🇱🇾 Libya: trade brief

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

Libya exported **$29B** of goods and imported **$18B** in 2025, a trade surplus of **$11B**. Its largest export market was Italy (22.8% of exports) and its largest supplier was China (22.0% of imports).

#70
largest exporter of 202 economies, and #91 importer
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23%
of exports go to 🇮🇹 Italy, the largest market

52%
of exports go to just three markets, out of 27

+11B
trade surplus: exports pay for 159% of imports

−3.2%
change in exports on 2024: $30B then, $29B in 2025

22%
of imports come from 🇨🇳 China, the largest supplier

Libya in 2025 and 2026: the latest figures

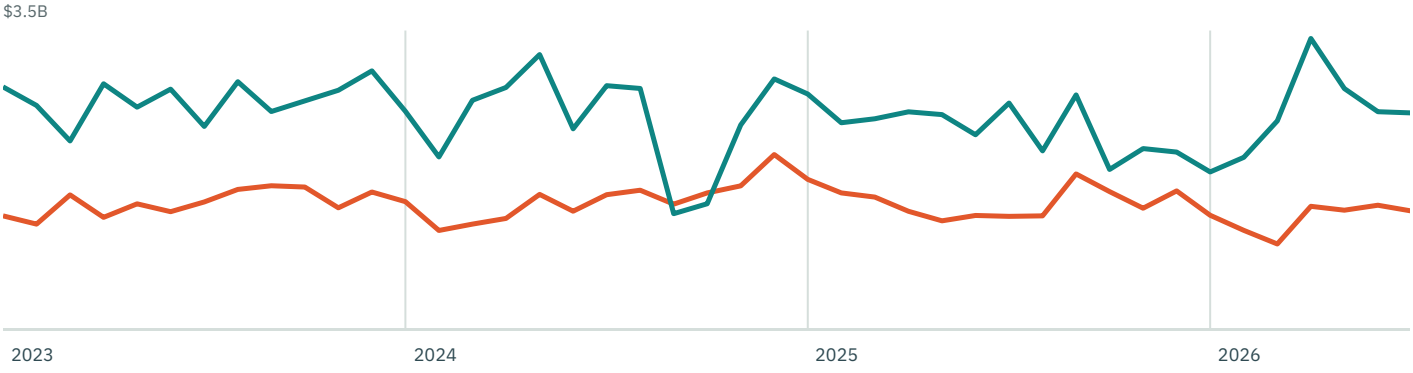
Monthly customs figures in US dollars from the IMF's trade-by-partner database. The newest month is Jul 2026.

$29B
Exports, 2025 **−3.2%** on 2024

$18B
Imports, 2025 **−0.7%** on 2024

$18B
Exports, Jan–Jul 2026 **−0.1%** on the same months of 2025

$9.4B
Imports, Jan–Jul 2026 **−10.3%** on the same months of 2025



Period	Exports	Imports	Balance
2026 (Jan–Jul)	$18B	$9.4B	+8.7B
2025	$29B	$18B	+11B
2024	$30B	$19B	+12B
2023	$33B	$18B	+15B
2022	$39B	$16B	+23B

Largest export markets in 2025 and 2026 so far

Export market	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
Italy †	$6.7B	−3.3%	22.8%	$4.9B	+22.1%
Germany †	$5.8B	+21.9%	19.8%	$3.5B	−2.0%
Spain †	$2.7B	+2.1%	9.2%	$2.8B	+55.3%
United Kingdom †	$2.6B	−8.0%	8.8%	$1.3B	−11.4%
France †	$2.4B	+9.3%	8.4%	$784M	−53.6%
Greece †	$2.0B	−23.1%	6.9%	$1.7B	+41.1%
Netherlands †	$1.4B	+11.8%	4.9%	$160M	−83.7%
Thailand †	$1.0B	+68.8%	3.5%	$898M	+54.5%
India †	$919M	+583.5%	3.1%	$872M	+74.8%
Austria †	$680M	−1.3%	2.3%	$122M	−73.6%

Largest suppliers in 2025 and 2026 so far

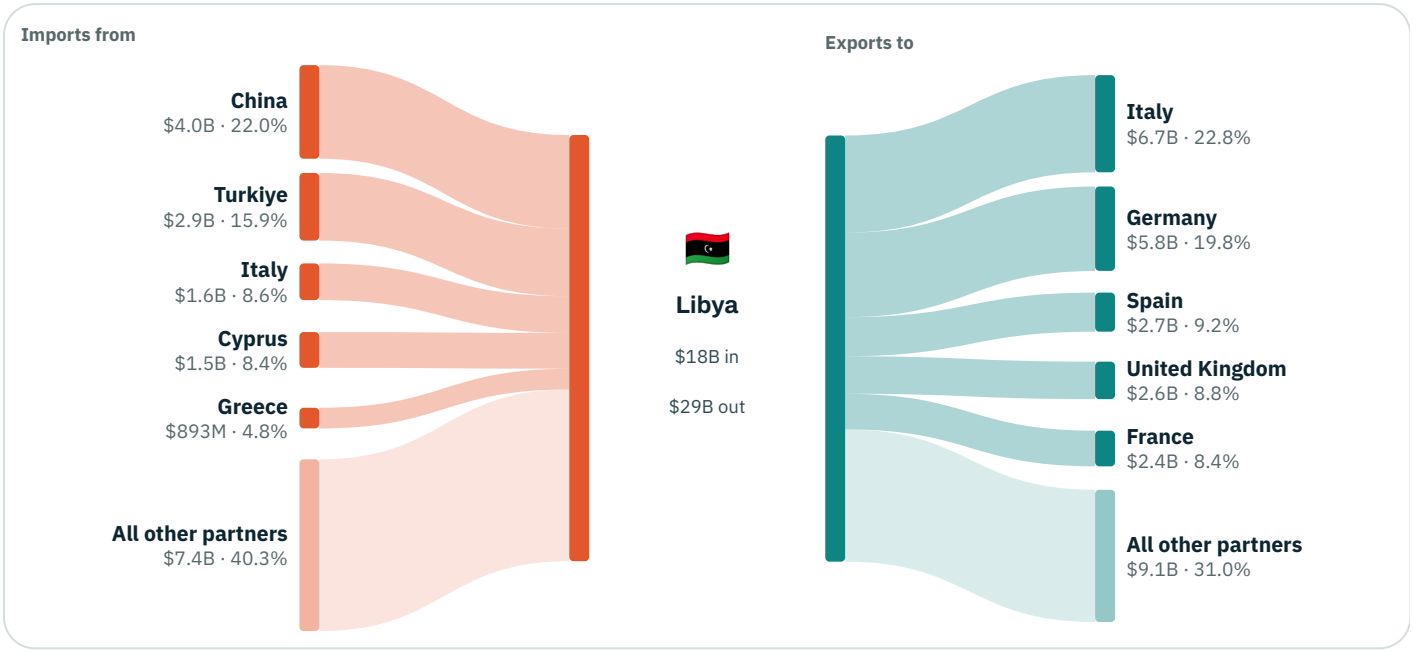
Supplier	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
China †	$4.0B	+12.8%	22.0%	$2.2B	−5.5%
Turkiye †	$2.9B	+4.4%	15.9%	$2.1B	+27.1%
Italy †	$1.6B	−35.7%	8.6%	$1.1B	+20.5%
Cyprus †	$1.5B	+82.8%	8.4%	$369M	−58.0%
Greece †	$893M	−24.6%	4.8%	$247M	−40.5%
Germany †	$888M	+35.7%	4.8%	$398M	−12.4%
United States †	$732M	+29.1%	4.0%	$209M	−54.6%
Netherlands †	$715M	+38.3%	3.9%	$468M	+10.4%
Brazil †	$587M	−10.3%	3.2%	$271M	−35.7%
India †	$544M	−18.7%	3.0%	$358M	+11.6%

† Libya 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 Libya'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 Libya exports, 2024

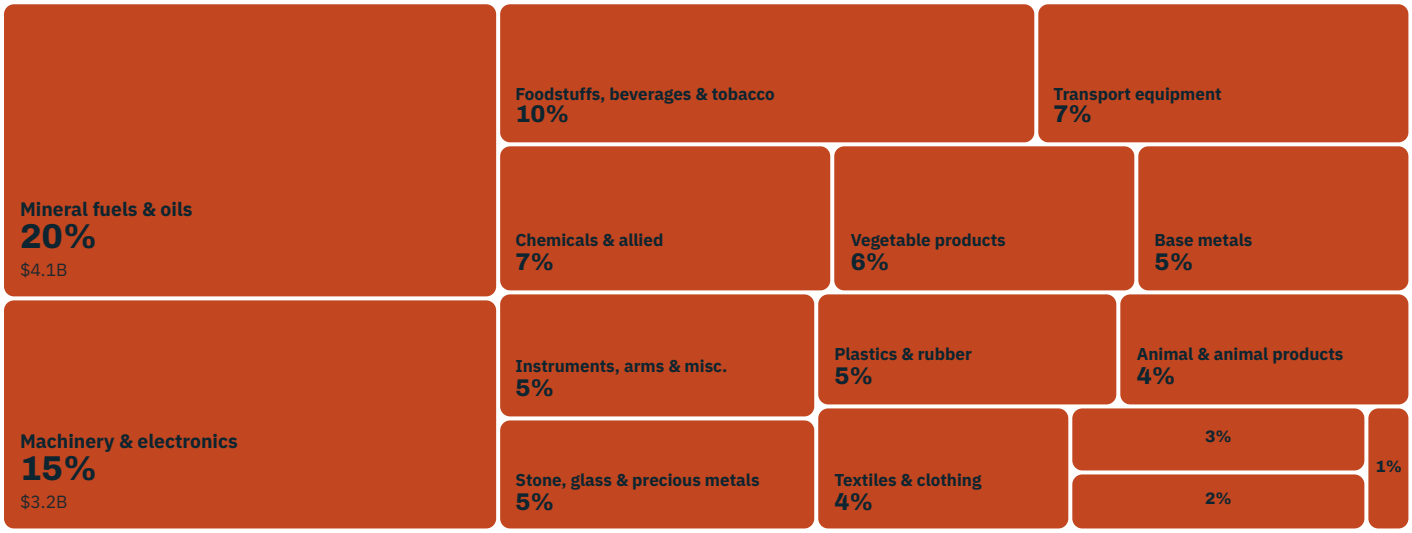


Reconciled figures (BACI): exports of $30B on that basis. 2024 is the newest year with product detail for every economy.

Largest export products

Product	2024	Share
Oils; petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous... 2709.00	$28B	90.9%
Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, not... 2710.00	$720M	2.4%
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons; in... 2711.21	$508M	1.7%
Ferrous products; obtained by direct reduction of iron... 7203.10	$228M	0.7%
Ammonia; anhydrous 2814.10	$182M	0.6%
Ferrous waste and scrap; n.e.c. in heading no. 7204 7204.49	$143M	0.5%
Copper; waste and scrap 7404.00	$128M	0.4%
Acyclic hydrocarbons; unsaturated, ethylene 2901.21	$106M	0.3%

What Libya imports, 2024



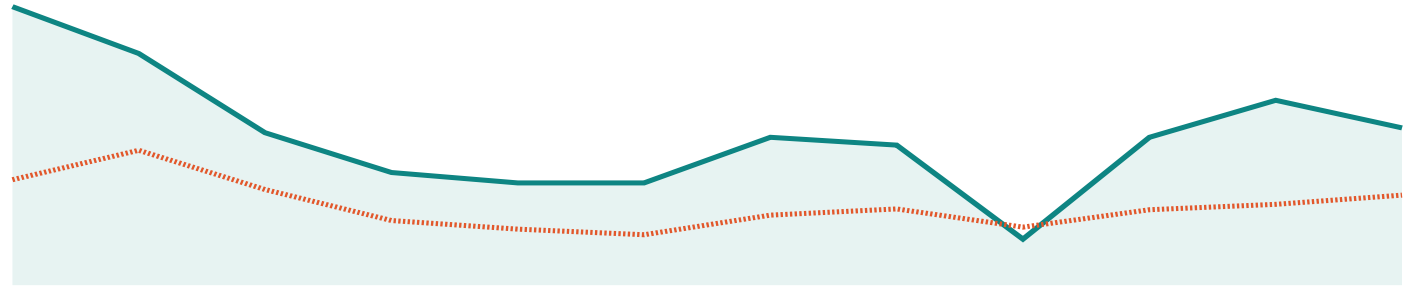
Reconciled figures (BACI): imports of $21B on that basis.

Largest import products

Product	2024	Share
Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, not... 2710.00	$4.0B	19.0%
Sugars; sucrose, chemically pure, in solid form, not... 1701.99	$483M	2.3%
Vehicles; with only spark-ignition internal combustion... 8703.23	$467M	2.2%
Jewellery; of precious metal (excluding silver) whether... 7113.19	$356M	1.7%
Iron ores and concentrates; agglomerated (excluding... 2601.12	$330M	1.6%
Medicaments; consisting of mixed or unmixed products... 3004.90	$237M	1.1%
Marble, travertine and alabaster; simply cut or sawn... 6802.21	$225M	1.1%
Cement; portland, other than white, whether or not... 2523.29	$201M	1.0%

Libya'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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