🇿🇼 Zimbabwe: trade brief

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

Zimbabwe exported **$9.5B** of goods and imported **$11B** in 2025, a trade deficit of **$1.7B**. Its largest export market was United Arab Emirates (33.7% of exports) and its largest supplier was South Africa (37.9% of imports).

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largest exporter of 202 economies, and #111 importer

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34%
of exports go to 🇦🇪 United Arab Emirates, the largest market

71%
of exports go to just three markets, out of 48

−1.7B
trade deficit: exports pay for 85% of imports

+27.5%
change in exports on 2024: $7.4B then, $9.5B in 2025

38%
of imports come from 🇿🇦 South Africa, the largest supplier

Zimbabwe in 2025 and 2026: the latest figures

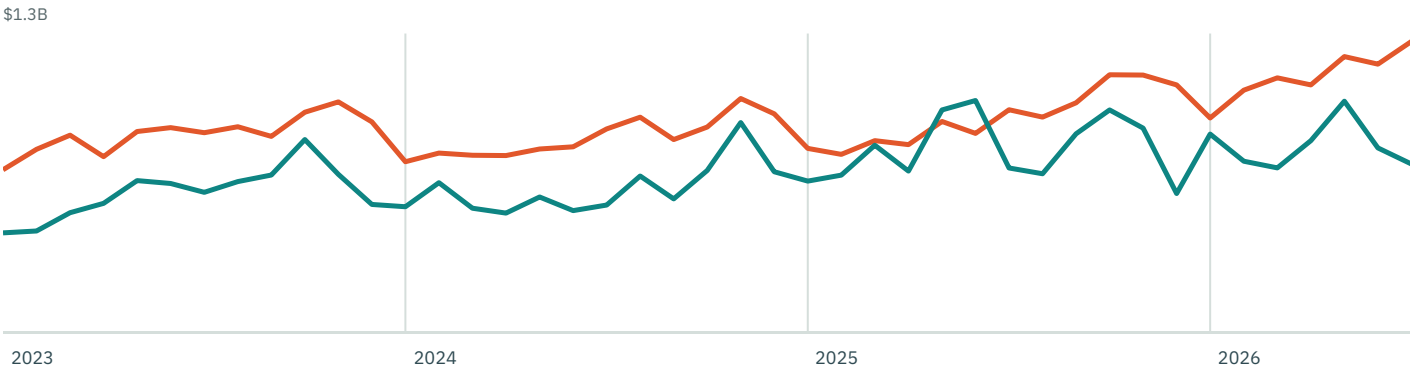
Monthly customs figures in US dollars from the IMF's trade-by-partner database. The newest month is Jul 2026.

$9.5B
Exports, 2025 **+27.5%** on 2024

$11B
Imports, 2025 **+10.2%** on 2024

$5.6B
Exports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+2.7%** on the same months of 2025

$7.7B
Imports, Jan–Jul 2026 **+30.7%** on the same months of 2025



Period	Exports	Imports	Balance
2026 (Jan–Jul)	$5.6B	$7.7B	−2.1B
2025	$9.5B	$11B	−1.7B
2024	$7.4B	$10B	−2.7B
2023	$7.2B	$10B	−3.1B
2022	$6.6B	$9.6B	−3.0B

Largest export markets in 2025 and 2026 so far

Export market	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
United Arab Emirates †	$3.2B	+19.8%	34.1%	$2.3B	+28.4%
South Africa †	$2.0B	−4.9%	21.5%	$1.6B	+27.5%
Georgia †	$1.5B	+57127.5%	16.3%	$406M	−52.8%
China †	$1.4B	+41.5%	15.4%	$556M	−43.7%
Belgium †	$222M	+93.3%	2.4%	$178M	+116.9%
Netherlands †	$212M	+173.9%	2.3%	$36M	−47.0%
Mozambique †	$182M	−60.2%	1.9%	$129M	+28.4%
Zambia †	$110M	−23.7%	1.2%	$78M	+28.4%
Iran †	$103M	+411.2%	1.1%	$72M	+28.4%
United States †	$52M	+8.2%	0.6%	$37M	+28.4%

Largest suppliers in 2025 and 2026 so far

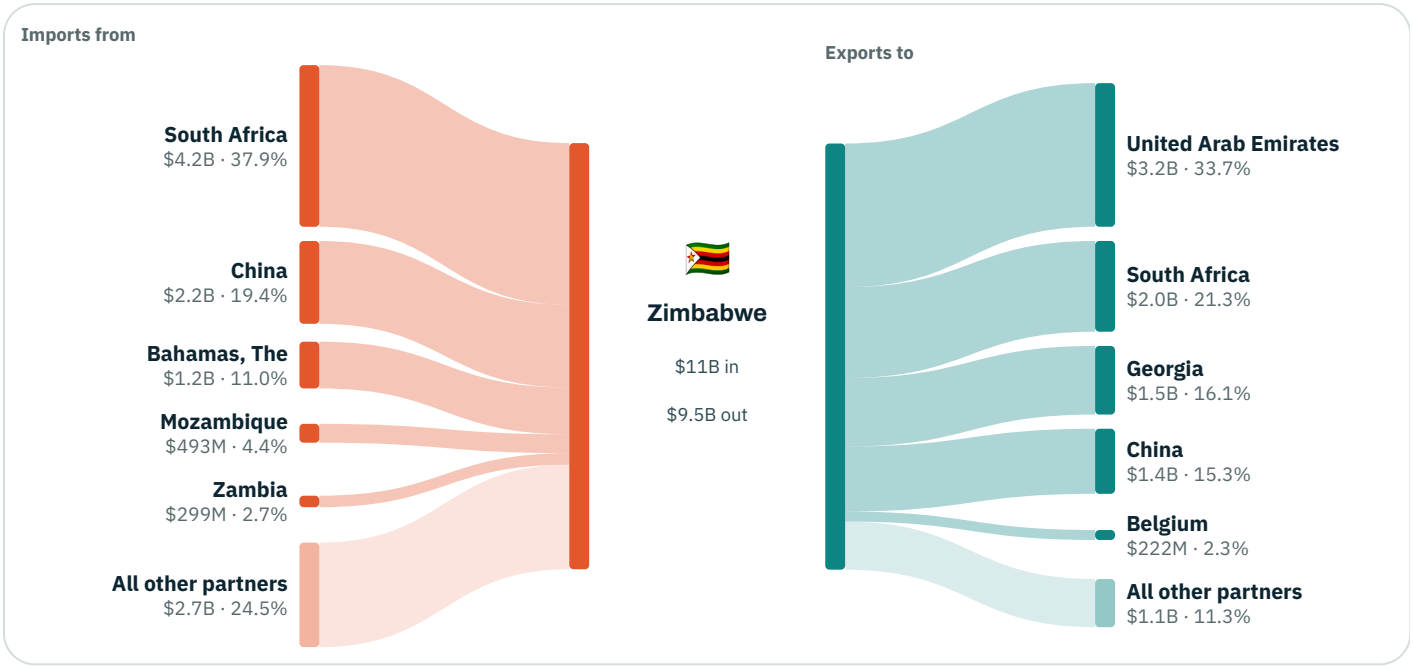
Supplier	2025	Change on 2024	Share	Jan–Jul 2026	Change on Jan–Jul 2025
South Africa †	$4.2B	+5.8%	38.7%	$2.8B	+26.4%
China †	$2.2B	+53.6%	19.8%	$1.9B	+70.7%
Bahamas, The †	$1.2B	+57.7%	11.2%	$846M	+29.3%
Mozambique †	$493M	+15.1%	4.5%	$341M	+29.3%
Zambia †	$299M	−10.5%	2.7%	$207M	+29.3%
India †	$294M	+46.5%	2.7%	$204M	+29.3%
Singapore †	$252M	−28.8%	2.3%	$175M	+29.3%
Hong Kong †	$244M	+30.8%	2.2%	$58M	−60.3%
United Arab Emirates †	$243M	−25.0%	2.2%	$168M	+29.3%
Japan †	$150M	+37.0%	1.4%	$122M	+61.1%

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

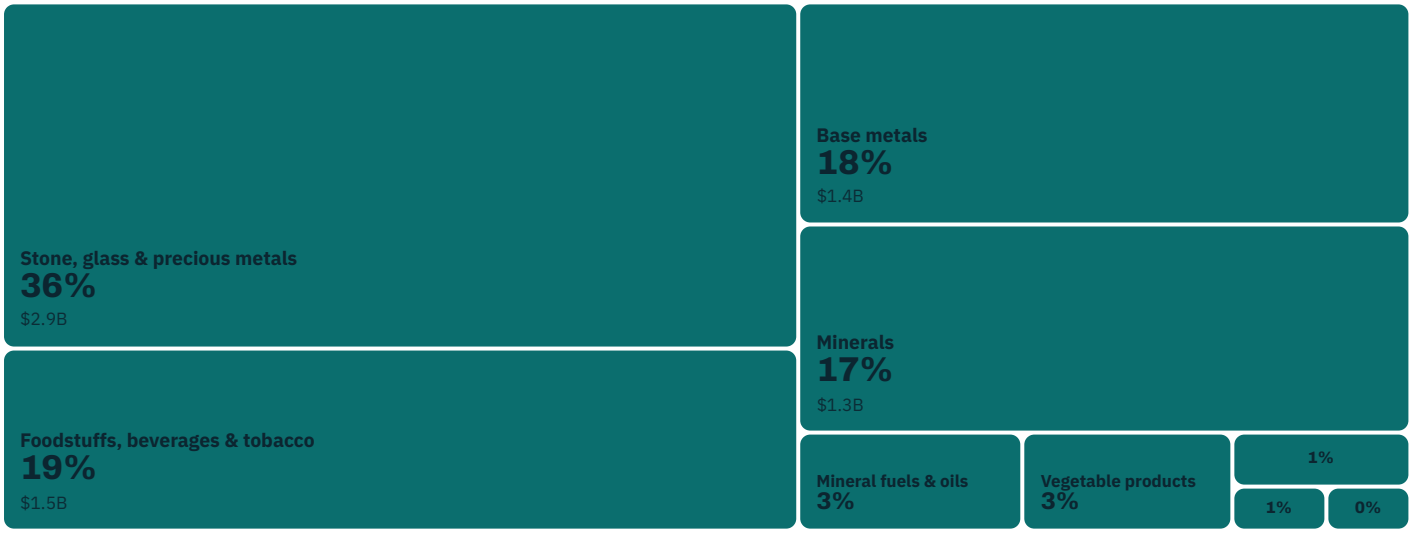
Source: International Monetary Fund, International Trade in Goods by partner country, retrieved 2026-11-15. The IMF collects each economy's national customs figures and converts them to US dollars at the average exchange rate of the month the goods moved. Imports include freight and insurance; exports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

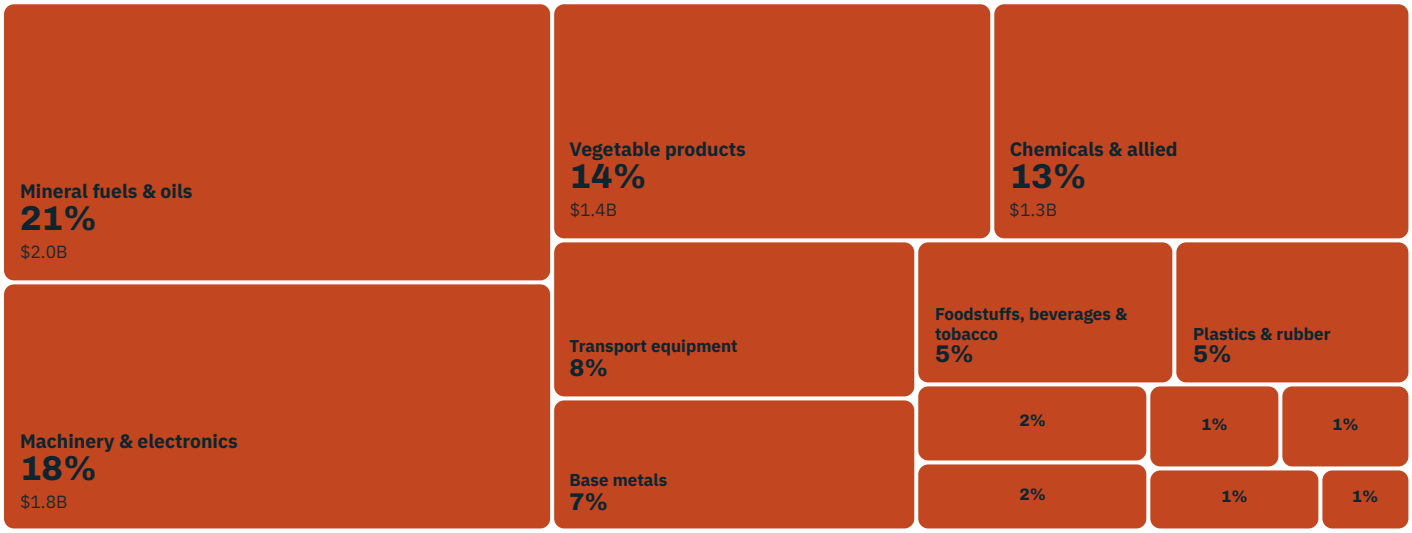


Reconciled figures (BACI): exports of $7.9B on that basis. 2024 is the newest year with product detail for every economy.

Largest export products

Product	2024	Share
Metals; gold, semi-manufactured 7108.13	$2.5B	31.6%
Tobacco; partly or wholly stemmed or stripped 2401.20	$1.3B	16.4%
Nickel; nickel mattes 7501.10	$986M	12.5%
Mineral substances; n.e.c. in chapter 25 2530.90	$831M	10.5%
Ferro-alloys; ferro-chromium, containing by weight more… 7202.41	$384M	4.9%
Ores and concentrates n.e.c. in chapter 26; other than… 2617.90	$247M	3.1%
Diamonds; industrial, unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or… 7102.21	$234M	3.0%
Coke and semi-coke; of coal, lignite or peat, whether or… 2704.00	$170M	2.1%

What Zimbabwe imports, 2024



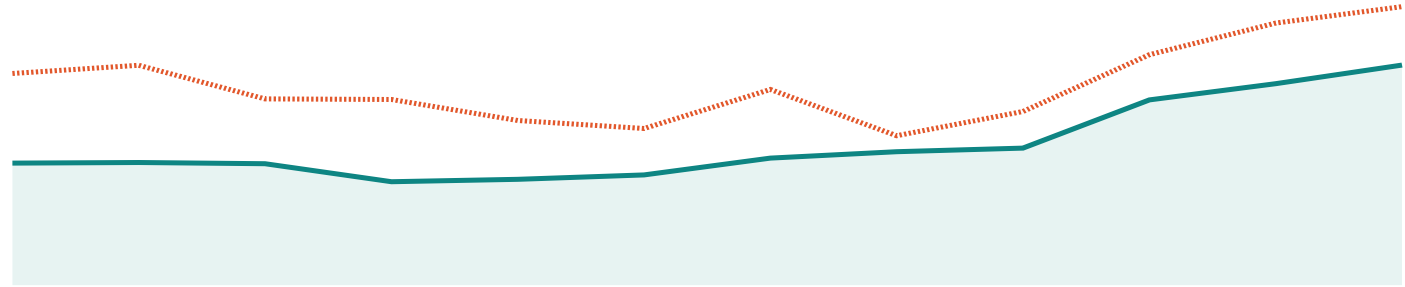
Reconciled figures (BACI): imports of $9.7B on that basis.

Largest import products

Product	2024	Share
Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, not… 2710.00	$1.6B	16.8%
Cereals; maize (corn), other than seed 1005.90	$547M	5.6%
Vegetable oils; soya-bean oil and its fractions, crude… 1507.10	$214M	2.2%
Electrical energy 2716.00	$205M	2.1%
Cereals; rice, broken 1006.40	$156M	1.6%
Vehicles; with only compression-ignition internal… 8704.21	$129M	1.3%
Cereals; wheat and meslin, durum wheat, other than seed 1001.19	$113M	1.2%
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons… 2711.13	$101M	1.0%

Zimbabwe'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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