🇻🇺 Vanuatu: trade brief

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

Vanuatu exported **$98M** of goods and imported **$498M** in 2025, a trade deficit of **$400M**. Its largest export market was Fiji (28.2% of exports) and its largest supplier was Singapore (28.1% of imports).

#181
largest exporter of 202 economies, and #188 importer
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28%
of exports go to 🇫🇯 Fiji, the largest market

70%
of exports go to just three markets, out of 10

−400M
trade deficit: exports pay for 20% of imports

+140.3%
change in exports on 2024: $41M then, $98M in 2025

28%
of imports come from 🇸🇬 Singapore, the largest supplier

Vanuatu in 2025 and 2026: the latest figures

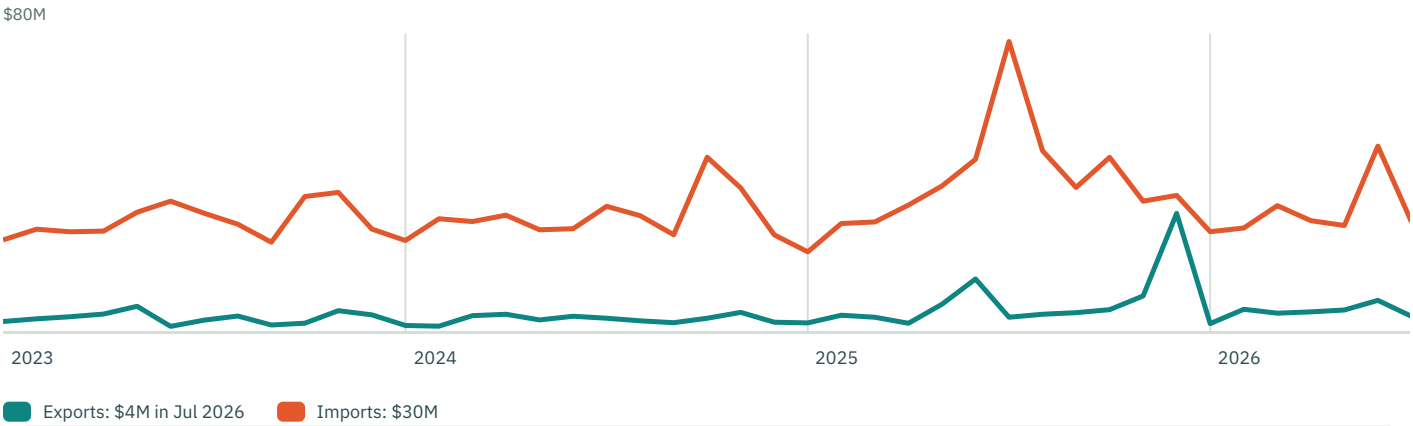
Monthly customs figures in US dollars from the IMF's trade-by-partner database. The newest month is Jul 2026.

$98M
Exports, 2025 **+140.3%** on 2024

$498M
Imports, 2025 **+29.5%** on 2024

$38M
Exports, Jan–Jul 2026 **−3.7%** on the same months of 2025

$233M
Imports, Jan–Jul 2026 **−18.4%** on the same months of 2025



Period	Exports	Imports	Balance
2026 (Jan–Jul)	$38M	$233M	−195M
2025	$98M	$498M	−400M
2024	$41M	$385M	−344M
2023	$46M	$370M	−324M
2022	$57M	$360M	−303M

Largest export markets in 2025 and 2026 so far

Export market	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
Fiji †	$28M	+140.6%	28.3%	$11M	−3.7%
China †	$23M	+140.6%	23.9%	$9M	−3.7%
New Caledonia †	$18M	+140.5%	17.9%	$7M	−3.7%
Malaysia †	$12M	+140.5%	12.2%	$5M	−3.7%
United States †	$12M	+140.5%	12.2%	$5M	−3.7%
Papua New Guinea †	$3M	+140.6%	2.7%	$1M	−3.7%
New Zealand †	$1M	+140.7%	1.4%	$514,000	−3.7%
Solomon Islands †	$792,000	+140.7%	0.8%	$306,000	−3.8%
Singapore †	$539,000	+140.6%	0.6%	$208,000	−3.7%
Australia †	$3,000	−93.2%	0.0%	$1,000	−50.0%

Largest suppliers in 2025 and 2026 so far

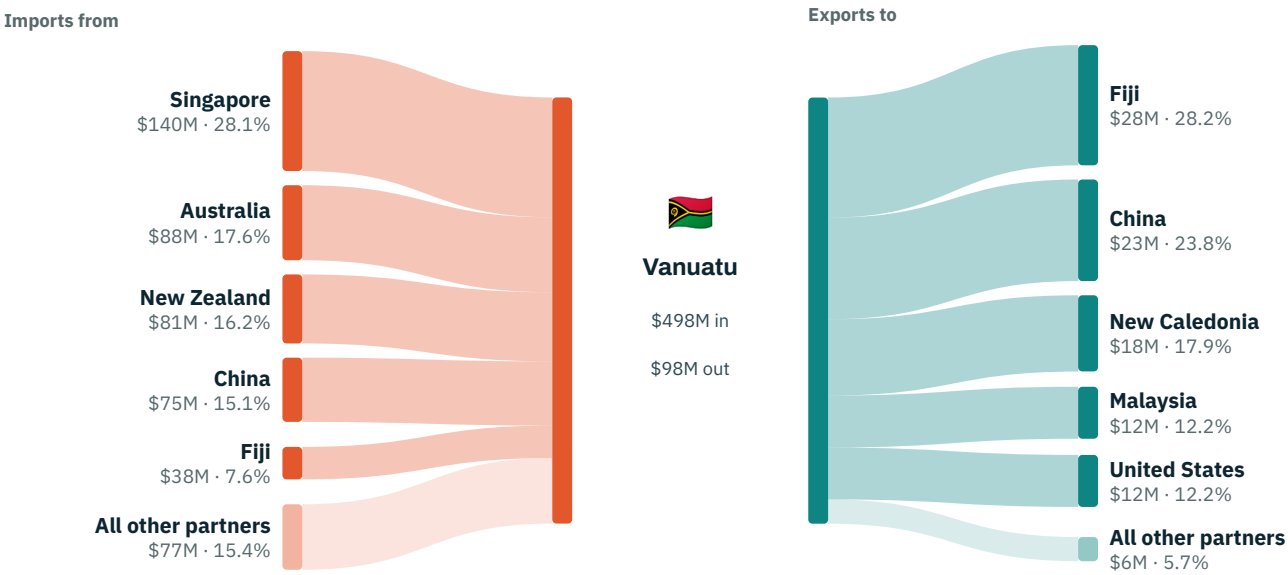
Supplier	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
Singapore †	$140M	+28.8%	28.3%	$66M	−21.5%
Australia †	$88M	+7.6%	17.7%	$46M	−0.4%
New Zealand †	$81M	+79.6%	16.3%	$32M	−22.2%
China †	$75M	+28.8%	15.1%	$35M	−21.5%
Fiji †	$38M	+28.8%	7.7%	$18M	−21.5%
Thailand †	$34M	+28.8%	6.9%	$16M	−21.5%
Japan †	$16M	+28.8%	3.3%	$8M	−21.5%
India †	$7M	+28.8%	1.4%	$3M	−21.5%
New Caledonia †	$5M	+28.8%	1.1%	$3M	−21.5%
Malaysia †	$5M	+28.8%	1.0%	$2M	−21.5%

† Vanuatu 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 Vanuatu'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 Vanuatu exports, 2024

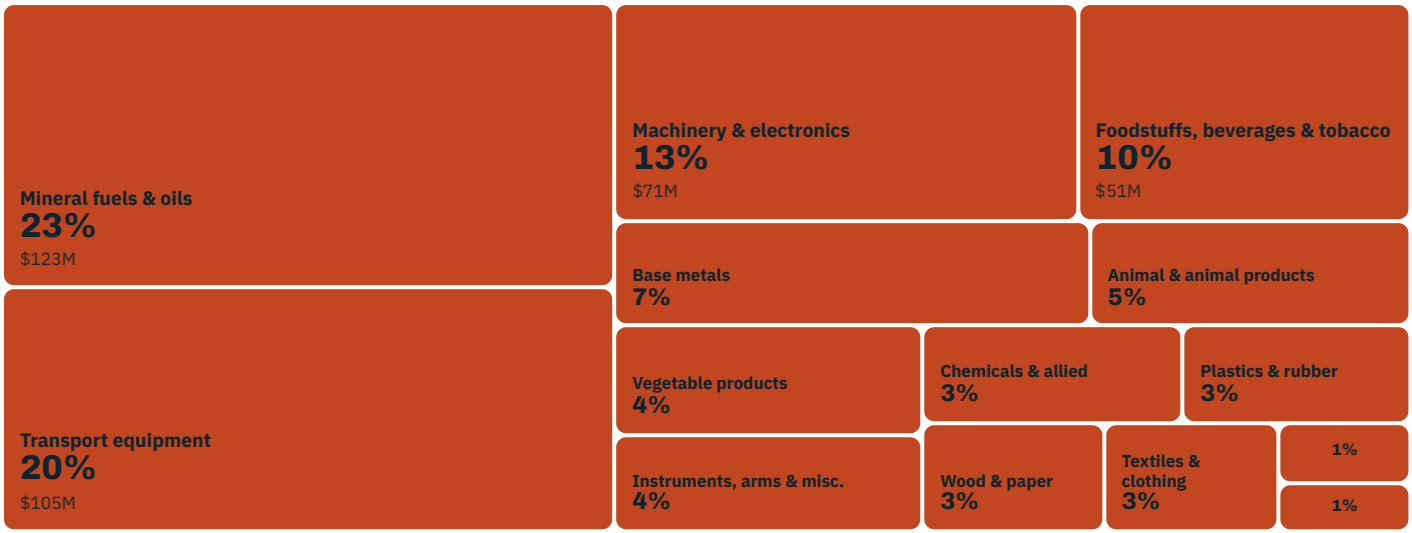


Reconciled figures (BACI): exports of $321M on that basis. 2024 is the newest year with product detail for every economy.

Largest export products

Product	2024	Share
Floating or submersible drilling or production platforms `8905.20`	$120M	37.4%
Fish; frozen, skipjack tuna (stripe-bellied bonito)... `0303.43`	$74M	23.0%
Plants and parts (including seeds and fruits) n.e.c. in... `1211.90`	$29M	9.1%
Fish; frozen, yellowfin tunas (Thunnus albacares)... `0303.42`	$23M	7.1%
Fish; frozen, bigeye tunas (Thunnus obesus), excluding... `0303.44`	$14M	4.3%
Molluscs; cuttle fish and squid, whether in shell or not... `0307.43`	$13M	4.1%
Cocoa beans; whole or broken, raw or roasted `1801.00`	$9M	2.9%
Fish; frozen, albacore or longfinned tunas (Thunnus... `0303.41`	$8M	2.3%

What Vanuatu imports, 2024



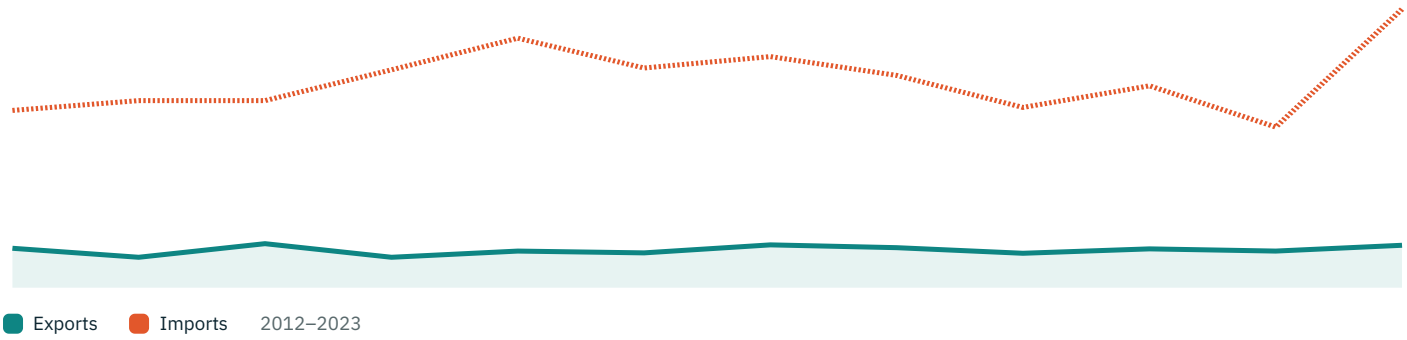
Reconciled figures (BACI): imports of $529M on that basis.

Largest import products

Product	2024	Share
Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, not... 2710.00	$114M	21.6%
Fishing vessels, factory ships and other vessels; for... 8902.00	$59M	11.1%
Vehicles; with only compression-ignition internal... 8704.21	$12M	2.2%
Meat and edible offal; of fowls of the species Gallus... 0207.14	$12M	2.2%
Cereals; rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or... 1006.30	$10M	1.9%
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons... 2711.12	$8M	1.6%
Telephone sets; smartphones for cellular or other... 8517.13	$6M	1.2%
Wheat or meslin flour 1101.00	$6M	1.1%

Vanuatu'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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