🇬🇭 Ghana: trade brief

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

Ghana exported **$32B** of goods and imported **$20B** in 2025, a trade surplus of **$12B**. Its largest export market was United Arab Emirates (26.0% of exports) and its largest supplier was China (22.7% of imports).

#66
largest exporter of 202 economies, and #86 importer
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26%
of exports go to 🇦🇪 United Arab Emirates, the largest market

56%
of exports go to just three markets, out of 147

+12B
trade surplus: exports pay for 158% of imports

+54.5%
change in exports on 2024: $21B then, $32B in 2025

23%
of imports come from 🇨🇳 China, the largest supplier

Ghana in 2025 and 2026: the latest figures

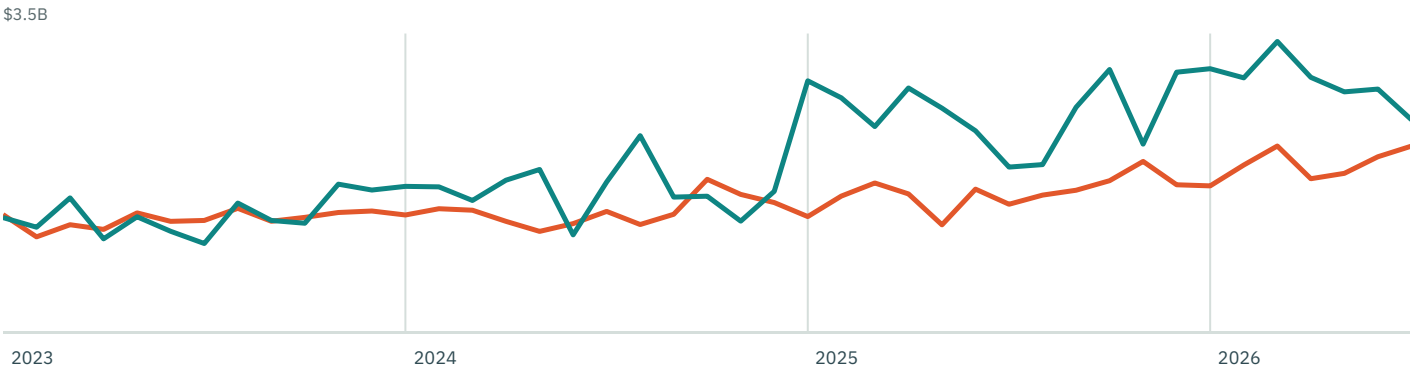
Monthly customs figures in US dollars from the IMF's trade-by-partner database. The newest month is Jul 2026.

$32B
Exports, 2025 **+54.5%** on 2024

$20B
Imports, 2025 **+15.0%** on 2024

$21B
Exports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+15.3%** on the same months of 2025

$14B
Imports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+28.0%** on the same months of 2025



Period	Exports	Imports	Balance
2026 (Jan–Jul)	$21B	$14B	+7.1B
2025	$32B	$20B	+12B
2024	$21B	$18B	+3.1B
2023	$17B	$16B	+447M
2022	$18B	$18B	−761M

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 Arab Emirates †	$8.3B	+101.8%	26.1%	$5.0B	−2.5%
India †	$5.1B	+270.9%	16.1%	$3.1B	−3.4%
Switzerland †	$4.5B	+7.4%	14.2%	$3.5B	+41.5%
South Africa †	$3.3B	+30.4%	10.3%	$3.9B	+167.0%
China †	$1.6B	−0.1%	4.9%	$644M	−15.0%
Netherlands †	$1.4B	+79.5%	4.5%	$875M	+23.2%
United States †	$1.0B	+112.5%	3.3%	$657M	+5.4%
Burkina Faso †	$941M	+85.4%	3.0%	$573M	−2.6%
Belgium †	$412M	+112.0%	1.3%	$270M	+21.7%
France †	$344M	+156.2%	1.1%	$159M	−23.2%

Largest suppliers in 2025 and 2026 so far

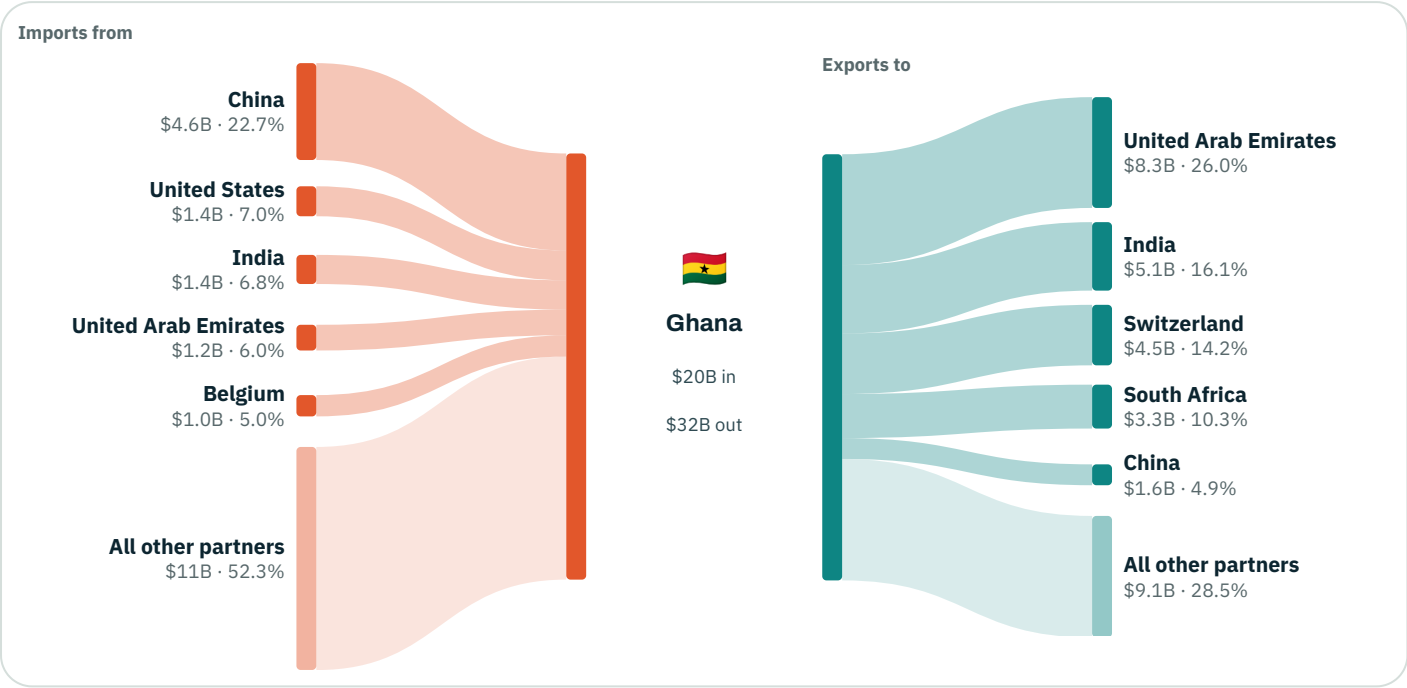
Supplier	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
China †	$4.6B	+15.6%	22.7%	$3.0B	+22.7%
United States †	$1.4B	+66.7%	7.0%	$1.3B	+77.7%
India †	$1.4B	+16.9%	6.9%	$968M	+35.9%
United Arab Emirates †	$1.2B	−21.4%	6.0%	$764M	+4.9%
Belgium †	$1.0B	+64.6%	5.0%	$756M	+33.0%
Netherlands †	$908M	+49.2%	4.5%	$571M	+5.7%
Nigeria †	$906M	+215.8%	4.5%	$585M	+19.9%
United Kingdom †	$516M	−60.9%	2.6%	$262M	−35.5%
Russia †	$462M	+5.9%	2.3%	$375M	+82.2%
Canada †	$436M	+28.0%	2.2%	$292M	+26.0%

† Ghana 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 Ghana'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 Ghana exports, 2024

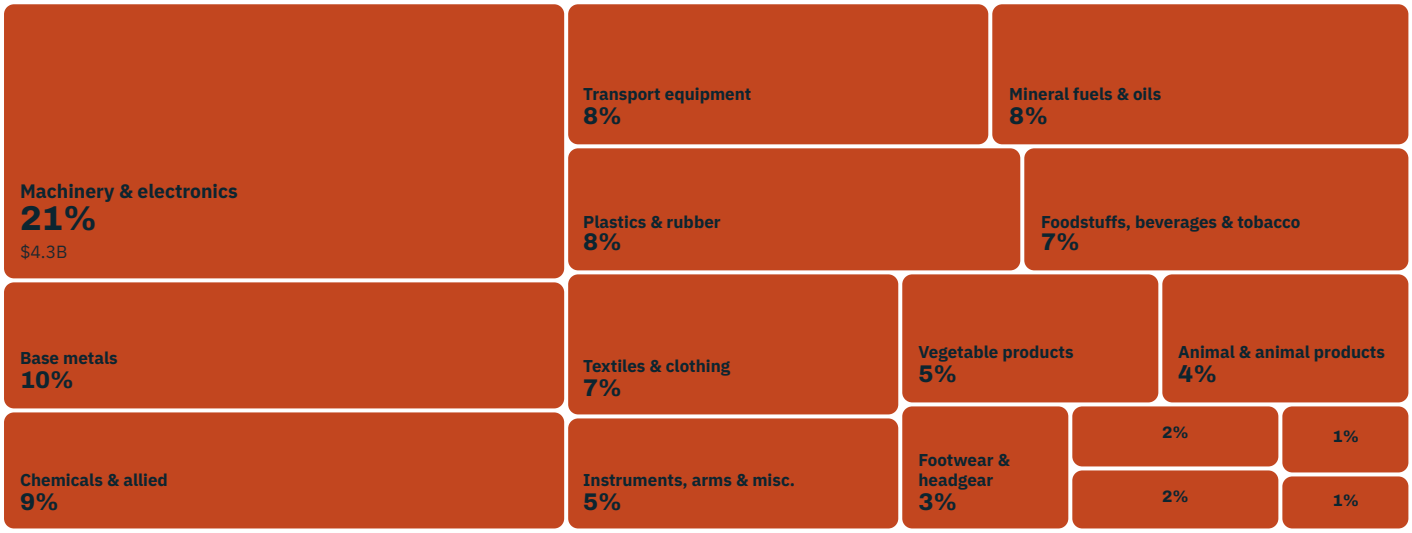


Reconciled figures (BACI): exports of $16B on that basis. 2024 is the newest year with product detail for every economy.

Largest export products

Product	2024	Share
Metals; gold, non-monetary, unwrought (but not powder) 7108.12	$5.9B	37.0%
Oils; petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous... 2709.00	$3.7B	23.5%
Cocoa beans; whole or broken, raw or roasted 1801.00	$1.5B	9.2%
Cocoa; paste, not defatted 1803.10	$613M	3.8%
Manganese ores and concentrates, including ferruginous... 2602.00	$556M	3.5%
Cocoa; butter, fat and oil 1804.00	$416M	2.6%
Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, not... 2710.00	$244M	1.5%
Nuts, edible; cashew nuts, fresh or dried, in shell 0801.31	$185M	1.2%

What Ghana imports, 2024



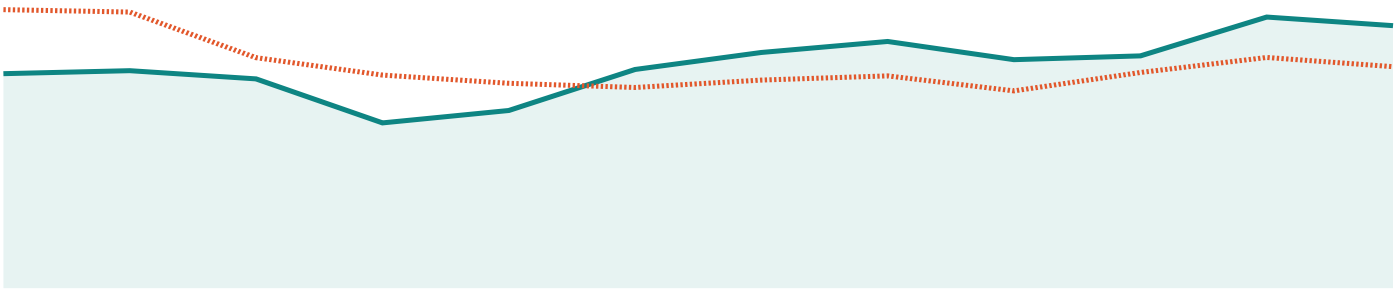
Reconciled figures (BACI): imports of $20B on that basis.

Largest import products

Product	2024	Share
Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, not... 2710.00	$1.5B	7.4%
Mechanical shovels, excavators and shovel loaders; with a... 8429.52	$444M	2.2%
Meat and edible offal; of fowls of the species Gallus... 0207.14	$328M	1.6%
Footwear; n.e.c. in heading no. 6402, (other than just... 6402.99	$257M	1.3%
Sugars; sucrose, chemically pure, in solid form, not... 1701.99	$238M	1.2%
Medicaments; consisting of mixed or unmixed products... 3004.90	$210M	1.0%
Motorcycles (including mopeds) and cycles; fitted with an... 8711.20	$208M	1.0%
Motorcycles (including mopeds); parts and accessories 8714.10	$170M	0.8%

Ghana'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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