🇨🇬 Congo: trade brief

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

Congo exported **$8.2B** of goods and imported **$8.8B** in 2025, a trade deficit of **$686M**. Its largest export market was China (53.4% of exports) and its largest supplier was China (51.1% of imports).

#107
largest exporter of 202 economies, and #122 importer
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53%
of exports go to 🇨🇳 China, the largest market

87%
of exports go to just three markets, out of 93

−686M
trade deficit: exports pay for 92% of imports

+10.6%
change in exports on 2024: $7.4B then, $8.2B in 2025

51%
of imports come from 🇨🇳 China, the largest supplier

Congo in 2025 and 2026: the latest figures

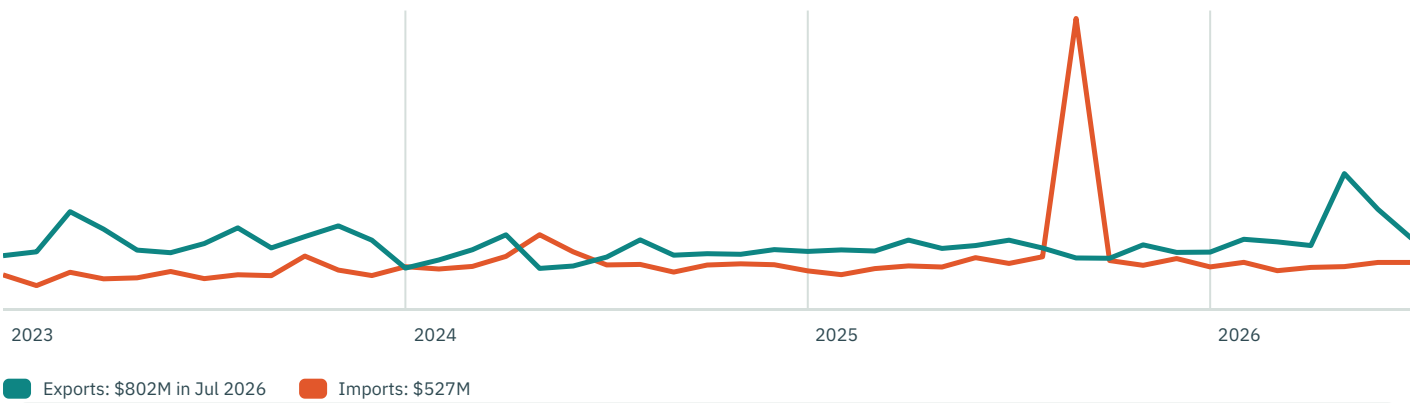
Monthly customs figures in US dollars from the IMF's trade-by-partner database. The newest month is Jul 2026.

$8.2B
Exports, 2025 **+10.6%** on 2024

$8.8B
Imports, 2025 **+37.6%** on 2024

$6.4B
Exports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+29.1%** on the same months of 2025

$3.4B
Imports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+3.2%** on the same months of 2025



Period	Exports	Imports	Balance
2026 (Jan–Jul)	$6.4B	$3.4B	+3.0B
2025	$8.2B	$8.8B	−686M
2024	$7.4B	$6.4B	+951M
2023	$9.5B	$4.7B	+4.8B
2022	$8.9B	$3.6B	+5.3B

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 †	$4.4B	+10.6%	53.5%	$2.7B	+3.1%
India †	$2.4B	+535.2%	29.6%	$2.0B	+30.1%
Netherlands †	$303M	−61.7%	3.7%	$431M	+102.1%
Thailand †	$205M	−10.9%	2.5%	$39M	−71.4%
Togo †	$174M	+6.0%	2.1%	$102M	+0.0%
France †	$115M	+439.0%	1.4%	$247M	+726.6%
Singapore †	$108M	−79.2%	1.3%	$247M	+166.8%
Malaysia †	$99M	−65.5%	1.2%	$121M	+118.6%
Italy †	$79M	−82.3%	1.0%	$282M	+312.3%
DR Congo †	$59M	−10.1%	0.7%	$34M	+0.6%

Largest suppliers in 2025 and 2026 so far

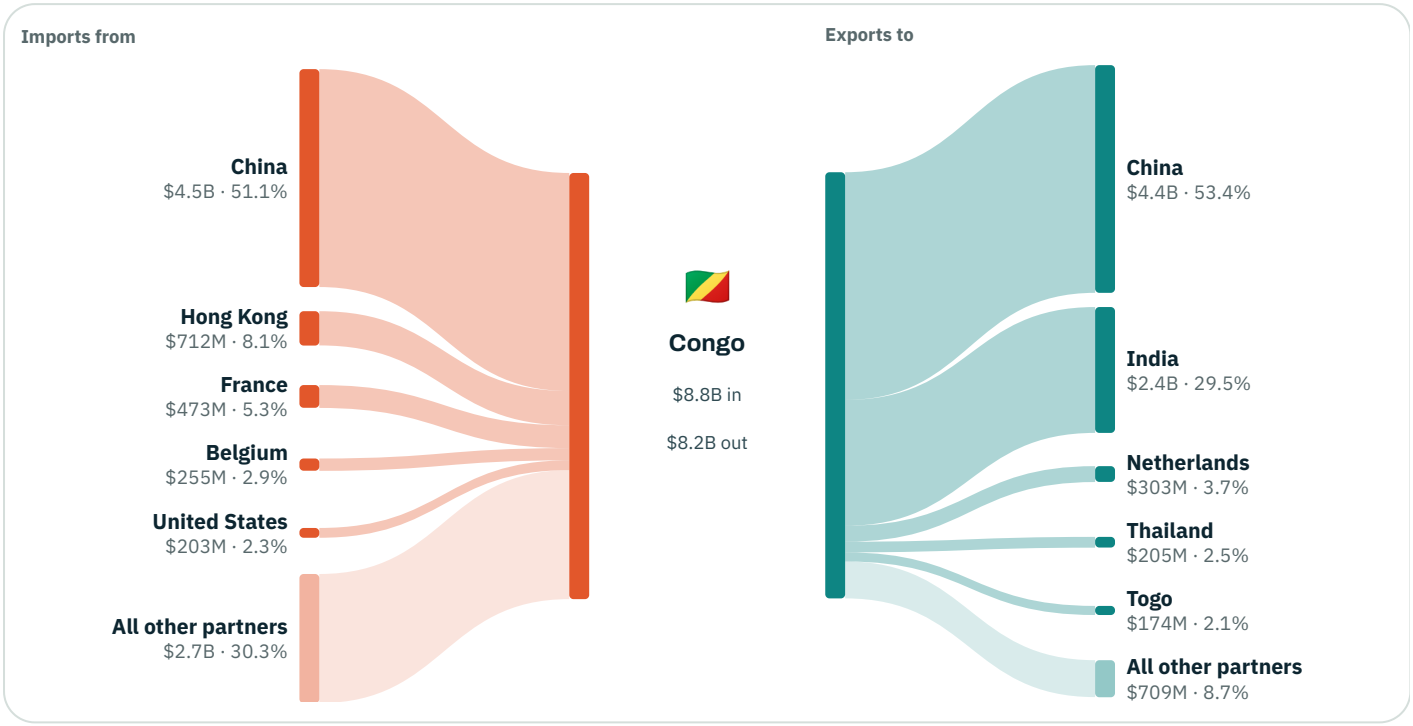
Supplier	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
China †	$4.5B	+183.5%	51.2%	$1.1B	+25.5%
Hong Kong †	$712M	+6.3%	8.1%	$409M	−2.0%
France †	$473M	+13.5%	5.3%	$257M	+17.6%
Belgium †	$255M	−16.5%	2.9%	$134M	−7.4%
United States †	$203M	−28.3%	2.3%	$108M	−7.0%
Gabon †	$203M	+10.0%	2.3%	$106M	−5.4%
Brazil †	$172M	+35.4%	1.9%	$83M	−15.1%
Italy †	$156M	+59.5%	1.8%	$59M	−36.7%
Indonesia †	$142M	+33.3%	1.6%	$90M	−4.2%
United Arab Emirates †	$140M	+3.2%	1.6%	$67M	−16.6%

† 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 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 Congo exports, 2024

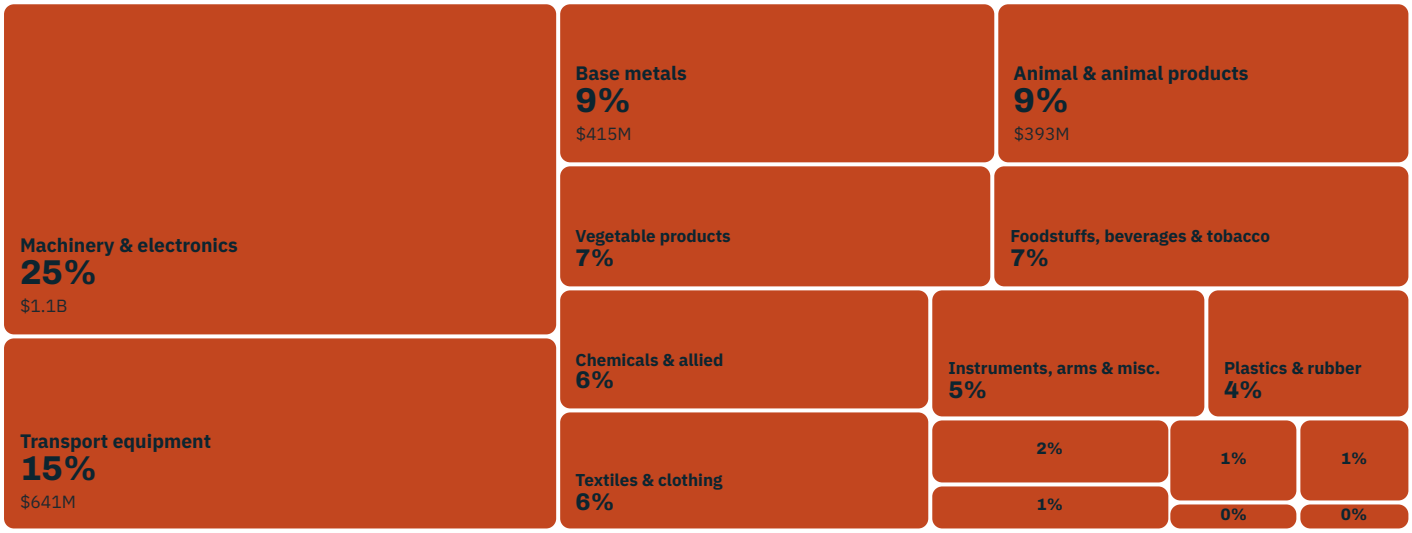


Reconciled figures (BACI): exports of $8.5B on that basis. 2024 is the newest year with product detail for every economy.

Largest export products

Product	2024	Share
Oils; petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous… 2709.00	$5.4B	63.8%
Copper; refined, unwrought, cathodes and sections of… 7403.11	$1.9B	21.7%
Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, not… 2710.00	$328M	3.9%
Tin ores and concentrates 2609.00	$146M	1.7%
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons… 2711.11	$143M	1.7%
Wood, tropical; other than dark red meranti, light red… 4403.49	$122M	1.4%
Cocoa beans; whole or broken, raw or roasted 1801.00	$90M	1.1%
Wood, tropical; sapelli, sawn or chipped lengthwise… 4407.27	$78M	0.9%

What Congo imports, 2024



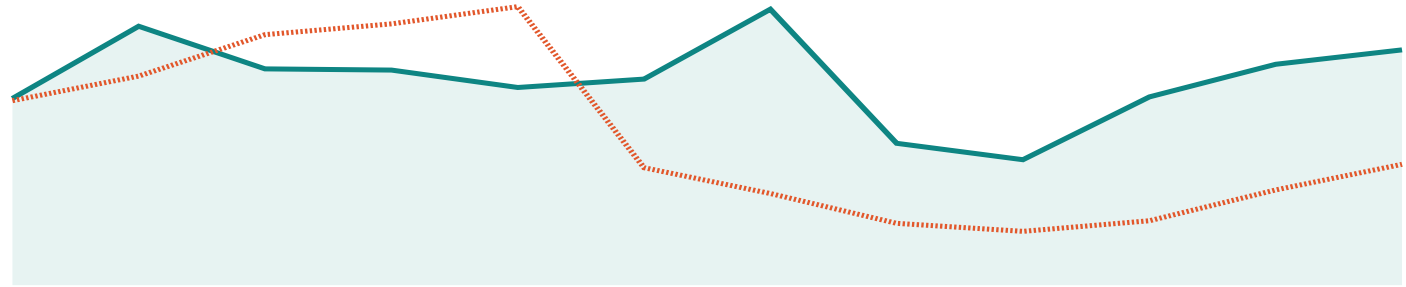
Reconciled figures (BACI): imports of $4.4B on that basis.

Largest import products

Product	2024	Share
Vessels; light, fire-floats, floating cranes and other… 8905.90	$154M	3.5%
Meat and edible offal; of fowls of the species Gallus… 0207.14	$139M	3.2%
Vegetable oils; palm oil and its fractions, other than… 1511.90	$107M	2.4%
Boring or sinking machinery; parts for boring or sinking… 8431.43	$68M	1.5%
Tugs and pusher craft 8904.00	$64M	1.4%
Cereals; rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or… 1006.30	$63M	1.4%
Vessels; n.e.c. in heading no. 8901, for the transport of… 8901.90	$52M	1.2%
Cereals; wheat and meslin, other than durum wheat, other… 1001.99	$52M	1.2%

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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