🇦🇪 United Arab Emirates: trade brief

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

United Arab Emirates exported **$426B** of goods and imported **$486B** in 2025, a trade deficit of **$60B**. Its largest export market was India (14.9% of exports) and its largest supplier was China (19.7% of imports).

#21
largest exporter of 202 economies, and #18 importer
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15%
of exports go to 🇮🇳 India, the largest market

34%
of exports go to just three markets, out of 180

−60B
trade deficit: exports pay for 88% of imports

+12.4%
change in exports on 2024: $379B then, $426B in 2025

20%
of imports come from 🇨🇳 China, the largest supplier

United Arab Emirates in 2025 and 2026: the latest figures

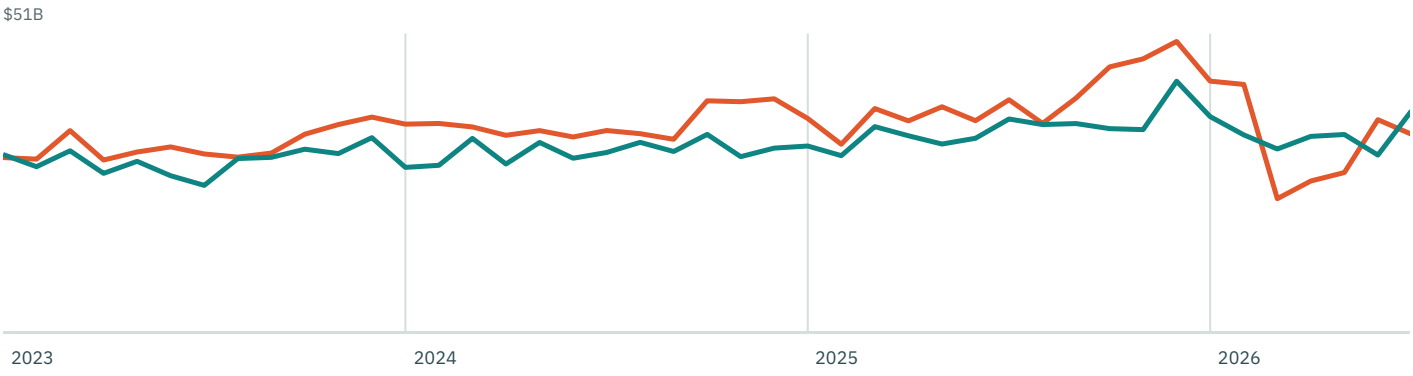
Monthly customs figures in US dollars from the IMF's trade-by-partner database. The newest month is Jul 2026.

$426B
Exports, 2025 **+12.4%** on 2024

$486B
Imports, 2025 **+11.0%** on 2024

$243B
Exports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+2.1%** on the same months of 2025

$237B
Imports, Jan–Jul 2026 **−10.1%** on the same months of 2025



Period	Exports	Imports	Balance
2026 (Jan–Jul)	$243B	$237B	+6.0B
2025	$426B	$486B	−60B
2024	$379B	$438B	−59B
2023	$361B	$392B	−31B
2022	$381B	$331B	+50B

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 †	$63B	+10.1%	16.2%	$35B	−5.1%
Switzerland †	$47B	+282.5%	12.1%	$34B	+49.3%
China †	$33B	−3.4%	8.4%	$12B	−33.4%
Japan †	$31B	−11.1%	7.9%	$13B	−28.4%
Hong Kong †	$30B	+62.1%	7.8%	$21B	+34.0%
Iran †	$17B	−18.9%	4.3%	$7.1B	−16.7%
Thailand †	$16B	−2.5%	4.0%	$5.9B	−38.7%
Singapore †	$15B	+19.8%	3.7%	$9.1B	+17.5%
Saudi Arabia †	$14B	+13.8%	3.5%	$8.6B	+8.8%
South Korea †	$13B	−21.3%	3.4%	$9.5B	+13.4%

Largest suppliers in 2025 and 2026 so far

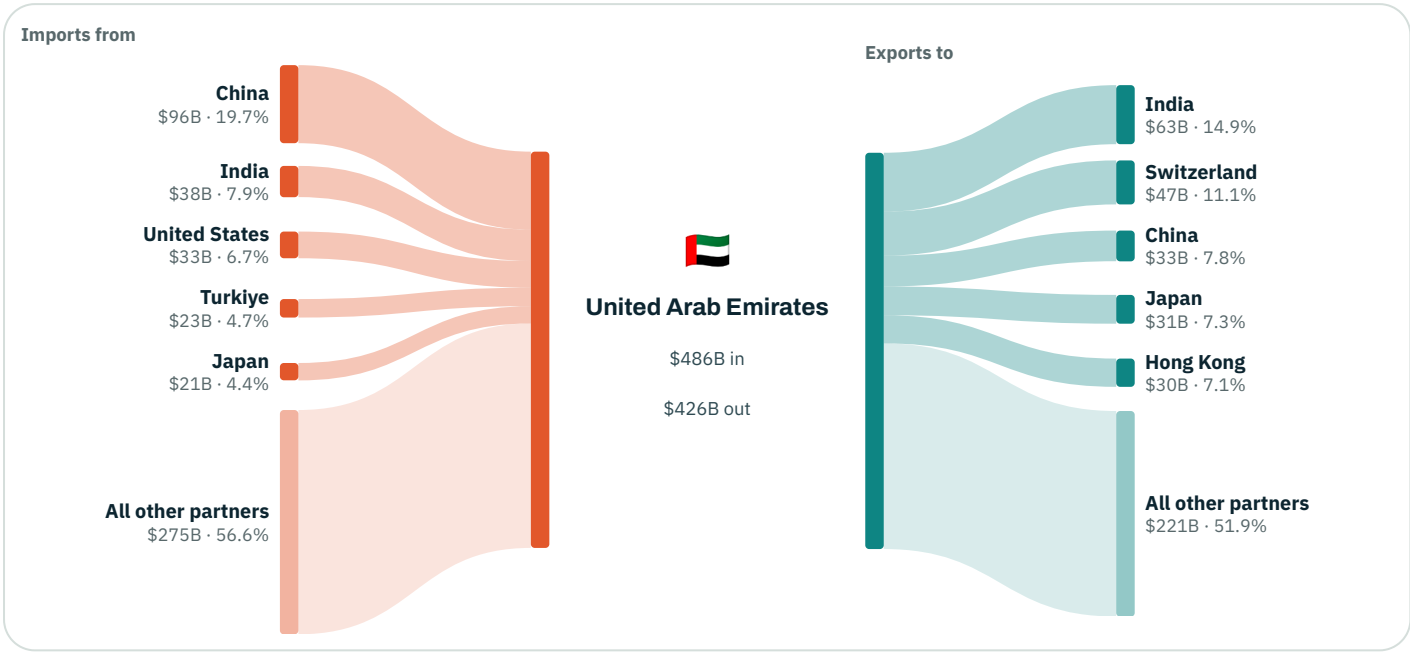
Supplier	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
China †	$96B	+8.2%	19.7%	$39B	−26.9%
India †	$38B	+15.7%	7.9%	$20B	−2.7%
United States †	$33B	+13.8%	6.8%	$18B	−1.9%
Turkiye †	$23B	+15.8%	4.7%	$12B	−2.6%
Japan †	$21B	+11.6%	4.4%	$9.7B	−8.1%
Italy †	$15B	+24.1%	3.1%	$8.0B	−4.2%
Germany †	$15B	+19.6%	3.0%	$6.4B	−18.8%
Vietnam †	$14B	+15.8%	2.9%	$7.4B	−2.6%
Switzerland †	$12B	+1.3%	2.5%	$5.8B	−9.9%
Saudi Arabia †	$11B	+27.7%	2.3%	$6.1B	+2.3%

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

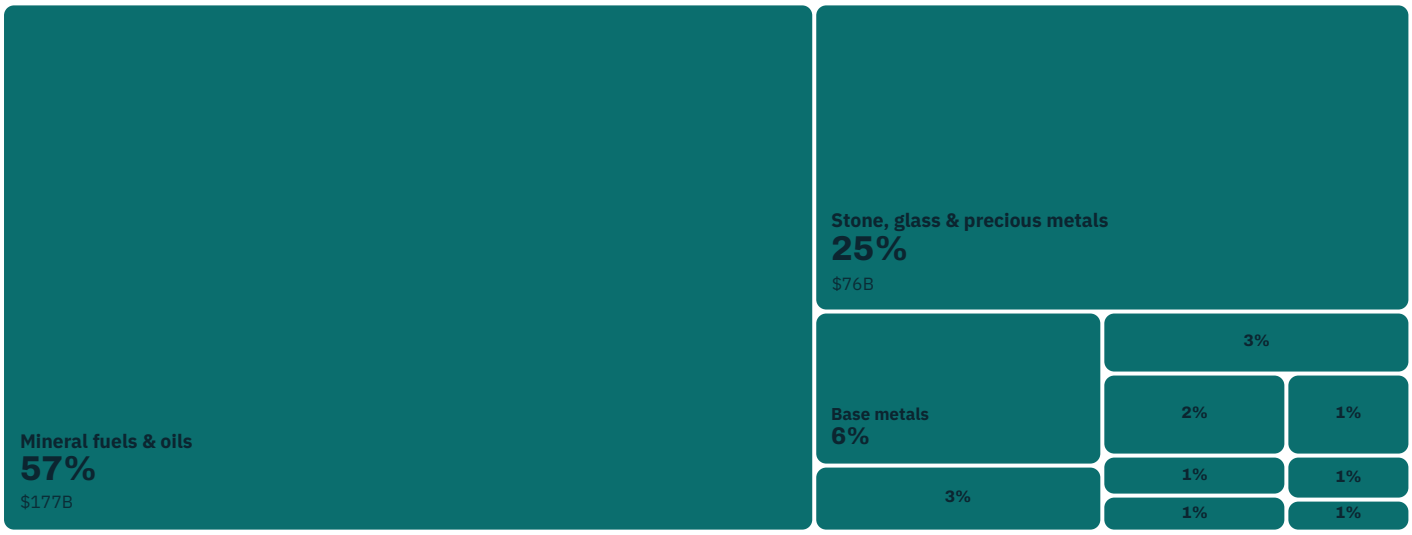
Source: International Monetary Fund, International Trade in Goods by partner country, retrieved 2026-11-15. The IMF collects each economy's national customs figures and converts them to US dollars at the average exchange rate of the month the goods moved. Imports include freight and insurance; exports 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 United Arab Emirates'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 United Arab Emirates exports, 2024

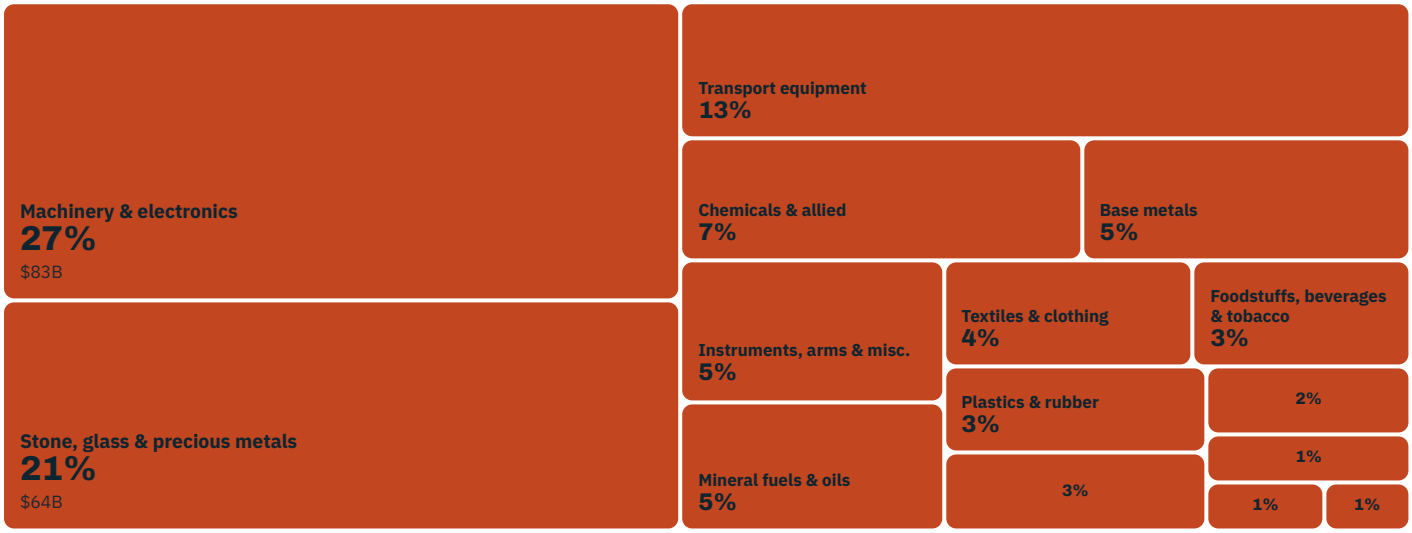


Reconciled figures (BACI): exports of $310B on that basis. 2024 is the newest year with product detail for every economy.

Largest export products

Product	2024	Share
Oils; petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous… 2709.00	$114B	37.0%
Metals; gold, non-monetary, unwrought (but not powder) 7108.12	$56B	18.2%
Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, not… 2710.00	$46B	14.9%
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons… 2711.12	$6.3B	2.0%
Diamonds; non-industrial, unworked or simply sawn… 7102.31	$5.8B	1.9%
Aluminium; unwrought, alloys 7601.20	$5.0B	1.6%
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons… 2711.13	$4.9B	1.6%
Jewellery; of precious metal (excluding silver) whether… 7113.19	$4.9B	1.6%

What United Arab Emirates imports, 2024



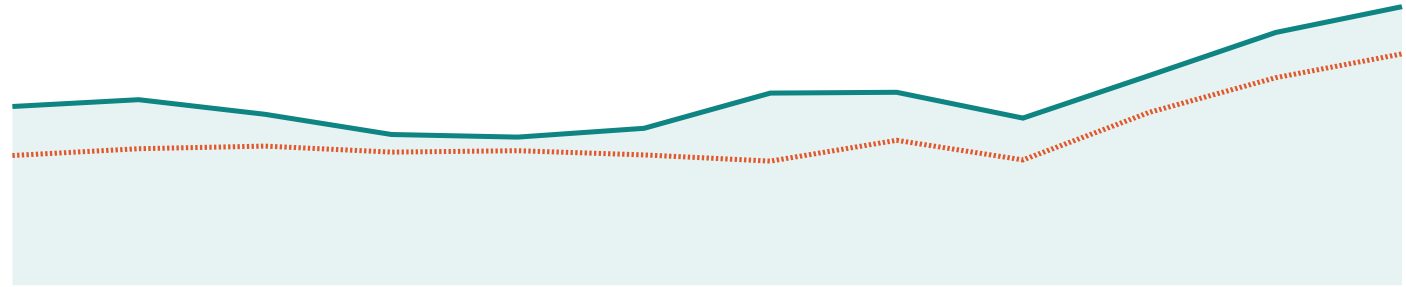
Reconciled figures (BACI): imports of $308B on that basis.

Largest import products

Product	2024	Share
Telephone sets; smartphones for cellular or other… 8517.13	$22B	7.2%
Metals; gold, non-monetary, unwrought (but not powder) 7108.12	$20B	6.6%
Jewellery; of precious metal (excluding silver) whether… 7113.19	$16B	5.3%
Metals; gold, semi-manufactured 7108.13	$12B	3.8%
Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, not… 2710.00	$11B	3.5%
Vehicles; with only spark-ignition internal combustion… 8703.23	$6.5B	2.1%
Automatic data processing machines; portable, weighing… 8471.30	$5.2B	1.7%
Diamonds; non-industrial, (other than unworked or simply… 7102.39	$5.0B	1.6%

United Arab Emirates'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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