🇪🇷 Eritrea: trade brief

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

Eritrea exported **$806M** of goods and imported **$488M** in 2025, a trade surplus of **$318M**. Its largest export market was China (96.1% of exports) and its largest supplier was China (50.0% of imports).

#156
largest exporter of 202 economies, and #189 importer

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96%
of exports go to 🇨🇳 China, the largest market

98%
of exports go to just three markets, out of 69

+318M
trade surplus: exports pay for 165% of imports

+41.2%
change in exports on 2024: $571M then, $806M in 2025

50%
of imports come from 🇨🇳 China, the largest supplier

Eritrea in 2025 and 2026: the latest figures

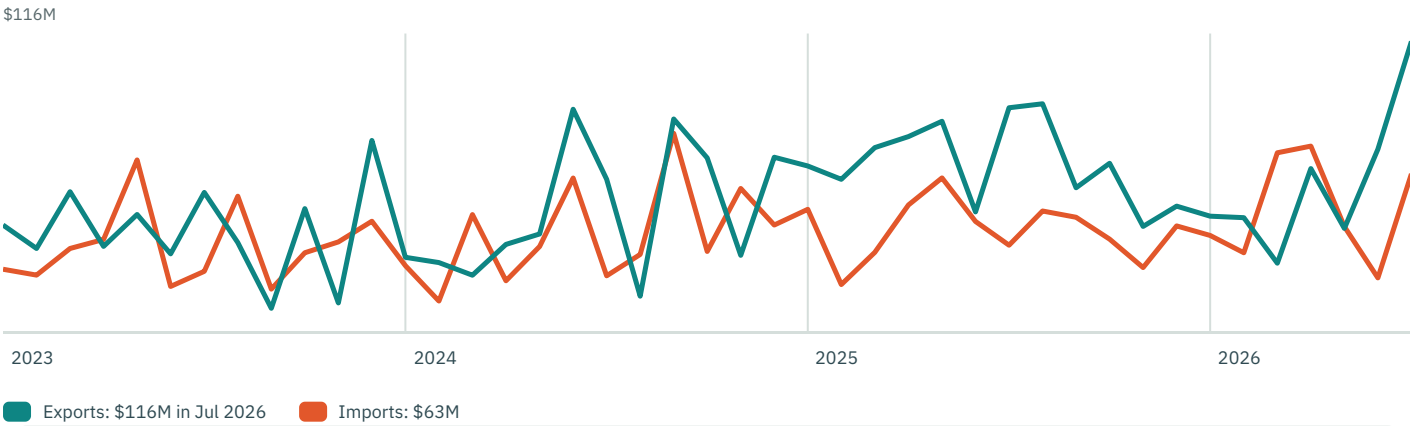
Monthly customs figures in US dollars from the IMF's trade-by-partner database. The newest month is Jul 2026.

$806M
Exports, 2025 **+41.2%** on 2024

$488M
Imports, 2025 **+5.0%** on 2024

$413M
Exports, Jan–Jul 2026 **−17.1%** on the same months of 2025

$341M
Imports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+17.9%** on the same months of 2025



Period	Exports	Imports	Balance
2026 (Jan–Jul)	$413M	$341M	+72M
2025	$806M	$488M	+318M
2024	$571M	$464M	+106M
2023	$480M	$410M	+70M
2022	$595M	$423M	+172M

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 †	$775M	+75.4%	96.1%	$358M	−24.5%
South Korea †	$10M	−89.8%	1.2%	—	—
Croatia †	$6M	+93.3%	0.7%	$2M	−51.1%
Italy †	$3M	+32.0%	0.4%	$2M	+36.0%
United Arab Emirates †	$2M	−78.3%	0.3%	$4M	+144.0%
Netherlands †	$1M	+5.6%	0.2%	$912,000	+13.0%
Saudi Arabia †	$1M	+360.1%	0.1%	$33,000	−95.1%
Sudan †	$1M	+0.0%	0.1%	$598,000	+0.0%
Singapore †	$862,000	−0.1%	0.1%	$490,000	−1.8%
Yemen, Rep. †	$762,000	−78.4%	0.1%	$2M	+143.7%

Largest suppliers in 2025 and 2026 so far

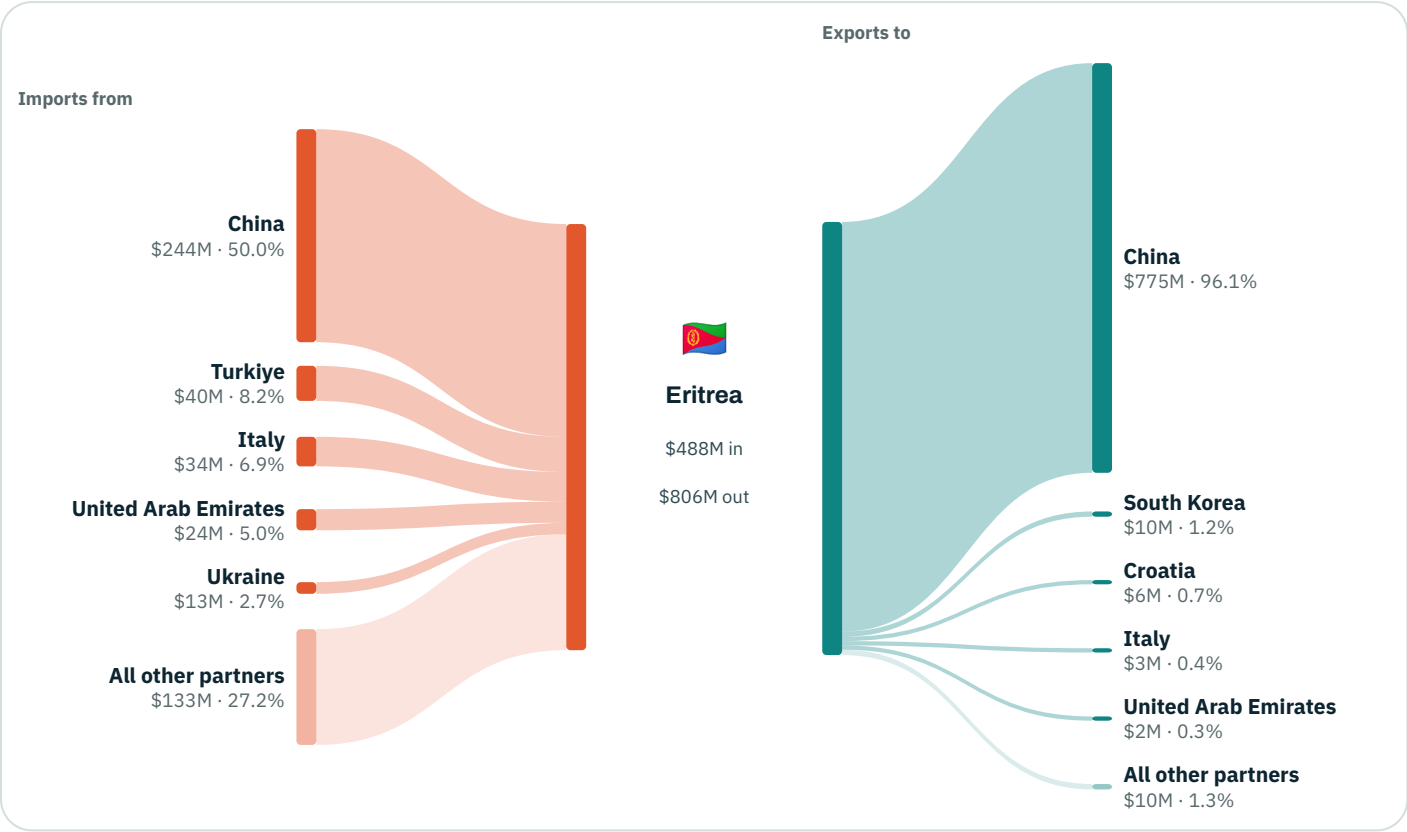
Supplier	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
China †	$244M	+45.6%	50.0%	$107M	−25.7%
Turkiye †	$40M	−14.3%	8.2%	$39M	+62.9%
Italy †	$34M	+4.6%	6.9%	$16M	−18.2%
United Arab Emirates †	$24M	−20.5%	5.0%	$18M	+29.3%
Ukraine †	$13M	+66.4%	2.7%	$3M	−72.8%
South Africa †	$12M	+0.9%	2.5%	$7M	+3.8%
Russia †	$12M	−13.1%	2.5%	$8M	+17.0%
Netherlands †	$12M	+114.1%	2.4%	$5M	−18.5%
Malaysia †	$11M	+378.1%	2.3%	$8M	+27.4%
Saudi Arabia †	$9M	−76.8%	1.9%	$75M	+1454.2%

† Eritrea 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 Eritrea'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 Eritrea exports, 2024

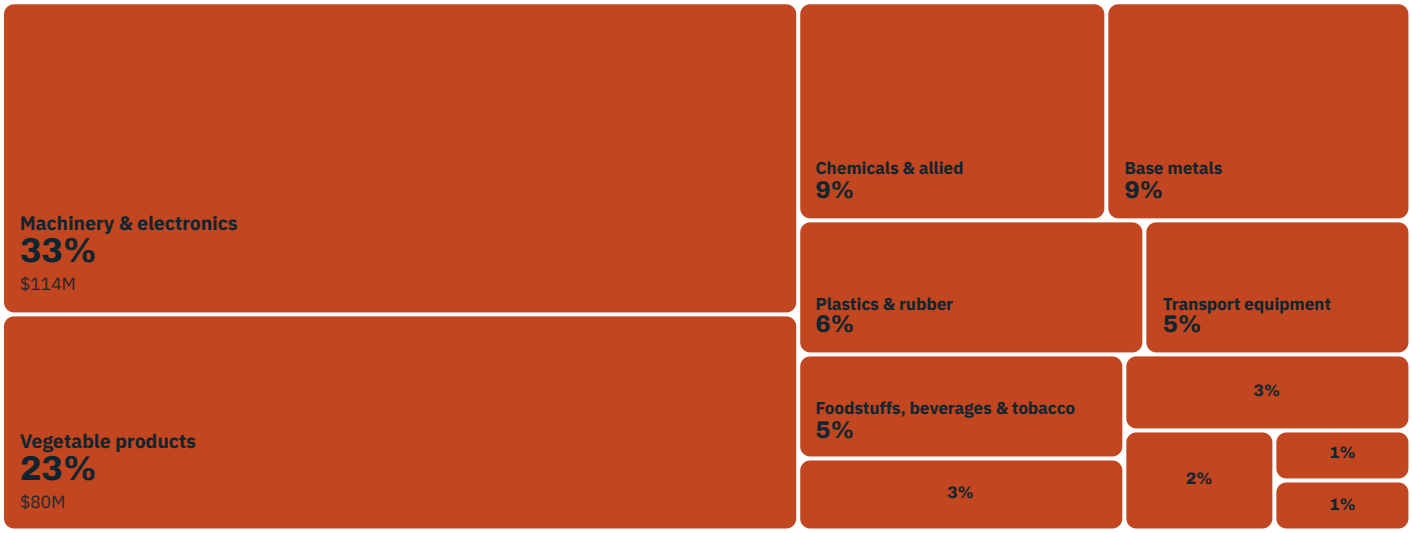


Reconciled figures (BACI): exports of $574M on that basis. 2024 is the newest year with product detail for every economy.

Largest export products

Product	2024	Share
Zinc ores and concentrates 2608.00	$278M	48.4%
Copper ores and concentrates 2603.00	$258M	45.0%
Precious metal ores and concentrates; (excluding silver) 2616.90	$14M	2.4%
Blood, human or animal, antisera, other blood fractions... 3002.14	$6M	1.1%
Dresses; women's or girls', of textile materials n.e.c.... 6204.49	$5M	0.8%
Gum Arabic 1301.20	$4M	0.6%
Shirts; men's or boys', of cotton (not knitted or... 6205.20	$3M	0.5%
Engines; parts for internal combustion piston engines... 8409.99	$1M	0.2%

What Eritrea imports, 2024



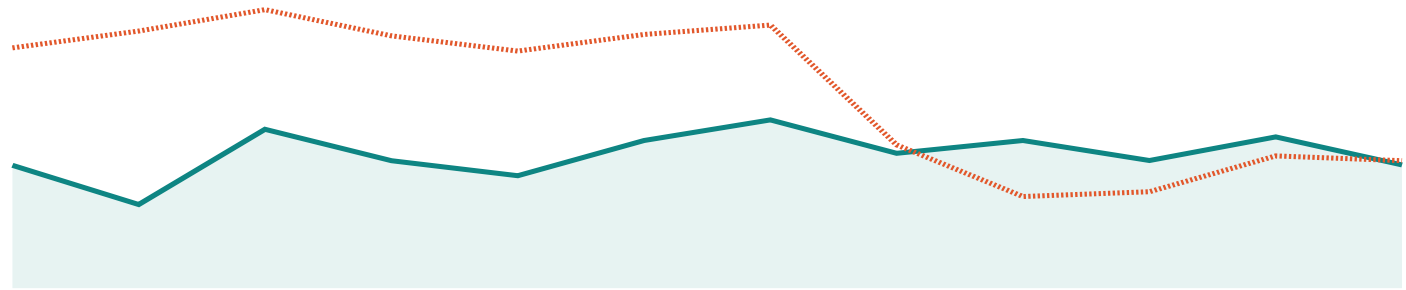
Reconciled figures (BACI): imports of $346M on that basis.

Largest import products

Product	2024	Share
Cereals; grain sorghum, other than seed 1007.90	$35M	10.0%
Wheat or meslin flour 1101.00	$21M	6.1%
Machines; for crushing or grinding earth, stone, ores or... 8474.20	$15M	4.4%
Sugars; sucrose, chemically pure, in solid form, not... 1701.99	$11M	3.1%
Rubber; new pneumatic tyres, of a kind used on buses or... 4011.20	$10M	2.9%
Machinery; parts of machines handling earth, minerals or... 8431.49	$9M	2.7%
Vegetable oils; sunflower seed or safflower oil and their... 1512.19	$9M	2.6%
Electric generating sets; with compression-ignition... 8502.13	$7M	2.1%

Eritrea'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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