🇸🇸 South Sudan: trade brief

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

South Sudan exported **$3.3B** of goods and imported **$913M** in 2025, a trade surplus of **$2.4B**. Its largest export market was Malaysia (36.6% of exports) and its largest supplier was Uganda (57.3% of imports).

#131
largest exporter of 202 economies, and #178 importer
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37%
of exports go to 🇲🇾 Malaysia, the largest market

73%
of exports go to just three markets, out of 42

+2.4B
trade surplus: exports pay for 361% of imports

+39.5%
change in exports on 2024: $2.4B then, $3.3B in 2025

57%
of imports come from 🇺🇬 Uganda, the largest supplier

South Sudan in 2025 and 2026: the latest figures

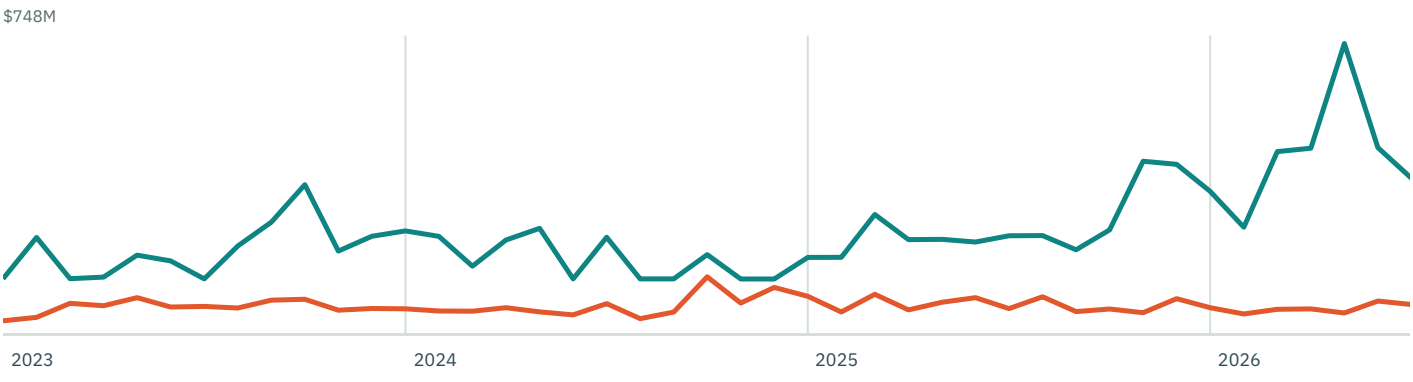
Monthly customs figures in US dollars from the IMF's trade-by-partner database. The newest month is Jul 2026.

$3.3B
Exports, 2025 **+39.5%** on 2024

$913M
Imports, 2025 **+5.2%** on 2024

$3.2B
Exports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+92.1%** on the same months of 2025

$457M
Imports, Jan–Jul 2026 **−17.5%** on the same months of 2025



Period	Exports	Imports	Balance
2026 (Jan–Jul)	$3.2B	$457M	+2.8B
2025	$3.3B	$913M	+2.4B
2024	$2.4B	$868M	+1.5B
2023	$2.6B	$824M	+1.7B
2022	$2.2B	$627M	+1.6B

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 †	$1.2B	−0.0%	36.6%	$703M	+0.0%
United Arab Emirates †	$630M	—	19.1%	$367M	+0.0%
Singapore †	$570M	+83.7%	17.3%	$270M	+30.9%
Italy †	$383M	+0.0%	11.6%	$223M	+0.0%
China †	$358M	+0.3%	10.9%	$1.6B	+1634.8%
Oman †	$41M	—	1.2%	$24M	+0.0%
Thailand †	$37M	+0.0%	1.1%	$22M	+0.0%
India †	$32M	+0.0%	1.0%	$19M	+0.0%
Uganda †	$22M	+0.0%	0.7%	$13M	+0.0%
Russia †	$13M	−0.1%	0.4%	$7M	+3.3%

Largest suppliers in 2025 and 2026 so far

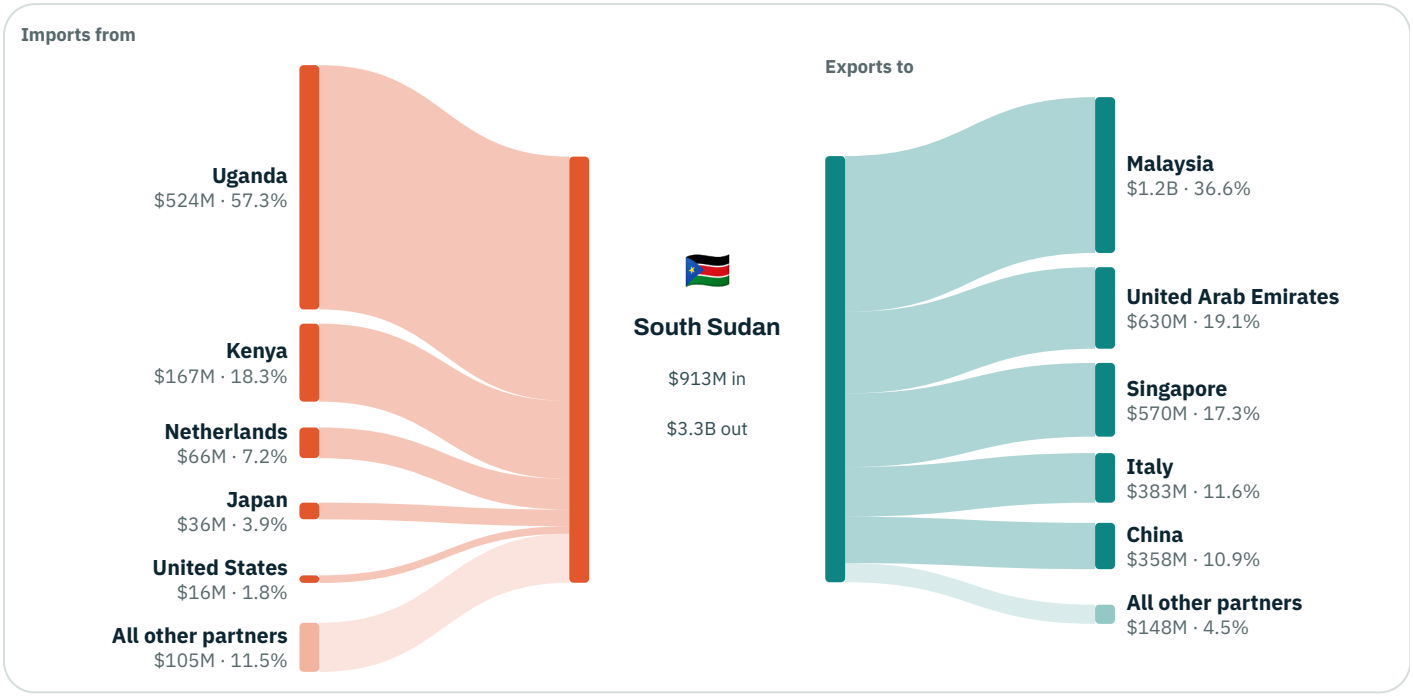
Supplier	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
Uganda †	$524M	+12.8%	57.3%	$228M	−29.7%
Kenya †	$167M	+7.0%	18.3%	$73M	−29.7%
Netherlands †	$66M	+23.3%	7.2%	$57M	+39.9%
Japan †	$36M	−24.6%	3.9%	$30M	+98.9%
United States †	$16M	−3.3%	1.8%	$4M	−55.1%
Egypt †	$13M	+1.1%	1.4%	$16M	+179.5%
India †	$12M	+0.0%	1.3%	$7M	+0.0%
Sudan †	$10M	−79.4%	1.1%	$6M	−6.5%
Rwanda †	$9M	—	1.0%	$4M	−29.7%
Russia †	$8M	−3.3%	0.8%	$5M	+13.7%

† South Sudan 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 South Sudan'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 South Sudan exports, 2024

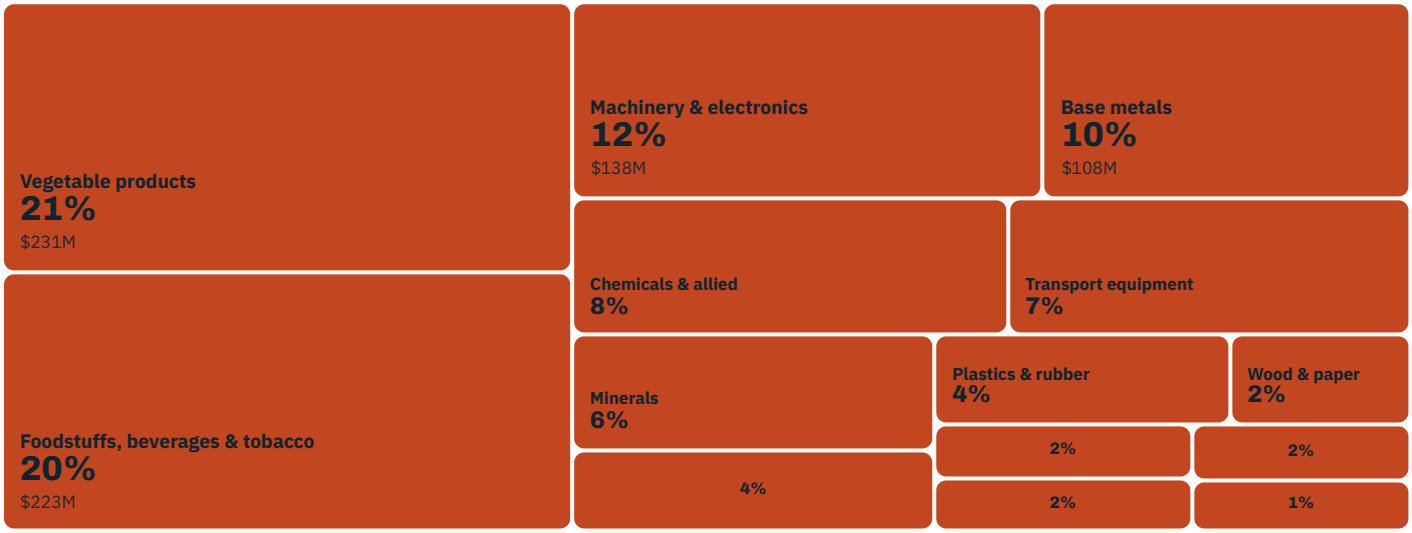


Reconciled figures (BACI): exports of $507M on that basis. 2024 is the newest year with product detail for every economy.

Largest export products

Product	2024	Share
Oils; petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous... 2709.00	$397M	78.3%
Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, not... 2710.00	$70M	13.8%
Ferrous waste and scrap; of tinned iron or steel 7204.30	$22M	4.3%
Copper; waste and scrap 7404.00	$3M	0.5%
Gum Arabic 1301.20	$2M	0.5%
Fish; salted or in brine, not dried or smoked, other than... 0305.69	$2M	0.4%
Fish; dried, whether or not salted but not smoked, other... 0305.59	$2M	0.4%
Wood; charcoal of wood other than bamboo, nut or shell... 4402.90	$2M	0.4%

What South Sudan imports, 2024



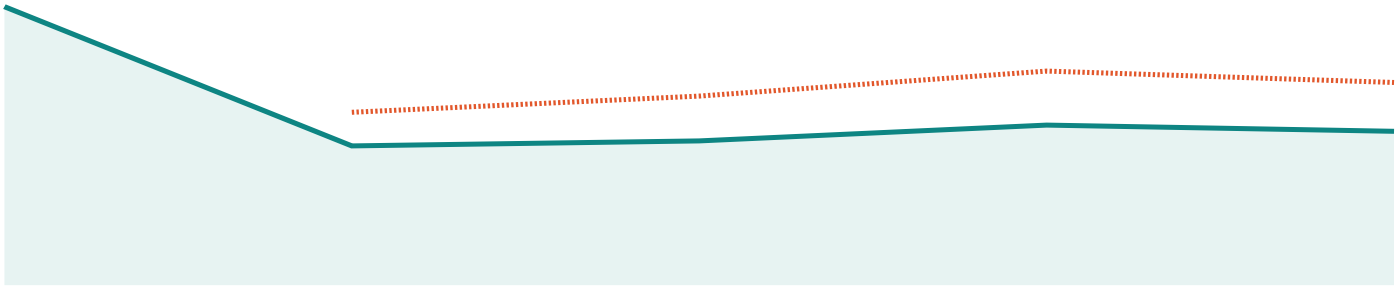
Reconciled figures (BACI): imports of $1.1B on that basis.

Largest import products

Product	2024	Share
Cement; portland, other than white, whether or not... 2523.29	$58M	5.1%
Food preparations; n.e.c. in item no. 2106.10 2106.90	$49M	4.3%
Cereal flour; of maize (corn) 1102.20	$46M	4.1%
Sugars; sucrose, chemically pure, in solid form, not... 1701.99	$45M	4.0%
Wheat or meslin flour 1101.00	$41M	3.6%
Iron or non-alloy steel; bars and rods, hot-rolled... 7214.20	$32M	2.8%
Vegetable oils; palm oil and its fractions, other than... 1511.90	$25M	2.2%
Waters; including mineral and aerated, containing added... 2202.10	$24M	2.2%

South Sudan's trade over the long run

Merchandise exports and imports, World Bank series, current US dollars.



Exports Imports 2019–2023

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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