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International Trade in Services Survey (ITSS)
Second quarter of 2021. Provisional data

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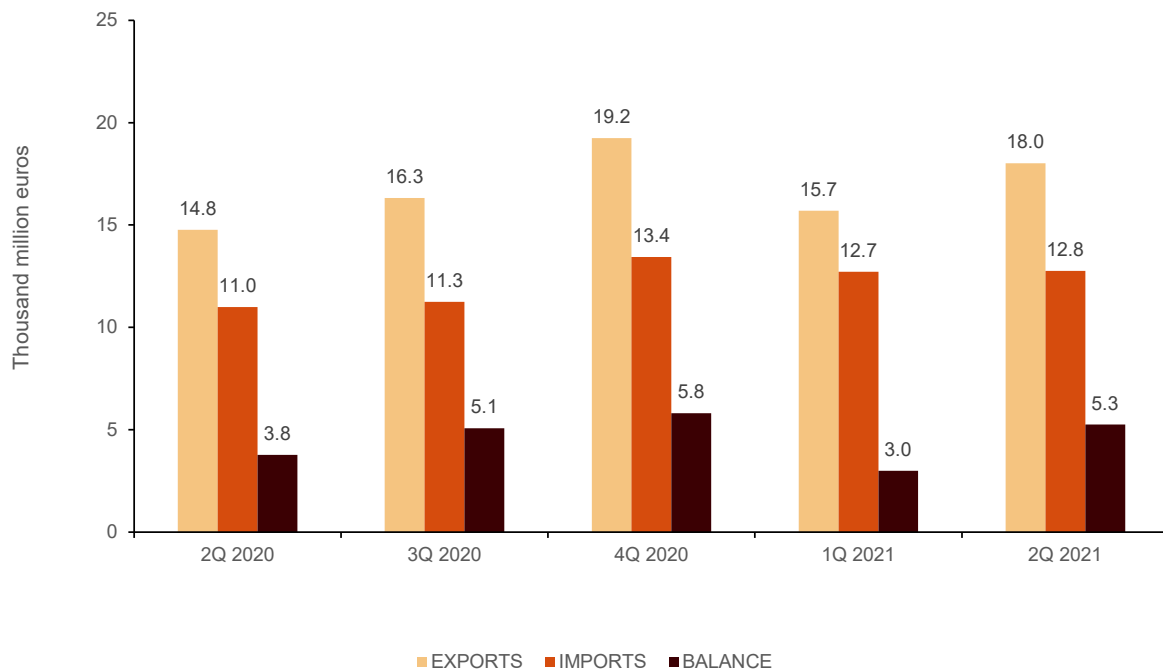
Services imports go up 16.0% and stand at 12,759.5 million euros

Services exports increased by 22.0% during the second quarter as compared with the same period of 2020, reaching 18,015.7 million euros.

On the other hand, Services imports went up by 16.0% in the annual rate and reached a total of 12,759.5 million euros.

The balance, or difference between exports and imports, stood at 5,256.2 million euros, with an annual variation of 39.5%.

Quarterly evolution of exports and imports of Services



International Trade in Services by type of service

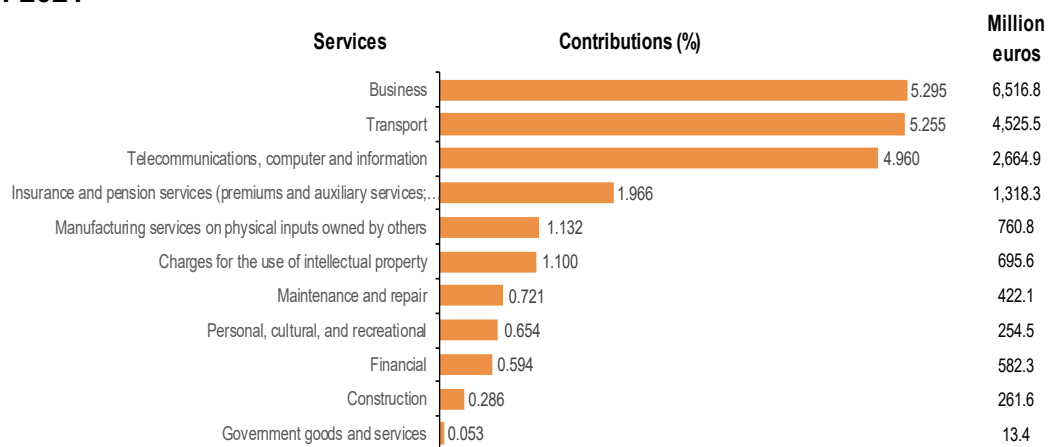
Services exports increased by 22.0% in the second quarter. All services contributed positively to this annual rate. The services with the greatest contributions¹ were:

- **Business**, with exports valued at 6,516.8 million (36.2% of the total) and an annual variation of 13.6%.
- **Transport**, whose exports reached 4,525.5 million (25.1% of the total), which is an increase of 20.7% as compared with the same quarter of the previous year.
- **Telecommunications, computer and information**, with 2,664.9 million euros of exports (14.8% of the total) and an annual rate of 37.9%.

In turn, the services with the smallest contributions were:

- **Government goods and services**, with 13.4 million euros in exports (0.1% of the total) and an annual variation of 139.4%.
- **Construction**, with exports valued at 261.6 million (1.5% of the total), indicating an increase of 12.9% as compared with the same quarter of the previous year.
- **Financial**, whose exports amounted to 582.3 million (3.2% of the total) with an annual variation of 17.7%.

Contributions to the annual rate and value of exports by type of service. Second quarter of 2021



Total exports annual rate 22.0%

¹ Contribution refers to the weight of a specific service (or geographical area) to the annual variation rate of total exports / imports, expressed in percentage points. Said contribution depends on the weight of the exports / imports of each service (or geographical area) over the total, and on its own annual rate.

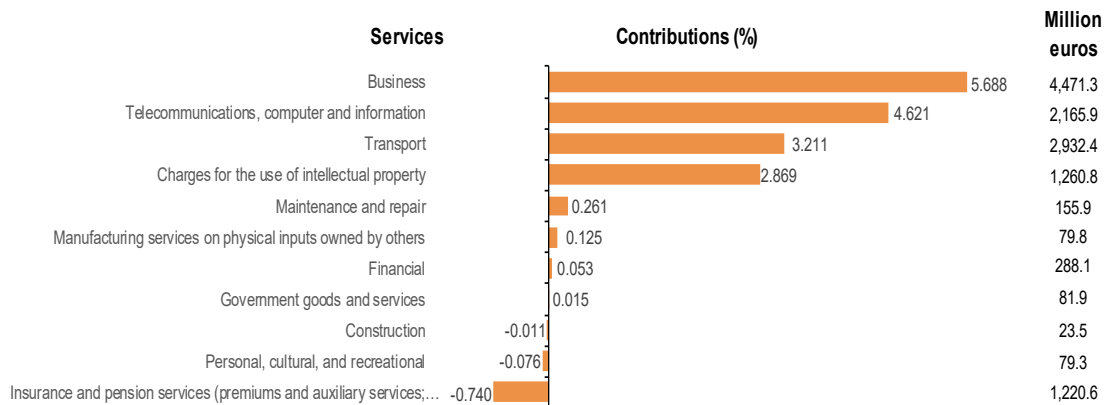
On the other hand, services imports went up 16.0% in the second quarter. The services with the greatest positive contributions to this annual rate were:

- **Business**, whose imports amounted to 4,471.3 million (35.0% of the total), with an increase of 16.3% as compared with the same quarter of the previous year.
- **Telecommunications, computer and information**, with imports valued at 2,165.9 million (17.0% of the total) and an annual variation rate of 30.7%.
- **Transport**, with 2,932.4 million euros of imports (23.0% of the total) and an annual rate of 13.7%.

In turn, the services with the greatest negative contribution were:

- **Insurance and pension services (premiums and auxiliary services; contributions to pension funds)**, whose imports amounted to 1,220.6 million (9.6% of the total) with a decrease of 6.3% as compared with the same quarter of the previous year.
- **Personal, cultural and recreational**, with imports valued at 79.3 million (0.6% of the total) and an annual variation rate of -9.6%.
- **Construction**, with imports valued at 23.5 million (0.2% of the total), indicating a decrease of 4.9% as compared with the same quarter of the previous year.

Contributions to the annual rate and value of imports by type of service. Second quarter of 2021



Total imports annual rate 16.0%

International Trade in Services by geographical destination and origin

Services exports to Europe reached 11,913.4 million euros in the second quarter. Exports to the European Union (EU-27) stood at 8,466.1 million of euros, of which exports for the Euro Zone as a whole had a very significant weight (valued in 7,843.7 million euros).

Regarding Services imports, those whose origin was Europe reached 9,401.5 million euros, with values for the European Union (EU-27) and the total Euro Zone of 6,927.5 and 6,288.9 million, respectively.

The geographical zone that contributed the most to the annual variation rate of total exports and imports was Europe, with 13.827 and 11.417 points, respectively.

Exports and imports of services by geographical destination and origin. Second quarter of 2021

	Exports		Imports	
	Million euros	Contribution to annual rate (%)	Million euros	Contribution to annual rate (%)
WORLD	18,015.7	22.0	12,759.5	16.0
1. EUROPE	11,913.4	13.827	9,401.5	11.417
1.1 EU-27	8,466.1	11.446	6,927.5	8.094
1.1.1. Euro Area	7,843.7	10.594	6,288.9	7.886
1.2 Rest of Europe	3,447.3	2.381	2,473.9	3.323
2. AMERICA	3,921.9	4.949	1,937.8	1.328
3. AFRICA	598.8	1.199	233.2	0.615
4. ASIA	1,517.7	1.954	1,142.4	2.689
5. OCEANIA	64.0	0.087	44.7	-0.033

Review and update of data

The data published today are provisional and will be made final when the data for the next quarter are released. All results are available on INEBase.

Methodological note

The main goal of the International Trade in Services Survey (ITSS) is to provide information on the value of exports and imports of non-tourist services, carried out between resident and non-resident units in Spain. The data obtained is used as a basic statistical source in the compilation of statistics regarding Balance of Payments and Spanish National Accounts.

It is a continuous quarterly statistical operation with dissemination of quarterly and annual data. On a quarterly basis, the ITSS provides information on exports and imports for the main types of services (excluding tourist services) according to the Extended Balance of Payments Services Classification (EBOPS), as well as by geographical areas and counterpart countries. On an annual level, it presents the same more disaggregated quarterly information, on a geographical level and of types of services, and with other variables that allow characterizing companies that trade services internationally. In addition, information is presented by modes of supply of the services.

Type of survey: quarterly continuous survey.

Population scope: set of entities (companies or other institutions) that have the status of residents in Spain, including Spanish embassies and consulates in the rest of the world.

Geographical scope: the entire national territory.

Reference period: calendar quarter.

Sample size: 9,965 units.

Collection method: questionnaire addressed directly to companies that can reply and send it by post mail, fax or e-mail or reply through the IRIA software application.

Comparison with other sources: this information is complementary to that published by the Bank of Spain in its Balance of Payments statistics referring to the exchange of this type of services. The adjustments made by the Bank of Spain to the ITSS data for the purposes of the Balance of Payments for Services include the following: the estimation of the weight of operators with all their international service operations below the threshold of 50,000 euros, the National Accounts estimates of the freight service based on foreign trade data of goods consistent with the correct f.o.b. valuation of transported goods, the value of the insurance service (as the ITSS only collects gross premiums and claims) and of illegal activities, the incorporation into financial services of Bank of Spain estimates of financial intermediation services indirectly measured (FISIM) and the inclusion of government services charges for the collection of EU traditional own resources.

For more information you can access the methodology at:

https://www.ine.es/metodologia/t37/t373019801_en.pdf

And the standardized methodological report at:

<https://www.ine.es/dynt3/metadatos/es/RespuestaDatos.html?oe=30198>

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International Trade in Services Survey Second quarter 2021

Provisional data

1. Exports by type of service

	Value (million euros)	Weight (%)	Annual variation rate	
			Variation (%)	Contribution (%)
TOTAL	18,015.7	100.0	22.0	22.0
1. Manufacturing services on physical inputs owned by others	760.8	4.2	28.2	1.132
2. Maintenance and repair	422.1	2.3	33.7	0.721
3. Transport	4,525.5	25.1	20.7	5.255
4. Construction	261.6	1.5	19.2	0.286
5. Insurance and pension services (premiums and auxiliary services; contributions to pension funds)	1,318.3	7.3	28.2	1.966
6. Financial	582.3	3.2	17.7	0.594
7. Charges for the use of intellectual property	695.6	3.9	30.5	1.100
8. Telecommunications, computer and information	2,664.9	14.8	37.9	4.960
9. Business	6,516.8	36.2	13.6	5.295
9.1. R+D	475.3	2.6	12.9	0.369
9.2. Professional and management consulting	1,765.6	9.8	5.5	0.620
9.3. Technical, trade-related and other business services	4,275.9	23.7	17.5	4.306
10. Personal, cultural, and recreational	254.5	1.4	61.2	0.654
11. Government goods and services	13.4	0.1	139.4	0.053

2. Imports by type of service

	Value (million euros)	Weight (%)	Annual variation rate	
			Variation (%)	Contribution (%)
TOTAL	12,759.5	100.0	16.0	16.0
1. Manufacturing services on physical inputs owned by others	79.8	0.6	20.9	0.125
2. Maintenance and repair	155.9	1.2	22.5	0.261
3. Transport	2,932.4	23.0	13.7	3.211
4. Construction	23.5	0.2	-4.9	-0.011
5. Insurance and pension services (premiums and auxiliary services; contributions to pension funds)	1,220.6	9.6	-6.3	-0.740
6. Financial	288.1	2.3	2.1	0.053
7. Charges for the use of intellectual property	1,260.8	9.9	33.4	2.869
8. Telecommunications, computer and information	2,165.9	17.0	30.7	4.621
9. Business	4,471.3	35.0	16.3	5.688
9.1. R+D	130.4	1.0	10.2	0.110
9.2. Professional and management consulting	1,358.6	10.6	12.9	1.407
9.3. Technical, trade-related and other business services	2,982.2	23.4	18.2	4.171
10. Personal, cultural, and recreational	79.3	0.6	-9.6	-0.076
11. Government goods and services	81.9	0.6	2.0	0.015

3. Exports by geographical destiny

	Value (million euros)	Weight (%)	Annual variation rate	
			Variation (%)	Contribution (%)
WORLD	18,015.7	100.0	22.0	22.0
1. EUROPE	11,913.4	66.1	20.7	13.827
1.1 EU-28	8,466.1	47.0	24.9	11.446
1.1.1. Euro Area	7,843.7	43.5	24.9	10.594
Germany	1,696.8	9.4	24.1	2.233
Belgium	498.2	2.8	46.6	1.073
The Netherlands	1,084.6	6.0	5.6	0.391
France	1,822.4	10.1	21.8	2.212
Italy	606.3	3.4	31.9	0.993
Portugal	667.2	3.7	15.8	0.616
Rest of Euro Area	1,468.2	8.1	44.8	3.076
1.1.2 Rest of EU-27	622.5	3.5	25.4	0.853
1.2 Rest of Europe	3,447.3	19.1	11.4	2.381
1.2.1 United Kingdom	1,679.0	9.3	-4.0	-0.472
2. AMERICA	3,921.9	21.8	22.9	4.949
2.1 North and Central America	2,643.5	14.7	26.7	3.770
2.2 South America	1,278.4	7.1	15.8	1.179
3. AFRICA	598.8	3.3	42.0	1.199
4. ASIA	1,517.7	8.4	23.5	1.954
5. OCEANIA	64.0	0.4	25.1	0.087

4. Imports by geographical origin

	Value (million euros)	Weight (%)	Annual variation rate	
			Variation (%)	Contribution (%)
WORLD	12,759.5	100.0	16.0	16.0
1. EUROPE	9,401.5	73.7	15.4	11.417
1.1 EU-28	6,927.5	54.3	14.7	8.094
1.1.1. Euro Area	6,288.9	49.3	16.0	7.886
Germany	1,575.4	12.3	10.5	1.364
Belgium	243.7	1.9	25.5	0.450
The Netherlands	566.4	4.4	6.1	0.297
France	1,363.2	10.7	11.7	1.303
Italy	574.0	4.5	23.4	0.990
Portugal	539.1	4.2	10.2	0.456
Rest of Euro Area	1,427.1	11.2	30.4	3.027
1.1.2 Rest of EU-27	638.6	5.0	3.7	0.208
1.2 Rest of Europe	2,473.9	19.4	17.3	3.323
1.2.1 United Kingdom	1,428.0	11.2	8.2	0.989
2. AMERICA	1,937.8	15.2	8.2	1.328
2.1 North and Central America	1,501.0	11.8	7.3	0.930
2.2 South America	436.8	3.4	11.1	0.398
3. AFRICA	233.2	1.8	40.8	0.615
4. ASIA	1,142.4	9.0	34.9	2.689
5. OCEANIA	44.7	0.4	-7.6	-0.033