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LATVIA IN THE WORLD AND IN THE EU

2023, sources: Eurostat and FAO

Latvia is a minor producer of aquaculture products. As for fishery production, in 2023 it ranked 16th among EU producing countries.

(1.000 tonnes)	World	EU-27	Latvia	% world	% EU-27
Catches	91.681	3.555	66,8	0,067%	1,88%
Aquaculture	136.140	1.043	0,2	0,001%	0,02%
Total	**227.821**	**4.598**	**67,0**	**0,028%**	**1,46%**

FISHING FLEET

Fleet: 2024, source: EU fishing fleet register - Eurostat Employment: 2023, source: JRC

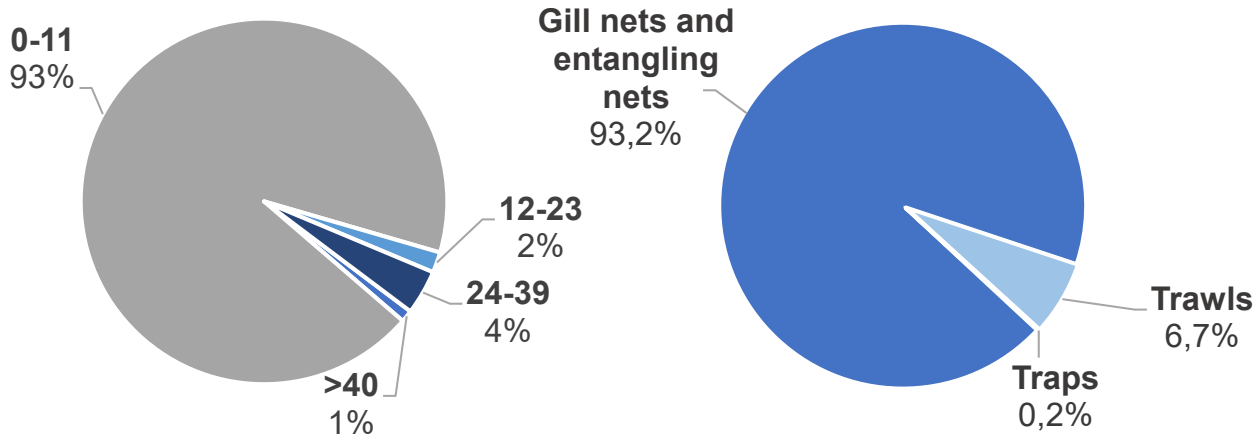
Vessels (2024)	Capacity (2024)	Power (2024)
Number: 659	GT: 21.727	KW: 38.592
TOTAL FTE: 190 (2023, source: JRC)		

0-11 m	12-23 m	24-39 m	>40 m
Jobs (FTE): 29%	Jobs (FTE): 18%	Jobs (FTE): 52%	Jobs (FTE): 0%

GT: Gross tonnage - KW: Kilowatt - FTE: Full Time Equivalent

The Latvian fishing fleet by length and gear

(% of total number of vessels)



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LANDINGS

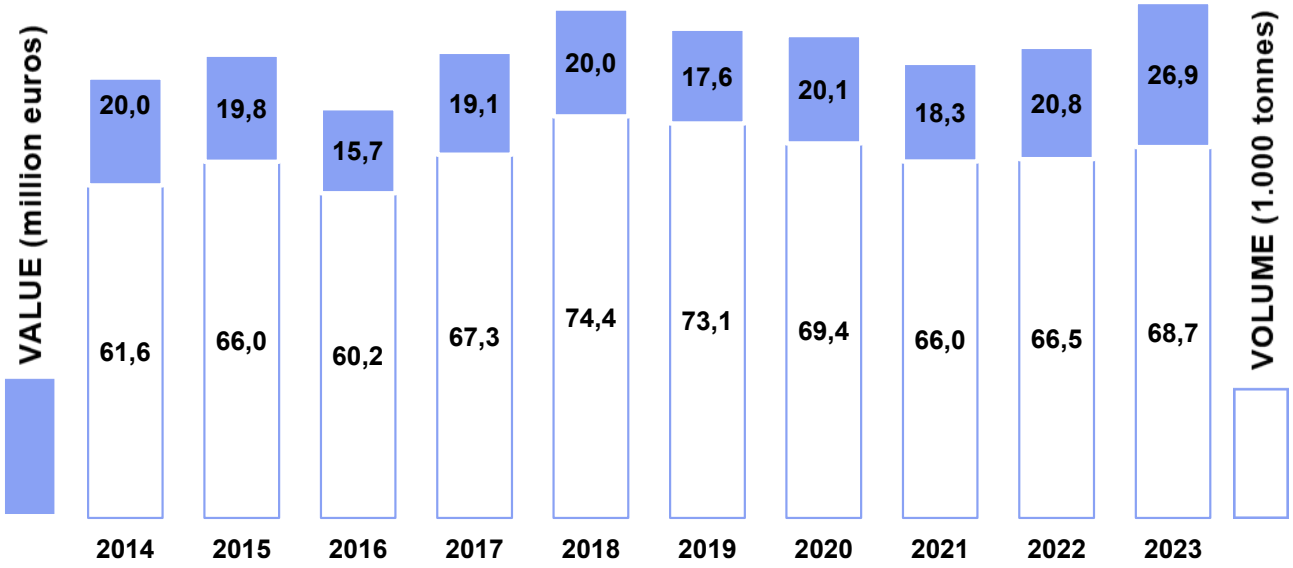
Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat data

Landings comprise the initial unloading of any fisheries products from on board a fishing vessel in a given Member State. They include aquatic plants and species not destined for human consumption. Landings are recorded in net weight and value, and concern landings made by vessels from EU Member States, Iceland, Norway and the UK.

In 2023, landings in Latvia only include fresh whole/gutted products destined for human consumption.

There are 13 fishing ports registered in the country (source: EU Master Data Register, 03 December 2025).

Total landings. Values are deflated by using the GDP deflator (base=2020)



Main commercial species landed and % of total

2023, million euros (nominal value) and 1.000 tonnes

SPRAT (= BRISLING)	14,36	53,45%	34,42	50,10%	HERRING
HERRING	11,36	42,29%	31,91	46,43%	SPRAT (= BRISLING)
SMELT	0,16	0,59%	0,53	0,77%	SMELT
EUROPEAN FLOUNDER	0,15	0,54%	0,25	0,36%	EUROPEAN FLOUNDER
TROUT	0,04	0,14%	0,02	0,03%	COD
OTHERS	0,80	2,99%	1,59	2,32%	OTHERS

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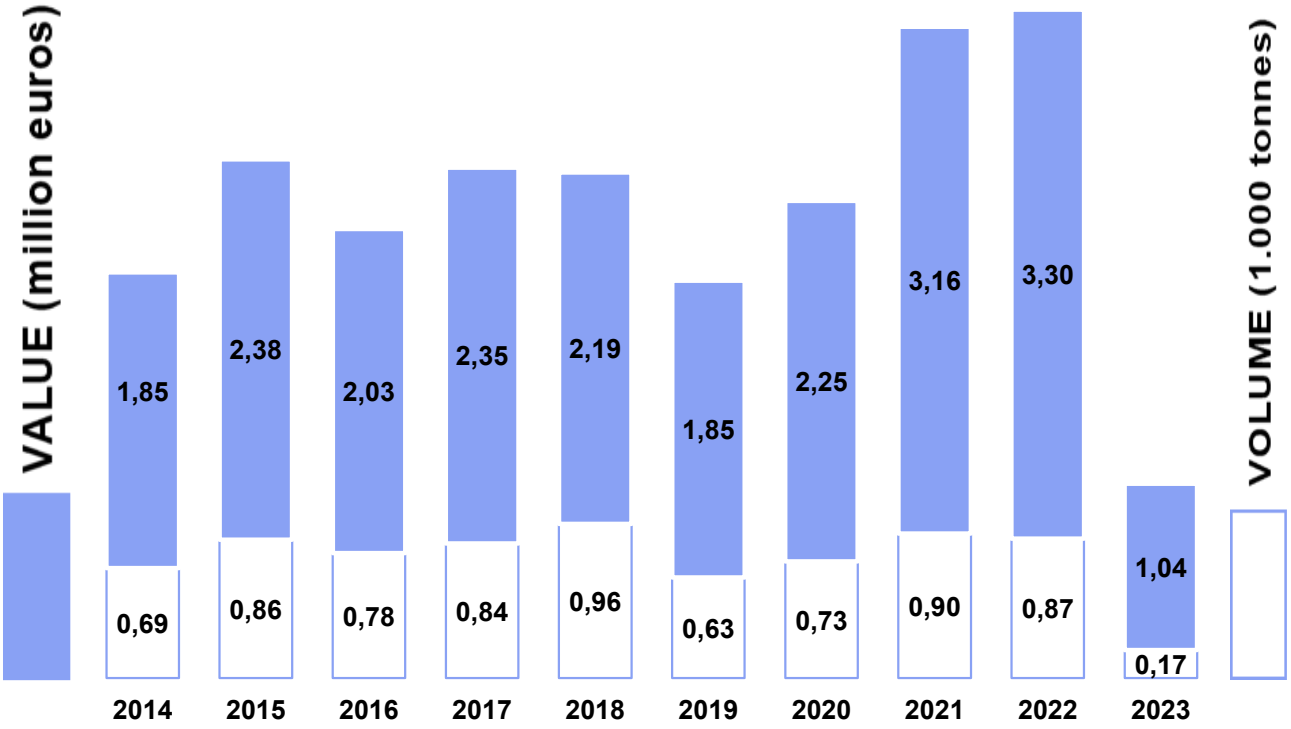
AQUACULTURE

Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat and FAO data

Aquaculture consists in the farming of aquatic (fresh or saltwater) organisms, such as fish, molluscs, crustaceans and aquatic plants. Aquaculture data are reported in live weight equivalent and value.

Aquaculture activity in Latvia is limited to freshwater farming in ponds, tanks and raceways and recirculation systems for which no details are available.

Total production. Values are deflated by using the GDP deflator (base=2020)



Main commercial species farmed and % of total

2023, million euros (nominal value) and 1.000 tonnes

OTHER FRESHWATER CATFISH	0,982	95%	0,147	85%	OTHER FRESHWATER CATFISH
PIKE	0,040	4%	0,015	8%	CARP
CARP	0,017	2%	0,012	7%	PIKE

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PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS

Source: European Commission, List of the recognised producer organisations in the fishery and aquaculture sector

In Latvia, **4 producer organisations (POs)** are formally recognized, all operating in the fishery sector. Their role is to contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) and of the Common organisation of the markets (CMO) through the collective management of their members' activities.

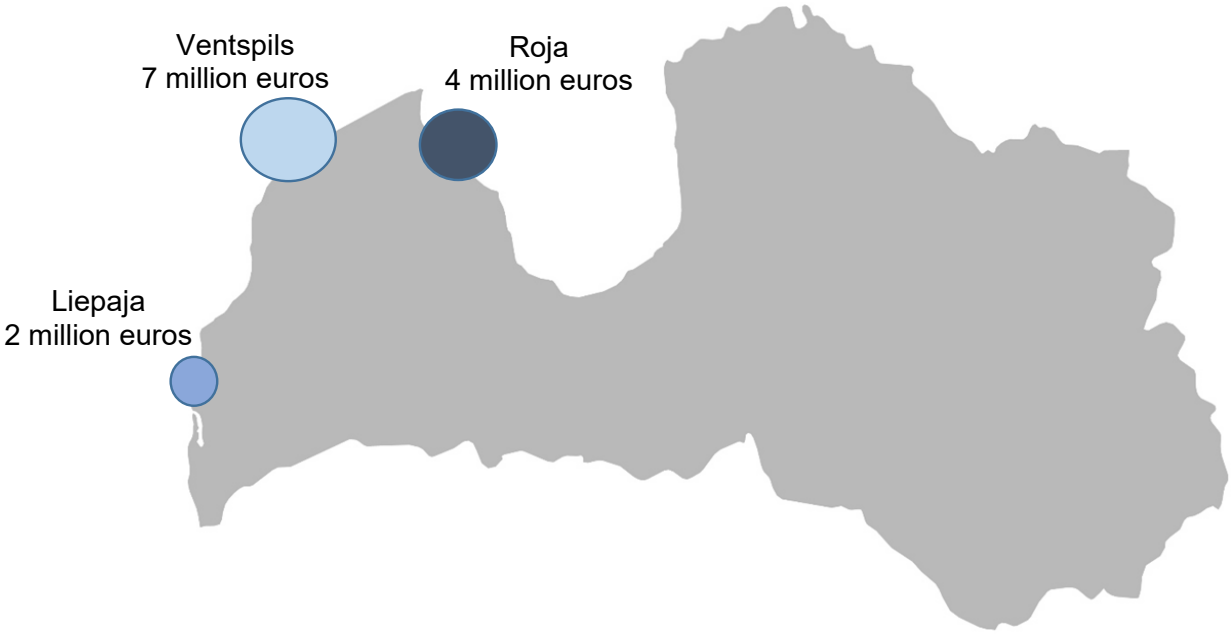
FIRST SALES

2025, source: EUMOFA

First sales concern the fish that is sold or registered at an auction center or to registered buyers or to producer organizations (PO). First sales may differ from landings since the former do not cover fish that is landed by vessels owned by processing companies or direct sales to processors.

There are no auction markets in Latvia. In 2025, total first sales in Latvian places of sale amounted to 39.432 tonnes and 16 million euros.

The top-3 places of sale covered 80% and 84% of total first sales, respectively in volume and value terms.



Top-3 places of sale	Volume (tonnes)	Value (million euros)	Top-3 main commercial species (in value)
Ventspils	12.840	7	Sprat (=brisling), herring, other marine fish
Roja	14.996	4	Herring, sprat (=brisling), other marine fish
Liepaja	3.853	2	Sprat (=brisling), herring, other freshwater fish

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PROCESSING

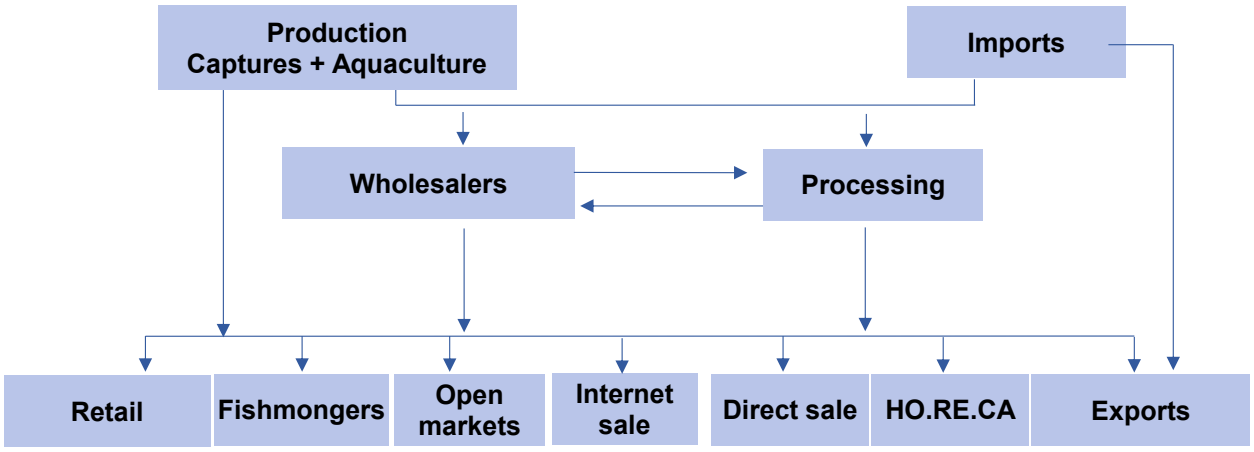
According to Eurostat-SBS, 2.568 persons were employed in the Latvian fish processing industry in 2023. The sector recorded a value added of 62 million euros, covering 12% of the value added of total manufacture of food products.

In 2024, the main products sold were “Frozen whole salt water fish” and “Prepared or preserved herrings, whole or in pieces (excluding minced products and prepared meals and dishes)” (source: Eurostat-PRODCOM).

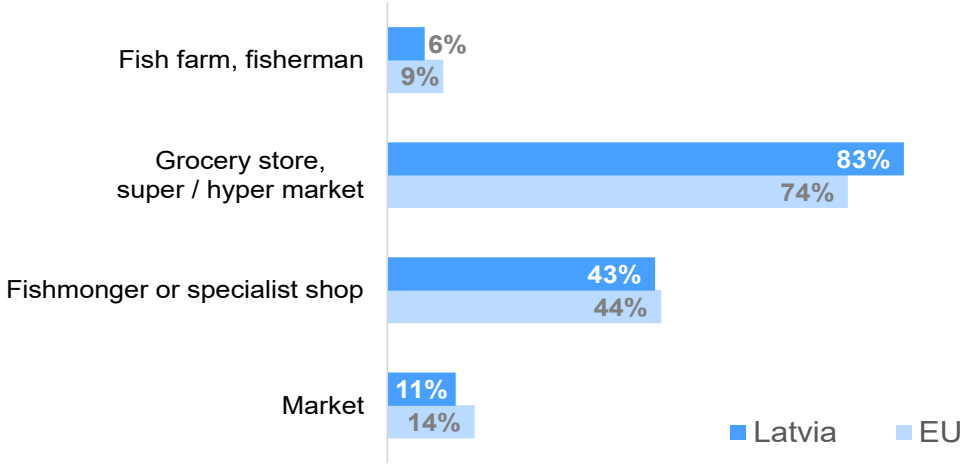
101 companies
Net turnover: 324 million euros
(2024, source: Eurostat - SBS)

DISTRIBUTION

The supply chain of fisheries and aquaculture products in Latvia (source: Eurofish):



Consumer preferences on purchasing channels (source: Eurobarometer, 2024):



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IMPORT – EXPORT

Source: EUMOFA, based on Eurostat-COMEXT data

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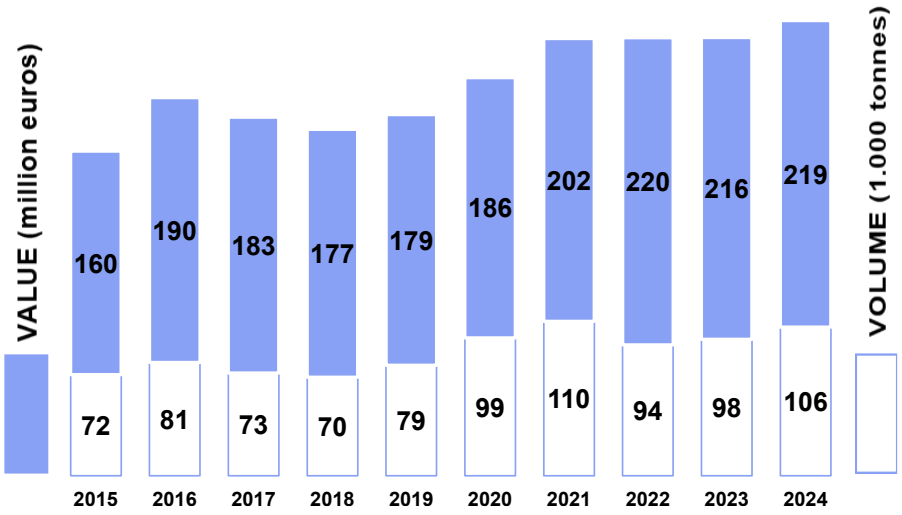
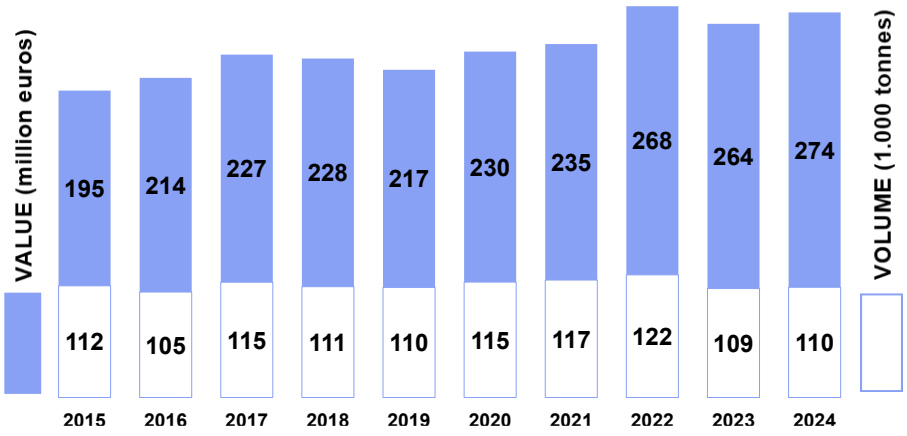


Main commercial species imported and % of total imports

2024, million euros (nominal value)

SALMON	80	30%
COD	33	12%
HERRING	21	8%
MACKEREL	20	7%
TROUT	13	5%
OTHERS	104	38%

EXPORT



Main commercial species exported and % of total exports

2024, million euros (nominal value)

SALMON	68	20%
HERRING	41	12%
COD	36	11%
MACKEREL	28	8%
FISHMEAL	18	5%
OTHERS	148	44%

Main countries of **ORIGIN** (in value, 2024)

- Lithuania 22%
- Sweden 22%
- Denmark 12%
- Norway 5%

Main countries of **DESTINATION** (in value, 2024)

- Lithuania 14%
- Germany 13%
- Denmark 11%
- Ukraine 9%

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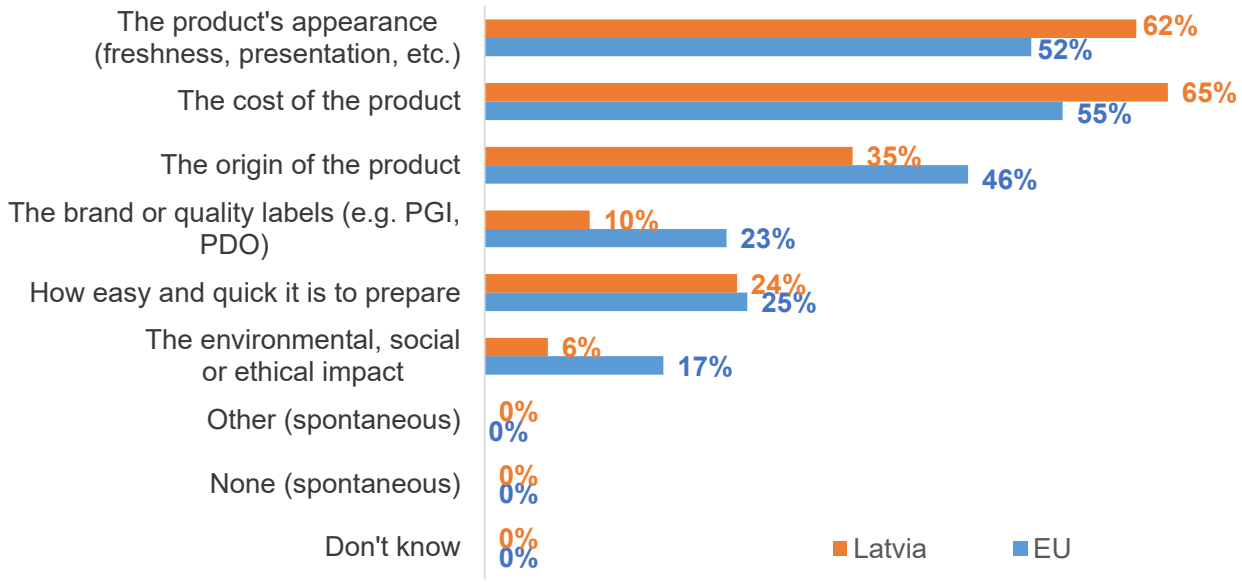
CONSUMPTION

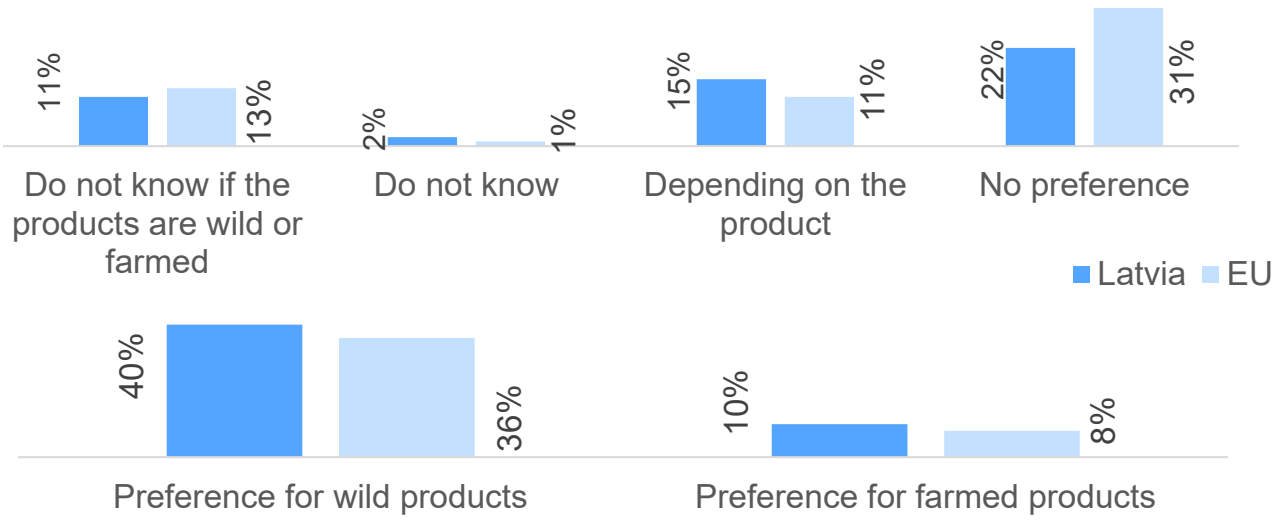
In 2023, apparent consumption was estimated at 21,63 kg per capita, a considerable 36% increase compared with 2022. The most consumed species were sprat and herring (source: EUMOFA).

21,63 kg
per capita in live weight equivalent
(2023, source: Latvia University of Life Science and Technology and Ministry of Agriculture of Latvia)

Purchasing factors (source: Eurobarometer, 2024)



Preferences regarding wild or farmed product (source: Eurobarometer, 2024)



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LANDINGS

Volumes and values are collected from Eurostat – Fishery.

They are available on a yearly basis and accessible through dashboards, as well as through the bulk download facility.

AQUACULTURE

Volumes and values are collected from Eurostat – Fishery and integrated with FAO data.

They are available on a yearly basis and accessible through dashboards, as well as through the bulk download facility.

FIRST SALES

Volumes and values are collected from the Ministry of Agriculture (Fisheries Department) on a weekly and monthly basis.

Weekly data is monitored for a selection of 7 main commercial species and 4 places of sale.

Monthly data cover all species sold in the Latvian places of sale.

Both weekly and monthly data are accessible through dashboards, as well as through the bulk download facility. As for monthly first sales, data at disaggregated level are also accessible, through dashboards and the bulk download facility.

WHOLESALE

No data available

IMPORT - EXPORT

Volumes and values are collected from Eurostat – COMEXT. Data concern trade flows of all fisheries and aquaculture products as recorded by national customs.

They are available on a monthly and yearly basis and accessible through dashboards, as well as through the bulk download facility.

PROCESSING

Data are collected from Eurostat – PRODCOM. They concern ex-farm quantities and values of fisheries and aquaculture products sold in the country after being transformed from raw material into final products.

They are available on a yearly basis and accessible through dashboards, as well as through the bulk download facility.

CONSUMPTION

Retail prices are collected on a monthly basis from the Ministry of Agriculture (Fisheries Department).