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|  | *xWH EU Exit Data Strategy* | | | | | | | |  |
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|  |  | |  | **Title** | Trade in Goods by Business Characteristics | | | |  |
|  |  | **Producer** | HMRC | | | |  |
|  |  | **Category** | Trade | | | |  |
|  | [***[LINK TO SOURCE]***](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/uk-trade-in-goods-statistics-by-business-characteristics#historical-releases) | |  | **Frequency** *(+lag)* | Annual – Lag: 11 months | | | |  |
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|  | **Description** | | |  | |  | **Key Info** |  |  |
|  | These statistics link UK trade in goods data from HMRC’s Overseas Trade Statistics with business statistics on age, SIC group and employee count derived from the Inter-Departmental Business Register.  Key tables published are:   1. Total value of UK trade by business size/business age/industry group 2. Business Count by business size/business age/industry group 3. Employee count by business size/business age/industry group   The above are also available for the subset of businesses trading with the EU and for those trading with non-EU countries.  The above are also available for selected trading partners (e.g. UK trade with USA) although in this case disclosive data will be suppressed in the relevant categories. | | | | |  | Access | Open |  |
|  |  | Group | Goods |  |
|  |  | Aggregation | Sectors/Size of business/Age of business |  |
|  |  | Classification | SIC |  |
|  |  | Reporting Unit | Value, business count, employee count |  |
|  |  | Source | Admin data |  |
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|  | **Recommended Usage** | | |  |  |  | **Contacts** |  |  |
|  | Recommended for analysing the types of UK business (by age/size/industry group) carrying out international trade in goods with EU and/or non-EU countries, e.g.   * How many people are employed by businesses engaged in international trade in goods? * What share of exports/imports is carried out by particular industry groups? * How many new businesses involved in international trade in goods are trading with specific partner countries? * How many businesses involved in international trade in goods trade only with the EU? | | | | |  | Key department | HMRC |  |
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|  | **Quality Indicators** | | |  |  |  | **Related Datasets** |  |  |
|  | **Status** | Experimental | | | |  | 1. HMRC [Overseas Trade Statistics](https://www.uktradeinfo.com/Statistics/OverseasTradeStatistics/Pages/OTS.aspx) 2. HMRC [HMRC Regional Trade Statistics](https://www.uktradeinfo.com/Statistics/RTS/Pages/default.aspx) 3. HMRC [UK VAT Registered Importer and Exporter Population](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/vat-registered-importer-and-exporter-population) 4. ONS [Great Britain non-financial business economy exporters and importers](https://www.ons.gov.uk/businessindustryandtrade/business/businessservices/articles/annualbusinesssurvey/greatbritainnonfinancialbusinesseconomy2016exportersandimporters) 5. ONS [UK trade in goods by industry, country and commodity: 2008 to 2016](https://www.ons.gov.uk/releases/tradeingoodsbyindustrycountryandcommodity) | |  |
|  | **Strengths +** | What are the strengths of this dataset?   1. UK-wide coverage. 2. Includes all trade sectors. 3. Scope for producing more granular data if required. | | | |  |  |
|  | **Weaknesses -** | What are the weaknesses of this dataset?   1. Data at the EU country level is incomplete as country-specific data is not available for businesses trading below the Intrastat thresholds. 2. No data available for businesses trading with non-EU countries below the statistical threshold of £875/1000kg. 3. Non VAT registered businesses are not included. 4. Business counts relate to enterprises, not VAT registered businesses, so do not align with the business counts in [HMRC Regional Trade Statistics](https://www.uktradeinfo.com/Statistics/RTS/Pages/default.aspx) or [UK VAT Registered Importer and Exporter Population](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/vat-registered-importer-and-exporter-population). | | | |  |  |
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