

OVERVIEW

- ▶ In 2019 the rubber and plastics processing industry accounted for about 1.2% of GDP. At the beginning of 2021 this industry has employed around 9.3 thousand workers or 1.0% of total employment.
- ▶ 332 companies were active in the industry at the beginning of 2021, 99% of them were small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) with 1-249 persons employed.

Indicator	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Number of companies	369	349	345	345	332
Number of employees	8,988	9,112	9,408	9,492	9,282

Source: Statistics Lithuania.

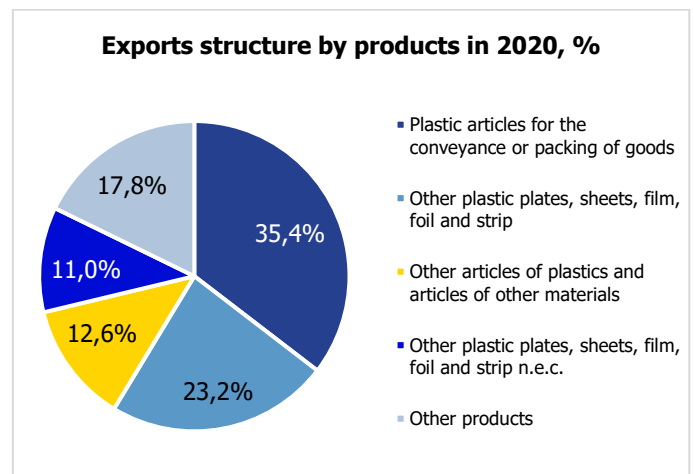
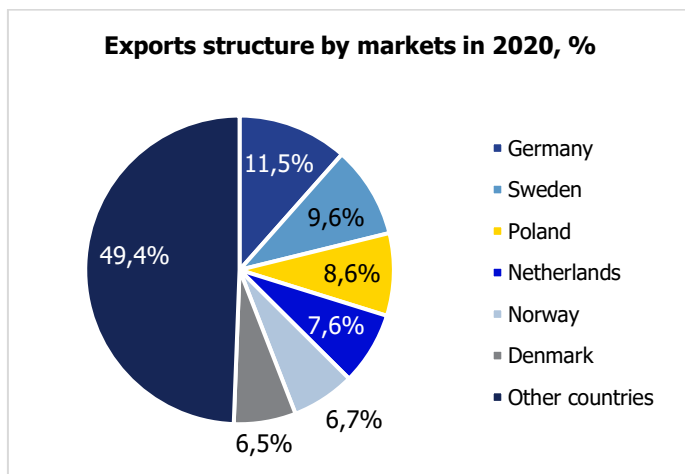
- ▶ In 2019 production of the rubber and plastics industry amounted to 1.1 billion EUR, which was 2.1% more than in 2018.

Indicator	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Exports of domestically produced products (million EUR)	604.6	675.7	755.6	785.5	808.3
Production value (million EUR)	898.1	1,015.5	1,108.6	1,132.3	-

Source: Statistics Lithuania.

- ▶ The exports value of the rubber and plastic products increased by 2.9% (or 22.9 million EUR) and amounted to 808 million EUR during 2020. In 2020 plastics and articles thereof represented about 93% of the exported products, meanwhile pharmaceutical appliances of rubber and plastics – 4% and rubber and articles thereof - about 3%. In 2020 exports of domestically produced rubber and plastic products consisted mainly of plastic articles for the conveyance or packaging of goods (35%), other plastic plates, sheets, film, foil or strip (23.0%), other articles of plastics and articles of other materials (13%), other plastic plates, sheets, film, foil or strip n.e.c. (11%). The increase of exports of domestically produced rubber and plastic products in 2020 was mainly driven by the growth of pharmaceutical appliances of rubber and plastics - the exports value increased by 31 million EUR (or 9 times) to 35 million euro during 2020. Whereas the largest decline in exports in 2020 was recorded for plastic articles for the conveyance or packaging of goods – exports value decreased by 12% (or 39 million EUR) to 286 million EUR in 2020.

- ▶ The most important exports markets for Lithuanian rubber and plastics processing industry in 2020 were Germany (12%), Sweden (10%), Poland (8.6%) and the Netherlands (7.6%). Countries in the European Union accounted for 80% of exports value of this industry. The exports of domestically produced rubber and plastic products in 2020 has grown most significantly to the Netherlands (the exports value increased by 92% or 30 million EUR) and the USA (increased by 2.6 times or 13 million EUR). Whereas the largest decline in exports in 2020 was recorded for Poland - the exports value decreased by 17% or 14 million EUR to 70 million EUR.



Source: Statistics Lithuania.