🇮🇷 Iran: trade brief

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

Iran exported **$16B** of goods and imported **$55B** in 2025, a trade deficit of **$39B**. Its largest export market was China (17.8% of exports) and its largest supplier was United Arab Emirates (32.2% of imports).

#83
largest exporter of 202 economies, and #60 importer
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18%
of exports go to 🇨🇳 China, the largest market

43%
of exports go to just three markets, out of 146

−39B
trade deficit: exports pay for 29% of imports

+10.2%
change in exports on 2024: $15B then, $16B in 2025

32%
of imports come from 🇦🇪 United Arab Emirates, the largest supplier

Iran in 2025 and 2026: the latest figures

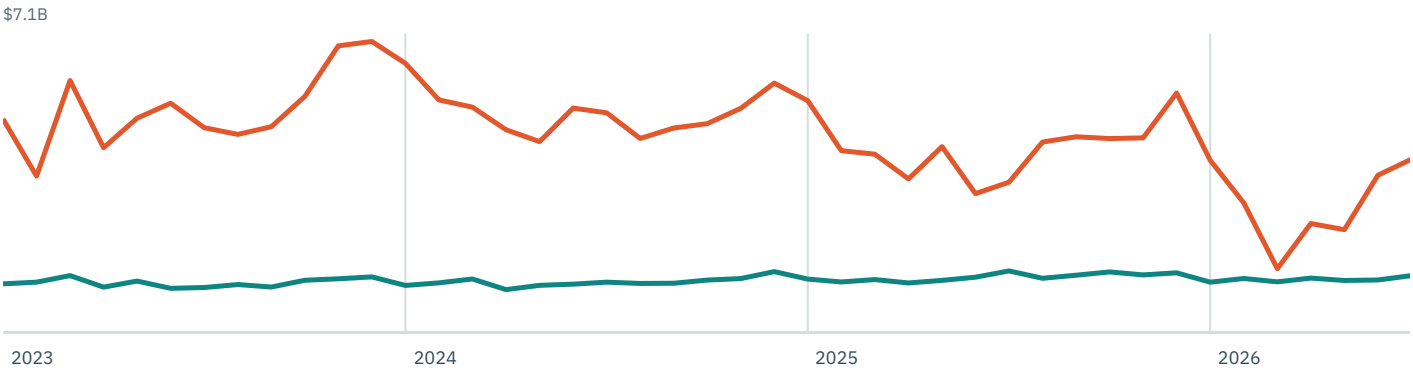
Monthly customs figures in US dollars from the IMF's trade-by-partner database. The newest month is Jul 2026.

$16B
Exports, 2025 **+10.2%** on 2024

$55B
Imports, 2025 **−15.6%** on 2024

$9.0B
Exports, Jan–Jul 2026 **−1.2%** on the same months of 2025

$22B
Imports, Jan–Jul 2026 **−25.7%** on the same months of 2025



Period	Exports	Imports	Balance
2026 (Jan–Jul)	$9.0B	$22B	−13B
2025	$16B	$55B	−39B
2024	$15B	$65B	−50B
2023	$14B	$66B	−51B
2022	$17B	$59B	−41B

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 †	$2.9B	−31.7%	17.8%	$621M	−66.7%
Turkiye †	$2.4B	+1.6%	14.6%	$1.8B	+37.9%
Armenia †	$1.7B	+179.8%	10.3%	$1.0B	+18.6%
Pakistan †	$1.2B	+45.7%	7.4%	$692M	+0.0%
Uzbekistan †	$1.2B	+17.5%	7.3%	$1.0B	+160.0%
Afghanistan †	$1.1B	+49.5%	6.9%	$589M	−7.5%
Azerbaijan †	$589M	−1.4%	3.7%	$321M	−1.9%
United Arab Emirates †	$564M	+18.2%	3.5%	$294M	−1.5%
Oman †	$559M	+50.9%	3.5%	$311M	−6.8%
India †	$491M	+13.1%	3.0%	$269M	−24.7%

Largest suppliers in 2025 and 2026 so far

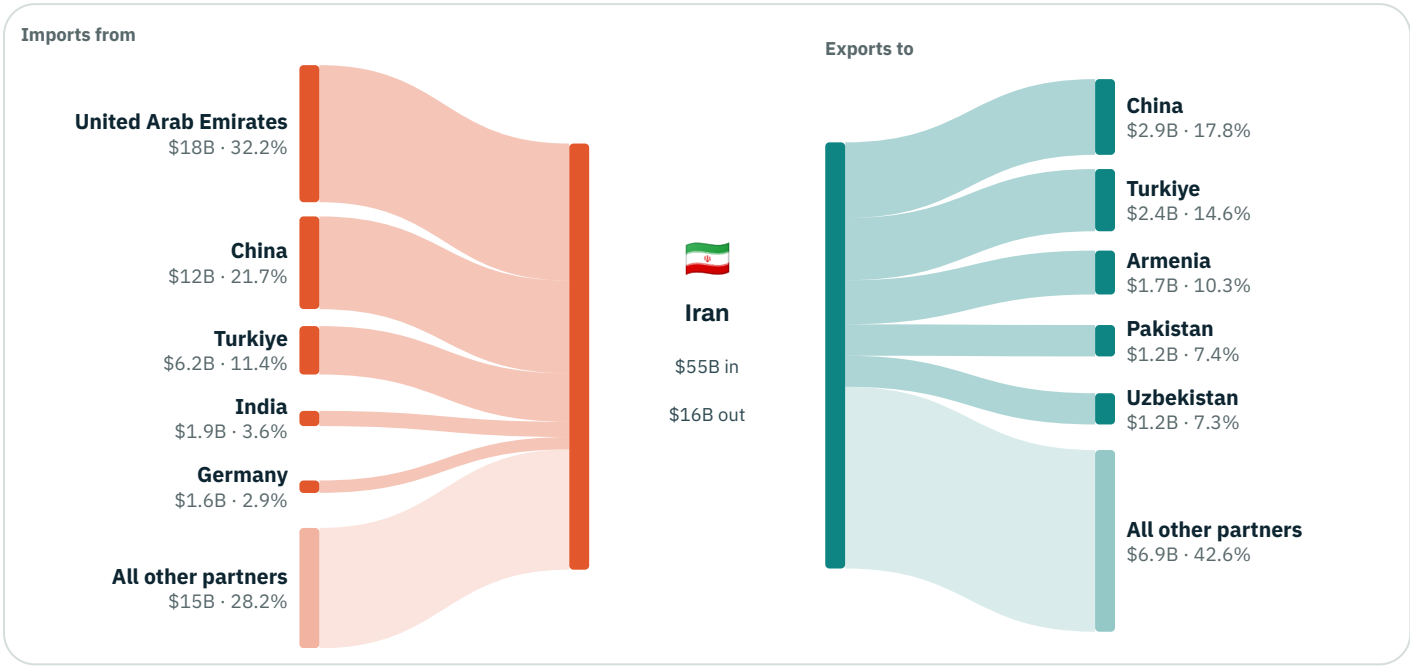
Supplier	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
United Arab Emirates †	$18B	−18.9%	32.4%	$7.5B	−16.7%
China †	$12B	−24.8%	21.9%	$3.3B	−53.2%
Turkiye †	$6.2B	−7.1%	11.4%	$3.7B	+6.3%
India †	$1.9B	−12.6%	3.6%	$686M	−45.5%
Germany †	$1.6B	−30.4%	2.9%	$508M	−46.5%
Oman †	$1.6B	−10.3%	2.9%	$682M	−14.1%
Hong Kong †	$1.5B	+0.2%	2.7%	$854M	−1.1%
Switzerland †	$1.4B	+1.9%	2.6%	$574M	−15.8%
Russia †	$1.4B	−24.6%	2.5%	$561M	−20.7%
United Kingdom †	$1.2B	+17.5%	2.3%	$335M	−49.9%

† Iran 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 Iran'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 Iran exports, 2024

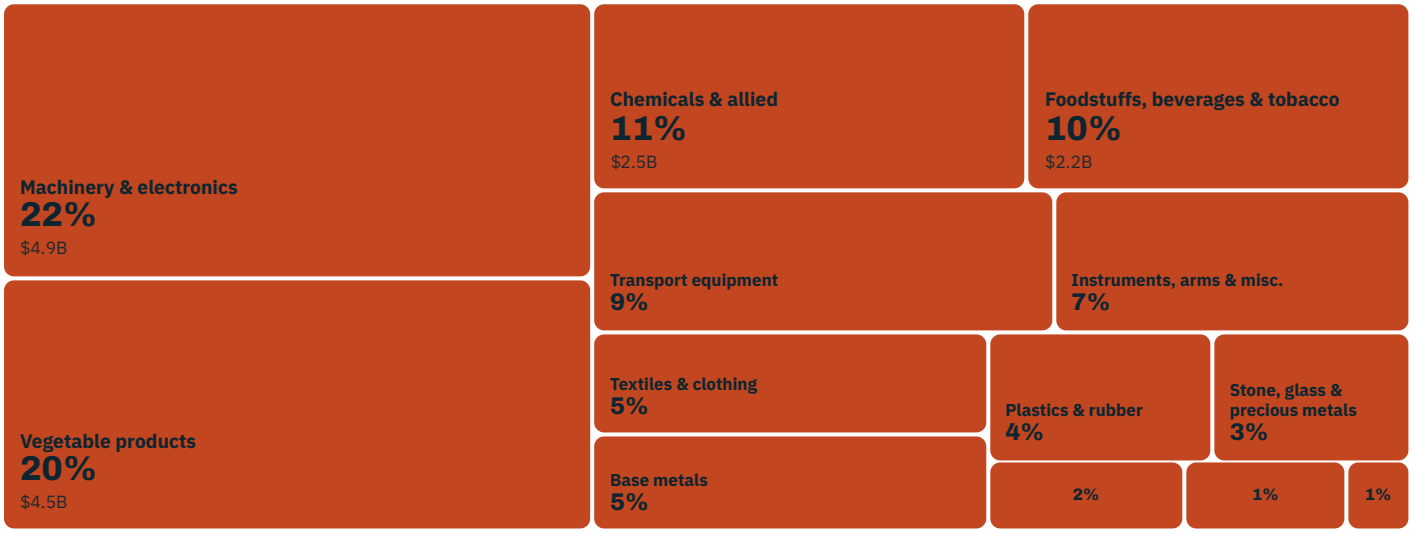


Reconciled figures (BACI): exports of $13B on that basis. 2024 is the newest year with product detail for every economy.

Largest export products

Product	2024	Share
Ethylene polymers; in primary forms, polyethylene having... 3901.20	$888M	6.9%
Alcohols; saturated monohydric, methanol (methyl alcohol) 2905.11	$886M	6.8%
Ethylene polymers; in primary forms, polyethylene having... 3901.10	$795M	6.1%
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons... 2711.19	$687M	5.3%
Aluminium; unwrought, (not alloyed) 7601.10	$612M	4.7%
Iron ores and concentrates; non-agglomerated 2601.11	$597M	4.6%
Iron ores and concentrates; agglomerated (excluding... 2601.12	$535M	4.1%
Nuts, edible; pistachios, fresh or dried, in shell 0802.51	$473M	3.7%

What Iran imports, 2024



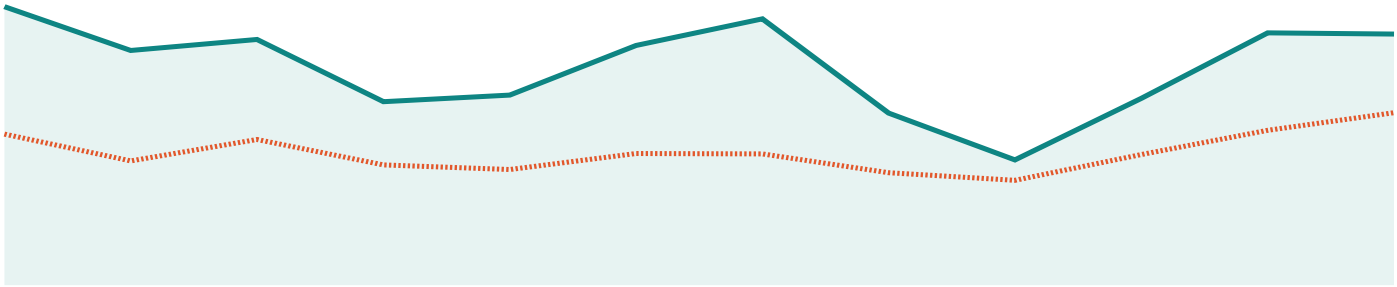
Reconciled figures (BACI): imports of $23B on that basis.

Largest import products

Product	2024	Share
Oil-cake and other solid residues; whether or not ground... 2304.00	$1.2B	5.1%
Soya beans; other than seed, whether or not broken 1201.90	$1.1B	4.9%
Cereals; maize (corn), other than seed 1005.90	$1.1B	4.7%
Cereals; rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or... 1006.30	$701M	3.1%
Vehicles; bodies (including cabs) for the motor vehicles... 8707.10	$608M	2.7%
Metals; gold, non-monetary, unwrought (but not powder) 7108.12	$497M	2.2%
Sugars; cane sugar, raw, in solid form, other than as... 1701.14	$422M	1.9%
Vegetable oils; palm oil and its fractions, other than... 1511.90	$366M	1.6%

Iran'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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