

Import-Export Sector in Spain





Market Size

In 2023, exports of goods and services accounted for **38.96% of Spain's GDP**, as reported by the World Bank. In 2023, the Kingdom of Spain exported goods valued at **US\$423.3 billion worldwide**. The automotive industry is a major export sector, accounting for **15.5% of total exports in 2023**.



Best Locations

Barcelona, Valencia, Madrid, and Bilbao are among the top locations to start an import-export business in Spain. The Port of Barcelona, one of Europe's busiest, handled over **70.9 million tonnes of cargo**.



Key Industries

Key import-export industries in Spain include automotive, agrifood products, pharmaceuticals, textiles and apparel, and chemicals.



Top Import-Export Companies

Acesur (Agri-food), **Inditex** (Textile and Apparel), **SEAT** (Automotive), and **Cosentino Group** (Construction Materials) are prominent Spanish companies with significant export activities.



Global Standing

In 2023, Spain ranked as the **18th-largest exporter** globally, while in 2022, it held the position of the **15th-largest importer worldwide**.

Key import-export industries in Spain

Automotive Industry: In 2023, Spain's automotive exports reached 57.5 billion euros, growing **24.8% year-on-year**.

Agricultural and Food Products: In 2023, Spain's Agri-food sector exported 34.4 million tons of products worth **€69.6 billion**, contributing **18.1%** to the country's total export value.

Pharmaceuticals: In 2023, Spain's pharmaceutical exports reached approximately **€20 billion**.

Textile and Apparel Exports: In 2020, Spain's textile and apparel exports totalled **US\$15.8 billion**.

Chemical Sector: The chemical sector remains the **2nd largest exporter** in the Spanish economy

Prominent Manufacturing Companies

Acesur Group: Acesur Group is the **1st Spanish exporter of olive oil**.

Zara: According to Volza's Spain export data, Spain shipped **23,002** consignments of Zara brand products from March 2023 to February 2024.

SEAT: In 2019, SEAT exported nearly 400,000 vehicles from its Martorell plant, representing about **3% of Spain's total exports**.



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