United Kingdom: trade brief

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

United Kingdom exported **$499B** of goods and imported **$829B** in 2025, a trade deficit of **$330B**. Its largest export market was United States (15.6% of exports) and its largest supplier was Germany (11.7% of imports).

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largest exporter of 202 economies, and #6 importer
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16%
of exports go to United States, the largest market

32%
of exports go to just three markets, out of 187

−330B
trade deficit: exports pay for 60% of imports

+7.5%
change in exports on 2024: $464B then, $499B in 2025

12%
of imports come from Germany, the largest supplier

United Kingdom in 2025 and 2026: the latest figures

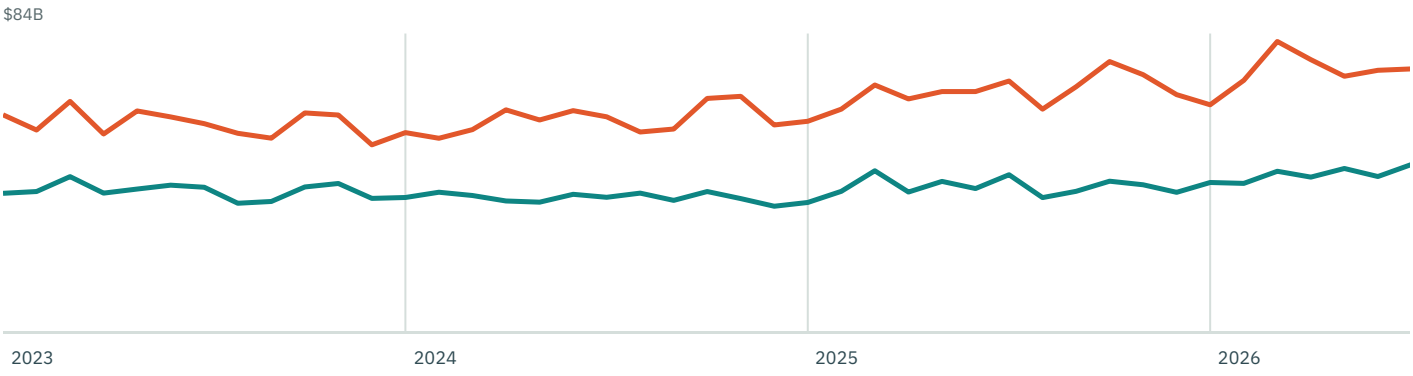
Monthly customs figures in US dollars from the IMF's trade-by-partner database. The newest month is Jul 2026.

$499B
Exports, 2025 **+7.5%** on 2024

$829B
Imports, 2025 **+13.1%** on 2024

$317B
Exports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+7.6%** on the same months of 2025

$525B
Imports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+10.8%** on the same months of 2025



Period	Exports	Imports	Balance
2026 (Jan–Jul)	$317B	$525B	−208B
2025	$499B	$829B	−330B
2024	$464B	$733B	−269B
2023	$488B	$722B	−235B
2022	$521B	$793B	−272B

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	$78B	+5.9%	15.6%	$47B	−0.5%
🇩🇪 Germany	$44B	+8.6%	8.9%	$30B	+17.1%
🇳🇱 Netherlands	$36B	+1.0%	7.2%	$25B	+16.3%
🇮🇪 Ireland	$33B	+9.6%	6.7%	$21B	+6.7%
🇫🇷 France	$32B	+6.9%	6.4%	$20B	+10.5%
🇧🇪 Belgium	$23B	+4.0%	4.7%	$15B	+8.3%
🇨🇳 China	$22B	+3.8%	4.4%	$15B	+12.3%
🇭🇰 Hong Kong	$14B	+26.6%	2.8%	$12B	+51.1%
🇪🇸 Spain	$14B	+15.4%	2.7%	$8.6B	+6.6%
🇵🇱 Poland	$12B	+34.3%	2.5%	$6.9B	−9.8%

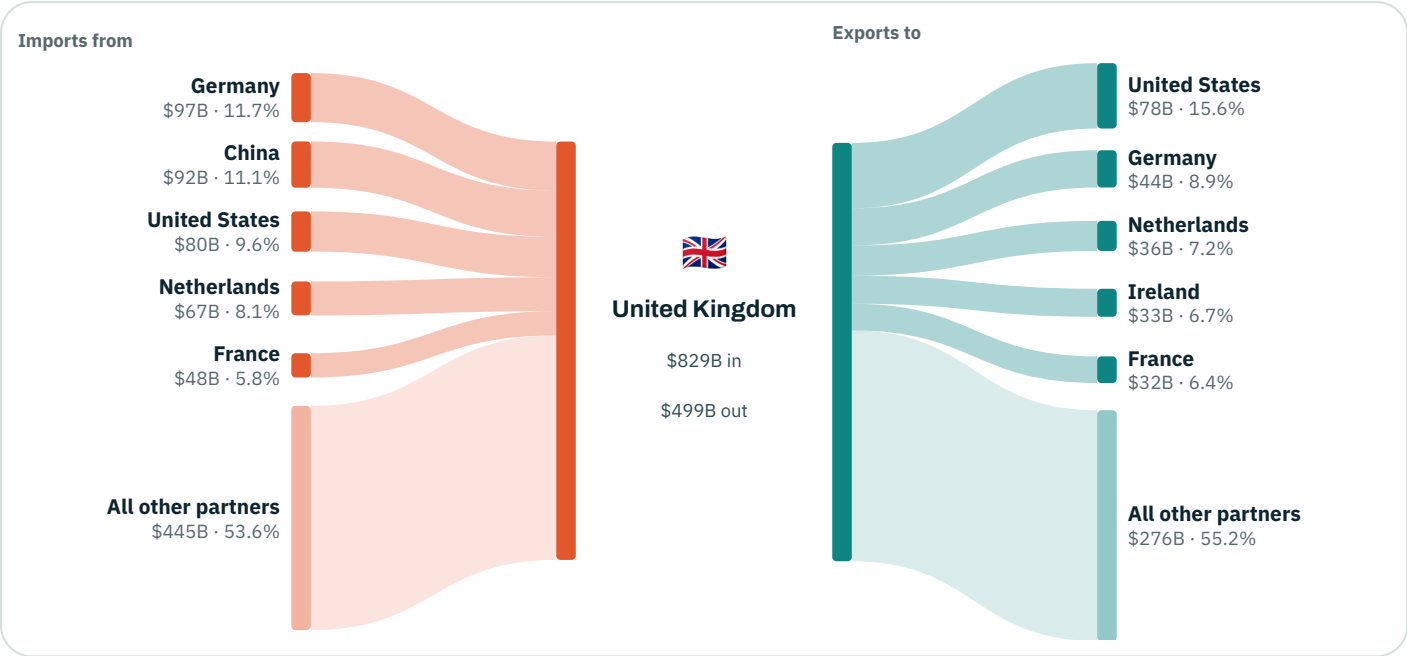
Largest suppliers in 2025 and 2026 so far

Supplier	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
🇩🇪 Germany	$97B	+6.9%	11.7%	$62B	+9.2%
🇨🇳 China	$92B	+24.6%	11.1%	$58B	+12.4%
🇺🇸 United States	$80B	+9.8%	9.6%	$53B	+13.3%
🇳🇱 Netherlands	$67B	+6.9%	8.1%	$43B	+11.4%
🇫🇷 France	$48B	+2.8%	5.8%	$30B	+10.0%
🇧🇪 Belgium	$40B	−0.4%	4.9%	$26B	+10.6%
🇮🇹 Italy	$32B	+1.9%	3.8%	$18B	−1.5%
🇳🇴 Norway	$30B	−2.9%	3.7%	$21B	+15.3%
🇪🇸 Spain	$30B	+13.0%	3.6%	$18B	+0.3%
🇮🇪 Ireland	$25B	+5.4%	3.0%	$18B	+27.4%

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 United Kingdom'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 United Kingdom exports, 2024



Reconciled figures (BACI): exports of $424B 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	$17B	4.0%
Turbo-jets; of a thrust exceeding 25kN 8411.12	$16B	3.7%
Medicaments; consisting of mixed or unmixed products... 3004.90	$15B	3.5%
Turbines; parts of turbo-jets and turbo-propellers 8411.91	$14B	3.3%
Vehicles; with both spark-ignition internal combustion... 8703.40	$13B	3.1%
Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, not... 2710.00	$12B	2.8%
Aircraft and spacecraft; parts of aeroplanes, helicopters... 8807.30	$11B	2.6%
Metals; gold, semi-manufactured 7108.13	$11B	2.5%

What United Kingdom imports, 2024



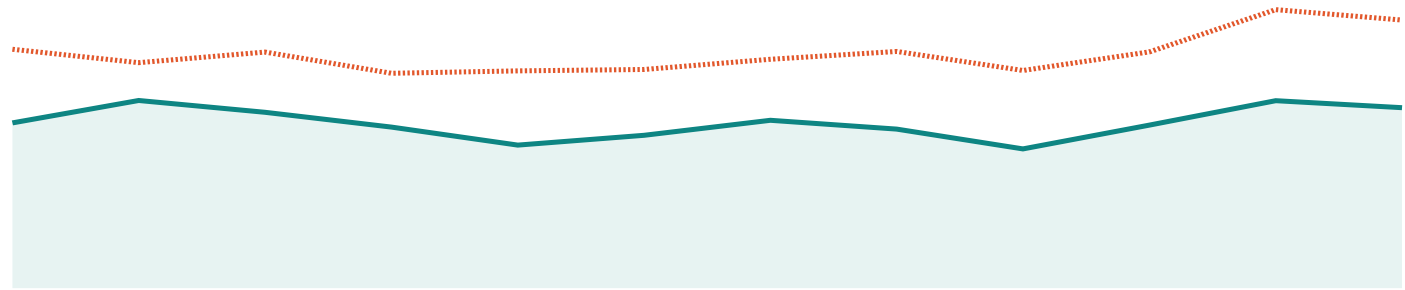
Reconciled figures (BACI): imports of $753B on that basis.

Largest import products

Product	2024	Share
Metals; gold, semi-manufactured 7108.13	$53B	7.0%
Oils; petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous... 2709.00	$31B	4.1%
Metals; gold, non-monetary, unwrought (but not powder) 7108.12	$30B	4.0%
Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, not... 2710.00	$27B	3.5%
Vehicles; with only electric motor for propulsion 8703.80	$15B	1.9%
Medicaments; consisting of mixed or unmixed products... 3004.90	$13B	1.7%
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons; in... 2711.21	$13B	1.7%
Vehicles; with only spark-ignition internal combustion... 8703.22	$9.5B	1.3%

United Kingdom'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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