

## Trade in Goods Statistics: dis-aggregated by smaller geographical areas: 2020

### In Summary:

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### Full Brief:

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- In 2020, 48.0% (£1.3bn) worth of goods were exported from the Black Country to the EU meaning 52% (£1.4bn) worth of goods were exported to Non-EU countries. Proportion wise when compared to 2019, exports from the Black Country to EU countries decreased from 48.4% (£1.5bn) and increased from 51.6% (£1.6bn) for exports to Non-EU countries.
- In 2020, 44% (£1.7bn) of goods imported into the Black Country were from EU countries, a decrease proportion wise from 46.1% (£2.1bn) in 2019. 56% (nearly £2.2bn) of imported were from Non-EU countries an increase proportion wise from 53.8% (£2.5bn) in 2019.
- Within the Black Country, Wolverhampton exported 29.2% (£308m) of total goods to EU countries in 2020, proportion wise this decreased from 31.4% (£373m) in 2019. While in contrast, Walsall exported 66.2% (£307m) of total goods to EU countries in 2020, which proportion wise increased from 64.8% (£346m) in 2019. Dudley exports 56.7% (£287m) of total goods to EU countries in 2020, which is an increase proportion wise from 54.8% (£321m) in 2019. Sandwell exported 57.4% (£429m) of total goods to EU countries in 2020, a small decrease proportion wise from 57.5% (£496m) in 2019.
- Within the Black Country, Wolverhampton imported 31.9% (£344m) of goods from EU countries in 2020 compared to 31.1% in 2019. Walsall, Sandwell and Dudley imported similar levels of goods from EU countries (51.7%, 48.5% and 46.6% of total goods imported respectively) in 2020 with a similar pattern seen in 2019 (Walsall imported 54.4%, Sandwell 52.8% and Dudley with 49.6% of imported goods from EU countries).

The following table shows the breakdown of exports and imports by EU and Non- EU trade for the Black Country and the local authorities in 2020 (figures are in millions):

|                      | Dudley       | Sandwell      | Walsall      | Wolverhampton | Black Country  |
|----------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Exports - EU         | £287         | £429          | £307         | £308          | £1,331         |
| Exports - Non-EU     | £219         | £319          | £157         | £747          | £1,442         |
| <b>Exports Total</b> | <b>£506</b>  | <b>£748</b>   | <b>£464</b>  | <b>£1,055</b> | <b>£2,773</b>  |
| Imports - EU         | £405         | £637          | £326         | £344          | £1,712         |
| Imports -Non-EU      | £465         | £677          | £304         | £736          | £2,182         |
| <b>Import -Total</b> | <b>£870</b>  | <b>£1,314</b> | <b>£630</b>  | <b>£1,080</b> | <b>£3,894</b>  |
| <b>Balance</b>       | <b>-£364</b> | <b>-£566</b>  | <b>-£166</b> | <b>-£25</b>   | <b>-£1,121</b> |



- Within the Black Country, Wolverhampton remained the largest exporters but decreased from nearly £1.2bn in 2019 to nearly £1.1bn in 2020. Wolverhampton also had the smallest trade deficit at £25m which decreased from £125m in 2019. The trade deficit in Walsall has decreased from £251m in 2019 to £166m in 2020. Sandwell had the highest trade deficit in the Black Country in 2019 at £594m and this was still the case in 2020, although the trade deficit has decreased to £566m. Dudley's trade deficit has decreased from £487m in 2019 to £364m in 2020.