



## SAMOA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

### MERCHANDISE TRADE March 2020 quarter

#### Highlights of the quarter

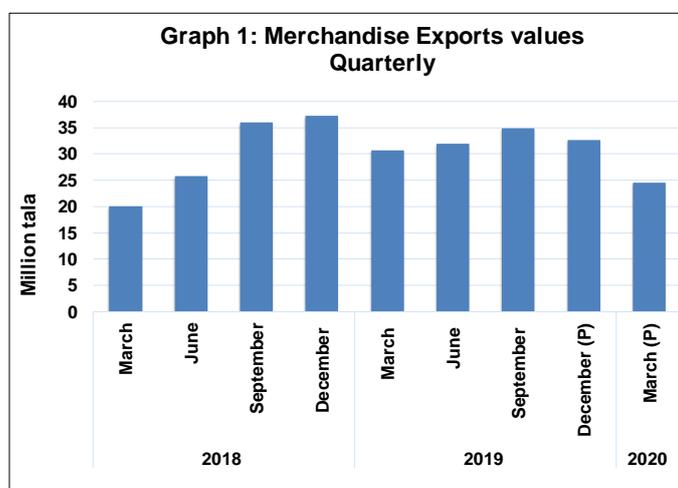
(March 2020 quarter compared with December 2019 quarter)

- Total merchandise exports fell 24.9 percent to \$24.5 million.
- Total merchandise imports fell 30.5 percent to \$206.4 million.
- Resulting in a trade deficit of \$181.9 million.

#### Overview

##### Value of Merchandise Exports

In the March 2020 quarter, merchandise exports were valued at \$24.5 million, decreasing 24.9 percent from the previous quarter. Mainly responsible for the current decrease were lower values of fish, crustaceans and molluscs, meat and edible offal, fats and oils. In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2019, the current value of merchandise exports decreased 20.2 percent. (See graph 1 and table 1).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The four quarters ending March 2020 showed a 4.6 percent decrease in the total value of merchandise exports when compared with the four quarters ending March 2019.

##### Exports of Main Commodities

In the March 2020 quarter, **mineral fuels, mineral oils and products** were the top commodity groups exported, valued at \$6.9 million (28.5 percent of total merchandise exports value), decreasing 12.2 percent and 1.7 percent from the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2019 respectively.

**Fish, crustaceans and molluscs** decreased 49.1 percent (to \$6.5 million) from the previous quarter, accounting for 26.4 percent of total merchandise exports value, with exports of fish, frozen, excluding fish fillets and other fish the main driver for the current downfall (down \$6.2 million). When compared with the corresponding quarter of 2019, the current value of fish crustaceans and molluscs exports decreased 33.3 percent.

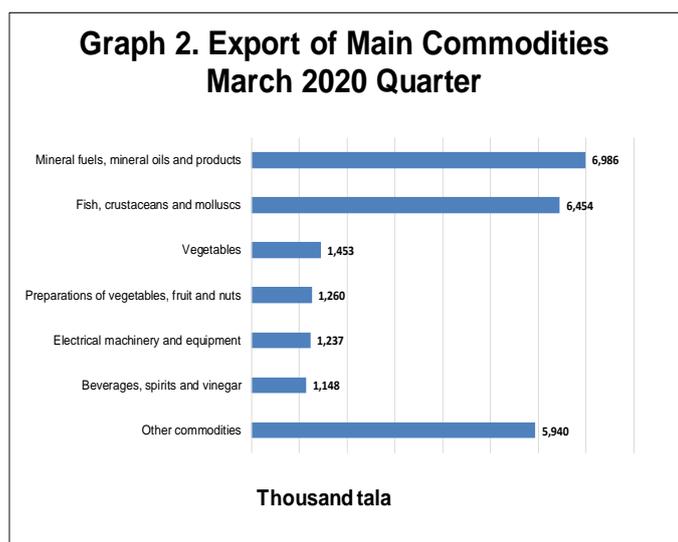
**Vegetable exports** decreased 21.3 percent (to \$1.4 million) from the previous quarter, accounting for 5.9 percent of total merchandise exports value. Exports of taro was mainly responsible for the current decline (down \$394 thousand). In comparison with the same quarter of 2019, the current value of vegetable exports decreased 15.4 percent.

**Preparations of vegetables and fruit and nuts** with an export value of 1.3 million accounted for 5.1 percent of total merchandise exports value, increasing 53.5 percent from the previous quarter. Export value of noni juice was the main driver for the current increase (up \$439 thousand). In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2019, the current value of preparation of vegetables, fruit and nuts product decreased 76.9 percent.

**Electrical machinery and equipment** were

valued at \$1.2 million, accounting for 5.1 percent of total merchandise export value, increasing 33.2 percent from the previous quarter and 18.9 percent higher than the corresponding quarter of 2019.

**Beverages, spirits and vinegar** were valued at \$1.1 million (4.7 percent of total merchandise exports value). This value was 17.7 percent lower than the previous quarter reflecting a decline in beer exports (down 226.9 thousand) and the main driver for the current decrease in this commodity group (down \$246.0 thousand). In comparison with the same quarter of 2019, the current value of beverage, spirit and vinegar exports increased 24.9 percent. All other commodities recorded less than a 3.0 percent share each of total merchandise exports value but recorded a combined total of \$5.9 million. (See Graph 2 and table 2.)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

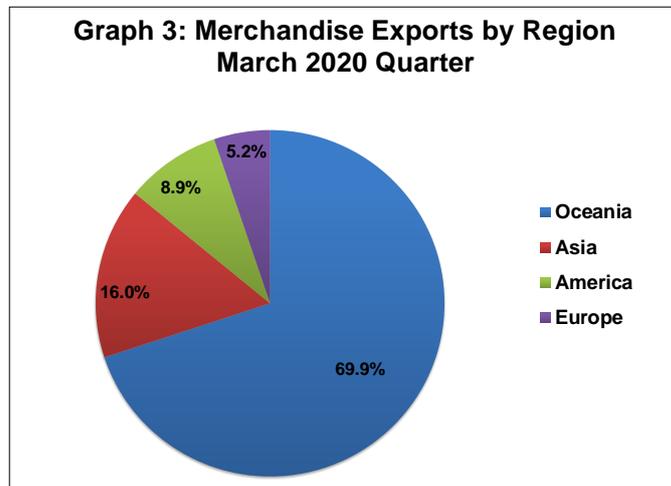
### Merchandise Exports by Region

In the March 2020 quarter, the **Oceanic** region had the largest share of total merchandise exports value with 69.9 percent, decreasing 25.6 percent from the previous quarter and 11.3 percent when compared with the corresponding quarter of 2019.

The **Asia** region had a total share of 16.0 percent, decreasing 38.5 percent from the previous quarter and 1.9 percent lower than the corresponding quarter of 2019.

The **America** region followed with a 8.9 percent share of the total merchandise exports value, recording a 26.8 percent decrease from the previous quarter and was 69.1 percent lower than the same quarter of 2019.

The **European** region had the lowest share (5.2 percent) of total merchandise exports value, even though its value was more than four times higher than the previous quarter and more than two times higher (282.5 percent) when compared with the same quarter of 2019 (See graph 3 and table 4).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

### Merchandise Exports by main Countries of Destination

**American Samoa** remained as the leading country of destination for merchandise exports in the March 2020 quarter accounting for 26.2 percent (\$6.4 million) of total merchandise export value. This value was 42.1 percent and 24.6 percent lower than the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2019 respectively.

**New Zealand** reported a total merchandise export share of 17.0 percent (to \$4.1 million). This was 14.8 percent and 10.3 percent lower than the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2019 respectively.

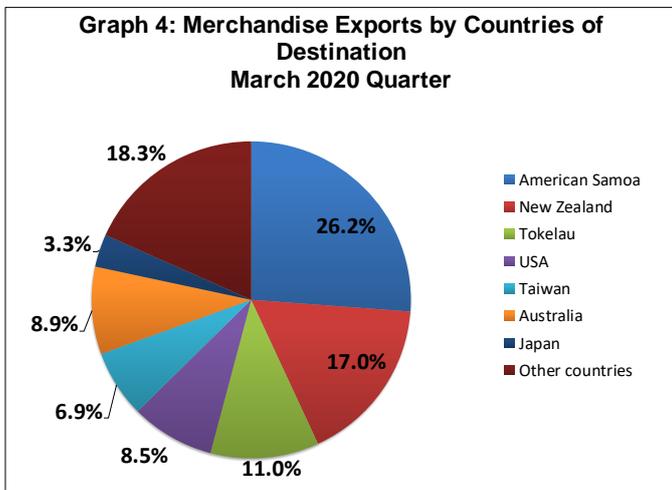
**Tokelau** represented 11.0 percent of total merchandise export value, decreasing 17.2 percent from the previous quarter but was 5.7 percent higher than the corresponding quarter of 2019.

**Australia** accounted for 8.9 percent (down \$41 thousand) of total merchandise exports value, decreasing 1.8 percent and 15.8 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2019 respectively.

**Taiwan** had a total share of 6.9 percent (down \$1.0 million), decreasing 37.9 percent from the previous quarter but was 77.8 percent higher when compared with the March 2019 quarter.

**USA** represented 8.5 percent of total merchandise export value, decreasing 27.8 percent and 65.4 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2019 respectively.

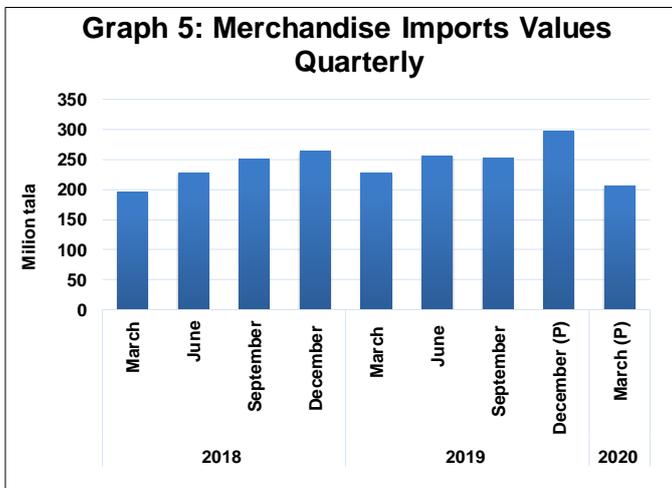
**Japan** represented 3.3 percent of total merchandise export value while all other countries of destination accounted for less than 3.0 percent each of total merchandise export values having a combined share of 18.3 percent. (See Graph 4 and Table 4).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

### Value of Merchandise Imports

In the March 2020 quarter, merchandise imports were valued at \$206.4 million. This value was 30.5 percent lower than the previous quarter and 9.0 percent lower when compared with the corresponding quarter of 2019. (See graph 5 and table 5).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The four quarters ending March 2020 showed a 4.3 percent increase in the total value of merchandise imports when compared with the four quarters ending March 2019.

### Import of Main Commodities

**Minerals products** maintained the top commodity groups imported in March 2020 quarter, valued at \$40.7 million (19.7 percent of total merchandise imports value). This value was 23.1 percent and 16.2 percent lower than the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2019 respectively.

**Meat and edible meat offal** were valued at \$15.7 million (7.6 percent of total merchandise imports value), decreasing 24.5 percent from the previous

quarter but was 43.2 percent higher from the same quarter of 2019 respectively.

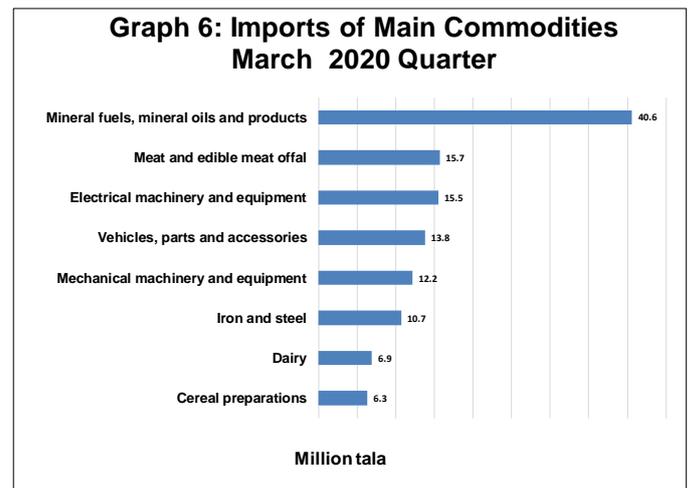
**Electrical machinery and equipment** reported a total value of \$15.5 million, decreasing 29.1 percent and 20.2 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2019 respectively.

**Vehicle, parts and accessories** were valued at \$13.8 million (6.7 percent of total merchandise imports value), decreasing 47.6 percent from the previous quarter and 19.6 percent lower when compared with the corresponding quarter of 2019.

**Mechanical machinery and equipment** were valued at \$12.2 million (5.9 percent of total merchandise imports value), decreasing 34.7 percent from the previous quarter but was 30.0 percent higher than the same quarter last year.

**Iron and steel** had a total value of \$10.7 million (5.2 percent of total merchandise imports value), decreasing 27.4 percent and 30.3 percent from the previous quarter and corresponding quarter of 2019 respectively.

The value of imports of **dairy products** and **cereal preparation** decreased from the previous quarter valued at \$6.9 million and \$6.3 million respectively while all other commodities accounted for less than 3.0 percent share each of total merchandise imports value having a combined total of \$84.5 million (41.0 percent). (See graph 6 and table 5)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

### Merchandise Imports by Region

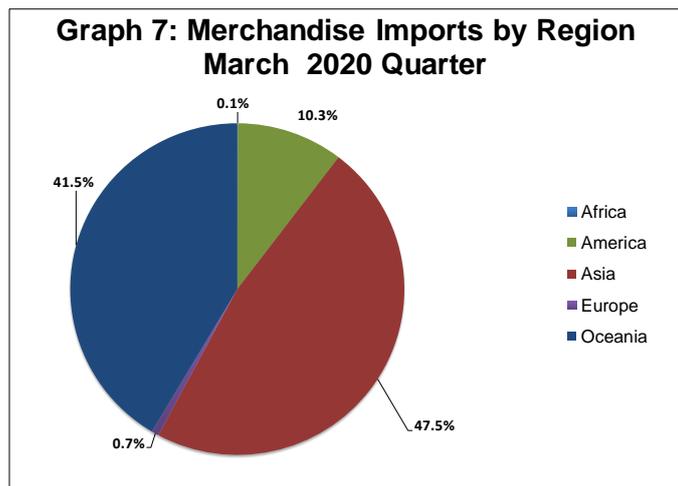
In the March 2020 quarter, the **Asia** region recorded the largest share of total merchandise imports value with 47.5 percent, decreasing 29.6 percent from the previous quarter and 15.3 percent when compared with the same quarter of 2019.

**Oceania** recorded a total share of 41.5 percent of total merchandise imports value, decreasing 32.1 percent and 7.6 percent when compared with the previous quarter and March 2019 quarter.

**America** had a total share of 10.3 percent, decreasing 29.9 percent from the previous quarter

but was 43.6 percent higher than the same quarter of 2019.

**Europe** represented 0.7 percent of total merchandise imports value while Africa reported the least share with 0.06 percent. (See graph 7 and table 7)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

#### Merchandise Imports by major source markets

**New Zealand** continued to be the leading source market for merchandise imports in the March 2020 quarter, despite the 32.2 percent fall in its value from the previous quarter, accounting for 25.0 percent of total merchandise imports value. In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2019, the current value of imports from New Zealand decreased 12.4 percent.

**Singapore** accounted for 21.0 percent of total merchandise imports value, decreasing 14.9 percent and 2.8 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2019 respectively.

**USA** represented 10.4 percent of total merchandise imports value, decreasing 27.1 percent from the previous quarter but increased 50.4 percent from the corresponding quarter of 2019 respectively.

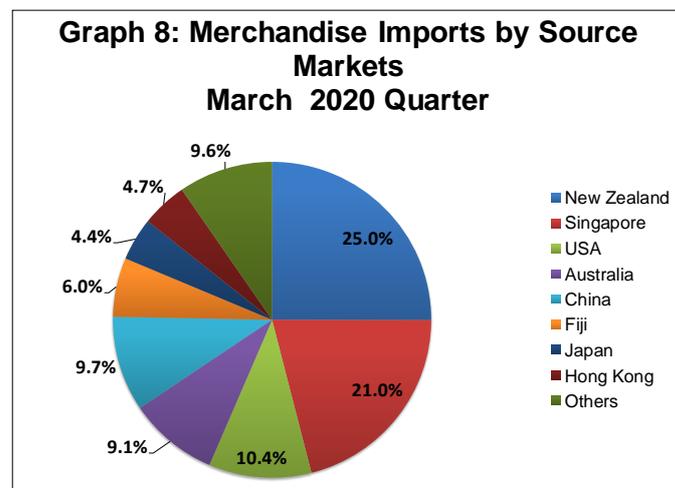
**China** accounted for 9.7 percent of total merchandise imports value, decreasing 36.5 percent from the previous quarter 33.9 percent from the corresponding quarter of 2019.

**Australia** recorded an 9.1 percent share of total merchandise imports value, decreasing 26.5 percent and 6.7 percent from the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2019 respectively.

Import from **Fiji** decreased 41.8 percent from the previous quarter, accounting for 6.0 percent of total merchandise imports value. When compared with the corresponding quarter of 2019, the current value of imports from Fiji increased 1.4 percent.

Imports from **Hong Kong** accounted for 4.7 percent of total merchandise imports value, decreasing 39.0 percent from the previous quarter and 26.7 percent when compared with the same quarter of 2019.

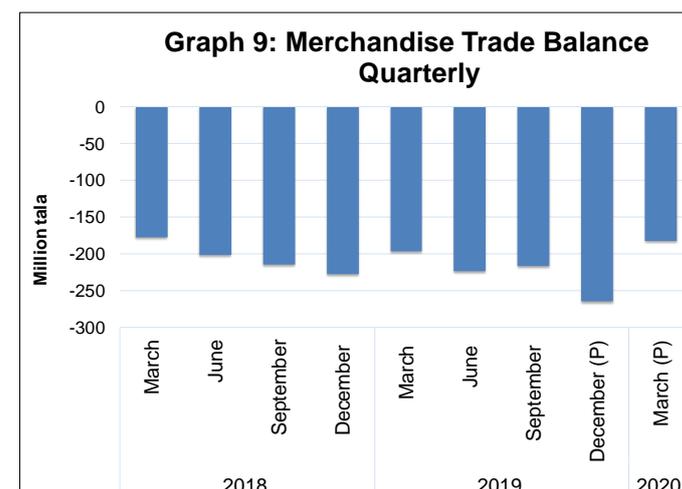
Imports from **Japan** and **Thailand** also decreased 30.9 percent and 45.0 percent respectively from the previous quarter representing 4.4 percent and 2.6 percent of total merchandise imports value in that order. All other countries accounted for less than 3.0 percent each of total merchandise imports value having a combined share of 9.6 percent. (See graph 8 and table 8)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

#### Merchandise Trade Balance

In the March 2020 quarter, the total value of merchandise imports (\$206.4 million) exceeded that of exports (\$24.5 million), resulting in a trade deficit of \$181.9 million. (See graph 9 and table 1).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The attached tables provide the user with more detailed information.

The June 2020 quarter Merchandise trade report is expected to be available on September 20<sup>th</sup> 2020.



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**Technical Notes**

The main source of imports and exports data comes from the administrative document, a completed customs form (Single Administrative data) required to be filled in by importers and exporters or customs agents when clearing merchandise inward and outward through the Ministry for Revenue (Custom Department)

**Definitions**

March 2019 quarter: (January, February, March 2019)

Capital goods: are produced assets that are used repeatedly or continuously, for longer than one year, in industrial production processes. Examples are machinery, trucks, and aircraft.

cif: is the cost of goods, including insurance and freight to Samoa.

Consumption goods: are goods used (without further transformation in industrial production processes) by households, government, or non-profit institutions serving households.

Exports (domestic): are goods of domestic origin exported from Samoa to another country. Exports in this release are valued fob and are shown in Samoan tala.

fob: is free on board (the value of goods at Samoa ports before export).

Imports: are goods imported into Samoa. Imports in this release are valued at cif and are shown in Samoan tala.

Intermediate goods: are goods used up, or transformed in, industrial production processes.

Merchandise trade: covers exports or imports of goods that alter the nation's stock of material resources.

Provisional: statistics for the latest three months are provisional, to allow late data and amendments to be included.

Re-exports: are exports of foreign goods which were previously recorded as Samoa's imports.

Trade balance: is calculated by deducting imports (cif) from exports (fob). These two valuations are not entirely comparable, because the cif valuation includes insurance and freight to Samoa, while the fob valuation excludes insurance and freight from Samoa.

Trade deficit: occurs when the value of imports is more than the value of exports.

Trade surplus: occurs when the value of exports is more than the value of imports.

**Table 1: Overseas Merchandise Trade**  
**Values (000 tala) <sup>(1)(2)</sup>**

Period		Exports	Imports	Trade Balance
<b>Annual</b>				
	2011	153,111	805,752	-652,641
	2012	176,428	791,974	-615,546
	2013	144,103	851,292	-707,189
	2014	117,400	895,326	-777,926
	2015	136,018	855,390	-719,372
	2016	143,755	899,005	-755,250
	2017	112,215	900,997	-788,782
	2018	119,204	939,443	-820,239
	2019 (P)	130,098	1,031,313	-901,215
<b>Quarter</b>				
<b>2016</b>	March	28,256	220,835	-192,579
	June	35,098	226,981	-191,883
	September	44,936	224,418	-179,482
	December	35,466	226,772	-191,306
<b>2017</b>	March	25,871	210,126	-184,255
	June	31,138	210,684	-179,546
	September	30,834	235,475	-204,641
	December	24,372	244,712	-220,340
<b>2018</b>	March	20,050	197,020	-176,969
	June	25,858	227,652	-201,794
	September	36,021	250,123	-214,103
	December	37,276	264,649	-227,373
<b>2019</b>	March	30,683	226,898	-196,215
	June	31,965	255,687	-223,722
	September	34,841	251,566	-216,726
	December (P)	32,608	297,161	-264,553
<b>2020</b>	March (P)	24,478	206,424	-181,945
<b>Month</b>				
<b>2017</b>	January	7,690	69,698	-62,008
	February	10,181	61,294	-51,113
	March	8,000	79,134	-71,134
	April	7,589	66,272	-58,684
	May	9,191	72,040	-62,849
	June	14,358	72,371	-58,013
	July	8,952	70,292	-61,340
	August	11,450	80,356	-68,905
	September	10,432	84,827	-74,395
	October	8,390	80,446	-72,056
	November	7,482	93,942	-86,460
	December	8,501	70,324	-61,824
<b>2018</b>	January	6,181	74,546	-68,365
	February	5,784	68,186	-62,402
	March	8,085	54,288	-46,203
	April	7,988	84,084	-76,096
	May	10,060	79,576	-69,517
	June	7,810	63,992	-56,182
	July	11,542	79,733	-68,191
	August	12,833	92,981	-80,147
	September	11,645	77,409	-65,764
	October	16,842	100,917	-84,074
	November	10,460	70,701	-60,241
	December	9,973	93,031	-83,058
<b>2019</b>	January	11,694	74,815	-63,122
	February	7,402	61,818	-54,415
	March	11,587	90,266	-78,678
	April	7,659	72,648	-64,990
	May	10,122	97,409	-87,287
	June	14,184	85,630	-71,446
	July	8,991	80,521	-71,530
	August	13,508	92,458	-78,950
	September	12,342	78,587	-66,245
	October	12,998	95,510	-82,512
	November(*)	9,740	101,432	-91,692
	December	9,870	100,218	-90,348
<b>2020</b>	January	9,900	54,741	-44,841
	February (P)	7,300	74,938	-67,638
	March (P)	7,278	76,745	-69,467

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**Table 2: Exports by main Commodities**

 Values (000 tala) <sup>(1)(2)</sup>

HS Code	Commodity	Annual			Quarter						% Change (quarter)	
					2018	2019			2020	Mar20 /Dec19	Mar20 / Mar19	
		2017	2018	2019 (P)	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec (P)			Mar (P)
3	Fish, crustaceans and molluscs	33,259	33,836	46,415	7,856	9,678	8,580	15,466	12,690	6,454	-49.1	-33.3
27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	32,617	30,663	32,165	9,312	7,108	7,572	9,525	7,959	6,986	-12.2	-1.7
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit and nuts	4,352	10,258	12,237	4,132	5,449	5,134	833	821	1,260	53.5	-76.9
7	Vegetables	10,863	7,386	7,915	2,155	1,718	2,080	2,270	1,847	1,453	-21.3	-15.4
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	5,316	7,341	5,238	2,209	919	1,500	1,425	1,394	1,148	-17.7	24.9
2	Meat and edible offal	706	4,846	583	351	177	127	94	186	76	-59.2	-57.1
39	Plastics and articles	1,112	3,677	1,005	2,247	337	533	112	23	751	3192.1	122.9
85	Electrical machinery and equipment	8,816	3,273	4,879	677	1,040	1,937	973	929	1,237	33.2	18.9
15	Fats and oils	2,190	2,268	4,740	548	1,180	1,346	468	1,746	786	-55.0	-33.4
8	Fruit and nuts	1,904	1,960	2,024	524	601	513	306	603	578	-4.2	-3.8
23	Food wastes	896	1,309	166	561	16	79	18	54	161	201.6	917.5
19	Cereal preparations	896	1,113	741	553	346	110	94	191	286	49.6	-17.2
18	Cocoa	638	908	587	226	24	152	224	187	172	-8.0	623.2
24	Tobacco	462	699	1,337	238	238	110	293	696	786	13.0	230.2
84	Mechanical machinery and equipment	532	505	808	213	382	47	39	340	261	-23.3	-31.6
12	Oil seeds	177	477	950	134	42	87	327	494	110	-77.7	163.0
4	Dairy	160	477	308	3,235	37	70	75	126	110	-12.9	194.1
96	Miscellaneous manufactured products	55	470	68	19	2	14	15	36	117	223.4	4921.1
64	Footwear	333	464	216	301	110	0	105	1	94	9894.0	-14.7
16	Meat and fish preparation	598	451	376	35	99	59	67	152	118	-21.8	20.0
72-73	Iron and steel and articles	1,130	692	845	182	273	148	171	253	196	-22.3	-28.0
44	Wood and articles of wood	203	429	371	150	24	181	36	130	198	52.5	711.6
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	206	390	481	74	30	257	145	49	296	502.1	898.3
87	Vehicles, parts and accessories	138	357	623	116	92	86	257	188	167	-11.5	81.7
62	Apparel and clothing accessories	217	314	454	73	23	124	194	112	3	-97.3	-87.1
38	Chemical products n.e.s.	244	311	730	63	5	414	217	93	41	-56.5	648.8
94	Furniture, furnishings and light fittings	148	301	554	89	54	154	118	228	116	-49.2	114.5
25	Mineral substances	306	291	325	170	29	139	85	72	44	-38.4	54.5
34	Soaps and polishes	78	270	1,020	192	15	20	491	493	54	-89.1	248.8
33	Essential oils and cosmetic preparations	75	235	84	79	26	29	26	3	25	626.0	-5.4
17	Sugar	56	152	61	38	10	20	17	13	9	-36.2	-17.1
10	Cereals	67	143	105	28	9	23	23	51	49	-3.0	465.8
...	Others	3,462	2,937	1,688	496	592	319	329	448	338	-24.5	-42.9
<b>01-98</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>112,215</b>	<b>119,204</b>	<b>130,098</b>	<b>37,276</b>	<b>30,683</b>	<b>31,965</b>	<b>34,841</b>	<b>32,608</b>	<b>24,478</b>	<b>-24.9</b>	<b>-20.2</b>

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**Table 3: Exports (value) by major items, SITC<sup>(3)</sup>**

 Values (000 tala)<sup>(1)(2)</sup>

SITC Section	Annual				Quarter										% Change (quarter)	
					2018				2019				2020			
	2016	2017	2018	2019 (P)	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec (P)	Mar (P)	Mar20 / Dec19	Mar20 / Mar19	
Food & Live Animal	60,826	54,898	63,598	73,254	10,660	11,857	21,232	19,849	18,610	17,285	19,941	17,418	11,092	-36.3	-40.4	
Beverages & Tobacco	4,532	5,683	8,012	6,563	1,737	1,983	1,852	2,439	1,156	1,610	1,707	2,089	1,934	-7.4	67.2	
Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	1,993	2,081	1,017	881	258	274	174	311	228	298	116	239	228	-4.6	-0.2	
Mineral fuels, Lubricants & Related Materials	30,888	32,613	30,656	32,159	5,848	7,727	7,776	9,305	7,104	7,572	9,524	7,959	6,984	-12.3	-1.7	
Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	2,242	1,398	1,580	2,110	17	425	721	416	3	398	198	1,511	708	-53.1	26236.9	
Chemicals & Related Products	249	1,447	1,649	4,021	320	268	587	475	1,257	1,072	840	852	226	-73.5	-82.1	
Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	975	2,548	2,904	2,625	555	891	836	623	211	792	572	1,050	565	-46.2	167.6	
Machinery & Transport Equipment	40,685	9,475	4,212	6,066	416	1,030	1,695	1,070	1,520	2,081	1,271	1,194	1,671	39.9	10.0	
Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods & Articles	1,366	2,072	5,577	2,369	239	1,401	1,149	2,787	593	858	671	246	1,071	334.9	80.5	
Commodities & Transactions Not Classified Elsewhere In The SITC	0	0	0	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	0	-100.0	0.0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>143,755</b>	<b>112,215</b>	<b>119,204</b>	<b>130,098</b>	<b>20,050</b>	<b>25,858</b>	<b>36,021</b>	<b>37,276</b>	<b>30,683</b>	<b>31,965</b>	<b>34,841</b>	<b>32,608</b>	<b>24,478</b>	<b>-24.9</b>	<b>-20.2</b>	

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**Table 4: Exports by Region, by main Countries of Destination**

 Values (in '000 Tala)<sup>(1)(2)</sup>

Region/Country	Annual				Quarter									% Change (quarter)	
	2016	2017	2018	2019 (P)	2018				2019				2020	Mar20 /Dec19	Mar20 / Mar19
					Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec (P)	Mar (P)		
<b>Region</b>															
Africa	18	32	1	10	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	8	0	-100.0	0.0
America	9,597	7,597	11,549	16,829	1,158	4,117	3,360	2,914	7,050	4,139	2,669	2,972	2,175	-26.8	-69.1
Asia	17,707	13,781	19,118	22,115	3,506	4,268	4,993	6,351	3,989	4,913	6,857	6,356	3,912	-38.5	-1.9
Europe	978	635	977	1,055	315	217	229	217	332	218	234	272	1,270	367.0	282.5
Oceania	115,455	90,170	87,474	90,087	14,986	17,256	27,439	27,793	19,312	22,694	25,081	23,000	17,121	-25.6	-11.3
Other	0	0	84	0	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
<b>Top Countries</b>															
New Zealand	17,181	22,076	21,101	20,762	4,286	4,770	5,272	6,773	4,623	5,684	5,582	4,873	4,149	-14.8	-10.3
Australia	51,623	24,051	12,850	10,663	1,573	3,391	3,255	4,631	2,592	3,511	2,338	2,223	2,182	-1.8	-15.8
American Samoa	37,060	29,876	31,779	40,423	5,261	4,821	13,510	8,188	8,494	7,757	13,100	11,072	6,408	-42.1	-24.6
Fiji	4,575	4,496	4,234	3,323	767	849	1,561	1,056	832	699	879	913	585	-35.9	-29.7
Tokelau	4,236	9,159	16,439	11,301	2,814	3,136	3,500	6,989	2,543	2,918	2,594	3,245	2,688	-17.2	5.7
China	2,050	1,281	1,446	1,767	75	238	390	742	293	428	440	606	656	8.2	124.0
Taiwan	7,576	6,038	8,716	8,152	1,380	2,133	2,443	2,761	945	1,665	2,836	2,706	1,680	-37.9	77.8
Japan	4,238	4,028	3,995	5,640	1,333	1,087	978	597	969	545	2,098	2,028	816	-59.8	-15.8
Singapore	1,619	978	1,571	2,064	425	231	434	481	398	591	625	450	42	-90.6	-89.4
USA	9,592	6,253	11,214	15,127	1,126	4,036	3,258	2,794	6,001	3,687	2,563	2,876	2,076	-27.8	-65.4
Other countries	4,005	3,979	5,860	10,875	1,011	1,166	1,420	2,264	2,994	4,478	1,785	1,617	3,195	97.6	6.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>143,755</b>	<b>112,215</b>	<b>119,204</b>	<b>130,097</b>	<b>20,050</b>	<b>25,858</b>	<b>36,021</b>	<b>37,276</b>	<b>30,683</b>	<b>31,965</b>	<b>34,841</b>	<b>32,608</b>	<b>24,478</b>	<b>-24.9</b>	<b>-20.2</b>

1 Exports are valued fob (free on board – the value of goods at Samoa ports before export) and include re-exports. All values are in Samoan tala.

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**Source** Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Data source: Ministry for Revenue and establishment surveys

Notes: (\*) HS - Samoa Customs Tariff (HS2017 applies to November 2019 and later data. HS2012 is used for earlier data.)

**Table 5: Imports by main Commodities**

 Values (000 tala) <sup>(1)(2)</sup>

HS Code	Commodity	Annual			Quarter					% Change (quarter)	
		2017	2018	2019 (P)	2019				2020	Mar20 /Dec19	Mar20 / Mar19
					Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec (P)	Mar (P)		
27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	144,208	178,467	182,429	48,549	35,552	45,460	52,868	40,676	-23.1	-16.2
87	Vehicles, parts and accessories	58,733	68,629	94,809	17,185	30,484	20,790	26,350	13,809	-47.6	-19.6
2	Meat and edible meat offal	68,225	65,488	69,433	10,990	17,500	20,117	20,825	15,733	-24.5	43.2
85	Electrical machinery and equipment	65,998	55,480	69,003	19,375	15,846	11,958	21,824	15,463	-29.1	-20.2
84	Mechanical machinery and equipment	49,175	50,752	65,448	9,417	14,648	22,637	18,746	12,244	-34.7	30.0
44	Wood and articles of wood	30,278	31,139	34,940	6,266	8,673	8,132	11,869	3,652	-69.2	-41.7
19	Cereal preparations	26,319	29,884	29,417	7,080	7,065	6,820	8,453	6,305	-25.4	-10.9
4	Dairy	27,564	29,274	31,626	6,802	8,535	7,533	8,756	6,912	-21.1	1.6
39	Plastics and articles	28,833	29,232	29,660	6,439	7,858	6,986	8,377	4,829	-42.4	-25.0
16	Meat and fish preparation	19,171	24,251	19,612	4,481	3,852	4,674	6,605	5,551	-16.0	23.9
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	17,167	18,298	18,038	3,609	4,287	5,016	5,127	3,987	-22.2	10.5
48	Paper products	14,883	16,865	17,234	4,080	4,449	4,144	4,561	3,727	-18.3	-8.7
10	Cereals	10,446	16,613	11,484	2,895	1,995	3,346	3,248	3,502	7.8	21.0
25	Mineral substances	15,517	16,378	18,956	4,815	4,311	3,543	6,287	2,755	-56.2	-42.8
34	Soaps and polishes	11,577	15,141	12,662	2,558	2,972	3,377	3,756	3,407	-9.3	33.2
72-73	Iron and steel	57,000	46,784	54,211	15,404	11,851	12,163	14,794	10,739	-27.4	-30.3
11	Milling industry products	13,700	14,247	15,459	3,205	3,777	4,136	4,341	2,779	-36.0	-13.3
17	Sugar	16,780	14,117	13,049	2,390	3,357	3,341	3,960	2,046	-48.3	-14.4
30	Pharmaceutical products	12,455	13,930	12,875	2,280	3,421	4,126	3,048	2,213	-27.4	-3.0
94	Furniture	15,559	13,486	17,788	3,737	5,631	3,491	4,929	2,484	-49.6	-33.5
38	Chemical products n.e.c.	9,983	10,618	9,952	2,122	2,631	2,538	2,660	2,032	-23.6	-4.3
96	Miscellaneous manufactured products	10,331	10,225	10,569	3,582	2,465	2,087	2,435	2,333	-4.2	-34.9
40	Rubber	8,585	9,802	7,967	1,721	2,198	1,852	2,197	1,503	-31.6	-12.6
90	Optical, medical, and measuring equipment	9,492	9,316	9,520	2,742	2,066	1,303	3,410	2,803	-17.8	2.2
7	Vegetables	9,909	9,249	9,474	2,264	2,510	2,163	2,537	2,124	-16.3	-6.2
33	Essential oils and cosmetic preparations	8,590	9,226	9,391	1,752	2,268	2,850	2,521	1,557	-38.2	-11.1
22	Beverages	9,432	8,870	7,400	1,133	2,079	2,208	1,980	1,156	-41.6	2.1
62	Apparel not knitted and crocheted	7,787	8,585	12,034	1,953	2,805	3,618	3,658	1,060	-71.0	-45.7
15	Fats and oils	8,201	8,495	8,136	1,661	2,050	2,435	1,990	1,621	-18.5	-2.4
32	Dyes, tannin, and paint	7,390	7,440	9,913	2,508	2,437	2,366	2,602	1,518	-41.6	-39.5
76	Aluminium	8,161	7,411	10,060	2,511	3,117	1,378	3,054	1,963	-35.7	-21.8
20	Vegetable, fruit, and nut preparations	4,750	6,562	7,978	1,490	1,721	2,500	2,267	1,818	-19.8	22.0
68	Stone	6,669	6,397	6,916	1,624	1,689	1,540	2,063	2,147	4.1	32.2
70	Glass and glassware	7,786	6,083	7,104	1,488	2,279	1,027	2,310	864	-62.6	-41.9
55	Man-made staple fibres	5,091	5,251	7,168	1,868	1,364	1,692	2,243	1,091	-51.3	-41.6
3	Fish	3,693	5,137	5,949	1,300	1,048	1,521	2,081	1,404	-32.5	8.0
69	Ceramic products	3,709	4,673	5,931	1,727	1,158	1,468	1,578	1,938	22.8	12.2
23	Food wastes	4,571	4,655	4,750	1,081	1,229	1,056	1,384	1,215	-12.2	12.4
63	Made up textile articles	3,428	3,985	5,262	564	2,245	991	1,462	621	-57.5	10.0
8	Fruits and nuts	3,886	3,974	3,723	722	820	961	1,219	660	-45.9	-8.7
82	Metal tools and cutlery	3,495	3,861	3,567	897	842	854	973	506	-48.0	-43.6
95	Toys and games	3,310	3,710	8,846	432	6,179	907	1,328	419	-68.5	-3.0
83	Miscellaneous metal articles	3,262	3,695	4,342	678	1,290	1,294	1,080	740	-31.5	9.0
61	Knitted and crocheted apparel	2,833	3,583	4,342	938	1,393	846	1,165	1,023	-12.1	9.0
9	Coffee, tea, and spices	2,255	3,130	2,164	580	436	612	536	540	0.8	-6.9
24	Tobacco	2,555	2,751	3,120	559	1,004	1,031	526	959	82.4	71.7
64	Footwear	2,850	2,685	2,424	431	526	830	637	506	-20.6	17.2
37	Photographic equipment	1,188	2,396	2,332	719	807	343	463	508	9.7	-29.3
49	Books and newspapers	15,560	2,229	3,380	392	693	1,652	643	3,146	389.3	702.4
28	Inorganic chemicals and compounds	1,613	1,822	2,521	364	531	499	1,128	511	-54.6	40.6
18	Cocoa	1,331	1,596	1,198	146	334	340	378	243	-35.7	66.0
52	Cotton	1,097	1,093	817	355	107	246	110	600	446.6	68.9
...	Others	14,616	12,482	14,930	3,034	5,305	2,768	3,823	2,482	-35.1	-18.2
<b>01-98</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>900,997</b>	<b>939,443</b>	<b>1,031,313</b>	<b>226,898</b>	<b>255,687</b>	<b>251,566</b>	<b>297,161</b>	<b>206,424</b>	<b>-30.5</b>	<b>-9.0</b>

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**Source:** Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Data source: Ministry for Revenue and establishment surveys

**Table 6: Imports (value) by major items, SITC(3)**

Values (000 tala)<sup>(1)(2)</sup>

SITC Section	Annual				Quarter										% Change (quarter)	
					2018				2019				2020	Mar20 / Dec19	Mar20 / Mar19	
	2016	2017	2018	2019 (P)	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec (P)	Mar(P)			
Food & Live Animal	235,810	232,794	249,568	246,220	54,434	58,856	63,638	72,640	49,630	59,256	64,850	72,483	55,446		-23.5	11.7
Beverages & Tobacco	12,568	11,548	11,226	10,100	3,197	2,571	2,530	2,928	1,615	3,013	3,050	2,422	1,992		-17.8	23.3
Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	21,317	24,438	31,810	35,063	3,685	8,384	9,624	10,117	7,055	10,068	7,696	10,244	3,611		-64.8	-48.8
Mineral fuels, Lubricants & Related Materials	122,284	143,389	173,370	175,246	31,254	46,306	52,854	42,956	45,377	32,563	44,806	52,499	39,806		-24.2	-12.3
Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	5,654	5,766	6,144	5,940	1,129	1,631	1,574	1,810	1,254	1,432	1,854	1,399	1,139		-18.6	-9.2
Chemicals & Related Products	67,573	62,072	70,209	69,884	16,255	15,467	18,540	19,948	14,426	17,496	18,994	18,967	13,886		-26.8	-3.7
Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	144,926	148,194	139,555	159,098	30,287	31,857	34,990	42,421	40,546	39,243	33,494	45,815	30,437		-33.6	-24.9
Machinery & Transport Equipment	190,595	178,973	175,742	230,974	40,213	44,296	44,786	46,448	46,207	62,158	55,595	67,015	41,971		-37.4	-9.2
Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods & Articles	98,260	93,809	81,783	98,777	16,559	18,277	21,585	25,362	20,783	30,455	21,225	26,313	18,131		-31.1	-12.8
Commodities & Transactions Not Classified Elsewhere In The SITC	18	13	35	11	7	7	2	18	4	2	2	4	4		13.0	12.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>899,005</b>	<b>900,997</b>	<b>939,443</b>	<b>1,031,313</b>	<b>197,020</b>	<b>227,652</b>	<b>250,123</b>	<b>264,649</b>	<b>226,898</b>	<b>255,687</b>	<b>251,566</b>	<b>297,161</b>	<b>206,424</b>		<b>-30.5</b>	<b>-9.0</b>

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3 SITC: Standard International Trade Classification

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Data source: Ministry for Revenue and establishment surveys

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**Table 8: Imports by Region, by main Countries of Exports**

 Values (in '000 Tala)<sup>(1)(2)</sup>

Region/Country	Annual				Quarter									% Change (quarter)	
					2018				2019				2020	Mar20 / Dec19	Mar20 / Mar19
	2016	2017	2018	2019 (P)	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec (P)	Mar (P)		
<b>Region</b>															
Africa	17	47	195	41	32	6	137	20	14	13	14	1	128	17861.5	806.4
America	95,957	103,318	95,229	93,527	22,272	18,610	25,110	29,237	14,817	23,889	24,466	30,356	21,273	-29.9	43.6
Asia	381,432	383,539	427,408	489,645	84,099	103,291	115,411	124,606	115,666	118,254	116,515	139,211	97,992	-29.6	-15.3
Europe	12,921	25,772	8,257	10,952	1,134	3,771	2,485	867	3,778	3,002	2,712	1,460	1,445	-1.0	-61.8
Oceania	408,679	388,321	408,355	437,147	89,482	101,973	106,981	109,918	92,623	110,530	107,860	126,134	85,587	-32.1	-7.6
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
<b>Top Countries</b>															
New Zealand	239,876	237,966	255,627	270,086	53,638	65,784	67,170	69,035	58,979	67,945	66,967	76,195	51,679	-32.2	-12.4
Australia	95,104	94,593	93,040	93,043	22,705	22,506	24,200	23,629	20,226	24,614	22,525	25,678	18,864	-26.5	-6.7
Fiji	67,542	52,437	53,839	66,895	12,462	12,700	13,041	15,636	12,301	16,430	16,715	21,449	12,478	-41.8	1.4
USA	92,621	100,314	92,867	90,688	21,503	18,159	24,884	28,321	14,303	22,877	24,007	29,502	21,512	-27.1	50.4
China	107,063	81,607	84,772	127,719	16,931	15,440	22,120	30,281	30,374	46,946	18,765	31,635	20,082	-36.5	-33.9
Hong Kong	20,285	33,544	45,888	50,131	7,708	9,225	12,327	16,629	13,141	10,356	10,832	15,801	9,636	-39.0	-26.7
Indonesia	13,998	10,407	12,325	11,160	3,087	2,443	2,835	3,960	3,055	2,595	2,779	2,731	1,830	-33.0	-40.1
Japan	44,649	38,474	39,987	40,280	5,611	12,660	10,947	10,770	7,551	7,610	12,028	13,091	9,051	-30.9	19.9
Malaysia	19,466	7,476	7,022	9,788	1,604	1,862	1,379	2,177	1,685	3,020	2,084	3,000	2,838	-5.4	68.4
Philippines	2,282	1,137	850	1,990	105	134	164	448	662	460	518	350	134	-61.7	-79.8
Singapore	130,711	149,180	173,563	174,133	32,490	45,982	53,038	42,053	44,569	32,651	46,023	50,890	43,310	-14.9	-2.8
Thailand	24,274	21,893	26,839	28,481	5,197	7,684	5,463	8,496	7,662	5,424	5,816	9,578	5,266	-45.0	-31.3
India	3,161	2,433	5,732	12,268	2,069	1,308	856	1,498	1,229	1,237	8,062	1,740	220	-87.4	-82.1
Korea Democratic People's	3,996	3,338	4,843	4,783	662	1,332	1,063	1,786	965	370	409	3,039	1,167	-61.6	21.0
Korea Republic	1,437	17,088	18,106	19,583	7,056	2,974	3,133	4,943	2,526	5,471	6,186	5,400	3,664	-32.2	45.0
Papua New Guinea	823	664	346	580	72	11	120	143	285	167	34	95	10	-89.8	-96.6
Tonga	2,248	187	489	296	3	102	146	238	58	38	140	59	565	856.5	866.6
Taiwan, Province of China	4,932	1,371	2,433	4,551	564	670	915	283	982	273	1,583	1,713	555	-67.6	-43.5
Viet Nam	4,560	11,894	3,408	5,035	663	809	723	1,214	956	1,385	1,203	1,490	970	-34.9	1.5
Other countries	19,976	34,995	17,466	19,824	2,891	5,867	5,601	3,106	5,389	5,820	4,889	3,726	2,592	-30.4	-51.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>899,005</b>	<b>900,997</b>	<b>939,443</b>	<b>1,031,313</b>	<b>197,020</b>	<b>227,652</b>	<b>250,123</b>	<b>264,649</b>	<b>226,898</b>	<b>255,687</b>	<b>251,566</b>	<b>297,161</b>	<b>206,424</b>	<b>-30.5</b>	<b>-9.0</b>

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