# 🇧🇯 Benin: trade brief

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

Benin exported **$827M** of goods and imported **$3.9B** in 2025, a trade deficit of **$3.0B**. Its largest export market was Bangladesh (41.4% of exports) and its largest supplier was India (22.6% of imports).

**#155**
largest exporter of 202 economies, and #149 importer
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**41%**
of exports go to 🇧🇩 Bangladesh, the largest market

**56%**
of exports go to just three markets, out of 91

**−3.0B**
trade deficit: exports pay for 21% of imports

**−25.7%**
change in exports on 2024: $1.1B then, $827M in 2025

**23%**
of imports come from 🇮🇳 India, the largest supplier

## Benin in 2025 and 2026: the latest figures

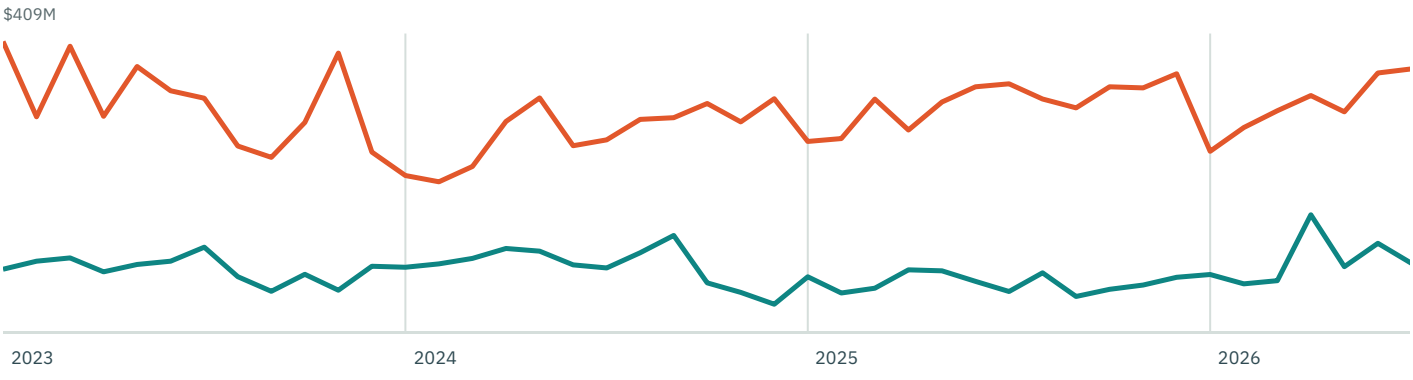
Monthly customs figures in US dollars from the IMF's trade-by-partner database. The newest month is Jul 2026.

**$827M**
Exports, 2025 **−25.7%** on 2024

**$3.9B**
Imports, 2025 **+14.8%** on 2024

**$697M**
Exports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+41.4%** on the same months of 2025

**$2.2B**
Imports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+2.8%** on the same months of 2025




| Period | Exports | Imports | Balance |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2026 (Jan–Jul) | $697M | $2.2B | −1.5B |
| 2025 | $827M | $3.9B | −3.0B |
| 2024 | $1.1B | $3.4B | −2.3B |
| 2023 | $1.1B | $3.9B | −2.9B |
| 2022 | $908M | $3.6B | −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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bangladesh † | $342M | −28.8% | 41.4% | $132M | −48.3% |
| India † | $66M | −23.9% | 8.0% | $96M | +247.4% |
| United States † | $53M | −11.0% | 6.4% | $50M | +100.6% |
| France † | $40M | +239.2% | 4.8% | $46M | +146.7% |
| Chad † | $32M | −9.8% | 3.9% | $37M | +120.3% |
| Nigeria † | $32M | +2.8% | 3.8% | $25M | +50.5% |
| United Arab Emirates † | $27M | −8.4% | 3.3% | $31M | +120.3% |
| Togo † | $21M | −17.9% | 2.6% | $24M | +120.3% |
| China † | $20M | −57.4% | 2.4% | $73M | +902.8% |
| Burkina Faso † | $19M | +29.0% | 2.3% | $25M | +191.6% |

### Largest suppliers in 2025 and 2026 so far

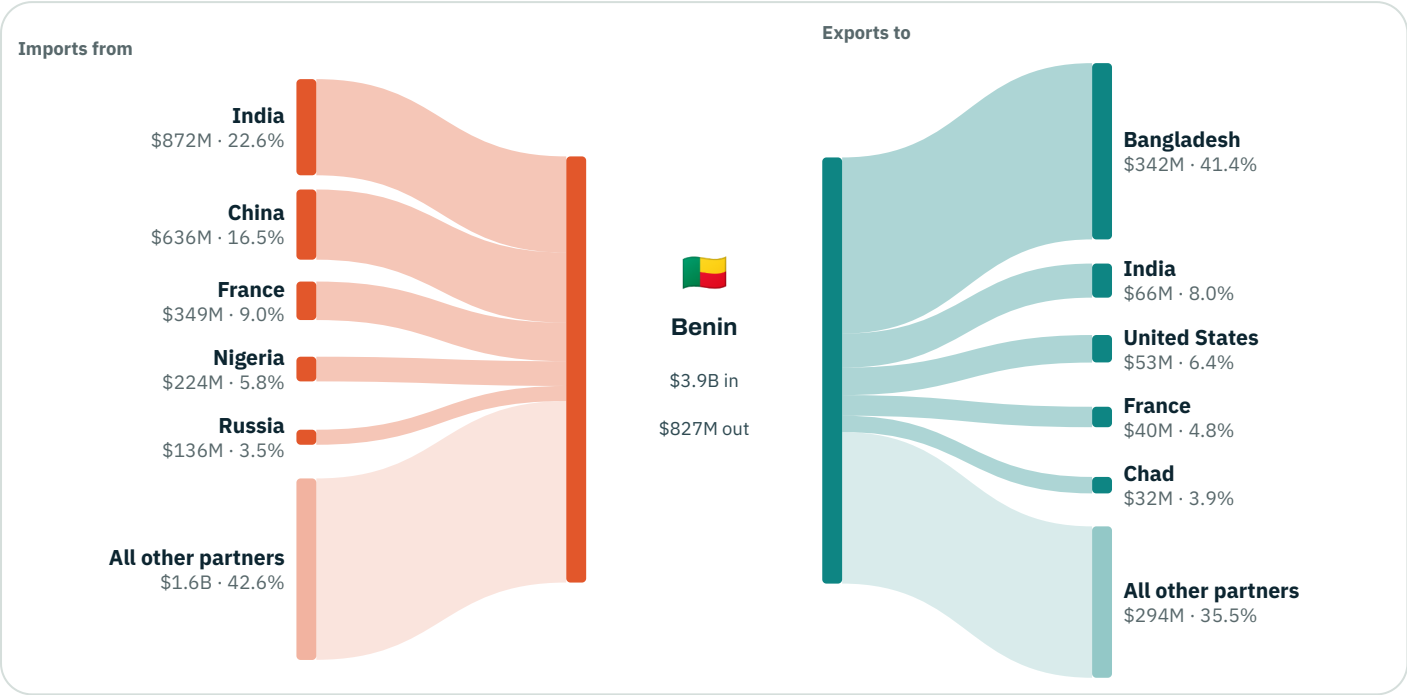
| Supplier | 2025 | Change on 2024 | Share | Jan–Jul 2026 | Change on Jan–Jul 2025 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| India † | $872M | +44.2% | 22.6% | $508M | +5.5% |
| China † | $636M | +48.2% | 16.5% | $372M | +6.8% |
| France † | $349M | +4.3% | 9.0% | $163M | −17.8% |
| Nigeria † | $224M | +127.9% | 5.8% | $142M | +28.5% |
| Russia † | $136M | −13.8% | 3.5% | $91M | +23.3% |
| Singapore † | $113M | +274.2% | 2.9% | $67M | +18.6% |
| Morocco † | $100M | +53.6% | 2.6% | $60M | +12.1% |
| Turkiye † | $91M | +36.4% | 2.3% | $53M | +6.7% |
| Italy † | $86M | +158.5% | 2.2% | $44M | −8.1% |
| Cote d'Ivoire † | $82M | −36.9% | 2.1% | $41M | −28.9% |

† Benin 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 Benin'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 Benin exports, 2024

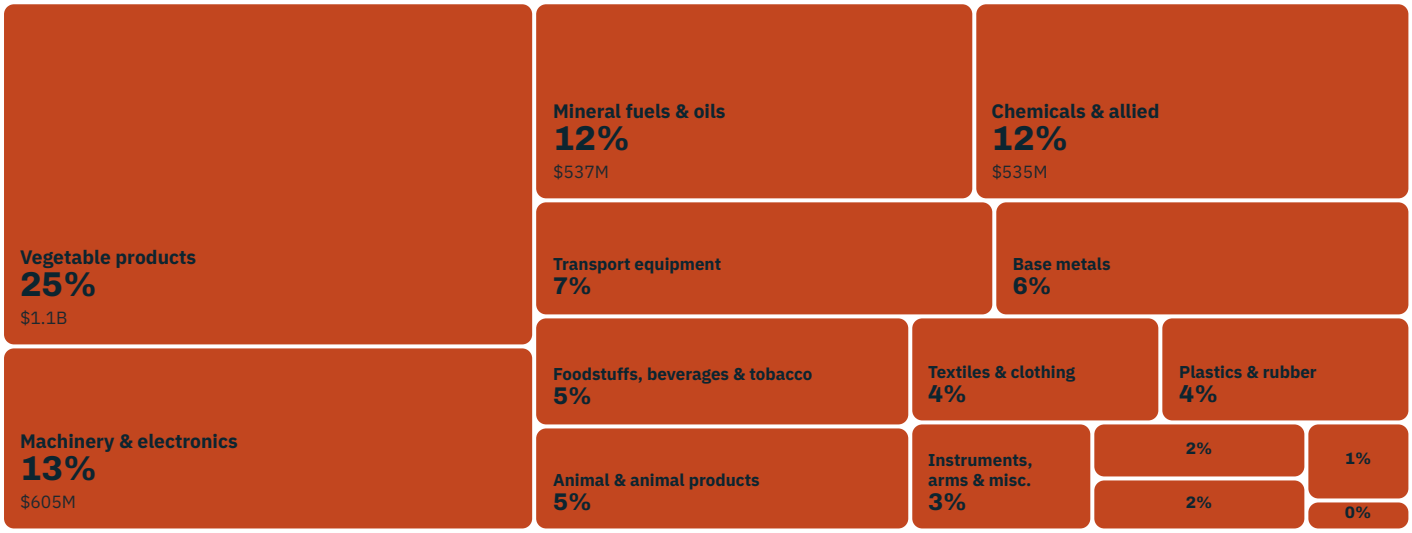



Reconciled figures (BACI): exports of $1.5B on that basis. 2024 is the newest year with product detail for every economy.

### Largest export products

| Product | 2024 | Share |
|---|---|---|
| Cotton; not carded or combed 5201.00 | $506M | 34.4% |
| Soya beans; other than seed, whether or not broken 1201.90 | $252M | 17.2% |
| Oil-cake and other solid residues; whether or not ground... 2304.00 | $95M | 6.5% |
| Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; n.e.c. in heading no.... 1207.99 | $83M | 5.6% |
| Nuts, edible; cashew nuts, fresh or dried, shelled 0801.32 | $65M | 4.4% |
| Soya beans; seed, whether or not broken 1201.10 | $48M | 3.3% |
| Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, not... 2710.00 | $41M | 2.8% |
| Vegetable oils; soya-bean oil and its fractions, crude... 1507.10 | $31M | 2.1% |

## What Benin imports, 2024



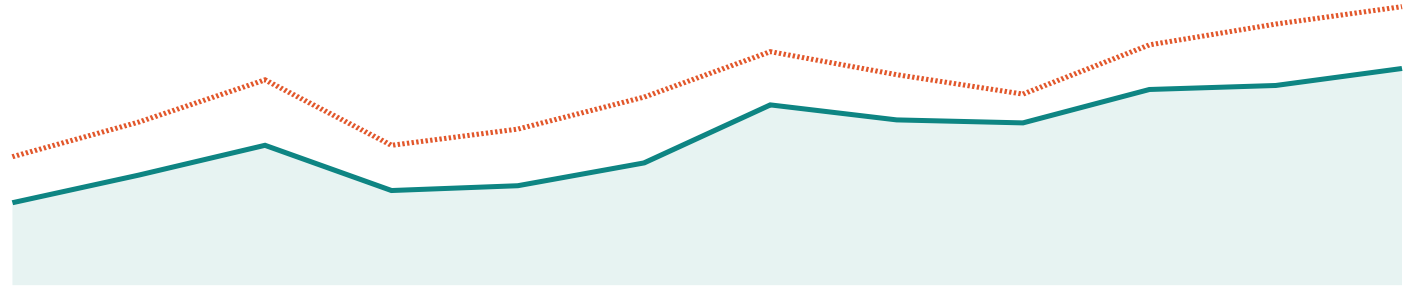

Reconciled figures (BACI): imports of $4.6B on that basis.

### Largest import products

| Product | 2024 | Share |
|---|---|---|
| Cereals; rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or... 1006.30 | $927M | 20.2% |
| Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, not... 2710.00 | $382M | 8.3% |
| Fertilizers, mineral or chemical; containing the three... 3105.20 | $211M | 4.6% |
| Sugars; sucrose, chemically pure, in solid form, not... 1701.99 | $83M | 1.8% |
| Electrical energy 2716.00 | $72M | 1.6% |
| Medicaments; consisting of mixed or unmixed products... 3004.90 | $70M | 1.5% |
| Clothing; worn, and other worn articles 6309.00 | $64M | 1.4% |
| Iron or non-alloy steel; bars and rods, hot-rolled, in... 7213.91 | $58M | 1.3% |

## Benin'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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