368,548	2,654,563	+713,986	+26.9
Trade Balance	-227,163	-219,718	-7,445	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier				
	Sep 2020 to Aug 2021	Sep 2019 to Aug 2020		
Total Exports	4,634,058	3,839,896	+794,161	+20.7
Imports	4,983,738	4,181,275	+802,463	+19.2
Trade Balance	-349,680	-341,378	-8,302	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2018 to August 2021

(HK\$ Million)

Year	Month	Total Exports	Year-on-year % Change	Imports	Year-on-year % Change
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
2021	1	387,980.3	+44.0	413,208.4	+37.7
	2	311,077.1	+30.4	325,776.0	+17.6
	3	409,123.9	+26.4	436,091.1	+21.7
	4	384,874.1	+24.4	416,650.2	+25.2
	5	393,813.8	+24.0	419,277.6	+26.5
	6	406,606.9	+33.0	447,062.3	+31.9
	7	416,953.5	+26.9	451,934.8	+26.1
	8	433,670.8	+25.9	459,968.4	+28.1

Table 3 : Seasonally Adjusted Series of Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2018 to August 2021

Year	Month	Change of the latest 3-month period over the preceding 3-month period (%)	
		Total Exports	Imports
2018	1	+3.8	+4.3
	2	+4.4	+4.3
	3	+4.4	+4.5
	4	+3.8	+4.2
	5	+0.7	+2.3
	6	+0.0	+1.0
	7	+0.3	+0.9
	8	+0.8	+0.9
	9	+0.2	+1.0
	10	+0.2	-0.1
	11	-1.5	-2.5
	12	-3.1	-5.0
2019	1	-4.6	-6.4
	2	-4.1	-5.7
	3	-0.1	-0.8
	4	-1.1	+0.3
	5	+2.4	+3.5
	6	-1.4	-0.7
	7	-0.6	-1.3
	8	-3.2	-3.8
	9	-1.4	-3.3
	10	-1.0	-3.2
	11	-1.5	-3.6
	12	+0.0	-2.4
2020	1	-3.2	-2.3
	2	-3.9	-3.0
	3	-6.1	-3.2
	4	+0.3	-2.0
	5	+3.1	+0.6
	6	+4.1	+0.6
	7	+1.1	+0.8
	8	+0.8	+1.3
	9	+3.0	+2.6
	10	+4.0	+3.7
	11	+4.8	+4.7
	12	+5.0	+7.1
2021	1	+9.7	+11.5
	2	+18.9	+16.0
	3	+19.4	+13.8
	4	+14.5	+8.6
	5	-0.5	+1.5
	6	-1.9	+1.7
	7	-2.0	+2.5
	8	+3.3	+3.7

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.

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

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

Destination	Aug 2021 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2021 over Aug 2020 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2021 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2021 over Jan - Aug 2020 (% change)
Total Exports	433,671	+25.9	3,141,385	+29.0
The mainland of China	259,045	+30.0	1,882,006	+31.9
United States of America	28,666	+13.2	191,249	+18.1
Taiwan	12,308	+49.6	90,426	+44.8
India	12,744	+12.9	78,641	+31.6
Japan	10,706	+28.0	76,665	+7.7
Vietnam	8,216	+0.2	64,438	+21.2
United Kingdom	5,768	+9.3	53,041	+94.4
Netherlands	7,218	+45.5	48,396	+21.4
Korea	6,510	+39.8	47,047	+39.1
Germany	6,420	+34.1	45,318	+21.2

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

Supplier	Aug 2021 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2021 over Aug 2020 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2021 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2021 over Jan - Aug 2020 (% change)
Total Imports	459,968	+28.1	3,368,548	+26.9
The mainland of China	213,695	+28.1	1,506,224	+27.3
Taiwan	47,439	+32.9	349,298	+38.5
Singapore	36,034	+38.3	272,141	+37.4
Korea	27,094	+47.8	204,268	+37.9
Japan	24,013	+17.5	177,536	+17.6
United States of America	16,562	+24.7	134,519	+19.0
Malaysia	14,576	+27.2	107,909	-0.5
Vietnam	9,524	+15.8	73,650	+21.6
Thailand	8,567	+17.7	67,319	+23.2
Philippines	8,283	+30.0	55,936	+26.4

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

Commodity division	Aug 2021 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2021 over Aug 2020 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2021 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2021 over Jan - Aug 2020 (% change)
Total Exports	433,671	+25.9	3,141,385	+29.0
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	200,706	+34.1	1,439,603	+37.0
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	60,672	-0.9	469,318	+16.3
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	51,481	+43.6	340,683	+24.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	20,694	+16.2	151,705	+34.1
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	14,113	+16.7	108,878	+52.0
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	9,176	+4.9	67,487	+7.1
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,893	+12.4	65,926	+29.9
Non-ferrous metals	7,317	+92.2	65,892	+119.8
Power generating machinery and equipment	8,111	+52.8	58,777	+7.0
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,896	+8.2	42,453	+4.3

Table 7 : Value of Imports of 10 Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Aug 2021 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2021 over Aug 2020 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2021 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2021 over Jan - Aug 2020 (% change)
Total Imports	459,968	+28.1	3,368,548	+26.9
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	205,113	+36.8	1,481,796	+33.0
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	60,798	+5.6	467,300	+20.2
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	40,931	+38.1	275,978	+25.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	24,327	+33.6	187,762	+36.8
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	14,750	+39.0	110,756	+49.4
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	9,735	+20.4	70,178	+15.7
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	9,252	+24.1	69,859	+38.8
Power generating machinery and equipment	8,295	-0.2	66,869	-4.2
Non-ferrous metals	10,505	+100.8	64,594	+75.4
Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	5,838	-7.1	46,353	+12.2