



Non-oil and oil exports increase by ٤٦,٣% and ١٠٩,١% in April ٢٠٢١

Overall merchandise exports increased by ٨٧,٠% in April ٢٠٢١ compared to April ٢٠٢٠. The value of exports amounted to ٧١,٣ billion riyals in April ٢٠٢١, up from ٣٨,١ billion riyals in April ٢٠٢٠. This increase originated mainly from oil exports, which rose by ٦٧,٠ billion riyals or ١٠٩,١% in the same period. The share of oil exports in total exports, therefore, increased from ٦٤,٨% (April ٢٠٢٠) to ٧٢,٥% (April ٢٠٢١). Compared to the previous month (March ٢٠٢١), total merchandise exports decreased by -٣,٥ billion riyals or ٤,٦%.

Non-oil exports increased by ٤٦,٣% in April ٢٠٢١, rising up to ١٩,٦ billion riyals from ١٣,٤ billion riyals in April ٢٠٢٠. Of the most important non-oil goods, 'Plastics and Rubber and Articles Thereof' (representing ٣٣,٥% of non-oil merchandise exports) increased by ٤١,٩%, ١,٩ billion riyals and 'Products of the Chemical or Allied Industries' (٣٠,٥% of non-oil merchandise exports) increased by ٥٤,٦%, ٢,١ billion riyals from April ٢٠٢٠. Non-oil exports decreased compared to the previous month (March ٢٠٢١) by -٢,٨ billion riyals or (١٢,٦%).

Merchandise imports increased by ١٧,٤% (٧,٣ billion riyals) year-on-year in April ٢٠٢١. The value of imports amounted to ٤٩,١ billion riyals in April ٢٠٢١ compared to ٤١,٨ billion riyals in April ٢٠٢٠. This increase was due to the increase in many sectors compared to April ٢٠٢٠, mainly 'Pearls; Precious Stones; Imitation Jewellery' (١٧٢٣,٧%) and 'Machinery and Mechanical Appliances; Electrical Equipment' (٢٣,٤%). Imports, decreased compared to the previous month (March ٢٠٢١), by -١,٦ billion riyals or ٣,١%.

Ratio of Non-oil Exports to Imports increased to ٤٠,٠%

The ratio of non-oil exports to imports increased to ٤٠,٠% in April ٢٠٢١ from ٣٢,١% in April ٢٠٢٠, as a result of a higher increase in non-oil exports (٤٦,٣%) than in imports (١٧,٤%) over that period.

China is Saudi Arabia's main trading partner for merchandise trade

In April ٢٠٢١, exports to China amounted to ١٢,٩ billion riyals, making this country the main destination for exports of Saudi Arabia. India and Japan followed next with ٨,٠ billion riyals and ٦,٢ billion riyals, respectively. South Korea, U.S.A, United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Italy, the Netherlands, and Belgium were the other countries that ranked in the top ١٠ destinations. Exports of Saudi Arabia to those ١٠ countries amounted to ٤٨,٥ billion riyals, accounting for ٦٧,٩% of the total exports.

Imports from China amounted to ٩,٢ billion riyals in April ٢٠٢١, making this country the main origin for imports of Saudi Arabia. United Arab Emirates and U.S.A followed next with imports of ٤,٧ billion riyals and ٣,٩ billion riyals, respectively. India, Japan, Germany, Canada, Italy, the Netherlands and France were the other countries that ranked in the top ١٠ countries for imports. Imports of Saudi Arabia from those ١٠ countries amounted to ٣١,٣ billion riyals, accounting for ٦٣,٨% of the total imports.

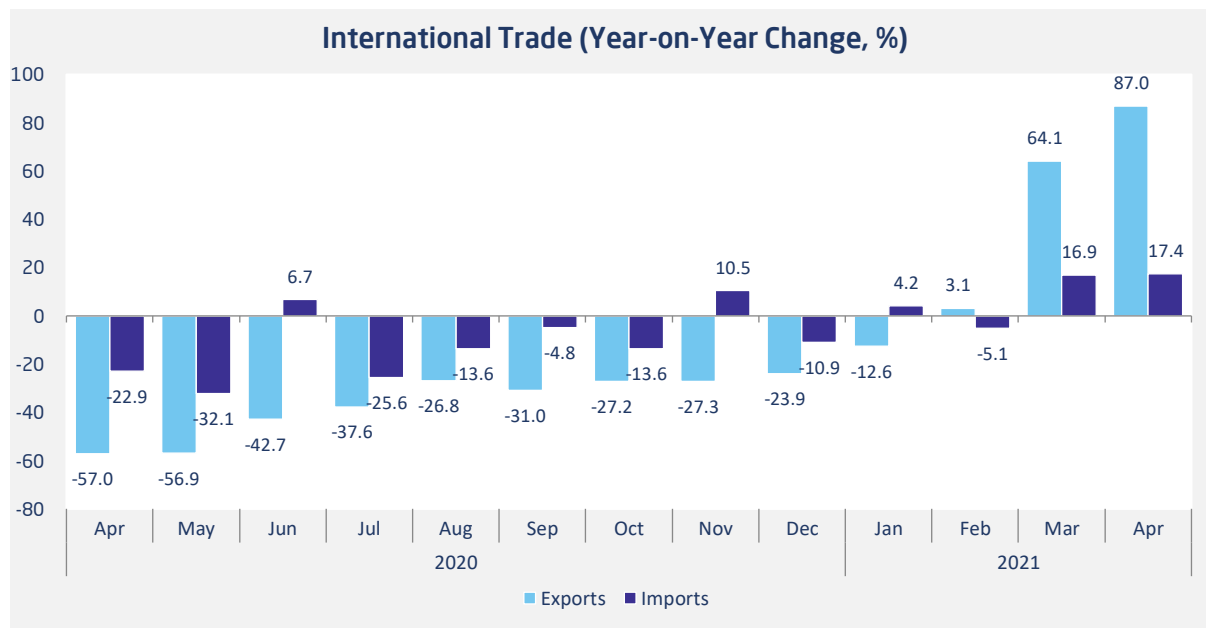
Top Five Customs Ports for Imports

١٢,٦ billion riyals of imports, corresponding to ٢٥,٧% of the total, entered the Kingdom from Jeddah Islamic Sea Port in April ٢٠٢١. Among the other major ports of entry for the imports were King Abdulaziz Port (١٩,٤%), King Khalid International Airport (١٤,٨%), King Fahad Airport (٦,٦%), and Bat'ha (٦,٥%). Those five ports together accounted for ٧٢,٩% of the total merchandise imports of the Kingdom.



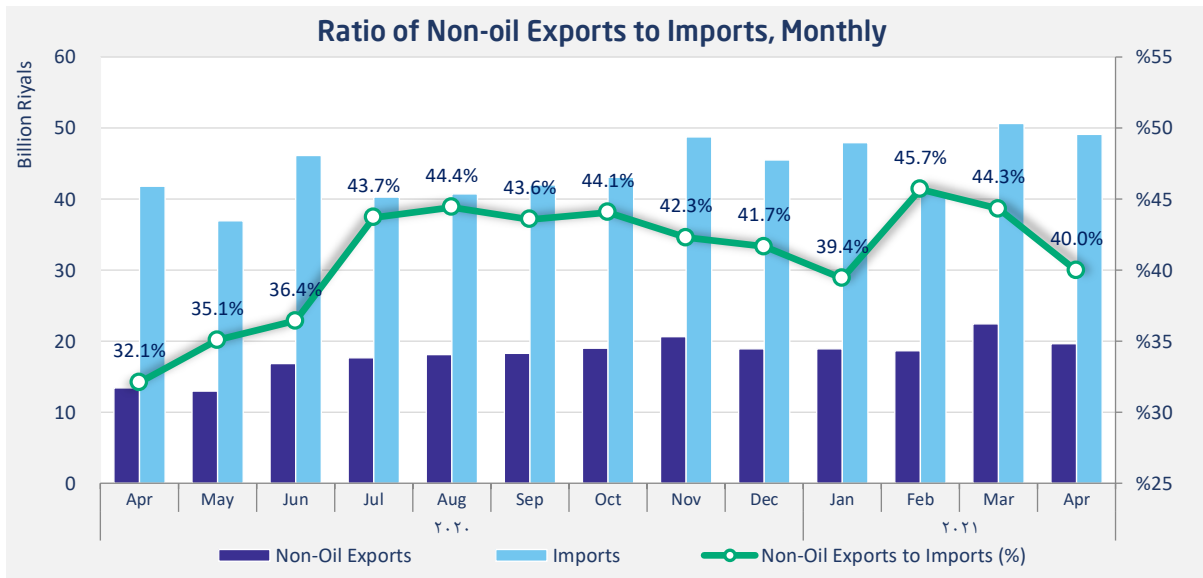
Methodology

GASTAT's statistics on International trade are built on administrative records from Saudi Customs (non-oil) and the Ministry of Energy (oil). Saudi Arabia's merchandise exports and imports are classified according to the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding Systems (٢٠١٧), also known as the Harmonized System (HS), which is maintained by the World Customs Organization (WCO). The HS allows countries to classify traded products in an internationally standardized system of product names and codes. Oil exports refer to exported goods classified in Chapter ٢٧ (mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes) of the Harmonized System (HS). Non-oil exports refer to all other goods exported (including petrochemicals).



Exports, Imports, Trade Volume, and Trade Balance (Monthly, Million Riyals)

Year	Month	Merchandise Exports (A)	Merchandise Imports (B)	Trade Volume (A+B)	Trade Balance (A-B)	
٢٠٢٠	April	٣٨٠١٣٩	٤١٠٧٩	٧٩٠٩٢٩	-٣٠٦٠١	
	May	٣٧٠٣٣٠	٣٦٠٩١٦	٧٤٠٢٤٦	٤١٩	
	June	٤٤٠١٨٢	٤٦٠١٤٣	٩٠٠٣٢٥	-١٠٩٦١	
	July	٥١٠٠٨٥	٤٠٠٢٩٨	٩١٠٣٨٣	١٠٠٧٨٧	
	August	٥٦٠١١٢	٤٠٠٧٣٩	٩٦٠٨٥١	١٥٠٣٧٢	
	September	٥٣٠٣٧٥	٤١٠٩٩٥	٩٤٠٣٧٠	١١٠٣٧٥	
	October	٥٥٠٩٠٢	٤٣٠٠٣٥	٩٨٠٩٣٧	١٢٠٨٦٧	
	November	٥٨٠٨٠٦	٤٨٠٧١٥	١٠٦٠٥٢١	١٠٠٠٩١	
	December	٦٥٠٣٣٥	٤٥٠٤٧٩	١١٠٠٨١٤	١٩٠٨٥٦	
	٢٠٢١	January	٧١٠٩٣٧	٤٧٠٩٣٧	١١٩٠٨٧٤	٢٤٠٠٠٠
		February	٦٥٠٨١٤	٤٠٠٨٤٢	١٠٦٠٦٥٦	٢٤٠٩٧٢
		March	٧٤٠٧٧٠	٥٠٠٦٥٧	١٢٥٠٤٢٧	٢٤٠١١٣
April		٧١٠٣١١	٤٩٠٠٨٢	١٢٠٣٣٩٣	٢٢٠٢٢٩	



International Trade by HS Section (Million Riyals)

Section	Description	Exports		Imports	
		Apr ٢٠٢٠	Apr ٢٠٢١	Apr ٢٠٢٠	Apr ٢٠٢١
١	Live animals; animal products	٤٨	٤٨	١٠٨١	١٠٧٧
٢	Vegetable products	١٧١	١٥٥	٣٠٢٢	٣٠٣٧
٣	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes	٧٦	١١	٢١٥	٢٤٩
٤	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	٤٦١	٥٤٢	٢٠٤٣٥	٢٠٤٧٦
٥	Mineral products	٢٤٠٨٦	٥٢٠١٢٦	١٠٤٢٩	٢٠٤٣٦
٦	Products of the chemical or allied industries	٣٠٨٧١	٥٠٩٨٥	٤٠٤٨٦	٥٠١٥٨
٧	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof	٤٠٦٢٨	٦٠٥٦٨	١٠٦٣٢	١٠٧١٣
٨	Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silk-worm gut)	٦	١٨	٧٩	١١٣
٩	Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork and articles of cork; manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basket ware and wickerwork	١	٢٢	٤٧٧	٣٩٤
١٠	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper or paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof	٢٣	١٩١	٤٨١	٥٠٧



Section	Description	Exports		Imports	
		Apr ٢٠٢٠	Apr ٢٠٢١	Apr ٢٠٢٠	Apr ٢٠٢١
١١	Textiles and textile articles	١٣١	٢٣١	١,١٤٥	١,٧٥١
١٢	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith; artificial flowers; articles of human hair	٢	٦	١٥٩	٣.٩
١٣	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware	٩٤	١٥٣	٦.٩	٥٧٤
١٤	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	٢٥٥	٣٨٩	١.٨	١,٩٧٦
١٥	Base metals and articles of base metal	٩٦٦	١,٧٦٣	٤,٢١١	٣,٩٢٨
١٦	Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles	٥٥.	٩٢٣	٧,٦٣١	٩,٤٢.
١٧	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment	١,٠٩٧	١,٢٩٣	٨,٤٦٧	٩,٥٣٢
١٨	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	١٢٢	١٥٩	١,٤٤٦	١,٣٦٥
١٩	Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof	٢	٧	٣٩.	٤٦٥
٢٠	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	١١٢	١٥٦	٩١٦	١,٠٢٤
٢١	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	١.	٣٤	٦٨٣	٩٢٦
	Total	٣٨,١٣٩	٧١,٣١١	٤١,٧٩.	٤٩,٠٨٢

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