

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

Commodity Group	Value <sup>P</sup>	% Share
<b>Total</b>	<b>75.41</b>	<b>100.00</b>
Copper and Articles Thereof	62.65	83.08
Animal or Vegetable Fats and Oils and Their Cleavage Products; Prepared Edible Fats; Animal or Vegetable	6.93	9.19
Pulp of Wood or of Other Fibrous Cellulosic Material; Recovered (Waste and Scrap) of Paper or Paperboard	2.39	3.17
Fertilizers	2.05	2.71
Others	1.40	1.85

p – preliminary data

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

Commodity Group	Value <sup>P</sup>	% Share
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.57</b>	<b>100.00</b>
Mineral Fuels, Mineral Oils and Products of Their Distillation; Bituminous Substances; Mineral Waxes	5.83	42.99
Cereals	2.68	19.75
Other Vegetable Textile Fibres; Paper Yarn and Woven Fabrics of Paper Yarn	1.86	13.71
Inorganic Chemicals; Organic or Inorganic Compounds of Precious Metals, of Rare-earth, of Radio-active Elements or of Isotopes	1.14	8.42
Salt, Sulphur, Earths and Stone; Plastering Materials, Lime and Cement	0.70	5.19
Others	1.35	9.94

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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

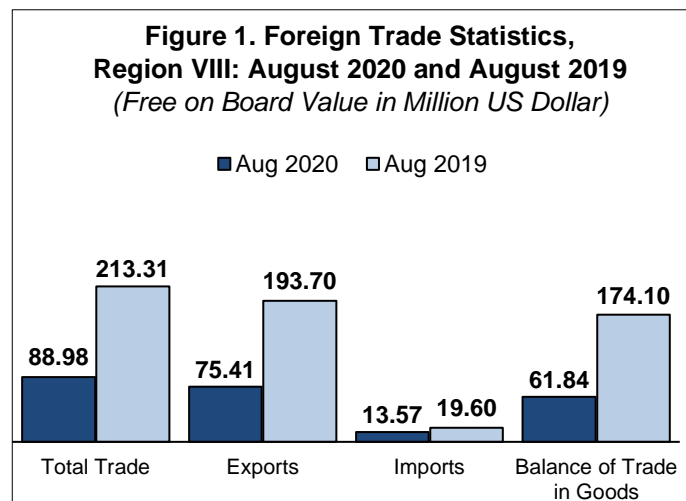
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## FOREIGN TRADE STATISTICS



## EV's trade surplus drops by 64.48% In August 2020



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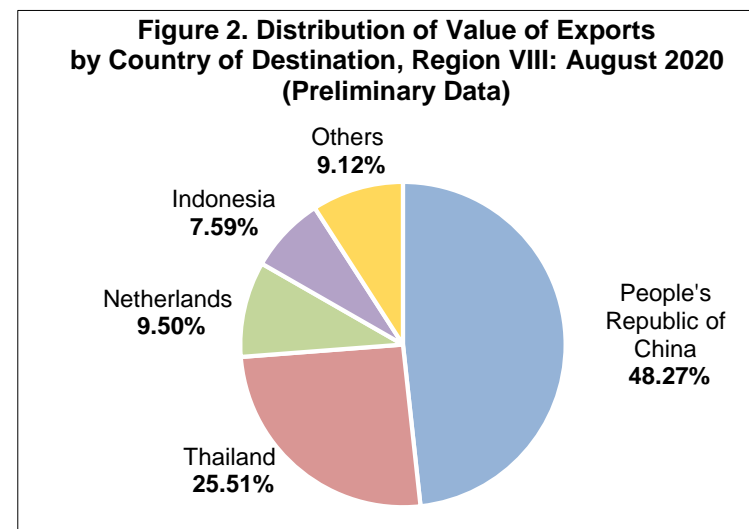
1. Preliminary data for August 2020.
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- Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

Eastern Visayas' surplus in the total Balance of Trade in Goods (BoT-G) plunged by 64.48 percent in August 2020. The \$174.10 million trade surplus in August 2019 dipped to \$61.84 million trade surplus in August 2020.

The region's total trade in goods dropped by more than half (58.28%) in August 2020 to \$88.98 million from \$213.31 million in the same period in 2019 (Table 1).

The total value of exports in August 2020 was posted at \$75.41 million, weighing 52.40 million kilograms. This value is significantly lower by 61.07 percent compared with the \$193.70 million exports in August 2019. The major export during this month was the commodity group of copper and articles thereof, which accounted for 83.08 percent of the region's total export revenue. This generated \$62.65 million total revenue (Table 2). The People's Republic of China was the top export market destination with \$36.40 million total export revenue. This accounted for almost half (48.27%) of the region's total exports in August 2020 (Figure 2).

The region's total value of imports declined by 30.77 percent. The \$19.60 million imports in August 2019 decreased to \$13.57 million in August 2020, with total gross weight of 94.71 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 \$5.83 million. This comprised the bulk or 42.99 percent of the region's total imports in August 2020 (Table 3). The top import supplier of the region during the month in review was Vietnam. Its total import bill of \$3.64 million comprised more than a quarter (26.85%) of the region's total imports.



Source: Philippine Statistics Authority

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

Trade Statistics	August 2020 <sup>p</sup>	August 2019	% Change
Total Trade	88.98	213.31	(58.28)
Exports	75.41	193.70	(61.07)
Imports	13.57	19.60	(30.77)
Balance of Trade in Goods	61.84	174.10	(64.48)

p – preliminary data

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Source: Philippine Statistics Authority