

# *International trade in services 2008, preliminary results*

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## *Group business activities pushed up international trade in services in 2008*

The exports and imports of services increased in 2008 according to the preliminary results of the foreign trade in services statistics. This growth was especially affected by increased transactions within international group enterprises and the centralisation of group activities from abroad to Finland. In exports the changes are visible especially in the exports of computer and construction services. In imports the growth resulting from increased internationalisation was divided into more items, but is visible in particular as the increase in research and development services. The surplus from foreign trade in services increased over one billion euros during 2008 compared to the surplus in 2007.

Finland's key trade partners in service exports were Germany, India and Sweden. Correspondingly, key trade partners in service imports were Germany, the USA and Sweden.

As regards exports, royalties and licence fees increased significantly as well. The exports of telecommunications and other business services fell clearly in 2008. Especially the fall in net income from merchanting decreased the exports of other business services.

The growth in imports was divided more evenly across service items. In addition to research and development services, the imports of royalties and licence fees, advertising and market research as well as computer services increased significantly.

The foreign trade in services statistics are based on the survey on foreign trade in services carried out by Statistics Finland. The statistics do not include transportation-, travel-, insurance- and financial services.

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### Imports of services by service type, 2002-2008, mill. euro

Service type -- Import	Year						
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Postal- and telecommunications services</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>373</b>
- Postal services and courier services	34	43	28	71	57	62	72
- Telecommunications services	259	206	200	403	373	255	301
<b>Imports of construction services</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>409</b>
<b>Computer and information services</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>929</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>1094</b>	<b>1 328</b>
- Computer services	363	407	561	904	879	1077	1 310
- Information services	32	19	31	25	12	17	18
<b>Royalties and licence fees</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>1031</b>	<b>1051</b>	<b>1 384</b>
<b>Other business services</b>	<b>3703</b>	<b>4038</b>	<b>3900</b>	<b>4830</b>	<b>4944</b>	<b>5791</b>	<b>8 297</b>
- Legal, accounting, bookkeeping, business and management consultancy and public relations services	216	207	230	288	220	400	364
- Advertising, market research and public opinion polling	701	759	736	1076	1069	1359	1 814
- Research and development services	1500	1686	1573	1775	1879	1872	3 572
- Architectural, engineering and other technical services	69	77	92	135	158	144	161
- Agriculture, mining and on-site processing services	2	1	8	9	13	13	11
- Unclassified business services, incl. Commission trade, operational leasing and services within an enterprise group not classified elsewhere	1216	1310	1261	1548	1605	2004	2 374
<b>Audiovisual, other personal, cultural and recreational services</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>33</b>
- Audiovisual and related services	58	6	6	10	8	21	14
- Other personal, cultural and recreational services	6	16	17	9	14	12	19
<b>Other unspecified services</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Import total</b>	<b>5448</b>	<b>5620</b>	<b>6007</b>	<b>7738</b>	<b>7578</b>	<b>8535</b>	<b>11 823</b>

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Service type -- Export	Year						
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Postal- and telecommunications services</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>335</b>
- Postal services and courier services	40	49	68	145	143	161	211
- Telecommunications services	212	153	183	171	199	154	124
<b>Imports of construction services</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>897</b>
<b>Computer and information services</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>1213</b>	<b>1177</b>	<b>1 338</b>	<b>5 677</b>
- Computer services	518	492	576	1194	1136	1 335	5 670
- Information services	16	9	31	19	41	3	7
<b>Royalties and licence fees</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>1 012</b>
<b>Other business services</b>	<b>5489</b>	<b>4843</b>	<b>6032</b>	<b>6367</b>	<b>6874</b>	<b>9 008</b>	<b>8 397</b>
- Legal, accounting, bookkeeping, business and management consultancy and public relations services	96	161	138	178	138	155	170
- Advertising, market research and public opinion polling	77	113	136	130	83	117	117
- Research and development services	200	283	235	274	260	248	276
- Architectural, engineering and other technical services	251	272	280	327	285	310	321
- Agriculture, mining and on-site processing services	92	89	1	4	50	60	42
- Unclassified business services, incl. Commission trade, operational leasing and services within an enterprise group not classified elsewhere	4774	3925	5241	5453	6060	8 117	7 471
<b>Audiovisual, other personal, cultural and recreational services</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>34</b>
- Audiovisual and related services	6	23	4	6	3	9	3
- Other personal, cultural and recreational services	6	3	9	4	16	5	31
<b>Other unspecified services</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Export total</b>	<b>7424</b>	<b>6499</b>	<b>8303</b>	<b>9642</b>	<b>9540</b>	<b>11 914</b>	<b>16 352</b>

**Exports of services by country, 2002-2008, mill. euro**

Country	Year						
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>EU15-countries (1)</b>	<b>3 198</b>	<b>2 622</b>	<b>3 272</b>	<b>3 045</b>	<b>2 927</b>	<b>3 573</b>	<b>5 569</b>
Netherlands	261	242	471	303	278	340	365
Belgium	105	112	96	119	126	145	126
United Kingdom	854	506	586	401	386	556	534
Spain	77	84	110	55	55	105	217
Ireland	58	101	141	83	45	60	67
Italy	201	145	173	180	205	278	668
Austria	66	64	99	134	149	202	168
Greece	65	47	49	71	75	99	125
Luxembourg	12	8	25	36	25	17	9
Portugal	52	38	46	47	52	64	79
France	310	171	228	167	178	200	332
Sweden	589	572	654	841	760	812	941
Germany	432	444	491	432	449	517	1 791
Denmark	116	88	103	176	144	178	148
<b>Other countries (2)</b>	<b>4 224</b>	<b>3 878</b>	<b>5 131</b>	<b>6 597</b>	<b>6 613</b>	<b>8 341</b>	<b>10 783</b>
Norway	132	121	153	153	162	... <sup>1</sup>	245
Estonia	98	73	63	79	87	... <sup>1</sup>	110
Russia	429	579	1 111	734	605	... <sup>1</sup>	936
Switzerland	362	360	188	225	242	... <sup>1</sup>	288
Canada	23	20	25	45	77	... <sup>1</sup>	194
United States	445	411	440	473	461	... <sup>1</sup>	521
Japan	177	87	36	38	32	... <sup>1</sup>	20
China	... <sup>1</sup>	327	692	587	446	... <sup>1</sup>	725
India	... <sup>1</sup>	18	45	373	418	... <sup>1</sup>	1 158
Other	2 558	1 882	2 378	3 890	4 083	... <sup>1</sup>	6 583
<b>Total (1)+(2)</b>	<b>7 422</b>	<b>6 500</b>	<b>8 403</b>	<b>9 642</b>	<b>9 540</b>	<b>11 914</b>	<b>16 352</b>

1) Information not available

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Country	Year						
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>EU15-countries (1)</b>	<b>3200</b>	<b>3304</b>	<b>3347</b>	<b>4361</b>	<b>3915</b>	<b>4672</b>	<b>6 947</b>
Netherlands	342	326	360	427	317	333	516
Belgium	152	162	150	144	125	121	232
United Kingdom	965	934	859	1173	1101	1164	573
Spain	37	38	49	71	60	61	97
Ireland	80	146	177	202	125	150	253
Italy	75	90	67	74	66	72	277
Austria	52	48	64	57	74	63	127
Greece	14	38	19	29	19	29	51
Luxembourg	9	12	10	24	14	11	14
Portugal	7	7	5	9	7	5	62
France	182	181	213	246	177	193	268
Sweden	668	606	620	953	724	990	820
Germany	448	497	561	665	694	984	3 423
Denmark	169	219	193	287	412	496	234
<b>Other countries (2)</b>	<b>2331</b>	<b>2413</b>	<b>2660</b>	<b>3379</b>	<b>3662</b>	<b>3862</b>	<b>4 876</b>
Norway	144	140	128	179	151	330	195
Estonia	57	58	56	98	92	113	168
Russia	194	234	334	387	267	572	269
Switzerland	103	133	154	251	157	212	293
Canada	44	30	45	57	110	118	134
United States	1044	825	924	986	1520	1332	1 556
Japan	41	34	80	55	96	85	118
China	... <sup>1</sup>	19	77	54	162	200	367
India	... <sup>1</sup>	101	238	374	137	218	322
Other	704	839	624	938	970	682	1 453
<b>Total (1)+(2)</b>	<b>5531</b>	<b>5717</b>	<b>6007</b>	<b>7740</b>	<b>7577</b>	<b>8535</b>	<b>11 823</b>

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