

OVERVIEW

- ▶ In 2018 food and beverages industry accounted for about 4.1% of GDP. At the beginning of 2020 the industry has employed around 39.7 thousand workers or 4.1% of total employment.
- ▶ 956 companies were active in the industry at the beginning of 2020. The majority (96.7%) of them were small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) with 1-249 persons employed.

Indicator	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number of companies	979	979	975	968	956
Number of employees	42,475	42,046	42,272	41,156	39,731

- ▶ In 2018 industrial production of the food products and beverages (at current prices) amounted to 3,953.8 million EUR, which was 0.5% less than in 2017.

Indicator	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Exports (million EUR)	1,767.5	1,903.9	2,148.8	2,142.4	2,343.0
Industrial production (million EUR)	3,839.7	3,796.2	3,954.3	3,935.8	-

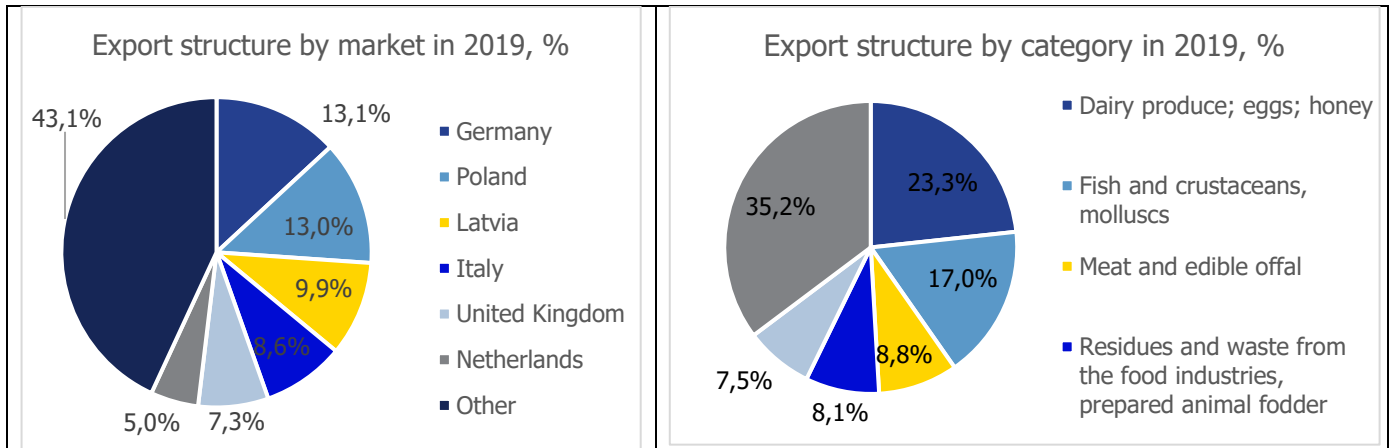
- ▶ In 2019 the growth of domestically produced food and beverages exports was around 9.4% - the exports value reached 2,343.0 million euros. In 2019 food represented about 93.7% of the export value, beverages - about 6.3%. In 2019 exports of domestically produced goods consisted mainly of dairy products (23.3%), fish and crustaceans (17.0%), meat (8.8%), residues from the food industries and prepared animal fodder (8.1%), preparations of meat, fish or crustaceans (7.5%).
- ▶ The increase in domestically produced furniture exports in 2019 was mainly driven by the growth of dairy produce exports – increased by 49.4 million euros or 10.0% to 545.6 million euros, whereas the largest decline in exports was recorded for animal or vegetable fats and oils (it declined by 2.2 million euros or 11.2% to 17.2 million euros).
- ▶ The most important export markets for the food and beverages industry in 2019 were Germany (13.1%), Poland (13.0%), Latvia (9.9%), Italy (8.6%) and the United Kingdom (7.3%). Countries in the European Union accounted for 81.4% of exports by the food and beverages industry. The export of domestically produced food and beverages industry in 2019 has grown most significantly to the United Kingdom (increased by 43.2 million euros or 33.6% to 171.5 million euros) and Poland (increased by 36.5 million euro or 13.6% to 304.1 million euros).

Exports of domestically produced food and beverages products, million EUR

Category	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Dairy produce; eggs; honey	383.4	403.4	514.9	496.2	545.6
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs	299.7	332.9	389.3	375.5	398.3
Meat and edible offal	179.4	180.0	189.6	201.7	206.1
Residues and waste from the food industries, prepared animal fodder	162.9	168.6	170.1	186.7	190.8
Preparations of meat, fish or crustaceans	135.5	161.9	172.0	161.4	176.3
Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycook's products	103.8	109.6	119.5	139.7	163.0
Products of the milling industry; malt; starches; inulin; wheat gluten	113.2	119.5	133.9	135.0	161.1
Beverages, spirits and vinegar	84.0	100.0	96.5	108.3	124.0
Miscellaneous edible preparations	68.2	75.2	85.0	84.1	108.0
Cocoa and cocoa preparations	79.1	80.7	81.3	82.6	93.4

Sugars and sugar confectionery	65.2	78.4	86.0	78.0	82.3
Other products	93.1	93.9	110.7	93.4	94.0
Total	1,767	1,903	2,148	2,142	2,343
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Source: Statistics Lithuania



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Strengths of Lithuanian food and beverages industry

- ▶ Long-standing production traditions;
- ▶ Strategic geographic location;
- ▶ Favorable climate, arable land;
- ▶ Excellent logistics network;
- ▶ Extensive application of modern technologies;
- ▶ Rapid growth of innovative companies;
- ▶ Stringent quality and environmental standards, in compliance with EU regulations;
- ▶ Attractive quality-price ratio;
- ▶ Lithuanian beer was commended at the European Beer Star Awards, World Beer Cup and World Beer Championship;
- ▶ Lithuania is the largest exporter of surimi preparations in the EU with a share in exports of more than 42% (2015).