

Balance of payments: current and capital accounts. 2023

Provisional data. Billion euros

	Income	Payments	Balance
Current account	688.8	652.3	36.6
Goods and services	569.0	508.9	60.1
Tourism and travel	84.9	25.3	59.7
Primary and secondary income	119.9	143.4	-23.5
Capital account	17.8	2.9	14.9
Current account + Capital account	706.6	655.2	51.4

Source: Bank of Spain



According to provisional data from the Bank of Spain, in 2023, the balance of the current and capital accounts, which determines the nation's lending or borrowing capacity, had a surplus of 51.4 billion euros, a figure higher than the one accrued in the previous year (20.7 billion euros).

A decade of positive foreign balances

The current and capital accounts balance, which includes income and payments for exports and imports of goods and services and for primary and secondary income, amounts to 1.5% of GDP in 2022.

Balance of current and capital accounts (% GDP)



Millions of euros 170,935 Germany Netherlands 88,867 Ireland 54,589 Denmark 50,879 Sweden 32,782 Spain 8,239 Luxembourg 5,933 Malta -519 Slovenia -578 Estonia -1,163 Bulgaria -1,200 Austria -1,302Latvia -1,833 Croatia -1,894 Cyprus -2,203 -2,781 Portugal Lithuania -3,687



Balance of the current account. 2022

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-5,607

-6,852

-8,046 -13,734

-15,722

-16,911

-21,226

-26,052

-28,531

-53,868

Source: Eurostat

Belgium

Finland

Slovakia

Hungary

Poland

Czechia

Greece

Italy

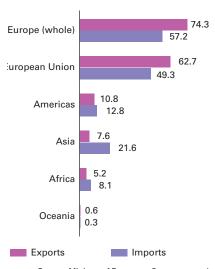
France

Romania

Source: Eurostat



Exports and imports by major regions. 2023 (%)



Source: Ministry of Economy, Commerce and Business

Subsectors with the most weight in exports. 2023

	Million €	%		
Automobiles and motorcycles	39,522	10.3		
Other equipment	33,129	8.6		
Petroleum and derivatives	24,897	6.5		
Fruits, vegetables and legumes	22,918	6.0		
Medicines	21,127	5.5		
Industry machinery	19,053	5.0		
Source: Ministry of Economy, Commerce and Business				

Foreign trade balance by economic sector

Exports and Imports (millions of euros)

	Accrued in 2023	Accrued in 2022
Total	-40,560.1	-68,112.2
Food, beverages and tobacco	14,123.4	12,331.3
Energy-related products	-33,080.4	-52,616.8
Raw materials	-3,556.5	-4,189.2
Non-chemical semi-manufacturing	8,148.4	8,182.7
Chemical products	-2,919.8	-3,012.1
Equipment	-20,388.9	-21,912.2
Automotive sector	8,628.8	5,977.6
Long-lasting consumer goods	-4,225.7	-4,679.4
Consumer goods	-12,223.0	-14,277.3
Other goods	4,933.7	6,083.1

Source: Ministry of Economy, Commerce and Business

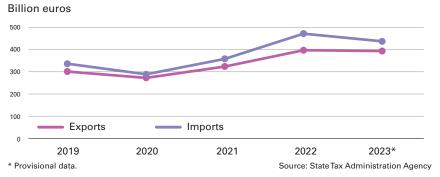
Trade deficit reduced by more than 40%

Spanish exports of goods decreased 1.4% during 2023 and reached a total of 383,688.6 million euros. Imports are -7.2%, standing at 424,248.7 million euros. As a result, the trade balance recorded a deficit of 40,560.1 million euros versus 68,112.2 million euros in the same period of 2022.

A total of 62.7% of exports of goods have the EU as destination and 49.3% of imports come from EU member states.

The goods trade balance with the European Union remains positive. It represents 62.7% of all exports and 49.3% of imports, with France and Germany being the main trading partners within the EU by volume of exports and imports, respectively.

Foreign trade in goods 2019-2023



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