

German machine trade

March 2025

Period	Export				Import			
	bn EUR		%-change yoy		bn EUR		%-change yoy	
	2024	2025	nominal	real	2024	2025	nominal	real
January	15.8	15.0	-5.2	-7.1	7.1	7.3	2.9	1.5
February	17.2	16.0	-7.3	-9.0	7.6	7.4	-2.9	-4.1
March	17.7	17.9	1.3	-0.4	7.5	8.2	8.7	7.9
January-March	50.7	48.8	-3.6	-5.4	22.2	22.9	2.9	1.7

Source: Federal Statistical Office Germany, VDMA

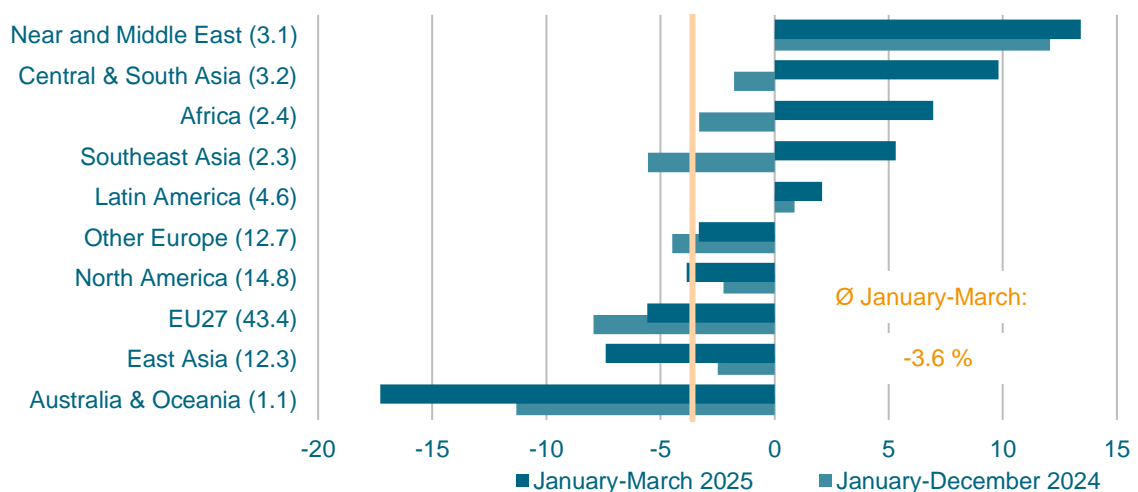
Machinery exports recovered slightly in March - quarterly balance remains negative

In March 2025, German machinery exports slightly exceeded the previous year's level with a volume of 17.9 billion euros (+1.3% nominal). Adjusted for prices, this results in a small decrease of 0.4%. For the first time since the summer of 2024, there is thus a slight easing in foreign trade, even if the situation remains tense overall. Exports totaled 48.8 billion euros in the first quarter of 2025 as a whole, which corresponds to a year-on-year decline of 3.6%. A look at the regions shows a mixed picture: exports to Europe, North America and East Asia were below the previous year's level - the USA and China in particular saw a decline. In contrast, Latin America, the Near and Middle East, Central and South Asia, South East Asia and Africa recorded noticeable growth.

German machinery exports by region

Region (relevance*)

Changes to previous year in %



Source: Federal Statistical Office Germany, VDMA

*) Shares in total machinery exports in %, January-March 2025.

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Export	m EUR	2025/24 in %	shares in %	Import	m EUR	2025/24 in %	shares in %
by country of destination				by country of origin			
1. USA	6,667.0	-4.4	13.7	1. China	3,090.7	23.9	13.5
2. China	3,992.8	-12.2	8.2	2. Italy	2,033.4	0.4	8.9
3. France	3,160.4	-14.6	6.5	3. USA	1,751.2	4.1	7.7
4. Italy	2,302.7	-0.5	4.7	4. Czech Republic	1,458.7	-8.8	6.4
5. United Kingdom	2,300.6	1.6	4.7	5. Poland	1,379.7	-3.8	6.0
6. Netherlands	2,222.0	-3.8	4.5	6. Switzerland	1,363.8	-3.9	6.0
7. Poland	2,110.3	-7.7	4.3	7. France	1,346.9	-3.9	5.9
8. Austria	1,745.5	-11.1	3.6	8. Austria	1,226.2	-4.3	5.4
9. Switzerland	1,534.0	-3.1	3.1	9. Netherlands	861.0	-5.6	3.8
10. Spain	1,500.5	2.7	3.1	10. Hungary	816.6	2.4	3.6
11. Czech Republic	1,292.7	-12.1	2.6	11. Japan	756.8	-0.6	3.3
12. Türkiye	1,245.4	-5.8	2.6	12. United Kingdom	736.1	2.4	3.2
13. Belgium	1,217.5	-1.9	2.5	13. Slovakia	549.4	-4.9	2.4
14. India	1,020.9	-0.1	2.1	14. Sweden	532.2	8.8	2.3
15. Hungary	930.8	-5.6	1.9	15. Romania	463.9	7.1	2.0
16. Sweden	891.8	-10.2	1.8	16. Belgium	441.3	3.3	1.9
17. Mexico	885.2	-7.3	1.8	17. Türkiye	436.0	-8.5	1.9
18. Brazil	706.5	7.0	1.4	18. Spain	380.7	7.5	1.7
19. Rep. of Korea	691.8	-13.5	1.4	19. India	375.5	34.5	1.6
20. Japan	614.2	-12.6	1.3	20. Denmark	325.1	14.6	1.4
by country group				by country group			
Europe	27,429.3	-5.1	56.2	Europe	15,606.6	-1.2	68.2
EU27	21,206.4	-5.6	43.4	EU27	12,806.2	-1.0	56.0
Other Europe	6,222.9	-3.3	12.7	Other Europe	2,800.4	-2.0	12.2
America	9,483.5	-2.5	19.4	America	1,962.8	4.2	8.6
North America	7,238.9	-3.9	14.8	North America	1,842.5	4.8	8.1
Latin America	2,244.6	2.1	4.6	Latin America	120.3	-4.5	0.5
Asia	10,166.0	-1.1	20.8	Asia	5,059.4	16.2	22.1
Near and Middle East	1,493.5	13.4	3.1	Near and Middle East	81.1	-9.3	0.4
Central & South Asia	1,541.4	9.8	3.2	Central & South Asia	382.5	31.6	1.7
East Asia	6,003.6	-7.4	12.3	East Asia	4,205.5	16.5	18.4
Southeast Asia	1,127.5	5.3	2.3	Southeast Asia	390.4	7.9	1.7
Africa	1,150.4	6.9	2.4	Africa	160.5	-14.6	0.7
Australia & Oceania	546.5	-17.3	1.1	Australia & Oceania	27.6	75.8	0.1
EU27	21,206.4	-5.6	43.4	EU27	12,806.2	-1.0	56.0
EURO20	14,609.6	- 4.6	29.9	EURO20	7,715.4	- 1.0	33.7
NAFTA	8,123.7	- 4.2	16.6	NAFTA	1,907.8	4.0	8.3
MERCOSUR	887.2	13.4	1.8	MERCOSUR	48.2	5.9	0.2
ASEAN	1,127.5	5.3	2.3	ASEAN	390.4	7.9	1.7
OPEC	1,310.3	17.0	2.7	OPEC	17.2	33.2	0.1
by sectors				by sectors			
1. Power Transmiss. Engineering	4,396.2	- 5.1	9.0	1. Air-handling Technology	2,819.2	5.3	12.3
2. Materials Handl. Technol.	3,967.5	- 6.7	8.1	2. Power Transmiss. Engineering	2,392.7	- 1.2	10.5
3. Air-handling Technology	3,419.9	- 7.1	7.0	3. Valves and Fittings	1,685.7	12.5	7.4
4. Agricultural Machinery	3,377.4	-14.0	6.9	4. Agricultural Machinery	1,453.3	- 0.4	6.4
5. Valves and Fittings	2,805.3	- 0.1	5.7	5. Materials Handl. Technol.	1,358.7	- 0.4	5.9
6. Food Process. & Packag. Mach.	2,443.7	3.4	5.0	6. Constr. Equip. & Build. Mater. Mach.	1,281.9	-13.1	5.6
7. Constr. Equip. & Build. Mater. Mach.	2,318.9	-18.8	4.7	7. Fluid Power Equipment	1,213.5	12.4	5.3
8. Fluid Power Equipment	2,091.1	- 1.6	4.3	8. Precision Tools	940.7	8.1	4.1
9. Machine Tools	2,077.5	- 6.5	4.3	9. Pumps	849.4	3.6	3.7
10. Process Plant & Equipm.	1,851.7	2.8	3.8	10. Compress.,Compress.Air, Vac.Techn	802.7	6.0	3.5
11. Pumps	1,606.9	3.5	3.3	11. Process Plant & Equipm.	773.9	13.2	3.4
12. Precision Tools	1,527.7	-10.9	3.1	12. Machine Tools	721.2	-5.1	3.2

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