



METHODOLOGICAL EXPLANATION

TRADE IN GOODS BY ENTERPRISE CHARACTERISTICS

This methodological explanation relates to the data release:

- Trade in goods by enterprise characteristics, Slovenia, annually (First Release)

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1 PURPOSE

The purpose of the statistical survey is to present data on the structure and concentration of Slovenia's trade in goods (exports and imports) by characteristics of enterprises (exporters and importers). Data are shown at the level of total Slovenia's trade in goods; in some overviews they are separated into trade in goods with EU Member States and trade in goods with non-member countries. Data are mostly shown with two indicators, i.e. statistical value of trade in goods expressed in euros and the number of enterprises.

Key published statistics are:

- Value of exports and imports and the number of exporters and importers by size and economic activity of exporters and importers
- Concentration of exports and imports by economic activity of exporters and importers
- Value of exports and imports and the number of exporters and importers by selected trade partners and economic activity of exporters and importers
- Value of exports and imports and the number of exporters and importers by number of trade partners and economic activity of exporters and importers
- Value of exports and imports by products and economic activity of exporters and importers

2 LEGAL BASIS

- [Annual Programme of Statistical Surveys \(LPSR\)](#) (only in Slovene)
- [National Statistics Act](#) (OJ RS, No. 45/95 and 9/01)
- Regulation (EC) No. 222/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No. 638/2004 on the Community statistics relating to the trading of goods between Member States and Regulation (EC) No. 471/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 May 2009 on Community statistics relating to external trade with non-member countries and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/95.

The data are comparable at the international level and contribute to European statistics.

3 UNIT DESCRIBED BY THE PUBLISHED DATA

The unit described by the published data is an enterprise which in a certain observation period exported goods to other countries (exporters) and/or imported goods from other countries (importers). The unit is described by:

- Size and economic activity of the enterprise
- Trade value concentration with largest exporters and importers by economic activity of the enterprise
- Most important trade partners by economic activity of the enterprise
- Trade value by selected trade partners
- Number of trade partners by economic activity of the enterprise

- Product activity and economic activity of the enterprise
- Type of ownership and economic activity of the enterprise

4 SELECTION OF OBSERVATION UNIT

Covered is trade in goods of all enterprises that are in the observed period included in the statistical coverage of external trade statistics for national needs. External trade statistics only covers trade in goods with other countries. Selection of observation units is nearly total. More information can be found in Methodological explanations – Foreign Economic Relations.

The set of data is prepared by linking detailed data on trade in goods with detailed data from the Business Register of Slovenia and the Statistical Register of Employment.

5 SOURCES AND METHODS OF DATA COLLECTION

In external trade statistics data are collected from two statistical surveys. The data source for trade in goods with EU Member States is the Intrastat system, while the data source for trade in goods with non-member countries is the Extrastat system.

The data source for economic activity of enterprises in the territory of Slovenia is the Business Register of Slovenia, which has been kept by the Agency of the Republic of Slovenia for Public Legal Records and Related Services since 15 July 2002 on the basis of Article 71 of the Payment Transactions Act (Official Journal of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 30/02). The data source for employees and self-employed persons is the Statistical Register of Employment, which is kept by the Statistical Office of the Republic of Slovenia.

The observation period is the calendar year. Data from the Business Register of Slovenia and the Statistical Register of Employment for a specific observation period refer to the situation as of 31 December.

Survey methodology is designed by connecting similar data from sources listed above.

6 DEFINITIONS

Flow of goods is the direction of trade in goods. In connection with the flow of goods, in external trade statistics the expressions **exports** and **imports** (of goods) are generally used.

Statistical value of goods is the value of goods on the Slovenian border.

Number of enterprises is the number of registered legal or natural persons that during the observed year traded goods with other countries and were active at least part of the observed period.

Enterprise size is determined by the number of employees in the enterprise. Data are shown by the following size classes of enterprises: micro enterprises (0-9 employees), small enterprises (10-49 employees), medium-sized enterprises (50-249 employees) and large enterprises (250 or more employees).

Employees are persons in paid employment and self-employed persons with compulsory social insurance, irrespective of whether they are employed full time or part time.

As a **trading partner country the country of destination** is shown at exports, while **at imports** in Intrastat **the country of consignment** and in Extrastat **the country of origin** is shown.

The country of destination is the country in which the goods are released into free circulation for consumption or further processing.

The country of consignment is the country from which the goods were dispatched to Slovenia.

The country of origin is the country in which goods were produced. For goods that were not processed in the country where they were produced, the country where the processing took place is shown.

Instead of expressions **exporting enterprise** and **importing enterprise** shorter terms **exporter** and **importer** are used.

7 EXPLANATIONS

7.1 CLASSIFICATIONS

Classifications used in external trade statistics:

- Presented are enterprises performing as their principal activity one of the activities in the Standard Classification of Activities (SKD 2008). The SKD 2008 (<http://www.stat.si/doc/pub/skd.pdf>) is a national version based on the EU classification of activities NACE Rev. 2 (http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-RA-07-015/EN/KS-RA-07-015-EN.PDF) which fully summarizes European classification of economic activities, complementing it with national subclasses.
- Trade in goods by products is shown according to the CPA 2008 and CPA 2.1 - Classification of Products by Activity (<http://www.stat.si/Klasje/Klasje/Tabela/6726>).
- Data by trading partners are presented in accordance with the European Nomenclature of Countries and Territories for the External Trade Statistics of the Community and Statistics of Trade between Member States (Geonomenclature).

More about the classifications can be found at:

<http://www.stat.si/StatWeb/en/Methods/Classifications>.

8 PUBLISHING

Data are published:

Annually:

- SI-STAT data portal: Economy – External trade – [Trade in goods by enterprise characteristics](#). Results are published as absolute data. Data can be viewed by economic activity of the enterprise, by enterprise size, by selected trade partners, by number of trade partners, by type of ownership and by product activity. Economic activity of the enterprise corresponds to the Standard Classification of Activities (SKD 2008). Product activity corresponds to the CPA 2008.
- First Release (Foreign Economic Relations, Exports and Imports of Goods): “Trade in goods by enterprise characteristics, Slovenia, annually”.
- Statistical Office of the European Union, Eurostat

9 REVISION OF THE DATA

9.1 PUBLISHING OF PRELIMINARY AND FINAL DATA

Only final data are published.

9.2 BREAKS IN TIME SERIES

Only exceptionally the data can be revised, especially due to the revision of final annual external trade statistics data, changes in survey methodology at the EU level, changes in data sources, methodological improvements or discovery of major data inconsistencies.

Methodological explanation on revision of statistical data is available on <http://www.stat.si/dokument/5299/RevisionOfStatisticalDataMEgeneral.pdf>.

10 OTHER METHODOLOGICAL MATERIALS

- Annual quality report for the surveys:
 - Trade in goods between EU Member States (INTRASTAT),
theme: Foreign Economic Relations, sub-theme: Exports and Imports of Goods
- Methodological explanations:
 - Foreign Economic Relations,
theme: Foreign Economic Relations, sub-theme: Exports and Imports of Goods
 - Enterprises,
theme: Enterprises, sub-theme: Enterprise Structure and Performance

<http://www.stat.si/statweb/en/Methods/QuestionnairesMethodologicalExplanationsQualityReports>

- Business Registers: Recommendations Manual

<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/ramon/statmanuals/files/KS-32-10-216-EN-C-EN.pdf>