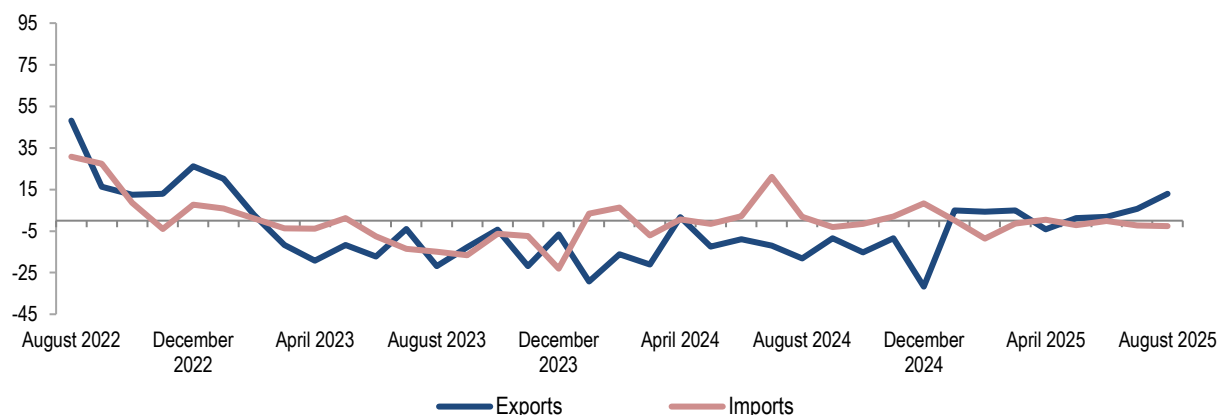


# Foreign Trade in Goods

## August 2025

**Tirana, September 19, 2025:** In August 2025 the value of exports was ALL 25 billion, increasing by 12.9 % compared with the same period of the previous year and decreasing by 27.9 % compared with July 2025. The value of imports was ALL 67 billion, decreasing by 2.7 % compared with the same period of the previous year and by 19.6 % compared with July 2025. This month, the trade deficit is ALL 42 billion, decreasing by 10.2 % compared with August 2024 and by 13.5 % compared with July 2025.

**Fig.1 Annual change in Foreign Trade (%)**



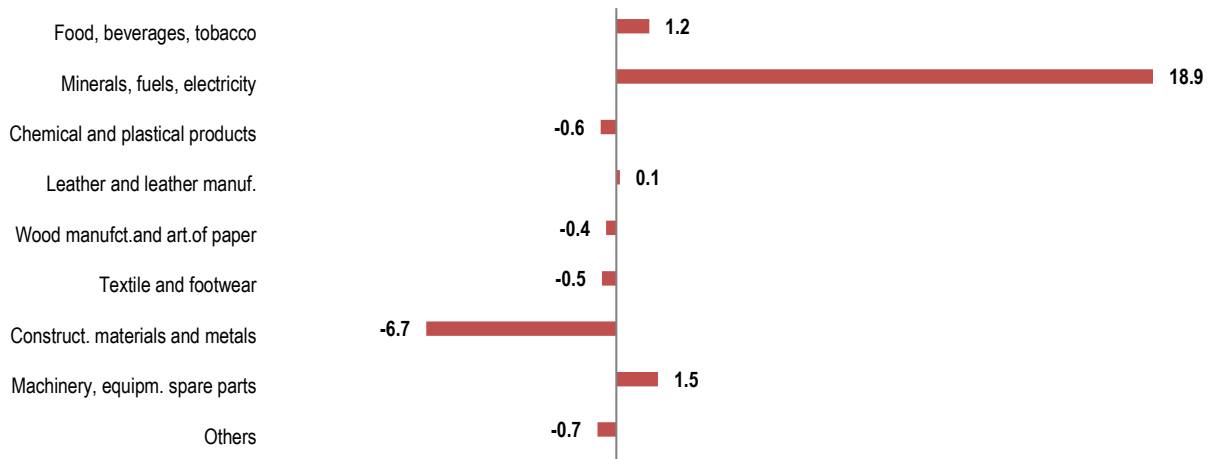
In these eight months, the value of exports was ALL 264 billion, increasing by 3.5 %, compared with the previous year and the value of imports was ALL 582 billion, decreasing by 2.1 % compared with the previous year. The trade deficit was ALL 318 billion, decreasing by 6.4 % compared with the same period of 2024.

### The influence of the main groups in the annual change in exports:

In the annual increase of exports by 12.9 % this month, a positive contribution was given by the groups: "Mineral, fuels, electricity" with +18.9 percentage points, Machinery, equipment and spare parts" with +1.5 percentage points, etc. While a negative contribution was given by the groups: "Constructions materials and metals" with -6.7 percentage points and "Chemical and plastic products" with -0.6 percentage points.

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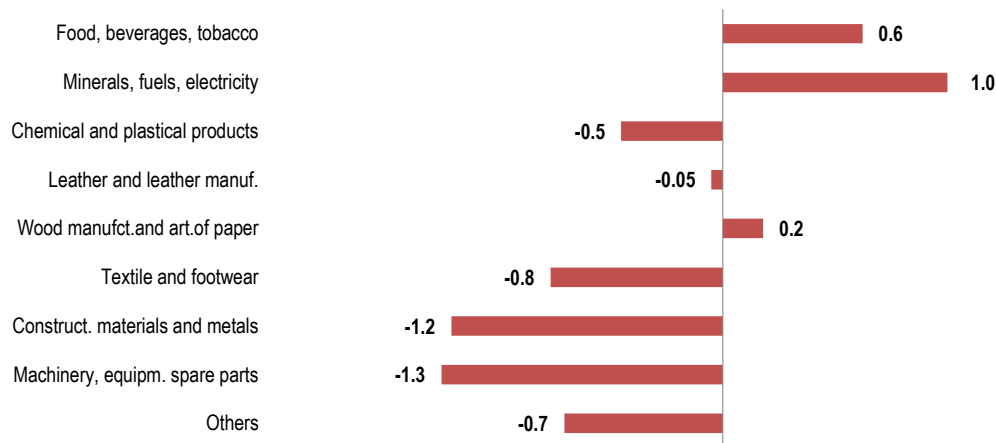
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**Fig.2 Contribution of groups in annual change of exports, August 2025**

Exports during these eight months have increased by 3.5 % compared with the same period of the previous year. The main groups that influenced more in annual increase of the exports are: “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +10.0 percentage points, “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +1.1 percentage points, etc. While a negative contribution was given by the groups: “Constructions materials and metals” with -6.4 percentage points, and “Chemical and plastic products” with -0.7 percentage points.

#### **The influence of the main groups in the annual change in imports:**

In annual decrease of imports by 2.7 %, this month has mainly affected the groups: “Machinery, equipment and spare parts” with -1.3 percentage points, “Constructions materials and metals” with -1.2 percentage points, etc. While a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +1.0 percentage points, and “Food, beverages, tobacco”, with +0.6 percentage points.

**Fig.3 Contribution of groups in annual change of imports, August 2025**

In these eight months, imports have decreased by 2.1 % compared with the same period of the previous year. The groups affected negatively in the annual decrease of imports, are: “Machinery, equipment and spare parts” with -1.7 percentage points, “Constructions materials and metals” with -1.2 percentage points. While a positive contribution was given by the groups: “Food, beverages, tobacco” with +0.6 percentage points, “Mineral, fuels, electricity” with +0.5 percentage points and “Chemical and plastic products” with +0.2 percentage points.

### **The performance of trade in goods by partner countries**

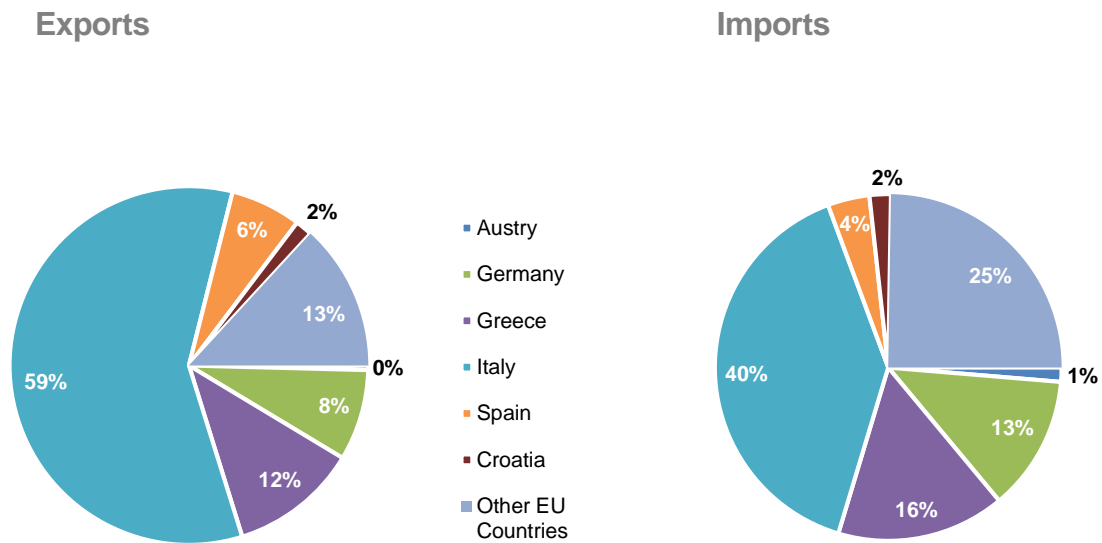
In August 2025, countries with which Albania had the highest increase of exports, compared to August 2024 are: Kosovo (94.6 %), Greece (19.0 %), Spain (4 times), etc. While, countries with which has had a decrease of exports are: Italy (19.6 %), Germany (16.1 %), etc.

In these eight months of 2025, countries with which Albania had an increase of exports, compared to the same period of 2024 are: Kosovo (75.0 %), Greece (10.4 %), Germany (6.0 %), etc. While countries with which has had a decrease are: Italy (10.8 %), China (5.8 %) and North Macedonia (30.9 %), etc.

In August 2025, countries with which Albania had the highest decrease of imports, are: Italy (9.8 %), Türkiye (18.1 %) and Germany (9.0 %). While, countries with which had an increase of imports are: China (18.3 %), Greece (6.1 %) and Kosovo (9.5 %).

In these eight months of 2025, countries with which Albania had the highest decrease of imports, compared to the same period of 2024 are: Italy (4.3 %), Türkiye (15.0 %), and Germany (7.0 %). While, countries with which had an increase of imports are: China (21.3 %), Greece (3.1 %) and Spain (14.0 %).

**Fig.4 Foreign Trade in Goods by several EU countries August 2025**



Trade with the EU countries is 48.8 % of total trade. In August 2025, exports to EU countries occupied 56.5 % of total export and imports from EU countries occupied 45.9 % of total import.

The main trade partners remain: Italy (18.8 %), China (12.9 %), Kosovo (8.6 %) and Türkiye (7.6 %).

Trade with the EU countries, in these eight months of 2025 is 55.8 % of total trade. In this period, the share of exports to EU countries was 66.2 % of total export and share of imports from EU countries was 51.1 % of total import.

The main trade partners are: Italy (26.0 %), China (9.7 %), Greece (7.6 %) and Türkiye (7.2 %).

**Tab. 1 Flow of goods (billion ALL)**

Years	Months	Exports	Annual Change (%)	Imports	Annual Change (%)	Trade balance (mld lekë)	Coverage (%)
2014		256	3,8	552	6,7	-296	46,3
2015		243	-4,9	545	-1,4	-302	44,7
2016		243	0,1	579	6,4	-336	42,0
2017		273	12,1	626	8,1	-353	43,6
2018		310	13,7	641	2,4	-331	48,4
2019		299	-3,8	649	1,2	-350	46,0
2020		272	-9,0	605	-6,8	-333	44,9
2021		369	35,6	801	32,3	-432	46,1
2022		487	32,0	950	18,7	-464	51,2
2023		440	-9,5	873	-8,2	-432	50,5
2024		373	-15,4	894	2,5	-522	41,7
2023	01 - 23	42	20,2	58	5,8	-16	72,3
	02 - 23	38	2,8	69	1,1	-31	55,2
	03 - 23	42	-11,7	81	-3,7	-38	52,3
	04 - 23	34	-19,2	75	-3,9	-41	45,4
	05 - 23	40	-11,7	81	1,2	-41	49,2
	06 - 23	38	-17,3	75	-7,5	-37	50,7
	07 - 23	38	-4,0	71	-13,6	-33	53,7
	08 - 23	27	-21,9	68	-15,0	-40	40,6
	09 - 23	34	-12,8	73	-16,6	-40	45,8
	10 - 23	37	-4,3	78	-6,3	-42	46,8
	11 - 23	33	-21,8	72	-7,4	-39	46,0
	12 - 23	38	-6,6	73	-23,1	-35	51,7
	Jan - Dec 23	440	-9,5	873	-8,2	-432	50,5
2024	01 - 24	30	-29,2	60	3,4	-30	49,5
	02 - 24	32	-16,1	74	6,4	-42	43,5
	03 - 24	33	-21,0	75	-7,0	-42	44,4
	04 - 24	35	1,8	75	0,6	-41	45,9
	05 - 24	35	-12,4	79	-1,6	-45	43,8
	06 - 24	35	-8,9	77	2,1	-42	45,3
	07 - 24	33	-12,0	85	21,1	-52	39,0
	08 - 24	22	-18,2	69	1,9	-46	32,6
	09 - 24	31	-8,5	71	-3,1	-40	43,3
	10 - 24	31	-15,2	77	-1,5	-46	40,3
	11 - 24	30	-8,5	73	2,0	-43	41,2
	12 - 24	26	-31,7	79	8,3	-53	32,6
	Jan - Dec 24	373	-15,4	894	2,5	-522	41,7
2025	01 - 25	31	4,9	60	0,1	-29	51,8
	02 - 25	34	4,3	68	-8,6	-34	49,7
	03 - 25	35	4,9	74	-1,4	-39	47,3
	04 - 25	33	-4,1	76	0,4	-43	43,8
	05 - 25	35	1,2	78	-2,1	-42	45,3
	06 - 25	35	1,9	77	-0,2	-41	46,2
	07 - 25	35	5,7	83	-2,4	-48	42,2
	08 - 25	25	12,9	67	-2,7	-42	37,8
	Jan-Aug 25	264	3,5	582	-2,1	-318	45,4

**Tab.2 Foreign trade in goods by partner countries (million ALL)**

	Exports				Imports			
	August 2024	August 2025	Jan.-Aug 2024	Jan.-Aug 2025	August 2024	August 2025	Jan.-Aug 2024	Jan.-Aug 2025
<b>EU countries</b>	<b>14,809</b>	<b>14,340</b>	<b>181,098</b>	<b>174,796</b>	<b>32,819</b>	<b>30,808</b>	<b>305,705</b>	<b>297,505</b>
Austria	95	177	1,647	1,157	681	618	5,259	4,766
Germany	1,686	1,414	14,738	15,626	4,658	4,241	42,272	39,326
Greece	1,361	1,619	15,912	17,568	4,751	5,041	45,243	46,668
Italy	8,545	6,871	111,456	99,442	11,684	10,536	125,893	120,492
Spain	263	1,386	7,911	11,547	1,046	1,121	9,055	10,325
Croatia	158	188	2,914	2,001	571	622	3,294	4,921
Others of EU	2,702	2,684	26,521	27,455	9,429	8,628	74,689	71,006
United Kingdom	71	79	1,009	783	578	714	6,554	6,058
China	1,189	1,257	7,352	6,929	9,025	10,678	61,574	74,702
Kosovo	3,091	6,016	26,892	47,070	1,780	1,950	10,694	9,441
North Macedonia	831	510	9,219	6,372	910	1,467	8,009	9,294
Russia	2	5	7	11	278	504	2,450	2,497
USA	214	232	2,980	2,694	1,332	1,376	12,955	12,228
Türkiye	270	1,198	2,748	3,983	7,104	5,822	66,681	56,690
Ukraine	48	12	2,501	377	235	260	2,930	2,398
Switzerland	127	70	1,690	900	903	512	5,454	6,032
Others	1,841	1,669	19,585	20,050	13,956	12,998	111,619	105,079
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,493</b>	<b>25,388</b>	<b>255,083</b>	<b>263,964</b>	<b>68,920</b>	<b>67,089</b>	<b>594,625</b>	<b>581,924</b>

**Tab. 3 Foreign trade by group of goods (million ALL)**

Grup of goods	Exports				Imports			
	August 2024	August 2025	Jan.-Aug 2024	Jan.-Aug 2025	August 2024	August 2025	Jan.-Aug 2024	Jan.-Aug 2025
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,493</b>	<b>25,388</b>	<b>255,083</b>	<b>263,964</b>	<b>68,920</b>	<b>67,089</b>	<b>594,625</b>	<b>581,924</b>
Food. beverages. tobacco	2,979	3,240	35,059	37,936	14,212	14,645	104,384	107,698
Minerals. fuels. electricity	5,961	10,208	50,200	75,753	9,571	10,266	60,761	63,933
Chemical and plastic products	1,064	940	10,544	8,733	8,192	7,877	76,596	77,709
Leather and leather manuf.	45	73	1,371	1,233	558	522	7,876	7,373
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	628	548	6,599	6,571	2,176	2,301	19,996	19,653
Textile and footwear	4,838	4,724	70,185	69,491	5,500	4,968	56,168	55,011
Construct. materials and metals	4,074	2,570	47,347	31,083	8,206	7,367	83,465	76,495
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	2,276	2,607	24,618	26,080	17,125	16,255	158,462	148,229
Others	628	478	9,161	7,086	3,379	2,889	26,917	25,823

**Tab. 4 Progressive data of exports by group of goods and main partners (million ALL)**

Group of goods	Italy		Kosovo		Greece		Germany	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
<b>Total</b>	<b>111,456</b>	<b>99,442</b>	<b>26,892</b>	<b>47,070</b>	<b>15,912</b>	<b>17,568</b>	<b>14,738</b>	<b>15,626</b>
Food. beverages. tobacco	9,129	7,934	4,331	4,881	2,872	3,173	1,212	1,192
Minerals. fuels. electricity	10,258	4,753	5,695	34,735	2,410	2,921	4,271	3,613
Chemical and plastic products	3,895	2,983	2,807	2,023	647	546	32	41
Leather and leather manuf.	1,160	1,034	4	14	146	114	1	0
Wood manufct.and art. of paper	3,478	3,461	839	765	1,036	1,010	77	80
Textile and footwear	52,747	50,320	112	69	5,282	6,144	6,224	7,069
Construct. materials and metals	14,498	13,254	10,769	2,034	2,824	2,801	694	612
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	12,823	12,219	1,436	1,823	151	169	1,945	2,688
Others	3,468	3,484	899	726	544	689	281	331

**Tab. 5 Progressive data of imports by group of goods and main partners (million ALL)**

Group of goods	Italy		China		Türkiye		Greece	
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
<b>Total</b>	<b>125,893</b>	<b>120,492</b>	<b>61,574</b>	<b>74,702</b>	<b>66,681</b>	<b>56,690</b>	<b>45,243</b>	<b>46,668</b>
Food. beverages. tobacco	21,076	23,090	1,153	1,390	3,651	3,499	12,854	14,047
Minerals. fuels. electricity	3,586	3,761	16	10	8,203	5,699	7,213	6,444
Chemical and plastic products	15,380	15,150	5,161	5,945	8,110	7,736	7,408	8,085
Leather and leather manuf.	6,040	5,614	682	650	226	277	120	96
Wood manufct. and art. of paper	4,005	4,175	1,360	1,568	3,262	3,092	2,719	2,813
Textile and footwear	23,743	22,744	9,184	9,397	7,517	6,295	4,196	4,712
Construct. materials and metals	14,873	13,664	8,158	12,481	19,378	18,984	6,016	5,449
Machinery. equipm. spare parts	29,561	25,811	30,359	36,967	13,347	8,178	3,071	3,555
Others	7,630	6,483	5,501	6,294	2,986	2,930	1,647	1,465

# Methodology

The publication of Foreign Trade statistics is subject to methodological revisions, which are based on administrative data from customs authorities.

Exports are goods destined to a third country placed under customs export or outward processing arrangements or re-exported following inward processing.

The FOB (free on board) value of exports of goods is the value of the goods at the exporter's customs frontier.

Imports are goods arrived from a third country and are directly placed, or are left in warehouse, under customs procedure of release for free circulation, inward processing or processing under customs control.

The cos, insurance and freight (CIF) price is the price of a good delivered at the frontier of the importing country, or the price of a service delivered to resident, before the payment of any import duties or other taxes on imports or trade and transport margins within the country.

Combined Nomenclature ( CN) is a goods nomenclature used by international trade in goods statistics and for customs tariffs.

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## Monthly revisions

The data made available for the last month have an effect also on the revision of the previous months, because with the arrival of data for the last month there are also updated data for previous months as a result of administrative resource updates.

## Explanation of Symbols

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