🇸🇦 Saudi Arabia: trade brief

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

Saudi Arabia exported **$310B** of goods and imported **$253B** in 2025, a trade surplus of **$57B**. Its largest export market was China (14.5% of exports) and its largest supplier was China (27.4% of imports).

#26
largest exporter of 202 economies, and #26 importer
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15%
of exports go to 🇨🇳 China, the largest market

34%
of exports go to just three markets, out of 176

+57B
trade surplus: exports pay for 123% of imports

+2.2%
change in exports on 2024: $304B then, $310B in 2025

27%
of imports come from 🇨🇳 China, the largest supplier

Saudi Arabia in 2025 and 2026: the latest figures

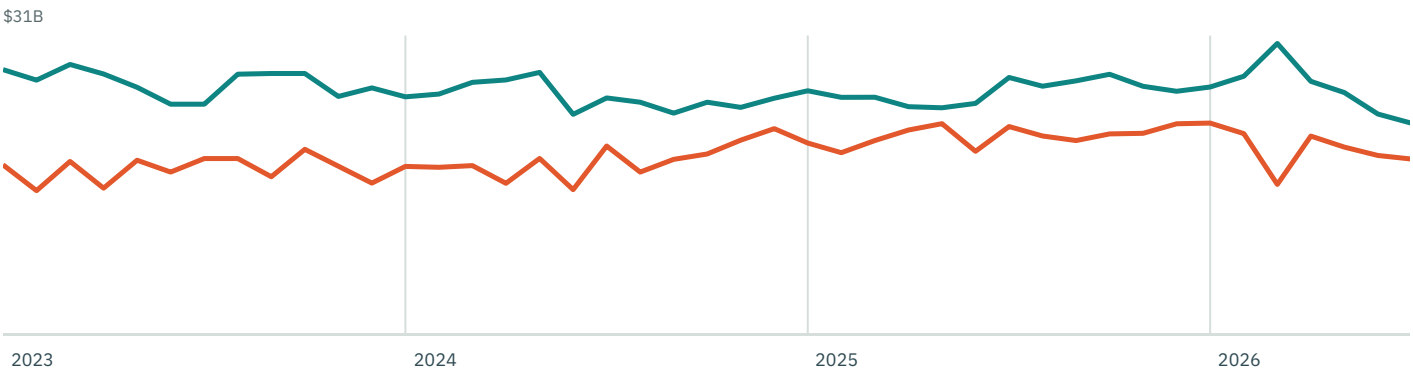
Monthly customs figures in US dollars from the IMF's trade-by-partner database. The newest month is Jul 2026.

$310B
Exports, 2025 **+2.2%** on 2024

$253B
Imports, 2025 **+14.3%** on 2024

$184B
Exports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+3.8%** on the same months of 2025

$139B
Imports, Jan–Jul 2026 **−5.2%** on the same months of 2025



Period	Exports	Imports	Balance
2026 (Jan–Jul)	$184B	$139B	+45B
2025	$310B	$253B	+57B
2024	$304B	$222B	+82B
2023	$322B	$211B	+111B
2022	$407B	$184B	+224B

Largest export markets in 2025 and 2026 so far

Export market	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
🇨🇳 China	$45B	−2.6%	14.5%	$25B	−6.9%
🇦🇪 United Arab Emirates	$32B	+37.6%	10.2%	$17B	+1.4%
🇮🇳 India	$29B	+6.8%	9.4%	$17B	+0.8%
🇯🇵 Japan	$26B	−8.1%	8.4%	$16B	+5.9%
🇰🇷 South Korea	$26B	−8.8%	8.4%	$16B	+8.3%
🇺🇸 United States	$13B	+1.9%	4.2%	$4.8B	−27.7%
🇪🇬 Egypt	$11B	+33.9%	3.7%	$7.3B	+8.6%
🇧🇭 Bahrain	$9.8B	−0.6%	3.2%	$3.2B	−35.3%
🇵🇱 Poland	$8.8B	−17.6%	2.8%	$5.9B	+24.3%
🇲🇹 Malta	$7.0B	+37.5%	2.3%	$7.2B	+94.5%

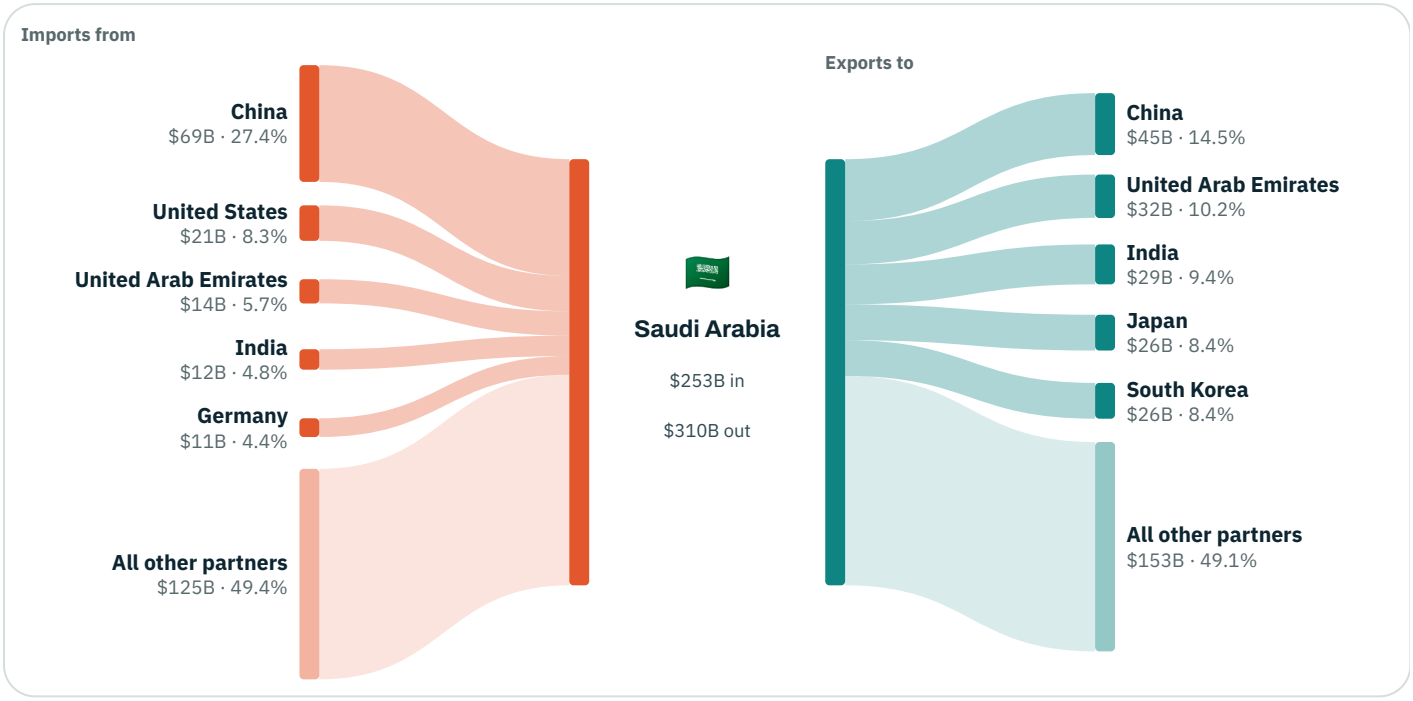
Largest suppliers in 2025 and 2026 so far

Supplier	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
🇨🇳 China	$69B	+33.0%	27.4%	$37B	−6.7%
🇺🇸 United States	$21B	+12.5%	8.3%	$11B	−4.4%
🇦🇪 United Arab Emirates	$14B	+13.8%	5.7%	$9.1B	+8.8%
🇮🇳 India	$12B	−1.7%	4.8%	$6.2B	−14.4%
🇩🇪 Germany	$11B	+15.2%	4.4%	$5.7B	−9.3%
🇯🇵 Japan	$10B	+35.1%	4.0%	$4.1B	−28.6%
🇮🇹 Italy	$8.2B	+5.0%	3.2%	$4.5B	−3.4%
🇫🇷 France	$7.0B	+45.5%	2.8%	$4.0B	+4.8%
🇨🇭 Switzerland	$6.7B	−5.5%	2.6%	$6.8B	+79.7%
🇪🇬 Egypt	$6.6B	−12.8%	2.6%	$5.8B	+49.4%

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 Saudi Arabia'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 Saudi Arabia exports, 2024

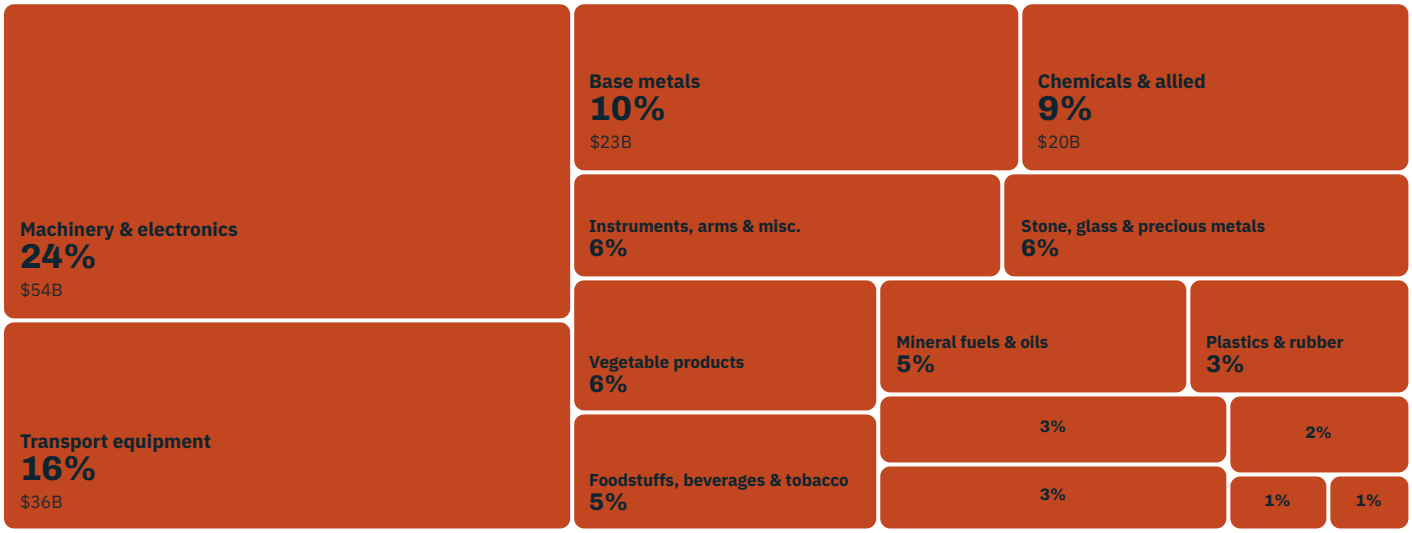


Reconciled figures (BACI): exports of $308B on that basis. 2024 is the newest year with product detail for every economy.

Largest export products

Product	2024	Share
Oils; petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous... 2709.00	$187B	60.7%
Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, not... 2710.00	$29B	9.4%
Ethylene polymers; in primary forms, polyethylene having... 3901.20	$4.7B	1.5%
Propylene, other olefin polymers; polypropylene in... 3902.10	$4.4B	1.4%
Telephone sets; smartphones for cellular or other... 8517.13	$4.3B	1.4%
Ethylene polymers; in primary forms, polyethylene having... 3901.10	$4.2B	1.4%
Vessels; other, including lifeboats other than rowing... 8906.90	$3.2B	1.0%
Alcohols; acyclic, diols; ethylene glycol (ethanediol) 2905.31	$2.8B	0.9%

What Saudi Arabia imports, 2024



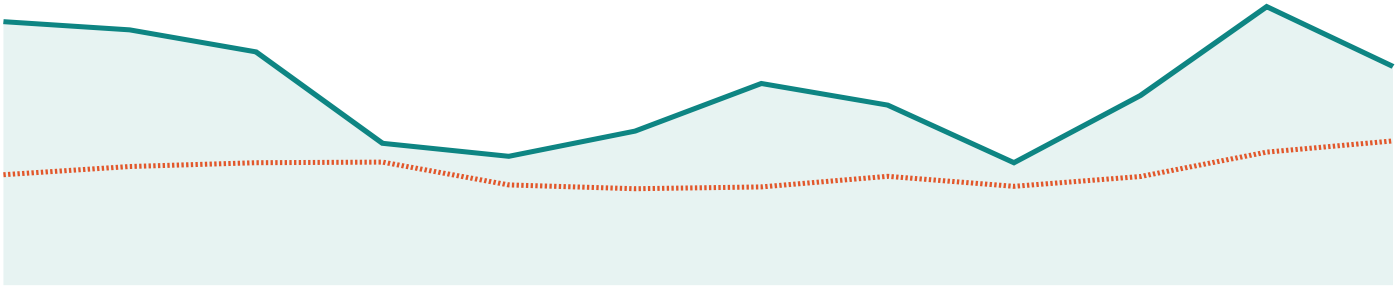
Reconciled figures (BACI): imports of $223B on that basis.

Largest import products

Product	2024	Share
Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, not... 2710.00	$10B	4.6%
Metals; gold, non-monetary, unwrought (but not powder) 7108.12	$7.9B	3.6%
Telephone sets; smartphones for cellular or other... 8517.13	$6.8B	3.1%
Vehicles; with only spark-ignition internal combustion... 8703.22	$6.8B	3.0%
Vehicles; with only spark-ignition internal combustion... 8703.23	$5.4B	2.4%
Vehicles; with only spark-ignition internal combustion... 8703.21	$4.8B	2.1%
Medicaments; consisting of mixed or unmixed products... 3004.90	$3.3B	1.5%
Aeroplanes and other aircraft, except unmanned; of an... 8802.40	$2.7B	1.2%

Saudi Arabia'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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