

GENERAL PROFILE: BULGARIA

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2023

Population
6.796 Millions

Exchange rate
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GDP
102 791 Millions current US\$

Land area¹
(q) 108 560 km²

CPI growth
8.60 %

GDP growth
3.07 %

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

Total merchandise trade

(millions of US\$)

	2005	2010	2015	2023
Merchandise exports	11 739	20 630	25 371	47 755
Merchandise imports	18 163	25 513	29 205	53 529
Merchandise trade balance	-6 424	-4 883	-3 834	-5 773

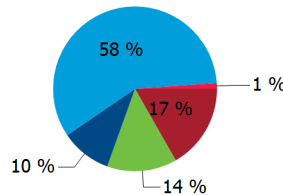
-4.3 %

Merchandise exports growth rate in 2023

Export structure by product group in 2023

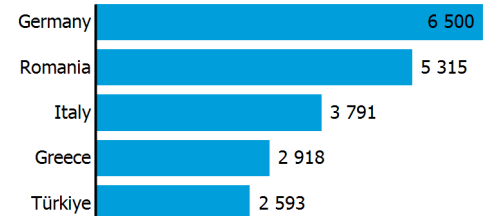
(as % of total exports)

- All food items
- Ores and metals
- Fuels
- Manufactured goods
- Other



Top 5 partners in 2023

(exports, millions of US\$)



INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

Total trade in services²

(millions of US\$)

	2005	2010	2015	2023
Services exports	4 434	6 632	8 098	15 254
Services imports	3 407	3 411	4 699	8 022
Services trade balance	1 026	3 220	3 400	7 233

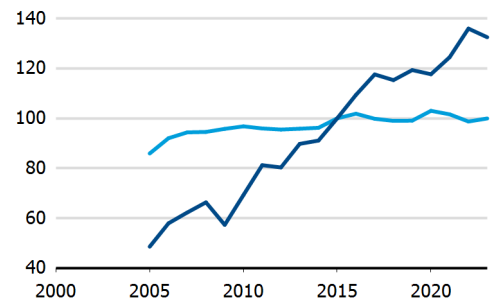
Services exports by main category²

(as % of total services)

	2005	2010	2015	2023
Transport	(e) 27.5	19.7	21.1	17.6
Travel	(e) 55.2	51.4	38.7	26.4
Other services	(e) 17.3	(e) 19.4	35.3	52.0

TRADE INDICES

- Terms of trade index
- Purchasing power index of exports



ECONOMIC TRENDS

Economic indicators

(millions of US\$ unless otherwise specified)

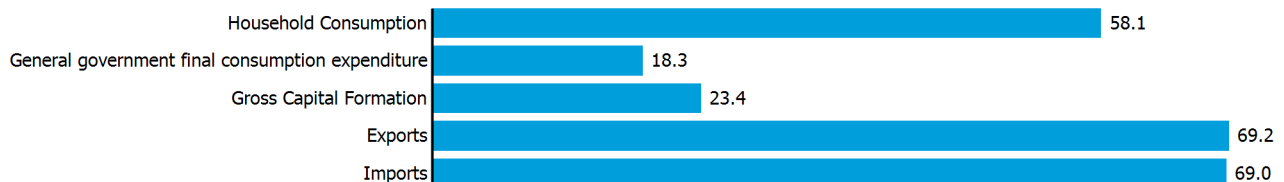
	2005	2010	2015	2023
GDP, current	29 869	50 689	50 766	102 791
GDP per capita, current US\$	3 882	6 815	7 073	15 126
Real GDP growth, y-on-y, %	7.06	1.56	3.40	3.07
Current account balance, % of GDP	-11.21	-1.90	-0.24	-0.24
Exchange rate (/US\$)	1.574	1.477	1.764	..

+3.1 %

Gross domestic product growth rate in 2023

GDP by expenditure in 2022

(as % of total GDP)



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FDI AND EXTERNAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Financial flows

(millions of US\$ unless otherwise specified)

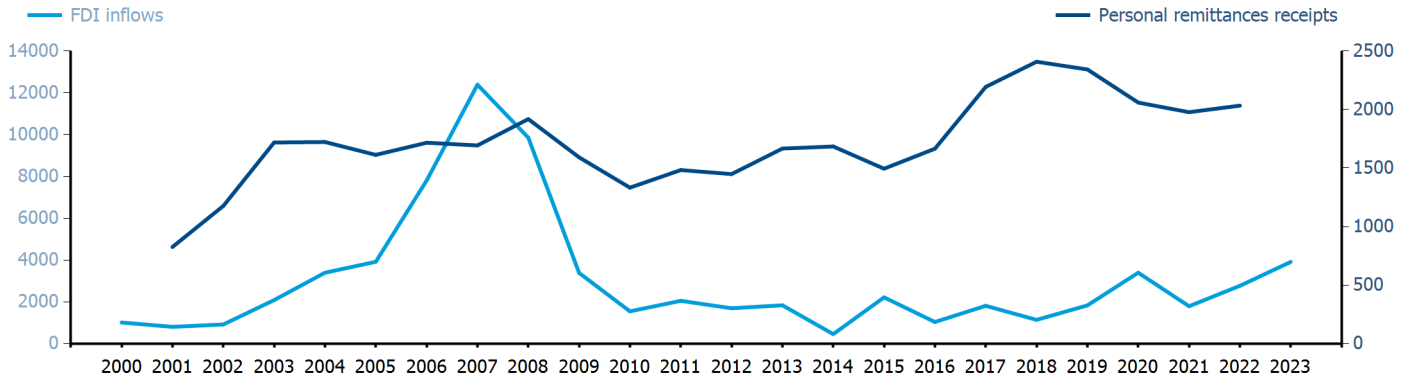
	2005	2010	2015	2023
FDI inflows	3 919.97	1 549.13	2 217.35	3 913.17
FDI outflows	309.78	313.24	137.99	598.27
Personal remittances, % of GDP	5.40	2.63	2.94	..

+0.6 %

FDI outflows as % of GDP in 2023

Financial flows trends

(millions of US\$)



TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES

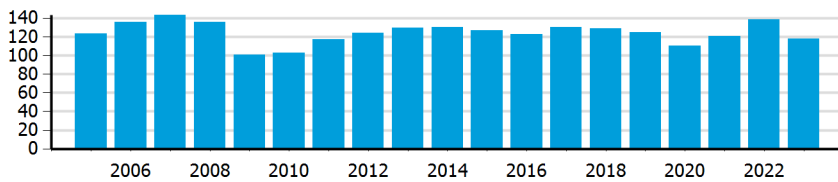
Trade balance indicators²

(as % and index)

	2005	2010	2015	2023
Balance, % of GDP	-14.81	-3.12	0.95	3.22
Balance, % of imports	-21.46	-5.87	1.51	5.63
Normalized balance	-0.120	-0.030	0.007	0.027

Trade openness²

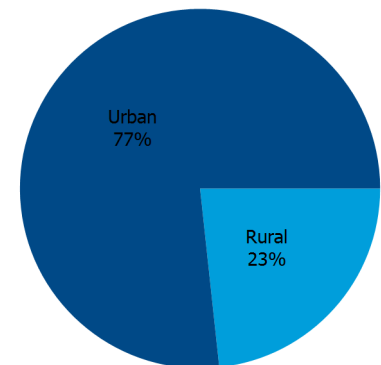
(sum of imports and exports as % of GDP)



LIVING AREA

Population by living area in 2023

(% of population)



OTHER INDICATORS

Maritime transport indicators

	2005	2010	2015	2023
Merchant fleet, national flag (thousands of DWT)	1 151	697	152	114
Container port throughput (TEU)	..	142 611	201 050	..

0.005 %

Share of the total world merchant fleet in 2023

Information economy indicators

(as % of)

	2005	2010	2015	2023
Share of ICT goods, % of total exports	1.52	2.47	2.90	..
Share of ICT goods, % of total imports	5.51	5.64	5.15	..
Share of workforce involved in the ICT sector	..	(r) 3.59	4.28	..

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Source: UN Trade and Development, UNCTADstat (<https://unctadstat.unctad.org/datacentre>)

Notes:

- 1 Land area refers to the total area of a country excluding area under inland water bodies. It differs from the country area, that includes area under inland water bodies, but excludes offshore territorial waters.
- 2 Statistics presented correspond to the 6th edition of the IMF Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual (BPM6, 2009).
- e Estimated.
- q Estimated. Data refers to 2020.
- r Number of persons employed in full time equivalent units. Total business economy includes repair of computers, personal and household goods; except financial and insurance activities.

Symbols for missing values:

- 0 Zero means that the amount is nil or negligible
- .. No value reported or collected
- Not applicable
- ... Not available, including no quotation
- # Non-relevant calculation
- Not publishable
- *** Negative accumulation of flows; Value included in regional and global totals

Abbreviations & acronyms:

- DWT: Dead weight tons
- FDI: Foreign direct investment
- GDP: Gross domestic product
- ICT: Information and communication technology
- TEU: Twenty foot equivalent unit
- US\$: United States dollar

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