

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for August 2023

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for August 2023				
	Total Exports		358,294	
	Imports		383,886	
	Trade Balance		-25,592	
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	August 2023	August 2022	Value	%
Total Exports	358,294	371,870	-13,576	-3.7
Imports	383,886	385,134	-1,248	-0.3
Trade Balance	-25,592	-13,264	-12,328	
Current month compared with last month	August 2023	July 2023		
Total Exports	358,294	345,156	+13,139	+3.8
Imports	383,886	375,143	+8,743	+2.3
Trade Balance	-25,592	-29,988	+4,396	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Jun-Aug 2023	Jun-Aug 2022		
Total Exports	1,039,568	1,128,704	-89,136	-7.9
Imports	1,151,831	1,240,369	-88,538	-7.1
Trade Balance	-112,263	-111,665	-599	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year	Jan-Aug 2023	Jan-Aug 2022		
Total Exports	2,647,911	3,050,446	-402,535	-13.2
Imports	2,935,153	3,299,190	-364,036	-11.0
Trade Balance	-287,242	-248,743	-38,499	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Sep 2022 to Aug 2023	Sep 2021 to Aug 2022		
Total Exports	4,129,114	4,869,717	-740,603	-15.2
Imports	4,563,431	5,238,434	-675,003	-12.9
Trade Balance	-434,316	-368,717	-65,600	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2020 to August 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
	5	327,560.0	-15.6	353,958.9	-16.7
	6	337,350.0	-11.4	393,923.8	-12.3
	7	345,155.6	-9.1	375,143.4	-7.9
	8	358,294.2	-3.7	383,886.2	-0.3

Table 3 : Seasonally Adjusted Series of Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2020 to August 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
	5	+5.3	+2.6
	6	+0.4	-0.7
	7	-6.3	-5.1
	8	-0.3	-0.5

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 2023 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2023 over Aug 2022 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2023 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2023 over Jan - Aug 2022 (% change)
Total Exports	358,294	-3.7	2,647,911	-13.2
The mainland of China	205,679	-1.5	1,441,193	-16.5
United States of America	22,959	-13.2	176,059	-13.4
India	13,973	-5.2	101,829	-14.0
Taiwan	11,398	-20.8	88,774	-18.3
Vietnam	9,990	+11.3	72,865	-7.4
United Arab Emirates	7,648	+5.8	61,675	+10.4
Japan	6,460	-19.9	55,912	-22.3
Netherlands	5,577	-5.6	53,798	+6.8
Korea	6,654	-35.3	50,044	-11.9
Macao	5,417	+31.0	49,461	+29.9

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

Supplier	Aug 2023 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2023 over Aug 2022 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2023 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2023 over Jan - Aug 2022 (% change)
Total Imports	383,886	-0.3	2,935,153	-11.0
The mainland of China	169,207	+4.3	1,267,523	-7.3
Taiwan	45,058	-1.3	343,765	-16.0
Singapore	27,389	-9.9	205,279	-26.3
Japan	18,280	-3.1	144,211	-12.6
United States of America	16,396	+5.4	129,787	-9.5
Korea	18,959	-0.9	129,777	-31.2
Malaysia	10,296	-35.6	95,339	-20.1
Vietnam	11,866	-14.8	72,593	-19.8
Thailand	6,776	+1.3	55,493	-16.9
Philippines	7,136	+3.9	54,331	-5.7

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

Commodity division	Aug 2023 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2023 over Aug 2022 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2023 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2023 over Jan - Aug 2022 (% change)
Total Exports	358,294	-3.7	2,647,911	-13.2
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	174,457	+0.9	1,258,167	-15.7
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	46,120	+5.4	325,935	-6.7
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	33,187	-24.9	252,523	-26.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	21,104	-4.7	154,876	+0.3
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	11,610	-18.2	105,584	-10.1
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	10,623	-25.7	81,421	-20.5
Power generating machinery and equipment	9,187	+2.3	69,282	+16.0
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,449	-9.0	64,179	-6.7
Non-ferrous metals	6,887	+55.8	50,176	+21.5
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	4,914	-7.8	33,373	-8.1

Table 7 : Value of Imports of 10 Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Aug 2023 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2023 over Aug 2022 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2023 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2023 over Jan - Aug 2022 (% change)
Total Imports	383,886	-0.3	2,935,153	-11.0
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	170,192	-0.8	1,279,863	-15.6
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	45,462	+0.7	330,251	-8.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	25,759	+11.6	203,946	+6.3
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	24,736	-14.8	200,519	-29.6
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	12,693	-12.6	114,162	+3.6
Power generating machinery and equipment	13,116	+4.1	94,973	+21.5
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	10,069	-22.4	80,571	-18.1
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,907	+4.7	70,237	-0.6
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	6,898	+12.7	51,453	+1.9
Essential oils and resinoids and perfume materials; toilet, polishing and cleansing preparations	4,874	+13.0	40,507	-6.9