🇷🇼 Rwanda: trade brief

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

Rwanda exported **$2.2B** of goods and imported **$5.4B** in 2025, a trade deficit of **$3.1B**. Its largest export market was DR Congo (39.5% of exports) and its largest supplier was China (23.4% of imports).

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largest exporter of 202 economies, and #140 importer

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39%
of exports go to 🇨🇩 DR Congo, the largest market

72%
of exports go to just three markets, out of 112

−3.1B
trade deficit: exports pay for 42% of imports

−27.0%
change in exports on 2024: $3.0B then, $2.2B in 2025

23%
of imports come from 🇨🇳 China, the largest supplier

Rwanda in 2025 and 2026: the latest figures

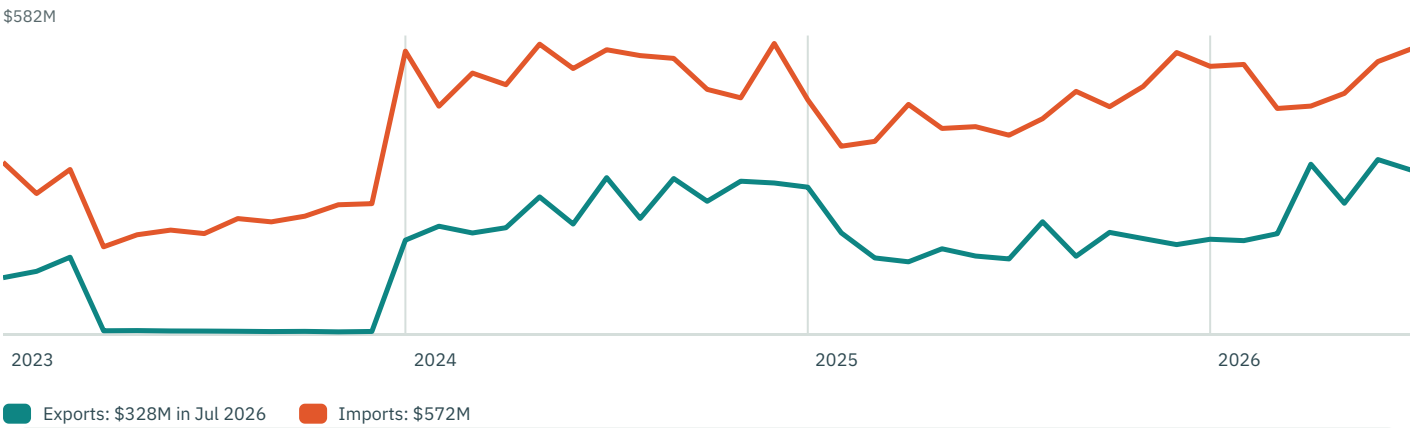
Monthly customs figures in US dollars from the IMF's trade-by-partner database. The newest month is Jul 2026.

$2.2B
Exports, 2025 **−27.0%** on 2024

$5.4B
Imports, 2025 **−16.2%** on 2024

$1.9B
Exports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+46.3%** on the same months of 2025

$3.6B
Imports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+22.9%** on the same months of 2025



Period	Exports	Imports	Balance
2026 (Jan–Jul)	$1.9B	$3.6B	−1.7B
2025	$2.2B	$5.4B	−3.1B
2024	$3.0B	$6.4B	−3.3B
2023	$435M	$2.9B	−2.5B
2022	$1.6B	$3.9B	−2.3B

Largest export markets in 2025 and 2026 so far

Export market	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
DR Congo †	$877M	−1.4%	39.5%	$747M	+43.1%
United Arab Emirates †	$572M	−63.5%	25.7%	$487M	+43.1%
China †	$160M	+89.1%	7.2%	$89M	−5.9%
Luxembourg †	$52M	−5.6%	2.4%	$52M	+2339.4%
United States †	$42M	+54.6%	1.9%	$61M	+215.3%
United Kingdom †	$40M	+7.9%	1.8%	$21M	+1.5%
Uganda †	$39M	+110.2%	1.8%	$33M	+43.1%
Belgium †	$36M	+142.0%	1.6%	$63M	+401.8%
Egypt †	$35M	+202.7%	1.6%	$22M	+8.0%
Pakistan †	$27M	+7.4%	1.2%	$23M	+43.1%

Largest suppliers in 2025 and 2026 so far

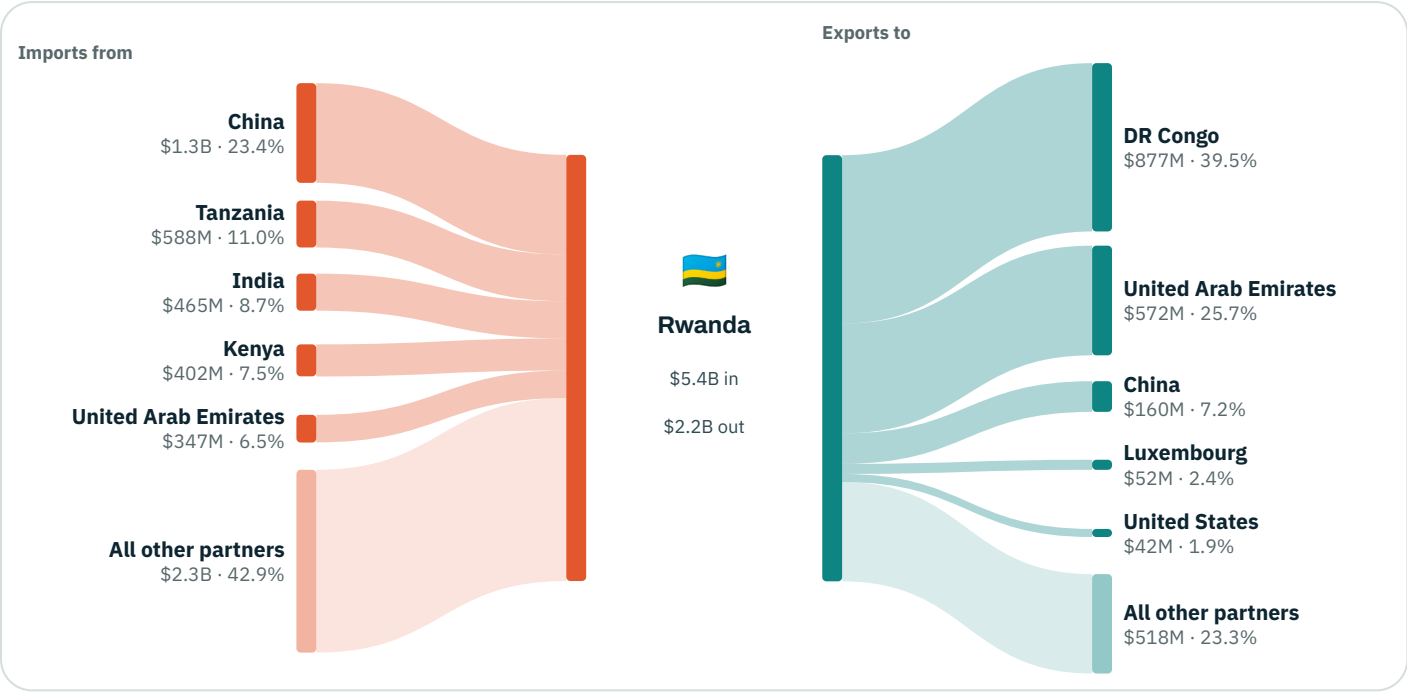
Supplier	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
China †	$1.3B	+6.5%	23.4%	$884M	+26.5%
Tanzania †	$588M	−34.9%	11.0%	$330M	−5.1%
India †	$465M	−9.6%	8.7%	$270M	+5.4%
Kenya †	$402M	−50.6%	7.5%	$237M	+6.9%
United Arab Emirates †	$347M	−7.7%	6.5%	$204M	+7.2%
Uganda †	$281M	+13.4%	5.3%	$196M	+26.4%
Malaysia †	$146M	+23.5%	2.7%	$97M	+20.2%
Japan †	$121M	+13.3%	2.3%	$20M	−70.4%
Cameroon †	$120M	−70.9%	2.3%	$84M	+26.3%
United States †	$115M	+37.3%	2.1%	$174M	+178.3%

† Rwanda 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 Rwanda'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 Rwanda exports, 2024



Reconciled figures (BACI): exports of $580M on that basis. 2024 is the newest year with product detail for every economy.

Largest export products

Product	2024	Share
Niobium, tantalum, vanadium ores and concentrates 2615.90	$118M	20.4%
Coffee; not roasted or decaffeinated 0901.11	$94M	16.1%
Tin ores and concentrates 2609.00	$79M	13.6%
Tea, black; (fermented) and partly fermented tea, in... 0902.40	$60M	10.3%
Helicopters, except unmanned; of an unladen weight... 8802.12	$48M	8.2%
Tin; unwrought, not alloyed 8001.10	$25M	4.3%
Tungsten ores and concentrates 2611.00	$18M	3.1%
Coats; women's or girls', overcoats, raincoats... 6202.40	$14M	2.5%

What Rwanda imports, 2024



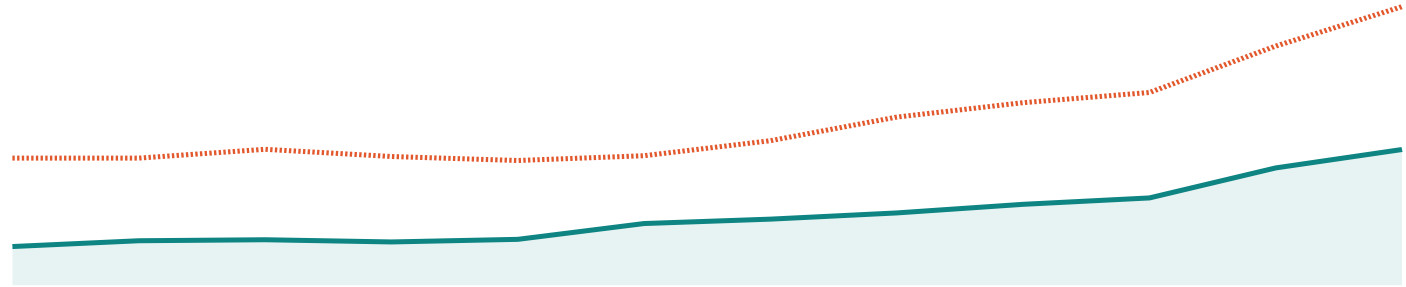
Reconciled figures (BACI): imports of $2.1B on that basis.

Largest import products

Product	2024	Share
Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, not... 2710.00	$87M	4.1%
Telephone sets; smartphones for cellular or other... 8517.13	$71M	3.4%
Sugars; sucrose, chemically pure, in solid form, not... 1701.99	$61M	2.9%
Medicaments; consisting of mixed or unmixed products... 3004.90	$48M	2.3%
Fish; frozen, n.e.c. in heading 0303, excluding fillets... 0303.89	$40M	1.9%
Fish; frozen, mackerel (Scomber scombrus, Scomber... 0303.54	$33M	1.6%
Cereals; rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or... 1006.30	$31M	1.5%
Finishing ceramics 6907.40	$30M	1.4%

Rwanda'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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