🇨🇩 DR Congo: trade brief

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

DR Congo exported **$45B** of goods and imported **$14B** in 2025, a trade surplus of **$30B**. Its largest export market was China (48.1% of exports) and its largest supplier was China (34.5% of imports).

#58
largest exporter of 202 economies, and #100 importer
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48%
of exports go to 🇨🇳 China, the largest market

66%
of exports go to just three markets, out of 103

+30B
trade surplus: exports pay for 313% of imports

+21.1%
change in exports on 2024: $37B then, $45B in 2025

35%
of imports come from 🇨🇳 China, the largest supplier

DR Congo in 2025 and 2026: the latest figures

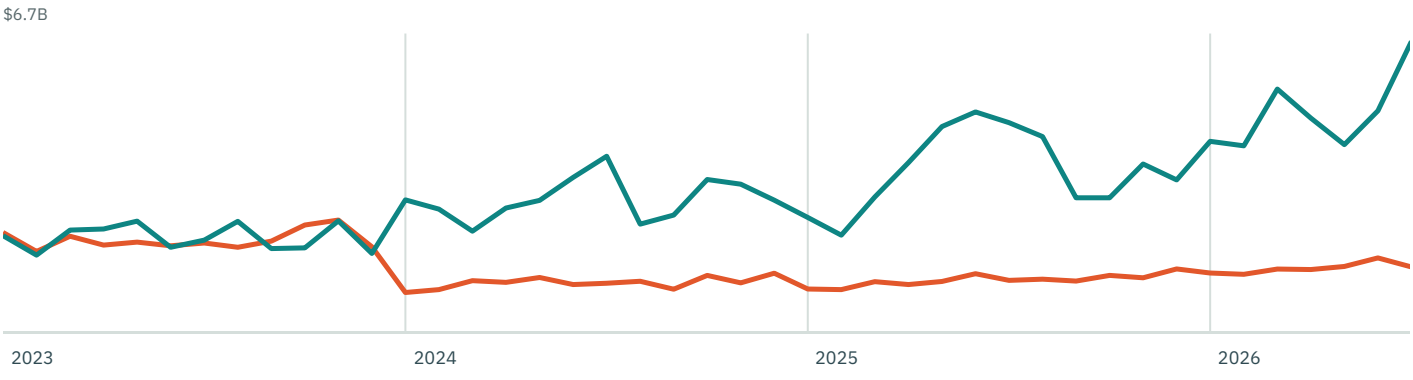
Monthly customs figures in US dollars from the IMF's trade-by-partner database. The newest month is Jul 2026.

$45B
Exports, 2025 **+21.1%** on 2024

$14B
Imports, 2025 **+5.0%** on 2024

$35B
Exports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+33.3%** on the same months of 2025

$10B
Imports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+30.3%** on the same months of 2025



Period	Exports	Imports	Balance
2026 (Jan–Jul)	$35B	$10B	+25B
2025	$45B	$14B	+30B
2024	$37B	$14B	+23B
2023	$26B	$26B	+601M
2022	$25B	$11B	+14B

Largest export markets in 2025 and 2026 so far

Export market	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
China †	$21B	−0.2%	48.1%	$15B	+19.4%
Mozambique †	$3.9B	+132.7%	8.7%	$4.1B	+69.1%
Tanzania †	$3.9B	+132.7%	8.7%	$4.1B	+69.1%
Singapore †	$3.5B	+132.7%	7.9%	$3.7B	+69.1%
United Arab Emirates †	$3.2B	+132.7%	7.2%	$3.4B	+69.1%
Hong Kong †	$3.1B	+4.7%	6.9%	$619M	−58.4%
Vietnam †	$1.7B	+132.7%	3.9%	$1.8B	+69.1%
Switzerland †	$757M	+4.4%	1.7%	$263M	−56.5%
Zambia †	$457M	+8.7%	1.0%	$267M	+0.1%
South Africa †	$384M	−86.9%	0.9%	$224M	−1.6%

Largest suppliers in 2025 and 2026 so far

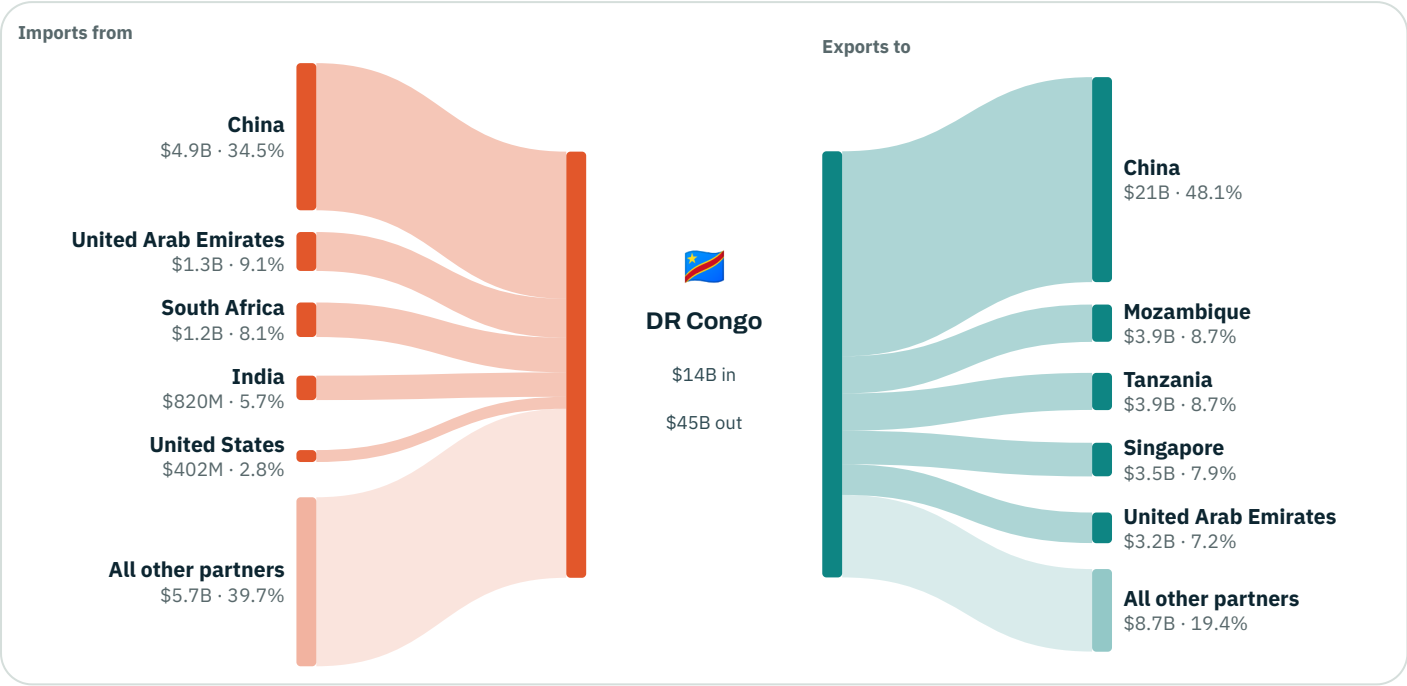
Supplier	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
China †	$4.9B	+17.5%	34.6%	$4.2B	+72.2%
United Arab Emirates †	$1.3B	+3.1%	9.1%	$887M	+16.6%
South Africa †	$1.2B	+3.6%	8.1%	$773M	+15.5%
India †	$820M	+3.1%	5.7%	$558M	+16.6%
United States †	$402M	−20.7%	2.8%	$78M	−73.4%
Zambia †	$373M	+3.1%	2.6%	$254M	+16.6%
Bahrain †	$370M	+3.1%	2.6%	$252M	+16.6%
Belgium †	$325M	+3.1%	2.3%	$221M	+16.6%
Tanzania †	$314M	+3.1%	2.2%	$214M	+16.6%
France †	$256M	+3.1%	1.8%	$175M	+16.6%

† DR Congo 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 DR Congo'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 DR Congo exports, 2024

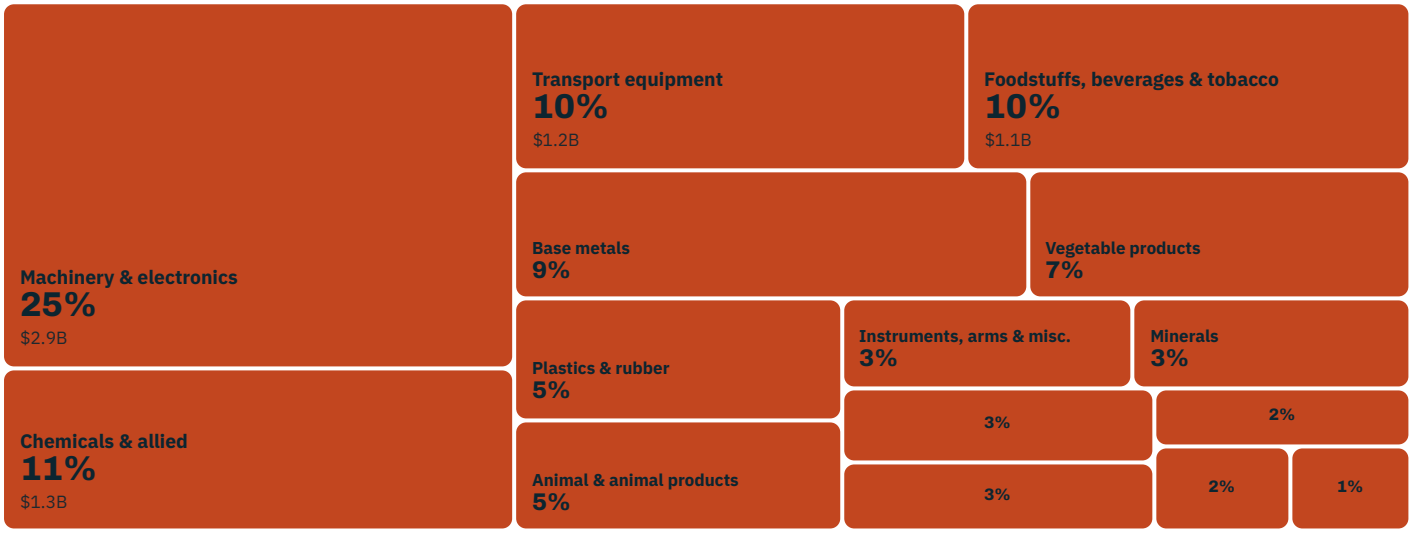


Reconciled figures (BACI): exports of $30B on that basis. 2024 is the newest year with product detail for every economy.

Largest export products

Product	2024	Share
Copper; refined, unwrought, cathodes and sections of… 7403.11	$19B	64.8%
Cobalt; mattes and other intermediate products of cobalt… 8105.20	$3.1B	10.3%
Copper ores and concentrates 2603.00	$3.0B	10.2%
Copper; unrefined, copper anodes for electrolytic refining 7402.00	$1.1B	3.8%
Tin ores and concentrates 2609.00	$602M	2.0%
Oils; petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous… 2709.00	$599M	2.0%
Diamonds; non-industrial, unworked or simply sawn… 7102.31	$467M	1.6%
Cocoa beans; whole or broken, raw or roasted 1801.00	$351M	1.2%

What DR Congo imports, 2024



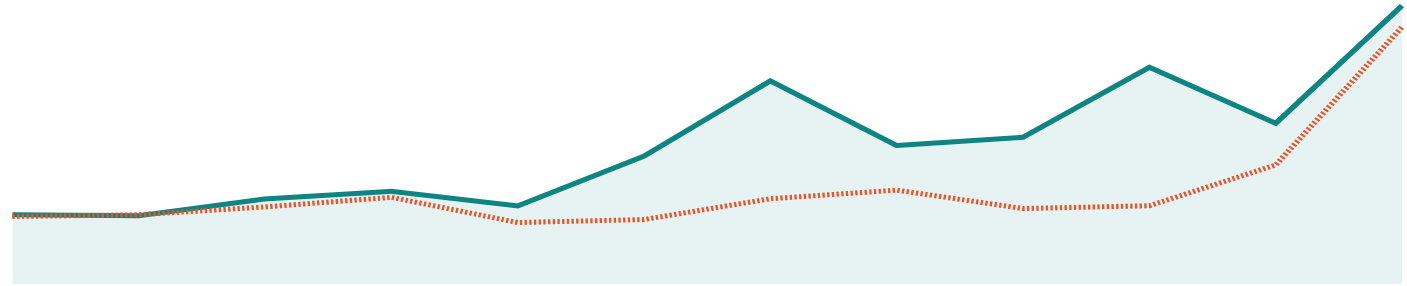
Reconciled figures (BACI): imports of $12B on that basis.

Largest import products

Product	2024	Share
Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, not… 2710.00	$189M	1.6%
Vehicles; with only compression-ignition internal… 8704.23	$173M	1.5%
Cereal groats and meal; of maize (corn) 1103.13	$165M	1.4%
Waters; including mineral and aerated, containing added… 2202.10	$164M	1.4%
Machines, for sorting, screening, separating, washing… 8474.90	$162M	1.4%
Vehicles; dumpers, designed for off-highway use, for… 8704.10	$155M	1.3%
Motorcycles (including mopeds) and cycles; fitted with an… 8711.20	$148M	1.3%
Medicaments; consisting of mixed or unmixed products… 3004.90	$135M	1.2%

DR Congo'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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