

Table 1: External Merchandise Trade Statistics for August 2024

(HK\$ Million)

Merchandise trade values for August 2024					
	Total Exports		381,265		
	Imports		414,396		
	Trade Balance		-33,131		
Change					
Current month compared with same month in the preceding year		August 2024	August 2023	Change	
				Value	%
	Total Exports	381,265	358,294	+22,970	+6.4
	Imports	414,396	383,886	+30,510	+7.9
	Trade Balance	-33,131	-25,592	-7,539	
Current month compared with last month		August 2024	July 2024	Change	
				Value	%
	Total Exports	381,265	390,420	-9,155	-2.3
	Imports	414,396	412,262	+2,134	+0.5
	Trade Balance	-33,131	-21,842	-11,289	
Latest 3 months compared with same period 12 months earlier		Jun-Aug 2024	Jun-Aug 2023	Change	
				Value	%
	Total Exports	1,142,883	1,039,568	+103,315	+9.9
	Imports	1,253,657	1,151,831	+101,825	+8.8
	Trade Balance	-110,774	-112,263	+1,490	
Calendar year-to-date compared with same period in the preceding year		Jan-Aug 2024	Jan-Aug 2023	Change	
				Value	%
	Total Exports	2,952,971	2,647,911	+305,059	+11.5
	Imports	3,168,969	2,935,153	+233,816	+8.0
	Trade Balance	-215,999	-287,242	+71,243	
Last 12 months compared with same period 12 months earlier		Sep 2023 to Aug 2024	Sep 2022 to Aug 2023	Change	
				Value	%
	Total Exports	4,482,465	4,129,114	+353,350	+8.6
	Imports	4,878,806	4,563,431	+315,376	+6.9
	Trade Balance	-396,342	-434,316	+37,975	

Table 2 : Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2021 to August 2024

(HK\$ Million)

Year	Month	Total Exports	Year-on-year % Change	Imports	Year-on-year % Change
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
	10	379,896.0	+1.4	405,647.7	+2.6
	11	386,639.0	+7.4	414,556.5	+7.1
	12	386,431.8	+11.0	446,293.7	+11.6
2024	1	388,710.8	+33.6	385,068.3	+21.7
	2	284,052.0	-0.8	325,703.1	-1.8
	3	384,490.2	+4.7	429,501.7	+5.3
	4	378,739.3	+11.9	388,933.1	+3.7
	5	375,946.6	+14.8	388,090.3	+9.6
	6	373,499.7	+10.7	429,240.1	+9.0
	7	390,419.6	+13.1	412,261.6	+9.9
	8	381,264.7	+6.4	414,395.7	+7.9

Table 3 : Seasonally Adjusted Series of Hong Kong's External Merchandise Trade Statistics from January 2021 to August 2024

Year	Month	Change of the latest 3-month period over the preceding 3-month period (%)	
		Total Exports	Imports
2021	1	+6.7	+10.8
	2	+12.7	+12.3
	3	+15.2	+11.4
	4	+11.7	+6.6
	5	+1.0	+1.9
	6	+0.1	+1.4
	7	+0.7	+3.2
	8	+5.1	+5.1
	9	+2.1	+3.5
	10	-0.9	+0.1
	11	-0.5	-0.6
	12	+3.8	+1.3
2022	1	+11.4	+7.7
	2	+7.5	+4.6
	3	-3.1	-3.1
	4	-14.1	-12.1
	5	-14.3	-10.0
	6	-5.7	-1.2
	7	-1.4	+1.3
	8	-2.6	-3.3
	9	-6.9	-9.6
	10	-6.5	-8.8
	11	-5.9	-6.0
	12	-8.1	-6.0
2023	1	-10.7	-6.1
	2	-4.7	-1.7
	3	+2.1	+3.6
	4	+10.7	+7.2
	5	+3.1	+0.9
	6	-0.3	-1.5
	7	-4.2	-3.7
	8	+0.1	+0.2
	9	+1.8	+2.7
	10	+3.5	+4.2
	11	+3.1	+4.0
	12	+3.0	+2.4
2024	1	+4.2	+2.3
	2	+5.5	+3.3
	3	+5.7	+3.1
	4	+3.6	+2.3
	5	+1.5	-1.7
	6	+1.9	-0.9
	7	+1.0	+0.2
	8	+0.3	+3.8

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 2024 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2024 over Aug 2023 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2024 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2024 over Jan - Aug 2023 (% change)
Total Exports	381,265	+6.4	2,952,971	+11.5
The mainland of China	232,113	+12.9	1,713,685	+18.9
United States of America	23,609	+2.8	202,755	+15.2
Taiwan	12,738	+11.8	92,451	+4.1
India	11,103	-20.5	91,309	-10.3
Vietnam	12,690	+27.0	90,180	+23.8
United Arab Emirates	6,288	-17.8	64,644	+4.8
Japan	6,214	-3.8	54,892	-1.8
Thailand	6,207	+15.3	52,429	+28.3
Netherlands	4,704	-15.7	49,707	-7.6
Korea	6,306	-5.2	47,593	-4.9

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

Supplier	Aug 2024 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2024 over Aug 2023 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2024 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2024 over Jan - Aug 2023 (% change)
Total Imports	414,396	+7.9	3,168,969	+8.0
The mainland of China	185,545	+9.7	1,389,359	+9.6
Taiwan	49,277	+9.4	340,446	-1.0
Singapore	34,729	+26.8	247,790	+20.7
Korea	22,673	+19.6	189,536	+46.0
Japan	18,426	+0.8	145,686	+1.0
United States of America	15,552	-5.1	133,596	+2.9
Vietnam	14,969	+26.2	107,418	+48.0
Malaysia	12,092	+17.4	99,908	+4.8
Thailand	6,549	-3.4	54,332	-2.1
Philippines	6,424	-10.0	46,855	-13.8

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

Commodity division	Aug 2024 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2024 over Aug 2023 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2024 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2024 over Jan - Aug 2023 (% change)
Total Exports	381,265	+6.4	2,952,971	+11.5
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	187,468	+7.5	1,407,293	+11.9
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	46,302	+0.4	360,060	+10.5
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	47,625	+43.5	334,832	+32.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	18,021	-14.6	155,894	+0.7
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	8,346	-28.1	95,413	-9.6
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	12,567	+18.3	94,745	+16.4
Power generating machinery and equipment	10,798	+17.5	82,427	+19.0
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	9,086	+7.5	63,805	-0.6
Non-ferrous metals	3,085	-55.2	45,229	-9.9
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	5,115	+4.1	33,019	-1.1

Table 7 : Value of Imports of 10 Principal Commodity Divisions

Commodity division	Aug 2024 (HKD Mn.)	Aug 2024 over Aug 2023 (% change)	Jan - Aug 2024 (HKD Mn.)	Jan - Aug 2024 over Jan - Aug 2023 (% change)
Total Imports	414,396	+7.9	3,168,969	+8.0
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances, and electrical parts thereof	187,184	+10.0	1,402,524	+9.6
Telecommunications and sound recording and reproducing apparatus and equipment	43,783	-3.7	353,292	+7.0
Office machines and automatic data processing machines	44,430	+79.6	270,998	+35.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles (mainly jewellery, goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares)	24,016	-6.8	207,264	+1.6
Power generating machinery and equipment	13,587	+3.6	104,097	+9.6
Non-metallic mineral manufactures	7,800	-38.5	94,458	-17.3
Professional, scientific and controlling instruments and apparatus	12,020	+19.4	88,074	+9.3
Photographic apparatus, equipment and supplies, optical goods, watches and clocks	8,971	+0.7	67,670	-3.7
Petroleum, petroleum products and related materials	7,080	+2.6	55,871	+8.6
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories	6,601	+32.6	50,466	+38.2