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|  | *xWH EU Exit Data Strategy* | | | | | | | |  |
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|  |  | |  | **Title** | UK Trade – Trade in Goods by Country and Commodity | | | |  |
|  |  | **Producer** | ONS | | | |  |
|  |  | **Category** | Trade | | | |  |
|  | ***[LINK TO SOURCE –*** [***IMPORTS***](https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/nationalaccounts/balanceofpayments/datasets/uktradecountrybycommodityimports) ***AND*** [***EXPORTS***](https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/nationalaccounts/balanceofpayments/datasets/uktradecountrybycommodityexports)***]*** | |  | **Frequency** *(+lag)* | Monthly (data has approximately 6 week lag) | | | |  |
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|  | **Description** | | |  | |  | **Key Info** |  |  |
|  | * Trade in goods by country and commodity is made up of two datasets showing exports and imports and is part of the monthly UK Trade release. * Data is monthly from 1998 and shows trade in goods by 234 countries and 125 commodities. * Goods data are collated mainly using data from HMRC, with additional sources used to convert the data from a “movement of goods” basis (the basis upon which HMRC publish their Overseas Trade Statistics) to an “economic ownership”, or balance of payments, basis, that is, to include goods which change economic ownership but which don’t cross borders, and to exclude goods that have crossed the border but without a change in economic ownership. These sources include the ONS’ International Trade in Services (ITIS) survey and surveys conducted by the Bank of England. | | | | |  | Access | Open |  |
|  |  | Group | Goods |  |
|  |  | Aggregation | 234 countries by 125 commodities |  |
|  |  | Classification | SITC |  |
|  |  | Reporting Unit | Current prices (CP) – unadjusted for inflation |  |
|  |  | Source | Mix of admin and survey |  |
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|  | **Recommended Usage** | | |  |  |  | **Contacts** |  |  |
|  | This is the most up to date and detailed view of granular trade in goods on a balance of payments basis.  Key features of the data:   * Data are non-seasonally adjusted * It is on an economic ownership basis * Data does not match the HMRC OTS data * Data aligns to other ONS National Account Outputs and aligns to total trade in goods within the UK Trade monthly release (note that this may differ where the revision periods differ and additional data has been taken on at a later stage) * The revision periods differ by release and align to the National Accounts revision timetable. | | | | |  | Key department | ONS |  |
|  |  | Key individuals | **Abi Casey**  Trade@ons.gov.uk  **Chloe Gibbs**  Chloe.gibbs@ons.gov.uk |  |
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|  | **Quality Indicators** | | |  |  |  | **Related Datasets** |  |  |
|  | **Status** | Official Statistics | | | |  | Other UK Trade data are also available:   * “UK Trade – Trade in Goods by Country and Commodity” is one dataset available as part of the [monthly bulletin](https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/nationalaccounts/balanceofpayments/bulletins/uktrade/previousReleases), however, other UK Trade data are also available: * [HMRC OTS data](https://www.uktradeinfo.com/Statistics/OverseasTradeStatistics/Pages/OTS.aspx), published on the same day as UK Trade. Data here are not on a Balance of Payments basis nor is it seasonally adjusted. * Other ONS UK Trade releases such as [trade in goods by CPA](https://www.ons.gov.uk/businessindustryandtrade/internationaltrade/datasets/uktradeingoodsbyclassificationofproductbyactivity) and [trade in goods by industry](https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/nationalaccounts/balanceofpayments/articles/uktradeingoodsbyindustrycountryandcommodity/previousReleases). It is worth noting here that revision periods between different Trade releases may differ | |  |
|  | **Strengths +** | Most up to date and detailed view of UK Trade on a balance of payments basis. Timely trade in goods data at a granular level. | | | |  |  |
|  | **Weaknesses -** | Data are non-seasonally adjusted and does not include trade in services data. | | | |  |  |
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