

**Table 2. Value of Exports by Commodity Group,
Region VIII: March 2020**
(Free on Board Value in Million USD)

Commodity Group	Value	% Share
Total	285.96	100.00
Copper and Articles thereof	185.32	64.80
Natural or Cultured Pearls, Precious or Semi-precious Stones, Precious Metal, Metal Clad with Precious Metals and Articles Thereof; Imitation Jewellery; Coin	80.95	28.31
Animal or Vegetable Fats and Oils and Their Cleavage Products; Prepared Edible Fats; Animal or Vegetable Waxes	13.46	4.71
Pulp of Wood or of Other Fibrous Cellulosic Material; Recovered (Waste and Scrap) of Paper or Paperboard	3.87	1.35
Others	2.36	0.83

Note: Figures may not add up to total due to rounding.
Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

**Table 3. Value of Imports by Commodity Group,
Region VIII: March 2020**
(Free on Board Value in Million USD)

Commodity Group	Value	% Share
Total	8.18	100.00
Mineral Fuels, Mineral Oils and Products of their Distillation; Bituminous Substances; Mineral Waxes	3.78	46.18
Cereals	1.08	13.24
Other Vegetable Textile Fibres; Paper Yarn and Woven Fabrics of Paper Yarn	1.00	12.23
Inorganic Chemicals; Organic or Inorganic Compounds of Precious Metals, of Rare-earth, of Radio-active Elements or of Isotopes	0.77	9.40
Others	1.55	18.95

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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

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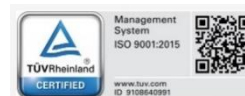
Fact Sheet

An information sheet that showcases relevant data/indicators in Eastern Visayas

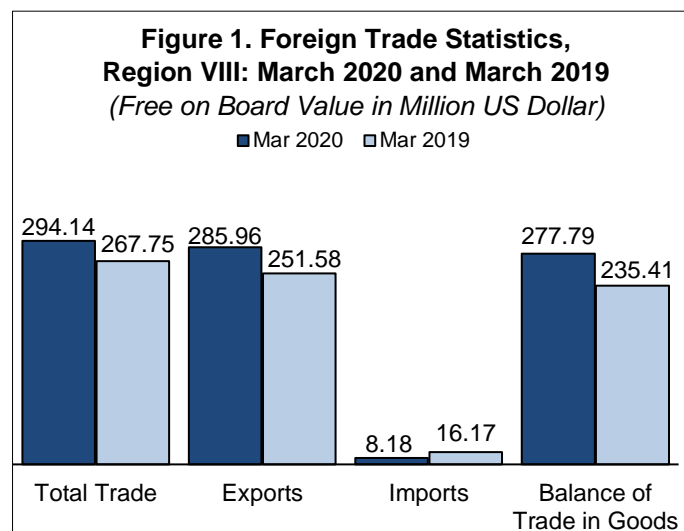
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EV posts 18.00% increase in trade surplus in March 2020



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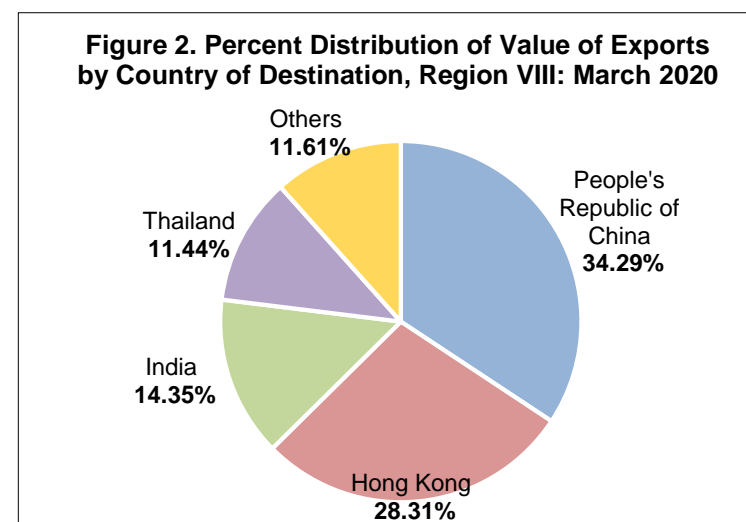
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Eastern Visayas' surplus in the total Balance of Trade in Goods (BoT-G) increased by 18.00 percent in March 2020. Its \$235.41 million trade surplus in March 2019 rose to \$277.79 million trade surplus in March 2020.

The region's total trade in goods in March 2020 likewise grew by 9.86 percent. It increased to \$294.14 million from \$267.75 million in the same period in 2019 (Table 1).

The total volume of exports in March 2020 was posted at 124.85 million kilograms, valued at \$285.96 million. This figure is 13.67 percent higher compared with the \$251.58 million exports in March 2019. The major export during the reference month was the commodity group of copper and articles thereof which generated \$185.32 million total revenue. This accounted for almost two-thirds or 64.80 percent of the region's total export revenue in March 2020 (Table 2). The People's Republic of China was the top export market destination with \$98.07 million total export revenue. It shared more than one – third or 34.29 percent of the region's total exports in March 2020 (Figure 2).

The region's total value of imports decreased by almost half (49.44 percent). The \$16.17 million imports in March 2019 dropped to \$8.18 million in March 2020, with total gross weight of 60.64 million kilograms. Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes commodity group was the major import during the reference month with a total revenue of \$3.78 million. This comprised 46.18 percent of the region's total imports in March 2020 (Table 3). The top import suppliers of the region were Vietnam and Singapore. Their total import bill comprised 18.32 percent (\$1.50 million) and 18.12 percent (\$1.48 million), respectively, of the region's total imports during the month in review.



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Table 1. Foreign Trade Statistics, Region VIII: March 2020 and March 2019
(Free on Board Value in Million USD)

Trade Statistics	March 2020	March 2019	% Change
Total Trade	294.14	267.75	9.86
Exports	285.96	251.58	13.67
Imports	8.18	16.17	(49.44)
Balance of Trade in Goods	277.79	235.41	18.00

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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority