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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 37,3 % in 2022 in relation to 2021. (FOS)
- The top export in 2022 was medicinal and pharmaceutical products (DKK 223,4 million). (FOS)
- In 2023, Danish exports of goods to Croatia were worth DKK 1,46 billion; a rise of 16,4% relative to 2022 (DKK 1,25 billion). (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 657 million in 2022; a rise of 40,5% relative to 2021.(FOS)
- The top import good in 2022 was medicinal and pharmaceutical products (DKK 156,5 million). (FOS)
- In 2023, imports of goods from Croatia were worth DKK 623,2 million; a fall of 5,1% in relation to 2022 (DKK 656,9 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 2021 39 Danish subsidiaries employed a total of 2.345 people in Croatia.

#### Table 1: Denmark's trade with Croatia since 2018. Mill. DKK

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Pct. Growth,	Pct. Growth,
Export						2018-2021	2021-2022
- Goods <i>(FOS)</i>	826	905	1.127	911	1.251	51	37
- Goods <i>(BOP)</i>	954	1.053	1.464	1.067	1.364	43	28
- Services (BOP)	578	733	631	869	1.259	118	45
Import							
- Goods <i>(FOS)</i>	366	322	378	467	657	79	41
- Goods <i>(BOP)</i>	357	558	501	568	742	108	31
- Services (BOP)	1.093	1.198	759	1.071	1.412	29	32

Source: Statistics Denmark. March 1., 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, 2022

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	Volume (mill. DKK)	Growth relative to 2021
Medicinal And Pharmaceutical Products	223	27,6 %
Chemical Materials And Products	205	75,4 %
Live Animals Other Than Fish	109	55,9 %
Total goods export to Croatia	1.251	37,3 %
Sources Statistics Downards March 1 2024 table SITC2PAV		

Source: Statistics Denmark, March 1., 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 18.516 USD in 2022.
- In 2023 the real growth rate in GDP is expected to be 2,5 pct., and over the following two years real GDP is expected to grow at a rate of 1,5 pct. p.a.
- In 2022 the current account had a deficit of 3,0 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 weakly worsen and the surplus turns into a deficit.
- Total goverment debt is expected to decrease to 59,3 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	2,5	1,8	1,3
GDP, nominel USD, per capita	17.593	18.516	21.391	22.315	23.289
Real growth rate GDP, per capita	14,3	7,6	2,8	2,4	1,9
Current account, pct. of GDP	0,8	-3,0	-0,5	3,2	2,5
Government balance, pct. of GDP	-2,6	0,2	-0,4	-0,5	-0,2
Total government debt, pct. of GDP	76,1	66,6	62,1	60,6	59,3
Inflation (CPI), pct	2,6	10,8	7,9	1,4	1,3
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	5,9	6,1	6,0

Source: Oxford Economics. Data extracted March 1., 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	70,6%		

Source: Oxford Economics d. March 1., 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