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# Danish trade with Croatia

#### Export

- Croatia was Denmark's 62nd largest export market in 2022, totalling DKK 2,6 billion in revenues which accounted for 0,1% of Danish exports. (BOP)
- In 2022, Croatia was Denmark's 60th largest export market for goods with 1,4 billion DKK (0,1%) and the 65th biggest market for services grossing 1,3 billion DKK (0,1%). (BOP)
- Goods exports to Croatia rose by 16,1 % in 2023 in relation to 2022. (FOS)
- The top export in 2023 was chemical materials and products (DKK 224,3 million). (FOS)
- In the first two months of 2024, Danish exports of goods to Croatia were worth DKK 321,5 million; a rise of 50,7% relative to the same time period in 2023 (DKK 213,4 million). (FOS)

### Import

- Imports of goods and services from Croatia totalled DKK 2,2 billion which accounted for 0,1% of Danish imports in 2022 (BOP)
- Imports of goods from Croatia totalled DKK 614 million in 2023; a fall of 6,6% relative to 2022.(FOS)
- The top import good in 2023 was medicinal and pharmaceutical products (DKK 182,5 million). (FOS)
- In the first two months of 2024, imports of goods from Croatia were worth DKK 106,8 million; a rise of 6,9% in relation to the same time period in 2023 (DKK 100,0 million). (FOS)

### Foreign direct investments

- Denmark's direct investments in Croatia were DKK 1,5 billion by the end of 2022.
- Croatia's direct investments in Denmark were DKK 0,1 billion by the end of 2022.
- In 2022 41 Danish subsidiaries employed a total of 2.352 people in Croatia.

### Table 1: Denmark's trade with Croatia since 2019. Mill. DKK

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	JanFeb. 2023	JanFeb. 2024
Export						-	
- Goods <i>(FOS)</i>	905	1.127	911	1.251	1.452	213	321
- Goods <i>(BOP)</i>	1.053	1.464	1.067	1.364	-	-	-
- Services (BOP)	733	631	869	1.259	-	-	-
Import							
- Goods <i>(FOS)</i>	322	378	467	657	614	100	107
- Goods <i>(BOP)</i>	558	558	501	568	-	-	-
- Services (BOP)	1.198	759	1.071	1.412	-	-	-

Source: Statistics Denmark. April 11, 2024 tables SITC2R4Y (goods) and BBY (goods and services).

Note.: FOS: Foreign Trade Statistics. BOP: Balance of payments. FOS calculates the value of goods that have physically crossed the Danish border. BOP calculates the payment for both goods and services that Danish companies receive for the sale of goods or services abroad (even if goods produced or purchased abroad, have never been in Denmark). Exports of goods calculated according to BOP are generally greater than calculated according to FOS.

### Table 2: Foreign Trade Statistics largest export commodity groups, 2023

	Volume (mill. DKK)	Growth relative to 2022
Chemical Materials And Products	224	9,4 %
Medicinal And Pharmaceutical Products	204	-8,5 %
Meat And Meat Preparations	168	60,1 %
Total goods export to Croatia	1.452	16,1 %

Source: Statistics Denmark, April 11, 2024 table SITC2R4Y

## Economic key figures for Croatia

- Croatia was the world's 81st largest economy in 2022 with a GDP of 71 billion USD.
- In 2022 the country had a population of 3,9 million.
- According to the World Bank's 2022 classification, Croatia belongs to the group of High income countries. The GDP per capita of the country was 18.524 USD in 2022.
- In 2024 the real growth rate in GDP is expected to be 3,5 pct., and over the following two years real GDP is expected to grow at a rate of 2,8 pct. p.a.
- In 2022 the current account had a deficit of 2,9 pct. of GDP. Towards 2025, the current account is expected to strongly improve and the deficit to turn into a surplus.
- In 2022 the government budget balance had a surplus of 0,2 pct. Towards 2025, the budget balance is expected to somewhat worsen and the surplus turns into a deficit.
- Total goverment debt is expected to decrease to 60,8 pct. of GDP in 2025.

#### Table 3: Forecast of Economic Key Figures for Croatia

	2021	2022	2023*	2024*	2025*
Real growth rate GDP	13,3	6,4	2,8	3,5	2,2
GDP, nominel USD, per capita	17.596	18.524	21.329	22.881	24.026
Real growth rate GDP, per capita	14,3	7,6	3,1	3,9	2,7
Current account, pct. of GDP	0,9	-2,9	1,0	3,3	2,1
Government balance, pct. of GDP	-2,6	0,2	0,8	-1,9	-2,2
Total government debt, pct. of GDP	76,0	66,5	62,2	60,6	60,8
Inflation (CPI), pct	2,6	10,8	7,9	2,4	1,0
Change in exchange rate, LCU/USD, pct	-3,4	12,4	-2,8	-0,9	-0,9
Population growth, pct	-3,0	-1,8	-0,4	-0,6	-0,6
Unemployment rate, pct	7,5	6,3	5,7	5,6	5,6

Source: Oxford Economics. Data extracted April 11, 2024, but forecasts can be older. Note: A star (\*) indicates that data for a given year is a forecast.

#### Table 4: Croatia's Largest Trading Partners and EU in 2022 (goods)

Export markets			Import markets			
No.	Country	Share	No.	Country	Share	
1	United States	33,0%	1	Italy	17,5%	
2	Germany	12,5%	2	Germany	16,7%	
3	Italy	11,0%	3	Switzerland	8,5%	
22	Denmark	0,5 %	11	Denmark	2,5 %	
-	EU27	48,8%	-	EU27	70,5%	

Source: Oxford Economics d. April 11, 2024

#### Table 5: Ranking on International Indexes and Credit Rating

	Rank Croatia		Rank Denmark	
	2021	2022	2022	
OECD Country Risk Classification (0-7)*	4	3	0	
Corruption Perceptions Index **	63	57	1	
Oxford Economics Credit Rating (0-20)***	11	12	20	

\*Low number implies low risk.\*\*Country ranking; lov ranking indicates low corruption perception. \*\*\*The credit rating 12 means that Croatia has an adequate capacity to meet financial commitments, but more subject to adverse economic conditions.The credit rating is based on ratings from Fitch, S&P, and Moody's.

Sources: Oxford Economics, WEF, EFK, Standard & Poor, World Bank, Transparency Int., Statistics Denmark, Danmarks Nationalbank