🇧🇫 Burkina Faso: trade brief

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

Burkina Faso exported **$10B** of goods and imported **$7.0B** in 2025, a trade surplus of **$3.4B**. Its largest export market was United Arab Emirates (45.9% of exports) and its largest supplier was China (20.5% of imports).

#96
largest exporter of 202 economies, and #132 importer
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46%
of exports go to 🇦🇪 United Arab Emirates, the largest market

91%
of exports go to just three markets, out of 66

+3.4B
trade surplus: exports pay for 149% of imports

+95.9%
change in exports on 2024: $5.3B then, $10B in 2025

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

Burkina Faso in 2025 and 2026: the latest figures

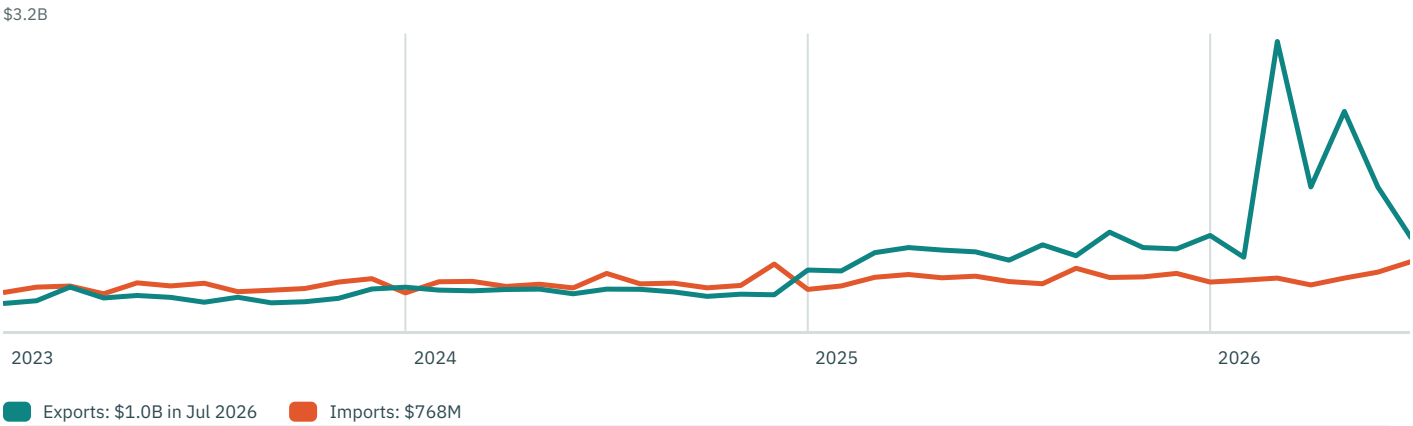
Monthly customs figures in US dollars from the IMF's trade-by-partner database. The newest month is Jul 2026.

$10B
Exports, 2025 **+95.9%** on 2024

$7.0B
Imports, 2025 **+8.5%** on 2024

$12B
Exports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+105.3%** on the same months of 2025

$4.2B
Imports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+7.2%** on the same months of 2025



Period	Exports	Imports	Balance
2026 (Jan–Jul)	$12B	$4.2B	+7.4B
2025	$10B	$7.0B	+3.4B
2024	$5.3B	$6.4B	−1.1B
2023	$4.4B	$5.9B	−1.4B
2022	$4.5B	$5.5B	−994M

Largest export markets in 2025 and 2026 so far

Export market	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
United Arab Emirates †	$4.8B	+262.6%	46.0%	$5.9B	+108.6%
Switzerland †	$4.4B	+44.4%	42.4%	$4.0B	+89.6%
Ghana †	$271M	+241.5%	2.6%	$369M	+144.6%
Togo †	$239M	+327.5%	2.3%	$327M	+147.5%
Singapore †	$104M	+330.5%	1.0%	$118M	+79.2%
Netherlands †	$99M	+193.1%	1.0%	$431M	+1454.6%
India †	$92M	+54.5%	0.9%	$142M	+214.1%
Mali †	$71M	−46.1%	0.7%	$72M	+49.8%
Cote d'Ivoire †	$68M	−47.4%	0.7%	$22M	−64.2%
France †	$42M	−4.1%	0.4%	$9M	−66.6%

Largest suppliers in 2025 and 2026 so far

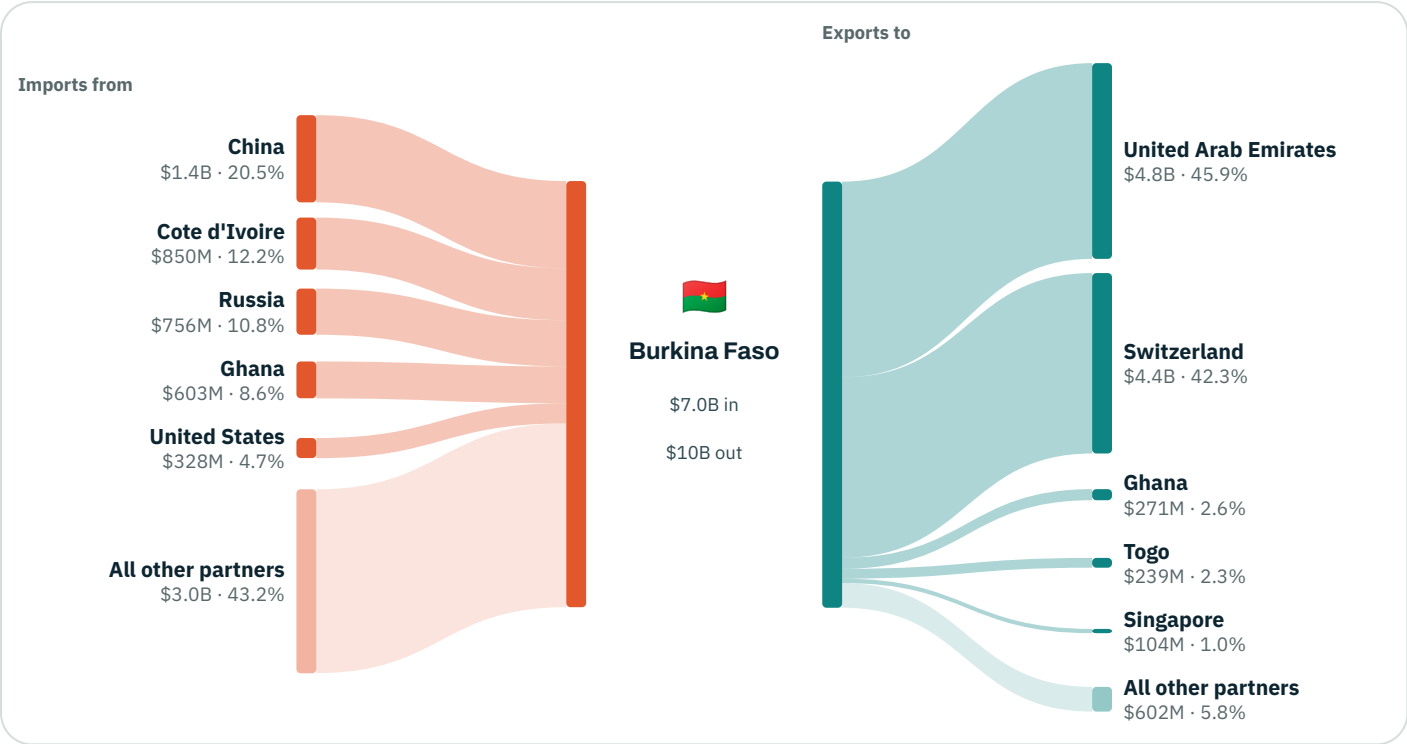
Supplier	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
China †	$1.4B	+39.9%	20.6%	$1.1B	+42.7%
Cote d'Ivoire †	$850M	−13.3%	12.3%	$542M	+16.3%
Russia †	$756M	+0.8%	10.9%	$458M	+5.9%
Ghana †	$603M	+5.3%	8.7%	$371M	+9.2%
United States †	$328M	+81.0%	4.7%	$153M	−14.5%
India †	$271M	−8.4%	3.9%	$110M	−42.7%
Germany †	$209M	+107.5%	3.0%	$178M	+109.5%
France †	$188M	−38.1%	2.7%	$86M	−34.3%
Senegal †	$155M	+1.4%	2.2%	$76M	−24.4%
Vietnam †	$133M	+80.3%	1.9%	$62M	−30.6%

† Burkina Faso 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 Burkina Faso'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 Burkina Faso exports, 2024

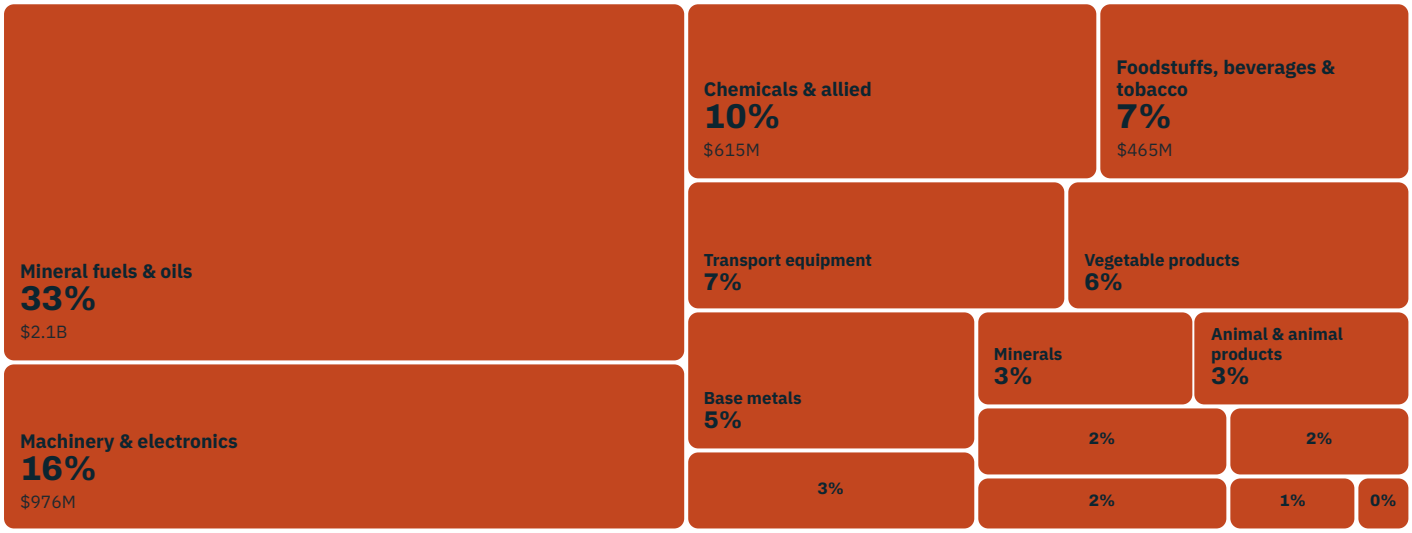


Reconciled figures (BACI): exports of $9.5B on that basis. 2024 is the newest year with product detail for every economy.

Largest export products

Product	2024	Share
Metals; gold, semi-manufactured 7108.13	$4.6B	49.1%
Metals; gold, non-monetary, unwrought (but not powder) 7108.12	$3.6B	38.2%
Cotton; not carded or combed 5201.00	$352M	3.7%
Nuts, edible; cashew nuts, fresh or dried, in shell 0801.31	$152M	1.6%
Oil seeds; sesamum seeds, whether or not broken 1207.40	$112M	1.2%
Cement; portland, other than white, whether or not... 2523.29	$71M	0.7%
Fruit, edible; guavas, mangoes and mangosteens, fresh or... 0804.50	$55M	0.6%
Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, not... 2710.00	$53M	0.6%

What Burkina Faso imports, 2024



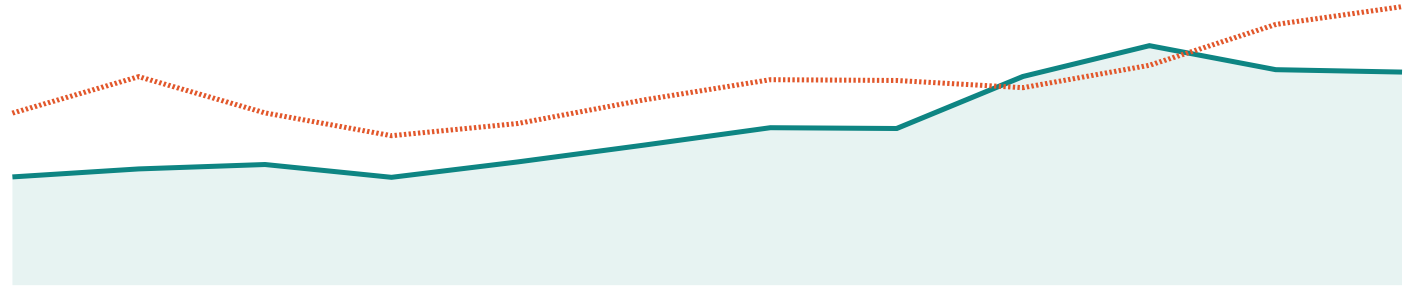
Reconciled figures (BACI): imports of $6.3B on that basis.

Largest import products

Product	2024	Share
Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, not... 2710.00	$1.8B	28.0%
Electrical energy 2716.00	$176M	2.8%
Medicaments; consisting of mixed or unmixed products... 3004.90	$152M	2.4%
Cement clinkers (whether or not coloured) 2523.10	$143M	2.3%
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons... 2711.13	$117M	1.9%
Motorcycles (including mopeds) and cycles; fitted with an... 8711.20	$84M	1.3%
Sugars; sucrose, chemically pure, in solid form, not... 1701.99	$81M	1.3%
Vegetable oils; palm oil and its fractions, other than... 1511.90	$81M	1.3%

Burkina Faso'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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