

Latin America and the Caribbean: evolution of the value of trade in goods, 2016-2018^a (in percentages)

Region / Subregion / Countries	Exports			Imports		
	2016	2017	2018	2016	2017	2018
Latin America and the Caribbean	-3.2	11.5	9.7	-9.2	8.0	9.5
Latin America	-2.9	11.6	9.6	-9.3	8.7	9.5
South America	-4.1	13.8	10.2	-17.0	9.7	11.0
Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR)	-4.2	12.7	8.8	-20.5	10.0	11.5
Argentina	2.0	0.9	5.7	-6.4	19.6	1.3
Brazil	-3.0	17.8	12.5	-19.1	9.9	21.9
Paraguay	2.4	8.3	6.5	-5.1	17.7	5.3
Uruguay	15.5	10.1	-2.1	-9.3	2.4	4.5
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	-26.6	5.8	-4.5	-55.6	-21.8	-27.0
Andean Community	-4.8	17.3	12.2	-14.2	8.6	10.0
Bolivia. P.S.	-19.3	10.8	16.6	-12.4	9.3	1.9
Colombia	-11.0	15.9	10.9	-16.9	2.3	9.5
Ecuador	-8.5	12.6	13.7	-23.4	21.7	14.3
Peru	7.8	22.1	12.2	-5.9	10.2	10.0
Chile	-2.3	14.0	13.3	-5.8	10.9	11.1
Central America	-0.1	7.3	3.6	-4.4	6.7	5.7
Costa Rica	7.1	7.0	8.9	3.3	4.3	5.6
El Salvador	-1.4	7.9	6.8	-4.6	6.1	11.2
Guatemala	-2.2	5.1	-0.7	-3.7	8.5	7.4
Honduras	-3.0	9.3	2.4	-4.8	7.2	8.4
Nicaragua	-2.3	9.8	-5.4	-0.3	3.6	-12.5
Panama	-8.6	3.9	3.1	-14.7	8.8	5.4
Mexico	-1.8	9.5	9.5	-2.1	8.6	8.5
Caribbean Countries	-9.5	7.8	12.1	-0.1	-8.2	9.1
Caribbean Community (CARICOM)	-15.6	9.5	15.5	-6.5	-15.6	8.5
Bahamas	-15.7	23.8	14.5	-12.2	22.6	2.0
Barbados	7.1	-6.1	7.7	0.2	-1.3	6.0
Belize	-17.7	3.3	-11.0	-4.7	-7.7	11.5
Guyana	22.6	-27.4	5.5	-9.1	-23.4	8.4
Haiti	-2.8	-1.5	9.7	-7.7	13.6	7.5
Jamaica	-4.8	-45.9	6.1	-6.3	-42.8	7.3
Suriname	-12.8	40.8	13.9	-40.7	7.6	16.7
Trinidad and Tobago	-24.0	20.8	20.7	-0.5	-35.2	12.1
Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)	-4.2	-0.5	3.3	5.2	11.0	7.8
Antigua and Barbuda	18.0	2.3	19.0	9.3	26.6	11.5
Dominica	-22.3	-9.1	1.5	0.1	5.7	5.7
Grenada	-8.5	-15.5	8.0	-3.9	9.4	9.4
Saint Kitts and Nevis	5.4	-2.6	4.2	1.9	4.5	4.5
Saint Lucia	-11.5	6.0	-4.8	14.8	1.8	1.8
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	1.0	-9.1	3.7	-0.9	14.3	14.3
Cuba	-20.5	23.7	-12.1	22.0	-5.1	2.0
Dominican Republic	4.2	2.9	10.4	2.9	1.7	12.4

Source: ECLAC, based on official balance of payments information from countries through 2017, and estimates for 2018 based on monthly information from central banks and statistics offices for the January-August or -September period, depending on the availability of information.

In the cases of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Cuba, as well as the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the projection is based on mirror data from their trading partners, and the evolution of prices for the main products exported by each country.

a The figures for 2018 are projections