🇰🇪 Kenya: trade brief

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

Kenya exported **$8.4B** of goods and imported **$22B** in 2025, a trade deficit of **$13B**. Its largest export market was Uganda (14.8% of exports) and its largest supplier was China (23.9% of imports).

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largest exporter of 202 economies, and #81 importer
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15%
of exports go to 🇺🇬 Uganda, the largest market

29%
of exports go to just three markets, out of 172

−13B
trade deficit: exports pay for 39% of imports

+3.8%
change in exports on 2024: $8.1B then, $8.4B in 2025

24%
of imports come from 🇨🇳 China, the largest supplier

Kenya in 2025 and 2026: the latest figures

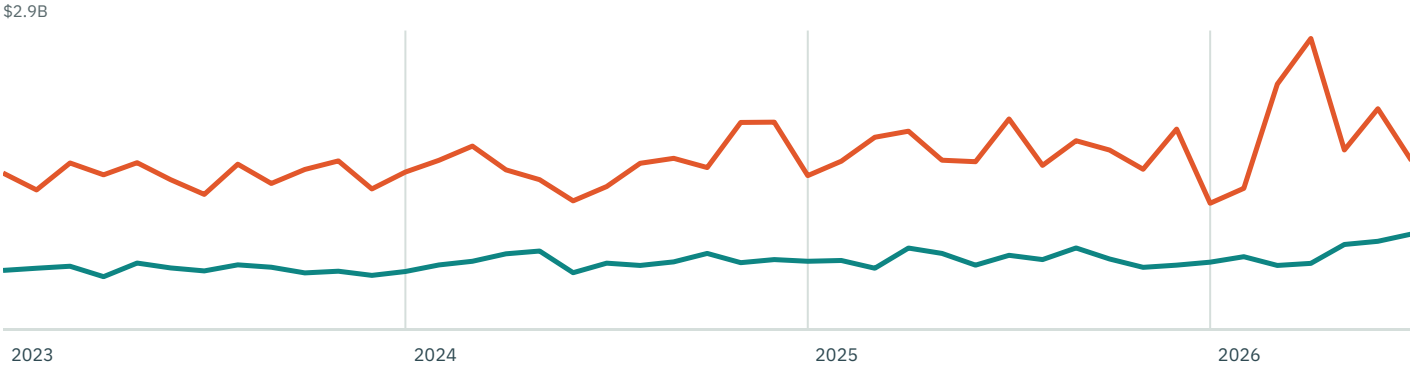
Monthly customs figures in US dollars from the IMF's trade-by-partner database. The newest month is Jul 2026.

$8.4B
Exports, 2025 **+3.8%** on 2024

$22B
Imports, 2025 **+7.4%** on 2024

$5.4B
Exports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+9.0%** on the same months of 2025

$14B
Imports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+9.0%** on the same months of 2025



Period	Exports	Imports	Balance
2026 (Jan–Jul)	$5.4B	$14B	−8.4B
2025	$8.4B	$22B	−13B
2024	$8.1B	$20B	−12B
2023	$7.2B	$19B	−11B
2022	$7.4B	$21B	−14B

Largest export markets in 2025 and 2026 so far

Export market	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
Uganda †	$1.2B	+33.4%	14.9%	$828M	+16.7%
United States †	$616M	−7.0%	7.4%	$401M	+8.0%
United Arab Emirates †	$601M	−20.2%	7.2%	$391M	+5.4%
Pakistan †	$584M	+2.4%	7.0%	$397M	+18.4%
Netherlands †	$533M	−1.3%	6.4%	$323M	+6.5%
Tanzania †	$486M	−0.6%	5.8%	$326M	+15.0%
United Kingdom †	$464M	+2.2%	5.5%	$331M	+21.2%
Rwanda †	$335M	+6.5%	4.0%	$223M	+14.0%
DR Congo †	$287M	+21.5%	3.4%	$189M	+14.5%
Egypt †	$205M	−0.5%	2.4%	$138M	+16.4%

Largest suppliers in 2025 and 2026 so far

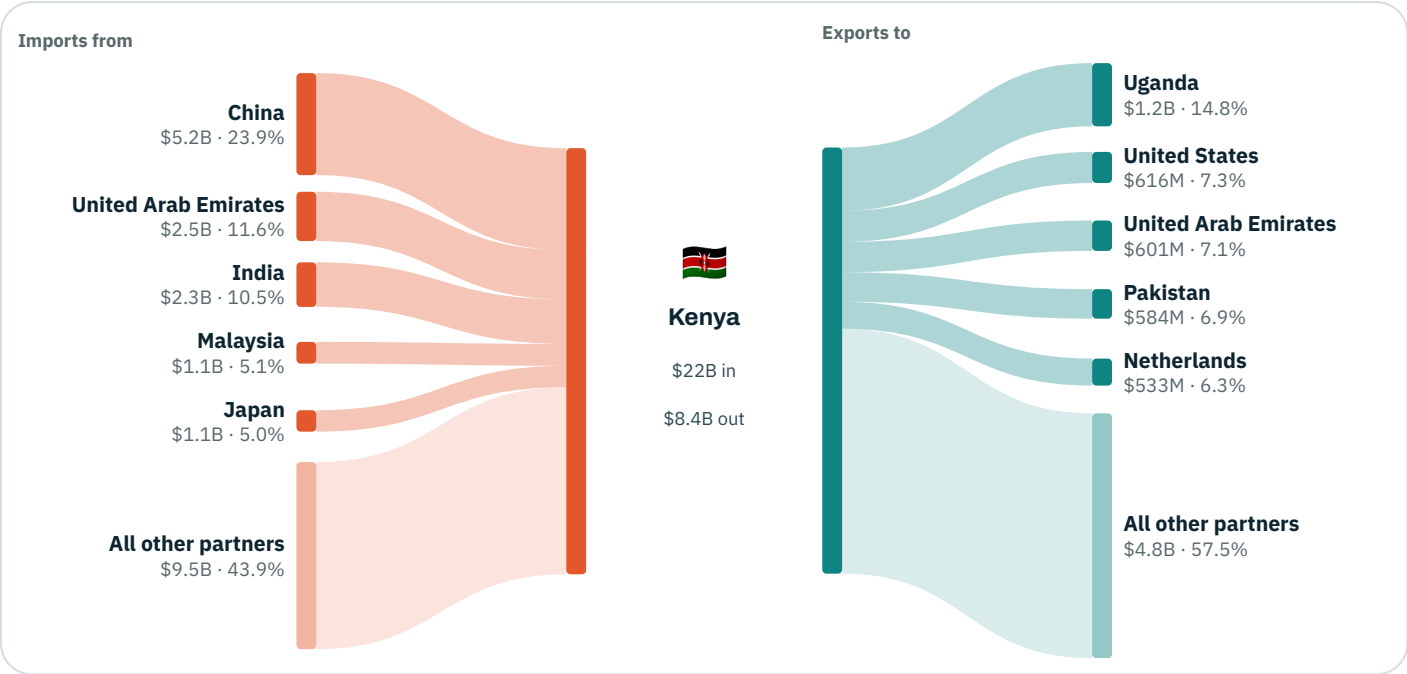
Supplier	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
China †	$5.2B	+20.5%	23.9%	$3.3B	+9.9%
United Arab Emirates †	$2.5B	−0.4%	11.6%	$1.6B	+8.8%
India †	$2.3B	+15.3%	10.5%	$1.4B	+8.3%
Malaysia †	$1.1B	+9.4%	5.1%	$719M	+12.7%
Japan †	$1.1B	+33.6%	5.0%	$687M	+8.0%
United States †	$1.1B	−9.2%	4.9%	$561M	−16.7%
Saudi Arabia †	$771M	+97.4%	3.6%	$501M	+19.4%
South Africa †	$495M	−0.4%	2.3%	$312M	+6.0%
Oman †	$471M	−11.4%	2.2%	$319M	+17.7%
Germany †	$405M	+25.0%	1.9%	$313M	+53.2%

† Kenya had not yet reported this flow, so the IMF derived it from the partner's own records. Treat these as provisional.

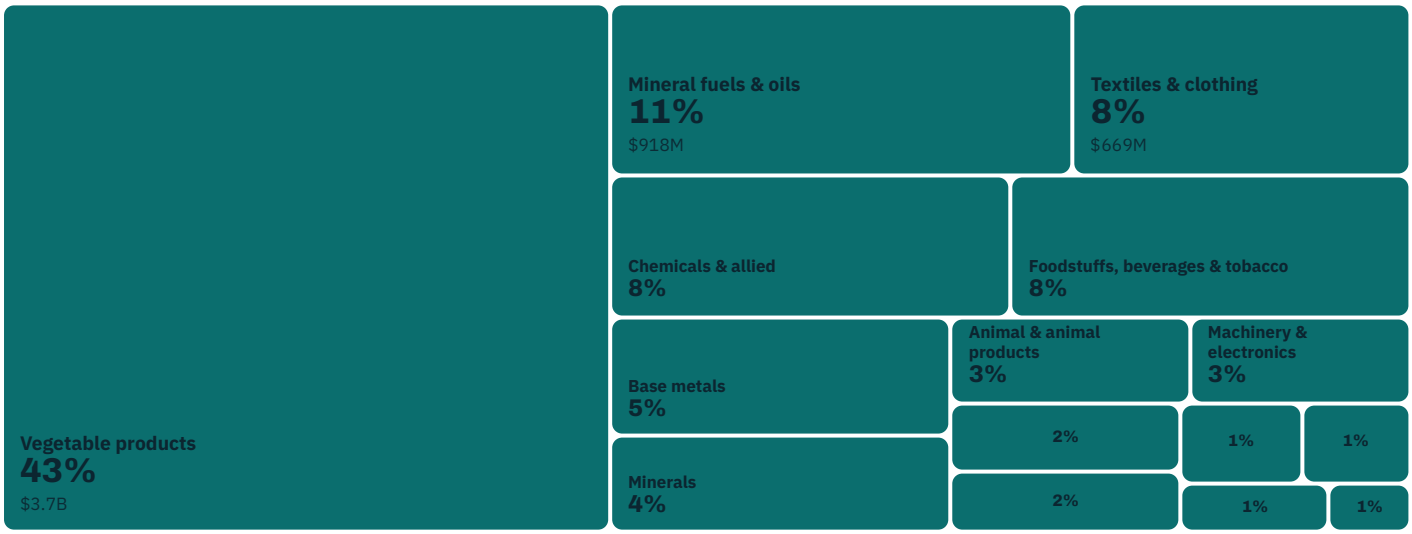
Source: International Monetary Fund, International Trade in Goods by partner country, retrieved 2026-11-15. The IMF collects each economy's national customs figures and converts them to US dollars at the average exchange rate of the month the goods moved. Imports include freight and insurance; exports 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 Kenya'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 Kenya exports, 2024

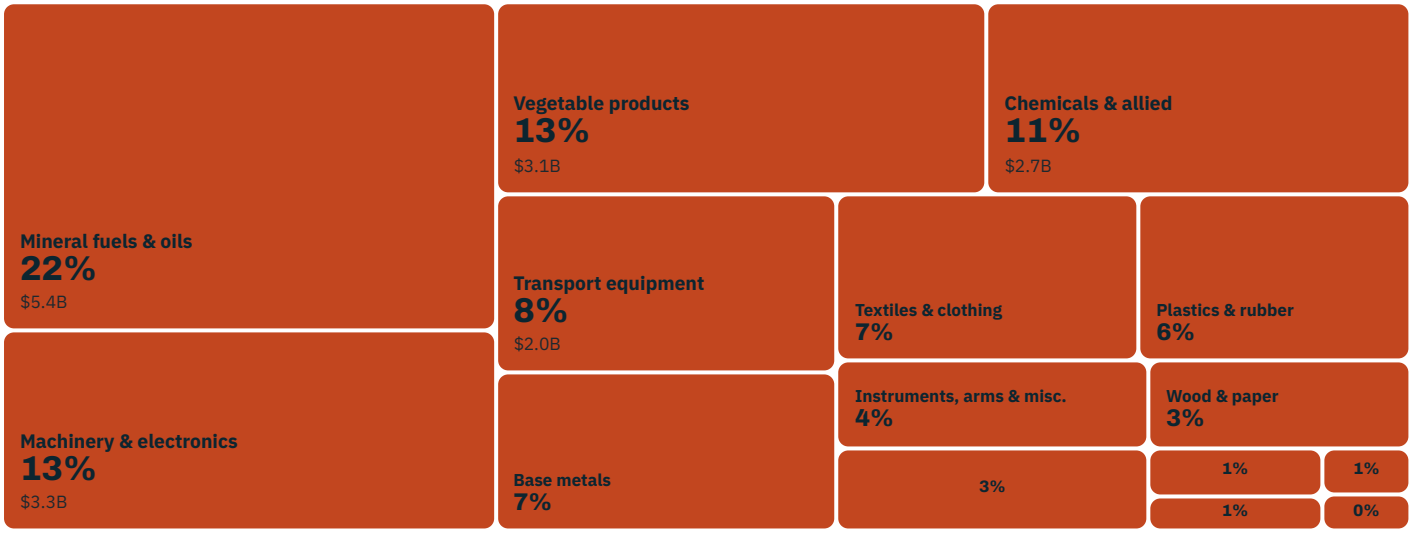


Reconciled figures (BACI): exports of $8.7B on that basis. 2024 is the newest year with product detail for every economy.

Largest export products

Product	2024	Share
Tea, black; (fermented) and partly fermented tea, in... 0902.40	$1.3B	15.3%
Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, not... 2710.00	$905M	10.4%
Flowers, cut; roses, flowers and buds of a kind suitable... 0603.11	$545M	6.3%
Coffee; not roasted or decaffeinated 0901.11	$296M	3.4%
Fruit, edible; avocados, fresh or dried 0804.40	$264M	3.0%
Flowers, cut; flowers and buds of a kind suitable for... 0603.19	$193M	2.2%
Medicaments; consisting of mixed or unmixed products... 3004.90	$149M	1.7%
Cement clinkers (whether or not coloured) 2523.10	$114M	1.3%

What Kenya imports, 2024



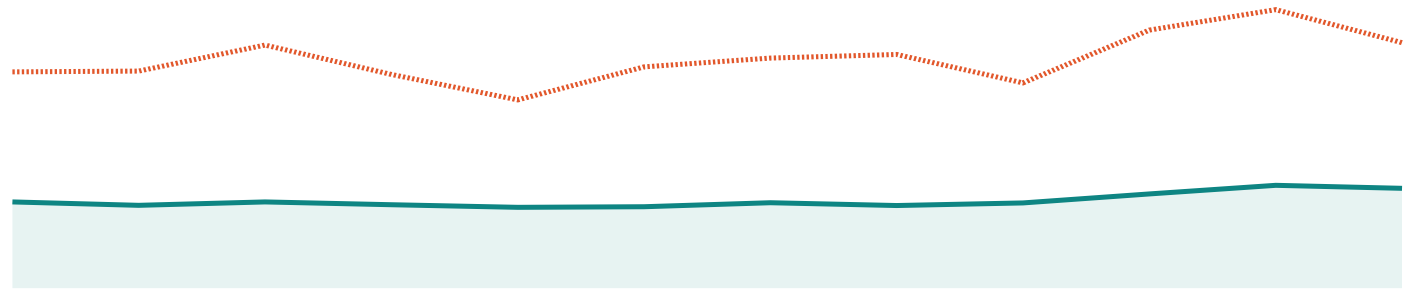
Reconciled figures (BACI): imports of $25B on that basis.

Largest import products

Product	2024	Share
Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, not... 2710.00	$4.7B	19.2%
Vegetable oils; palm oil and its fractions, other than... 1511.90	$738M	3.0%
Vegetable oils; palm oil and its fractions, crude, not... 1511.10	$631M	2.5%
Cereals; wheat and meslin, other than durum wheat, other... 1001.99	$617M	2.5%
Cereals; rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or... 1006.30	$486M	2.0%
Medicaments; consisting of mixed or unmixed products... 3004.90	$414M	1.7%
Iron or non-alloy steel; in coils, without patterns in... 7208.39	$395M	1.6%
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons... 2711.13	$305M	1.2%

Kenya'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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