Costa Rica: trade brief

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

Costa Rica exported **$23B** of goods and imported **$25B** in 2025, a trade deficit of **$2.5B**. Its largest export market was United States (47.8% of exports) and its largest supplier was United States (36.8% of imports).

#76
largest exporter of 202 economies, and #78 importer
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48%
of exports go to United States, the largest market

62%
of exports go to just three markets, out of 148

−2.5B
trade deficit: exports pay for 90% of imports

+13.8%
change in exports on 2024: $20B then, $23B in 2025

37%
of imports come from United States, the largest supplier

Costa Rica in 2025 and 2026: the latest figures

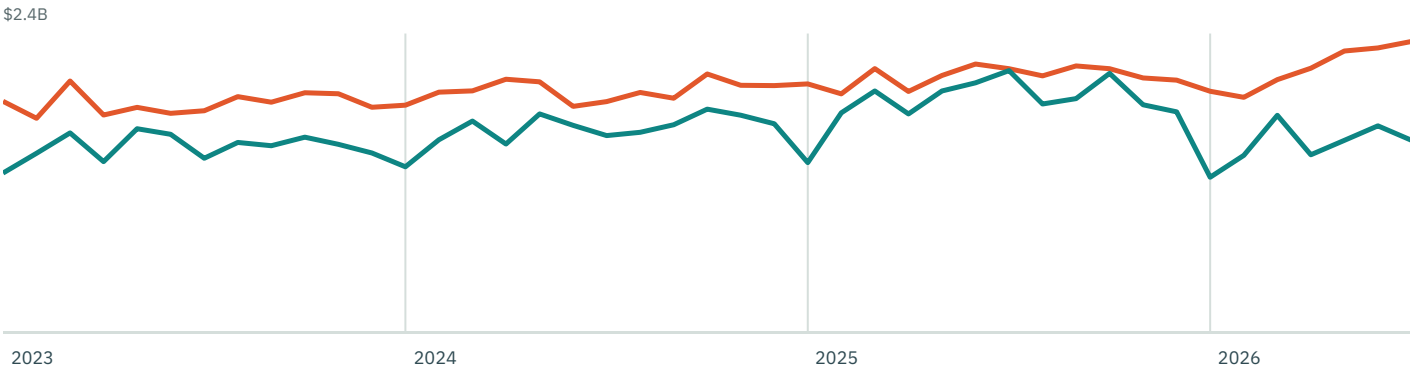
Monthly customs figures in US dollars from the IMF's trade-by-partner database. The newest month is Jul 2026.

$23B
Exports, 2025 **+13.8%** on 2024

$25B
Imports, 2025 **+6.2%** on 2024

$11B
Exports, Jan–Jul 2026 **−17.8%** on the same months of 2025

$15B
Imports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+3.9%** on the same months of 2025



Period	Exports	Imports	Balance
2026 (Jan–Jul)	$11B	$15B	−4.4B
2025	$23B	$25B	−2.5B
2024	$20B	$24B	−3.8B
2023	$18B	$22B	−4.3B
2022	$16B	$21B	−5.6B

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 States †	$11B	+13.7%	47.8%	$4.8B	−25.3%
Netherlands †	$2.2B	+29.0%	9.8%	$982M	−18.0%
Belgium †	$1.1B	+8.5%	4.8%	$474M	−30.8%
Guatemala †	$1.0B	+1.3%	4.6%	$503M	−16.3%
Nicaragua †	$818M	+11.0%	3.6%	$444M	−5.5%
Honduras †	$685M	+14.6%	3.0%	$454M	+17.1%
Panama †	$613M	−0.1%	2.7%	$333M	−6.4%
El Salvador †	$533M	+6.7%	2.4%	$330M	+3.9%
China †	$451M	+22.4%	2.0%	$262M	+11.8%
Japan †	$414M	+72.5%	1.8%	$241M	−8.1%

Largest suppliers in 2025 and 2026 so far

Supplier	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
United States †	$9.2B	+7.0%	36.8%	$5.6B	+3.5%
China †	$4.6B	+14.6%	18.4%	$2.8B	+6.1%
Mexico †	$1.5B	+0.3%	6.0%	$835M	−4.4%
Germany †	$695M	+22.9%	2.8%	$439M	+6.9%
Guatemala †	$622M	+0.1%	2.5%	$350M	−6.9%
Japan †	$534M	−12.0%	2.1%	$210M	−29.9%
Brazil †	$500M	−25.6%	2.0%	$220M	−18.9%
Spain †	$471M	+12.7%	1.9%	$429M	+56.2%
Colombia †	$470M	+10.6%	1.9%	$297M	+10.6%
Chile †	$409M	+10.4%	1.6%	$214M	−13.7%

† Costa Rica 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 Costa Rica'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 Costa Rica exports, 2024

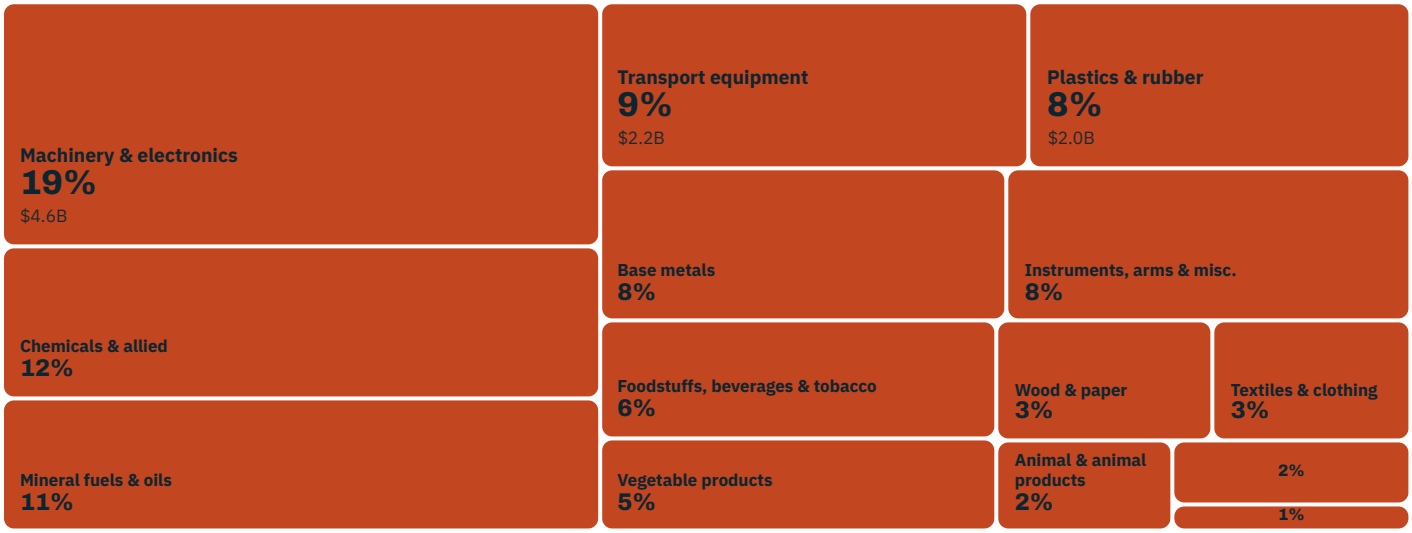


Reconciled figures (BACI): exports of $24B on that basis. 2024 is the newest year with product detail for every economy.

Largest export products

Product	2024	Share
Medical, surgical instruments and appliances; catheters... 9018.39	$3.3B	13.5%
Medical, surgical or dental instruments and appliances... 9018.90	$3.1B	12.8%
Electronic integrated circuits; processors and... 8542.31	$2.1B	8.8%
Artificial parts of the body; excluding artificial joints 9021.39	$1.7B	6.9%
Fruit, edible; pineapples, fresh or dried 0804.30	$1.7B	6.9%
Fruit, edible; bananas, other than plantains, fresh or... 0803.90	$1.4B	5.9%
Food preparations; n.e.c. in item no. 2106.10 2106.90	$878M	3.6%
Medical, surgical instruments and appliances... 9018.19	$610M	2.5%

What Costa Rica imports, 2024



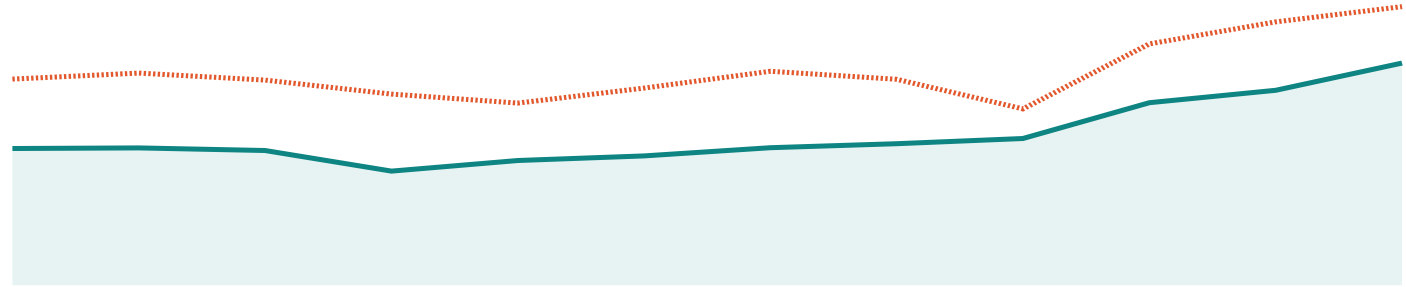
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Largest import products

Product	2024	Share
Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, not... 2710.00	$2.3B	9.7%
Medicaments; consisting of mixed or unmixed products... 3004.90	$539M	2.3%
Telephone sets; smartphones for cellular or other... 8517.13	$412M	1.7%
Medical, surgical instruments and appliances; catheters... 9018.39	$349M	1.5%
Vehicles; with only electric motor for propulsion 8703.80	$331M	1.4%
Vehicles; with only spark-ignition internal combustion... 8703.22	$326M	1.4%
Vehicles; with only spark-ignition internal combustion... 8703.23	$318M	1.3%
Medical, surgical or dental instruments and appliances... 9018.90	$300M	1.3%

Costa Rica'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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