🇨🇫 Central African Republic: trade brief

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

Central African Republic exported **$86M** of goods and imported **$853M** in 2025, a trade deficit of **$767M**. Its largest export market was Tunisia (46.7% of exports) and its largest supplier was China (30.9% of imports).

#184
largest exporter of 202 economies, and #179 importer
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47%
of exports go to 🇹🇳 Tunisia, the largest market

76%
of exports go to just three markets, out of 35

−767M
trade deficit: exports pay for 10% of imports

−44.3%
change in exports on 2024: $154M then, $86M in 2025

31%
of imports come from 🇨🇳 China, the largest supplier

Central African Republic in 2025 and 2026: the latest figures

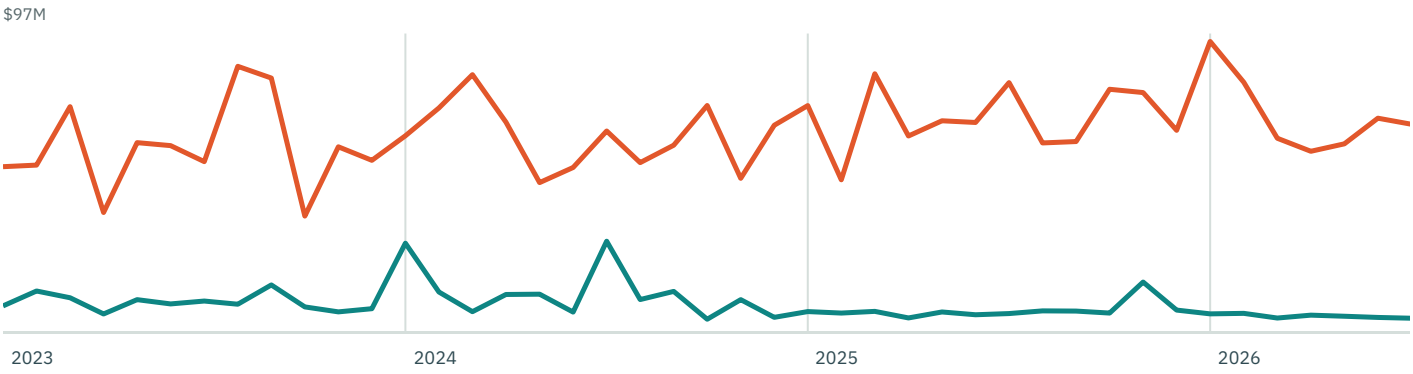
Monthly customs figures in US dollars from the IMF's trade-by-partner database. The newest month is Jul 2026.

$86M
Exports, 2025 **−44.3%** on 2024

$853M
Imports, 2025 **+9.4%** on 2024

$36M
Exports, Jan–Jul 2026 **−14.2%** on the same months of 2025

$507M
Imports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+1.4%** on the same months of 2025



Period	Exports	Imports	Balance
2026 (Jan–Jul)	$36M	$507M	−470M
2025	$86M	$853M	−767M
2024	$154M	$779M	−625M
2023	$116M	$736M	−620M
2022	$118M	$623M	−506M

Largest export markets in 2025 and 2026 so far

Export market	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
Tunisia †	$40M	+0.0%	46.7%	$23M	+0.0%
Portugal †	$15M	+118.4%	17.8%	$3M	−33.6%
United Arab Emirates †	$10M	+72.1%	11.8%	$3M	−24.0%
Mauritania †	$9M	+72.1%	10.3%	$3M	−24.0%
United States †	$3M	−25.5%	4.1%	$2M	−32.0%
Mexico †	$3M	+252.6%	3.4%	$74,000	+8.8%
Lebanon †	$2M	+1122.4%	2.9%	$823,000	−24.0%
India †	$681,000	+68000.0%	0.8%	—	—
Tajikistan †	$308,000	+74.0%	0.4%	$189,000	+29.5%
Nigeria †	$262,000	+13000.0%	0.3%	$1,000	−99.6%

Largest suppliers in 2025 and 2026 so far

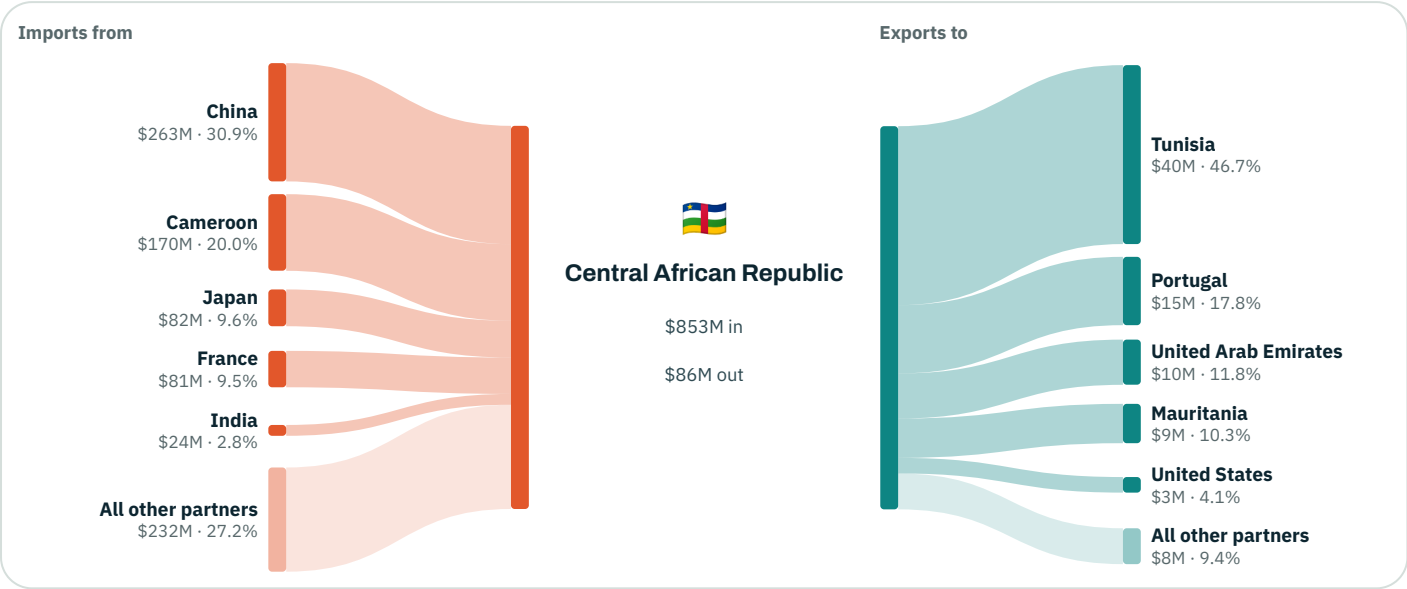
Supplier	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
China †	$263M	+37.2%	31.2%	$176M	+14.8%
Cameroon †	$170M	−17.2%	20.2%	$85M	−16.9%
Japan †	$82M	+110.4%	9.7%	$47M	−0.9%
France †	$81M	+23.4%	9.6%	$36M	−23.4%
India †	$24M	−30.3%	2.9%	$9M	−40.4%
United Arab Emirates †	$24M	−12.2%	2.9%	$14M	−0.2%
Malaysia †	$16M	+600.0%	1.9%	$9M	−0.1%
Brazil †	$12M	+103.2%	1.5%	$8M	−18.4%
Netherlands †	$12M	+44.3%	1.5%	$11M	+180.0%
Belgium †	$12M	−5.2%	1.4%	$9M	+15.2%

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

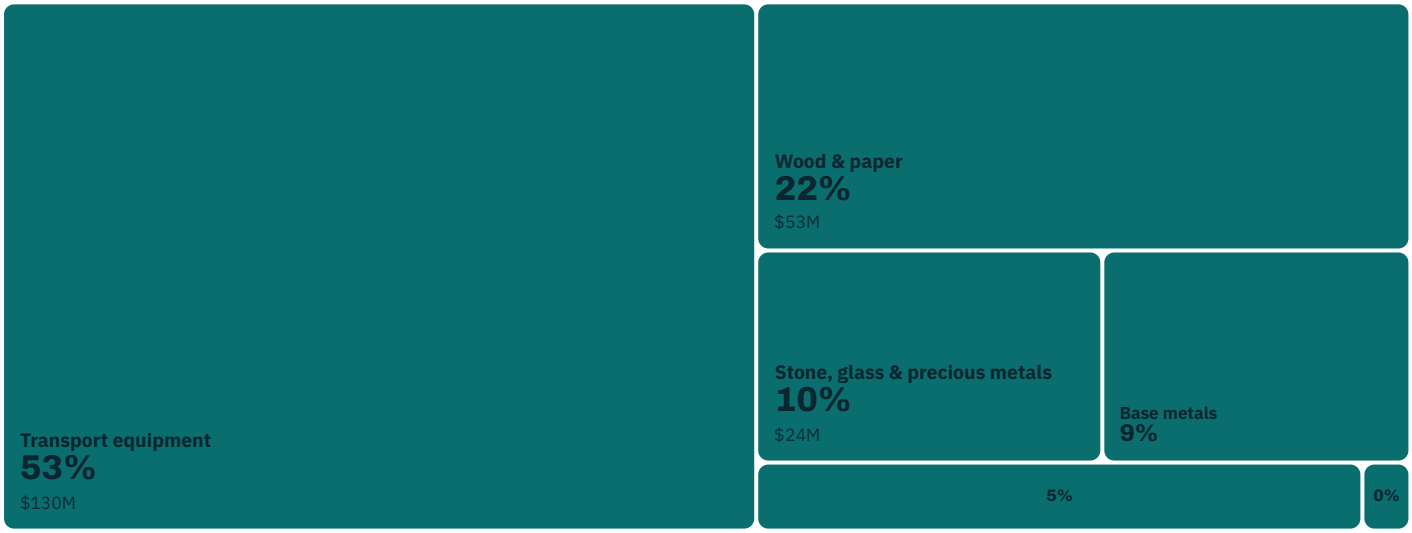
Source: International Monetary Fund, International Trade in Goods by partner country, retrieved 2026-11-15. The IMF collects each economy's national customs figures and converts them to US dollars at the average exchange rate of the month the goods moved. Imports include freight and insurance; exports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

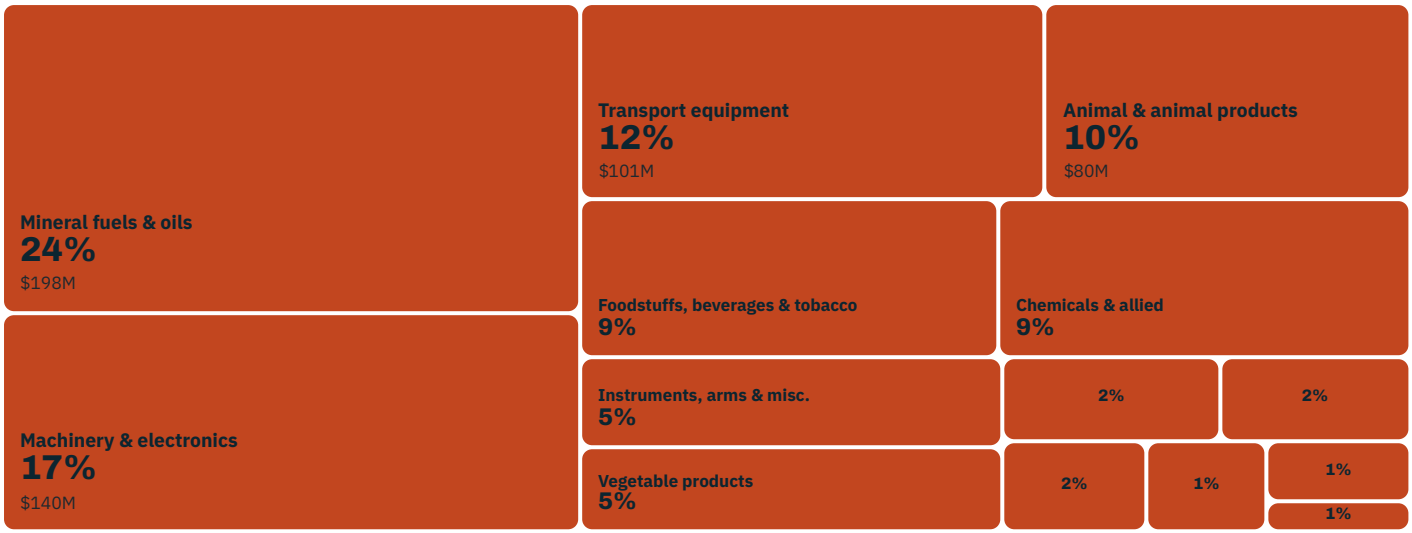


Reconciled figures (BACI): exports of $245M on that basis. 2024 is the newest year with product detail for every economy.

Largest export products

Product	2024	Share
Aircraft and spacecraft; parts thereof n.e.c. in chapter... 8807.90	$102M	41.7%
Wood, tropical; other than dark red meranti, light red... 4403.49	$37M	15.3%
Statuettes and other ornaments; of base metal plated with... 8306.21	$21M	8.4%
Diamonds; non-industrial, unworked or simply sawn... 7102.31	$16M	6.5%
Aeroplanes and other aircraft, except unmanned; of an... 8802.30	$13M	5.2%
Wood, tropical, n.e.c. in item no. 4407.2, sawn or... 4407.29	$7M	2.9%
Communication apparatus (excluding telephone sets or base... 8517.62	$7M	2.9%
Wood, tropical; sapelli, sawn or chipped lengthwise... 4407.27	$6M	2.4%

What Central African Republic imports, 2024



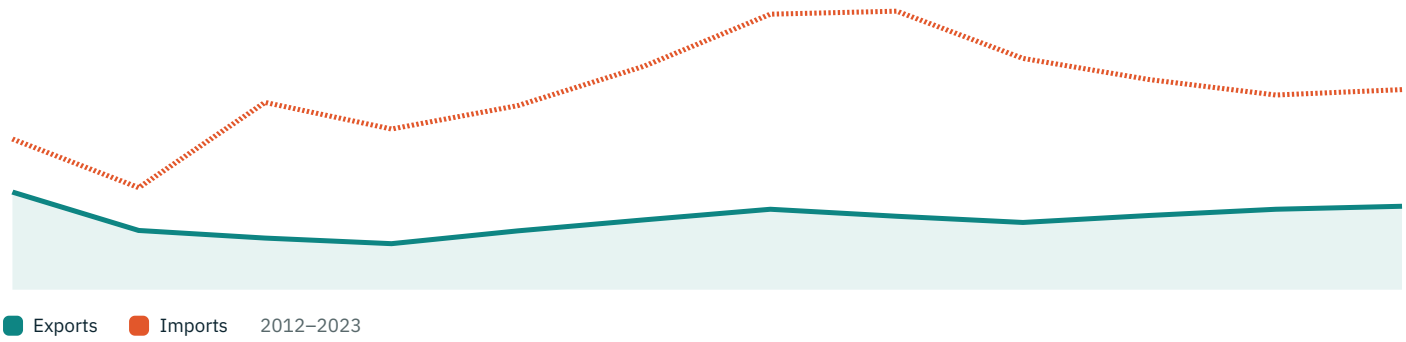
Reconciled figures (BACI): imports of $827M on that basis.

Largest import products

Product	2024	Share
Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, not... 2710.00	$186M	22.6%
Dairy produce; milk and cream, not concentrated, not... 0401.20	$41M	4.9%
Medicaments; consisting of mixed or unmixed products... 3004.90	$25M	3.0%
Electrical apparatus; relays, (for a voltage not... 8536.41	$20M	2.4%
Vehicle parts and accessories; n.e.c. in heading no. 8708 8708.99	$16M	2.0%
Vehicles; with only compression-ignition internal... 8703.33	$13M	1.6%
Communication apparatus (excluding telephone sets or base... 8517.62	$10M	1.3%
Vaccines, toxins, cultures of micro-organisms (excluding... 3002.41	$10M	1.3%

Central African Republic'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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