



2022 - first 6 months

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Japan = 9 th client | EUR 5.0 billion: +38.7% |
| Japan = 12 th supplier | EUR 5.0 billion: +1.9% |
| Trade balance : EUR 16.6 million | |

Major sections

| Export | Share | Import | Share |
|---------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| Chemicals | 80.6% | Transport equipment | 54.2% |
| Transport equipment | 3.9% | Machinery & equipment | 19.9% |
| Optical instruments | 3.3% | Chemicals | 8.5% |

2021

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Japan = 11 th client | EUR 7.6 billion: +139.8% |
| Japan = 10 th supplier | EUR 9.3 billion: -2.9% |
| Trade balance : EUR -1.7 billion | |

Major sections

| Export | Share | Import | Share |
|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
| Chemicals | 77.5% | Transport equipment | 55.9% |
| Transport equipment | 4.7% | Machinery & equipment | 20.7% |
| Machinery & equipment | 3.9% | Chemicals | 8.0% |

Importance of Japan and neighbouring countries in Belgium's foreign trade (2021)



Japan
11th client
EUR 7.6 billion
10th supplier
EUR 9.3 billion

China
9th client
EUR 8.0 billion
5th supplier
EUR 24.8 billion

South Korea
25th client
EUR 2.9 billion
21st supplier
EUR 3.5 billion

Russia
17th client
EUR 4.4 billion
12th supplier
EUR 7.8 billion

↘ 2017-2021

| In billion EUR | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|----------------------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| Exports | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 7.6 |
| Imports | 8.8 | 9.3 | 11.2 | 9.6 | 9.3 |
| Trade balance | -5.6 | -6.1 | -7.6 | -6.4 | -1.7 |
| Exports: variation % | -9.0 | -1.3 | 12.0 | -11.2 | 139.8 |
| Imports: variation % | 4.8 | 5.9 | 20.5 | -14.6 | -2.9 |