

## Impact of International Trade on Turkish Manufacturing Employment

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**Abstract:**

The aim of this study is to elaborate the impact of international trade on employment in the Turkish manufacturing industry over the 2003-2017 period. Specifically, this study analyses the employment effects of trade with Turkey's major trading partners separately, namely, European Union countries, Russia, United States, Iraq, and China. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first paper in the literature to analyze the impacts of trade with different countries separately on the manufacturing employment for Turkey. In the study, trade openness is captured using two proxies: the export-output ratio and the import penetration ratio at the industry level. The preliminary findings of the study reveal that increased exports to the selected countries, except China, generate new jobs in Turkish manufacturing. Both exports to and imports from the European Union countries have positive employment effects. When considering only the sectors with the highest employment increases during the period, imports from the United States, European Union, and Iraq decreased employment however imports from China increased employment.

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