

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for April 2023

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for April 2023				
	Total Exports		338,335	
	Imports		374,910	
	Trade Balance		-36,575	
Change				
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	April 2023	April 2022	Value	%
Total Exports	338,335	389,003	-50,668	-13.0
Imports	374,910	425,585	-50,675	-11.9
Trade Balance	-36,575	-36,582	+7	
Current month compared with last month	April 2023	March 2023		
Total Exports	338,335	367,159	-28,824	-7.9
Imports	374,910	407,754	-32,844	-8.1
Trade Balance	-36,575	-40,595	+4,020	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Feb-Apr 2023	Feb-Apr 2022		
Total Exports	990,411	1,074,913	-84,502	-7.9
Imports	1,113,459	1,181,081	-67,622	-5.7
Trade Balance	-123,048	-106,168	-16,880	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year	Jan-Apr 2023	Jan-Apr 2022		
Total Exports	1,281,356	1,534,461	-253,106	-16.5
Imports	1,429,777	1,633,982	-204,205	-12.5
Trade Balance	-148,422	-99,520	-48,901	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	May 2022 to Apr 2023	May 2021 to Apr 2022		
Total Exports	4,278,544	5,003,030	-724,486	-14.5
Imports	4,723,262	5,350,574	-627,312	-11.7
Trade Balance	-444,719	-347,544	-97,175	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2020 to April 2023

(HK\$ Million)

Year	Month	Total Exports	Year-on-year % Change	Imports	Year-on-year % Change
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
	9	441,814.2	+16.5	484,205.7	+23.5
	10	418,277.8	+21.4	448,741.4	+17.7
	11	474,416.6	+25.0	486,022.9	+20.0
	12	489,513.9	+24.8	522,266.9	+19.3
2022	1	459,548.6	+18.4	452,901.1	+9.6
	2	313,789.9	+0.9	345,898.3	+6.2
	3	372,767.2	-8.9	410,029.4	-6.0
	4	389,003.2	+1.1	425,584.8	+2.1
	5	388,136.9	-1.4	424,811.9	+1.3
	6	380,708.1	-6.4	449,241.0	+0.5
	7	379,638.4	-8.9	407,192.8	-9.9
	8	371,869.9	-14.3	385,133.9	-16.3
	9	401,649.3	-9.1	446,569.0	-7.8
	10	374,654.6	-10.4	395,523.7	-11.9
	11	360,041.6	-24.1	387,130.3	-20.3
	12	348,084.7	-28.9	399,730.7	-23.5
2023	1	290,944.8	-36.7	316,317.9	-30.2
	2	286,203.9	-8.8	331,568.7	-4.1
	3	367,159.1	-1.5	407,753.8	-0.6
	4	338,335.0	-13.0	374,909.6	-11.9

Table 3 : Seasonally Adjusted Series of Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2020 to April 2023

Year	Month	Change of the latest 3-month period over the preceding 3-month period (%)	
		Total Exports	Imports
2020	1	-7.4	-4.7
	2	-8.6	-5.7
	3	-9.7	-5.4
	4	+3.4	+0.1
	5	+6.1	+1.9
	6	+6.6	+0.8
	7	+0.2	-0.8
	8	+1.2	+1.1
	9	+5.8	+4.7
	10	+7.5	+5.8
	11	+7.6	+7.1
	12	+3.9	+7.6
2021	1	+6.0	+10.4
	2	+11.5	+11.9
	3	+14.2	+11.2
	4	+12.3	+7.2
	5	+2.2	+2.5
	6	+0.9	+1.8
	7	+0.6	+2.9
	8	+5.0	+4.7
	9	+2.7	+3.1
	10	+0.8	+0.7
	11	+0.9	+0.2
	12	+3.6	+1.6
2022	1	+7.5	+5.8
	2	+3.9	+3.1
	3	-4.5	-3.8
	4	-11.6	-10.3
	5	-12.3	-9.1
	6	-4.7	-0.4
	7	-2.4	+0.7
	8	-3.0	-3.3
	9	-6.4	-9.7
	10	-5.2	-8.5
	11	-4.3	-5.1
	12	-7.7	-6.1
2023	1	-13.8	-8.1
	2	-7.7	-3.7
	3	+0.8	+3.3
	4	+15.4	+10.7

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.

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

Destination	Apr 2023 (HKD Mn.)	Apr 2023 over Apr 2022 (% change)	Jan - Apr 2023 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Apr 2023 over Jan - Apr 2022 (% change)
Total Exports	338,335	-13.0	1,281,356	-16.5
The mainland of China	184,143	-12.9	682,427	-21.2
United States of America	23,630	-19.9	87,642	-12.5
India	11,996	-19.7	48,686	-16.1
Taiwan	11,565	-18.2	46,262	-19.3
Vietnam	8,696	-19.6	33,951	-17.2
Netherlands	7,454	+1.2	30,685	+22.3
United Arab Emirates	6,793	-2.5	30,658	+16.3
Japan	7,498	-10.2	28,756	-25.0
Korea	6,344	-4.7	25,403	+0.1
Macao	6,558	+14.1	25,346	+13.0

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

Supplier	Apr 2023 (HKD Mn.)	Apr 2023 over Apr 2022 (% change)	Jan - Apr 2023 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Apr 2023 over Jan - Apr 2022 (% change)
Total Imports	374,910	-11.9	1,429,777	-12.5
The mainland of China	166,215	-3.6	615,326	-8.4
Taiwan	47,089	-13.0	166,480	-19.2
Singapore	22,910	-35.5	98,666	-29.5
Japan	18,086	-18.5	69,592	-17.0
United States of America	15,522	-28.4	63,904	-14.8
Korea	16,947	-33.8	62,216	-38.4
Malaysia	11,935	-13.4	48,234	-13.1
Vietnam	8,066	-17.9	32,819	-17.5
Philippines	6,138	-9.6	27,093	-2.7
Thailand	7,608	-6.9	25,546	-21.6

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

Commodity division	Apr 2023 (HKD Mn.)	Apr 2023 over Apr 2022 (% change)	Jan - Apr 2023 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Apr 2023 over Jan - Apr 2022 (% change)
Total Exports	338,335	-13.0	1,281,356	-16.5
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	157,169	-19.3	600,584	-20.5
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	40,007	-21.5	155,176	-14.6
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	34,120	-11.5	125,250	-26.8
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	25,888	+11.3	79,237	+0.8
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	11,526	-7.3	53,678	-5.0
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	10,732	-8.6	40,054	-18.8
Power generating machinery and equipment	9,401	+75.1	33,316	+24.1
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,345	+2.9	31,561	-1.9
Non-ferrous metals	6,212	+9.0	24,809	+39.3
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	3,722	-3.3	15,647	-8.7

Table 7 : Value of Imports of 10 Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Apr 2023 (HKD Mn.)	Apr 2023 over Apr 2022 (% change)	Jan - Apr 2023 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Apr 2023 over Jan - Apr 2022 (% change)
Total Imports	374,910	-11.9	1,429,777	-12.5
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	160,686	-15.8	608,822	-19.4
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	43,287	-12.6	159,996	-13.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	26,597	-3.6	105,211	+12.7
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	27,103	-24.1	101,027	-28.8
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	13,705	+3.7	59,774	+12.7
Power generating machinery and equipment	12,709	+39.2	45,264	+33.2
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	11,201	-3.1	41,489	-9.6
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,712	+1.7	33,946	-2.1
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	6,347	+7.0	25,529	+5.8
Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	5,374	-12.4	21,561	-9.8