🇵🇼 Palau: trade brief

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

Palau exported **$50M** of goods and imported **$289M** in 2025, a trade deficit of **$240M**. Its largest export market was Colombia (84.1% of exports) and its largest supplier was United States (22.7% of imports).

#189
largest exporter of 202 economies, and #198 importer

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84%
of exports go to 🇨🇴 Colombia, the largest market

96%
of exports go to just three markets, out of 30

−240M
trade deficit: exports pay for 17% of imports

+200.2%
change in exports on 2024: $17M then, $50M in 2025

23%
of imports come from 🇺🇸 United States, the largest supplier

Palau in 2025 and 2026: the latest figures

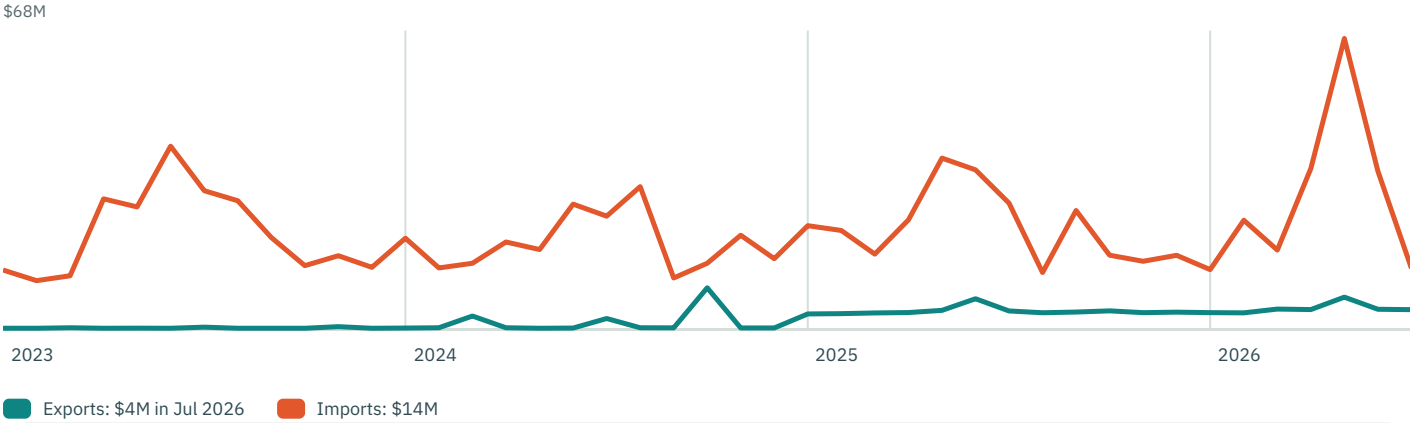
Monthly customs figures in US dollars from the IMF's trade-by-partner database. The newest month is Jul 2026.

$50M
Exports, 2025 **+200.2%** on 2024

$289M
Imports, 2025 **+18.0%** on 2024

$33M
Exports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+10.0%** on the same months of 2025

$216M
Imports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+9.0%** on the same months of 2025



Period	Exports	Imports	Balance
2026 (Jan–Jul)	$33M	$216M	−183M
2025	$50M	$289M	−240M
2024	$17M	$245M	−229M
2023	$2M	$271M	−269M
2022	$5M	$237M	−232M

Largest export markets in 2025 and 2026 so far

Export market	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
Colombia †	$42M	—	84.1%	$27M	+12.9%
Greece †	$4M	−25.2%	7.8%	$3M	−25.1%
Ecuador †	$2M	—	4.6%	$1M	+0.0%
Mexico †	$450,000	+82.9%	0.9%	$1M	+303.7%
Panama †	$401,000	+0.0%	0.8%	$234,000	+0.0%
United Arab Emirates †	$224,000	+16.1%	0.5%	$116,000	−2.5%
Taiwan †	$168,000	+0.0%	0.3%	$98,000	+0.0%
Japan †	$150,000	+145.9%	0.3%	$72,000	−42.4%
United States †	$72,000	−81.4%	0.1%	$53,000	+39.5%
Micronesia, Fed. Sts. †	$56,000	−67.3%	0.1%	$49,000	−3.9%

Largest suppliers in 2025 and 2026 so far

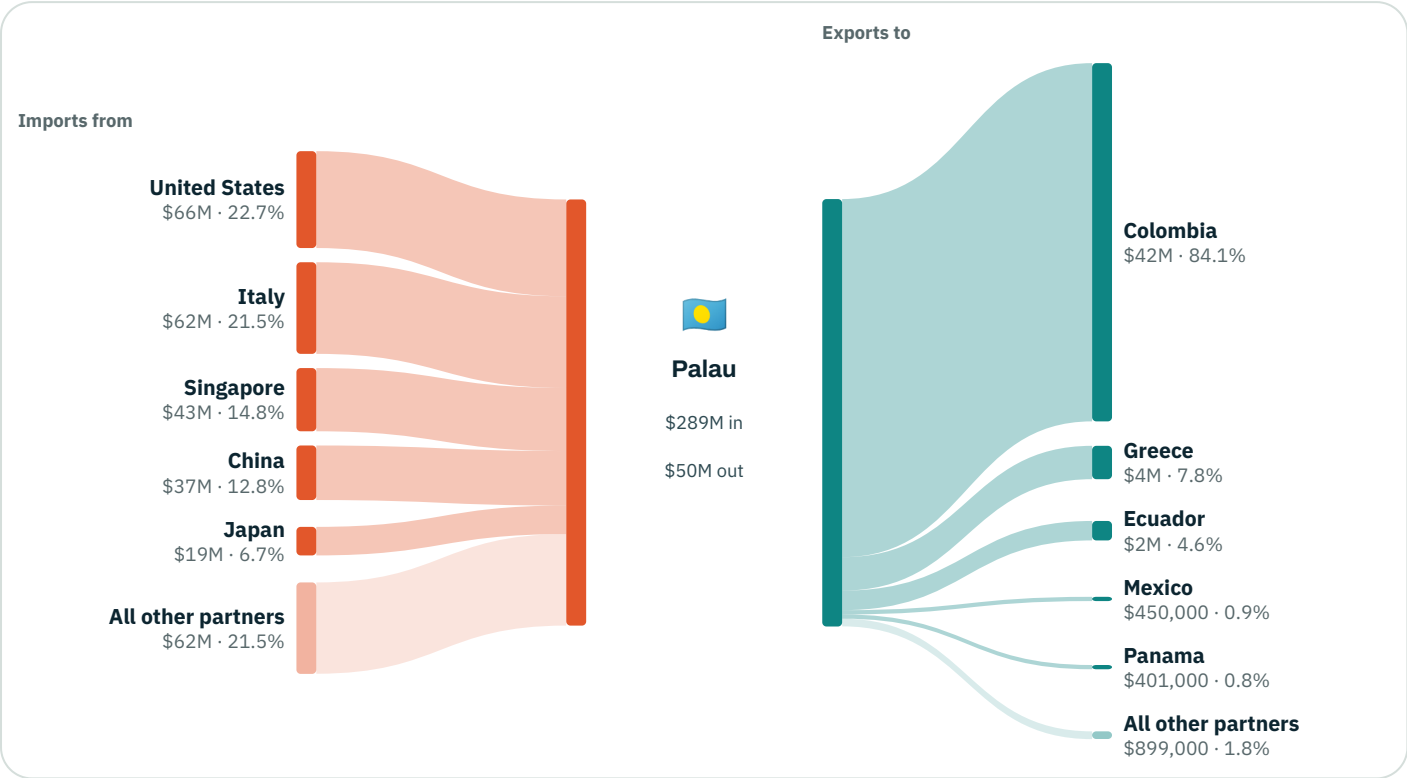
Supplier	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
United States †	$66M	+5.3%	22.8%	$52M	+43.8%
Italy †	$62M	+57.5%	21.5%	$53M	+2.6%
Singapore †	$43M	+25.1%	14.8%	$20M	−16.3%
China †	$37M	+38.5%	12.8%	$16M	−46.8%
Japan †	$19M	+14.6%	6.7%	$5M	−63.6%
South Korea †	$14M	−22.5%	5.0%	$8M	−28.3%
Guam †	$12M	+18.4%	4.2%	$9M	+5.3%
Philippines †	$11M	−6.1%	3.9%	$32M	+391.3%
Taiwan †	$9M	+0.0%	3.0%	$5M	+0.0%
Indonesia †	$4M	+492.6%	1.3%	$384,000	−88.3%

† Palau 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 Palau'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 Palau exports, 2024

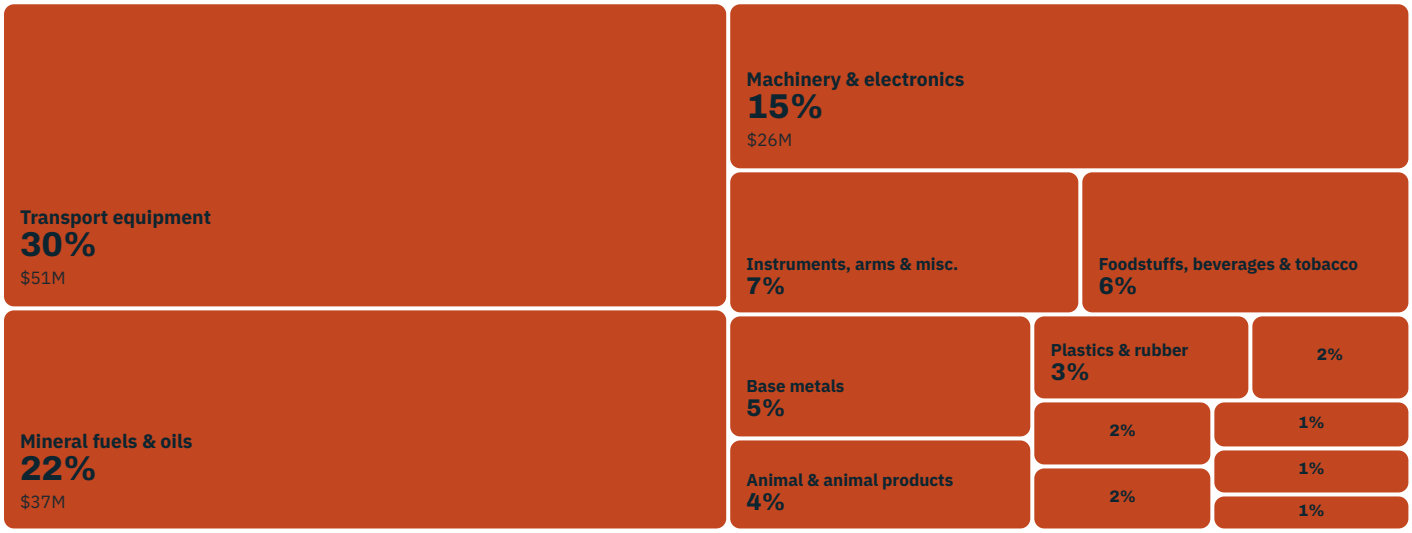


Reconciled figures (BACI): exports of $20M on that basis. 2024 is the newest year with product detail for every economy.

Largest export products

Product	2024	Share
Motorboats; (other than outboard motorboats), for... 8903.33	$11M	53.5%
Vessels; n.e.c. in heading no. 8901, for the transport of... 8901.90	$4M	22.7%
Vessels; light, fire-floats, floating cranes and other... 8905.90	$2M	7.6%
Ferrous waste and scrap; n.e.c. in heading no. 7204 7204.49	$449,000	2.3%
Turbines; parts of turbo-jets and turbo-propellers 8411.91	$411,000	2.1%
Fish; live, ornamental, freshwater 0301.11	$384,000	2.0%
Vessels; other, including lifeboats other than rowing... 8906.90	$354,000	1.8%
Insulated electric conductors; ignition wiring sets and... 8544.30	$261,000	1.3%

What Palau imports, 2024



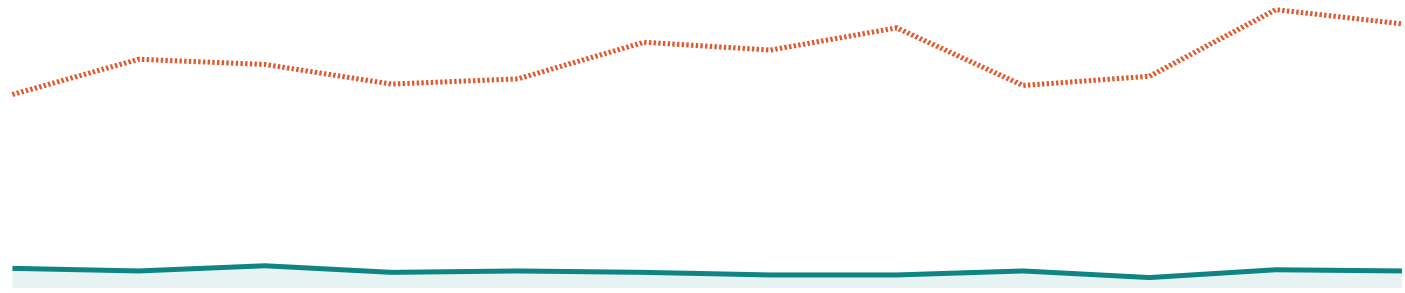
Reconciled figures (BACI): imports of $172M on that basis.

Largest import products

Product	2024	Share
Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, not... 2710.00	$37M	21.3%
Motorboats; (other than outboard motorboats), for... 8903.32	$26M	14.9%
Vessels; n.e.c. in heading no. 8901, for the transport of... 8901.90	$10M	5.9%
Machinery parts; not containing electrical connectors... 8487.90	$6M	3.3%
Buildings; modular building units, of steel 9406.20	$5M	2.7%
Tankers 8901.20	$3M	1.6%
Vessels; (other than sailboats and motorboats), for... 8903.99	$2M	1.3%
Machinery; for filtering or purifying water 8421.21	$2M	1.3%

Palau'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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