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Structure of merchandise imports

	Merchandise imports		Food		Agricultural raw materials		Fuels		Ores and metals		Manufactures	
	\$ millions		% of total		% of total		% of total		% of total		% of total	
	1990	2005	1990	2005	1990	2005	1990	2005	1990	2005	1990	2005
Afghanistan	936	3,200	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Albania	380	2,614	..	17	..	1	..	9	..	2	..	71
Algeria	9,780	20,357	24	22	5	2	1	1	2	1	68	74
Angola	1,578	8,150	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Argentina	4,076	28,692	4	3	4	2	8	5	6	3	78	87
Armenia	..	1,768	..	18	..	1	..	16	..	3	..	62
Australia	41,985	125,280	5	5	2	1	6	11	1	1	85	81
Austria	49,146	126,179	5	6	3	2	6	13	4	4	81	74
Azerbaijan	..	4,200	..	10	..	1	..	12	..	2	..	74
Bangladesh	3,618	13,839	19	19	5	9	16	8	3	2	56	62
Belarus	..	16,699	..	9	..	2	..	33	..	3	..	46
Belgium	119,702 ^a	318,658	10 ^a	8	2 ^a	1	8 ^a	12	6 ^a	4	68 ^a	75
Benin	265	894	38	30	4	4	1	20	1	1	56	44
Bolivia	687	2,341	12	10	2	1	1	10	1	1	85	77
Bosnia and Herzegovina	360	7,097	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Botswana	1,946	3,272	..	14	..	1	..	4	..	1	..	75
Brazil	22,524	77,585	9	5	3	2	27	19	5	4	56	71
Bulgaria	5,100	18,181	8	5	3	1	36	5	4	7	49	65
Burkina Faso	536	1,305	..	12	..	1	..	24	..	1	..	62
Burundi	231	267	..	6	..	1	..	8	..	1	..	82
Cambodia	164	3,700	..	8	..	2	..	10	..	0	..	79
Cameroon	1,400	2,885	19	18	0	2	2	26	1	1	78	53
Canada	123,244	319,686	6	6	2	1	6	9	3	3	81	80
Central African Republic	154	151	19	17	1	27	7	17	2	2	71	37
Chad	285	770	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chile	7,742	32,542	4	6	2	1	16	22	1	4	75	67
China [†]	53,345	660,003	9	3	6	4	2	10	3	8	80	75
Hong Kong, China	84,725	300,160	8	3	2	1	2	3	2	2	85	92
Colombia	5,590	21,204	7	9	4	2	6	3	3	3	77	83
Congo, Dem. Rep.	1,739	2,175	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Congo, Rep.	621	1,415	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Costa Rica	1,990	9,798	8	6	2	1	10	11	2	1	66	80
Côte d'Ivoire	2,097	5,350	..	22	..	1	..	17	..	1	..	48
Croatia	4,500	18,547	13	8	4	1	10	15	4	2	70	73
Cuba	4,600	7,125	12	22	3	1	32	22	1	1	46	54
Czech Republic	12,880	76,707	..	5	..	2	..	7	..	4	..	79
Denmark	33,333	76,018	12	11	3	2	7	7	2	2	73	76
Dominican Republic	3,006	9,614	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ecuador	1,861	10,309	9	8	3	1	2	8	3	1	84	82
Egypt, Arab Rep.	12,412	19,819	32	22	7	5	3	8	2	4	56	50
El Salvador	1,263	6,766	14	18	3	2	16	14	4	1	63	65
Eritrea	351	495	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Estonia	..	10,033	..	8	..	3	..	9	..	1	..	71
Ethiopia	1,081	4,127	..	21	..	1	..	12	..	2	..	64
Finland	27,001	58,999	5	5	2	3	12	14	4	6	76	70
France	234,436	497,853	10	8	3	1	10	13	4	3	74	75
Gabon	918	1,393	..	24	..	1	..	3	..	1	..	70
Gambia, The	188	235	..	38	..	1	..	16	..	1	..	43
Georgia	..	2,491	..	17	..	0	..	20	..	1	..	61
Germany	355,686	773,804	10	7	3	1	8	11	4	4	72	68
Ghana	1,205	5,005	11	21	1	1	17	2	0	2	70	74
Greece	19,777	53,965	15	11	3	1	8	18	3	3	70	66
Guatemala	1,649	10,493	10	11	2	1	17	16	2	1	69	71
Guinea	723	820	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Guinea-Bissau	86	119
Haiti	332	1,454
[†] Data for Taiwan, China	54,782	182,569	7	4	5	2	11	16	6	6	69	72

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	\$ millions		% of total		% of total		% of total		% of total		% of total	
	1990	2005	1990	2005	1990	2005	1990	2005	1990	2005	1990	2005
Honduras	935	4,484	10	16	1	1	16	20	1	1	71	63
Hungary	10,340	66,045	8	4	4	1	14	7	4	2	70	77
India	23,580	134,831	3	3	4	2	27	36	8	5	51	52
Indonesia	21,837	69,498	5	8	5	3	9	31	4	3	77	55
Iran, Islamic Rep.	20,322	35,859	..	8	..	2	..	10	..	2	..	70
Iraq	7,660	23,430	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ireland	20,669	68,007	11	8	2	1	6	7	2	1	76	77
Israel	16,793	47,142	8	5	2	1	9	15	3	2	77	76
Italy	181,968	379,772	12	9	6	3	11	12	5	4	64	66
Jamaica	1,928	4,460	15	16	1	2	20	23	1	1	61	57
Japan	235,368	514,922	15	10	7	2	24	26	9	6	44	54
Jordan	2,600	10,506	26	14	1	1	18	23	1	2	52	58
Kazakhstan	..	17,353	..	7	..	1	..	13	..	2	..	77
Kenya	2,223	6,149	9	10	3	2	20	24	2	2	66	61
Korea, Dem. Rep.	2,930	2,718	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Korea, Rep.	69,844	261,238	6	4	8	2	16	25	7	7	63	61
Kuwait	3,972	16,275	17	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	79	..
Kyrgyz Republic	..	1,108	..	15	..	2	..	29	..	2	..	52
Lao PDR	185	745	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Latvia	..	8,696	..	11	..	3	..	15	..	1	..	66
Lebanon	2,529	9,633	..	16	..	1	..	22	..	2	..	58
Lesotho	672	1,390	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Liberia	570	1,190	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Libya	5,336	7,000	24	17	2	1	0	1	1	1	73	81
Lithuania	..	15,453	12	8	5	2	44	24	2	2	35	62
Macedonia, FYR	1,206	3,228	..	13	..	1	..	19	..	3	..	64
Madagascar	651	1,550	11	14	1	0	17	23	1	0	69	62
Malawi	575	1,165	9	18	1	1	11	11	1	1	78	68
Malaysia	29,258	114,602	7	5	1	1	5	8	4	4	82	80
Mali	602	1,612	26	..	1	..	19	..	1	..	53	..
Mauritania	388	750	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mauritius	1,618	3,160	12	17	3	2	8	17	1	1	76	64
Mexico	43,548	231,670	15	6	4	1	4	6	3	3	64	83
Moldova	..	2,312	..	12	..	4	..	21	..	1	..	62
Mongolia	924	1,149	..	13	..	0	..	27	..	0	..	59
Morocco	6,922	20,332	10	11	6	3	17	22	6	3	61	62
Mozambique	878	2,408	..	14	..	1	..	2	..	0	..	49
Myanmar	270	2,250	13	..	1	..	5	..	0	..	81	..
Namibia	1,163	2,520	..	15	..	1	..	10	..	4	..	69
Nepal	672	1,820	15	17	7	5	9	16	2	4	67	59
Netherlands	126,098	359,055	13	10	2	2	10	15	3	3	71	70
New Zealand	9,501	26,239	7	8	1	1	8	12	3	2	81	77
Nicaragua	638	2,595	19	13	1	1	19	18	1	0	59	65
Niger	388	871	..	34	..	4	..	17	..	1	..	44
Nigeria	5,627	17,265	6	16	1	1	0	16	2	2	67	66
Norway	27,231	55,495	6	7	2	2	4	4	6	6	82	80
Oman	2,798	8,971	19	12	1	1	4	4	1	4	69	77
Pakistan	7,411	25,331	17	11	4	4	21	22	4	3	54	60
Panama	1,539	4,155	12	12	1	1	16	18	1	1	70	68
Papua New Guinea	1,193	1,729	18	16	0	1	7	13	1	0	73	69
Paraguay	1,352	3,700	8	9	0	1	14	16	1	1	77	74
Peru	2,634	12,502	24	11	2	2	12	20	1	1	61	66
Philippines	13,042	47,418	10	7	2	1	15	14	3	2	53	75
Poland	11,570	100,951	8	6	3	2	24	11	5	3	60	75
Portugal	25,263	61,126	12	11	4	2	11	14	2	3	71	65
Puerto Rico



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	1990	2005	1990	2005	1990	2005	1990	2005	1990	2005	1990	2005
Romania	7,600	40,463	12	6	4	1	38	14	6	3	39	76
Russian Federation	..	125,303	..	16	..	1	..	2	..	2	..	73
Rwanda	288	403	..	12	..	4	..	16	..	2	..	67
Saudi Arabia	24,069	59,409	15	15	1	1	0	0	3	4	81	80
Senegal	1,219	3,190	29	28	2	2	16	23	2	2	51	45
Serbia and Montenegro	3,859	11,635	9	8	3	1	23	15	3	4	62	71
Sierra Leone	149	345	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Singapore	60,774	200,047	6	3	2	0	16	18	2	2	73	77
Slovak Republic	6,670	35,337	..	6	..	1	..	14	..	3	..	75
Slovenia	6,142	20,090	9	6	4	3	11	10	4	5	67	75
Somalia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South Africa	18,399	62,304	8 ^b	4	2 ^b	1	1 ^b	14	1 ^b	2	75 ^b	70
Spain	87,715	278,825	11	9	3	1	12	14	4	3	71	72
Sri Lanka	2,688	8,834	19	12	2	1	13	13	2	3	65	69
Sudan	618	6,757	13	13	1	1	20	1	0	1	66	83
Swaziland	663	2,080	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sweden	54,264	111,228	6	7	2	2	9	12	3	3	79	73
Switzerland	69,681	126,524	6	6	2	1	5	6	3	4	84	83
Syrian Arab Republic	2,400	8,106	31	17	2	4	3	7	1	3	62	64
Tajikistan	..	1,330	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tanzania	1,027	2,659	..	12	..	1	..	10	..	1	..	76
Thailand	33,045	118,191	5	4	5	2	9	18	4	4	75	70
Togo	581	895	22	16	1	1	8	29	1	2	67	53
Trinidad and Tobago	1,109	5,674	19	9	1	1	11	35	6	4	62	51
Tunisia	5,513	13,177	11	9	4	3	9	10	4	3	72	76
Turkey	22,302	116,553	8	3	4	3	21	14	5	6	61	69
Turkmenistan	..	3,588	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Uganda	288	1,779	..	15	..	2	..	17	..	1	..	65
Ukraine	..	36,141	..	7	..	1	..	30	..	4	..	57
United Arab Emirates	11,199	80,744	17	..	0	..	6	..	4	..	72	..
United Kingdom	222,977	510,237	10	9	3	1	6	8	4	2	75	72
United States	516,987	1,732,348	6	4	2	1	13	17	3	2	73	72
Uruguay	1,343	3,879	7	8	4	3	18	24	2	2	69	63
Uzbekistan	..	3,666	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Venezuela, RB	7,335	24,249	11	10	4	1	3	1	4	1	77	87
Vietnam	2,752	36,476	..	6	..	3	..	11	..	3	..	77
West Bank and Gaza	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Yemen, Rep.	1,571	4,260	27	24	1	1	40	21	1	1	31	53
Zambia	1,220	2,750	..	6	..	1	..	12	..	3	..	78
Zimbabwe	1,847	2,330	4	19	3	2	16	14	2	10	73	54
World	3,549,585 t	10,684,930 t	9 w	6 w	3 w	2 w	11 w	14 w	4 w	3 w	71 w	72 w
Low income	78,024	316,559	7	11	3	3	22	22	5	3	56	61
Middle income	512,919	2,552,089	10	6	4	2	10	11	3	4	70	74
Lower middle income	273,099	1,380,029	10	6	5	3	9	15	3	5	72	71
Upper middle income	237,015	1,172,061	10	6	3	1	10	9	4	3	68	78
Low & middle income	592,618	2,868,603	10	6	4	2	11	13	4	4	69	73
East Asia & Pacific	160,502	1,061,614	8	4	5	3	5	13	3	6	77	74
Europe & Central Asia	163,450	747,497	..	7	..	2	..	11	..	3	..	72
Latin America & Carib.	120,119	520,640	12	6	3	1	10	10	3	3	66	79
Middle East & N. Africa	80,058	181,770	..	15	..	3	..	10	..	3	..	66
South Asia	39,124	188,994	8	5	4	2	24	32	6	5	54	55
Sub-Saharan Africa	57,641	168,092	..	12	..	1	..	14	..	2	..	67
High income	2,943,620	7,816,297	9	7	3	1	11	14	4	3	71	72
Europe EMU	1,261,194	3,018,041	11	8	3	2	9	13	4	3	71	71

Note: Components may not sum to 100 percent because of unclassified trade.

a. Includes Luxembourg. b. Refers to the South African Customs Union (Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, and Swaziland).

About the data

Data on imports of goods are derived from the same sources as data on exports. In principle, world exports and imports should be identical. Similarly, exports from an economy should equal the sum of imports by the rest of the world from that economy. But differences in timing and definitions result in discrepancies in reported values at all levels. For further discussion of indicators of merchandise trade, see *About the data* for tables 4.4 and 6.2.

The value of imports is generally recorded as the cost of the goods when purchased by the importer plus the cost of transport and insurance to the frontier of the importing country—the cost, insurance, and freight (c.i.f.) value, corresponding to the landed cost at the point of entry of foreign goods into the country. A few countries, including Australia, Canada, and the United States, collect import data on a free on board (f.o.b.) basis and adjust them for freight and insurance costs. Many countries collect and report trade data in U.S. dollars. When countries report in local currency, the United Nations Statistics Division applies the average official exchange rate for the period shown.

Countries may report trade according to the general or special system of trade (see *Primary data documentation*). Under the general system imports include goods imported for domestic consumption and imports into bonded warehouses and free trade zones. Under the special system imports comprise goods imported for domestic consumption (including

transformation and repair) and withdrawals for domestic consumption from bonded warehouses and free trade zones. Goods transported through a country en route to another are excluded.

The data on total imports of goods (merchandise) in this table come from the World Trade Organization (WTO). For further discussion of the WTO's sources and methodology, see *About the data* for table 4.4. The shares of imports by major commodity group are from the United Nations Statistics Division's Commodity Trade (Comtrade) database. The values of total imports reported here have not been fully reconciled with the estimates of imports of goods and services from the national accounts (shown in table 4.8) or those from the balance of payments (table 4.15).

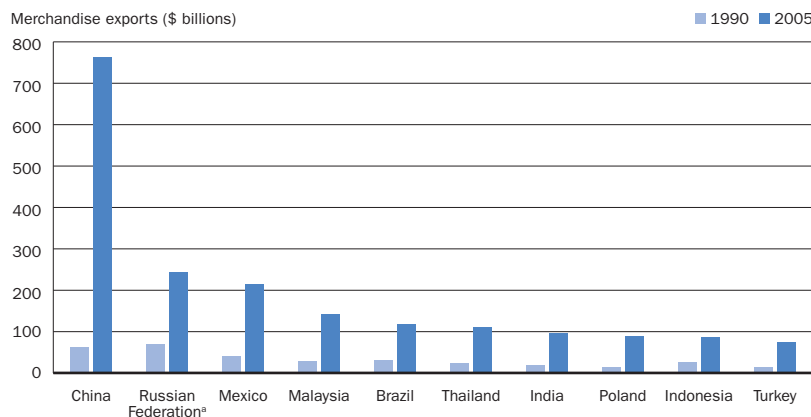
The classification of commodity groups is based on the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) revision 1. Most countries now report using later revisions of the SITC or the Harmonized System. Concordance tables are used to convert data reported in one system of nomenclature to another. The conversion process may introduce some errors of classification, but conversions from later to earlier systems are generally reliable. Shares may not sum to 100 percent because of unclassified trade.

Definitions

- **Merchandise imports** are the c.i.f. value of goods purchased from the rest of the world valued in U.S. dollars.
- **Food** corresponds to the commodities in SITC sections 0 (food and live animals), 1 (beverages and tobacco), and 4 (animal and vegetable oils and fats) and SITC division 22 (oil seeds, oil nuts, and oil kernels).
- **Agricultural raw materials** correspond to SITC section 2 (crude materials except fuels) excluding divisions 22, 27 (crude fertilizers and minerals excluding coal, petroleum, and precious stones), and 28 (metalliferous ores and scrap).
- **Fuels** correspond to SITC section 3 (mineral fuels).
- **Ores and metals** correspond to the commodities in SITC divisions 27, 28, and 68 (nonferrous metals).
- **Manufactures** correspond to the commodities in SITC sections 5 (chemicals), 6 (basic manufactures), 7 (machinery and transport equipment), and 8 (miscellaneous manufactured goods), excluding division 68.

Top 10 developing country exporters of merchandise in 2005

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China continues to be the top developing country exporter. The Russian Federation has surpassed Mexico.

a. Data are for 1994 and 2005.
Source: World Trade Organization data files.

Data sources

The WTO publishes data on world trade in its *Annual Report*. The International Monetary Fund publishes estimates of total imports of goods in its *International Financial Statistics* and *Direction of Trade Statistics*, as does the United Nations Statistics Division in its *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics*. And the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development publishes data on the structure of exports and imports in its *Handbook of International Trade and Development Statistics*. Tariff line records of exports and imports are compiled in the United Nations Statistics Division's Comtrade database.