

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for September 2023

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for September 2023				
	Total Exports		380,337	
	Imports		444,917	
	Trade Balance		-64,580	
			Change	
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year	September 2023	September 2022	Value	%
Total Exports	380,337	401,649	-21,312	-5.3
Imports	444,917	446,569	-1,652	-0.4
Trade Balance	-64,580	-44,920	-19,660	
Current month compared with last month	September 2023	August 2023		
Total Exports	380,337	358,294	+22,043	+6.2
Imports	444,917	383,886	+61,031	+15.9
Trade Balance	-64,580	-25,592	-38,988	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Jul-Sep 2023	Jul-Sep 2022		
Total Exports	1,080,196	1,149,442	-69,246	-6.0
Imports	1,202,850	1,237,646	-34,795	-2.8
Trade Balance	-122,654	-88,204	-34,451	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year	Jan-Sep 2023	Jan-Sep 2022		
Total Exports	3,025,533	3,451,112	-425,579	-12.3
Imports	3,379,791	3,745,431	-365,640	-9.8
Trade Balance	-354,258	-294,320	-59,939	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier	Oct 2022 to Sep 2023	Oct 2021 to Sep 2022		
Total Exports	4,106,071	4,830,507	-724,436	-15.0
Imports	4,561,827	5,200,774	-638,947	-12.3
Trade Balance	-455,756	-370,267	-85,489	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2020 to September 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
	9	380,337.4	-5.3	444,917.4	-0.4

Table 3 : Seasonally Adjusted Series of Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2020 to September 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
	9	+2.4	+2.2

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 2023 (HKD Mn.)	Sep 2023 over Sep 2022 (% change)	Jan - Sep 2023 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Sep 2023 over Jan - Sep 2022 (% change)
Total Exports	380,337	-5.3	3,025,533	-12.3
The mainland of China	216,729	-9.7	1,655,418	-15.8
United States of America	22,576	+3.1	198,603	-11.7
India	16,603	+3.0	118,394	-11.9
Taiwan	14,076	+16.4	102,835	-14.8
Vietnam	10,348	+8.3	83,179	-5.7
United Arab Emirates	10,147	+15.6	71,826	+11.1
Japan	7,110	-14.5	63,004	-21.5
Netherlands	5,420	-4.0	59,213	+5.7
Korea	6,232	+22.8	56,270	-8.9
Macao	6,087	+10.9	55,544	+27.5

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

Supplier	Sep 2023 (HKD Mn.)	Sep 2023 over Sep 2022 (% change)	Jan - Sep 2023 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Sep 2023 over Jan - Sep 2022 (% change)
Total Imports	444,917	-0.4	3,379,791	-9.8
The mainland of China	191,134	+0.9	1,458,571	-6.3
Taiwan	53,079	+5.1	396,831	-13.7
Singapore	32,435	-1.3	237,712	-23.7
Japan	19,333	-3.8	163,510	-11.6
Korea	22,317	-28.6	152,091	-30.8
United States of America	20,858	+8.8	150,643	-7.4
Malaysia	15,986	-7.4	111,285	-18.5
Vietnam	13,850	-17.4	86,432	-19.4
Thailand	7,856	+11.1	63,339	-14.2
Philippines	6,375	-34.4	60,643	-9.9

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

Commodity division	Sep 2023 (HKD Mn.)	Sep 2023 over Sep 2022 (% change)	Jan - Sep 2023 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Sep 2023 over Jan - Sep 2022 (% change)
Total Exports	380,337	-5.3	3,025,533	-12.3
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	186,401	-10.1	1,442,277	-15.2
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	48,566	-1.6	374,388	-6.1
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	36,580	+6.7	289,066	-23.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	22,871	+25.3	177,562	+2.9
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	16,172	-12.7	121,747	-10.4
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	11,991	-20.2	93,409	-20.5
Power generating machinery and equipment	8,169	+1.4	77,449	+14.2
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,766	-8.2	72,926	-6.9
Non-ferrous metals	5,779	+17.9	55,957	+21.1
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	4,022	-9.5	37,388	-8.3

Table 7 : Value of Imports of 10 Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Sep 2023 (HKD Mn.)	Sep 2023 over Sep 2022 (% change)	Jan - Sep 2023 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Sep 2023 over Jan - Sep 2022 (% change)
Total Imports	444,917	-0.4	3,379,791	-9.8
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	193,704	-8.4	1,473,432	-14.8
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	58,606	+15.7	388,823	-5.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	36,302	+0.6	240,246	+5.4
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	32,031	-1.5	232,521	-26.7
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	20,123	+33.3	134,284	+7.2
Power generating machinery and equipment	11,564	+30.1	106,536	+22.4
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	10,685	-25.6	91,255	-19.1
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	9,173	+2.5	79,403	-0.3
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	7,138	+35.5	58,592	+5.1
Non-ferrous metals	6,543	+18.1	46,346	-2.2