🇧🇼 Botswana: trade brief

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

Botswana exported **$3.3B** of goods and imported **$7.1B** in 2025, a trade deficit of **$3.8B**. Its largest export market was United Arab Emirates (36.1% of exports) and its largest supplier was South Africa (59.6% of imports).

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largest exporter of 202 economies, and #130 importer
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36%
of exports go to 🇦🇪 United Arab Emirates, the largest market

61%
of exports go to just three markets, out of 12

−3.8B
trade deficit: exports pay for 46% of imports

−4.8%
change in exports on 2024: $3.4B then, $3.3B in 2025

60%
of imports come from 🇿🇦 South Africa, the largest supplier

Botswana in 2025 and 2026: the latest figures

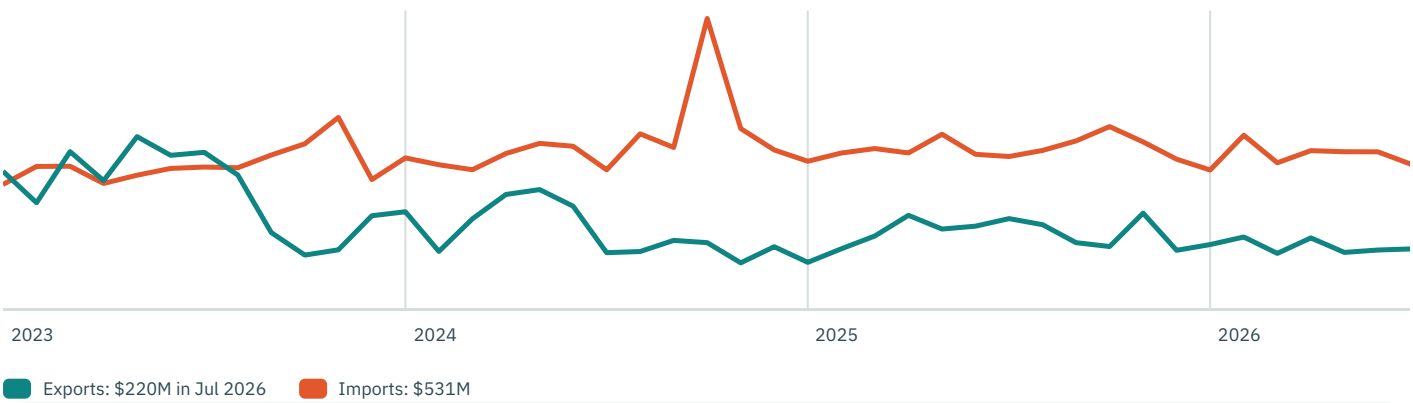
Monthly customs figures in US dollars from the IMF's trade-by-partner database. The newest month is Jul 2026.

$3.3B
Exports, 2025 **−4.8%** on 2024

$7.1B
Imports, 2025 **−4.7%** on 2024

$1.6B
Exports, Jan–Jul 2026 **−16.8%** on the same months of 2025

$4.0B
Imports, Jan–Jul 2026 **−2.4%** on the same months of 2025



Period	Exports	Imports	Balance
2026 (Jan–Jul)	$1.6B	$4.0B	−2.3B
2025	$3.3B	$7.1B	−3.8B
2024	$3.4B	$7.4B	−4.0B
2023	$5.2B	$6.4B	−1.1B
2022	$8.1B	$7.9B	+234M

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 †	$1.2B	+29.6%	37.5%	$589M	−18.5%
South Africa †	$438M	−20.8%	13.9%	$278M	+9.9%
India †	$390M	−11.9%	12.4%	$194M	−18.5%
China †	$381M	+13.2%	12.1%	$189M	−18.5%
Australia †	$332M	−4.5%	10.5%	$90M	−41.4%
Belgium †	$136M	−60.8%	4.3%	$68M	−18.5%
Zimbabwe †	$123M	+48.5%	3.9%	$61M	−18.5%
Namibia †	$100M	+23.8%	3.2%	$50M	−18.5%
Zambia †	$39M	+248.5%	1.2%	$19M	−18.5%
Canada †	$30M	+368.0%	1.0%	$5M	−45.9%

Largest suppliers in 2025 and 2026 so far

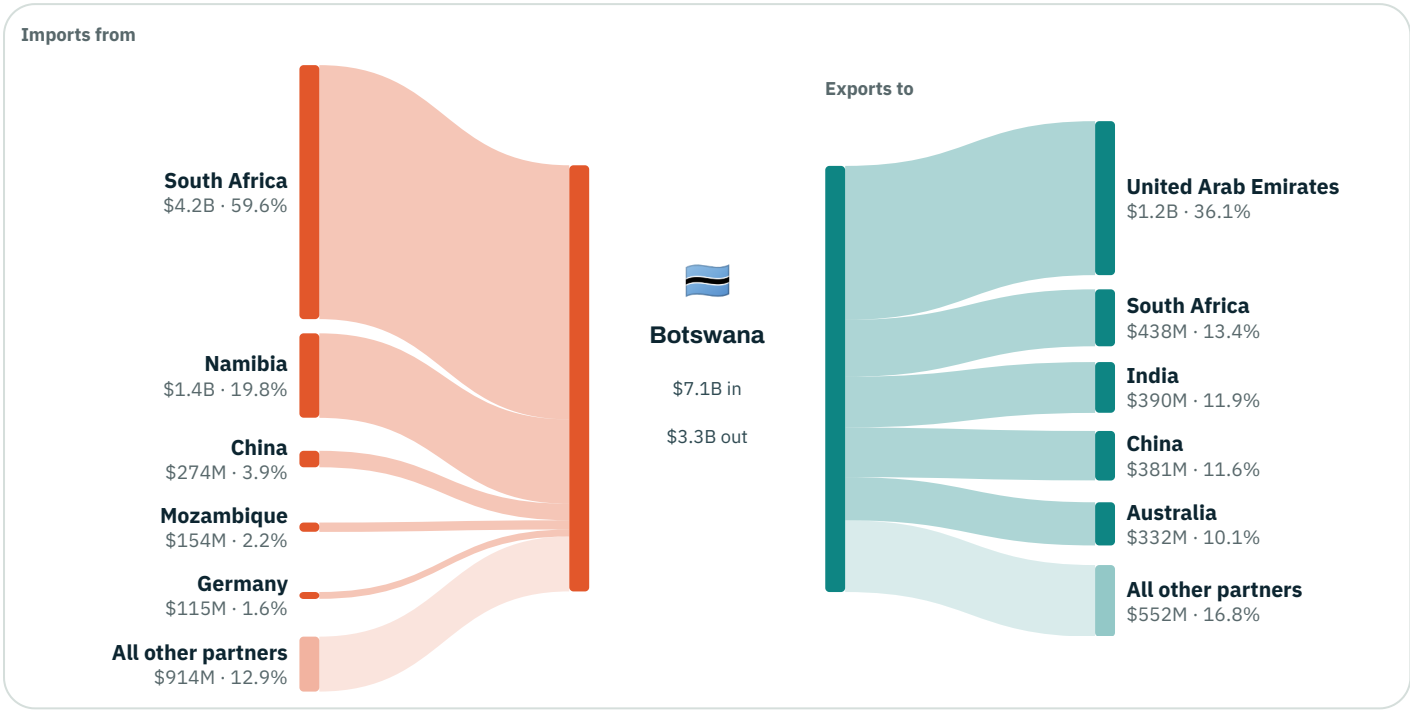
Supplier	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
South Africa †	$4.2B	−0.5%	63.8%	$2.2B	−7.2%
Namibia †	$1.4B	+41.4%	21.2%	$893M	+10.5%
China †	$274M	+0.0%	4.1%	$134M	−1.5%
Mozambique †	$154M	−4.1%	2.3%	$98M	+10.5%
Germany †	$115M	+65.9%	1.7%	$54M	−23.0%
Zambia †	$112M	+24.7%	1.7%	$71M	+10.5%
Canada †	$99M	−53.1%	1.5%	$5M	−92.2%
India †	$93M	−40.9%	1.4%	$59M	+10.5%
Japan †	$67M	+88.9%	1.0%	$36M	−13.6%
United States †	$55M	−24.8%	0.8%	$51M	+72.8%

† Botswana 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 Botswana'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 Botswana exports, 2024

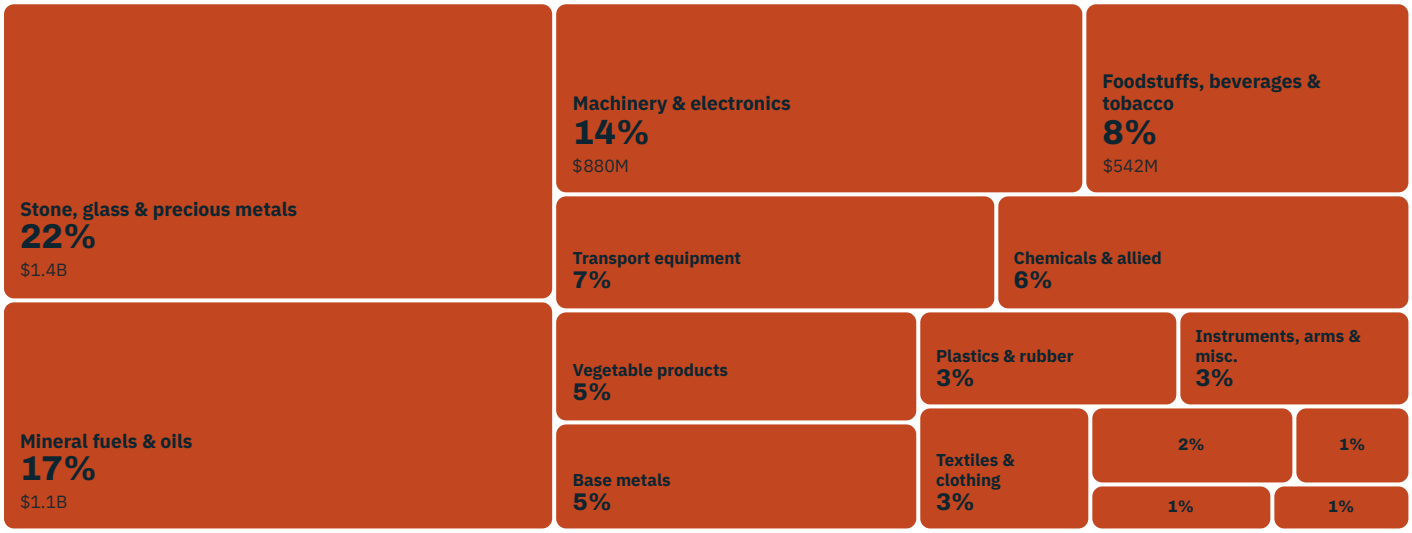


Reconciled figures (BACI): exports of $4.2B on that basis. 2024 is the newest year with product detail for every economy.

Largest export products

Product	2024	Share
Diamonds; non-industrial, unworked or simply sawn... 7102.31	$2.1B	49.5%
Copper ores and concentrates 2603.00	$820M	19.7%
Diamonds; non-industrial, (other than unworked or simply... 7102.39	$647M	15.5%
Insulated electric conductors; ignition wiring sets and... 8544.30	$102M	2.4%
Carbonates; disodium carbonate 2836.20	$81M	1.9%
Meat; of bovine animals, boneless cuts, frozen 0202.30	$43M	1.0%
Insulated electric conductors; for a voltage not... 8544.42	$42M	1.0%
Cattle; live, other than pure-bred breeding animals 0102.29	$39M	0.9%

What Botswana imports, 2024



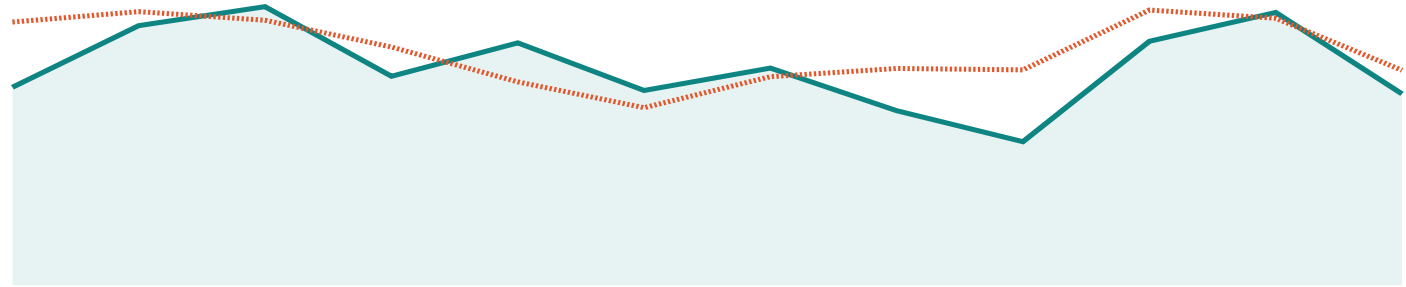
Reconciled figures (BACI): imports of $6.5B on that basis.

Largest import products

Product	2024	Share
Diamonds; non-industrial, unworked or simply sawn... 7102.31	$941M	14.6%
Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, not... 2710.00	$885M	13.7%
Diamonds; non-industrial, (other than unworked or simply... 7102.39	$217M	3.4%
Electrical energy 2716.00	$194M	3.0%
Diamonds; whether or not worked, but not mounted or set... 7102.10	$189M	2.9%
Vehicles; with only compression-ignition internal... 8704.21	$88M	1.4%
Cereals; maize (corn), other than seed 1005.90	$77M	1.2%
Medicaments; consisting of mixed or unmixed products... 3004.90	$76M	1.2%

Botswana'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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