

# Ireland

**Imports: CIF, by origin**

**Exports: FOB, by last known destination**

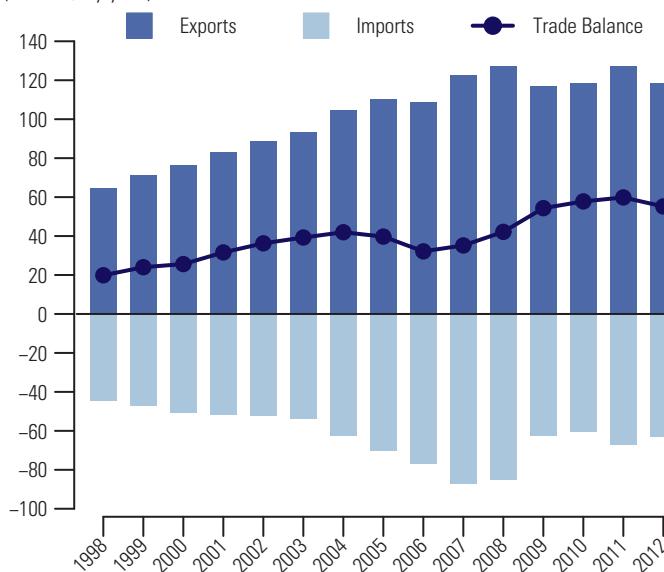
**Trade System: General**

## Overview:

From 2008 to 2012, Ireland's exports decreased on average by 1.8 percent each year and reached 118.3 bln US\$ in 2012 (see table 1 and graph 1). During the same period, imports decreased on average by 7.2 percent each year and amounted to 63.1 bln US\$ (see table 2 and graph 1). This resulted in a trade surplus of 55.2 bln US\$ in 2012 (see graph 1). This surplus was largely accounted for by trade with Developed Europe which recorded a surplus of 35.6 bln US\$ (see graph 2). Trade also recorded surpluses with Developed North America (+15.8 bln US\$), Western Asia (+2.6 bln US\$) and Developed Asia-Pacific (+2.6 bln US\$). Both exports and imports were relatively diversified across partners in 2012: 10 (respectively 13) major partners accounted for 80 percent of exports (respectively imports) (see graph 3).

## Graph 1: Total imports, exports and trade balance

(Bln US\$ by year)



**Table 1: Exports by SITC sections**

(Value in million US\$, growth and shares in percentage)

SITC	2012	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2012 share
		2008-2012	2011-2012	
Total	118295.5	-1.8	-6.9	100.0
0+1	11905.8	-0.7	-5.5	10.1
2+4	2175.3	2.9	-10.8	1.8
3	2311.6	17.2	22.7	2.0
5	70516.7	2.1	-9.4	59.6
6	2147.9	-3.2	-6.9	1.8
7	13396.0	-16.2	-7.3	11.3
8	14073.6	1.8	-2.3	11.9
9	1768.6	-18.8	63.8	1.5

## Exports Profile:

In 2012, exports of chemicals and related products, n.e.s. (SITC section 5) accounted for the majority of exported goods (59.6 percent), despite a decrease of 9.4 percent from 2011 (see table 1). Other major commodities were miscellaneous manufactured articles (SITC section 8), machinery and transport equipment (SITC section 7) and food, live animals, beverages and tobacco (SITC section 0+1). The top three partners for exports were USA, United Kingdom and Belgium (see table 4). The majority of exports to these countries were chemicals and related products, n.e.s. (SITC section 5). From 2010 to 2012, top exported products were medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06) (HS code 3004), heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen hetero-atom(s) only (HS code 2933) and human blood; animal blood prepared for therapeutic uses (HS code 3002) (see table 3).

**Table 2: Imports by SITC sections**

(Value in million US\$, growth and shares in percentage)

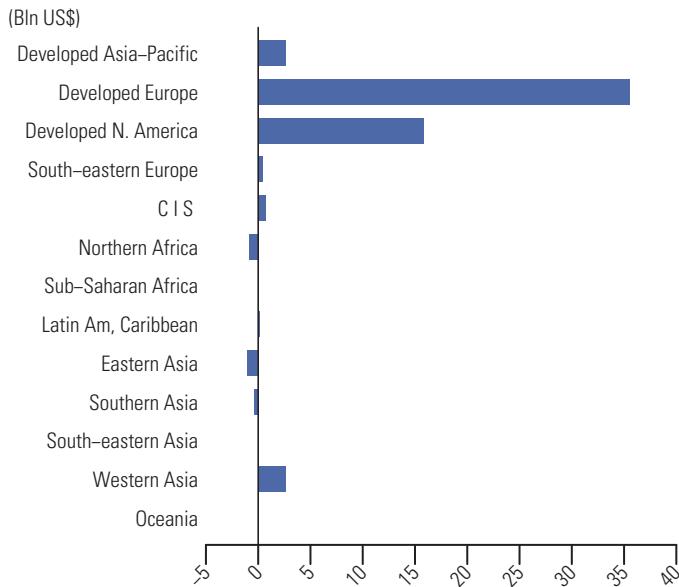
SITC	2012	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2012 share
		2008-2012	2011-2012	
Total	63100.4	-7.2	-6.1	100.0
0+1	8227.0	0.3	1.6	13.0
2+4	1209.3	-6.1	-11.9	1.9
3	9031.5	-1.9	-6.5	14.3
5	13094.1	1.8	-9.4	20.8
6	4761.0	-12.3	-7.8	7.5
7	16082.3	-14.1	-7.0	25.5
8	7757.3	-6.4	-7.2	12.3
9	2937.9	-14.8	5.4	4.7

**Table 3: Top 10 export commodities 2010 to 2012**

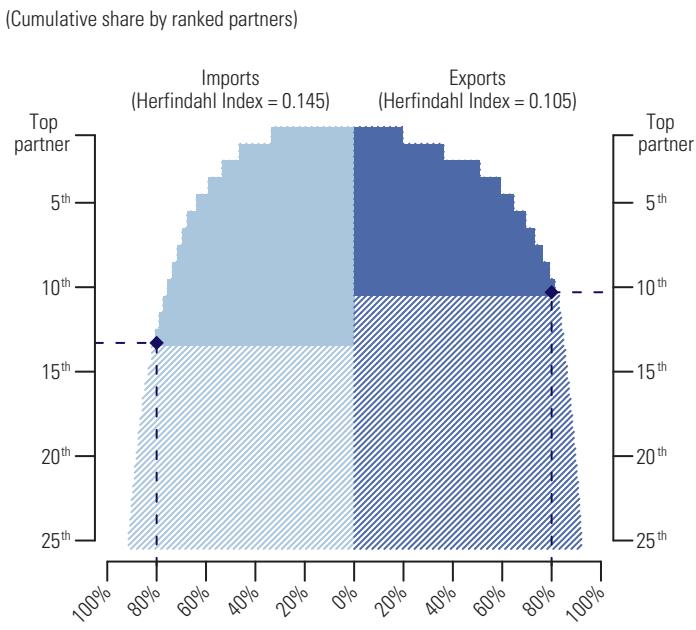
(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2007	Value (million US\$)			Unit value			SITC code
		2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	
All Commodities.....		118337.5	127004.1	118295.5				
3004 Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06).....		23410.4	24753.4	19079.4	141.5	163.1	121.9	US\$/kg
2933 Heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen hetero-atom(s) only.....		13053.0	14390.3	15613.9	3.3	4.4		thsd US\$/kg
3002 Human blood; animal blood prepared for therapeutic uses.....		5829.6	8615.2	8415.2	5.6	8.4	8.1	thsd US\$/kg
3302 Mixtures of odoriferous substances and mixtures.....		6475.0	7242.2	7278.1	51.4	54.0	53.6	US\$/kg
2934 Nucleic acids and their salts.....		7443.6	7681.2	5034.4	17.8	29.3	22.9	thsd US\$/kg
9021 Orthopaedic appliances, including crutches, surgical belts and trusses.....		4494.6	4352.3	4701.8				899
9018 Instruments and appliances used in medical, surgical, dental or veterinary.....		3204.6	3793.2	3805.7				872
8471 Automatic data processing machines and units thereof.....		3323.9	2965.4	2932.8	530.1	501.4	529.3	US\$/unit
3824 Prepared binders for foundry moulds or cores.....		2443.0	2811.5	2749.8	22.2	25.9	20.2	US\$/kg
9999 Commodities not specified according to kind.....		4483.6	1049.0	1729.8				931

**Graph 2: Trade Balance by MDG Regions in 2012**



**Graph 3: Partner concentration of trade in 2012**



**Table 4: Exports by principal countries and SITC sections in 2012**

(Value in million US\$, percentages of country total)

Country	Total	Shares by SITC sections (%)									
		0 + 1	2 + 4	3	5	6	7	8	9	Total	
World.....	118295.5	10.1	1.8	2.0	59.6	1.8	11.3	11.9	1.5	100	
USA.....	23348.8	2.5	0.1	0.9	69.7	0.6	5.5	20.5	0.2	100	
United Kingdom.....	19592.5	27.0	2.9	7.2	35.6	5.4	11.3	7.3	3.3	100	
Belgium.....	17418.6	1.3	0.6	0.1	92.9	0.4	1.9	2.7	0.2	100	
Germany.....	9676.6	6.8	1.2	0.5	60.8	2.6	17.8	9.1	1.1	100	
Switzerland.....	6519.5	0.7	0.0	0.0	95.3	0.1	2.6	1.0	0.1	100	
France.....	5692.5	13.9	3.1	7.4	52.3	1.4	12.7	8.1	1.0	100	
Netherlands.....	4302.5	13.4	6.1	1.7	19.1	1.5	11.2	46.1	1.0	100	
Spain.....	3557.8	6.8	2.5	0.6	75.9	1.0	6.7	5.6	0.9	100	
Italy.....	3451.2	12.1	1.8	0.2	68.2	1.7	7.4	7.3	1.3	100	
Japan.....	2700.8	1.8	0.1	0.0	45.3	0.5	7.2	44.8	0.4	100	

### Imports Profile:

Imports of Ireland in 2012 were composed of 25.5 percent of machinery and transport equipment (SITC section 7), 20.8 percent of chemicals and related products, n.e.s. (SITC section 5) and 14.3 percent of mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (SITC section 3) (see table 2). From 2010 to 2012, top imported goods were petroleum oils, other than crude (HS code 2710), medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06) (HS code 3004) and other aircraft (for example, helicopters, aeroplanes); spacecraft (HS code 8802) (see table 5).

**Table 5: Top 10 import commodities 2010 to 2012**

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2007	Value (million US\$)			Unit value			SITC code
		2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	
All Commodities.....		60549.6	67171.2	63100.4				
2710 Petroleum oils, other than crude.....		3640.3	4803.6	4316.6	0.7	1.0	1.0	US\$/kg
9999 Commodities not specified according to kind.....		4162.7	2775.9	2923.5				931
3004 Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06).....		2683.5	3771.8	3252.1	48.3	54.4	123.2	US\$/kg
8802 Other aircraft (for example, helicopters, aeroplanes); spacecraft.....		3167.9	2777.1	2929.4	55.6			mln US\$/unit
2709 Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude.....		1814.9	2399.6	2406.0	0.6	0.9	0.8	US\$/kg
8471 Automatic data processing machines and units thereof.....		2003.6	2309.3	2129.4	200.9	211.8	213.5	US\$/unit
2711 Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons.....		1504.7	1882.5	1866.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	US\$/kg
8703 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport.....		1457.5	1635.8	1312.9	15.7	11.4	7.2	thsd US\$/unit
8473 Parts and accessories for use with machines of heading 84.69 to 84.72.....		1340.9	1217.2	1060.4	30.1	31.8	106.6	US\$/kg
2933 Heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen hetero-atom(s) only.....		720.8	1163.3	899.4	145.9	221.5		US\$/kg