Burundi: trade brief

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

Burundi exported **$107M** of goods and imported **$811M** in 2025, a trade deficit of **$705M**. Its largest export market was Tanzania (14.6% of exports) and its largest supplier was Tanzania (37.3% of imports).

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largest exporter of 202 economies, and #180 importer
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15%
of exports go to Tanzania, the largest market

33%
of exports go to just three markets, out of 20

−705M
trade deficit: exports pay for 13% of imports

+46.4%
change in exports on 2024: $73M then, $107M in 2025

37%
of imports come from Tanzania, the largest supplier

Burundi in 2025 and 2026: the latest figures

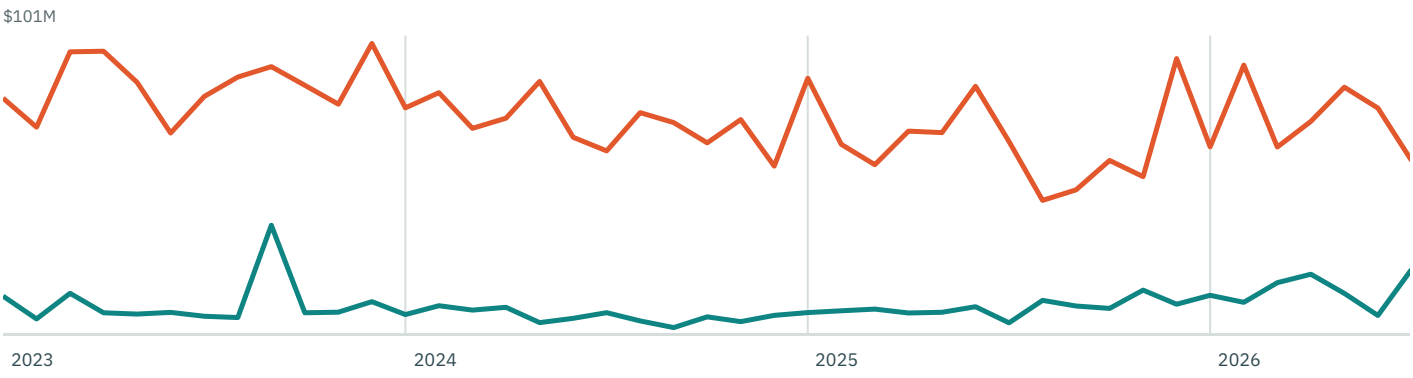
Monthly customs figures in US dollars from the IMF's trade-by-partner database. The newest month is Jul 2026.

$107M
Exports, 2025 **+46.4%** on 2024

$811M
Imports, 2025 **−7.3%** on 2024

$105M
Exports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+104.1%** on the same months of 2025

$520M
Imports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+2.9%** on the same months of 2025



Period	Exports	Imports	Balance
2026 (Jan–Jul)	$105M	$520M	−415M
2025	$107M	$811M	−705M
2024	$73M	$875M	−802M
2023	$129M	$1.0B	−907M
2022	$155M	$1.1B	−966M

Largest export markets in 2025 and 2026 so far

Export market	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
Tanzania †	$16M	+135.6%	25.6%	$16M	+112.3%
China †	$11M	+48.8%	17.9%	$11M	+112.3%
Oman †	$8M	+90.6%	13.5%	$8M	+112.3%
Rwanda †	$5M	+113.9%	8.5%	$5M	+112.3%
Kenya †	$4M	+90.4%	6.5%	$4M	+112.2%
Pakistan †	$3M	+33.4%	5.5%	$3M	+112.3%
Switzerland †	$3M	−48.8%	5.2%	$814,000	−60.0%
Germany †	$3M	+161.2%	4.8%	$3M	+112.3%
Italy †	$2M	+270.0%	3.7%	$2M	+112.3%
United Arab Emirates †	$1M	−88.8%	2.3%	$1M	+112.2%

Largest suppliers in 2025 and 2026 so far

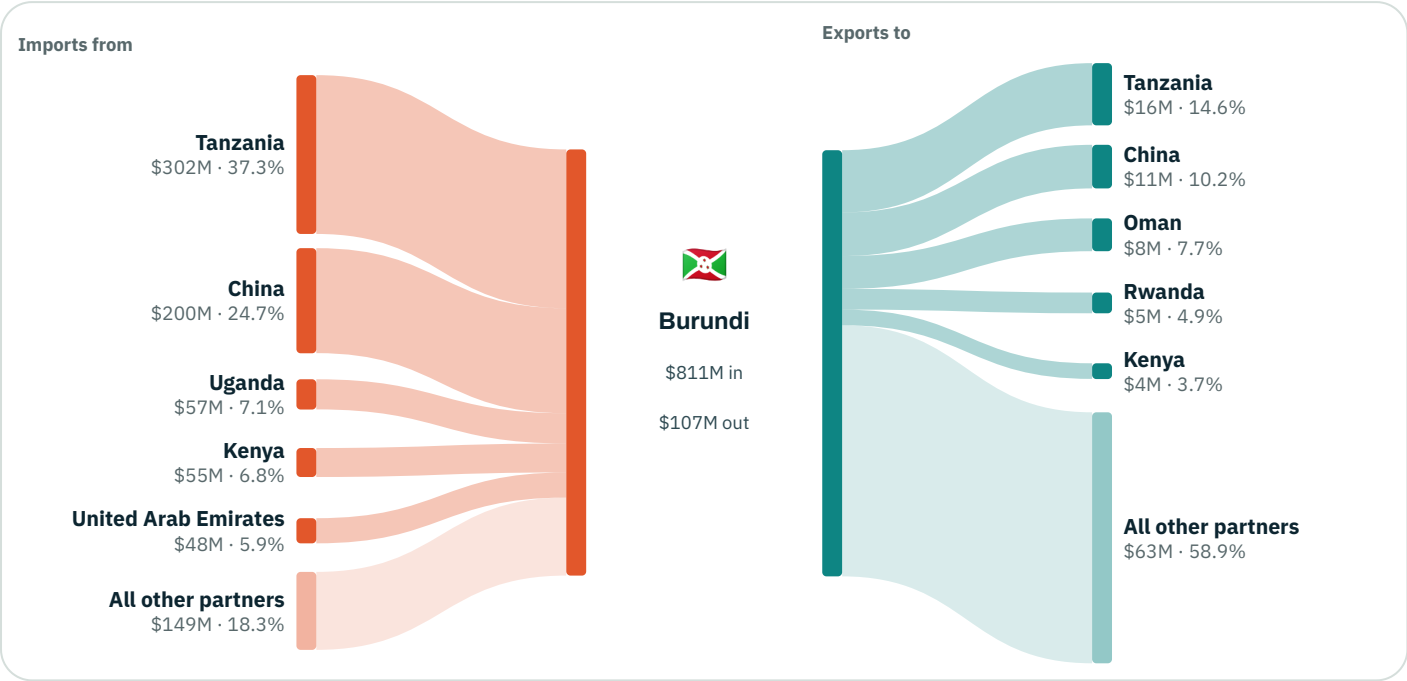
Supplier	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
Tanzania †	$302M	+42.7%	38.0%	$188M	−1.0%
China †	$200M	+12.7%	25.1%	$161M	+42.7%
Uganda †	$57M	−0.9%	7.2%	$36M	−1.0%
Kenya †	$55M	+13.4%	6.9%	$34M	−1.0%
United Arab Emirates †	$48M	−53.6%	6.0%	$30M	−1.0%
Russia †	$19M	+101.6%	2.4%	$12M	−1.0%
Zambia †	$16M	+4.4%	2.0%	$10M	−1.0%
Rwanda †	$14M	+3.3%	1.7%	$9M	−1.0%
Netherlands †	$14M	−21.6%	1.7%	$672,000	−94.3%
Turkiye †	$13M	−19.4%	1.6%	$8M	−1.0%

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

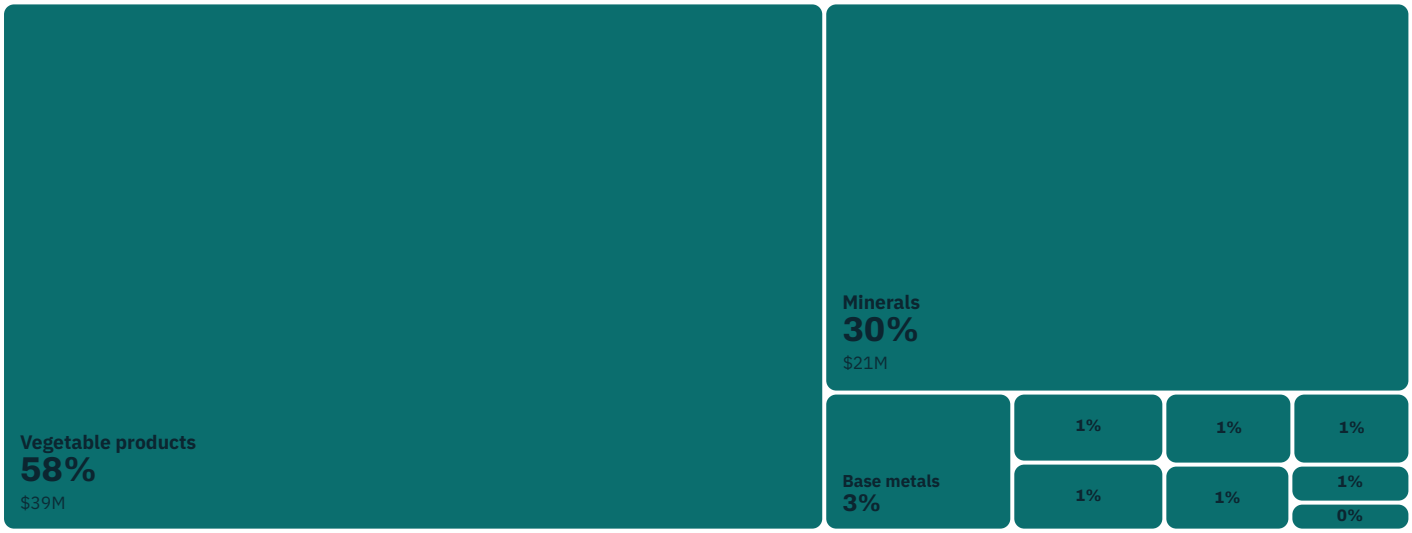
Source: International Monetary Fund, International Trade in Goods by partner country, retrieved 2026-11-15. The IMF collects each economy's national customs figures and converts them to US dollars at the average exchange rate of the month the goods moved. Imports include freight and insurance; exports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

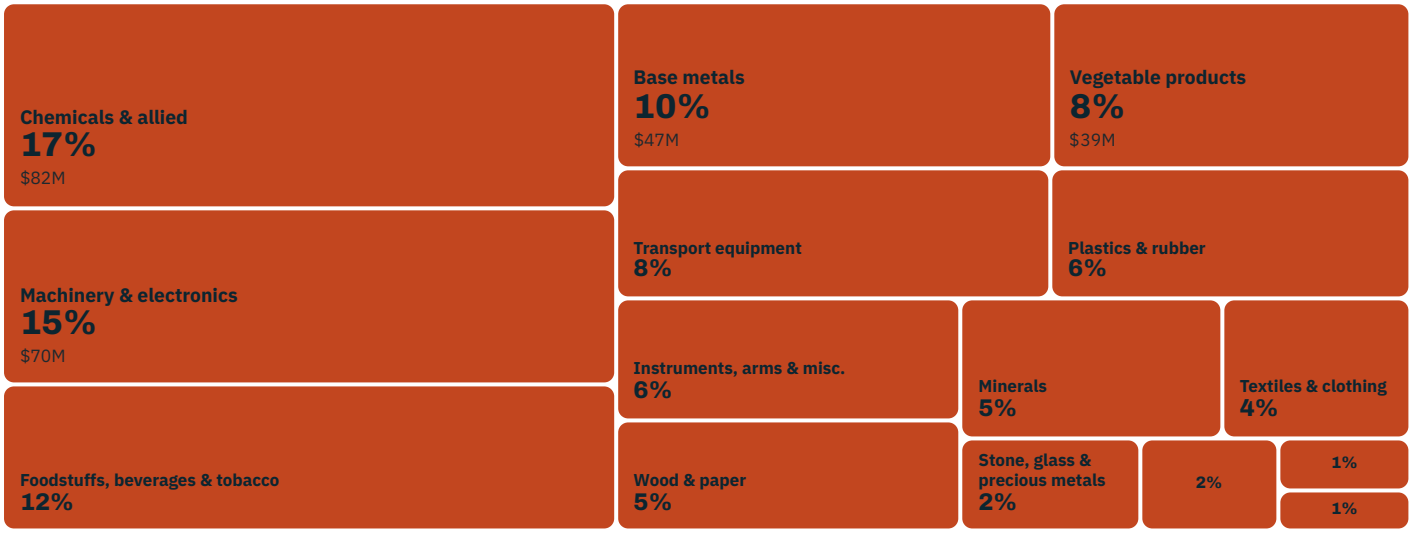


Reconciled figures (BACI): exports of $68M on that basis. 2024 is the newest year with product detail for every economy.

Largest export products

Product	2024	Share
Coffee; not roasted or decaffeinated 0901.11	$30M	44.2%
Niobium, tantalum, vanadium ores and concentrates 2615.90	$16M	23.5%
Tea, black; (fermented) and partly fermented tea, in... 0902.40	$7M	10.9%
Tin ores and concentrates 2609.00	$4M	6.4%
Cereals; maize (corn), other than seed 1005.90	$1M	1.7%
Copper; waste and scrap 7404.00	$950,000	1.4%
Medical, surgical or dental instruments and appliances... 9018.90	$712,000	1.0%
Oils, essential; n.e.c. in heading no. 3301 (terpeneless... 3301.29	$591,000	0.9%

What Burundi imports, 2024



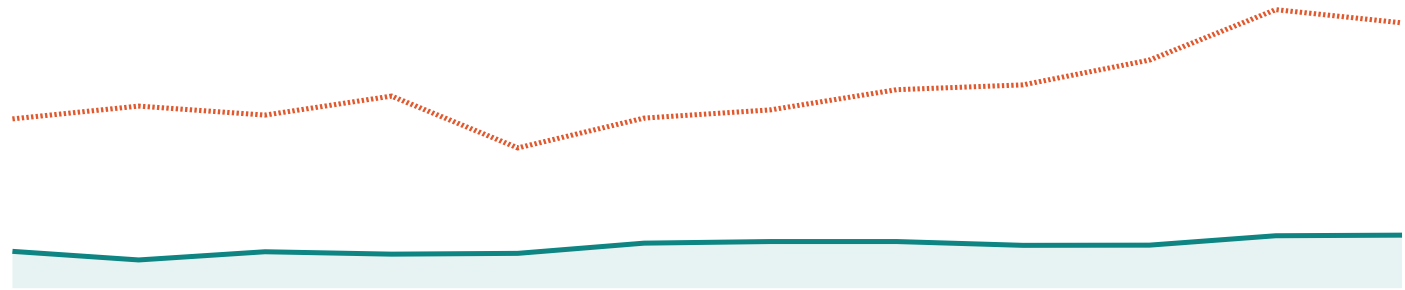
Reconciled figures (BACI): imports of $484M on that basis.

Largest import products

Product	2024	Share
Cement; portland, other than white, whether or not... 2523.29	$18M	3.7%
Vaccines, toxins, cultures of micro-organisms (excluding... 3002.41	$17M	3.4%
Medicaments; consisting of mixed or unmixed products... 3004.90	$14M	2.9%
Tobacco; other than homogenised or reconstituted or... 2403.99	$11M	2.4%
Unused postage, revenue or similar stamps of current or... 4907.00	$10M	2.0%
Sugars; sucrose, chemically pure, in solid form... 1701.91	$9M	1.9%
Malt; not roasted 1107.10	$8M	1.6%
Fertilizers, mineral or chemical; phosphatic, n.e.c. in... 3103.90	$7M	1.5%

Burundi'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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