🇸🇧 Solomon Islands: trade brief

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

Solomon Islands exported **$731M** of goods and imported **$791M** in 2025, a trade deficit of **$60M**. Its largest export market was Malaysia (30.7% of exports) and its largest supplier was China (37.3% of imports).

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largest exporter of 202 economies, and #182 importer

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31%
of exports go to 🇲🇾 Malaysia, the largest market

76%
of exports go to just three markets, out of 54

−60M
trade deficit: exports pay for 92% of imports

+58.7%
change in exports on 2024: $460M then, $731M in 2025

37%
of imports come from 🇨🇳 China, the largest supplier

Solomon Islands in 2025 and 2026: the latest figures

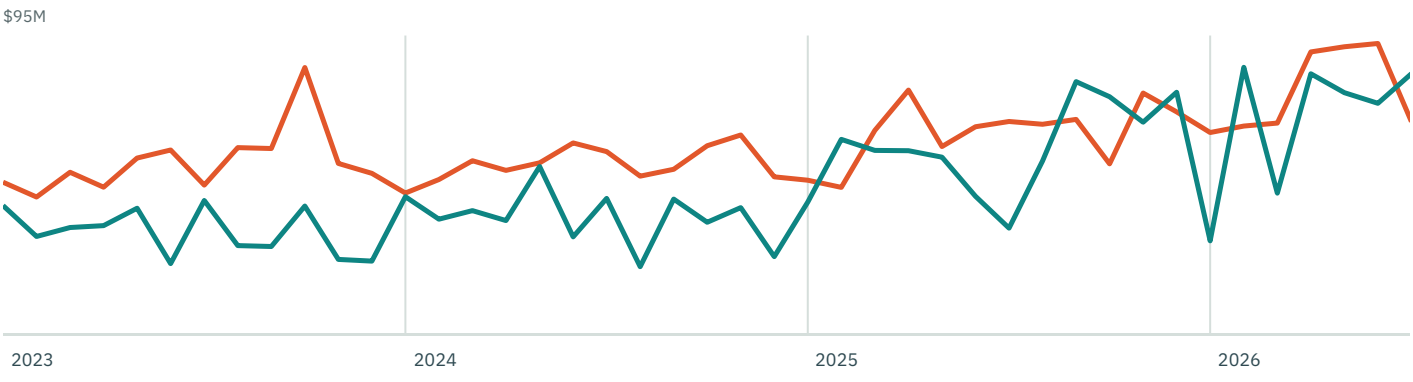
Monthly customs figures in US dollars from the IMF's trade-by-partner database. The newest month is Jul 2026.

$731M
Exports, 2025 **+58.7%** on 2024

$791M
Imports, 2025 **+18.1%** on 2024

$489M
Exports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+34.1%** on the same months of 2025

$555M
Imports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+25.0%** on the same months of 2025



Period	Exports	Imports	Balance
2026 (Jan–Jul)	$489M	$555M	−65M
2025	$731M	$791M	−60M
2024	$460M	$670M	−209M
2023	$400M	$680M	−280M
2022	$395M	$626M	−231M

Largest export markets in 2025 and 2026 so far

Export market	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
Malaysia †	$224M	+2166.3%	30.7%	$148M	+44.9%
China †	$198M	−18.1%	27.1%	$141M	+20.5%
Australia †	$135M	+140.5%	18.5%	$90M	+53.4%
Italy †	$34M	−38.1%	4.7%	$17M	+35.5%
Netherlands †	$27M	+27.1%	3.7%	$13M	−36.3%
Spain †	$19M	+47.6%	2.6%	$7M	+10.4%
Switzerland †	$16M	+34.3%	2.1%	$13M	+51.6%
Taiwan †	$13M	+34.1%	1.7%	$8M	+28.3%
United Kingdom †	$10M	+16.1%	1.4%	$10M	+190.6%
Bangladesh †	$8M	+367.0%	1.0%	$4M	+135.9%

Largest suppliers in 2025 and 2026 so far

Supplier	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
China †	$295M	+25.7%	37.3%	$240M	+41.0%
Singapore †	$120M	+1.3%	15.2%	$95M	+30.4%
Australia †	$98M	+19.9%	12.4%	$65M	+28.9%
New Zealand †	$39M	+67.4%	5.0%	$13M	−37.6%
Indonesia †	$30M	+16.9%	3.8%	$16M	−3.2%
Malaysia †	$29M	+7.9%	3.7%	$24M	+53.1%
Papua New Guinea †	$25M	−20.7%	3.2%	$13M	−13.8%
Japan †	$24M	+36.7%	3.1%	$14M	+15.9%
Taiwan †	$24M	+35.0%	3.0%	$21M	+79.5%
United States †	$21M	+43.5%	2.7%	$10M	−16.4%

† Solomon Islands had not yet reported this flow, so the IMF derived it from the partner's own records. Treat these as provisional.

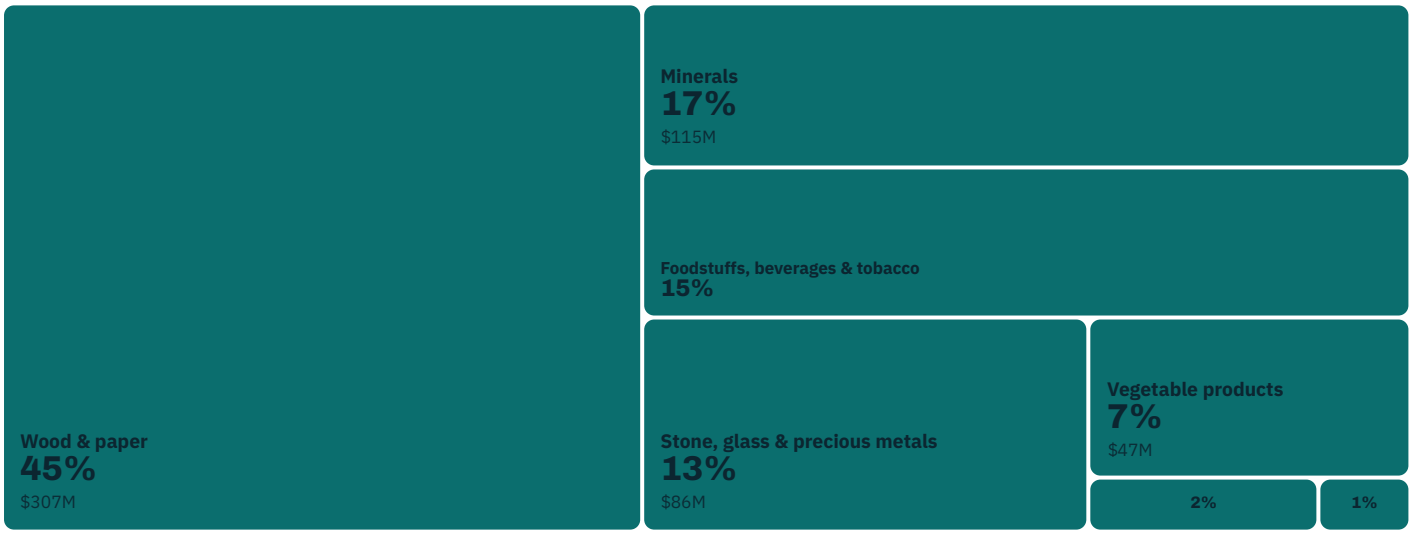
Source: International Monetary Fund, International Trade in Goods by partner country, retrieved 2026-11-15. The IMF collects each economy's national customs figures and converts them to US dollars at the average exchange rate of the month the goods moved. Imports include freight and insurance; exports 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 Solomon Islands'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 Solomon Islands exports, 2024

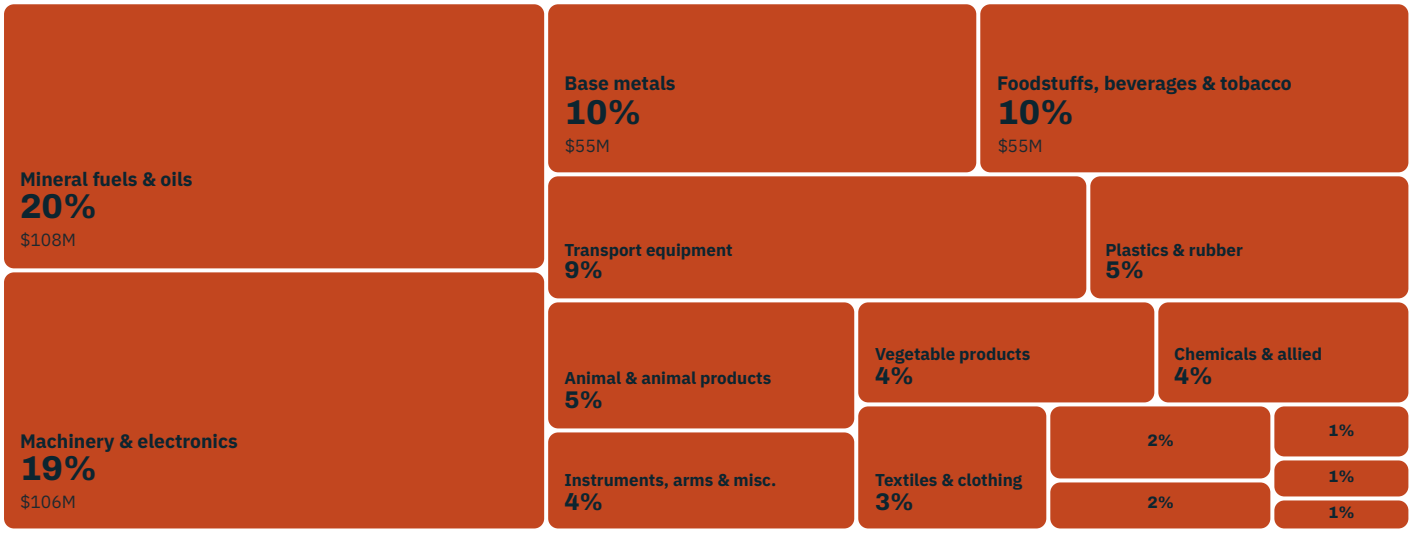


Reconciled figures (BACI): exports of $678M on that basis. 2024 is the newest year with product detail for every economy.

Largest export products

Product	2024	Share
Wood, tropical; other than dark red meranti, light red... 4403.49	$208M	30.6%
Metals; gold, non-monetary, unwrought (but not powder) 7108.12	$86M	12.7%
Fish preparations; tunas, skipjack tuna and bonito (Sarda... 1604.14	$86M	12.7%
Precious metal ores and concentrates; (excluding silver) 2616.90	$76M	11.2%
Wood; in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or... 4403.99	$71M	10.4%
Nickel ores and concentrates 2604.00	$39M	5.7%
Vegetable oils; palm oil and its fractions, crude, not... 1511.10	$26M	3.8%
Cocoa beans; whole or broken, raw or roasted 1801.00	$14M	2.0%

What Solomon Islands imports, 2024



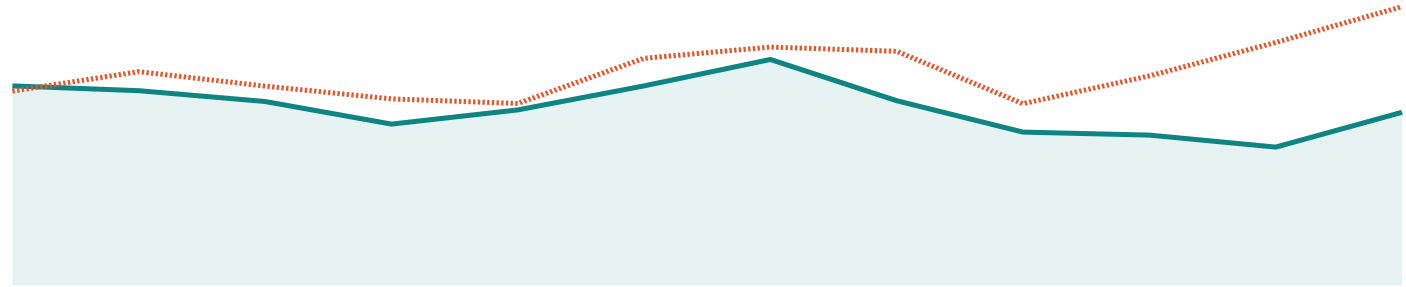
Reconciled figures (BACI): imports of $555M on that basis.

Largest import products

Product	2024	Share
Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, not... 2710.00	$104M	18.8%
Meat and edible offal; of fowls of the species Gallus... 0207.14	$10M	1.8%
Electric accumulators; lithium-ion, including separators... 8507.60	$9M	1.6%
Sugars; sucrose, chemically pure, in solid form, not... 1701.99	$8M	1.5%
Food preparations; pasta (excluding stuffed), cooked or... 1902.30	$8M	1.5%
Cereals; rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or... 1006.30	$8M	1.4%
Mechanical shovels, excavators and shovel loaders; with a... 8429.52	$8M	1.4%
Vehicles; with only compression-ignition internal... 8704.23	$8M	1.4%

Solomon Islands'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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