



## SAMOA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

### OVERSEAS MERCHANDISE TRADE December 2021 quarter

compared to the four quarters ending December 2020.

#### Highlights of the quarter

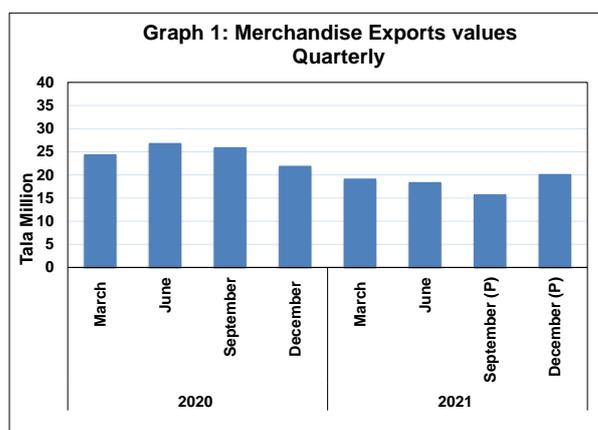
(December 2021 quarter compared with September 2021 quarter)

- Exports value decreased by 27.8 percent to \$20.2 million.
- Imports value increased by 28.1 percent to \$277.0 million
- In the December 2021 quarter, the trade balance was a deficit \$256.8 million, increasing by 28.2 percent over the September 2021 quarter.

#### Overview

#### Value of Merchandise Exports

Total exports stood at \$20.2 million in the December 2021 quarter. This value was 27.8 percent higher than the previous quarter reflecting higher exports of fish, coconut oil and taro to mention a few. However, when compared to the same quarter of the previous year, exports declined by 8.0 percent. **(See Graph 1 and Table 1).**



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Total value of exports in the four quarters ending December 2021 decreased 25.8 percent when

#### Exports of Main Commodities

**Fats and oil** exports became the top exported commodity in the December 2021 quarter, valued at \$3.9 million, accounting for 19.2 percent of total merchandise exports value. This was 26.7 percent and 57.7 percent higher when compared to September 2021 quarter and December 2020 quarter respectively.

**Electrical machinery and equipment** exports followed with a total value of \$2.9 million (14.4 percent of total merchandise exports value), increasing \$0.2 million and \$2.1 million over the previous quarter and the same quarter last year.

**Mineral fuels, mineral oils and product** exports went up 64.8 percent to \$2.3 million from the previous quarter (11.3 percent of total merchandise exports value) despite a reduction of 2.0 percent when compared to the corresponding quarter of 2020.

**Fish** exports were valued at \$2.2 million (10.8 percent of total merchandise exports value), increasing \$1.2 million when compared to the previous month but \$5.6 million lower when compared to the same quarter last year due to the limitation of shipments in the reviewed quarter.

**Vegetable** increased 16.9 percent to \$1.6 million (7.9 percent of total merchandise exports value), from the previous quarter. In comparison with December 2020 quarter, the value of vegetables declined 37.2 percent.

**Beverages, spirits and vinegar** exports declined 2.5 percent to \$1.4 million from the previous quarter, accounting for 7.1 percent of total merchandise exports value, decreasing 20.9 percent when compared to the December 2020 quarter.

**Fruits and nuts** exports increased 71.4 percent to \$1.0 million (5.0 percent of total merchandise exports value) from the previous quarter and 74.3 percent higher when compared to the corresponding quarter last year.

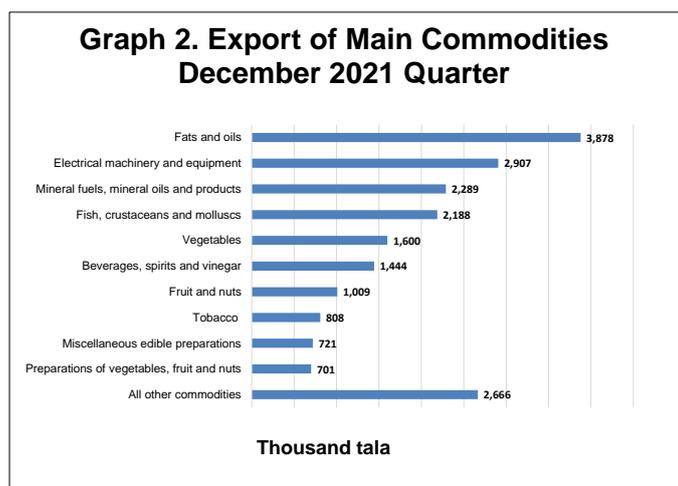
**Tobacco** exports went up by 0.9 percent (to \$0.8

million) from the previous quarter, accounting for 4.0 percent of total merchandise exports value. In comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2020, the value of tobacco exports increased by 37.0 percent.

**Miscellaneous edible preparations** exports stood at \$0.7 million (3.6 percent of total merchandise exports value), increasing \$0.7 million and \$0.4 million when compared to the previous quarter and the same quarter last year respectively.

**Preparations of vegetables, fruits and nuts** exports declined 5.7 percent to \$0.7 million (3.5 percent of total merchandise exports value) from the September 2021 quarter but 18.7 percent higher over the same quarter in 2020.

All **'other commodities'** with less than 3.0 percent share each of total merchandise exports value had a combined total of \$2.7 million. (See Graph 2 and Table 2).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

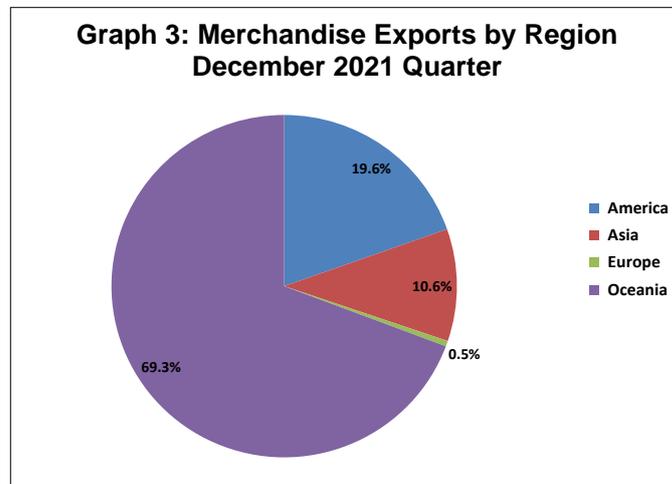
### Merchandise Exports by Region

**Oceania** recorded the largest share of total merchandise exports value with 69.3 percent, increasing 30.5 percent from the previous quarter despite a reduction of 14.1 percent when compared to the December 2020 quarter.

**America** followed with a total share of 19.6 percent, increasing 14.4 percent over the preceding quarter and 38.6 percent when compared to the corresponding quarter of 2020.

**Asia** had a total share of 10.6 percent, increasing 37.6 percent from September 2021 quarter but 16.6 percent lower when compared to December 2020 quarter.

Europe recorded a 0.5 percent share, increasing 40.9 percent over the previous quarter but 56.2 percent lower from the corresponding quarter of 2020. (See Graph 3 and Table 4)



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

### Merchandise Exports by main Countries of Destination

**New Zealand** maintained its position as the leading country of destination for merchandise exports in the December 2021 quarter with a total value of \$4.8 million (23.9 percent of total merchandise exports value). This value was 7.5 percent and 28.1 percent higher when compared to September 2021 quarter and December 2020 quarter respectively.

Exports to **USA** followed next with a total value of \$4.0 million, reflecting 19.6 percent of total merchandise exports value. This was 14.4 percent higher than that of September 2021 quarter and 48.4 percent over the December 2020 quarter.

Exports to **American Samoa**, valued at \$3.5 million, represented 17.5 percent of total merchandise exports value, increased 40.9 percent from September 2021 quarter despite a reduction of 59.4 percent when compared to December 2020 quarter.

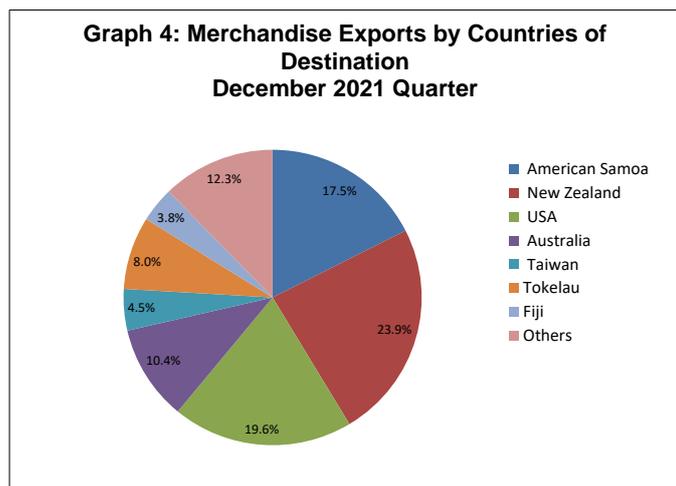
Exports to **Australia** had a total value of \$2.1 million, contributing 10.4 percent of total merchandise exports value, increasing 60.9 percent and 26.8 percent over the September 2021 quarter and December 2020 quarter respectively.

Exports to **Tokelau** increased 1.7 percent to \$1.6 million (8.0 percent of total merchandise exports value) from the previous quarter. This value was 22.8 percent higher than that of December 2020 quarter.

Exports to **Taiwan** recorded a total value of \$0.9 million, accounting for 4.5 percent of total merchandise exports value. This value was \$0.6 million higher than the previous quarter but \$0.5 million lower when compared to December 2020 quarter.

Exports to **Fiji**, valued at \$0.8 million, represented 3.8 percent of total merchandise exports value, increased \$0.8 million and \$0.7 million when compared to the September 2021 quarter and December 2020 quarter respectively.

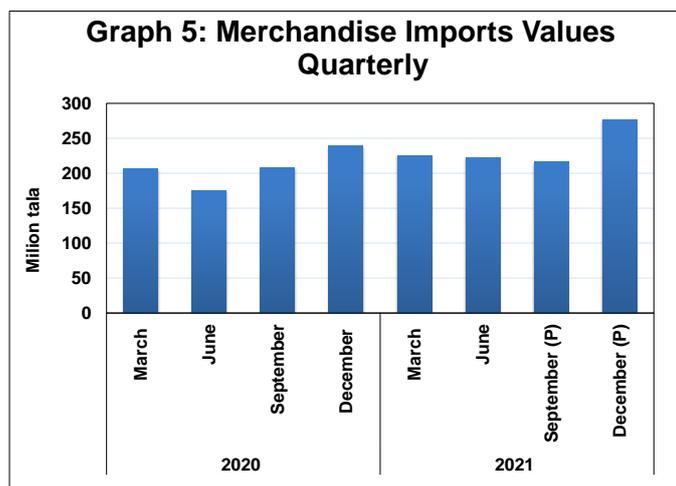
Exports to 'other countries' had a combined export share of 12.3 percent. (See Graph 4 and Table 4).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

### Value of Merchandise Imports

Merchandise imports were valued at \$277.0 million in the December 2021 quarter. This value was 28.1 percent and 16.1 percent higher when compared to the September 2021 quarter and December 2020 quarter respectively. (See Graph 5 and Table 5).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The four quarters ending December 2021 was 13.6 percent higher in the total value of merchandise imports when compared to the four quarters ending December 2020.

### Import of Main Commodities

**Mineral fuels, mineral oils and product** imports maintained as the top imported commodity in the December 2021 quarter, valued at \$51.2 million, accounting for 18.5 percent of total merchandise imports value. This was 16.5 percent and 84.1

percent higher when compared to September 2021 quarter and December 2020 quarter respectively.

**Meat and edible meat offal** imports followed with a total value of \$20.4 million (7.4 percent of total merchandise imports value), increasing 19.4 percent and 23.3 percent when compared to the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2020 in that order.

**Vehicle, parts and accessories** imports were valued at \$18.9 million (6.8 percent of total merchandise imports value). This value was 48.0 percent and 3.2 percent higher when compared to September 2021 quarter and December 2020 quarter respectively.

**Iron and steel** imports reported a total value of \$15.0 million, accounted for 5.4 percent of total merchandise imports value, increasing 68.1 percent and 69.6 percent over the previous quarter and the corresponding quarter of 2020.

**Mechanical machinery and equipment** imports had a total value of \$13.0 million (4.7 percent of total merchandise imports value), increasing 23.0 percent from the previous quarter but 36.7 percent lower when compared to the same quarter last year.

**Wood and articles of wood** imports increased \$7.1 million to \$12.3 million from the preceding quarter, accounting for 4.5 percent of total merchandise imports value. When compared to December 2020 quarter, total value of wood and articles of wood increased \$2.2 million.

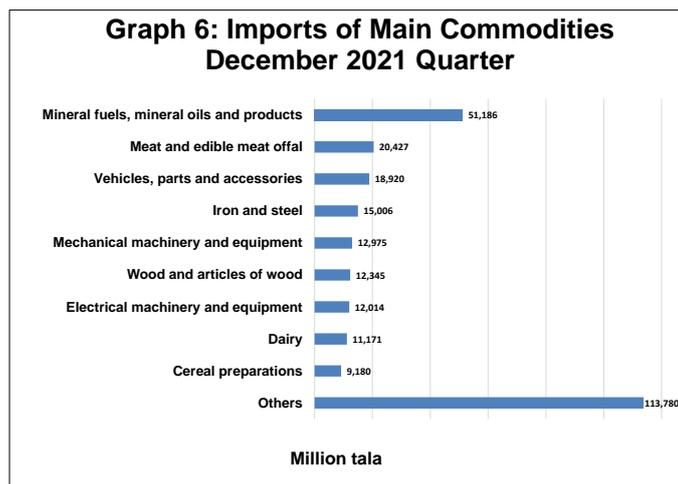
**Electrical machinery and equipment** imports had a total value of \$12.0 million (4.3 percent of total merchandise imports value), decreasing 9.7 percent over the previous month but increasing 14.8 percent when compared to the corresponding quarter 2020.

**Dairy** imports increased 42.5 percent to \$11.2 million from the September 2021 quarter, accounting for 4.0 percent of total merchandise imports value. In comparison with the December 2020 quarter, its total value also increased 31.9 percent.

**Cereal preparations** imports had a total value of \$9.2 million, contributing 3.3 percent of total merchandise imports value. This value was 44.5 percent and 10.1 percent higher when compared to the September 2021 quarter and December 2020 quarter respectively.

All 'other commodities' accounting for less than 3.0 percent share each of total merchandise

imports value had a combined total of \$113.8 million. (See Graph 6 and Table 5).



Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

### Merchandise Imports by Region

**Oceania** region remained as the main source for Samoa's imports with a total share of merchandise imports value of 48.2 percent, increasing 33.9 percent and 8.1 percent when compared to the September 2021 quarter and December 2020 quarter respectively.

**Asia** followed with a total share of 43.0 percent of total merchandise imports value, increasing 27.4 percent over the preceding quarter and 31.7 percent when compared to the same quarter last year.

**America** region had a total share of 8.6 percent, increasing 4.7 percent from the previous quarter and 1.6 percent when compared to December 2020 quarter.

**Europe** recorded a total share of 0.1 percent, increasing \$0.2 million from the previous quarter despite a reduction of \$0.8 million when compared to the same quarter last year. (See Graph 7 and Table 7).

### Merchandise Imports by major source markets

Imports from **New Zealand**, the leading country for Samoa's imports in the December 2021 quarter, accounted for 31.1 percent (\$86.0 million) of total merchandise imports value. This value was 3.3 percent lower when compared to the preceding quarter but was 3.9 percent higher than that of December 2020 quarter.

Imports from **Singapore** accounted for 17.7 percent (\$49.1 million) of total merchandise imports value, increasing 56.2 percent and 61.3 percent over the previous quarter and the same quarter of 2020 respectively.

Imports from **Fiji** represented 10.4 percent (\$28.7 million) of total merchandise imports value, increasing 1.6 percent and 1.8 percent when compared to September 2021 quarter and December 2020 quarter respectively.

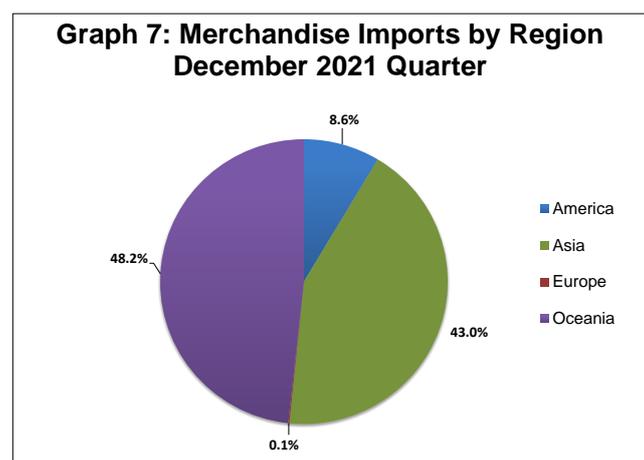
Imports from **China** stood at \$26.7 million (9.6 percent of total merchandise imports value), decreasing 13.0 percent and 15.0 percent when compared to the September 2021 quarter and December 2020 quarter respectively.

Imports from **USA** accounted for 8.6 percent (\$23.8 million) of total merchandise imports value, decreasing 13.5 percent from the September 2021 quarter but increasing 2.6 percent from the same quarter of 2020.

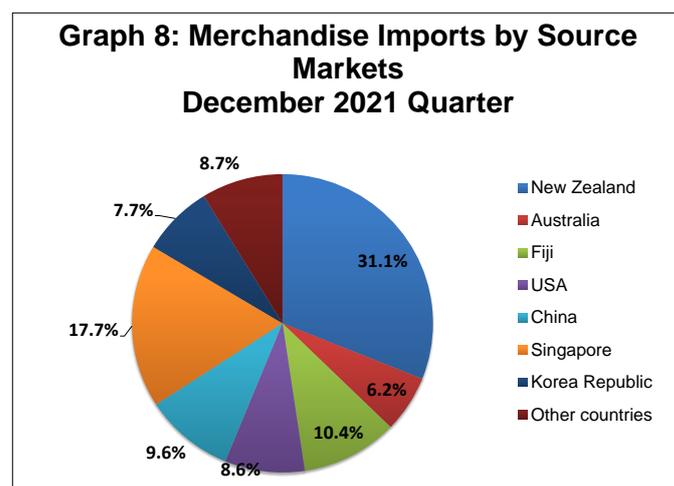
Imports from **Korea** recorded a 7.7 percent (\$21.3 million) of total merchandise import value, increasing \$5.5 million and \$14.2 million when compared to the September 2021 quarter and December 2020 quarter respectively.

Imports from **Australia** had a total share of 6.2 percent (\$17.1 million), decreasing 50.0 percent over the previous quarter and 47.6 percent over the same quarter last year.

All '**other countries**' accounted for less than 3.0 percent share each to total merchandise imports value had a combined share of 8.7 percent. (See Graph 8 and Table 8).



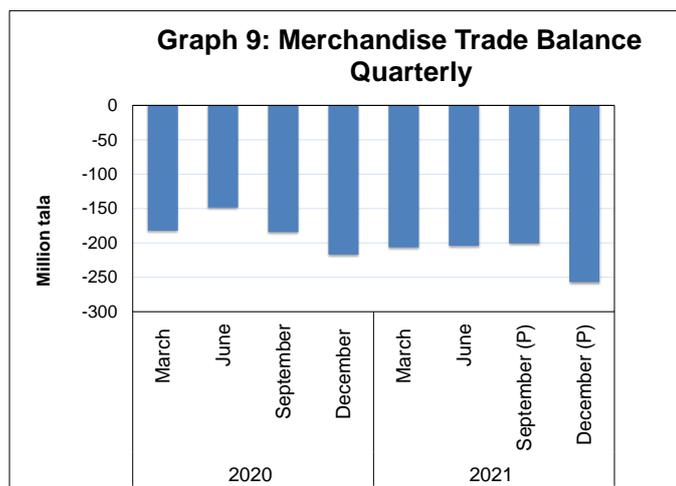
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## **Merchandise Trade Balance**

In the December 2020 quarter, total value of merchandise imports (\$277.0 million) was more than the value of merchandise exports (\$20.2), reflecting a trade deficit of \$256.8 million. (See **Graph 9 and Table 1**).



**Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics**

The attached tables provide the user with more detailed information.

The March 2022 quarter merchandise trade report is expected to be available on June 24<sup>th</sup> 2022.

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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**

December 2021 quarter: (October, November, December 2021)

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.

<b>Table 1: Overseas Merchandise Trade</b>				
<b>Values (000 tala) <sup>(1)(2)</sup></b>				
<b>Period</b>		<b>Exports</b>	<b>Imports</b>	<b>Trade Balance</b>
<b>Annual</b>				
2016		143,755	899,005	-755,250
2017		112,215	900,997	-788,782
2018		119,204	939,443	-820,239
2,019		130,098	1,031,313	-901,215
2020 (P)		99,339	828,652	-729,313
2021 (P)		73,710	941,271	-867,562
<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	32,608	297,161	-264,553
<b>2020</b>	March	24,478	206,424	-181,945
	June	26,894	175,367	-148,472
	September	26,002	208,137	-184,134
	December	21,965	238,724	-216,779
<b>2021</b>	March	19,227	225,540	-206,313
	June	18,450	222,530	-204,080
	September (P)	15,820	216,198	-200,378
	December (P)	20,213	277,003	-256,791

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2 Figures are calculated on rounded data

#### **Symbols**

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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 2: Exports by main Commodities**

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

HS Code	Commodity	Annual			Quarter						% Change (quarter)	
		2019	2020 (P)	2021 (P)	2019	2020	2021				Dec 21 /Sep 21	Dec 21 /Dec 20
					Dec	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sept(P)	Dec (P)		
15	Fats and oils	4,740	9,117	11,378	1,836	2,459	1,956	2,482	3,061	3,878	26.7	57.7
85	Electrical machinery and equipment	4,879	8,627	7,558	929	785	961	934	2,756	2,907	5.5	270.4
27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	32,165	14,149	8,010	7,959	2,337	2,148	2,184	1,389	2,289	64.8	-2.0
3	Fish, crustaceans and molluscs	46,415	32,774	12,523	12,690	7,655	5,921	3,460	954	2,188	129.4	-71.4
7	Vegetables	7,915	8,841	7,600	1,847	2,548	2,139	2,492	1,369	1,600	16.9	-37.2
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	5,238	5,080	5,716	1,394	1,826	1,406	1,385	1,481	1,444	-2.5	-20.9
8	Fruit and nuts	2,024	2,385	3,117	603	579	912	607	589	1,009	71.4	74.3
24	Tobacco	1,337	2,399	3,057	696	590	700	748	801	808	0.9	37.0
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	481	774	876	49	274	85	25	46	721	1466.7	163.0
20	Preparations of vegetables, fruit and nuts	12,237	2,677	2,965	821	591	520	1,000	744	701	-5.7	18.7
18	Cocoa	587	763	1,278	187	185	278	243	209	549	162.6	196.7
72-73	Iron and steel and articles	845	864	1,493	253	274	290	383	453	367	-18.9	34.1
94	Furniture, furnishings and light fittings	554	970	538	228	241	69	204	68	197	189.5	-18.3
25	Mineral substances	325	468	203	72	78	15	0	18	171	847.6	118.7
12	Oil seeds	950	812	859	494	249	246	263	191	159	-16.7	-36.1
19	Cereal preparations	741	409	636	191	48	157	195	138	146	5.9	204.5
23	Food wastes	166	326	333	54	92	145	24	61	103	69.4	12.3
39	Plastics and articles	1,005	1,181	336	23	8	84	100	52	101	94.3	1163.1
96	Miscellaneous manufactured products	68	347	131	36	106	2	12	19	97	411.2	-8.4
87	Vehicles, parts and accessories	623	571	302	188	94	56	120	42	84	101.2	-10.1
4	Dairy	308	1,044	454	126	175	176	66	146	65	-55.3	-62.7
44	Wood and articles of wood	371	846	778	130	99	238	177	316	47	-85.2	-52.8
84	Mechanical machinery and equipment	808	402	220	340	36	9	168	13	30	131.3	-16.5
16	Meat and fish preparation	376	427	153	152	73	42	65	22	24	9.8	-66.9
38	Chemical products n.e.s.	730	133	61	93	53	22	2	16	21	30.3	-60.7
33	Essential oils and cosmetic preparations	84	217	205	3	97	58	69	60	19	-68.6	-80.6
34	Soaps and polishes	1,020	154	112	493	36	44	20	32	17	-47.3	-53.1
62	Apparel and clothing accessories	454	26	351	112	1	6	80	254	11	-95.7	992.1
2	Meat and edible offal	583	280	340	186	83	138	138	55	9	-82.9	-88.7
17	Sugar	61	27	42	13	0	3	21	9	9	-2.9	0.0
64	Footwear	216	315	205	1	118	104	101	0	0	0.0	-99.6
10	Cereals	105	170	19	51	4	0	19	0	0	0.0	-97.5
...	Others	1,688	1,765	1,856	448	171	299	663	456	438	-3.9	156.3
<b>01-98</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>130,098</b>	<b>99,339</b>	<b>73,709</b>	<b>32,698</b>	<b>21,965</b>	<b>19,227</b>	<b>18,450</b>	<b>15,820</b>	<b>20,213</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>-8.0</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)	
	2019	2020 (P)	2021 (P)	2019	2020	2021				Dec 21 / Sep 20	Dec 21 / Dec 20
				Dec	Dec	Mar	Jun (P)	Sep (P)	Dec (P)		
Food & Live Animal	73,254	51,302	30,856	17,418	12,414	10,719	8,532	4,429	7,176	62.0	-42.2
Beverages & Tobacco	6,563	7,732	8,773	2,089	2,430	2,107	2,132	2,282	2,252	-1.3	-7.3
Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	881	1,542	1,645	239	468	282	428	562	373	-33.7	-20.3
Mineral fuels, Lubricants & Related Materials	32,159	14,145	8,023	7,959	2,337	2,148	2,184	1,390	2,301	65.5	-1.5
Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	2,110	7,170	124	1,511	1,757	0	10	11	103	831.9	-94.2
Chemicals & Related Products	4,021	1,790	11,854	852	868	2,150	2,586	3,250	3,867	19.0	345.7
Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	2,625	2,376	2,005	1,050	280	511	382	570	542	-5.0	93.4
Machinery & Transport Equipment	6,066	10,339	8,586	1,194	899	1,026	1,645	2,814	3,101	10.2	245.0
Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods & Articles	2,369	2,930	1,842	246	513	282	550	511	498	-2.5	-2.9
Commodities & Transactions Not Classified Elsew	49	14	3	49	-	1	1	1	-	-100.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>130,098</b>	<b>99,340</b>	<b>73,710</b>	<b>32,608</b>	<b>21,965</b>	<b>19,227</b>	<b>18,450</b>	<b>15,820</b>	<b>20,213</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>-8.0</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)	
				2019	2020	2021				Dec 21 / Sep 21	Dec 21 / Dec 20
	2019	2020 (P)	2021 (P)	Dec	Dec	Mar	June	Sep (P)	Dec (P)		
<b>Region</b>											
Africa	10	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
America	16,829	11,200	13,732	2,972	2,857	2,540	3,768	3,462	3,962	14.4	38.6
Asia	22,115	12,335	7,660	6,356	2,567	2,358	1,605	1,556	2,141	37.6	-16.6
Europe	1,055	1,911	340	272	242	0	159	75	106	40.9	-56.2
Oceania	90,087	73,893	51,979	23,000	16,300	14,329	12,918	10,728	14,004	30.5	-14.1
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
<b>Top Countries</b>											
American Samoa	40,423	33,011	15,518	11,072	8,733	5,345	4,119	2,513	3,542	40.9	-59.4
New Zealand	20,762	17,447	17,140	4,873	3,764	3,541	4,290	4,487	4,822	7.5	28.1
USA	15,127	10,868	13,524	2,876	2,668	2,400	3,702	3,462	3,960	14.4	48.4
Australia	10,663	8,253	6,403	2,223	1,661	1,750	1,238	1,309	2,106	60.9	26.8
Taiwan	8,152	5,576	4,047	2,706	1,406	1,370	1,397	364	916	151.7	-34.8
Tokelau	11,301	9,234	5,527	3,245	1,313	1,262	1,069	1,584	1,612	1.7	22.8
Japan	5,640	5,258	2,666	2,028	624	1,326	830	233	277	19.1	-55.6
Singapore	2,064	300	856	450	196	73	264	292	227	-22.1	15.7
China	1,767	1,070	367	606	94	40	105	118	104	-11.5	10.9
Fiji	3,323	780	1,289	913	86	503	1	11	775	6902.8	806.0
Other countries	10,875	7,543	6,371	1,617	1,420	1,617	1,435	1,447	1,871	29.3	31.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>130,097</b>	<b>99,339</b>	<b>73,709</b>	<b>32,608</b>	<b>21,965</b>	<b>19,227</b>	<b>18,450</b>	<b>15,820</b>	<b>20,213</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>-8.0</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)		
		2019	2020 (P)	2021 (P)	2019	2020	2021			Dec 21 / Sep 21	Dec 21 / Dec 20	
					Dec	Dec	Mar	June	Sep (P)			Dec (P)
27	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	182,429	115,734	152,667	52,868	27,807	31,339	26,197	43,945	51,186	16.5	84.1
2	Meat and edible meat offal	69,433	63,639	77,029	20,825	16,560	17,023	22,477	17,103	20,427	19.4	23.3
87	Vehicles, parts and accessories	94,809	58,714	61,689	26,350	18,336	16,327	13,662	12,780	18,920	48.0	3.2
72-73	Iron and steel	54,211	34,321	42,721	14,794	8,847	9,144	9,643	8,928	15,006	68.1	69.6
84	Mechanical machinery and equipment	65,448	59,284	51,178	18,746	20,501	13,476	14,182	10,545	12,975	23.0	-36.7
44	Wood and articles of wood	34,940	27,508	36,298	11,869	10,174	9,552	9,117	5,283	12,345	133.7	21.3
85	Electrical machinery and equipment	69,003	48,157	47,631	21,824	10,470	10,092	12,226	13,299	12,014	-9.7	14.8
4	Dairy	31,626	31,146	34,565	8,756	8,468	7,502	8,055	7,838	11,171	42.5	31.9
19	Cereal preparations	29,417	28,933	31,382	8,453	8,335	7,806	8,045	6,351	9,180	44.5	10.1
16	Meat and fish preparation	19,612	21,966	26,062	6,605	5,681	6,379	6,700	5,695	7,288	28.0	28.3
25	Mineral substances	18,956	17,015	18,697	6,287	4,885	4,069	4,774	3,314	6,540	97.3	33.9
39	Plastics and articles	29,660	20,445	21,878	8,377	5,600	5,036	5,536	4,888	6,418	31.3	14.6
17	Sugar	13,049	13,303	18,699	3,960	3,017	3,427	4,904	4,190	6,178	47.4	104.8
21	Miscellaneous edible preparations	18,038	16,435	17,132	5,127	5,046	4,069	4,415	3,736	4,911	31.5	-2.7
48	Paper products	17,234	16,573	19,074	4,561	4,853	6,350	4,823	3,226	4,675	44.9	-3.7
30	Pharmaceutical products	12,875	23,951	21,506	3,048	15,974	4,412	4,740	7,902	4,452	-43.7	-72.1
34	Soaps and polishes	12,662	14,613	14,980	3,756	3,767	2,862	4,580	3,257	4,280	31.4	13.6
11	Milling industry products	15,459	13,998	15,100	4,341	3,732	3,633	3,031	4,306	4,130	-4.1	10.7
94	Furniture	17,788	9,572	14,084	4,929	1,950	4,653	1,483	4,101	3,847	-6.2	97.3
62	Apparel not knitted and crocheted	12,034	5,297	10,925	3,658	1,927	2,673	1,395	3,021	3,837	27.0	99.1
33	Essential oils and cosmetic preparations	9,391	9,262	9,846	2,521	2,353	1,699	2,334	2,269	3,544	56.2	50.6
90	Optical, medical, and measuring equipm	9,520	16,496	11,967	3,410	3,392	3,643	3,056	1,876	3,392	80.8	0.0
10	Cereals	11,484	15,182	11,588	3,248	2,727	1,779	4,509	1,956	3,345	71.0	22.6
22	Beverages	7,400	4,958	10,710	1,980	1,580	2,077	3,277	2,408	2,948	22.4	86.6
96	Miscellaneous manufactured products	10,569	10,620	9,385	2,435	3,090	1,824	3,155	1,636	2,770	69.3	-10.3
7	Vegetables	9,474	8,151	9,584	2,537	2,155	2,618	2,053	2,180	2,733	25.4	26.8
15	Fats and oils	8,136	8,304	9,703	1,990	1,917	1,816	3,567	1,673	2,647	58.2	38.1
20	Vegetable, fruit, and nut preparations	7,978	6,890	7,912	2,267	2,078	1,180	2,368	1,743	2,621	50.4	26.1
32	Dyes, tannin, and paint	9,913	6,843	8,586	2,602	2,354	2,101	2,303	1,896	2,286	20.6	-2.9
68	Stone	6,916	5,656	5,910	2,063	1,959	1,280	1,583	841	2,206	162.3	12.6
23	Food wastes	4,750	5,250	6,249	1,384	1,450	946	1,799	1,600	1,903	19.0	31.3
38	Chemical products n.e.c.	9,952	8,579	8,989	2,660	2,187	2,148	1,976	3,008	1,857	-38.3	-15.1
69	Ceramic products	5,931	5,332	5,504	1,578	1,555	1,798	1,296	554	1,855	234.9	19.3
95	Toys and games	8,846	3,164	3,469	1,328	1,386	631	445	615	1,778	189.1	28.3
55	Man-made staple fibres	7,168	3,272	5,006	2,243	915	1,039	1,304	951	1,712	80.0	87.1
40	Rubber	7,967	7,725	6,888	2,197	2,182	1,573	2,038	1,571	1,706	8.6	-21.8
61	Knitted and crocheted apparel	4,342	2,997	4,059	1,165	991	1,040	515	1,128	1,377	22.0	38.9
76	Aluminium	10,060	7,170	6,412	3,054	2,468	2,104	1,954	989	1,365	38.1	-44.7
8	Fruits and nuts	3,723	3,252	4,617	1,219	990	1,063	950	1,260	1,345	6.7	35.8
70	Glass and glassware	7,104	4,862	5,072	2,310	1,238	1,416	1,432	945	1,279	35.3	3.3
64	Footwear	2,424	2,475	4,071	637	848	712	1,124	1,136	1,099	-3.2	29.6
63	Made up textile articles	5,262	2,732	2,989	1,462	801	768	642	600	979	63.2	22.2
82	Metal tools and cutlery	3,567	2,655	2,764	973	603	786	403	608	966	58.9	60.2
3	Fish	5,949	5,574	3,232	2,081	1,856	747	1,025	606	855	41.0	-54.0
37	Photographic equipment	2,332	1,962	3,243	463	528	843	960	593	847	42.8	60.4
83	Miscellaneous metal articles	4,342	2,924	3,166	1,080	1,078	802	902	652	810	24.3	-24.8
24	Tobacco	3,120	2,597	2,451	526	799	630	824	220	777	253.2	-2.8
9	Coffee, tea, and spices	2,164	2,349	2,353	536	722	793	505	452	603	33.5	-16.4
28	Inorganic chemicals and compounds	2,521	1,749	1,851	1,128	457	441	379	466	565	21.2	23.6
18	Cocoa	1,198	1,167	1,114	378	449	184	460	144	326	126.7	-27.3
49	Books and newspapers	3,380	5,654	2,478	643	1,799	1,004	843	312	319	2.2	-82.3
52	Cotton	817	934	433	110	229	116	103	33	181	448.8	-20.9
...	Others	14,930	11,310	26,373	3,823	3,658	14,116	2,461	5,569	4,227	-24.1	15.5
<b>01-98</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,031,313</b>	<b>828,651</b>	<b>941,271</b>	<b>297,161</b>	<b>238,724</b>	<b>225,540</b>	<b>222,530</b>	<b>216,198</b>	<b>277,003</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>16.0</b>

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

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

SITC Section	Annual			Quarter						% change (quarter)	
				2019	2020	2021				Dec 21 / Sep 21	Dec 21 / Dec 20
	2019	2020 (P)	2021 (P)	Dec	Dec	Mar	June	Sep (P)	Dec (P)		
Food & Live Animal	246,220	239,225	269,946	72,483	63,752	59,645	71,923	60,786	77,592	27.6	21.7
Beverages & Tobacco	10,100	7,260	12,515	2,422	2,144	2,622	3,926	2,468	3,499	41.8	63.2
Crude Materials, Inedible, Except Fuels	35,063	26,188	35,187	10,244	8,736	8,657	9,923	4,886	11,721	139.9	34.2
Mineral fuels, Lubricants & Related Materials	175,246	112,034	149,740	52,499	27,344	30,996	24,561	43,746	50,437	15.3	84.5
Animal & Vegetable Oils, Fats & Waxes	5,940	6,489	8,137	1,399	1,560	1,510	3,068	1,352	2,207	63.2	41.5
Chemicals & Related Products	69,884	75,048	74,181	18,967	29,461	15,456	18,664	20,234	19,827	-2.0	-32.7
Manufactured Goods Classified Chiefly by Material	159,098	118,935	132,979	45,815	34,696	33,940	32,255	24,689	42,095	70.5	21.3
Machinery & Transport Equipment	230,974	171,299	171,926	67,015	50,481	50,390	40,882	36,833	43,821	19.0	-13.2
Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods & Articles	98,777	72,101	86,619	26,313	20,513	22,318	17,313	21,189	25,800	21.8	25.8
Commodities & Transactions Not Classified Elsewhere In	11	71	42	4	38	5	15	15	7	-52.9	-81.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,031,313</b>	<b>828,651</b>	<b>941,271</b>	<b>297,161</b>	<b>238,724</b>	<b>225,540</b>	<b>222,530</b>	<b>216,198</b>	<b>277,003</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>16.0</b>

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3 SITC: Standard International Trade Classification

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**Source** Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Data source: Ministry for Revenue and establishment surveys

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**Table 7 IMPORTS CLASSIFIED BY BEC<sup>3</sup>**

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

Economic Category	ANNUAL			QUARTER						
	2019	2020 (P)	2021 (P)	2019	2020	2021				
				Dec	Dec	Mar	June	Sep (P)	Dec (P)	
<b>1* Food and Beverage</b>										
11* Primary										
111* Mainly for industry	1,479	5,609	3,064	664	1,056	611	313	1,105	1,035	
112* Mainly for household consumption	28,827	27,195	32,687	8,551	7,257	7,696	7,451	7,409	10,131	
12* Processed			0							
121* Mainly for industry	33,951	32,650	39,795	9,505	8,725	8,396	9,632	9,887	11,880	
122* Mainly for household consumption	188,871	176,910	203,726	55,399	47,619	44,992	57,761	43,992	56,981	
<b>2* Industrial Supplies Not Elsewhere specified</b>										
21* Primary	12,055	7,309	6,781	1,268	1,826	1,163	2,712	1,291	1,615	
22* Processed	234,117	193,760	211,084	67,641	65,270	50,678	52,667	43,544	64,195	
<b>3* Fuels and Lubricants</b>										
31* Primary	2,154	893	454	484	442	109	-	139	206	
32* Processed										
321* Motor spirit	57,274	39,090	62,975	15,669	10,559	13,799	10,086	18,924	20,166	
322* Other	114,425	70,802	85,116	36,124	15,998	16,774	14,039	24,637	29,666	
<b>Capital Goods (Except Transport Equipment) and parts and Accessories</b>										
<b>4* thereof</b>										
41* Capital goods (except transport equipment)	99,670	81,197	69,951	32,309	23,108	19,499	17,147	16,869	16,436	
42* Parts and accessories	27,332	24,148	23,936	5,940	5,818	5,204	6,581	5,494	6,657	
<b>Transport Equipment and Parts and</b>										
<b>5* Accessories thereof</b>										
51* Passenger motor cars	38,803	23,453	23,205	12,118	7,240	5,308	4,911	5,491	7,495	
521* Industrial	49,927	29,917	43,716	12,196	9,503	20,025	7,841	6,030	9,820	
522* Non-industrial	1,656	1,440	1,424	326	539	214	715	195	300	
53* Parts and accessories	15,852	14,160	13,789	4,846	3,382	3,157	3,601	3,820	3,211	
<b>6* Consumer Goods Not Elsewhere Specified</b>										
61* Durable	19,990	16,811	18,792	6,509	4,796	4,201	3,723	3,936	6,932	
62* Semi-durable	50,939	29,693	37,925	13,589	9,425	7,939	7,695	10,006	12,285	
63* Non-durable	53,660	52,816	61,122	13,841	15,849	15,361	15,046	13,419	17,296	
<b>7* Goods Not Elsewhere Specified</b>	327	798	1,729	182	313	414	609	10	696	
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	<b>1,031,313</b>	<b>828,651</b>	<b>941,271</b>	<b>297,161</b>	<b>238,724</b>	<b>225,540</b>	<b>222,530</b>	<b>216,198</b>	<b>277,003</b>	
<b>of which</b>										
<b>Capital goods<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>149,597</b>	<b>111,113</b>	<b>113,667</b>	<b>44,505</b>	<b>32,611</b>	<b>39,524</b>	<b>24,988</b>	<b>22,899</b>	<b>26,256</b>	
<b>Intermediate goods<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>441,366</b>	<b>349,331</b>	<b>384,019</b>	<b>126,473</b>	<b>102,516</b>	<b>86,092</b>	<b>89,545</b>	<b>89,917</b>	<b>118,465</b>	
<b>Consumption goods<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>343,945</b>	<b>304,865</b>	<b>355,676</b>	<b>98,215</b>	<b>85,485</b>	<b>80,403</b>	<b>92,391</b>	<b>78,957</b>	<b>103,925</b>	

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3 SITC: Standard International Trade Classification

4 Capital Goods: sum of categories 41\* and 521\*

5 Intermediate Goods: sum of categories 111\*, 121\*, 21\*, 22\*, 31\*, 322\*, 42\* and 53\*

6 Consumption Goods: sum of categories 112\*, 122\*, 522\*, 61\*, 62\* and 63\*

\* The asterisk follows each reference to a BEC classification as a device to avoid confusion with the numbered sections,

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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)	
	2019	2020 (P)	2021 (P)	2019	2020	2021				Dec 21 / Sep 21	Dec 21 / Dec 20
				Dec	Dec	Mar	June	Sep (P)	Dec(P)		
<b>Region</b>											
Africa	41	153	88	1	2	0	69	0	19	0.0	850.0
America	93,527	87,590	95,630	30,356	23,431	22,688	26,378	22,749	23,815	4.7	1.6
Asia	489,645	328,372	384,046	139,211	90,472	89,217	82,174	93,498	119,157	27.4	31.7
Europe	10,952	3,809	2,366	1,460	1,161	692	1,160	145	369	154.7	-68.2
Oceania	437,147	408,729	459,137	126,134	123,660	112,942	112,750	99,805	133,640	33.9	8.1
Other	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.0	0.0
<b>Top Countries</b>											
New Zealand	270,086	237,309	288,208	76,195	69,771	61,506	71,522	69,134	86,045	-3.3	3.9
Australia	93,043	93,847	82,867	25,678	32,595	32,511	22,146	11,069	17,141	-50.0	-47.6
Fiji	66,895	68,282	84,907	21,449	20,859	18,480	18,708	18,999	28,720	1.6	1.8
USA	90,688	87,320	94,763	29,502	23,270	22,365	26,048	22,535	23,815	-13.5	2.6
China	127,719	68,204	82,782	31,635	15,654	20,890	18,827	16,379	26,686	-13.0	-15.0
Hong Kong	50,131	44,732	42,250	15,801	14,761	12,784	18,050	5,685	5,731	-68.5	-46.1
Indonesia	11,160	8,205	8,754	2,731	1,486	1,792	2,350	1,326	3,286	-43.6	-37.0
Japan	40,280	36,584	24,137	13,091	11,853	7,816	6,151	6,246	3,924	1.5	10.0
Malaysia	9,788	6,395	4,122	3,000	1,017	1,070	701	773	1,579	10.3	-44.5
Philippines	1,990	485	511	350	71	42	96	42	331	-56.3	-78.0
Singapore	174,133	118,465	147,259	50,890	28,313	29,393	26,857	41,952	49,057	56.2	61.3
Thailand	28,481	23,200	18,972	9,578	8,509	6,336	3,100	3,706	5,830	19.5	-30.7
India	12,268	1,649	2,612	1,740	998	1,285	177	754	396	326.0	183.8
Korea Democratic People's	4,783	3,423	1,211	3,039	215	321	156	0	734	-100.0	-100.0
Korea Republic	19,583	17,092	49,704	5,400	7,065	7,086	5,483	15,832	21,302	188.7	283.7
Papua New Guinea	580	195	0	95	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	-100.0
Tonga	296	843	1,439	59	141	71	79	101	1,188	27.8	9.8
Taiwan, Province of China	4,551	2,061	898	1,713	526	176	192	237	293	23.4	-61.1
Viet Nam	5,035	2,540	0	1,490	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	-100.0
Other countries	19,824	7,821	5,876	3,726	1,621	1,615	1,887	1,428	946	-24.3	-42.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,031,313</b>	<b>828,651</b>	<b>941,271</b>	<b>297,161</b>	<b>238,724</b>	<b>225,540</b>	<b>222,530</b>	<b>216,198</b>	<b>277,003</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>3.9</b>

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