

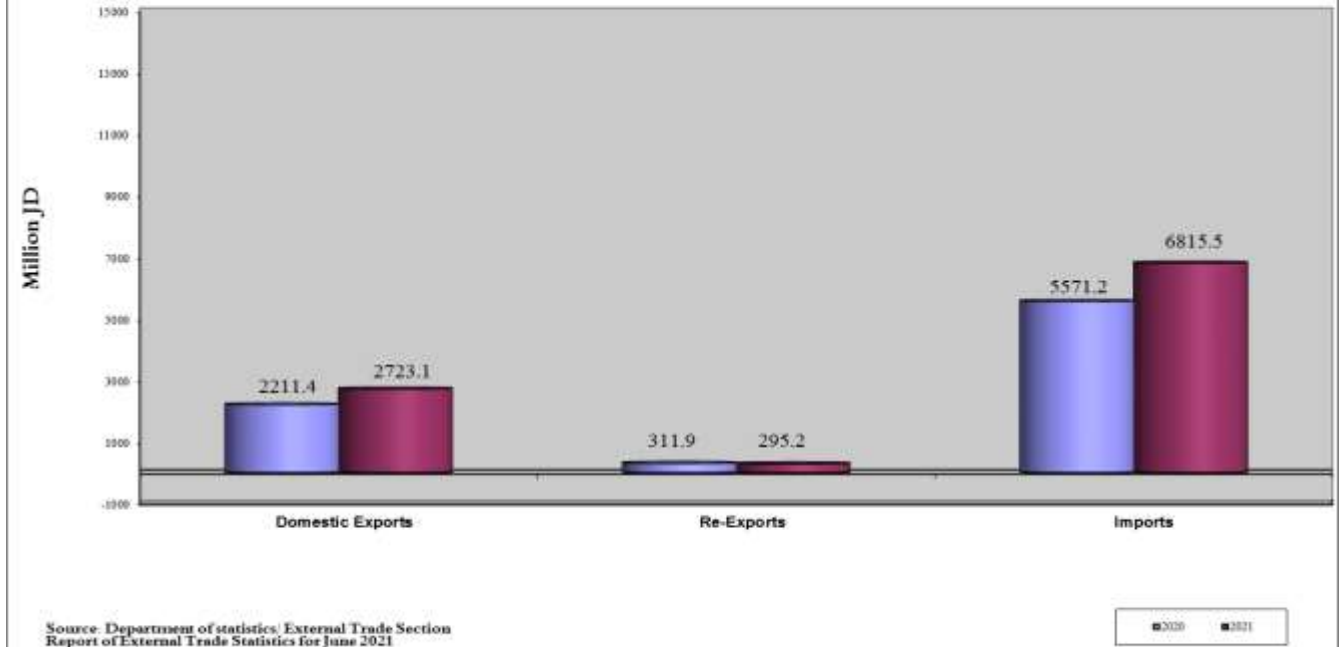


National exports Increase by 23.1% and Imports Increase by 22.3% during the first half of 2021 compared with the same period of 2020

The monthly report of the external trade issued by the Department of Statistics indicates that the value of total exports reached 3018.3 million JDs during the first half of 2021 with an increase by 19.6% compared with the same period of 2020. Meanwhile, the national exports value reached 2723.1 million JDs during the first half of 2021 with an increase by 23.1% compared with the same period of 2020. The value of re-exports reached 295.2 million JDs during the first half of 2021 with a decrease by 5.4% compared with the same period of 2020. The imports value reached 6815.5 million JD during the first half of 2021, thus increasing by 22.3% compared with the same period of 2020.

The deficit in the trade balance, which is calculated by deducting the value of imports from the value of total exports, has reached 3797.2 million JD, therefore, the deficit has increased during the first half of 2021 by 24.6% compared with the same period of 2020. The imports coverage by total exports has become 44.3% during the first half of 2021, while it was 45.3% for the same period of 2020, which means a decrease by 1.0 percentage points.

Figure 1: External Trade during the first half of 2020 and 2021



As for commodities, the main exported items that witnessed an increase in their export value were export value of clothes and its related accessories by 15.8%, fertilizers by 102.2%, crude potash by 3.7%, pharmaceutical products by 10.7%, crude phosphate by 23.3% and nonorganic chemical products by 41.5%. As for imports, there was an increase in the imports value of crude oil and its products 3.1%, vehicles, motorcycle and their parts by 45.5%, machines and machinery tools and their parts by 33.7%, machinery, electrical appliances and their parts by 14.1%, Jewelry and precious metals by 348.5% and Grains by 49.0%.

Regarding trade with the main partners, there was an increase in the national exports to the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 18.7% part of which Saudi Arabia by 51.6%, North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 22.1% part of which USA by 22.0%, the non-Arab Asian Countries by 25.2% part of which India by 50.6%, and the European Union

countries by 35.6% part of which Holland by 19.0%. As for the imports, there was an increase in the imports value from the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 28.4% part of which Saudi Arabia by 32.3%, North America Free Trade Agreement by 2.4% part of which USA by 3.2%, the non-Arab Asian Countries by 25.5% part of which China by 17.7%, and the European Union countries by 24.3% part of which Germany by 26.1%.

On a monthly level the value of Jordan national exports has reached 579.7 million JD during June 2021 against 458.8 million JD during the same month of 2020 representing an increase by 26.4%. The main reason behind this increase is attributed to the increase of the value of national exports of the following commodities during June 2021 compared with same month of 2020:

1. Fruits and Vegetables from 26.5 million JD to 47.6 million JD - an increase by 79.6%.
2. Clothes and its related accessories from 105.6 million JD to 124.0 million JD - an increase by 17.4%.
3. Crude Phosphate from 25.0 million JD to 36.8 million JD - an increase by 47.2%.
4. Nonorganic chemical products from 14.8 million JD to 23.3 million JD - an increase by 57.4%.

In addition, there was an increase in the value of national exports of pharmaceutical products, Fertilizers, Plastic and its manufacturers, paper and its manufactures and waste, Iron and its manufacturers, Aluminum and its manufacturers and machinery and electrical appliances. These exports constituted 75.2% of the total value of the national exports during June 2021 compared with 60.2% in the same month of 2020.

During June 2021, Data indicate a decrease in the national exports value of Jewelry and precious metals by 40.5%, Textiles by 89.2%, Detergents by 26.4% and Livestock by 42.2%. Meanwhile, there was a decrease in the national exports value in June 2021 of the following products: Meat Products, Food products, Fodder, Crude Potash, various chemical products, Automatic machines and their parts, Furniture and its parts, and various manufactures.

**Table 1: The most important exported and imported commodities during
The first half of 2020 and 2021**

Value in (JD Million)

| National Exports | | | | Imports | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|--|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Commodities | *2020 | *2021 | Growth Average % | Commodities | *2020 | *2021 | Growth Average % |
| Clothes and Knitted accessories | 512.0 | 592.8 | 15.8 | Crude Oil and its products | 707.0 | 729.2 | 3.1 |
| fertilizers | 169.8 | 343.3 | 102.2 | Vehicles, Motorcycle and their parts | 327.8 | 476.9 | 45.5 |
| Crude potash | 199.3 | 206.7 | 3.7 | machines, machinery and their parts | 355.6 | 475.3 | 33.7 |
| Pharmaceutical products | 186.3 | 206.3 | 10.7 | Machinery, electrical appliances and their parts | 317.4 | 362.2 | 14.1 |
| Crude Phosphate | 119.1 | 146.8 | 23.3 | Jewelry and Precious metals | 68.9 | 309.0 | 348.5 |
| Nonorganic chemical products | 99.8 | 141.2 | 41.5 | Grains | 200.1 | 298.2 | 49.0 |
| Other items | 925.1 | 1086.0 | 17.4 | Other items | 3594.4 | 4164.7 | 15.9 |
| National Exports | 2211.4 | 2723.1 | 23.1 | Total of Imports (2) | 5571.2 | 6815.5 | 22.3 |
| Re-exports | 311.9 | 295.2 | -5.4 | | | | |
| Sum of total Exports (1) | 2523.3 | 3018.3 | 19.6 | Trade Deficit (1)-(2) | -3047.9 | -3797.2 | 24.6 |

Source: Department of Statistics / External Trade Section/ External Trade Statistics Report during June 2021

*Preliminary figures

**Table 2: Main Trade Partners and Economic Cartels during the first half of
2020 and 2021**

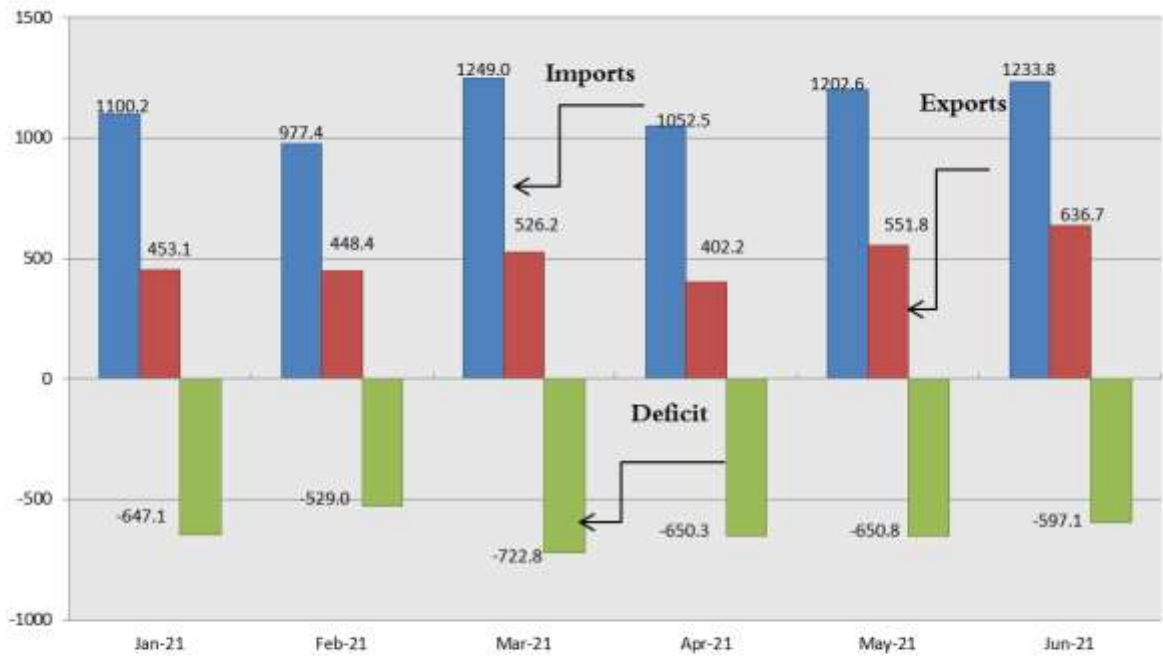
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| National Exports | | | | Imports | | | |
|--|--------------|---------------|------------------|--|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Economic Cartels | *2020 | *2021 | Growth Average % | Economic Cartels | *2020 | *2021 | Growth Average % |
| Greater Arab Trade Zone countries | 907.6 | 1076.9 | 18.7 | Greater Arab Trade Zone Countries | 1420.9 | 1824.8 | 28.4 |
| Of which Saudi Arabia | 254.4 | 385.6 | 51.6 | Of which Saudi Arabia | 787.6 | 1042.2 | 32.3 |
| North American Free Trade Agreement Countries | 579.0 | 706.8 | 22.1 | North American Free Trade Agreement Countries | 521.8 | 534.2 | 2.4 |
| Of which USA | 554.0 | 675.9 | 22.0 | Of which USA | 457.1 | 471.6 | 3.2 |
| Non-Arab Asian countries | 465.9 | 583.5 | 25.2 | Non-Arab Asian countries | 1860.6 | 2335.9 | 25.5 |
| Of which India | 237.8 | 358.1 | 50.6 | Of which China | 831.3 | 978.8 | 17.7 |
| European Union Countries | 70.7 | 95.9 | 35.6 | European Union Countries | 1119.0 | 1390.4 | 24.3 |
| Of which Holland | 16.8 | 20.0 | 19.0 | Of which Germany | 221.5 | 279.4 | 26.1 |
| Other Economic Cartels | 188.2 | 260.0 | 38.2 | Other Economic Cartels | 648.9 | 730.2 | 12.5 |
| Of which Free zone | 108.0 | 136.8 | 26.7 | Of which Switzerland | 56.1 | 127.3 | 126.9 |

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Figure 2: Exports, Imports and Trade Deficit (Jan 2021 - June 2021)- Million



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