🇦🇫 Afghanistan: trade brief

Customs figures for 2025 and 2026 to date; products for 2024; long-run totals. Prepared 2026-11-15.

Afghanistan exported **$756M** of goods and imported **$4.3B** in 2025, a trade deficit of **$3.5B**. Its largest export market was India (45.3% of exports) and its largest supplier was Iran (27.3% of imports).

#159
largest exporter of 202 economies, and #145 importer
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45%
of exports go to 🇮🇳 India, the largest market

78%
of exports go to just three markets, out of 38

−3.5B
trade deficit: exports pay for 18% of imports

+32.2%
change in exports on 2024: $572M then, $756M in 2025

27%
of imports come from 🇮🇷 Iran, the largest supplier

Afghanistan in 2025 and 2026: the latest figures

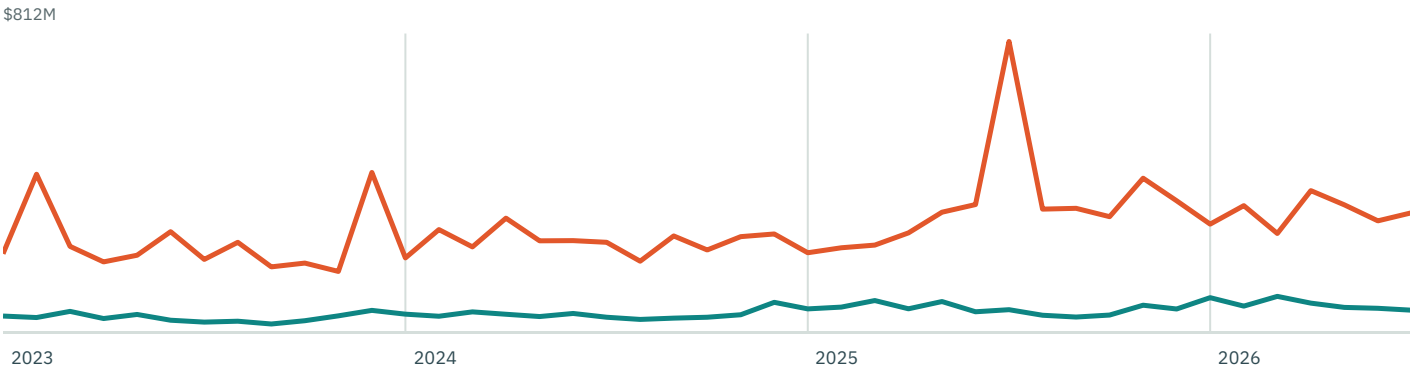
Monthly customs figures in US dollars from the IMF's trade-by-partner database. The newest month is Jul 2026.

$756M
Exports, 2025 **+32.2%** on 2024

$4.3B
Imports, 2025 **+40.9%** on 2024

$539M
Exports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+11.1%** on the same months of 2025

$2.3B
Imports, Jan–Jul 2026 **−6.3%** on the same months of 2025



Period	Exports	Imports	Balance
2026 (Jan–Jul)	$539M	$2.3B	−1.8B
2025	$756M	$4.3B	−3.5B
2024	$572M	$3.0B	−2.5B
2023	$469M	$3.0B	−2.6B
2022	$456M	$3.2B	−2.7B

Largest export markets in 2025 and 2026 so far

Export market	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
India †	$342M	+32.2%	45.3%	$244M	+11.1%
Pakistan †	$190M	+32.2%	25.2%	$136M	+11.1%
Turkiye †	$57M	+32.2%	7.6%	$41M	+11.1%
United Arab Emirates †	$39M	+32.2%	5.1%	$27M	+11.1%
Iran †	$24M	+32.2%	3.2%	$17M	+11.1%
China †	$21M	+32.2%	2.8%	$15M	+11.1%
Saudi Arabia †	$13M	+32.2%	1.7%	$9M	+11.1%
Germany †	$13M	+32.2%	1.7%	$9M	+11.1%
United States †	$10M	+32.2%	1.3%	$7M	+11.1%
Iraq †	$9M	+32.2%	1.1%	$6M	+11.1%

Largest suppliers in 2025 and 2026 so far

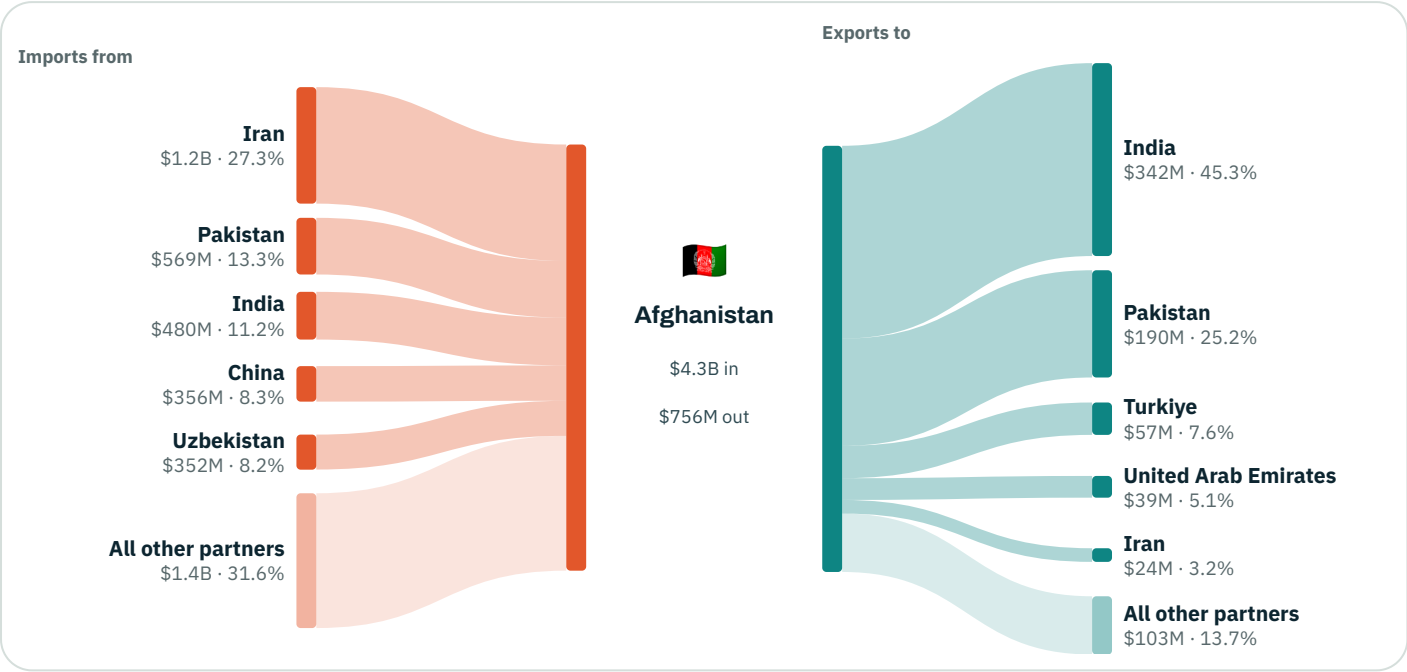
Supplier	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
Iran †	$1.2B	+49.5%	27.4%	$624M	−7.5%
Pakistan †	$569M	+49.5%	13.3%	$303M	−7.5%
India †	$480M	+49.5%	11.2%	$256M	−7.5%
China †	$356M	+16.3%	8.3%	$207M	−1.6%
Uzbekistan †	$352M	+49.5%	8.2%	$188M	−7.5%
Kazakhstan †	$326M	+49.5%	7.6%	$174M	−7.5%
Germany †	$238M	+0.3%	5.6%	$151M	+8.5%
Malaysia †	$165M	+49.5%	3.9%	$88M	−7.5%
United Arab Emirates †	$126M	+49.5%	3.0%	$67M	−7.5%
Russia †	$93M	+49.5%	2.2%	$49M	−7.5%

† Afghanistan had not yet reported this flow, so the IMF derived it from the partner's own records. Treat these as provisional.

Source: International Monetary Fund, International Trade in Goods by partner country, retrieved 2026-11-15. The IMF collects each economy's national customs figures and converts them to US dollars at the average exchange rate of the month the goods moved. Imports include freight and insurance; exports do not. The product and partner sections further down use BACI's reconciled figures for 2024, which can differ noticeably for the same year, so compare like with like.

Where Afghanistan's goods come from, and where they go

The five largest suppliers and the five largest markets in 2025. Ribbon width is in proportion to value within each side.



What Afghanistan exports, 2024

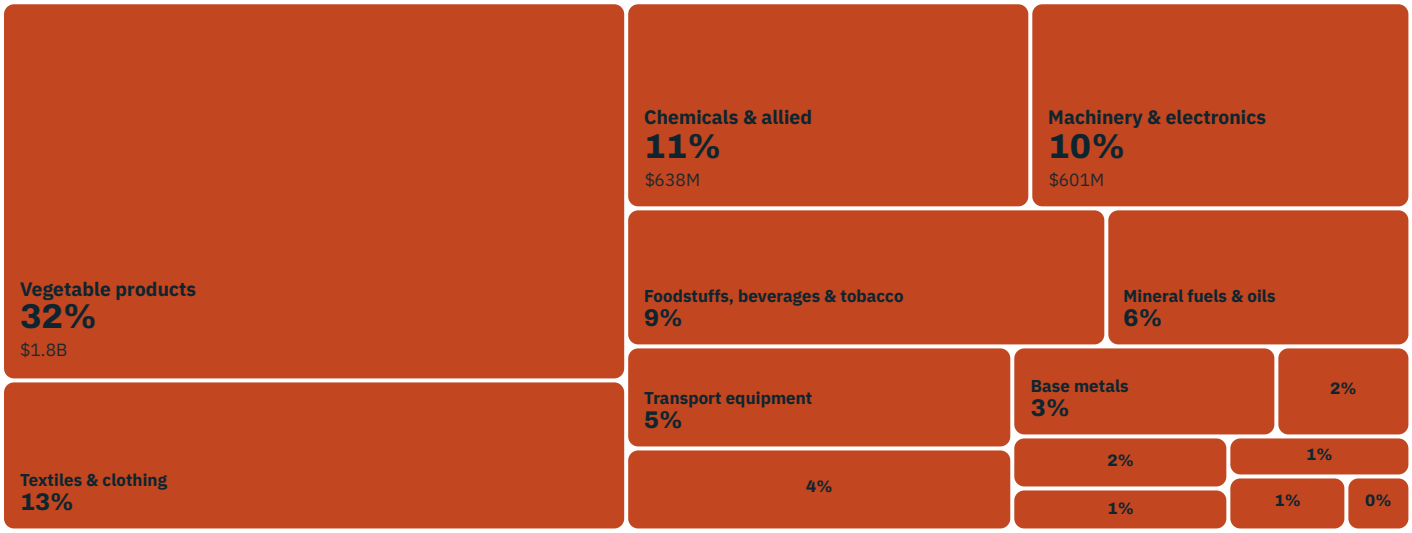


Reconciled figures (BACI): exports of $1.6B on that basis. 2024 is the newest year with product detail for every economy.

Largest export products

Product	2024	Share
Cotton; not carded or combed `5201.00`	$226M	14.0%
Fruit, edible; figs, fresh or dried `0804.20`	$167M	10.3%
Fruit, edible; grapes, dried `0806.20`	$128M	7.9%
Natural gums, resins, gum-resins and oleoresins, n.e.c.... `1301.90`	$123M	7.6%
Vegetables, alliaceous; onions and shallots, fresh or... `0703.10`	$96M	5.9%
Spices; saffron `0910.20`	$60M	3.7%
Coal; (other than anthracite and bituminous), whether or... `2701.19`	$56M	3.5%
Fruit, edible; apples, fresh `0808.10`	$48M	3.0%

What Afghanistan imports, 2024



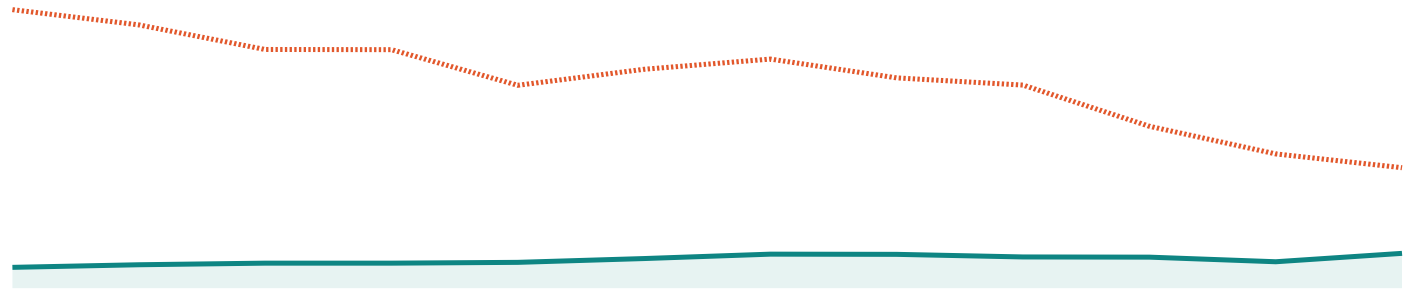
Reconciled figures (BACI): imports of $5.7B on that basis.

Largest import products

Product	2024	Share
Wheat or meslin flour `1101.00`	$640M	11.2%
Cereals; rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or... `1006.30`	$362M	6.3%
Sugars; sucrose, chemically pure, in solid form, not... `1701.99`	$230M	4.0%
Vegetable oils; palm oil and its fractions, other than... `1511.90`	$223M	3.9%
Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, not... `2710.00`	$213M	3.7%
Medicaments; consisting of mixed or unmixed products... `3004.90`	$169M	3.0%
Fabrics, woven; containing 85% or more by weight of... `5407.52`	$133M	2.3%
Motorcycles (including mopeds) and cycles; fitted with an... `8711.20`	$109M	1.9%

Afghanistan's trade over the long run

Merchandise exports and imports, World Bank series, current US dollars.



Exports Imports 2012–2023

Sources and method

- **2024 products:** BACI (CEPII), which reconciles what exporters and importers each reported to UN Comtrade, six-digit HS, current US dollars.
- **Totals and partners, latest year and current year:** International Monetary Fund, International Trade in Goods by partner country: each economy's own monthly customs figures, converted to US dollars at the average exchange rate of each month. Values marked † were derived by the IMF from partners' records because the economy had not yet reported.
- **Long-run totals:** World Bank, merchandise exports and imports, current US dollars.
- The two sources use different methods and can give different totals for the same year. Compare like with like.
- Product classification: Harmonized System, © World Customs Organization.

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