🇰🇼 Kuwait: trade brief

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

Kuwait exported **$6.6B** of goods and imported **$43B** in 2025, a trade deficit of **$36B**. Its largest export market was India (19.9% of exports) and its largest supplier was China (20.6% of imports).

#113
largest exporter of 202 economies, and #65 importer
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20%
of exports go to 🇮🇳 India, the largest market

50%
of exports go to just three markets, out of 121

−36B
trade deficit: exports pay for 16% of imports

−6.5%
change in exports on 2024: $7.1B then, $6.6B in 2025

21%
of imports come from 🇨🇳 China, the largest supplier

Kuwait in 2025 and 2026: the latest figures

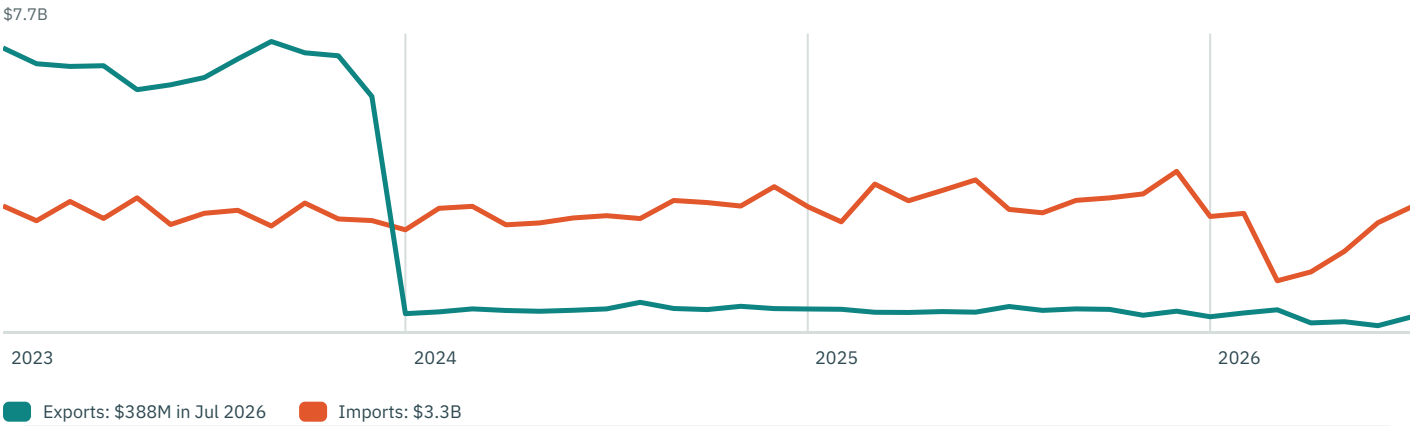
Monthly customs figures in US dollars from the IMF's trade-by-partner database. The newest month is Jul 2026.

$6.6B
Exports, 2025 **−6.5%** on 2024

$43B
Imports, 2025 **+11.9%** on 2024

$2.5B
Exports, Jan–Jul 2026 **−36.1%** on the same months of 2025

$17B
Imports, Jan–Jul 2026 **−29.1%** on the same months of 2025



Period	Exports	Imports	Balance
2026 (Jan–Jul)	$2.5B	$17B	−15B
2025	$6.6B	$43B	−36B
2024	$7.1B	$38B	−31B
2023	$84B	$37B	+46B
2022	$100B	$36B	+64B

Largest export markets in 2025 and 2026 so far

Export market	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
India †	$1.3B	+6.9%	19.9%	$397M	−49.9%
United Arab Emirates †	$1.2B	−9.7%	18.5%	$383M	−47.3%
Iraq †	$782M	−5.8%	11.8%	$245M	−47.1%
Saudi Arabia †	$662M	−22.8%	10.0%	$599M	+56.1%
China †	$602M	−12.6%	9.1%	$193M	−45.2%
Pakistan †	$251M	−13.1%	3.8%	$78M	−47.6%
Qatar †	$187M	−11.8%	2.8%	$58M	−48.2%
Bahrain †	$167M	+88.9%	2.5%	$18M	−80.1%
Cyprus †	$136M	+2843.6%	2.0%	$5M	−94.1%
Malaysia †	$130M	+30.2%	1.9%	$74M	−2.7%

Largest suppliers in 2025 and 2026 so far

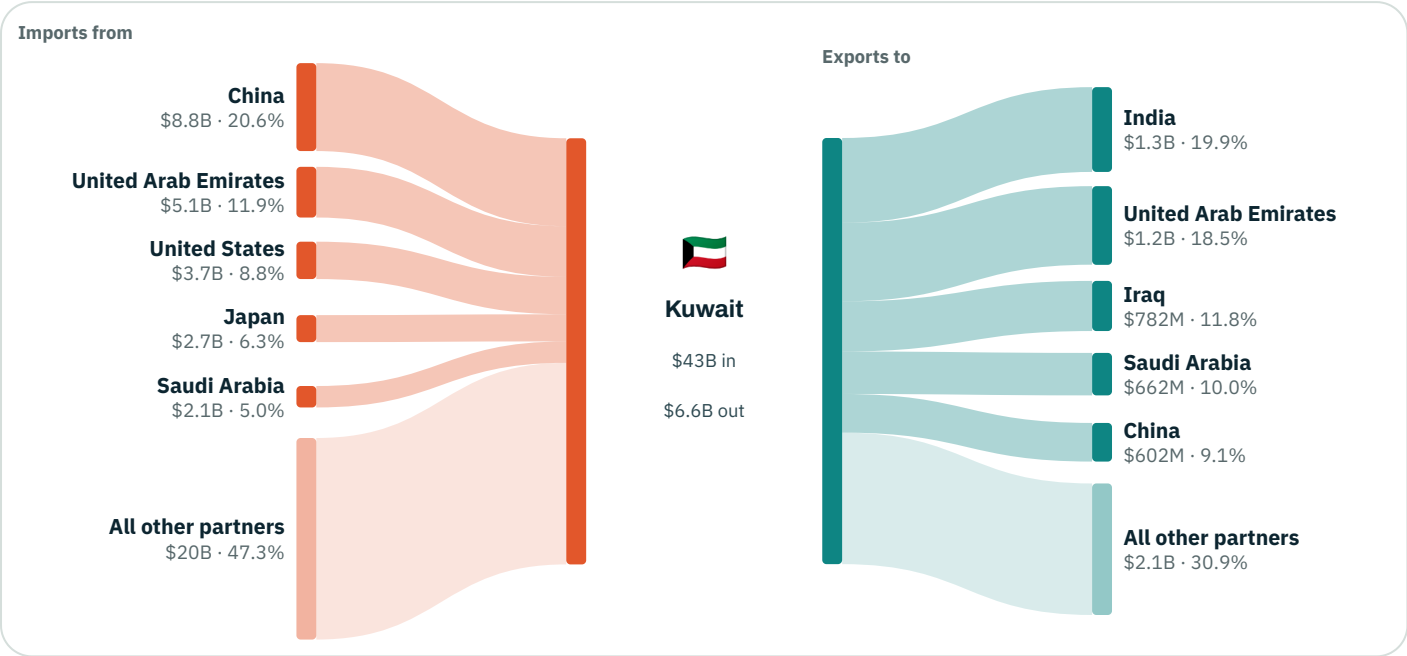
Supplier	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
China †	$8.8B	+21.1%	20.6%	$4.0B	−20.2%
United Arab Emirates †	$5.1B	+5.3%	11.9%	$1.9B	−37.6%
United States †	$3.7B	+8.4%	8.8%	$1.3B	−45.4%
Japan †	$2.7B	+35.6%	6.3%	$853M	−47.1%
Saudi Arabia †	$2.1B	+9.0%	5.0%	$1.6B	+32.6%
India †	$2.1B	+5.7%	4.8%	$776M	−36.6%
Germany †	$1.7B	+6.7%	3.9%	$575M	−41.2%
Italy †	$1.6B	+19.2%	3.8%	$624M	−32.6%
Switzerland †	$1.2B	+16.9%	2.9%	$471M	−36.1%
France †	$1.1B	+4.2%	2.7%	$216M	−59.9%

† Kuwait 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 Kuwait'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 Kuwait exports, 2024

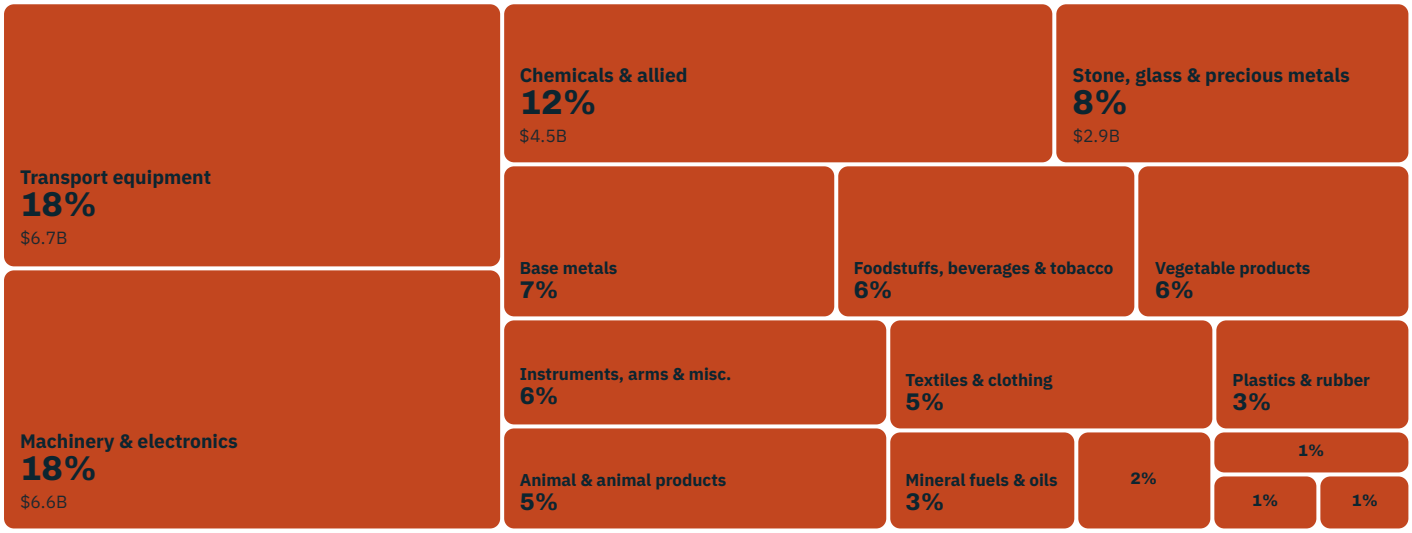


Reconciled figures (BACI): exports of $67B on that basis. 2024 is the newest year with product detail for every economy.

Largest export products

Product	2024	Share
Oils; petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous... 2709.00	$29B	43.2%
Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, not... 2710.00	$24B	36.5%
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons... 2711.12	$2.1B	3.1%
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons... 2711.13	$1.6B	2.5%
Derivatives of hydrocarbons n.e.c. in heading no. 2904... 2904.99	$802M	1.2%
Alcohols; acyclic, diols; ethylene glycol (ethanediol) 2905.31	$779M	1.2%
Cyclic hydrocarbons; p-xylene 2902.43	$704M	1.1%
Aeroplanes and other aircraft, except unmanned; of an... 8802.40	$610M	0.9%

What Kuwait imports, 2024



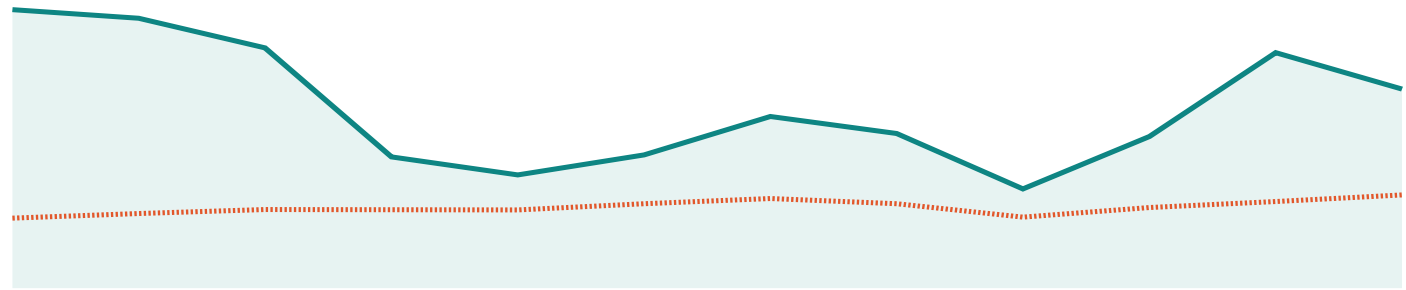
Reconciled figures (BACI): imports of $37B on that basis.

Largest import products

Product	2024	Share
Vehicles; with only spark-ignition internal combustion... 8703.24	$1.7B	4.5%
Vehicles; with only spark-ignition internal combustion... 8703.23	$1.5B	3.9%
Telephone sets; smartphones for cellular or other... 8517.13	$1.4B	3.7%
Jewellery; of precious metal (excluding silver) whether... 7113.19	$1.2B	3.2%
Medicaments; consisting of mixed or unmixed products... 3004.90	$1.1B	3.0%
Metals; gold, non-monetary, unwrought (but not powder) 7108.12	$1.1B	2.8%
Vehicles; with only spark-ignition internal combustion... 8703.22	$893M	2.4%
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons... 2711.11	$671M	1.8%

Kuwait'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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