🇹🇱 Timor-Leste: trade brief

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

Timor-Leste exported **$90M** of goods and imported **$914M** in 2025, a trade deficit of **$824M**. Its largest export market was China (28.8% of exports) and its largest supplier was Indonesia (39.0% of imports).

#183
largest exporter of 202 economies, and #177 importer
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29%
of exports go to 🇨🇳 China, the largest market

65%
of exports go to just three markets, out of 51

−824M
trade deficit: exports pay for 10% of imports

+185.1%
change in exports on 2024: $32M then, $90M in 2025

39%
of imports come from 🇮🇩 Indonesia, the largest supplier

Timor-Leste in 2025 and 2026: the latest figures

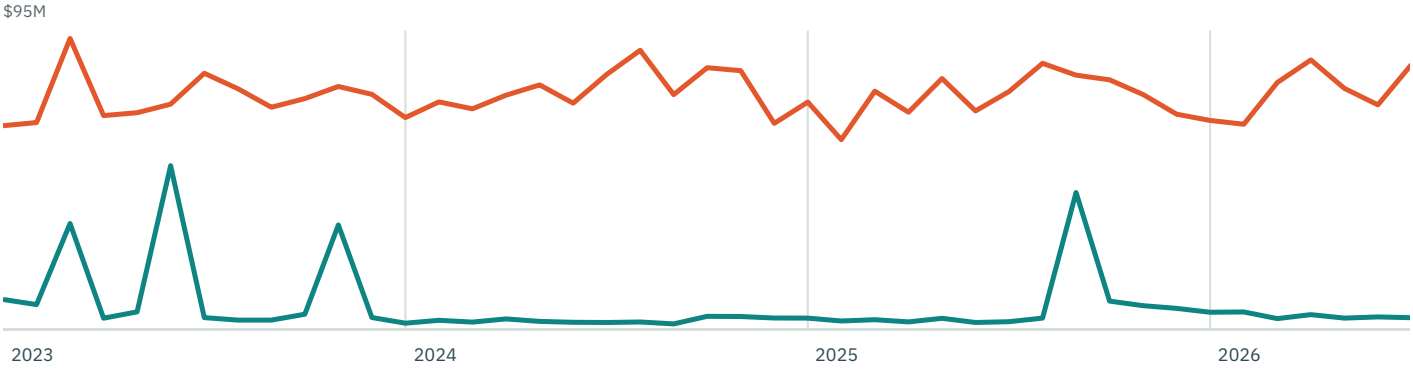
Monthly customs figures in US dollars from the IMF's trade-by-partner database. The newest month is Jul 2026.

$90M
Exports, 2025 **+185.1%** on 2024

$914M
Imports, 2025 **−2.1%** on 2024

$30M
Exports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+57.7%** on the same months of 2025

$542M
Imports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+5.2%** on the same months of 2025



Period	Exports	Imports	Balance
2026 (Jan–Jul)	$30M	$542M	−513M
2025	$90M	$914M	−824M
2024	$32M	$934M	−902M
2023	$166M	$909M	−744M
2022	$472M	$933M	−461M

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 †	$26M	+2869.3%	28.8%	$1M	+937.6%
Indonesia †	$19M	+168.4%	20.9%	$9M	+66.6%
Japan †	$14M	+1010.6%	15.0%	$3M	+243.1%
Australia †	$13M	+35.4%	14.7%	$8M	−6.1%
United States †	$10M	+136.2%	11.3%	$4M	+248.9%
Netherlands †	$1M	−2.3%	1.5%	$748,000	+0.8%
Saudi Arabia †	$1M	+13000.0%	1.5%	$845,000	+314.2%
New Zealand †	$1M	+487.6%	1.3%	$305,000	+119.4%
Singapore †	$854,000	−26.6%	0.9%	$468,000	−6.6%
Taiwan †	$663,000	+0.0%	0.7%	$387,000	+0.0%

Largest suppliers in 2025 and 2026 so far

Supplier	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
Indonesia †	$356M	+6.8%	39.6%	$200M	+0.8%
China †	$127M	+9.0%	14.1%	$71M	+0.9%
Taiwan †	$82M	+0.0%	9.1%	$48M	+0.0%
Hong Kong †	$62M	+1.9%	6.9%	$35M	−2.4%
Singapore †	$55M	−17.7%	6.1%	$52M	+57.8%
India †	$54M	+11.5%	6.0%	$25M	−31.3%
Australia †	$45M	−8.8%	5.0%	$23M	+4.1%
United States †	$23M	+22.6%	2.6%	$14M	+16.5%
Japan †	$19M	−4.8%	2.1%	$11M	+4.3%
Thailand †	$12M	+2.4%	1.3%	$7M	+1.3%

† Timor-Leste 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 Timor-Leste'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 Timor-Leste exports, 2024

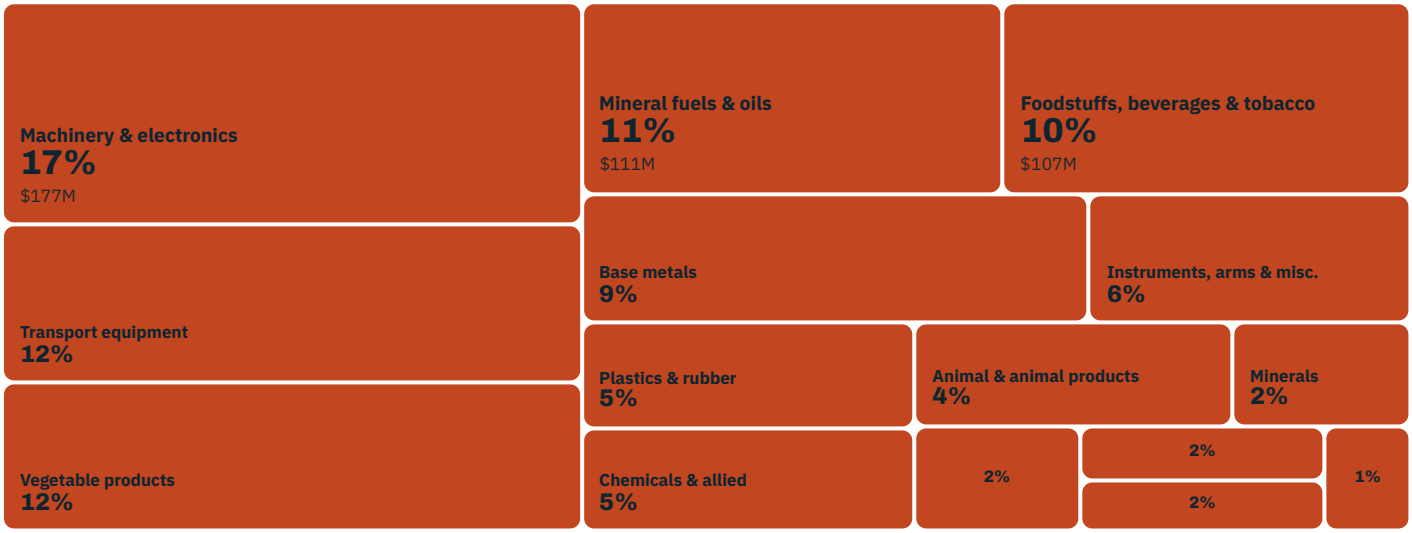


Reconciled figures (BACI): exports of $89M on that basis. 2024 is the newest year with product detail for every economy.

Largest export products

Product	2024	Share
Oils; petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous... 2709.00	$64M	72.2%
Coffee; not roasted or decaffeinated 0901.11	$14M	15.8%
Coffee; decaffeinated, not roasted 0901.12	$941,000	1.1%
Ferrous waste and scrap; n.e.c. in heading no. 7204 7204.49	$836,000	0.9%
Electrical parts of machinery or apparatus; not specified... 8548.00	$654,000	0.7%
Cereals; rice, broken 1006.40	$584,000	0.7%
Rubber; unvulcanised, compounded with carbon black or... 4005.10	$520,000	0.6%
Copra 1203.00	$507,000	0.6%

What Timor-Leste imports, 2024



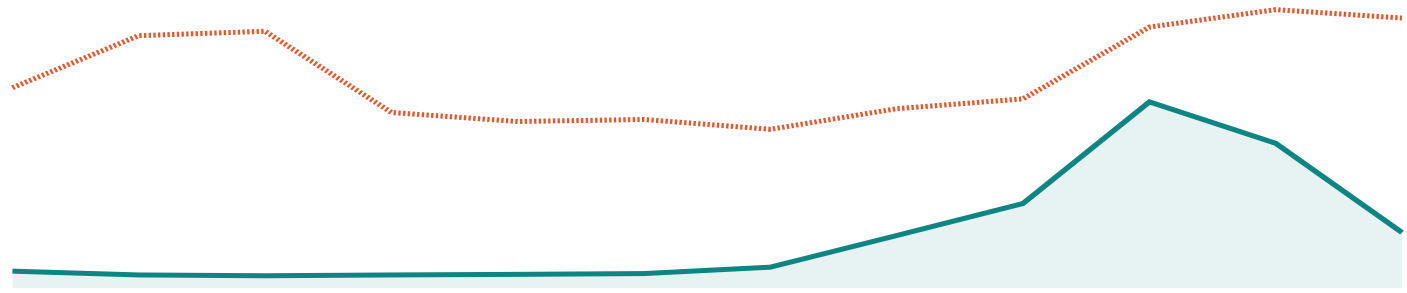
Reconciled figures (BACI): imports of $1.0B on that basis.

Largest import products

Product	2024	Share
Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, not... 2710.00	$107M	10.4%
Cereals; rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or... 1006.30	$73M	7.1%
Motorcycles (including mopeds) and cycles; fitted with an... 8711.20	$28M	2.7%
Vehicles; with only compression-ignition internal... 8704.21	$20M	2.0%
Vegetable oils; palm oil and its fractions, other than... 1511.90	$18M	1.8%
Food preparations; pasta (excluding stuffed), cooked or... 1902.30	$16M	1.6%
Cement; portland, other than white, whether or not... 2523.29	$16M	1.6%
Insulated electric conductors; optical fibre cables 8544.70	$13M	1.3%

Timor-Leste'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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