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Introduction

This report presents an analytical overview of the developments in foreign trade of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in goods for August 2019, the month with the most recent data available, with the help of summary tables and charts. It includes time series data for the main indicators covering the past 13 months to observe the latest trends and also provides comparisons with the same month of the previous year, August 2018, under various classifications to trace the changes in exports and imports from different perspectives.

Because of the important role that oil exports play in the Saudi economy, total exports are divided into oil exports and non-oil exports and analyzed separately. Non-oil exports as well as imports are further broken down under various classifications, such as sections, groups of countries, partner countries, transportation means, and customs ports. In addition to the summary tables presented throughout the report, tables with detail data are made available in the attached annex in spreadsheet format that could be downloaded from [GASTAT website](#)

The data, which are collected from the Saudi Customs and the Ministry of Energy, Industry, and Mineral Resources, go through a comprehensive process at GaStat before summarized into tables and charts in this report, as expressed in the Methodology section. It is worth mentioning that the statistics presented in this report are preliminary, and they might be modified in the next issues of the report in case there is an update to the information. Sometimes, differences in aggregates or percentages occur as a result of rounding numbers.

GaStat is pleased to thank all those who contributed to this work including all concerned parties, as their cooperation has greatly influenced the release of this bulletin. For comments or suggestions, kindly send them via e-mail to info@stats.gov.sa as they may improve the content of the bulletin and further develop future bulletins.





Methodology

1. Data sources

The report of "Merchandise Exports and Imports of The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia" depends on administrative records of Saudi Arabia's foreign trade in goods, provided to GaStat by concerned governmental entities in order to use them in calculating the foreign trade statistics and indicators and release them in this report. Administrative records mean data and information that are registered and updated by governmental entities concerned with exports and imports of goods, and result from the operation of official electronic registration and documentation of these entities.

GaStat's statistics on merchandise exports and imports are currently built upon the records from the following two governmental entities:

- The Ministry of Energy, Industry, and Mineral Resources: The data source for oil exports.
- Saudi Customs: The data source for non-oil merchandise exports and imports.

2. Objectives

1. Supporting decision and policy makers, reserachers, and those who are concerned with up-to-date and comprehensive statistics and indicators that are related to Saudi Arabia's merchandise exports and imports.
2. Following up with the changes in the movement of exports and imports between Saudi Arabia and major partner countries within two different periods of time.
3. Identifying the amount of trade surplus or deficit between Saudi Arabia and other countries.
4. Identifying key goods imported from or exported to each partner country.
5. Developing important economic indicators for the components of national accounts and balance of payments.
6. Contributing to the creation of a commercial policy to protect and encourage local goods and industries competing with imported ones.

3. Concepts and Definitions

3.1 Exports (Total):

Exports consist of exports of domestic goods (national exports) and exports of foreign goods (re-exports). Valuation is on Free-on-Board (FOB) basis.

3.2 National Exports:

Exports of all goods fully produced or manufactured in the country or undergone some modifications that lead to a change in their shapes and values.

3.3 Re-exports:

Refers to the sale of previously imported goods abroad without any clear modifications on them.





3.4 Oil Exports:

Exports of goods classified in Chapter 27 (mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes) of the Harmonized System (HS).

3.5 Non-oil Exports:

Total exports minus exports of goods classified in Chapter 27 (mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes) of the Harmonized System (HS).

3.6 Imports:

Refer to all goods entering the country after passing through the customs procedures to meet its local needs. Valuation is on Cost, Insurance, and Freight (CIF) basis.

3.7. Indicators

Indicator	Description
Trade Volume	The sum of exports and imports.
Trade Balance	Exports minus imports.
Monthly change	Change from the previous month.
Annual change	Change from the same month of the previous year.



4. Coverage

Spatial coverage:

The statistics on merchandise exports and imports cover all goods (oil and non-oil exports as well as imports) passing through customs ports in Saudi Arabia.

Temporal coverage:

The statistics on merchandise exports and imports are collected from administrative records on a monthly basis according to the Gregorian calendar.

5. Used statistical classification:

The commodity export and import report data are based on the WCO's Commodity Description and Coding System (H.S.2017), which is a table describing and classifying commodities. The table includes subheadings, their numerical codes, sections and chapters, in accordance with the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System signed in Brussels.

6. Obtaining Data :

The records received from Saudi Customs and the Ministry of Energy, Industry and Mineral Resources are saved in the databases of GaStat and are audited and reviewed in accordance with the scientific statistical methods and quality standards recognized in coordination with the entity issuing the data.



7. Preparation and review of results:

After reviewing the collected administrative records in the previous steps, the results are calculated, extracted, uploaded, and stored in the database. Then, the final review is carried out by specialists in foreign trade statistics using modern techniques and software designed for auditing purposes.

8. Data Dissemination:

First: Preparation of Results Designed for Publishing:

At this stage, GaStat coordinates, organizes, and reviews the data contained in the report. Tables, charts, and indicators are then prepared. Finally, the metadata and the methodology are added to the report, which is prepared in both Arabic and English.

Second: Preparation of Media materials and the announcement of bulletin release date:

After GaStat publishes the release date of the report on its official website at the beginning of the Gregorian calendar year, it prepares special media materials to announce its release through all media in addition to its various platforms on the social media sites. The announcement is made on the predetermined day of publishing. The publishing starts from the official website in different formats to ensure that it spreads and reaches all customers and those interested in merchandise exports and imports of Saudi Arabia; the report and the attached data file are published on the Statistical Library on the website.

Third: Communicating with clients and providing them with the bulletin:

GaStat believes in the importance of communicating with the clients. Therefore, once the report of Merchandise Exports and Imports of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is released, it immediately communicates with the clients and provides them with the report. It also receives questions and queries from clients about the report and its results through various communication channels where clients can request data as well. Requests and enquiries are received through:

- GaStat official website: www.stats.gov.sa
- GaStat official e-mail: info@stats.gov.sa
- Client support's e-mail: cs@stats.gov.sa
- Official visits to GaStat head office in Riyadh or to one of its branches in Saudi Arabia
- Official letters
- Statistical helpline (920020081)





9. Applied quality procedures:

The results of the report of Merchandise Exports and Imports of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is subject to many technical quality procedures to ensure the quality of the data. These include;

1. Reviewing the data constructed from administrative records, verifying their comprehensiveness, and communicating with data providers if clarifications are needed on concerned data.
2. Verifying outputs' logic by comparing them with historical figures as well as their conformity with the actuality of the merchandise exports and imports of Saudi Arabia.
3. Publishing the results according to the predetermined publication dates.

10. Users and benefits of the report:

The report of Merchandise Exports and Imports of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia benefits all governmental sectors related to the development work in Saudi Arabia. The most important beneficiaries of the report are the Ministry of Economy and Planning, the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, and the National Accounts Statistics Department of GaStat as well as international and regional organizations, researchers and planners concerned with merchandise exports and imports. Data and indicators of merchandise exports and imports are among the most important statistical products that contribute to the formulation of trade policy, which supports and protects local goods from competitive imported goods. Moreover, the report contributes to identifying the amount of surplus or deficit in the balance of trade between Saudi Arabia and other countries, and building economic indicators that are important for the components of the national accounts and the balance of payments, which all support decision-making in this field.

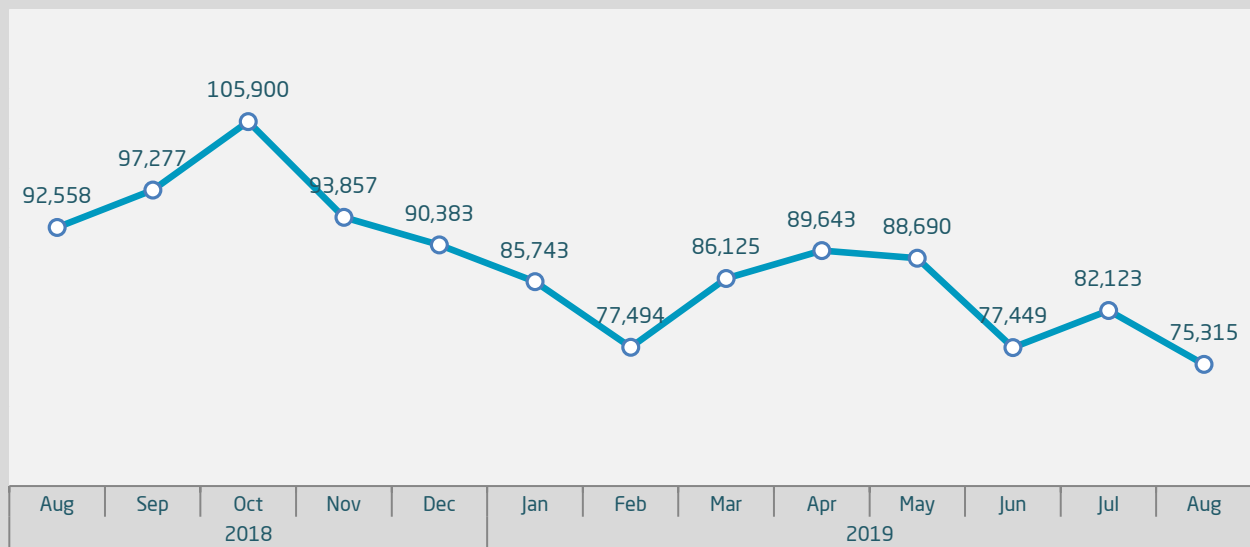




1. Merchandise Exports

Total merchandise exports of Saudi Arabia amounted to 75 billion 315 million riyals in August 2019 compared to 92 billion 558 million riyals in August 2018, corresponding to a decrease of 17 billion 243 million riyals or 18.6% over that period. Merchandise exports in August 2019 were also lower than those in the preceding month (July 2019) by 6 billion 809 million riyals or 8.3%.

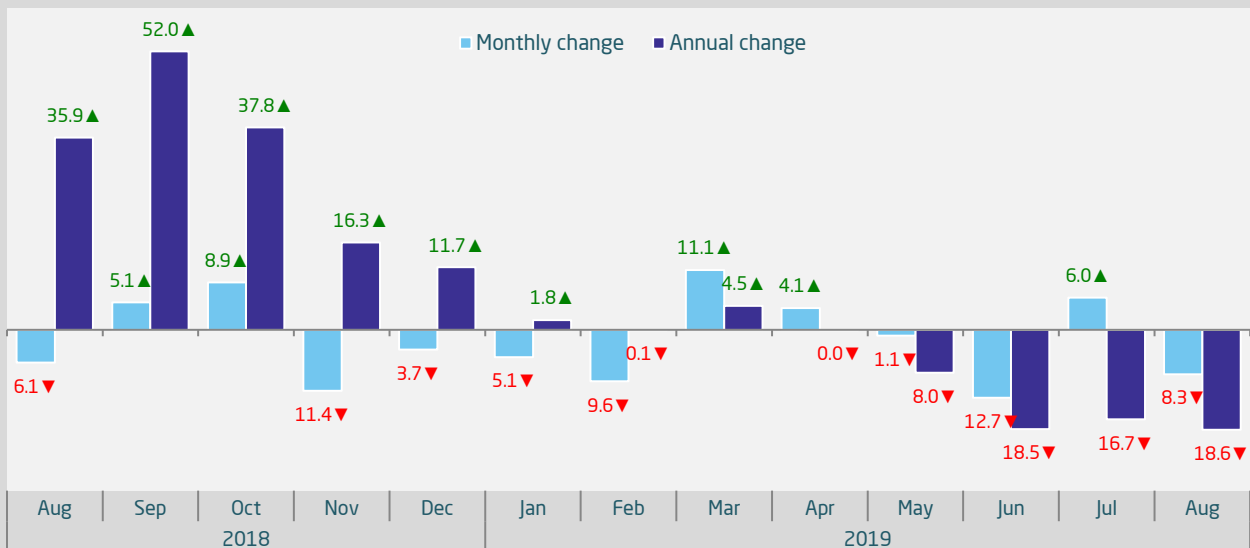
Exports, Monthly (Million Riyals)



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Change in Exports (%)

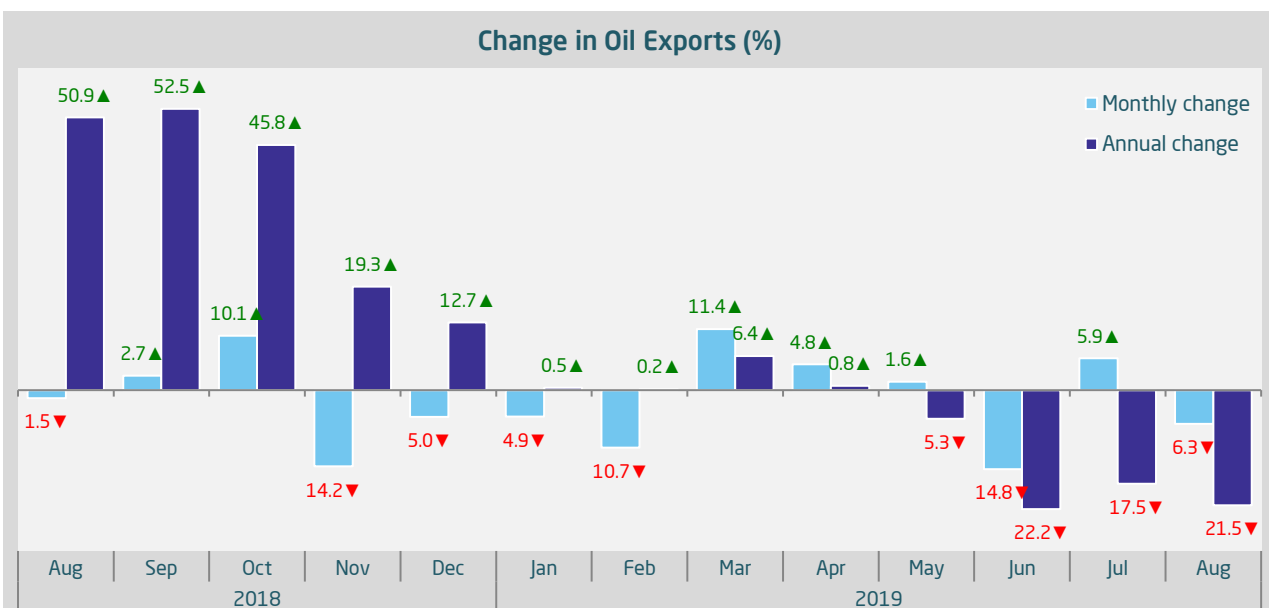
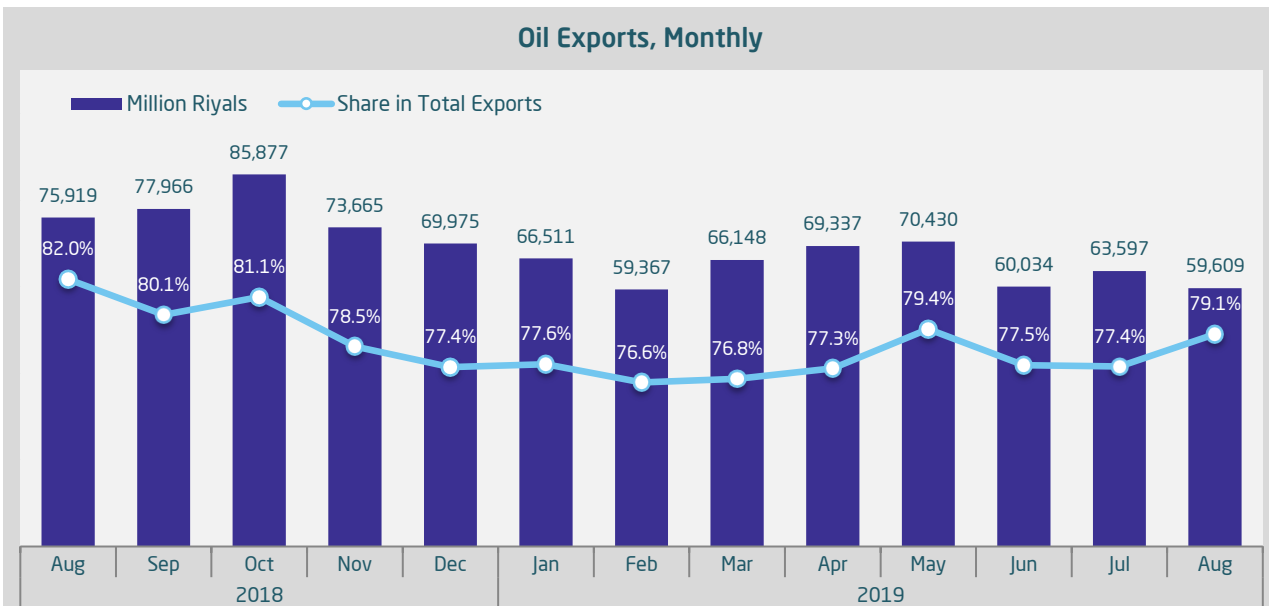




1.1. Oil Exports

Oil exports of Saudi Arabia valued at 59 billion 609 million riyals in August 2019 compared to 75 billion 919 million riyals in August 2018, corresponding to a decrease of 16 billion 309 million riyals or 21.5% over that period. The share of oil exports in total merchandise exports also decreased from 82.0% in August 2018 to 79.1% in August 2019.

Compared to the previous month (July 2019), the value of oil exports decreased by 3 billion 988 million riyals or 6.3% in August 2019.



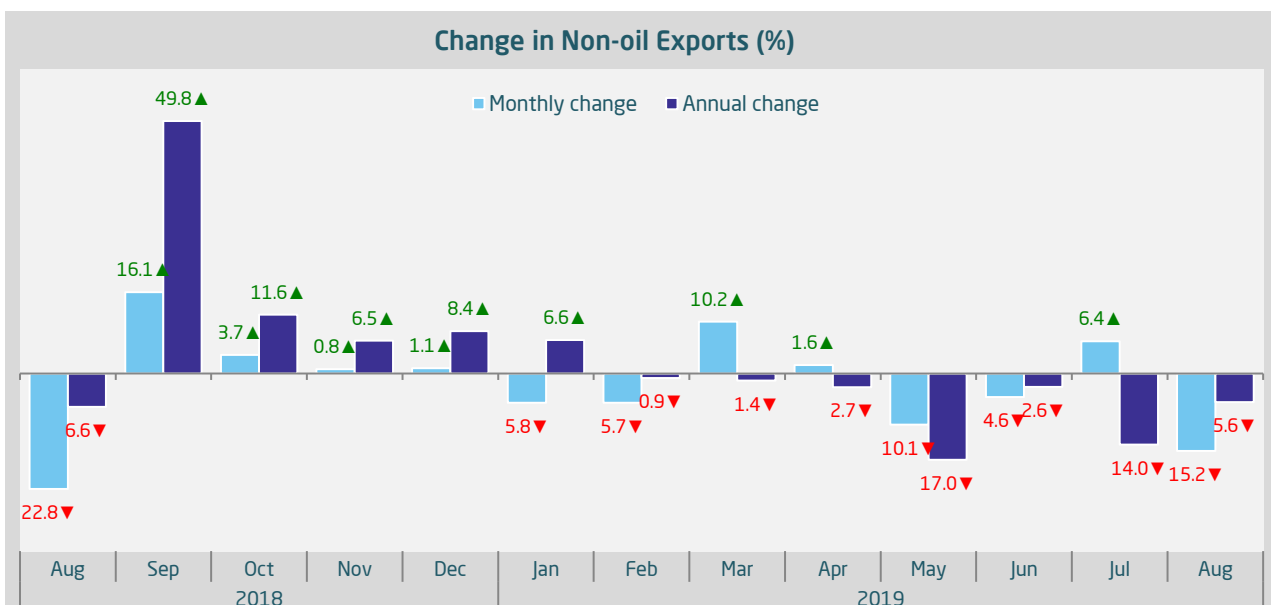
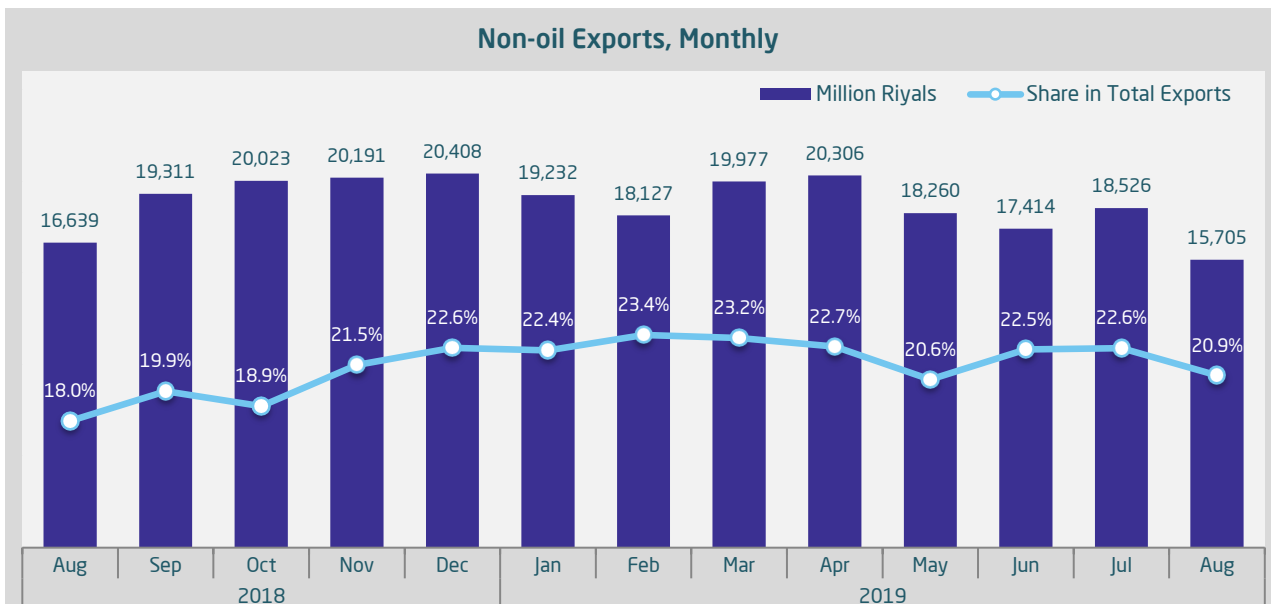


1.2. Non-oil Merchandise Exports

1.2.1. Developments in Non-oil Exports

Non-oil exports of Saudi Arabia amounted to 15 billion 705 million riyals in August 2019 compared to 16 billion 639 million riyals in August 2018, corresponding to a decrease of 934 million riyals or 5.6% over that period. The share of non-oil exports in total merchandise exports, however, increased from 18.0% in August 2018 to 20.9% in August 2019.

Compared to the previous month (July 2019), the value of non-oil exports decreased by 2 billion 821 million riyals or 15.2% in August 2019.



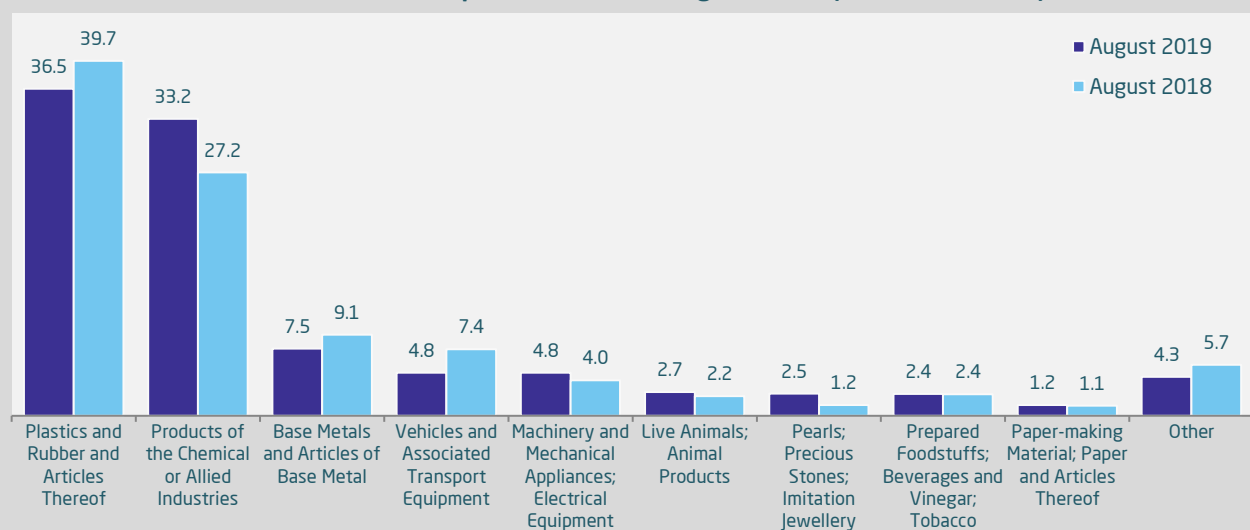


1.2.2. Non-oil Exports by Section

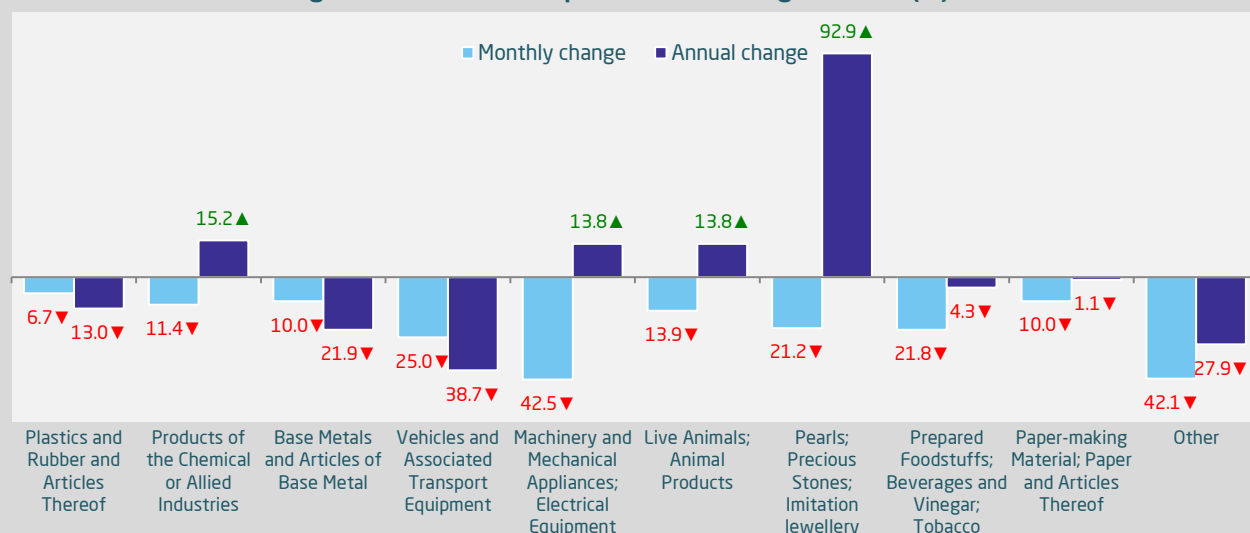
Main Non-oil Export Products (Million Riyals)

Exported Products (by section of the Harmonized System)	August 2018	August 2019		
		Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
1 Plastics and Rubber and Articles Thereof	6,600	5,740	860 ▼	13.0 ▼
2 Products of the Chemical or Allied Industries	4,525	5,213	688 ▲	15.2 ▲
3 Base Metals and Articles of Base Metal	1,509	1,178	330 ▼	21.9 ▼
4 Vehicles and Associated Transport Equipment	1,237	759	478 ▼	38.7 ▼
5 Machinery and Mechanical Appliances; Electrical Equipment	663	754	92 ▲	13.8 ▲
6 Live Animals; Animal Products	366	416	50 ▲	13.8 ▲
7 Pearls; Precious Stones; Imitation Jewellery	203	391	188 ▲	92.9 ▲
8 Prepared Foodstuffs; Beverages and Vinegar; Tobacco	402	384	17 ▼	4.3 ▼
9 Paper-making Material; Paper and Articles Thereof	189	187	2 ▼	1.1 ▼
10 Other	947	683	264 ▼	27.9 ▼
Total	16,639	15,705	934 ▼	5.6 ▼

Main Non-oil Export Products in August 2019 (Share in total, %)



Change in Main Non-oil Export Products, August 2019 (%)

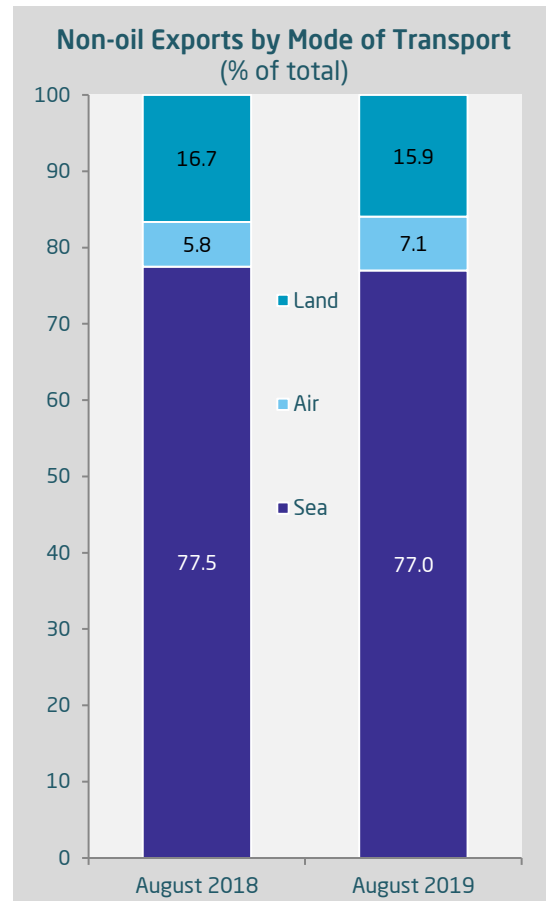
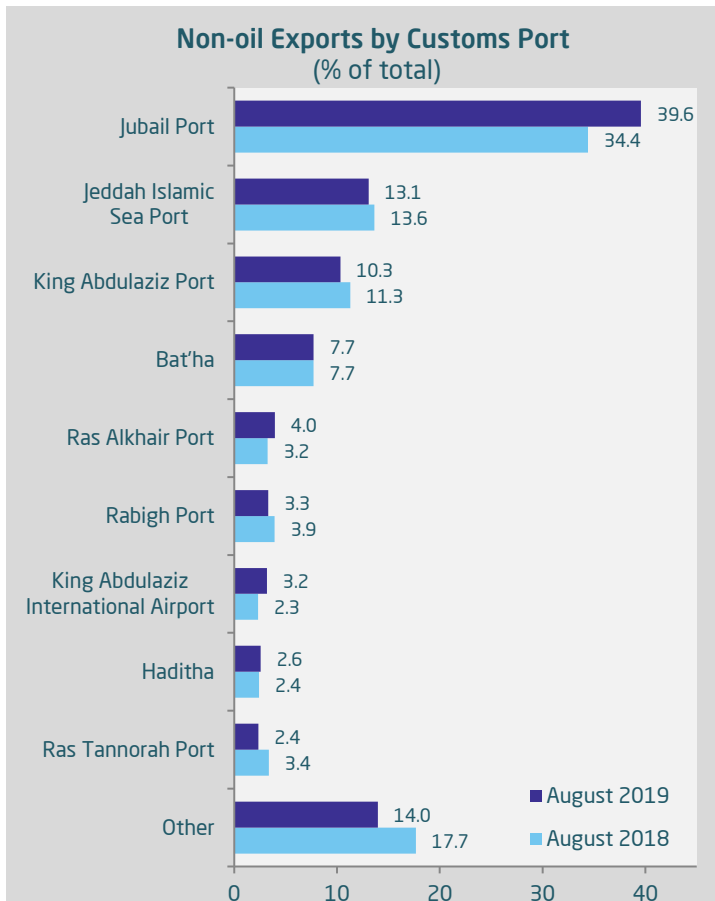




1.2.3. Non-oil Exports by Mode of Transport and Customs Port

Non-oil Exports by Mode of Transport and Customs Port (Million Riyals)

Mode of Transport and Customs Port	August 2018	August 2019		
		Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
Sea	12,895	12,090	805 ▼	6.2 ▼
Jubail Port	5,726	6,213	487 ▲	8.5 ▲
Jeddah Islamic Sea Port	2,270	2,055	215 ▼	9.5 ▼
King Abdulaziz Port	1,881	1,621	260 ▼	13.8 ▼
Other Seaports	3,018	2,201	818 ▼	27.1 ▼
Air	970	1,113	143 ▲	14.8 ▲
King Abdulaziz International Airport	384	498	114 ▲	29.7 ▲
King Khalid International Airport	185	314	129 ▲	69.8 ▲
King Fahad Airport	183	186	3 ▲	1.5 ▲
Other Airports	218	116	102 ▼	46.8 ▼
Land	2,774	2,502	272 ▼	9.8 ▼
Bat'ha	1,283	1,212	70 ▼	5.5 ▼
Haditha	403	401	2 ▼	0.4 ▼
Al Kaffjei	408	294	114 ▼	28.0 ▼
Other Land Ports	680	595	86 ▼	12.6 ▼
Total	16,639	15,705	934 ▼	5.6 ▼



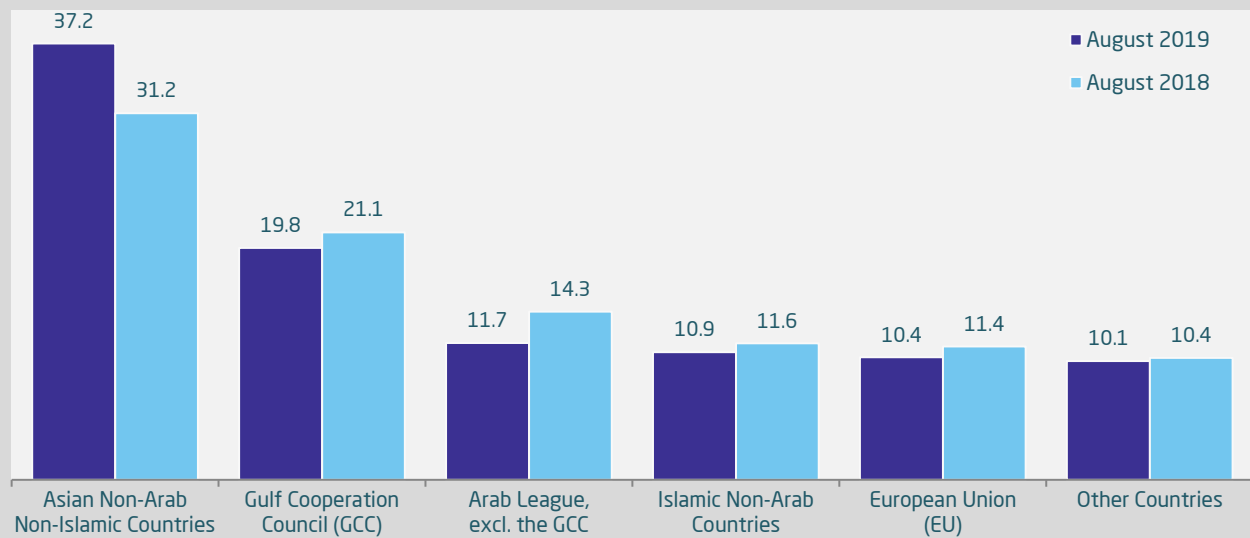


1.2.4. Non-oil Exports by Group of Countries

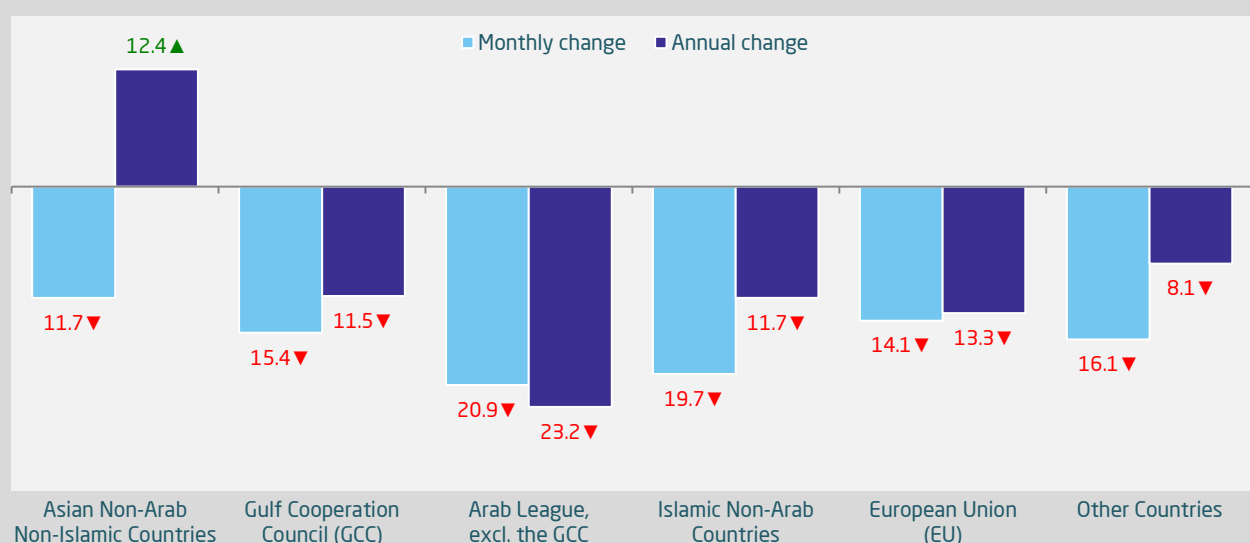
Non-oil Exports by Group of Countries (Million Riyals)

Groups of Countries		August 2018	August 2019		
			Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
1	Asian Non-Arab Non-Islamic Countries	5,195	5,838	643 ▲	12.4 ▲
2	Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)	3,508	3,103	405 ▼	11.5 ▼
3	Arab League, excl. the GCC	2,384	1,831	553 ▼	23.2 ▼
4	Islamic Non-Arab Countries	1,935	1,708	227 ▼	11.7 ▼
5	European Union (EU)	1,890	1,638	252 ▼	13.3 ▼
6	Other Countries	1,727	1,587	140 ▼	8.1 ▼
Total		16,639	15,705	934 ▼	5.6 ▼

Non-oil Exports by Group of Countries, August 2019 (Share in total, %)



Change in Non-oil Exports by Group of Countries, August 2019 (%)



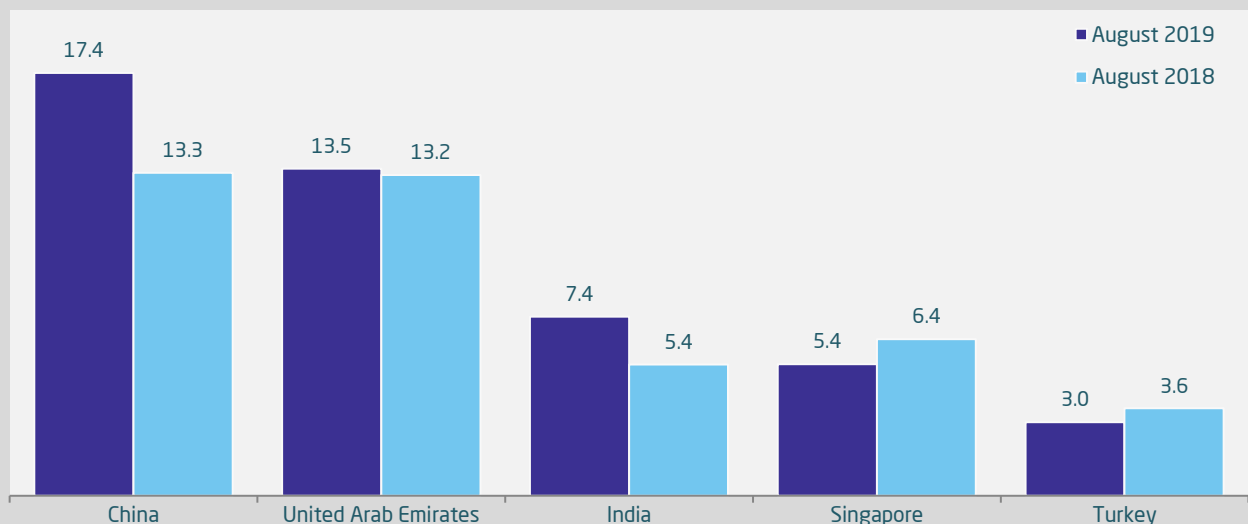


1.2.5. Top 5 Partner Countries for Non-oil Exports

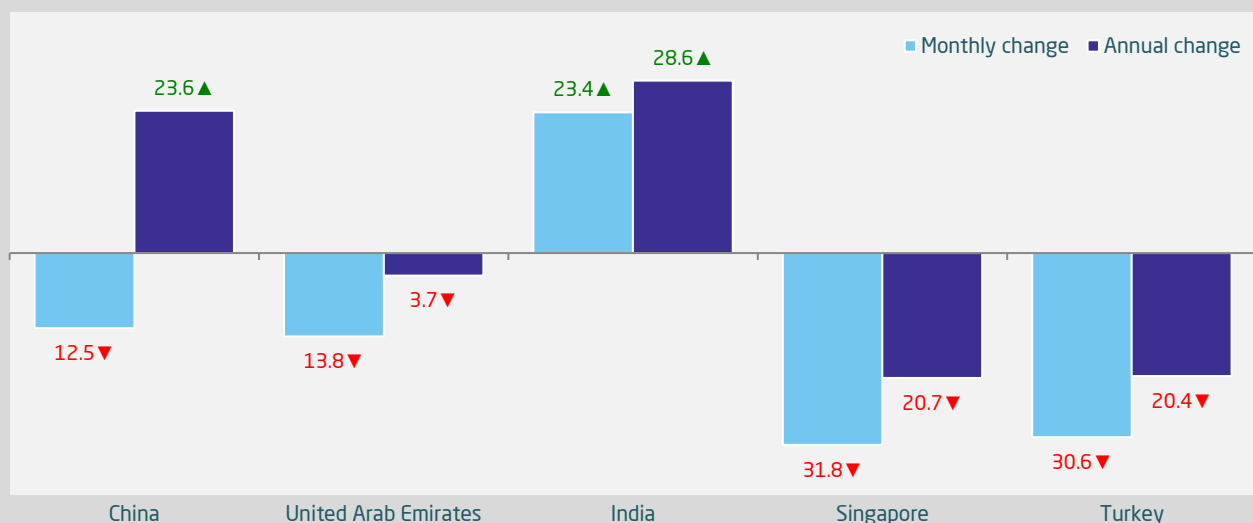
Top 5 Partner Countries for Non-oil Exports (Million Riyals)

Countries	August 2018	August 2019		
		Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
1 China	2,213	2,736	522▲	23.6▲
2 United Arab Emirates	2,199	2,117	82▼	3.7▼
3 India	900	1,158	258▲	28.6▲
4 Singapore	1,073	851	222▼	20.7▼
5 Turkey	599	477	122▼	20.4▼
Total	6,984	7,338	354▲	5.1▲
Share of the top 5 countries in total non-oil exports (%)		42.0	46.7	

Top 5 Partner Countries for Non-oil Exports, August 2019 (Share in total, %)



Change in Non-oil Exports to Top 5 Countries, August 2019 (%)

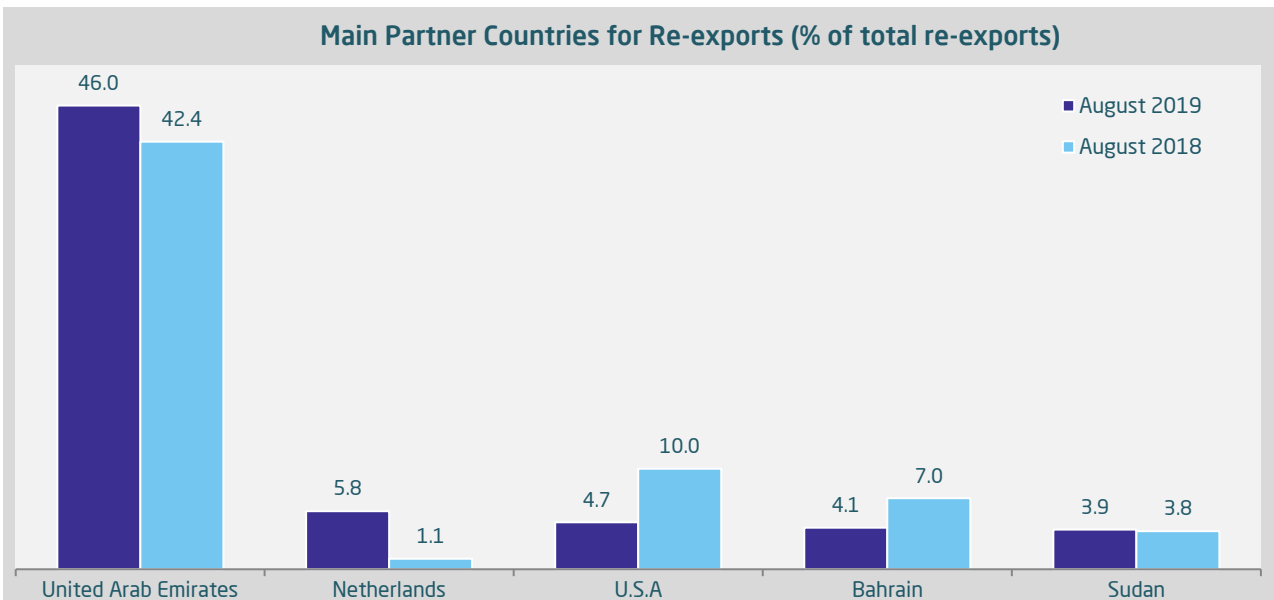
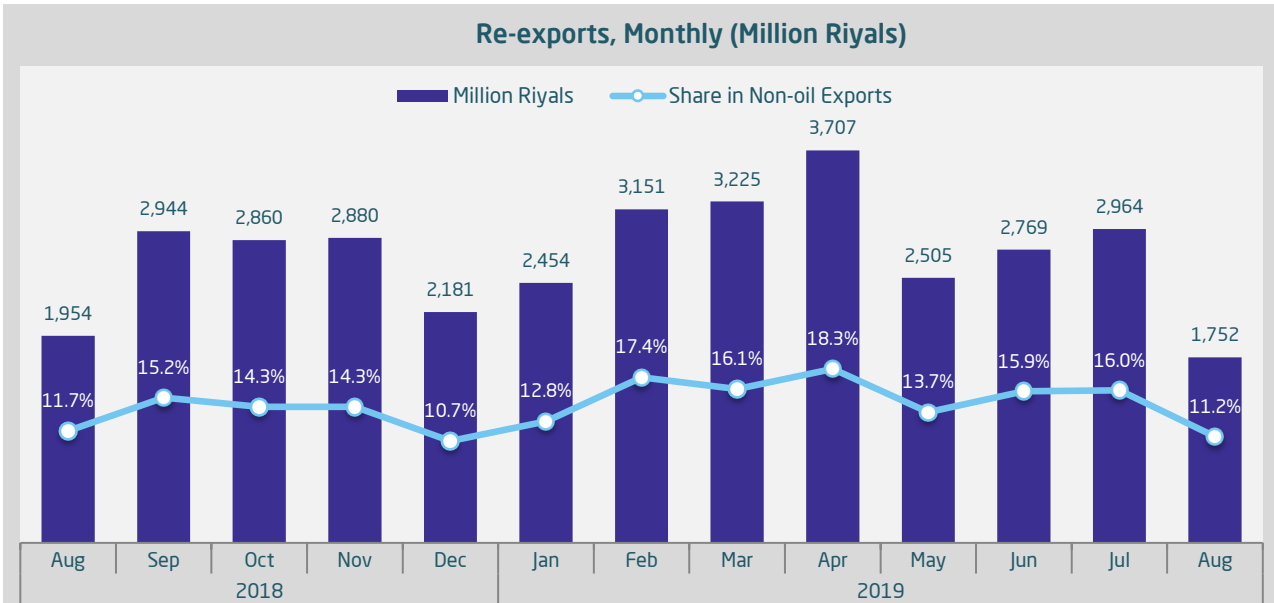




1.2.6. Re-exports

Products re-exported by Saudi Arabia amounted to 1 billion 752 million riyals in August 2019 compared to 1 billion 954 million riyals in August 2018, down by 202 million riyals or 10.3% over that period.

United Arab Emirates was the main destination for the re-exports, accounting for 46.0% of the total re-exports of the Kingdom in August 2019, followed by Netherlands with a share of





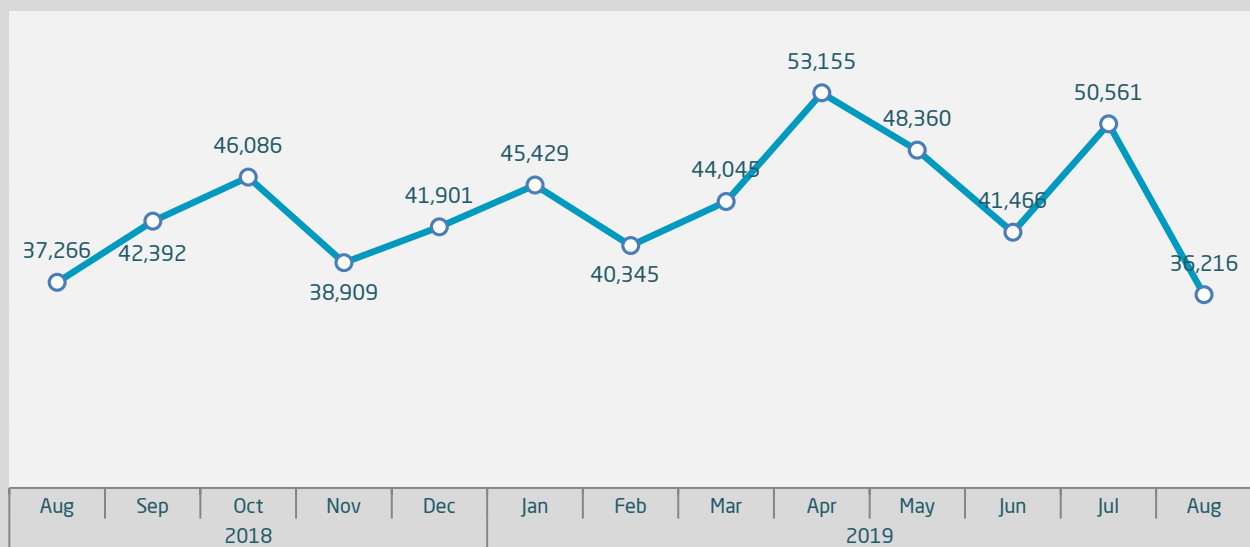
2. Merchandise Imports

2.1. Developments in Imports

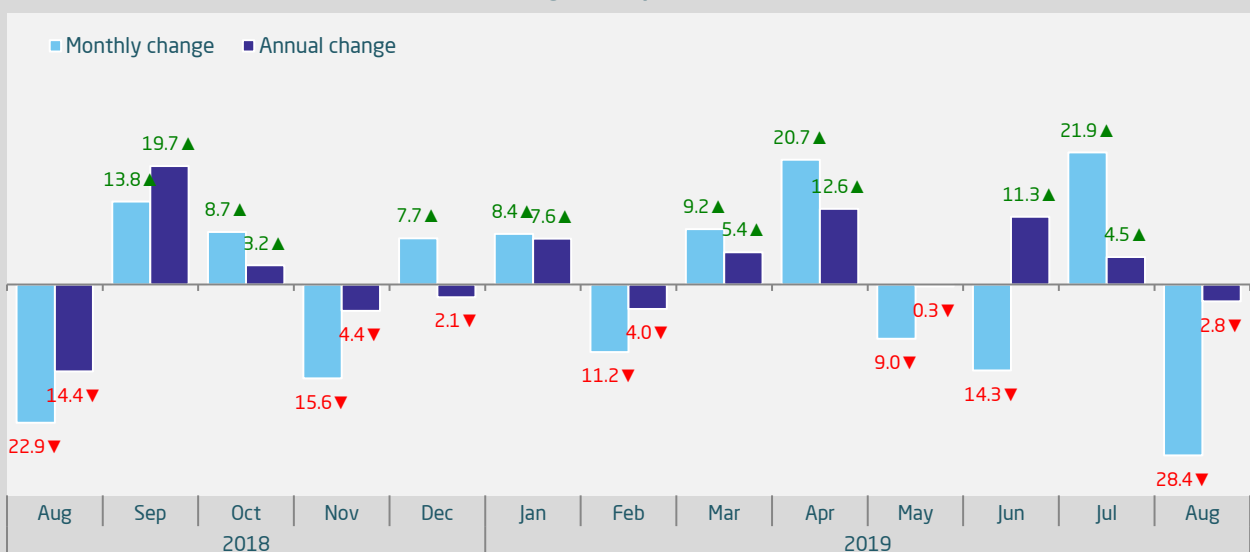
Total merchandise imports of Saudi Arabia amounted to 36 billion 216 million riyals in August 2019 compared to 37 billion 266 million riyals in August 2018, corresponding to a decrease of 1 billion 49 million riyals or 2.8% over that period.

Merchandise imports in August 2019 were also lower than those in the preceding month (July 2019) by 14 billion 345 million riyals or 28.4%.

Imports, Monthly (Million Riyals)



Change in Imports (%)



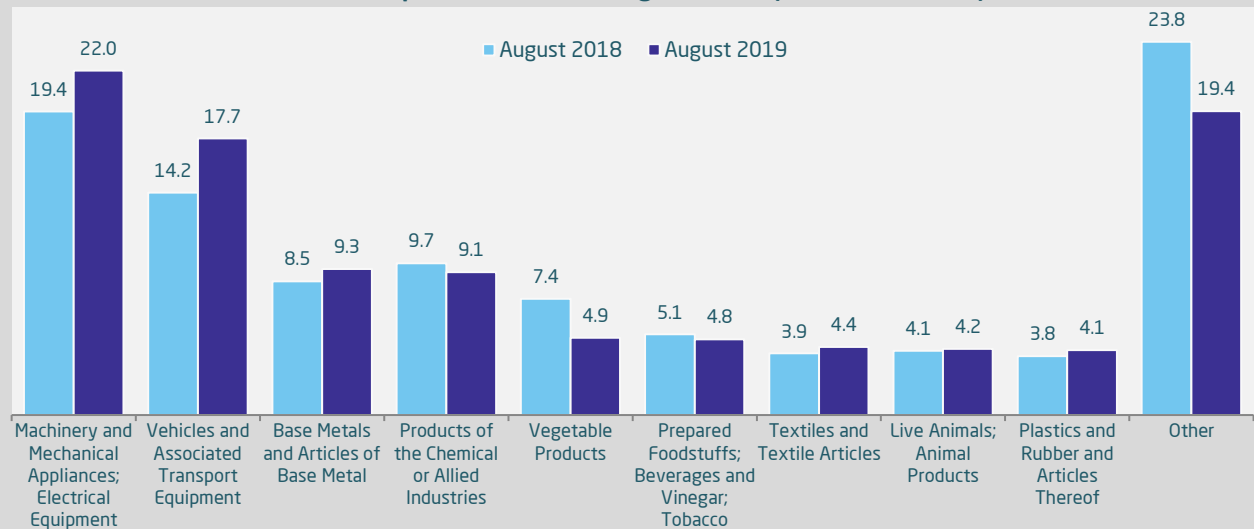


2.2. Imports by Section

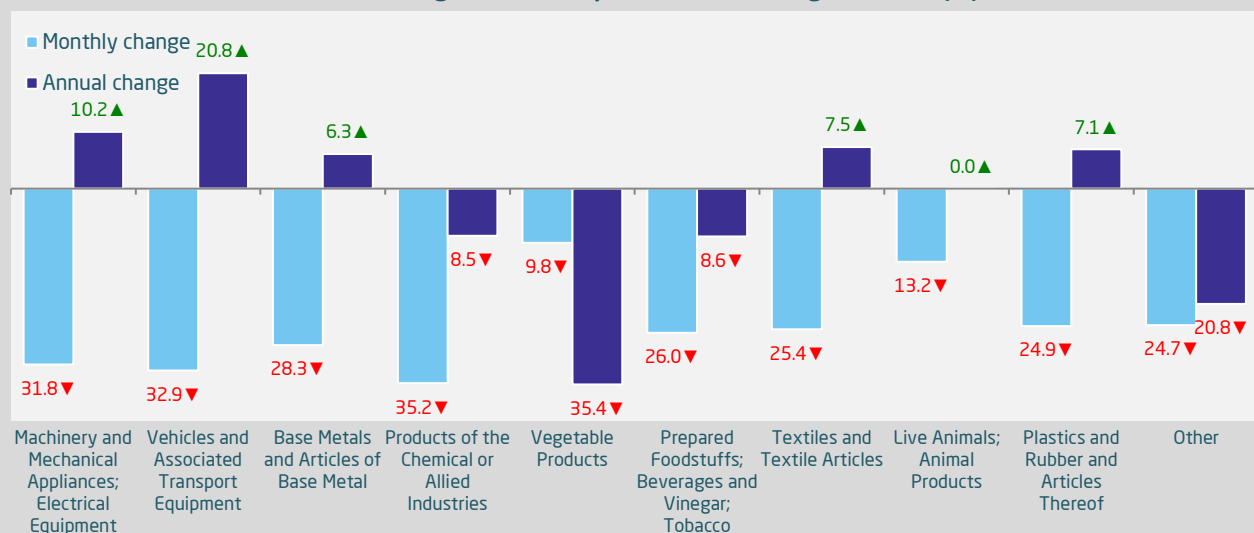
Main Import Products (Million Riyals)

Imported Products (by section of the Harmonized System)	August 2018	August 2019		
		Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
1 Machinery and Mechanical Appliances; Electrical Equipment	7,222	7,962	739▲	10.2▲
2 Vehicles and Associated Transport Equipment	5,291	6,394	1,103▲	20.8▲
3 Base Metals and Articles of Base Metal	3,181	3,380	199▲	6.3▲
4 Products of the Chemical or Allied Industries	3,611	3,303	308▼	8.5▼
5 Vegetable Products	2,763	1,786	978▼	35.4▼
6 Prepared Foodstuffs; Beverages and Vinegar; Tobacco	1,919	1,753	166▼	8.6▼
7 Textiles and Textile Articles	1,466	1,576	110▲	7.5▲
8 Live Animals; Animal Products	1,533	1,533	1▲	0.0▲
9 Plastics and Rubber and Articles Thereof	1,401	1,501	100▲	7.1▲
10 Other	8,879	7,028	1,851▼	20.8▼
Total	37,266	36,216	1,049▼	2.8▼

Main Import Products in August 2019 (Share in total, %)



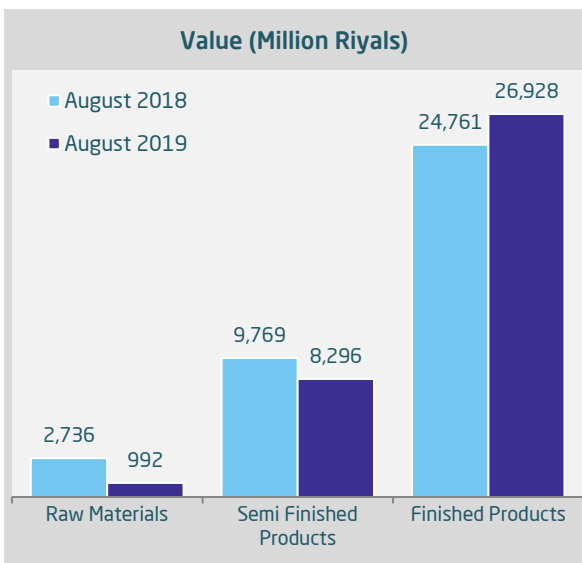
Change in Main Import Products, August 2019 (%)



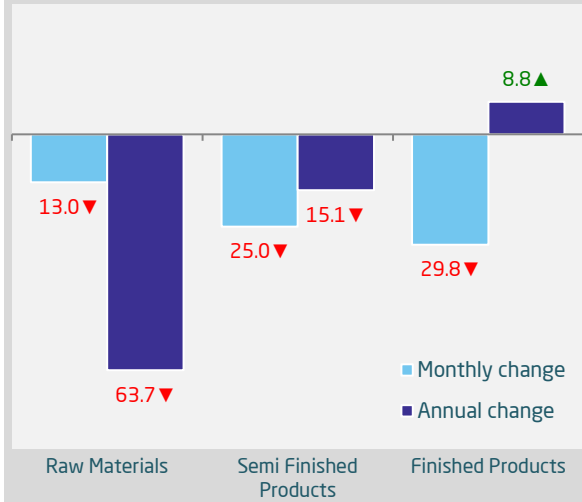


2.3. Imports by Nature and Utilization of Items

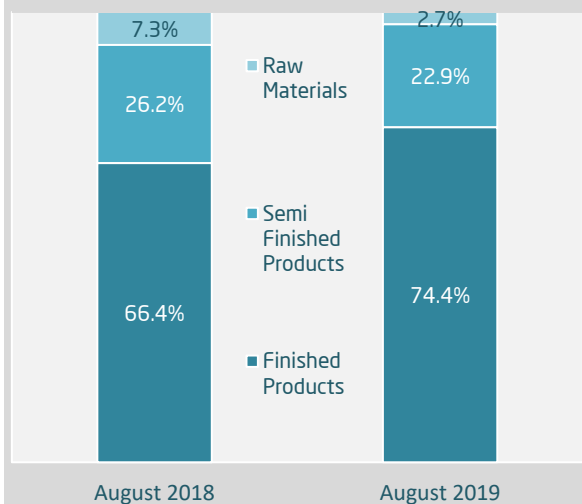
Imports by Nature of Items



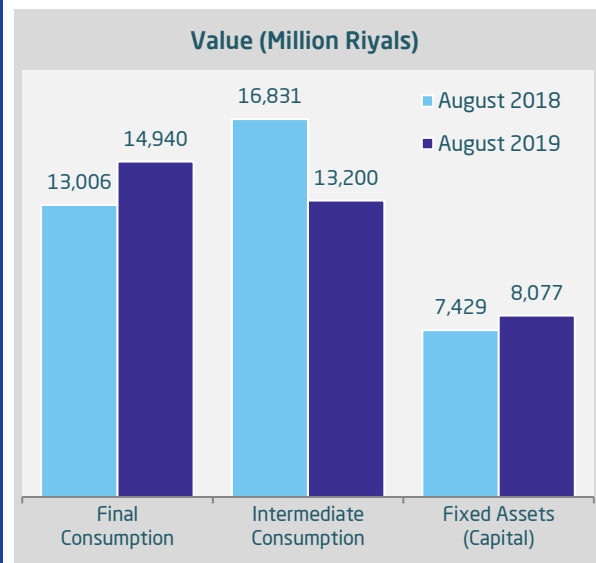
Change in August 2019 (%)



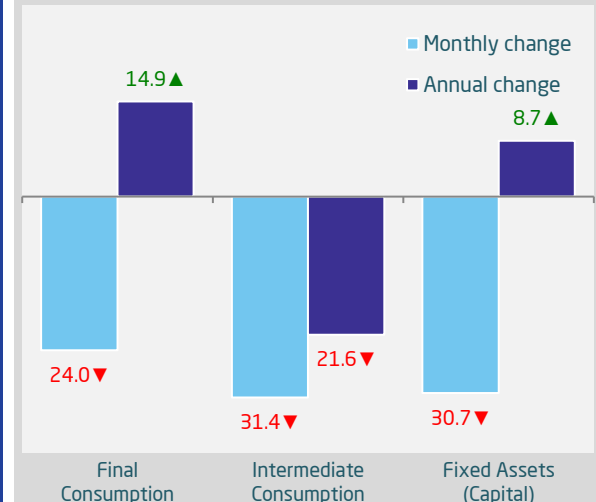
Share in Total Imports



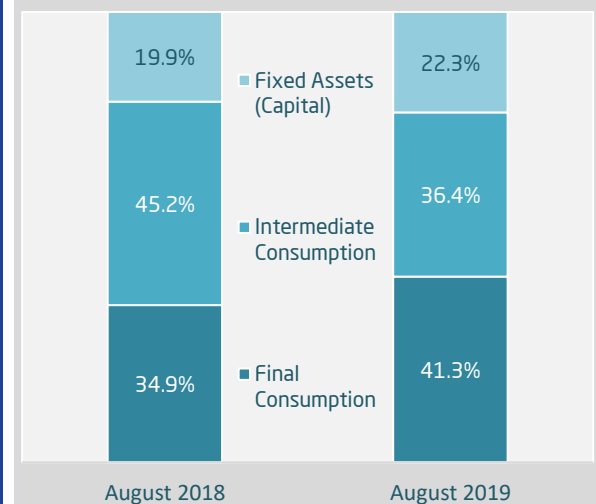
Imports by Utilization of Items



Change in August 2019 (%)



Share in Total Imports





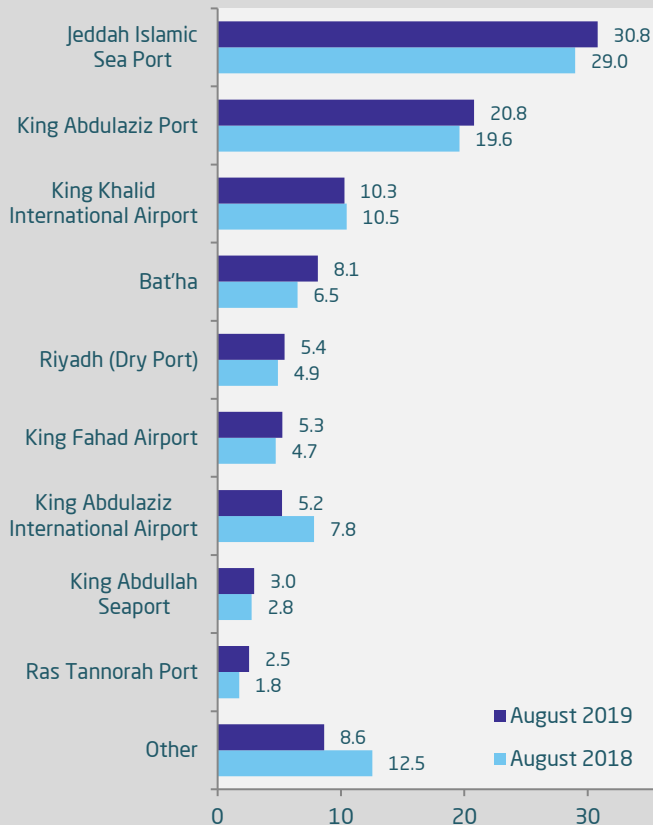
2.4. Imports by Mode of Transport and Customs Port

Imports by Mode of Transport and Customs Port (Million Riyals)

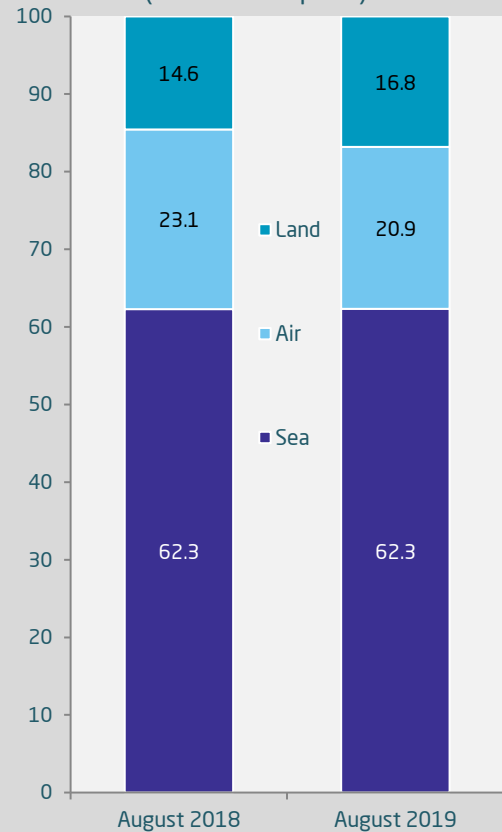
Mode of Transport and Customs Port	August 2018	August 2019		
		Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
Sea	23,219	22,577	642 ▼	2.8 ▼
Jeddah Islamic Sea Port	10,795	11,153	357 ▲	3.3 ▲
King Abdulaziz Port	7,306	7,531	226 ▲	3.1 ▲
King Abdullah Seaport	1,026	1,071	44 ▲	4.3 ▲
Other Seaports	4,091	2,822	1,269 ▼	31.0 ▼
Air	8,620	7,554	1,066 ▼	12.4 ▼
King Khalid International Airport	3,902	3,722	180 ▼	4.6 ▼
King Fahad Airport	1,758	1,901	143 ▲	8.2 ▲
King Abdulaziz International Airport	2,910	1,886	1,024 ▼	35.2 ▼
Other Airports	50	45	5 ▼	10.3 ▼
Land	5,427	6,085	658 ▲	12.1 ▲
Bat'ha	2,418	2,943	525 ▲	21.7 ▲
Riyadh (Dry Port)	1,819	1,964	145 ▲	8.0 ▲
King Fahad Bridge	779	591	188 ▼	24.1 ▼
Other Land Ports	411	587	176 ▲	42.9 ▲
Total	37,266	36,216	1,049 ▼	2.8 ▼



Imports by Customs Port
(% of total imports)



Imports by Mode of Transport
(% of total imports)



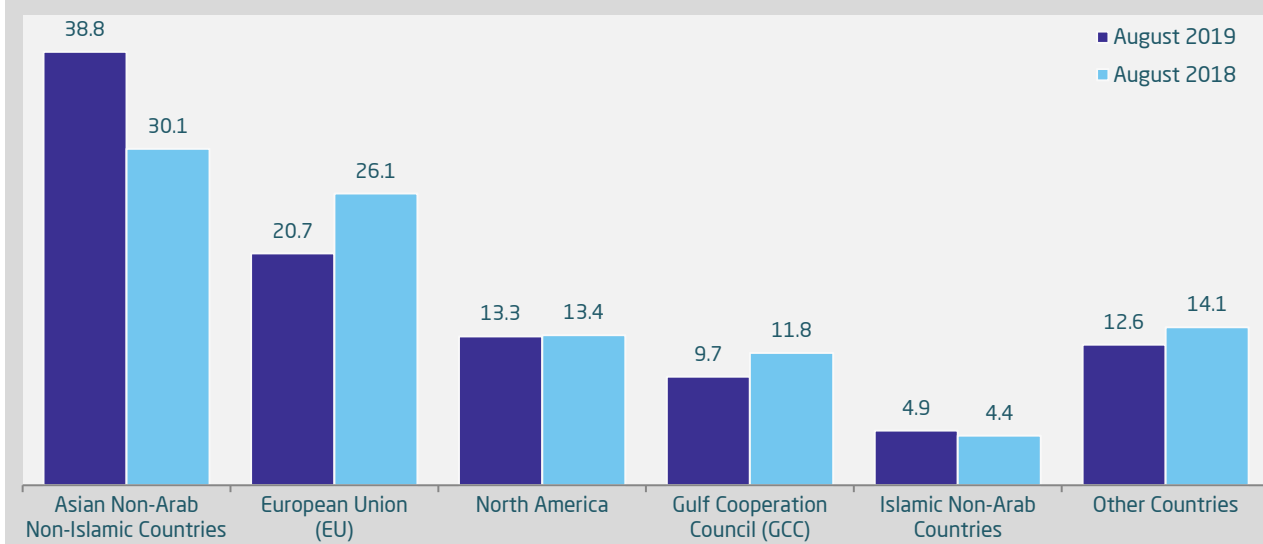


2.5. Imports by Group of Countries

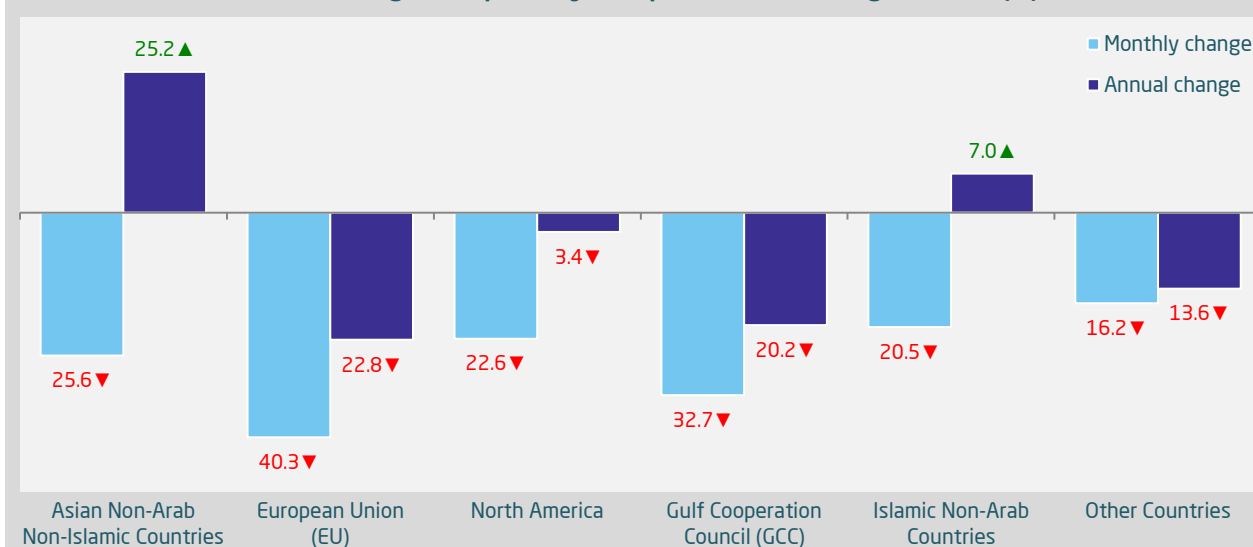
Imports by Group of Countries (Million Riyals)

Groups of Countries	August 2018	August 2019		
		Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
1 Asian Non-Arab Non-Islamic Countries	11,209	14,038	2,828▲	25.2▲
2 European Union (EU)	9,724	7,509	2,215▼	22.8▼
3 North America	4,998	4,826	172▼	3.4▼
4 Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)	4,410	3,520	889▼	20.2▼
5 Islamic Non-Arab Countries	1,655	1,770	116▲	7.0▲
6 Other Countries	5,271	4,554	717▼	13.6▼
Total	37,266	36,216	1,049▼	2.8▼

Imports by Group of Countries, August 2019 (Share in total, %)



Change in Imports by Group of Countries, August 2019 (%)

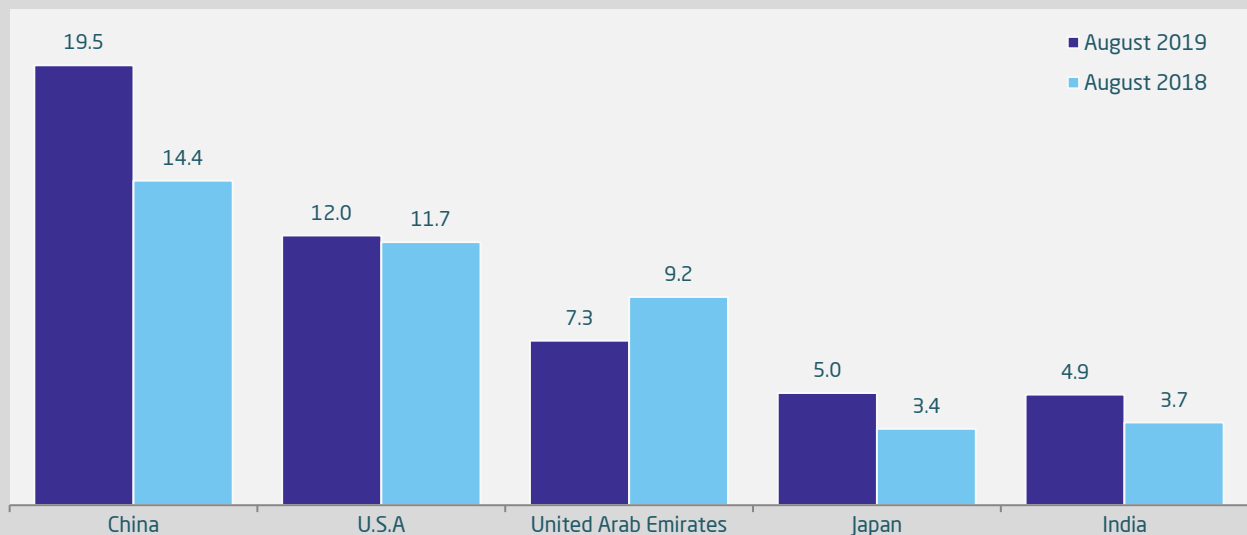




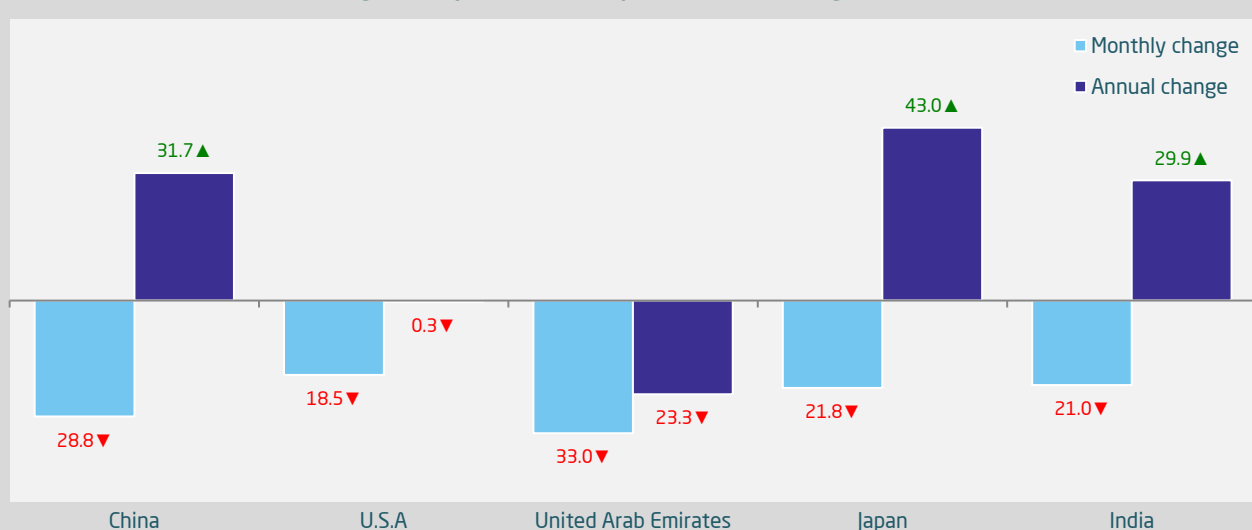
2.6. Top 5 Partner Countries for Imports

Top 5 Partner Countries for Imports (Million Riyals)					
Countries		August 2018	August 2019		
			Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
1	China	5,362	7,064	1,702▲	31.7▲
2	U.S.A	4,345	4,330	15▼	0.3▼
3	United Arab Emirates	3,440	2,640	801▼	23.3▼
4	Japan	1,261	1,803	542▲	43.0▲
5	India	1,366	1,775	409▲	29.9▲
Total		15,775	17,612	1,837▲	11.6▲
Share of the top 5 countries in total imports (%)		42.3	48.6		

Top 5 Partner Countries for Imports, August 2019 (Share in total, %)



Change in Imports from Top 5 Countries, August 2019 (%)





3. Trade Volume and Trade Balance

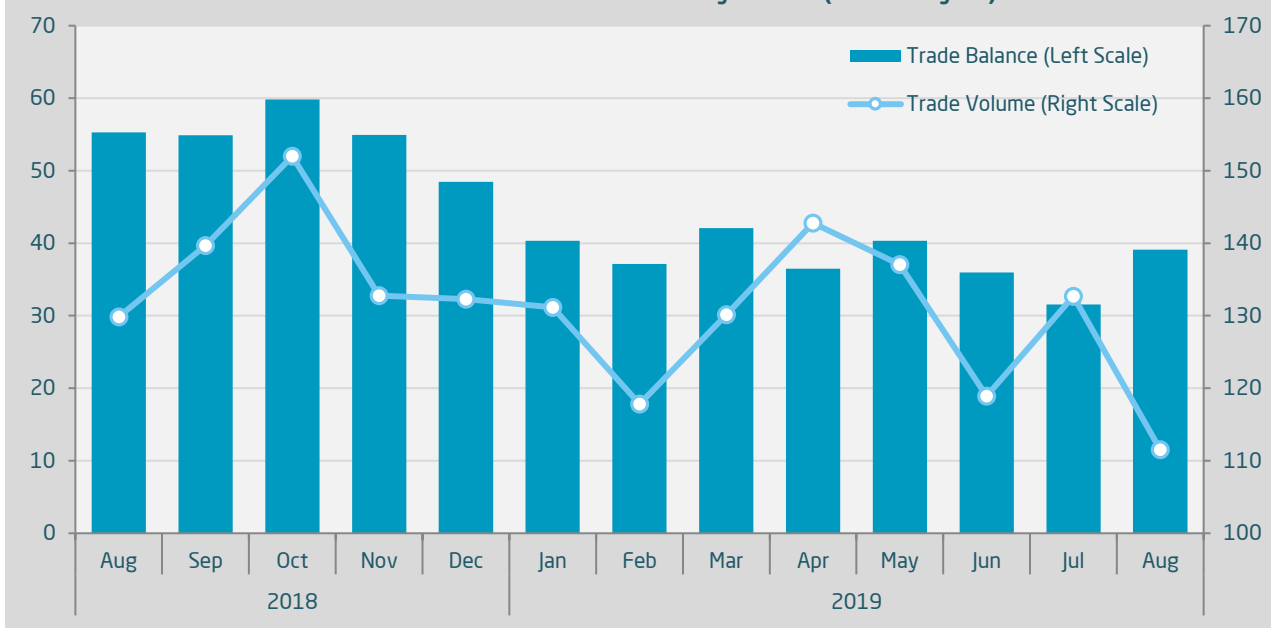
Merchandise trade volume of Saudi Arabia amounted to 111 billion 531 million riyals in August 2019 compared to 129 billion 824 million riyals in August 2018, corresponding to a decrease of 18 billion 293 million riyals or 14.1%. On the other hand, the Kingdom recorded a surplus of 39 billion 98 million riyals in its merchandise trade in August 2019, down by 16 billion 194 million riyals from the surplus of 55 billion 292 million riyals registered in August

Exports, Imports, Trade Volume, and Trade Balance, Monthly (Million Riyals)

Year	Month	Merchandise Exports	Merchandise Imports	Trade Volume	Trade Balance
2018	August	92,558	37,266	129,824	55,292
	September	97,277	42,392	139,669	54,885
	October	105,900	46,086	151,986	59,814
	November	93,857	38,909	132,766	54,948
	December	90,383	41,901	132,284	48,482
	2019	January	85,743	45,429	131,172
February		77,494	40,345	117,839	37,150
March		86,125	44,045	130,170	42,080
April		89,643	53,155	142,798	36,488
May		88,690	48,360	137,050	40,330
June		77,449	41,466	118,915	35,983
July		82,123	50,561	132,684	31,562
August		75,315	36,216	111,531	39,098



Trade Balance and Trade Volume by Month (Billion Riyals)





4. Ratio of Non-oil Exports to Imports, Monthly

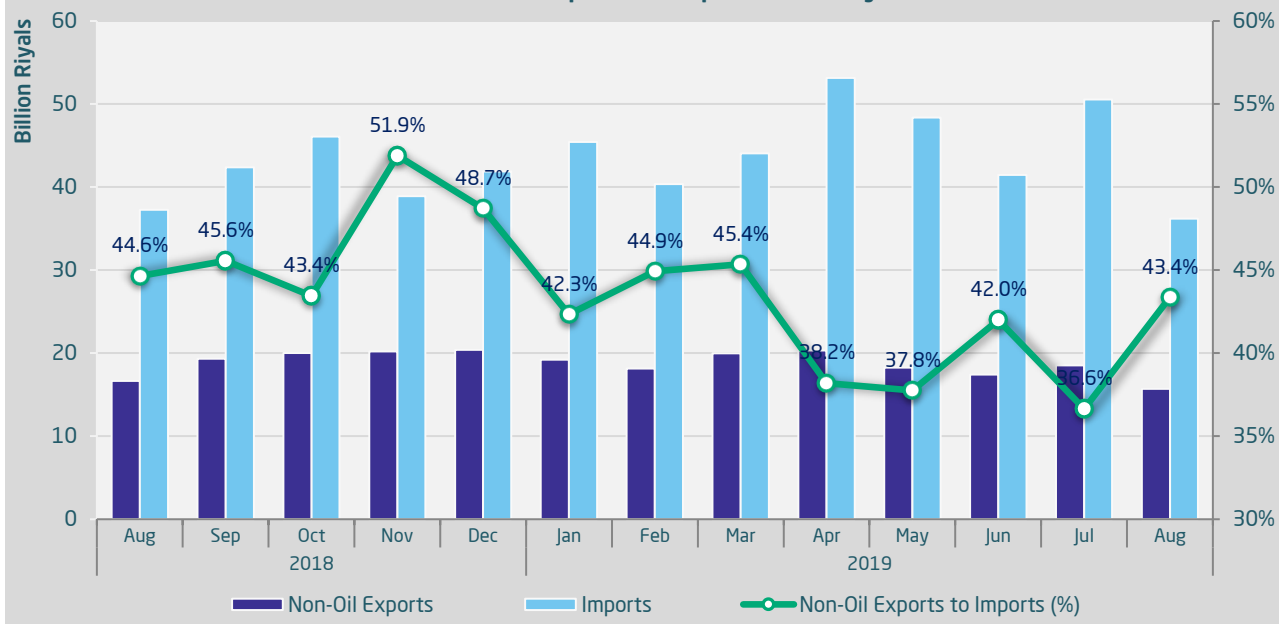
Non-oil exports decreased from 16 billion 639 million riyals in August 2018 to 15 billion 705 million riyals in August 2019 while imports decreased from 37 billion 266 million riyals to 36 billion 216 million riyals over the same period. Accordingly, the ratio of non-oil exports to imports decreased to 43.4% in August 2019 from 44.6% in August 2018 as a result of a larger decrease in non-oil exports (5.6%) than in imports (2.8%) over that period.

Ratio of Non-oil Exports to Imports, Monthly

Year	Month	Non-oil Merchandise Exports		Merchandise Imports		Non-oil Exports to Imports (%)
		Million Riyals	Annual Change (%)	Million Riyals	Annual Change (%)	
2018	August	16,639	6.6▼	37,266	14.4▼	44.6
	September	19,311	49.8▲	42,392	19.7▲	45.6
	October	20,023	11.6▲	46,086	3.2▲	43.4
	November	20,191	6.5▲	38,909	4.4▼	51.9
	December	20,408	8.4▲	41,901	2.1▼	48.7
2019	January	19,232	6.6▲	45,429	7.6▲	42.3
	February	18,127	0.9▼	40,345	4.0▼	44.9
	March	19,977	1.4▼	44,045	5.4▲	45.4
	April	20,306	2.7▼	53,155	12.6▲	38.2
	May	18,260	17.0▼	48,360	0.3▼	37.8
	June	17,414	2.6▼	41,466	11.3▲	42.0
	July	18,526	14.0▼	50,561	4.5▲	36.6
	August	15,705	5.6▼	36,216	2.8▼	43.4



Ratio of Non-oil Exports to Imports, Monthly





5. Ratio of Non-oil Exports to Imports, Annual

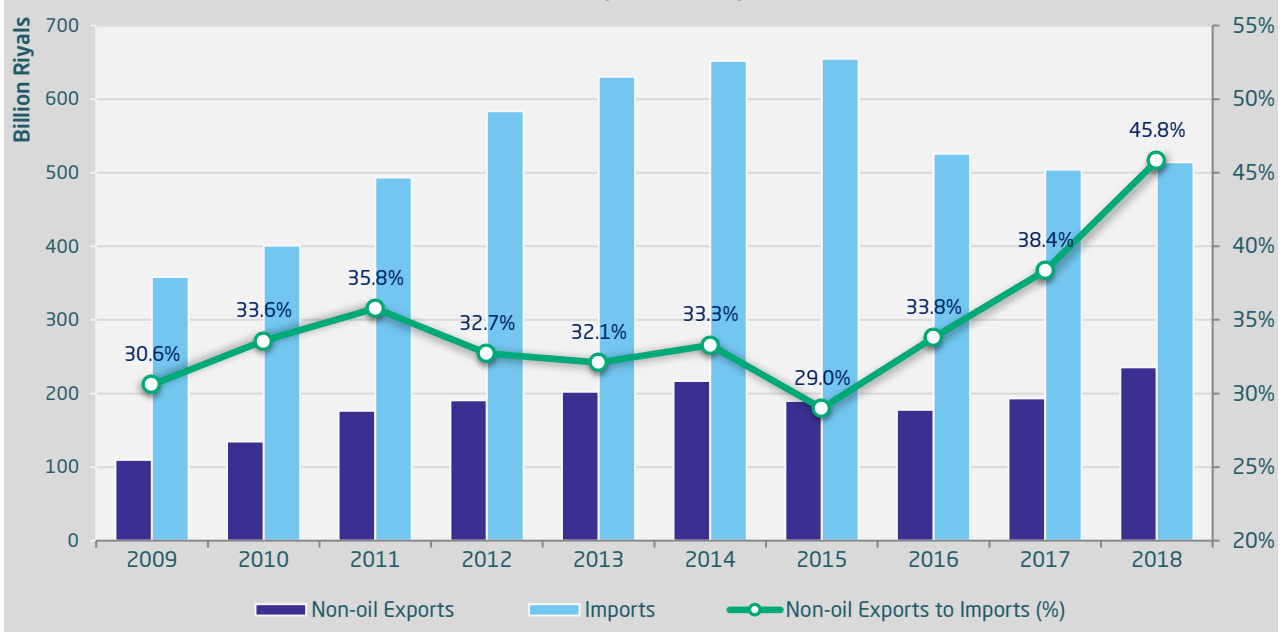
Non-oil exports increased from 193 billion 479 million riyals in 2017 to 235 billion 458 million riyals in 2018 while imports increased from 504 billion 447 million riyals to 513 billion 993 million riyals over the same period. Accordingly, the ratio of non-oil exports to imports increased to 45.8% in 2018 from 38.4% in the previous year as a result of a higher increase in non-oil exports (21.7%) than in imports (1.9%) over the previous year.

Ratio of Non-oil Exports to Imports, Annual

Year	Non-oil Merchandise Exports		Merchandise Imports		Non-oil Exports to Imports (%)
	Million Riyals	Annual Change (%)	Million Riyals	Annual Change (%)	
2009	109,619	9.9▼	358,290	17.0▼	30.6
2010	134,610	22.8▲	400,736	11.8▲	33.6
2011	176,568	31.2▲	493,449	23.1▲	35.8
2012	190,952	8.1▲	583,473	18.2▲	32.7
2013	202,443	6.0▲	630,582	8.1▲	32.1
2014	217,030	7.2▲	651,876	3.4▲	33.3
2015	189,901	12.5▼	655,033	0.5▲	29.0
2016	177,694	6.4▼	525,636	19.8▼	33.8
2017	193,479	8.9▲	504,447	4.0▼	38.4
2018	235,458	21.7▲	513,993	1.9▲	45.8



Ratio of Non-oil Exports to Imports, Annual





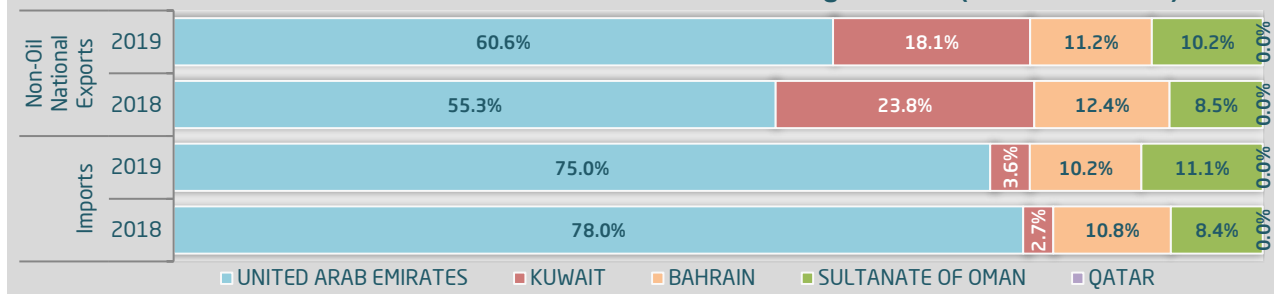
6. Trade between Saudi Arabia and GCC Countries

Non-oil exports of Saudi Arabia of national origin to the GCC countries amounted to 2 billion 164 million riyals in August 2019 compared to 2 billion 478 million riyals in August 2018, with a decrease of 314 million riyals or 12.7% over that period. Saudi Arabia's imports of goods from the GCC countries amounted to 3 billion 520 million riyals in August 2019 compared to 4 billion 410 million riyals in August 2018, down by 899 million riyals or 20.2% over that period.

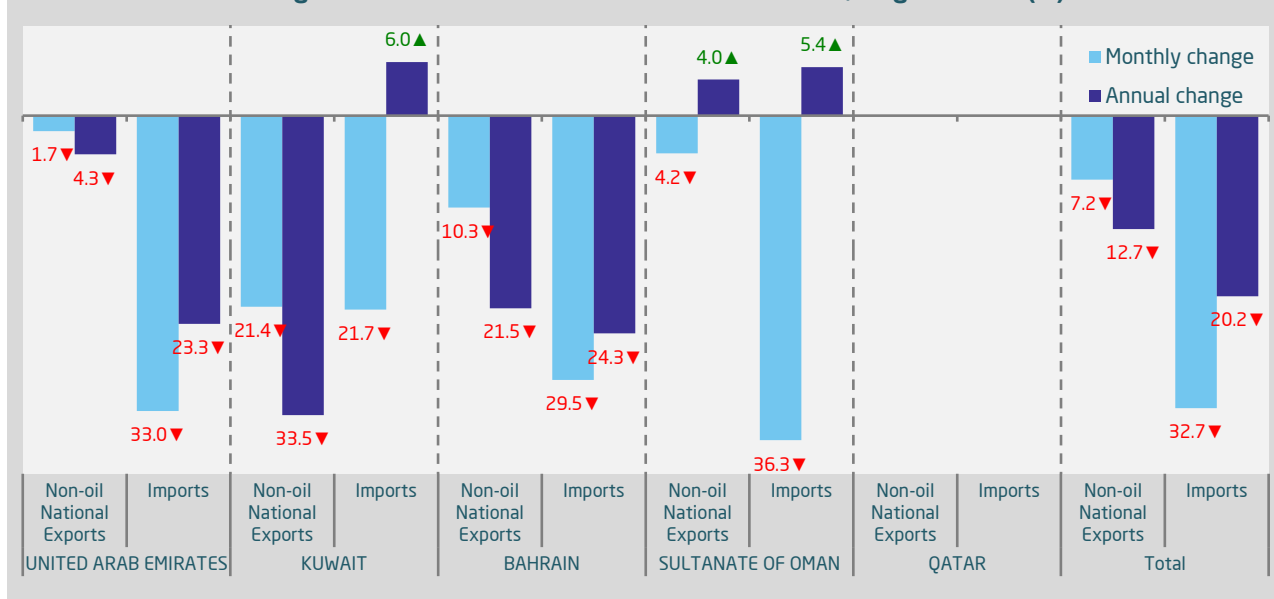
Saudi Arabia's Trade with GCC Countries in August (Million Riyals)

Partner Country	Non-oil Merchandise Exports						Merchandise Imports		Non-oil Trade Balance	
	National Exports		Re-exports		Total		2018	2019	2018	2019
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019				
United Arab Emirates	1,370	1,310	829	807	2,199	2,117	3,440	2,640	-1,242	-523
Kuwait	589	392	45	41	634	433	121	128	513	305
Bahrain	308	242	138	73	445	314	477	361	-31	-47
Sultanate Of Oman	212	220	18	18	229	239	372	392	-142	-153
Qatar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2,478	2,164	1,029	939	3,508	3,103	4,410	3,520	-902	-417

Distribution of Saudi Arabia's Trade with GCC Countries, August 2019 (Share in Total, %)



Change in Saudi Arabia's Trade with GCC Countries, August 2019 (%)





Appendix

1- Exports and Imports of Saudi Arabia by Section

Merchandise Exports and Imports by Section* (Million Riyals)					
Section	Description	Exports		Imports	
		August 2018	August 2019	August 2018	August 2019
1	Live animals; animal products	366.0	416.5	1,532.6	1,533.4
2	Vegetable products	77.3	66.1	2,763.5	1,785.9
3	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes	47.5	59.8	256.7	148.3
4	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	401.8	384.4	1,918.7	1,753.1
5	Mineral products	76,175.0	59,667.0	2,153.8	1,049.1
6	Products of the chemical or allied industries	4,524.8	5,212.8	3,610.7	3,302.9
7	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof	6,599.5	5,739.5	1,401.0	1,500.6
8	Raw hides and skins, leather, fur skins and articles thereof; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silk-worm gut)	19.5	17.3	140.8	167.6
9	Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork and articles of cork; manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basket ware and wickerwork	23.3	14.7	370.2	369.6
10	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper or paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof	189.1	187.0	590.2	560.5
11	Textiles and textile articles	146.6	133.7	1,465.5	1,576.0
12	Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith; artificial flowers; articles of human hair	6.5	2.5	288.9	290.3
13	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware	164.5	139.8	532.7	542.5
14	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	202.8	391.2	1,739.0	448.3
15	Base metals and articles of base metal	1,508.6	1,178.3	3,180.7	3,379.8
16	Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles	662.6	754.3	7,222.5	7,961.7
17	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment	1,237.0	758.5	5,291.2	6,394.4
18	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	76.7	59.4	970.4	1,019.7
19	Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof	0.9	0.2	503.3	1,000.9
20	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	100.6	95.0	928.5	966.6
21	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	27.2	36.5	404.7	465.0
Total		92,557.9	75,314.5	37,265.7	36,216.4

* Sections of the Harmonized System (HS)





2- Non-oil Exports of Saudi Arabia by Country

Non-oil Exports by Country (Million Riyals) ¹			
#	Country	August 2018	August 2019
1	CHINA	2,213.5	2,736.0
2	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	2,198.8	2,116.9
3	INDIA	900.3	1,158.0
4	SINGAPORE	1,073.0	850.6
5	TURKEY	598.9	476.7
6	BELGIUM	679.5	469.2
7	MALAYSIA	580.4	446.8
8	EGYPT	617.2	434.2
9	KUWAIT	634.0	433.3
10	JORDAN	431.6	428.4
11	U.S.A	495.0	383.1
12	BAHRAIN	445.5	314.1
13	SOUTH KOREA	116.9	272.7
14	SOUTH AFRICA	237.7	272.1
15	SWITZERLAND	160.3	268.0
16	SULTANATE OF OMAN	229.3	238.6
17	JAPAN	154.6	237.4
18	INDONESIA	114.1	237.4
19	NETHERLANDS	174.4	228.1
20	ITALY	187.9	223.9
21	BRAZIL	191.0	193.0
22	IRAQ	227.9	192.8
23	VIETNAM	250.1	188.9
24	BANGLADESH	193.9	184.7
25	SPAIN	198.1	176.6
26	SUDAN	288.7	166.2
27	PAKISTAN	222.1	150.7
28	THAILAND	123.2	142.6
29	ALGERIA	198.4	137.5
30	REPUBLIC OF YEMEN	241.5	132.7
31	TAIWAN	196.1	121.4
32	UNITED KINGDOM	177.9	111.3
33	NIGERIA	96.3	95.7
34	AUSTRALIA	88.9	90.5
35	DJIBOUTI	25.6	86.8
36	MOROCCO	118.6	86.5
37	LEBANON	131.5	70.2

Non-oil Exports by Country (Million Riyals)			
#	Country	August 2018	August 2019
38	POLAND	144.4	68.4
39	GREECE	83.1	66.9
40	HONG KONG	68.4	64.6
41	KENYA	85.8	61.7
42	PORTUGAL	55.7	61.6
43	FRANCE	39.4	60.8
44	GERMANY	93.7	59.7
45	NEW ZEALAND	38.6	41.9
46	TANZANIA	81.5	39.4
47	TUNISIA	64.6	38.6
48	LIBYA	14.6	34.0
49	SWEDEN	15.2	33.4
50	COTE D'IVOIRE	26.1	30.1
51	MOZAMBIQUE	39.8	25.4
52	MYANMAR	14.3	23.2
53	PHILIPPINES	60.0	22.3
54	MALAWI	1.5	20.3
55	MALTA	0.0	20.2
56	ETHIOPIA	15.2	19.6
57	GUATEMALA	19.8	18.3
58	ARGENTINA	63.5	17.5
59	UKRAINE	31.5	17.2
60	GHANA	32.1	17.0
61	CANADA	40.3	16.9
62	SRI LANKA	18.8	15.5
63	TOGO	10.2	14.7
64	PERU	31.8	14.2
65	MEXICO	6.7	12.8
66	GUINEA	2.9	11.3
67	ESTONIA	13.7	11.3
68	EUROPEAN UNION, N.E.S	-	11.0
69	COLOMBIA	14.2	10.6
70	ECUADOR	9.2	10.6
71	UGANDA	15.8	8.8
72	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	7.8	8.5
73	SOMALIA	12.2	8.3
74	MAURITANIA	5.6	7.2



(1) Country ranking is based on August 2019. "0.0" indicates a value less than 50 thousands while a dash (-) indicates nil.



Non-oil Exports by Country (Million Riyals)			
#	Country	August 2018	August 2019
75	CUBA	3.9	6.7
76	SENEGAL	8.6	6.6
77	CAMEROON	8.1	6.3
78	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	2.6	6.1
79	BULGARIA	0.5	5.6
80	MADAGASCAR	2.2	5.5
81	PALESTINE	5.5	5.4
82	CONGO, THE DEMOCRATIC R	7.7	5.2
83	SLOVENIA	3.2	4.7
84	DENMARK	0.5	4.7
85	NORWAY	5.0	3.9
86	NAMIBIA	1.0	3.6
87	LUXEMBOURG	0.8	3.3
88	IRELAND	2.5	3.3
89	SIERRA LEONE	0.9	3.2
90	CZECH REPUBLIC	2.5	3.1
91	CHILE	2.5	3.1
92	CYPRUS	2.3	2.8
93	ANGOLA	11.4	2.5
94	AUSTRIA	3.6	2.3
95	AZERBAIJAN	1.4	2.2
96	NETHERLANDS ANTILLES	-	2.1
97	NEPAL	2.0	2.0
98	PARAGUAY	3.2	2.0
99	GEORGIA	1.3	1.9
100	MAURITIUS	3.9	1.7
101	URUGUAY	2.8	1.7
102	CROATIA	1.3	1.6
103	HUNGARY	2.7	1.5
104	COMOROS	0.3	1.5
105	HAITI	0.1	1.4
106	FINLAND	5.0	1.2
107	EL SALVADOR	2.4	1.2
108	CAMBODIA	2.0	1.1
109	MALDIVES	0.8	1.1
110	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	-	1.1
111	LITHUANIA	1.1	1.0
112	SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE	-	1.0
113	AFGHANISTAN	1.3	1.0

Non-oil Exports by Country (Million Riyals)			
#	Country	August 2018	August 2019
114	MAYOTTE	-	0.8
115	KYRGYZSTAN	0.1	0.8
116	CONGO	4.9	0.7
117	GAMBIA	0.7	0.7
118	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	0.3	0.6
119	REUNION	1.1	0.6
120	ALBANIA	1.0	0.6
121	BENIN	0.5	0.6
122	LIBERIA	1.3	0.5
123	ROMANIA	0.9	0.5
124	MALI	0.7	0.5
125	ERITREA	5.4	0.5
126	DOMINICA	0.5	0.4
127	TURKMENISTAN	-	0.4
128	ZAMBIA	1.1	0.4
129	NICARAGUA	-	0.3
130	COSTA RICA	2.4	0.3
131	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	0.9	0.2
132	UZBEKISTAN	-	0.2
133	ZIMBABWE	0.4	0.2
134	VENEZUELA	0.4	0.2
135	SLOVAKIA	-	0.2
136	SOUTH SUDAN	-	0.1
137	CHAD	0.2	0.1
138	ARMENIA	0.0	0.1
139	BURUNDI	0.0	0.1
140	PANAMA	1.9	0.1
141	SYRIA	0.2	0.1
142	SWAZILAND	0.0	0.1
143	PUERTO RICO	-	0.1
	OTHER COUNTRIES	16.3	0.1
	TOTAL	16,638.9	15,705.1





3- Imports of Saudi Arabia by Country

Imports by Country (Million Riyals) ²			
#	Country	August 2018	August 2019
1	CHINA	5,361.9	7,064.2
2	U.S.A	4,345.4	4,330.3
3	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	3,440.3	2,639.6
4	JAPAN	1,261.3	1,803.3
5	INDIA	1,366.3	1,774.8
6	GERMANY	1,925.4	1,765.4
7	SOUTH KOREA	940.2	1,458.1
8	ITALY	1,286.1	1,065.2
9	EGYPT	401.1	896.5
10	FRANCE	963.3	845.8
11	THAILAND	551.5	764.6
12	TURKEY	748.0	700.5
13	UNITED KINGDOM	687.4	649.5
14	BRAZIL	574.5	602.9
15	INDONESIA	411.9	562.2
16	SPAIN	1,046.4	505.8
17	CANADA	652.2	495.3
18	VIETNAM	527.0	432.4
19	SULTANATE OF OMAN	371.8	391.9
20	NETHERLANDS	899.8	372.2
21	BAHRAIN	476.7	360.7
22	TAIWAN	263.2	359.1
23	AUSTRIA	176.0	315.5
24	SWITZERLAND	433.5	269.5
25	JORDAN	225.5	267.2
26	ARGENTINA	303.9	263.2
27	MALAYSIA	280.6	262.9
28	SWEDEN	301.8	260.7
29	MEXICO	276.0	246.7
30	POLAND	371.6	238.2
31	BELGIUM	443.9	229.7
32	CONGO, THE DEMOCRATIC F	201.8	219.2
33	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	407.6	218.4
34	CZECH REPUBLIC	138.9	208.7
35	SOUTH AFRICA	498.4	188.0
36	DENMARK	210.0	187.2
37	IRELAND	205.2	180.9

Imports by Country (Million Riyals)			
#	Country	August 2018	August 2019
38	SOMALIA	225.0	168.2
39	NEW ZEALAND	240.4	164.7
40	SUDAN	117.1	158.9
41	AUSTRALIA	155.6	145.3
42	GREECE	177.2	140.9
43	SINGAPORE	784.2	139.2
44	PAKISTAN	103.3	133.0
45	KUWAIT	120.8	128.0
46	HUNGARY	91.7	107.3
47	FINLAND	100.7	99.9
48	BANGLADESH	97.0	95.0
49	UKRAINE	501.3	94.6
50	PANAMA	0.5	94.5
51	HONG KONG	20.5	87.7
52	LEBANON	75.4	74.6
53	PHILIPPINES	63.5	68.6
54	ROMANIA	151.7	66.7
55	ETHIOPIA	49.8	60.4
56	PORTUGAL	51.6	56.4
57	SLOVAKIA	54.6	50.3
58	SYRIA	22.4	46.0
59	ECUADOR	32.4	43.1
60	MOROCCO	61.6	41.0
61	DJIBOUTI	46.7	40.8
62	BULGARIA	42.8	39.2
63	CHILE	50.9	36.0
64	EUROPEAN UNION, N.E.S	107.9	35.7
65	NORWAY	29.9	33.5
66	SRI LANKA	36.4	30.3
67	REPUBLIC OF YEMEN	34.3	28.7
68	CAMBODIA	18.5	28.1
69	LUXEMBOURG	15.5	25.3
70	KENYA	22.9	24.9
71	TUNISIA	27.2	23.7
72	MYANMAR	9.9	22.1
73	GUATEMALA	26.6	18.5
74	SLOVENIA	31.6	16.5



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Imports by Country (Million Riyals)

#	Country	August 2018	August 2019
75	PUERTO RICO	1.8	14.1
76	COSTA RICA	4.3	13.1
77	ESTONIA	2.6	11.4
78	LITHUANIA	73.2	10.3
79	SERBIA	125.9	10.0
80	CROATIA	19.2	8.8
81	COLOMBIA	3.6	8.3
82	CYPRUS	4.5	6.2
83	LATVIA	5.8	5.1
84	BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA	7.8	4.7
85	TANZANIA	1.2	4.6
86	NIGERIA	4.1	3.9
87	MALTA	137.2	3.8
88	ALGERIA	1.3	3.3
89	SAN MARINO	0.3	2.6
90	CAMEROON	1.8	2.6
91	DOMINICA	7.3	2.5
92	GEORGIA	0.2	2.5
93	AFGHANISTAN	0.8	2.3
94	ZIMBABWE	0.9	2.2
95	PERU	2.3	2.2
96	UZBEKISTAN	0.8	1.8
97	ALBANIA	0.5	1.8
98	UGANDA	1.8	1.8
99	PALESTINE	3.0	1.6
100	PARAGUAY	1.1	1.5
101	URUGUAY	3.6	1.4
102	BELARUS	2.0	1.4
103	SWAZILAND	0.3	1.4
104	PAPUA	0.0	1.1
105	GHANA	2.1	1.0
106	MADAGASCAR	2.3	0.9
107	MACEDONIA	1.1	0.8
108	MOLDOVA	1.6	0.8
109	EL SALVADOR	0.3	0.8
110	NORTH KOREA	1.5	0.7
111	GABON	2.0	0.7
112	MALAWI	0.7	0.7
113	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	0.8	0.6

Imports by Country (Million Riyals)

#	Country	August 2018	August 2019
114	SURINAME	0.1	0.5
115	RWANDA	-	0.5
116	HONDURAS	0.7	0.5
117	MAURITIUS	1.0	0.4
118	FIJI	0.3	0.4
119	COTE D'IVOIRE	0.2	0.4
120	MOZAMBIQUE	0.6	0.3
121	IRAQ	4.2	0.3
122	NETHERLANDS ANTILLES	0.0	0.3
123	ARMENIA	0.5	0.3
124	MONTENEGRO	0.0	0.3
125	NAMIBIA	2.1	0.2
126	LAOS	0.1	0.2
127	VIRGIN ISLANDS BRITISH	-	0.2
128	GUINEA	-	0.2
129	LESOTHO	0.0	0.2
130	CONGO	24.1	0.2
131	ARUBA	0.1	0.2
132	LIECHTENSTEIN	0.5	0.1
133	AZERBAIJAN	0.1	0.1
134	NORTHERN MARIANA ISLA	-	0.1
135	MONACO	0.2	0.1
136	CUBA	3.2	0.1
137	MAURITANIA	2.8	0.1
138	NICARAGUA	0.2	0.1
139	GUDELOUPE	-	0.1
140	CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUB	-	0.1
141	NEPAL	0.6	0.1
142	GAMBIA	-	0.1
	OTHER COUNTRIES	16.7	0.5
	TOTAL	37,265.7	36,216.4





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