

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

Commodity Group	Value	% Share
Total	129.05	100.00
Copper and Articles thereof	87.80	68.03
Natural or Cultured Pearls, Precious or Semi-precious Stones, Precious Metal, Metal Clad with Precious Metals and Articles Thereof; Imitation Jewellery; Coin	34.78	26.95
Pulp of Wood or of Other Fibrous Cellulosic Material; Recovered (Waste and Scrap) of Paper or Paperboard	4.30	3.34
Fertilizers	1.96	1.52
Others	0.21	0.16

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: May 2020**
(Free on Board Value in Million USD)

Commodity Group	Value	% Share
Total	6.91	100.00
Cereals	1.47	21.22
Other Vegetable Textile Fibres; Paper Yarn and Woven Fabrics of Paper Yarn	1.39	20.14
Nuclear Reactors, Boilers, Machinery and Mechanical Appliances; Parts Thereof	1.33	19.24
Inorganic Chemicals; Organic or Inorganic Compounds of Precious Metals, of Rare-earth, of Radio-active Elements or of Isotopes	0.73	10.58
Salt, Sulphur, Earths and Stone; Plastering Materials, Lime and Cement	0.49	7.13
Fertilizers	0.21	3.08
Iron and Steel	0.21	3.00
Others	1.08	15.62

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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

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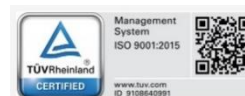
Fact Sheet

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

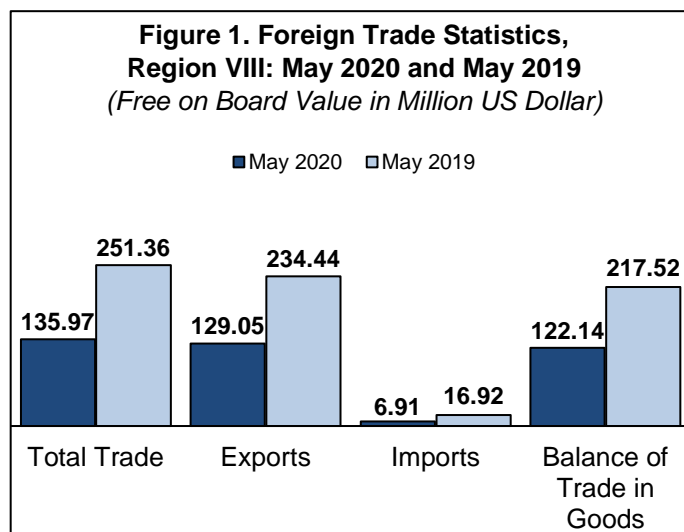
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EV posts 43.85% drop in trade surplus in May 2020



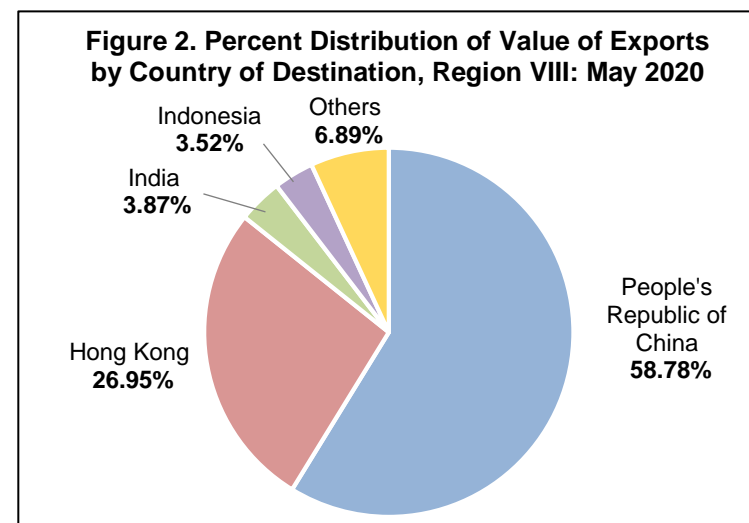
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Eastern Visayas' surplus in the total Balance of Trade in Goods (BoT-G) dropped by 43.85 percent in May 2020. Its \$217.52 million trade surplus in May 2019 decreased to \$122.14 million trade surplus in May 2020.

The region's total trade in goods likewise declined by 45.91 percent in May 2020 to \$135.97 million from \$251.36 million in the same period in 2019 (Table 1).

The total volume of exports in May 2020 was posted at 63.28 million kilograms, valued at \$129.05 million. This figure is 44.95 percent lower compared with the \$234.44 million exports in May 2019. The major export during this month was the commodity group of copper and articles thereof, which accounted for more than two-thirds or 68.03 percent of the region's total export revenue. This generated \$87.80 million total revenue (Table 2). Meanwhile, the People's Republic of China was the top export market destination with \$75.86 million total export revenue. This accounted more than half (58.78 percent) of the region's total exports in May 2020 (Figure 2).

The region's total value of imports decreased by more than half or 59.14 percent. The \$16.92 million imports in May 2019 dropped to \$6.91 million in May 2020, with total gross weight of 34.15 million kilograms. Cereals commodity group was the major import during the reference month with a total revenue of \$1.47 million. This comprised 21.22 percent of the region's total imports in May 2020 (Table 3). The top import supplier of the region in May 2020 was Vietnam. Its total import bill of \$2.31 million comprised 33.43 percent of the region's total imports.



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

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

Trade Statistics	May 2020	May 2019	% Change
Total Trade	135.97	251.36	(45.91)
Exports	129.05	234.44	(44.95)
Imports	6.91	16.92	(59.14)
Balance of Trade in Goods	122.14	217.52	(43.85)

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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority