

UK Regional Trade in Goods Statistics: Year Ending Q2 2021¹

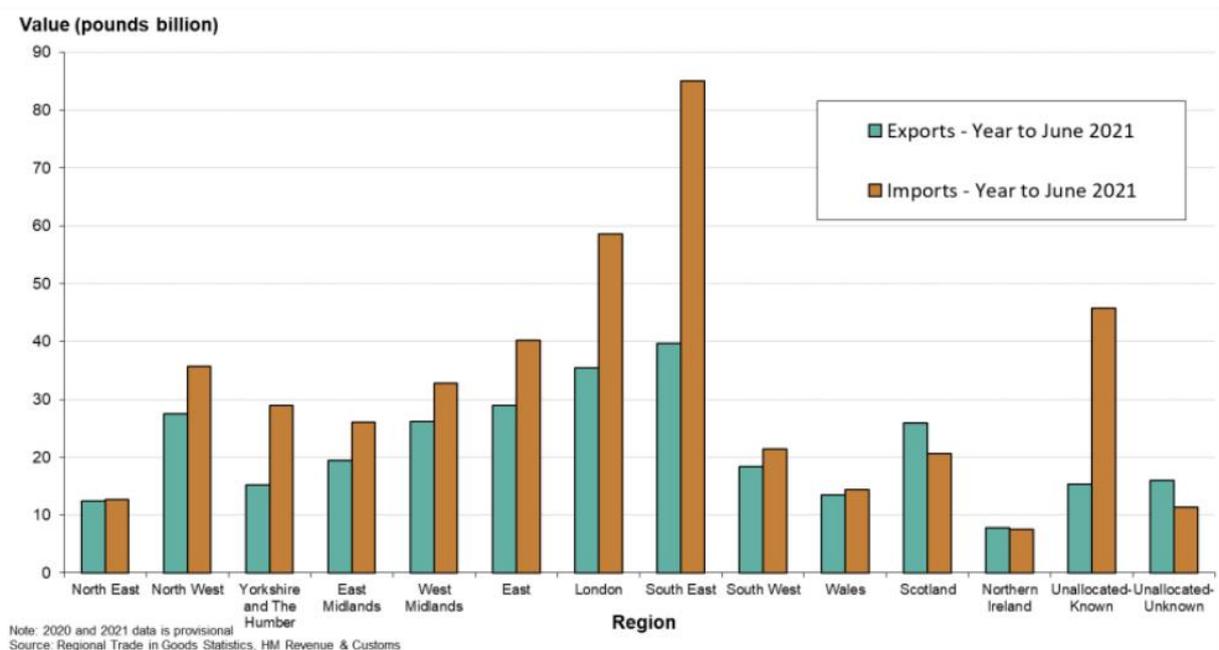
Key Points:

- In the year ending Q2 2021, the Midlands area exported £45.6bn worth of goods and imported nearly £59bn. This led to a trade deficit of £13.3bn, an increase from the trade deficit in the year ending Q2 2020 which was £7.3bn.
- These export levels in the Midlands have decreased by £4.8bn (-9.5%) when compared to year ending Q2 2020. The UK decreased overall by 3.5% to £302bn over the same period.
- The Midlands area accounts for 20.4% of England's exports (11.7% WM and 8.7% EM) which is above London (15.9%) and the South East (17.8%).
- The largest SITC section for exports in the Midlands area was machinery and transport at £30.1bn – 66% of total. Compared to the year ending Q2 2020 overall this SITC section decreased by £4bn (-11.7%).
- The highest value of exports from the Midlands area was to the European Union at £22bn which accounted for 48.3% of the total. The value of exports to the European Union has decreased by £1bn (-4.4%) from the year ending Q2 2020, though non-EU areas have fallen by a larger proportion in this period.

In Detail:

- In the year ending Q2 2021, the Midlands area exported £45.6bn worth of goods and imported nearly £59bn. This represents a trade deficit of £13.3bn, an increase from the trade deficit in the year ending Q2 2020 which was nearly £7.3bn.
- In the year ending Q2 2021, the West Midlands exported nearly £26.2bn and imported nearly £32.9bn – a trade deficit of nearly £6.7bn. The East Midlands exported £19.4bn and imported £26.1bn – a trade deficit of nearly £6.7bn.

The following chart shows the value of imports and exports by region in the year ending Q2 2021:



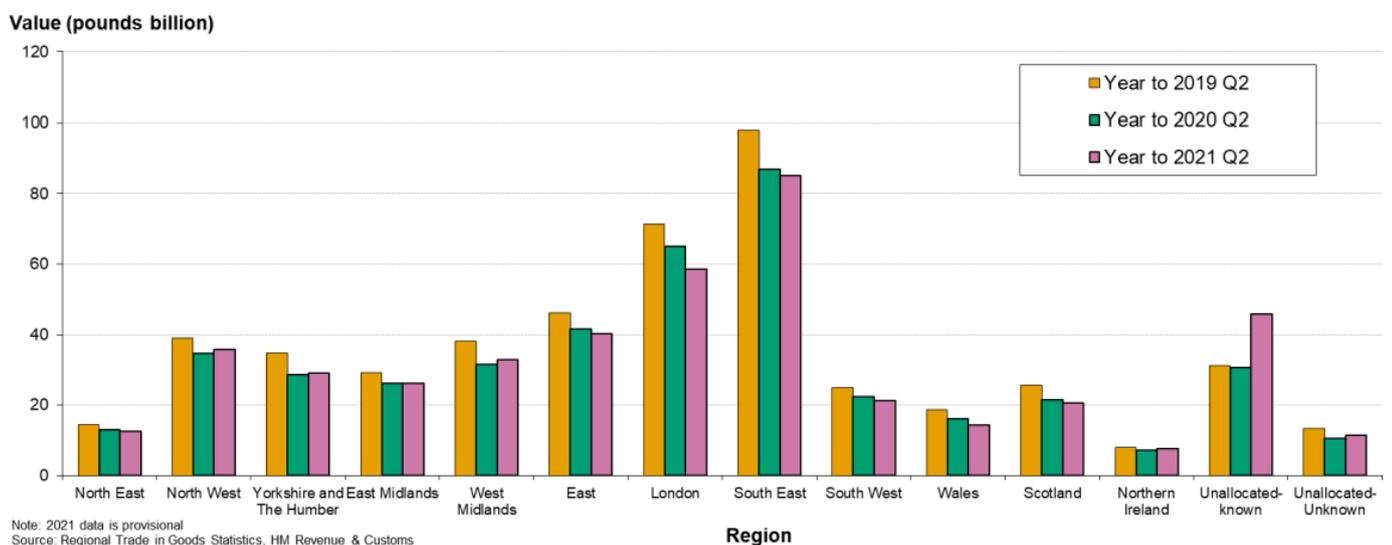
¹ Year ending Q2 refers to the full year to June.

Source: HM Revenue & Customs, UK Regional Trade in Goods Statistics Quarter 2 2021 – Released October 2021.

Exports

- For the year ending Q2 2021 exports from the Midlands area were worth £45.6bn which has decreased by £4.8bn (-9.5%) when compared to year ending Q2 2020. The decrease can be attributed to £1bn less exports to the EU (-4.4%) and nearly £3.8bn less to non-EU locations (-13.7%). The UK decreased overall by 3.5% to £302bn over the same period.
- The West Midlands region exports decreased by £1.3bn (-4.9%) when compared to year ending Q2 2020 to £26.2bn in the year ending Q2 2021. The East Midlands exports decreased by £3.4bn (-18%) since the year ending Q2 2020 to £19.4bn in the year ending Q1 2021.
- As seen in the chart below, excluding the North East, North West and the East, all other UK countries and regions saw a decrease in the annual export value.
- The Midlands area accounts for 20.4% of England’s exports (11.7% WM and 8.7% EM) which is above London (15.9%) and the South East (17.8%).

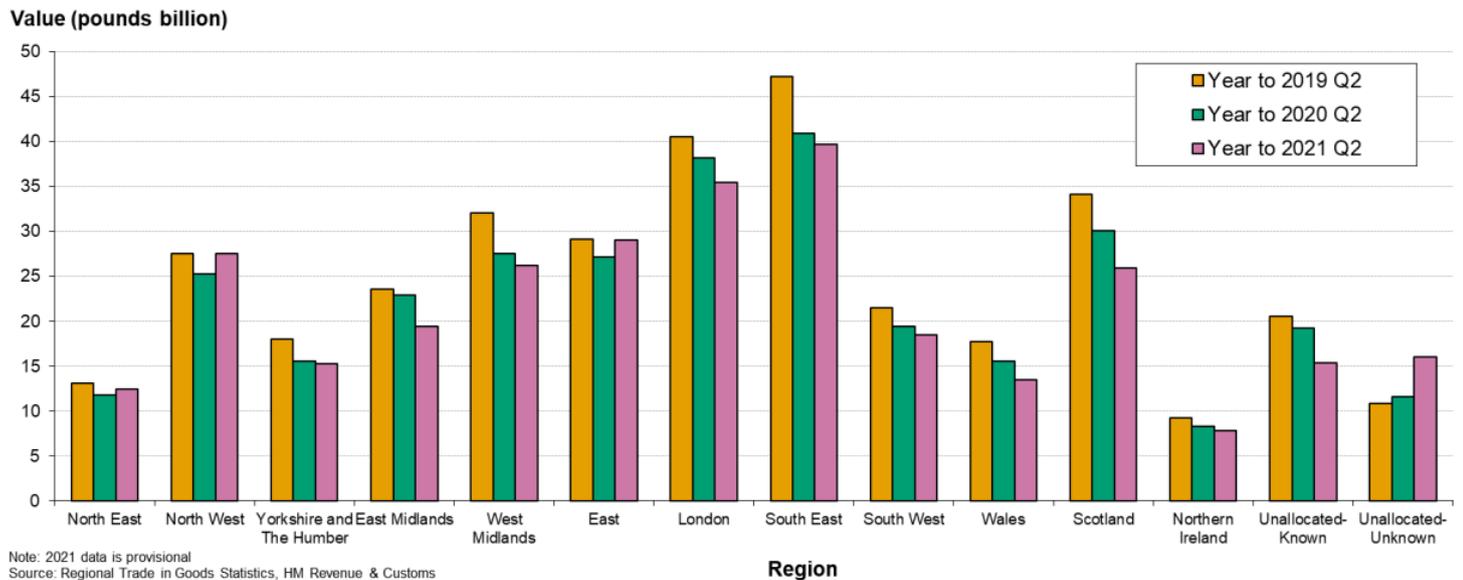
The following chart shows UK exports by region, years to Q2 2019, Q2 2020 and Q2 2021:



Imports

- For the year ending Q2 2021 imports to the Midlands area was worth nearly £59bn which is an increase of £1.3bn (+2.3%) when compared to year ending Q2 2020. The North West, Yorkshire and the Humber and Northern Ireland also saw an increase in the value of imports, UK-wide increased by 1.3% to £441.3bn over the same period.
- The value of the West Midlands region imports increased by nearly £1.4bn (+4.4%) when compared to year ending Q2 2020 to £32.9bn in the year ending Q2 2021. The East Midlands imports decreased by £77m (-0.3%) since the year ending Q2 2020 to £26.1bn in the year ending Q1 2021.

The following chart shows UK imports by region, years to Q2 2019, Q2 2020 and Q2 2021:



Standard International Trade Classification (SITC)

- The total value of exports in three of the ten SITC sections increased for the Midlands when compared to Q2 2020, these were; crude materials, animal and vegetable oils and chemicals.
- The largest SITC section for exports in the Midlands area was machinery and transport at £30.1bn – 66% of total; of which £17.4bn (57.8%) went to non-EU locations. Compared to the year ending Q2 2020, overall this SITC section decreased by £4bn (-11.7%).
- 9.8% (£4.5bn) of goods exported from the Midlands area comes from miscellaneous manufactures, (of which 59.4% of the section total or £2.7bn went to the EU). This was followed by 9.8% (£4.46bn) for manufactured goods (of which 61.1% or £2.7bn went to the EU).
- The total value of imports in seven of the ten SITC sections increased for the Midlands when compared to Q2 2020. The three SITC section that decreased were; food and live animals, mineral fuels and machinery and transport.
- The largest SITC section that was imported across the Midlands area was machinery and transport at £25.5bn, which is 43.2% of total imports (of which £15.1bn of imports for this section was from the EU). This section overall has decreased since the year ending Q2 2020 by £332m (-1.3%). However, when split between EU and non-EU, there was an increase of £228m from the EU but a decrease of £559m from non-EU countries.
- 17.7% (£10.5bn) of goods imported to the Midlands area were manufactured goods, followed by 17.2% (£10.2bn) for miscellaneous manufactures.

The following table shows a breakdown of exports and imports by SITC section and the percentage change between year ending Q2 2020 and Q2 2021:

	Midlands Region			United Kingdom		
	Year to Q2 2020	Year to Q2 2021	% Change	Year to Q2 2020	Year to Q2 2021	% Change
Total Exports by SITC Section	£ millions			£ millions		
0 Food and Live Animals	£1,643	£1,612	-1.9%	£15,185	£13,993	-7.8%
1 Beverages and Tobacco	£121	£107	-11.6%	£6,951	£6,889	-0.9%
2 Crude Materials	£1,086	£1,400	28.9%	£6,069	£8,173	34.7%
3 Mineral Fuels	£265	£210	-20.8%	£25,956	£20,127	-22.5%
4 Animal and Vegetable Oils	£60	£73	21.7%	£536	£530	-1.1%
5 Chemicals	£2,996	£3,045	1.6%	£52,763	£52,688	-0.1%
6 Manufactured Goods	£4,894	£4,458	-8.9%	£31,077	£35,690	14.8%
7 Machinery and Transport	£34,083	£30,111	-11.7%	£119,418	£110,869	-7.2%
8 Miscellaneous Manufactures	£5,135	£4,521	-12.0%	£46,294	£39,484	-14.7%
9 Other commodities nes	£104	£82	-21.2%	£8,812	£13,539	53.6%
Total Exports	£50,388	£45,620	-9.5%	£313,063	£301,982	-3.5%
Total Imports by SITC Section						
0 Food and Live Animals	£5,702	£5,586	-2.0%	£40,271	£38,922	-3.3%
1 Beverages and Tobacco	£464	£474	2.2%	£6,180	£6,698	8.4%
2 Crude Materials	£1,259	£1,484	17.9%	£10,754	£13,601	26.5%
3 Mineral Fuels	£751	£568	-24.4%	£35,117	£29,185	-16.9%
4 Animal and Vegetable Oils	£161	£169	5.0%	£1,394	£1,507	8.1%
5 Chemicals	£4,338	£4,553	5.0%	£52,919	£56,228	6.3%
6 Manufactured Goods	£9,646	£10,457	8.4%	£51,381	£59,343	15.5%
7 Machinery and Transport	£25,817	£25,485	-1.3%	£161,373	£155,858	-3.4%
8 Miscellaneous Manufactures	£9,491	£10,158	7.0%	£69,878	£73,622	5.4%
9 Other commodities nes	£14	£25	78.6%	£6,427	£6,296	-2.0%
Total Imports	£57,642	£58,957	2.3%	£435,692	£441,262	1.3%

Country Group

- Since the year ending Q2 2020, the only country group that has witnessed an increase in Midlands exports is Eastern Europe excluding EU, to a total of £888m in the year ending Q2 2021.
- The highest value of exports from the Midlands area was to the European Union at £22bn which accounted for 48.3% of the total. The value of exports to the European Union has decreased by £1bn (-4.4%) from the year ending Q2 2020. This was followed by Asia & Oceania at £9bn, accounting for 19.8%. Exports to Asia & Oceania decreased by £1.2bn (-12%) compared to the year ending Q2 2020, reflecting greater annual decreases in non-EU markets.
- However, while EU exports increased between Q1 and Q2 2021 across the Midlands, both the East and West Midlands regions reported lower than average quarter-on-quarter growth (9.6% and 9.9% respectively compared to 18.1% across the UK overall).
- Since the year ending Q2 2020, Midlands imports increased from Asia & Oceania, Sub-Saharan Africa and Western Europe excluding EU.
- The highest value of imports to the Midlands area was from the European Union at £32bn, which accounted for 56% of the total. This was a decrease of £135m (-0.4%) when compared to the year ending Q2 2020. This is followed by Asia and Oceania at £16.6bn which accounted for 28.1% of the total. This has increased by £2.1bn (+14.8%) from the year ending Q2 2020. In the shorter-term, East Midlands imports from the EU and non-EU rose between Q1 and Q2 of this year (+5.7% and +9.8%), while West Midlands' EU imports fell (-6.1%).

The following tables shows a breakdown of exports and imports by country Group and the percentage change between year ending Q2 2020 and year ending Q2 2021:

	Midlands Region			United Kingdom		
	Year to Q2 2020	Year to Q2 2021	% Change	Year to Q2 2020	Year to Q2 2021	% Change
Exports by Country Group	£ millions			£ millions		
Asia & Oceania	£10,255	£9,023	-12.0%	£53,672	£51,943	-3.2%
Eastern Europe (excl EU)	£792	£888	12.1%	£4,954	£5,381	8.6%
European Union	£23,039	£22,030	-4.4%	£149,686	£147,449	-1.5%
Latin America and Caribbean	£669	£590	-11.8%	£4,613	£4,182	-9.3%
Middle East and North Africa (excl EU)	£2,687	£2,040	-24.1%	£16,665	£13,869	-16.8%
North America	£10,291	£8,597	-16.5%	£56,412	£49,730	-11.8%
Sub-Saharan Africa	£797	£667	-16.3%	£5,276	£4,768	-9.6%
Western Europe (excl. EU)	£1,856	£1,782	-4.0%	£14,350	£14,801	3.1%
Undefined Country Group	£2	£3	50.0%	£7,434	£9,859	32.6%
Total Exports	£50,388	£45,620	-9.5%	£313,063	£301,982	-3.5%
Imports by Country Group						
Asia & Oceania	£14,443	£16,580	14.8%	£94,430	£111,134	17.7%
Eastern Europe (excl EU)	£568	£451	-20.6%	£8,065	£8,332	3.3%
European Union	£33,143	£33,008	-0.4%	£233,489	£225,112	-3.6%
Latin America and Caribbean	£954	£928	-2.7%	£5,660	£5,271	-6.9%
Middle East and North Africa (excl EU)	£1,291	£1,115	-13.6%	£11,509	£9,093	-21.0%
North America	£4,805	£3,825	-20.4%	£44,502	£38,438	-13.6%
Sub-Saharan Africa	£623	£701	12.5%	£6,495	£7,478	15.1%
Western Europe (excl. EU)	£1,816	£2,349	29.4%	£26,152	£31,324	19.8%
Undefined Country Group				£5,392	£5,081	
Total Imports	£57,642	£58,957	2.3%	£435,692	£441,262	1.3%