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Introduction

This report presents the developments in merchandise exports and imports of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for May 2019 as compared to the same period of the previous year, May 2018, according to the statistical methods and various classifications. The data for this report were collected from the Saudi Customs and the Ministry of Energy, Industry, and Mineral Resources.

The report includes statistics and data of Saudi Arabia' exports and imports during one month compared to the same period of the previous year. It shed light on key developments in the movement of the commodity exports and imports' value by using briefed tables and charts.

Because of the important role that oil exports play in Saudi economy, Exports are divided into oil exports and non-oil exports. So, non-oil exports and imports are presented in different classifications, as they might be classified according to sections, groups of countries, partner countries, transportation means, and custom ports. In addition, they are illustrated in detailed tables at the in a separate Excel file that can be downloaded from [GASTAT website](#)



It is worth mentioning that the results included in this report are primary, and they might be modified as long as there is an update to the information. Sometimes, differences in aggregates or percentages occur as a result of rounding numbers.

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Methodology

1. Data sources

The report of Saudi Arabia Commodity Exports and Imports depends on the administrative record data of Saudi Arabia Commodity Exports and Imports provided to GASTAT by concerned governmental entities in order to use them in calculating the indicators and release them in the report of Saudi Arabia Commodity Exports and Imports.

Administrative records data means data and information that are registered and updated by governmental entities concerned with commodity exports and imports, and resulted from the operation of official electronic registration and documentation of these entities.

2. Objectives

1. Supporting decision and policy makers, reserachers, and those who are concerned with updated and comprehensive statistics and indicators that are related to Saudi Arabia Commodity Exports and
2. Following up with the changes in the movement of exports and imports in Saudi Arabia and other great countries within two different periods of time.
3. Identifying the amount of surplus and deficit of the trade balance between Saudi Arabia and the other countries.
4. Identifying key imported and exported commodities from and to each country.
5. Developing important economic indicators for the components of national accounts and payment balance.
6. Contributing in creating a commercial policy to protect and encourage local commodities and industries compared with the competing 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	The sum of exports and 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 of the commodity exports and imports cover all commodity exports and imports (oil and non-oil exports as well as commodity imports) through all customs ports in Saudi Arabia.

Temporal coverage:

The administrative record data in the commodity export and import statistics (monthly) is based on the period from the beginning of the Gregorian month till its end.



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 General Authority for Statistics in coordination with the government entities concerned with commodity exports and imports obtained the report data of the commodity exports and imports of Saudi Arabia from the import and export inventory including all custom ports of Saudi Arabia, as follows:

- Data from the Ministry of Energy, Industry and Mineral Resources: A main source for oil exports.
- Data from Saudi Customs: A main source for non-oil commodity exports and imports.

These data were saved in the databases of GASTAT, and were audited and reviewed in accordance with the scientific statistics method and quality standards recognized in coordination with the entity issuing the data.



7. Preparation and review of results:

After reviewing the collected data of the administrative records data in the previous steps, the results were calculated, extracted, uploaded and stored on the database. After that, the final review was 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 coordinated, organized and reviewed the data of the administrative records contained in the report. Tables, charts and indicators were then prepared and processed. Then, the metadata and the methodology were added to this report, which was prepared in Arabic and English.

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

After GASTAT published the release date of the report on its official website in the beginning of the Gregorian calendar, it prepared 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 templates in the form of open data in Excel to ensure that it spreads and reaches all customers and those interested in the commodities exports and imports of Saudi Arabia, and to include it in 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 the Commodity exports and imports 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. Requests and enquiries are received through:

- * GASTAT official website www.stats.gov.sa
- * GASTAT official e-mail info@stats.gov.sa
- * Client support's email 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 commodity exports and imports report of Saudi Arabia is subject to many technical quality procedures to ensure the quality of the data. These include:

1. Review data from administrative records, verify their comprehensiveness and communicate with data providers if clarifications are needed on concerned data.
2. Verify outputs logic by comparing them with historical figures as well as its conformity with the actuality of the commodity exports and imports of Saudi Arabia.
3. The obligation in publishing the results according to the predetermined publication dates.

10. Users and benefits of the report:

The report on commodity exports and imports 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 commodity exports and imports. Data and indicators of commodity exports and imports are among the most important statistical products that contribute to the formulation of trade policy. It support and protect local goods from competitive imported goods. Moreover, the report contributes in 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 contributes to support decision-making in this field.

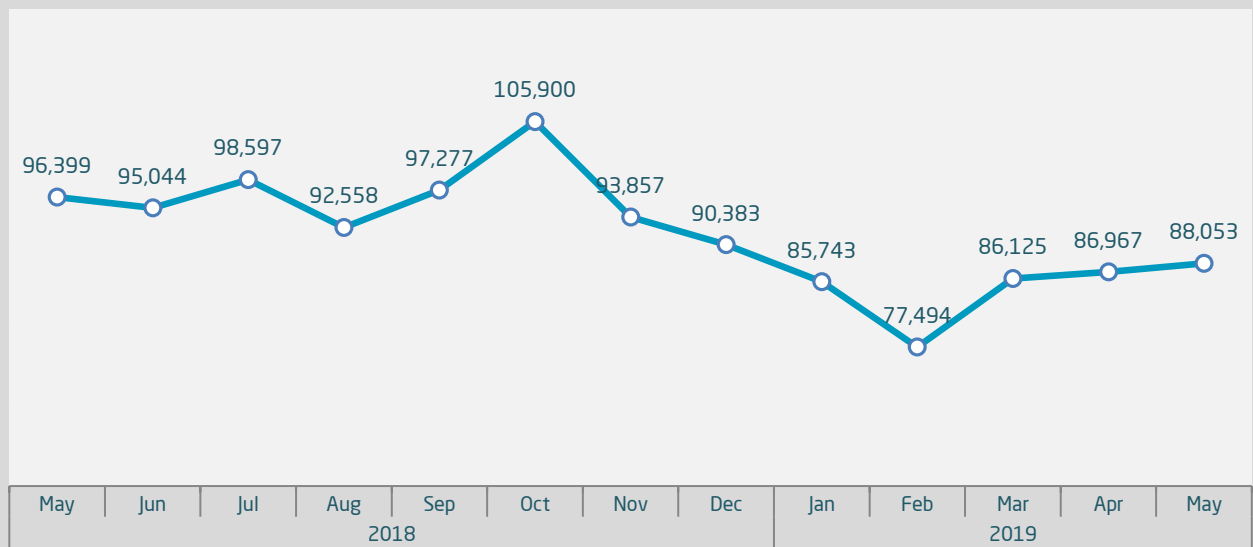




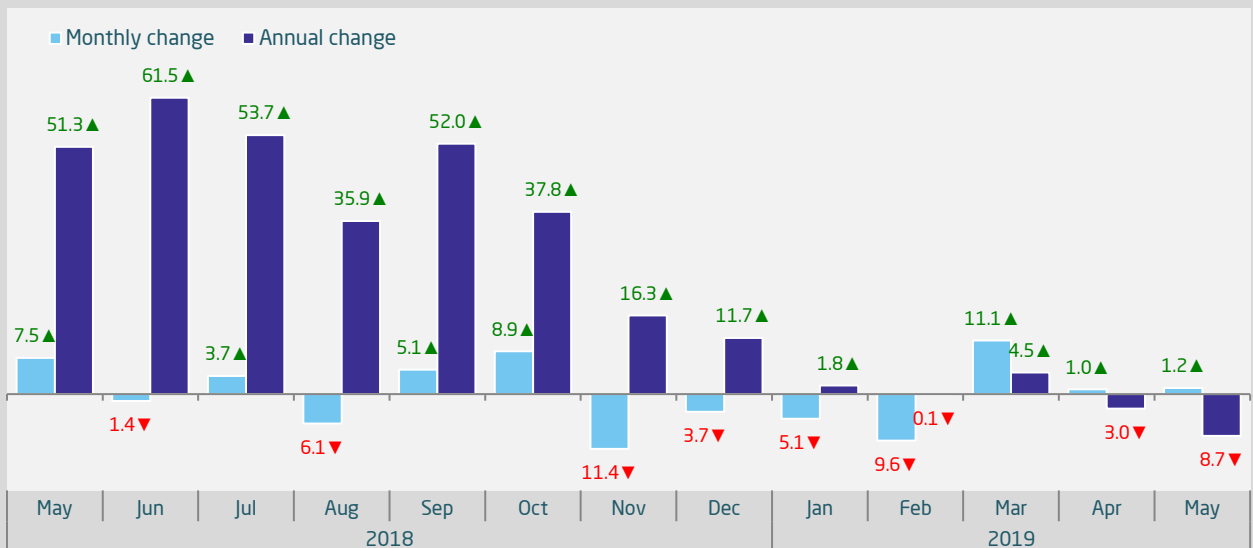
1. Merchandise Exports

Total merchandise exports of Saudi Arabia amounted to 88 billion 53 million riyals in May 2019 compared to 96 billion 399 million riyals in May 2018, corresponding to a decrease of 8 billion 346 million riyals or 8.7% over that period. Merchandise exports in May 2019 were, however, higher than those in the preceding month (April 2019) by 1 billion 86 million riyals or 1.2%.

Exports, Monthly (Million Riyals)



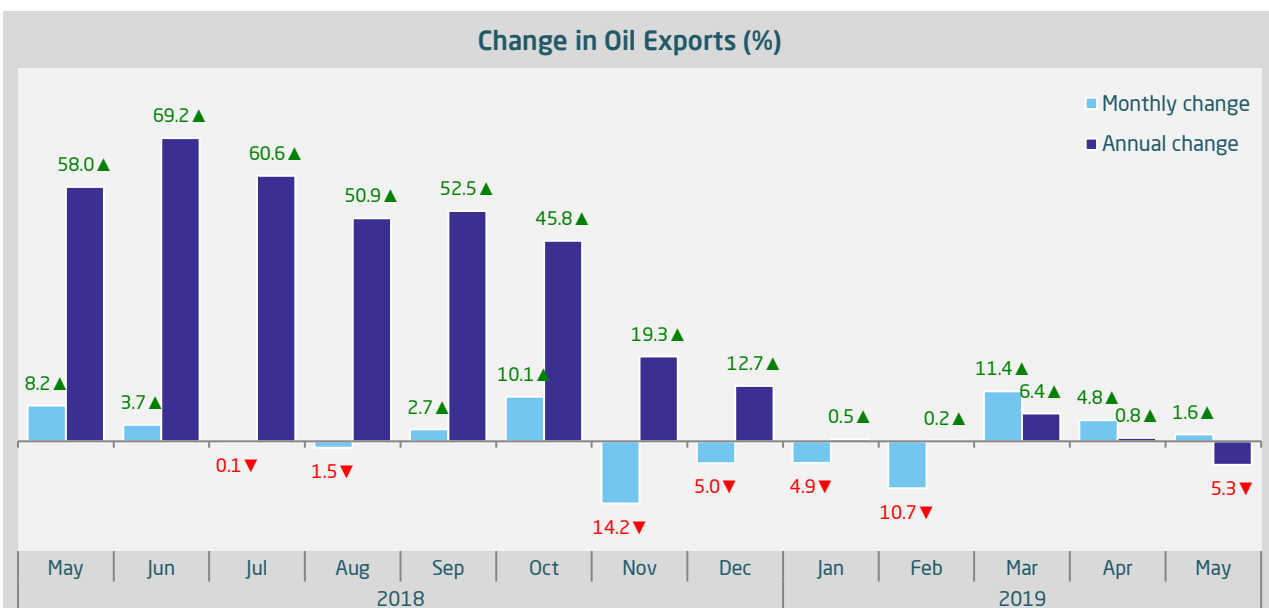
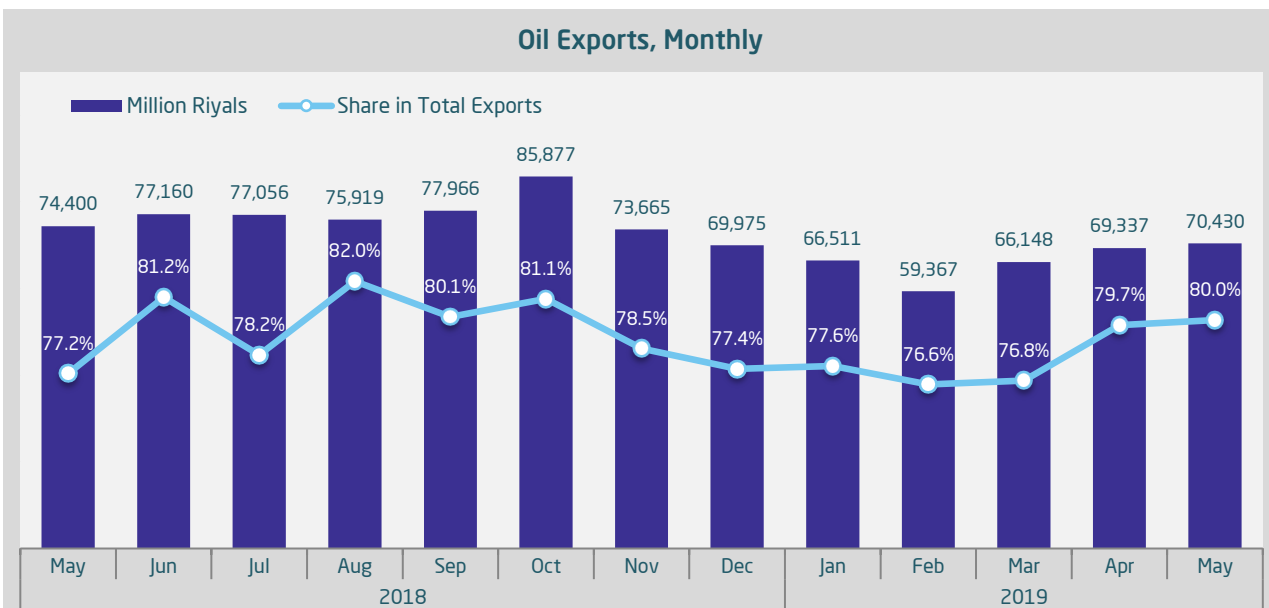
Change in Exports (%)





1.1. Oil Exports

Oil exports of Saudi Arabia valued at 70 billion 430 million riyals in May 2019 compared to 74 billion 400 million riyals in May 2018, corresponding to a decrease of 3 billion 971 million riyals or 5.3% over that period. The share of oil exports in total merchandise exports, however, increased from 77.2% in May 2018 to 80.0% in May 2019. Compared to the previous month (April 2019), the value of oil exports increased by 1 billion 93 million riyals or 1.6% in May 2019.



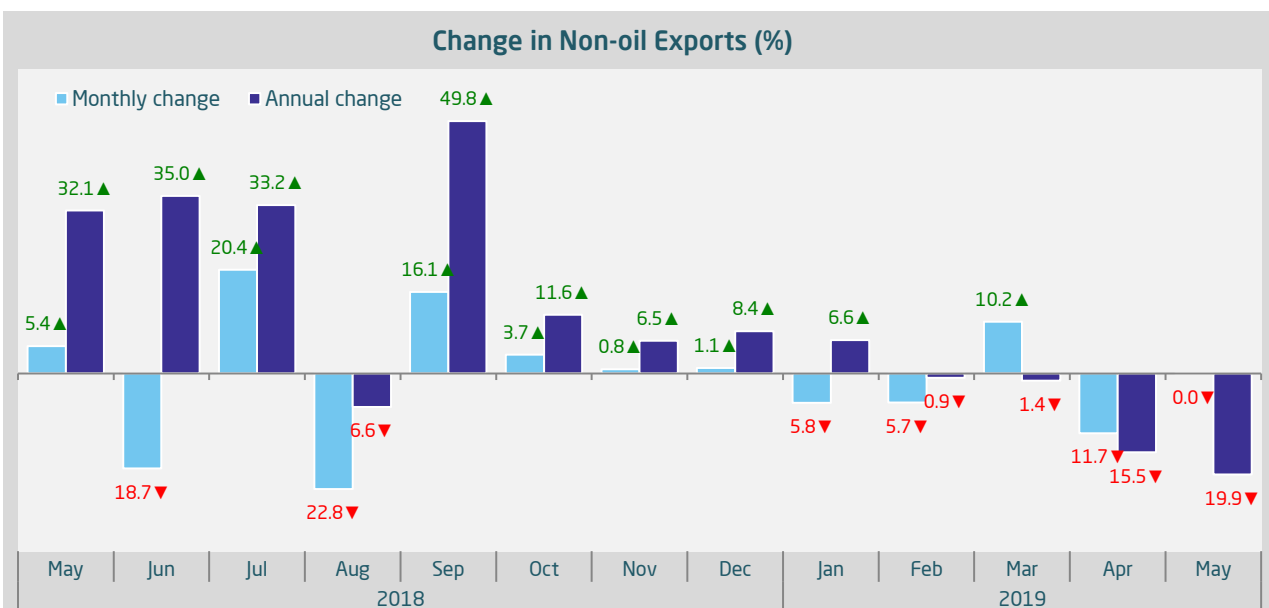
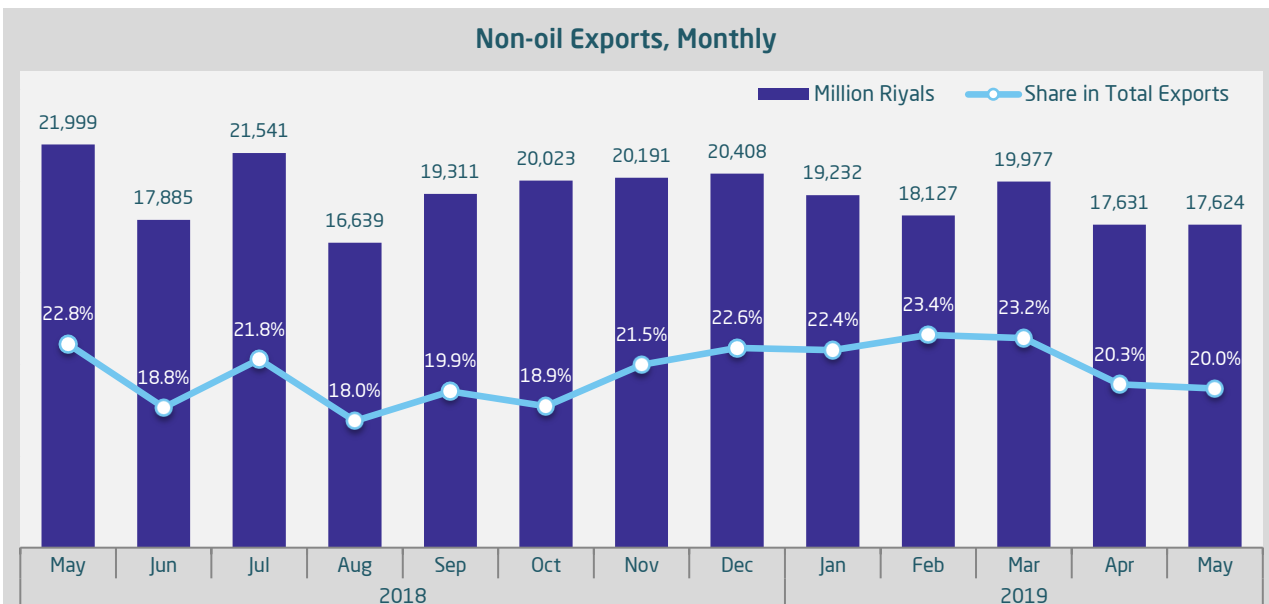


1.2. Non-oil Merchandise Exports

1.2.1. Developments in Non-oil Exports

Non-oil exports of Saudi Arabia amounted to 17 billion 624 million riyals in May 2019 compared to 21 billion 999 million riyals in May 2018, corresponding to a decrease of 4 billion 375 million riyals or 19.9% over that period. The share of non-oil exports in total merchandise exports also decreased from 22.8% in May 2018 to 20.0% in May 2019.

Compared to the previous month (April 2019), the value of non-oil exports decreased by 7 million riyals in May 2019.



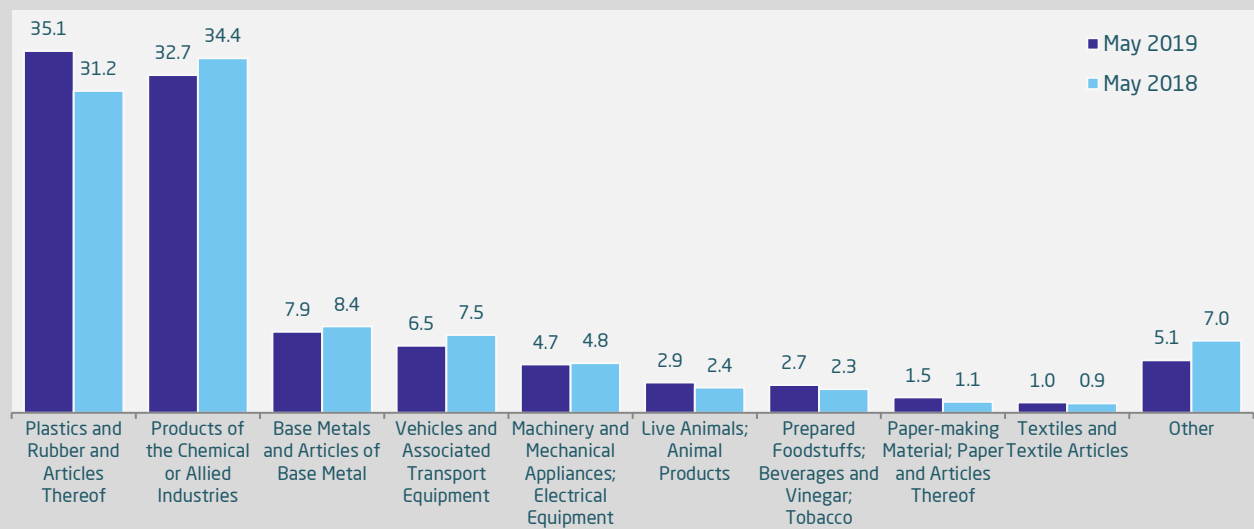


1.2.2. Non-oil Exports by Section

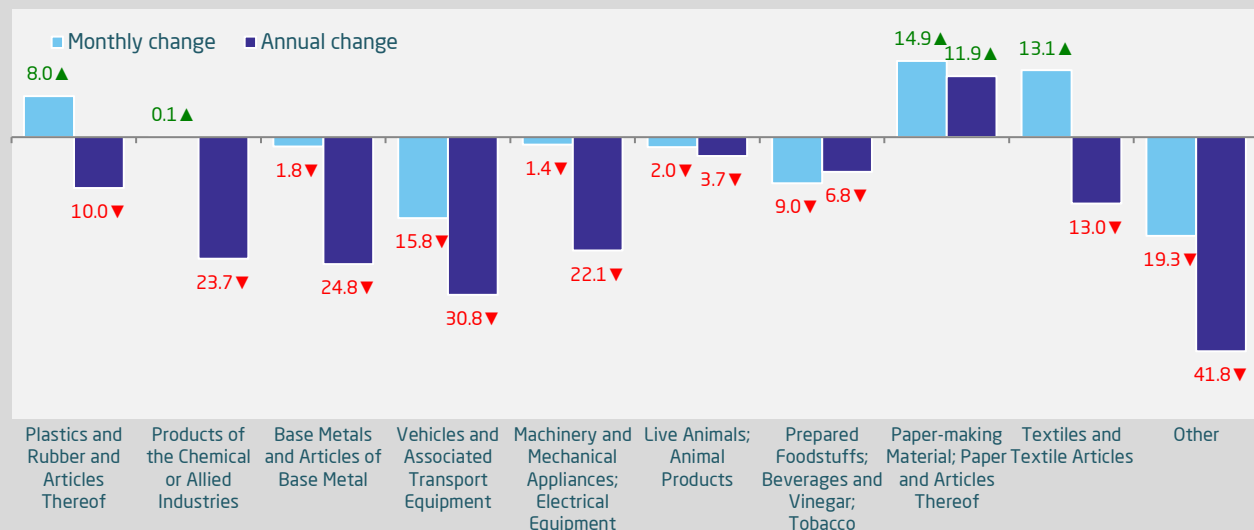
Main Non-oil Export Products (Million Riyals)

Exported Products (by section of the Harmonized System)	May 2018	May 2019		
		Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
1 Plastics and Rubber and Articles Thereof	6,862	6,178	683 ▼	10.0 ▼
2 Products of the Chemical or Allied Industries	7,557	5,764	1,793 ▼	23.7 ▼
3 Base Metals and Articles of Base Metal	1,842	1,385	457 ▼	24.8 ▼
4 Vehicles and Associated Transport Equipment	1,658	1,147	511 ▼	30.8 ▼
5 Machinery and Mechanical Appliances; Electrical Equipment	1,060	825	234 ▼	22.1 ▼
6 Live Animals; Animal Products	536	516	20 ▼	3.7 ▼
7 Prepared Foodstuffs; Beverages and Vinegar; Tobacco	507	473	34 ▼	6.8 ▼
8 Paper-making Material; Paper and Articles Thereof	235	263	28 ▲	11.9 ▲
9 Textiles and Textile Articles	203	177	26 ▼	13.0 ▼
10 Other	1,541	896	644 ▼	41.8 ▼
Total	21,999	17,624	4,375 ▼	19.9 ▼

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



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

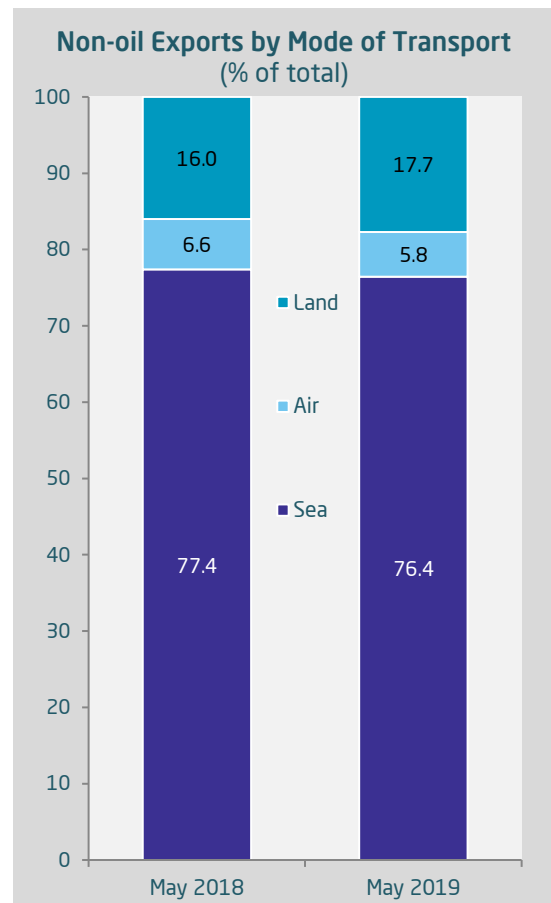
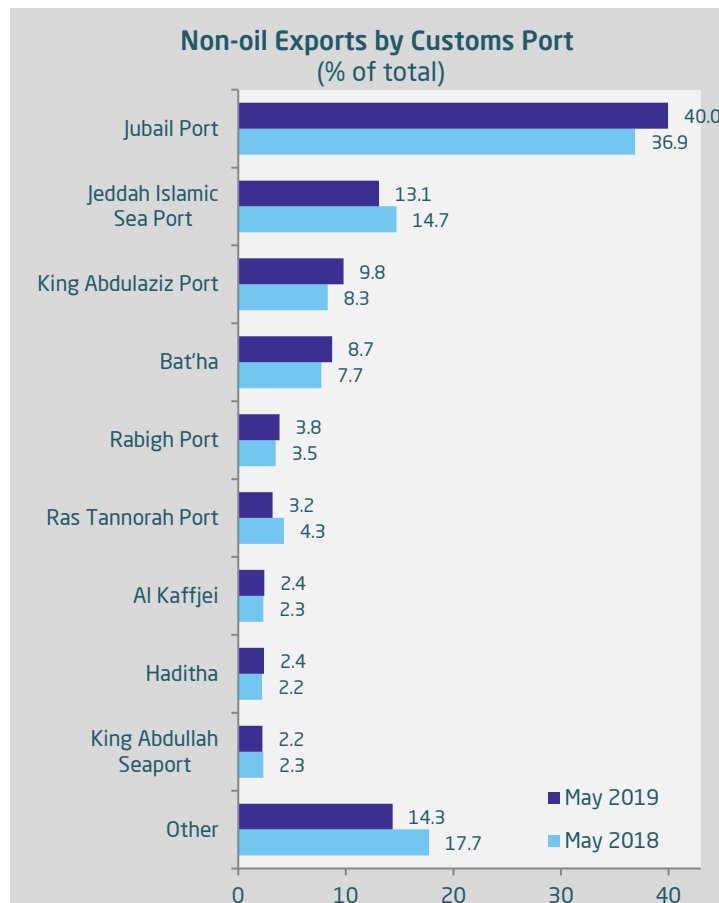




1.2.3. Non-oil Exports by Mode of Transport and Customs Port

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

Mode of Transport and Customs Port	May 2018	May 2019		
		Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
Sea	17,029	13,473	3,556 ▼	20.9 ▼
Jubail Port	8,116	7,043	1,072 ▼	13.2 ▼
Jeddah Islamic Sea Port	3,233	2,308	925 ▼	28.6 ▼
King Abdulaziz Port	1,832	1,724	107 ▼	5.9 ▼
Other Seaports	3,848	2,397	1,451 ▼	37.7 ▼
Air	1,453	1,028	424 ▼	29.2 ▼
King Khalid International Airport	281	316	35 ▲	12.6 ▲
King Abdulaziz International Airport	554	300	253 ▼	45.7 ▼
Wadea Airport (Najran)	393	254	138 ▼	35.2 ▼
Other Airports	225	157	68 ▼	30.3 ▼
Land	3,518	3,122	395 ▼	11.2 ▼
Bat'ha	1,700	1,538	162 ▼	9.5 ▼
Al Kaffjei	513	427	85 ▼	16.7 ▼
Haditha	490	422	68 ▼	13.8 ▼
Other Land Ports	815	734	80 ▼	9.9 ▼
Total	21,999	17,624	4,375 ▼	19.9 ▼



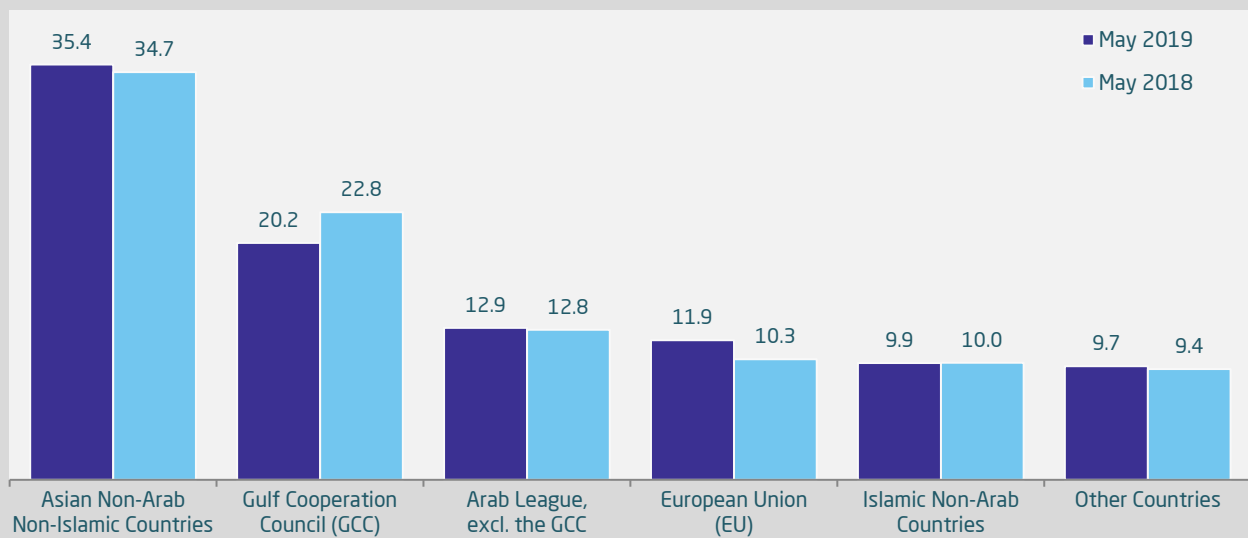


1.2.4. Non-oil Exports by Group of Countries

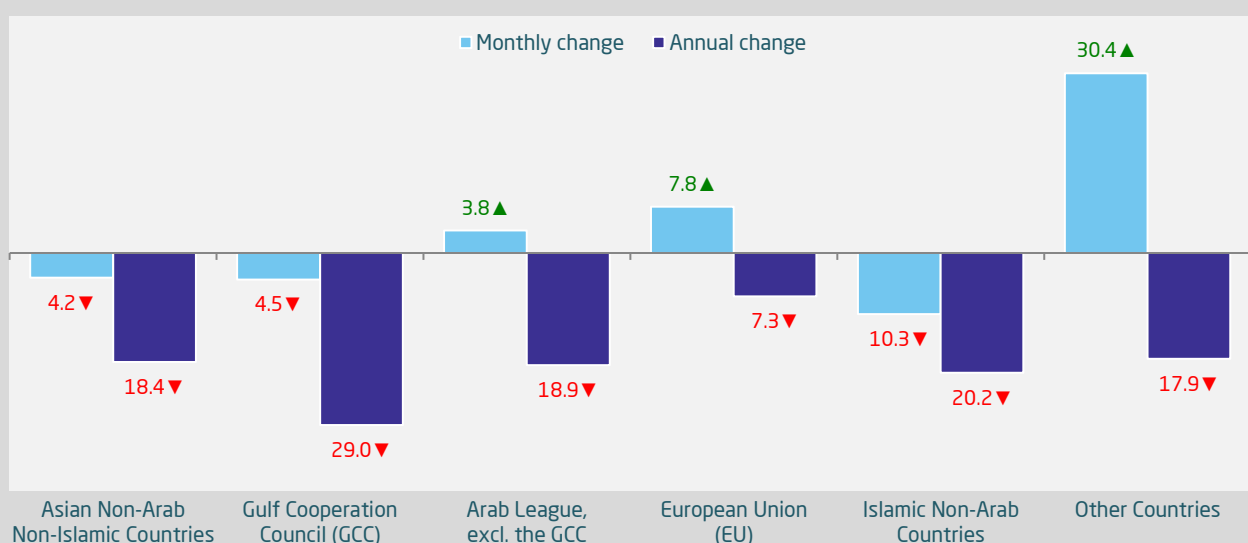
Non-oil Exports by Group of Countries (Million Riyals)

Groups of Countries	May 2018	May 2019		
		Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
1 Asian Non-Arab Non-Islamic Countries	7,640	6,233	1,407 ▼	18.4 ▼
2 Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)	5,014	3,558	1,456 ▼	29.0 ▼
3 Arab League, excl. the GCC	2,812	2,280	532 ▼	18.9 ▼
4 European Union (EU)	2,260	2,094	166 ▼	7.3 ▼
5 Islamic Non-Arab Countries	2,194	1,751	443 ▼	20.2 ▼
6 Other Countries	2,078	1,707	371 ▼	17.9 ▼
Total	21,999	17,624	4,375 ▼	19.9 ▼

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



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



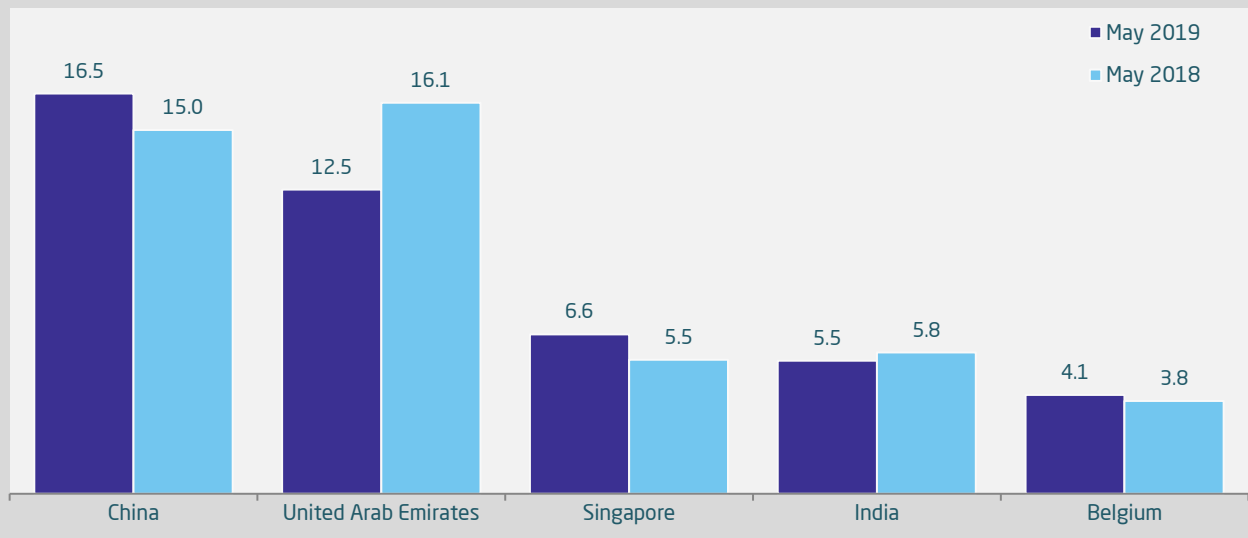


1.2.5. Top 5 Partner Countries for Non-oil Exports

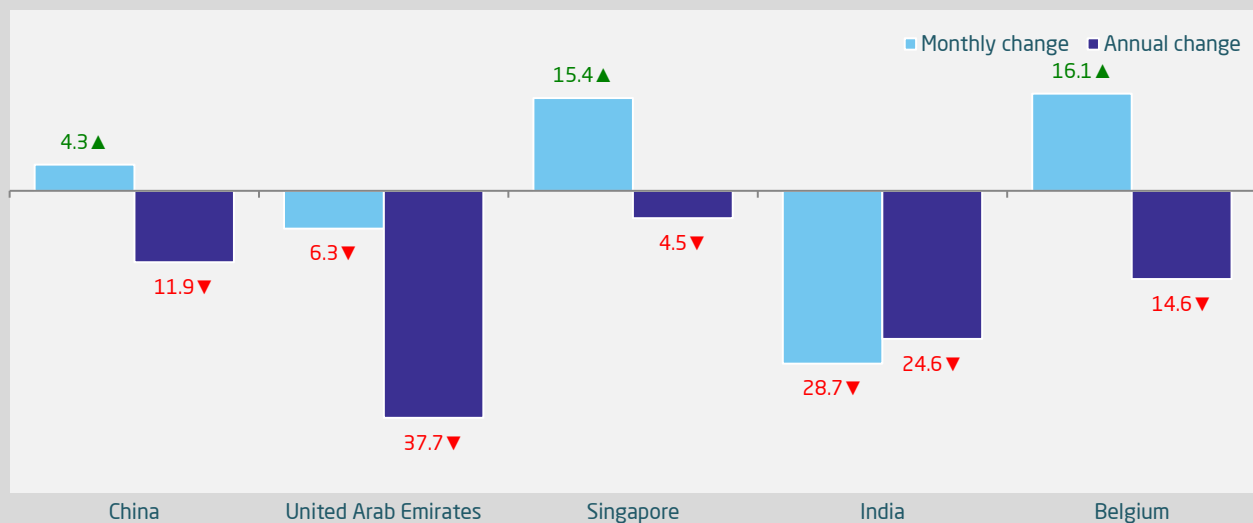
Top 5 Partner Countries for Non-oil Exports (Million Riyals)

Countries	May 2018	May 2019		
		Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
1 China	3,296	2,905	391 ▼	11.9 ▼
2 United Arab Emirates	3,543	2,209	1,334 ▼	37.7 ▼
3 Singapore	1,213	1,158	55 ▼	4.5 ▼
4 India	1,280	965	315 ▼	24.6 ▼
5 Belgium	842	718	123 ▼	14.6 ▼
Total	10,174	7,956	2,218 ▼	21.8 ▼
Share of the top 5 countries in total non-oil exports (%)	46.2	45.1		

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



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

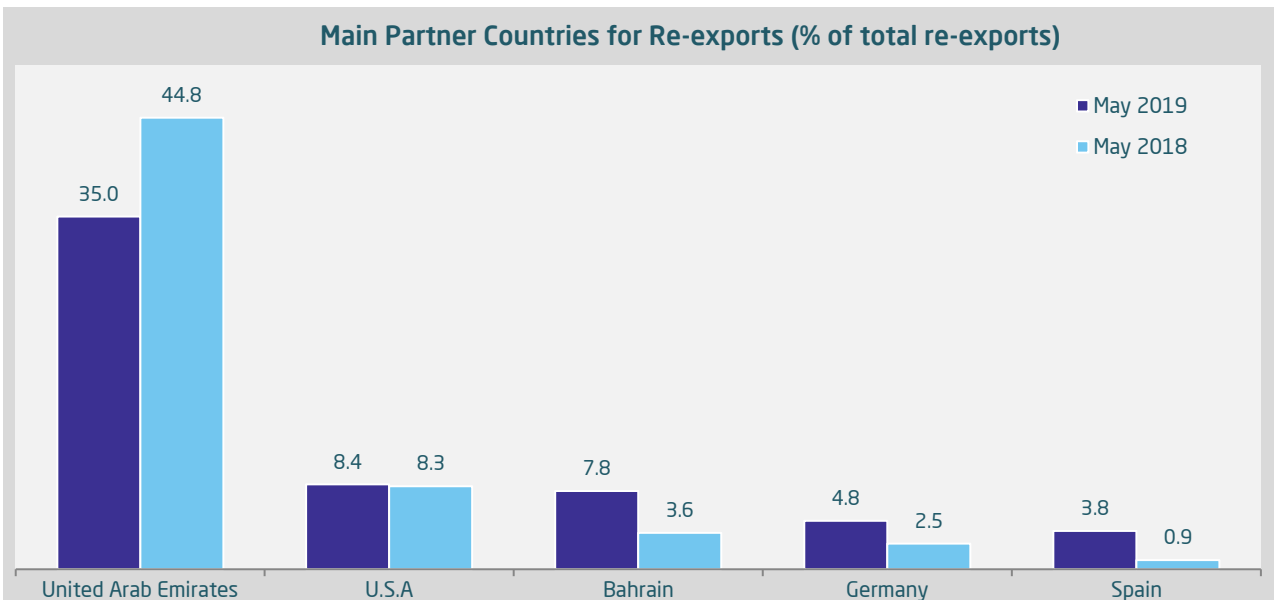
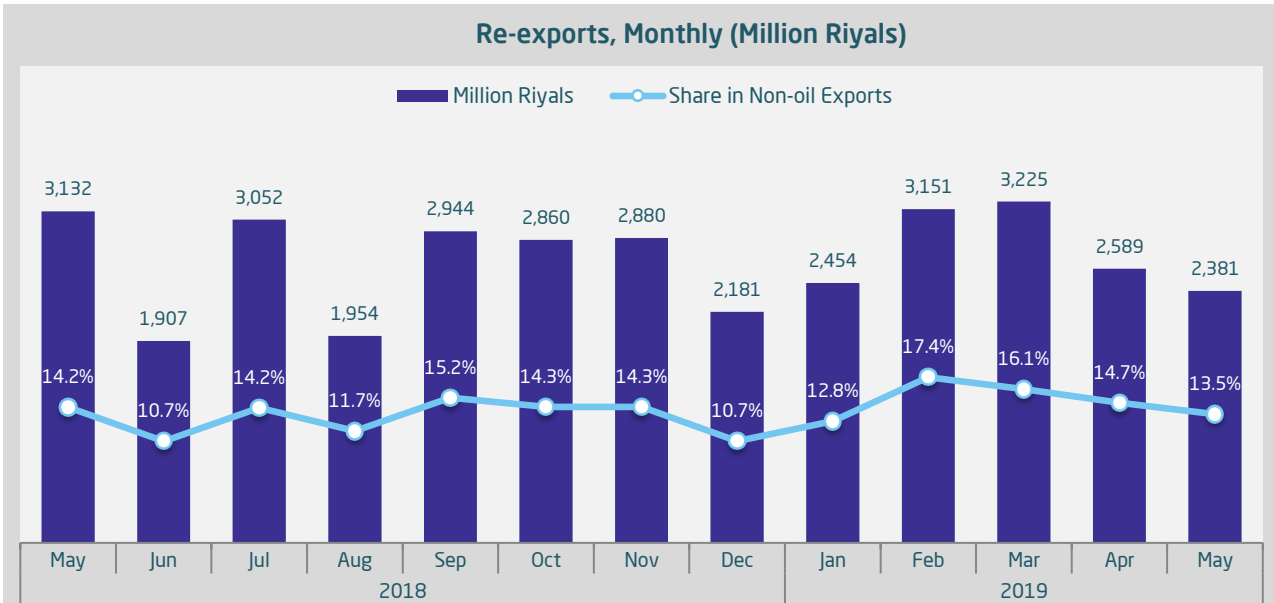




1.2.6. Re-exports

Products re-exported by Saudi Arabia amounted to 2 billion 381 million riyals in May 2019 compared to 3 billion 132 million riyals in May 2018, down by 751 million riyals or 24.0% over that period.

United Arab Emirates was the main destination for the re-exports, accounting for 35.0% of the total re-exports of the Kingdom in May 2019, followed by U.S.A with a share of 8.4%.





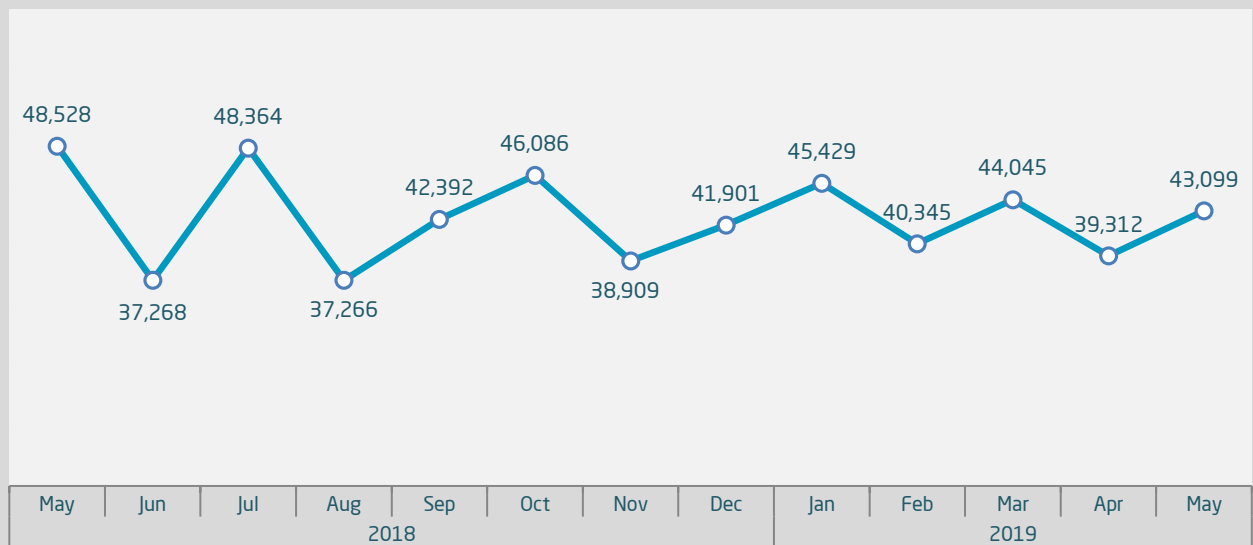
2. Merchandise Imports

2.1. Developments in Imports

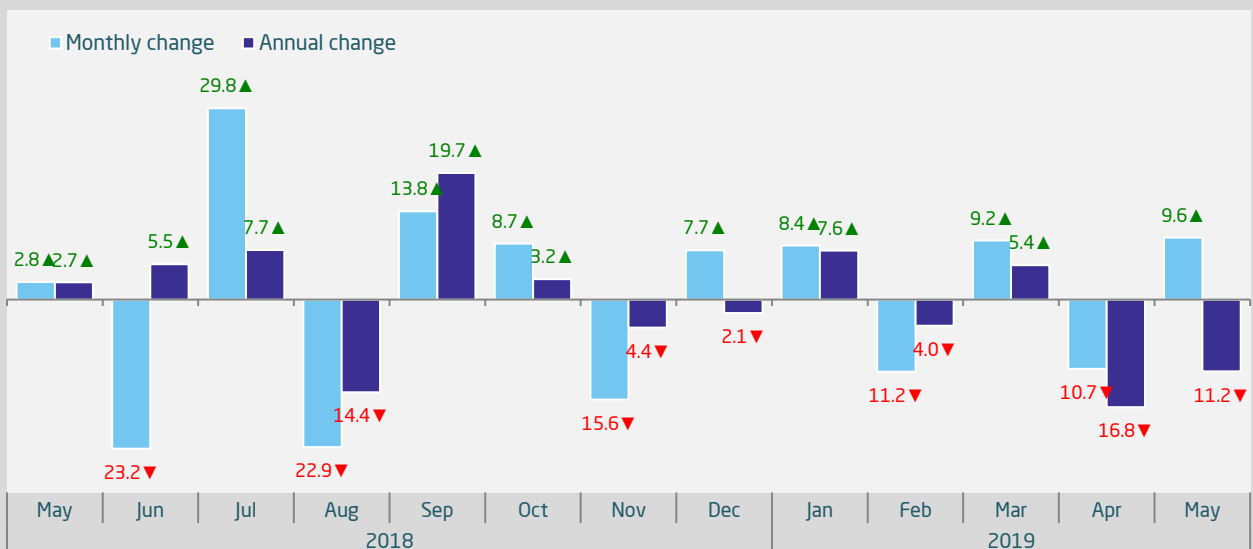
Total merchandise imports of Saudi Arabia amounted to 43 billion 99 million riyals in May 2019 compared to 48 billion 528 million riyals in May 2018, corresponding to a decrease of 5 billion 429 million riyals or 11.2% over that period.

Merchandise imports in May 2019 were, however, higher than those in the preceding month (April 2019) by 3 billion 787 million riyals or 9.6%.

Imports, Monthly (Million Riyals)



Change in Imports (%)



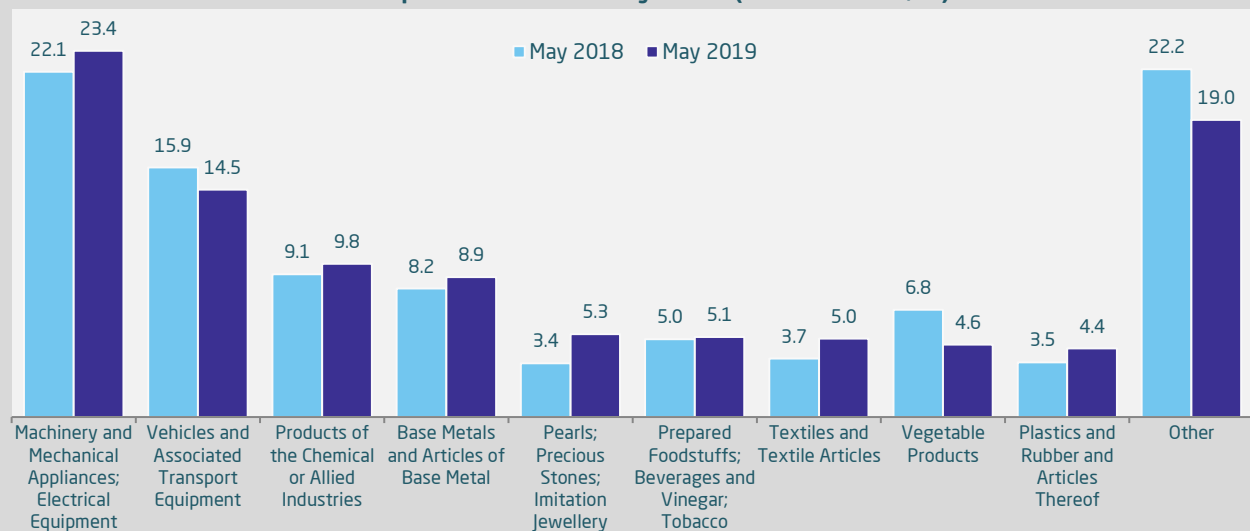


2.2. Imports by Section

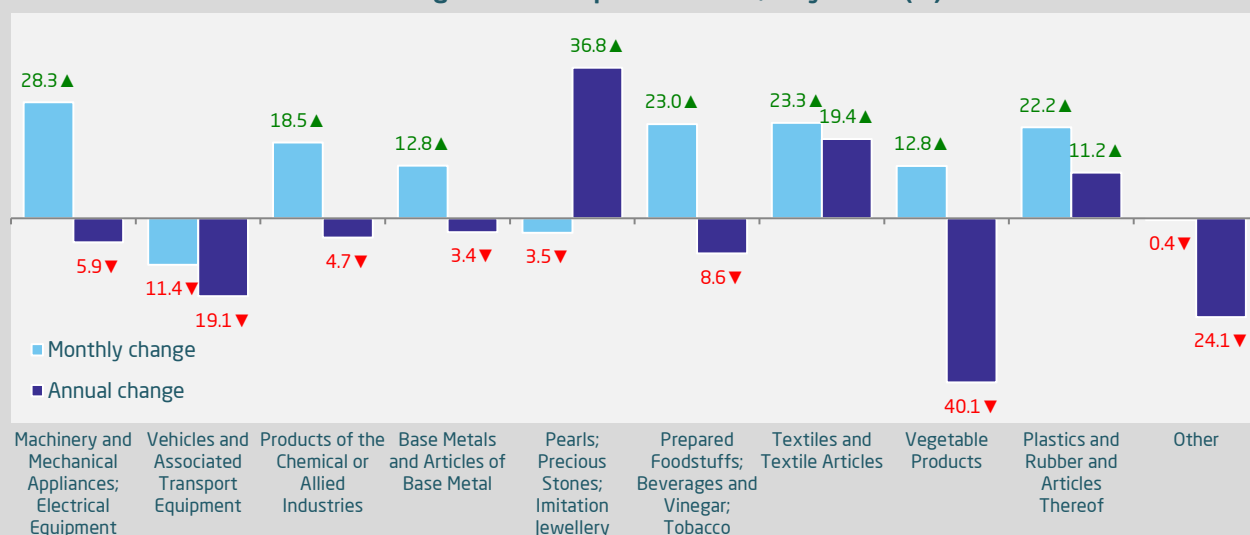
Main Import Products (Million Riyals)

Imported Products (by section of the Harmonized System)	May 2018	May 2019		
		Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
1 Machinery and Mechanical Appliances; Electrical Equipment	10,702	10,075	628 ▼	5.9 ▼
2 Vehicles and Associated Transport Equipment	7,730	6,257	1,473 ▼	19.1 ▼
3 Products of the Chemical or Allied Industries	4,428	4,219	209 ▼	4.7 ▼
4 Base Metals and Articles of Base Metal	3,986	3,851	135 ▼	3.4 ▼
5 Pearls; Precious Stones; Imitation Jewellery	1,665	2,277	612 ▲	36.8 ▲
6 Prepared Foodstuffs; Beverages and Vinegar; Tobacco	2,410	2,204	207 ▼	8.6 ▼
7 Textiles and Textile Articles	1,812	2,162	351 ▲	19.4 ▲
8 Vegetable Products	3,321	1,991	1,330 ▼	40.1 ▼
9 Plastics and Rubber and Articles Thereof	1,698	1,888	190 ▲	11.2 ▲
10 Other	10,776	8,176	2,600 ▼	24.1 ▼
Total	48,528	43,099	5,429 ▼	11.2 ▼

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



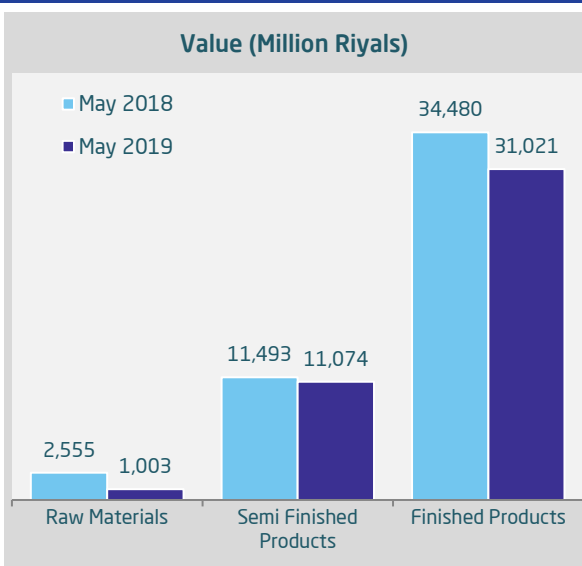
Change in Main Import Products, May 2019 (%)



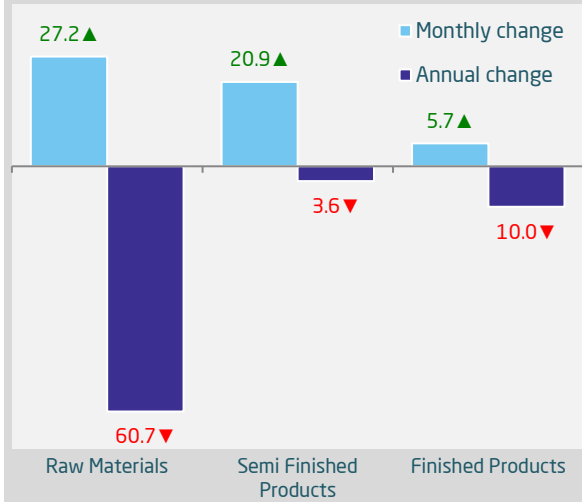


2.3. Imports by Nature and Utilization of Items

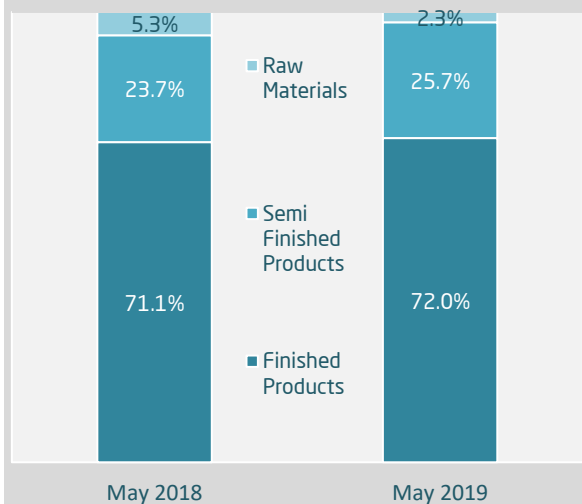
Imports by Nature of Items



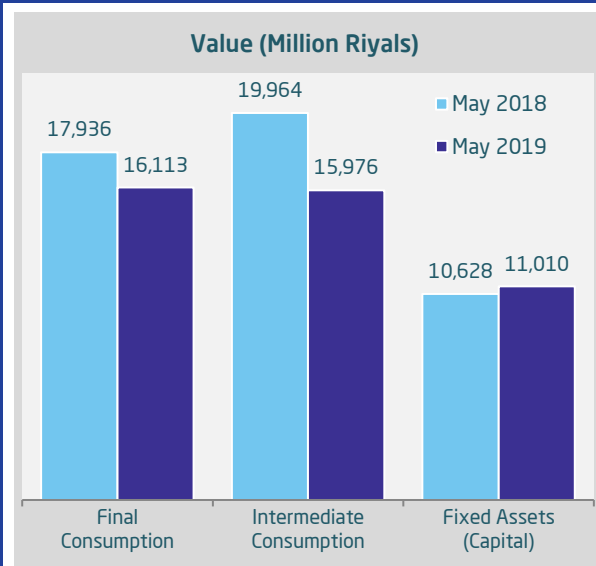
Change in May 2019 (%)



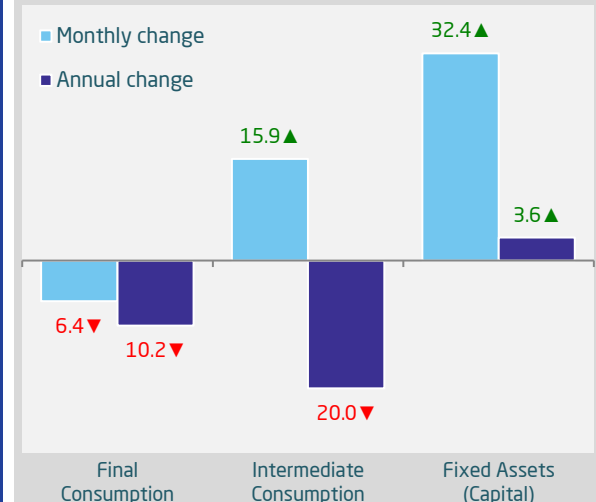
Share in Total Imports



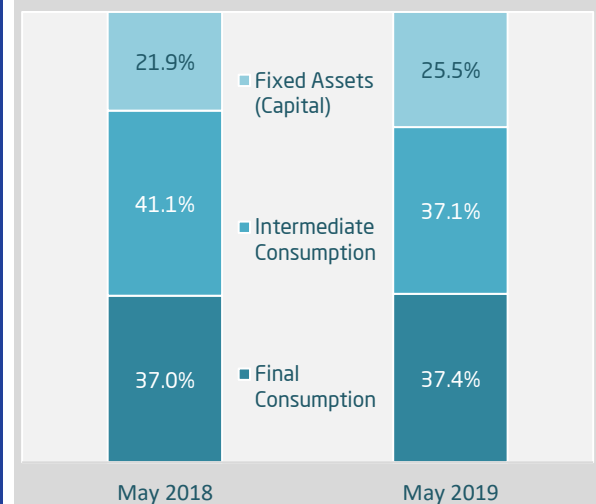
Imports by Utilization of Items



Change in May 2019 (%)



Share in Total Imports





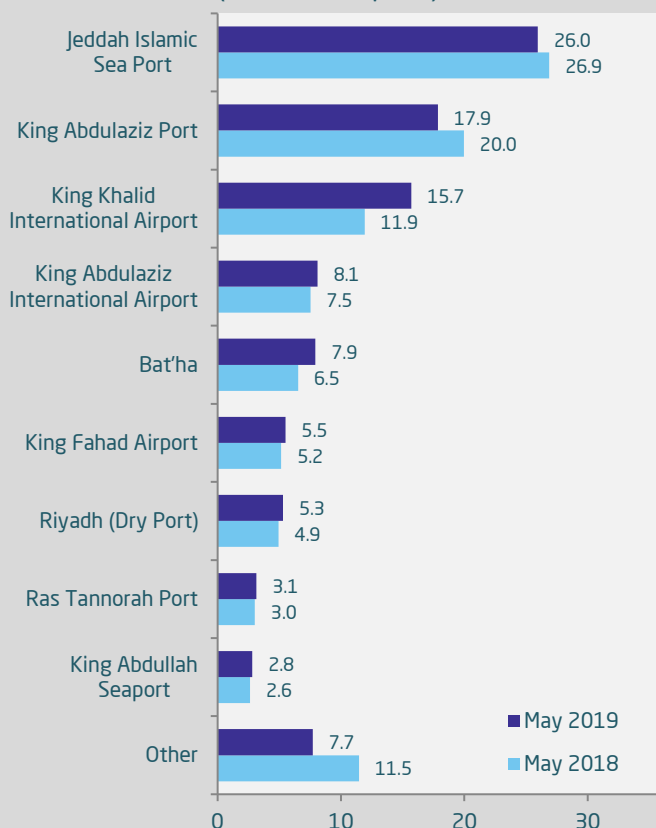
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Imports by Mode of Transport and Customs Port (Million Riyals)

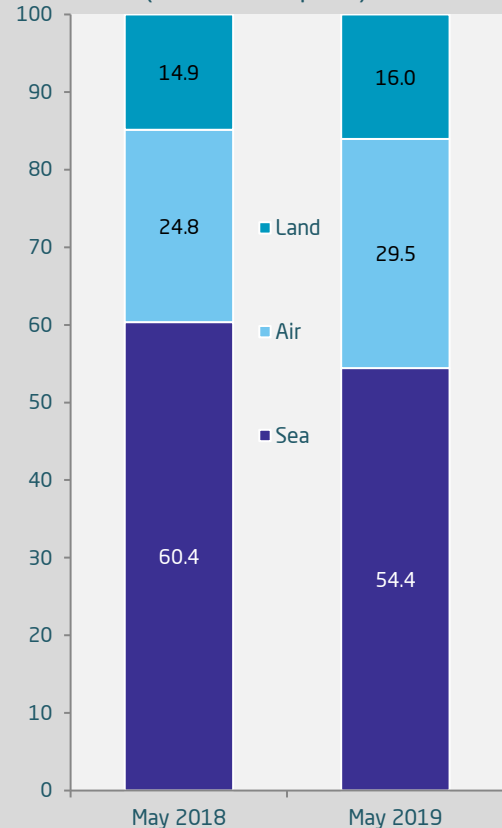
Mode of Transport and Customs Port	May 2018	May 2019		
		Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
Sea	29,294	23,466	5,828 ▼	19.9 ▼
Jeddah Islamic Sea Port	13,038	11,186	1,852 ▼	14.2 ▼
King Abdulaziz Port	9,686	7,702	1,984 ▼	20.5 ▼
Ras Tannorah Port	1,463	1,355	108 ▼	7.4 ▼
Other Seaports	5,107	3,222	1,884 ▼	36.9 ▼
Air	12,025	12,722	697 ▲	5.8 ▲
King Khalid International Airport	5,793	6,768	975 ▲	16.8 ▲
King Abdulaziz International Airport	3,650	3,494	156 ▼	4.3 ▼
King Fahad Airport	2,501	2,370	130 ▼	5.2 ▼
Other Airports	82	91	9 ▲	10.9 ▲
Land	7,208	6,911	297 ▼	4.1 ▼
Bat'ha	3,163	3,414	251 ▲	7.9 ▲
Riyadh (Dry Port)	2,394	2,281	114 ▼	4.7 ▼
King Fahad Bridge	1,179	643	537 ▼	45.5 ▼
Other Land Ports	471	573	102 ▲	21.6 ▲
Total	48,528	43,099	5,429 ▼	11.2 ▼



Imports by Customs Port
(% of total imports)



Imports by Mode of Transport
(% of total imports)



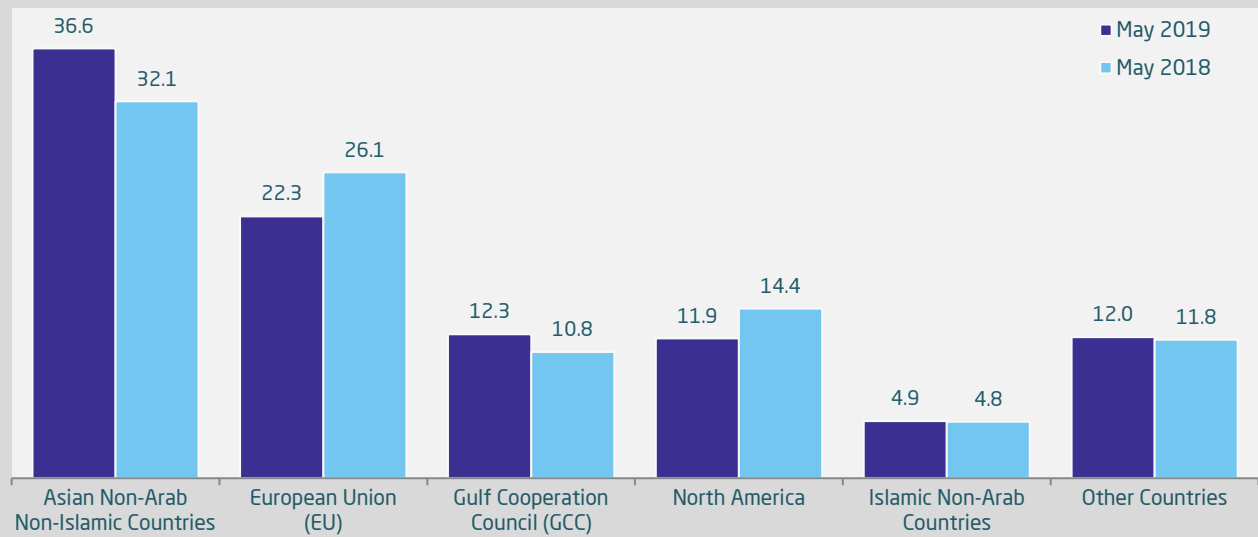


2.5. Imports by Group of Countries

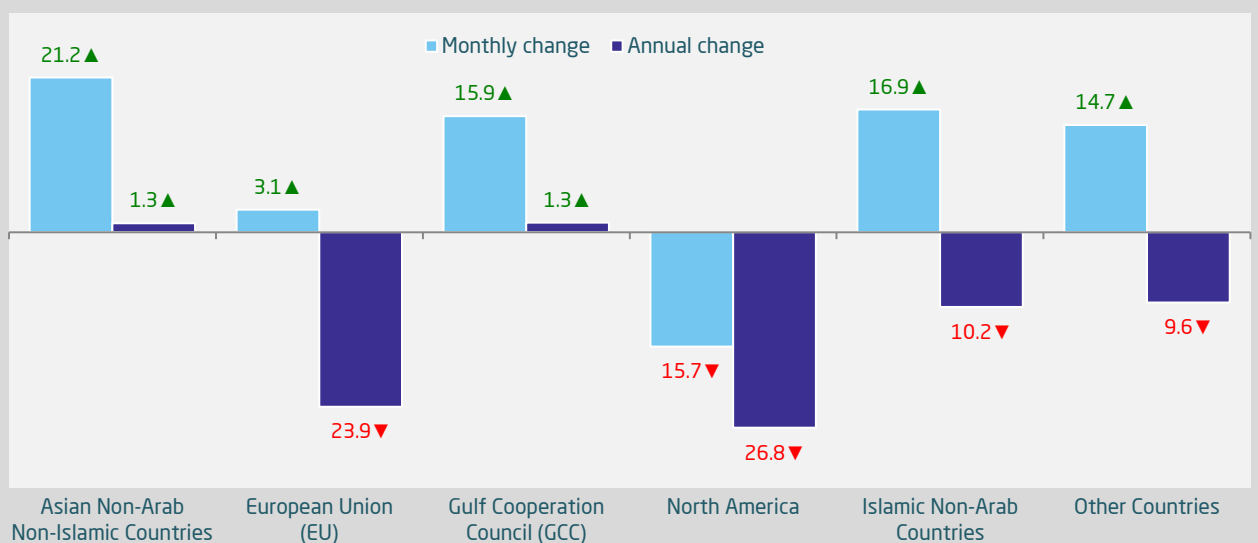
Imports by Group of Countries (Million Riyals)

Groups of Countries	May 2018	May 2019		
		Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
1 Asian Non-Arab Non-Islamic Countries	15,580	15,776	196▲	1.3▲
2 European Union (EU)	12,642	9,619	3,023▼	23.9▼
3 Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)	5,220	5,289	69▲	1.3▲
4 North America	7,008	5,130	1,879▼	26.8▼
5 Islamic Non-Arab Countries	2,343	2,103	240▼	10.2▼
6 Other Countries	5,735	5,183	552▼	9.6▼
Total	48,528	43,099	5,429▼	11.2▼

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



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

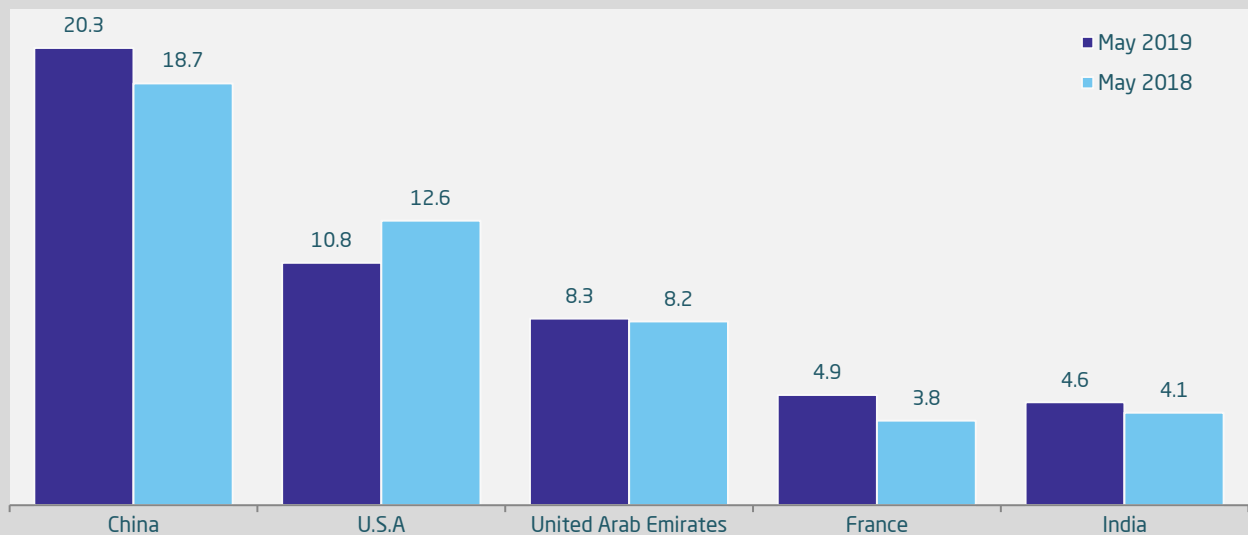




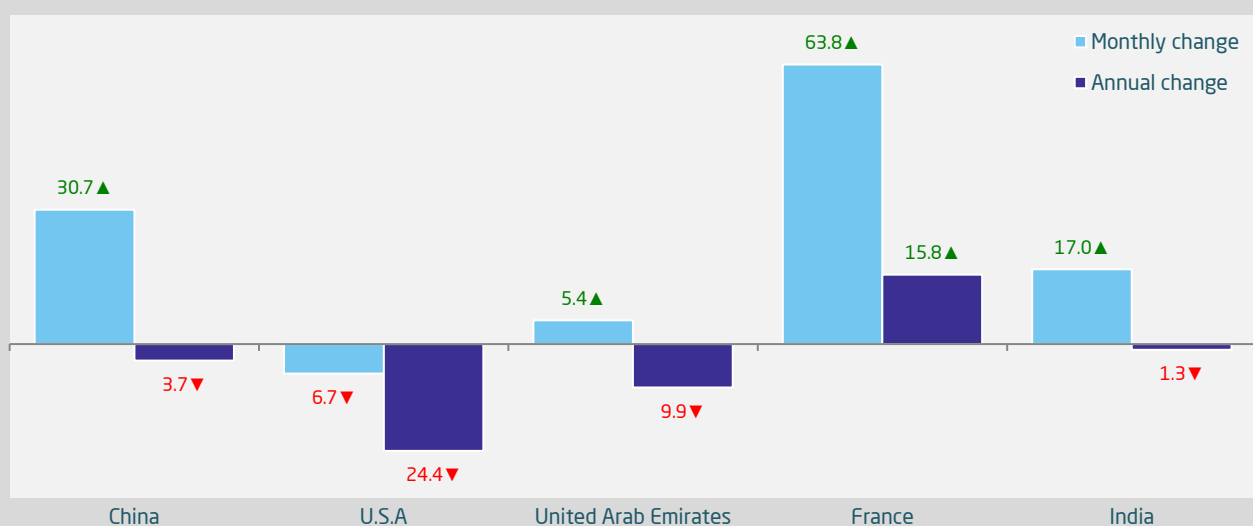
2.6. Top 5 Partner Countries for Imports

Top 5 Partner Countries for Imports (Million Riyals)					
Countries		May 2018	May 2019		
			Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
1	China	9,077	8,739	338 ▼	3.7 ▼
2	U.S.A	6,126	4,634	1,492 ▼	24.4 ▼
3	United Arab Emirates	3,956	3,564	392 ▼	9.9 ▼
4	France	1,820	2,108	288 ▲	15.8 ▲
5	India	1,990	1,965	25 ▼	1.3 ▼
Total		22,969	21,009	1,960 ▼	8.5 ▼
Share of the top 5 countries in total imports (%)		47.3	48.7		

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



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





3. Trade Volume and Trade Balance

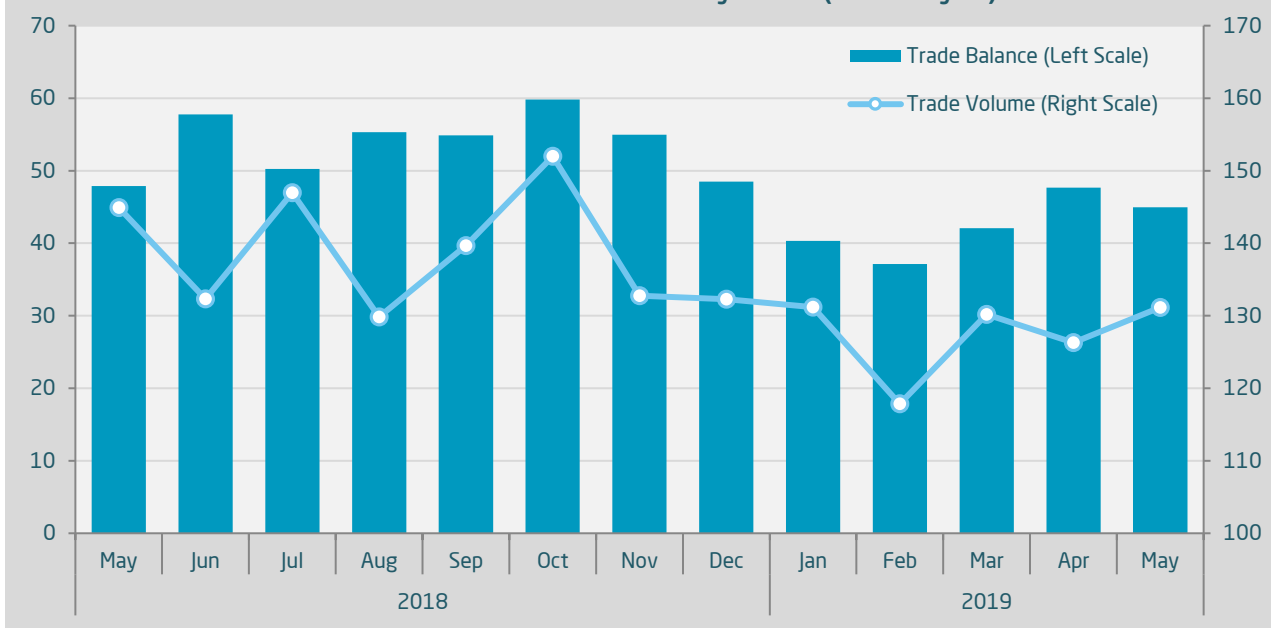
Merchandise trade volume of Saudi Arabia amounted to 131 billion 152 million riyals in May 2019 compared to 144 billion 927 million riyals in May 2018, corresponding to a decrease of 13 billion 775 million riyals or 9.5%. On the other hand, the Kingdom recorded a surplus of 44 billion 954 million riyals in its merchandise trade in May 2019, down by 2 billion 917 million riyals from the surplus of 47 billion 872 million riyals registered in May 2018.

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

Year	Month	Merchandise Exports	Merchandise Imports	Trade Volume	Trade Balance	
2018	May	96,399	48,528	144,927	47,872	
	June	95,044	37,268	132,312	57,776	
	July	98,597	48,364	146,961	50,233	
	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	40,315
		February	77,494	40,345	117,839	37,150
		March	86,125	44,045	130,170	42,080
		April	86,967	39,312	126,279	47,656
May		88,053	43,099	131,152	44,954	



Trade Balance and Trade Volume by Month (Billion Riyals)





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

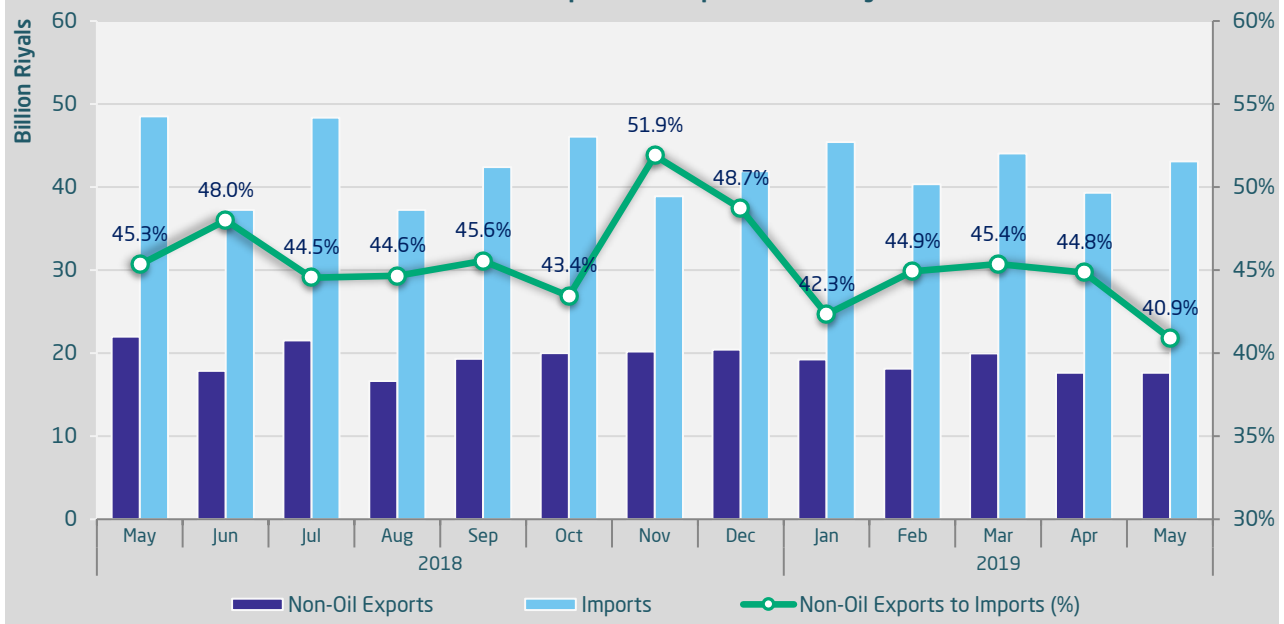
Non-oil exports decreased from 21 billion 999 million riyals in May 2018 to 17 billion 624 million riyals in May 2019 while imports decreased from 48 billion 528 million riyals to 43 billion 99 million riyals over the same period. Accordingly, the ratio of non-oil exports to imports decreased to 40.9% in May 2019 from 45.3% in May 2018 as a result of a larger decrease in non-oil exports (19.9%) than in imports (11.2%) 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	May	21,999	32.1▲	48,528	2.7▲	45.3	
	June	17,885	35.0▲	37,268	5.5▲	48.0	
	July	21,541	33.2▲	48,364	7.7▲	44.5	
	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	17,631	15.5▼	39,312	16.8▼	44.8
May		17,624	19.9▼	43,099	11.2▼	40.9	



Ratio of Non-oil Exports to Imports, Monthly





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

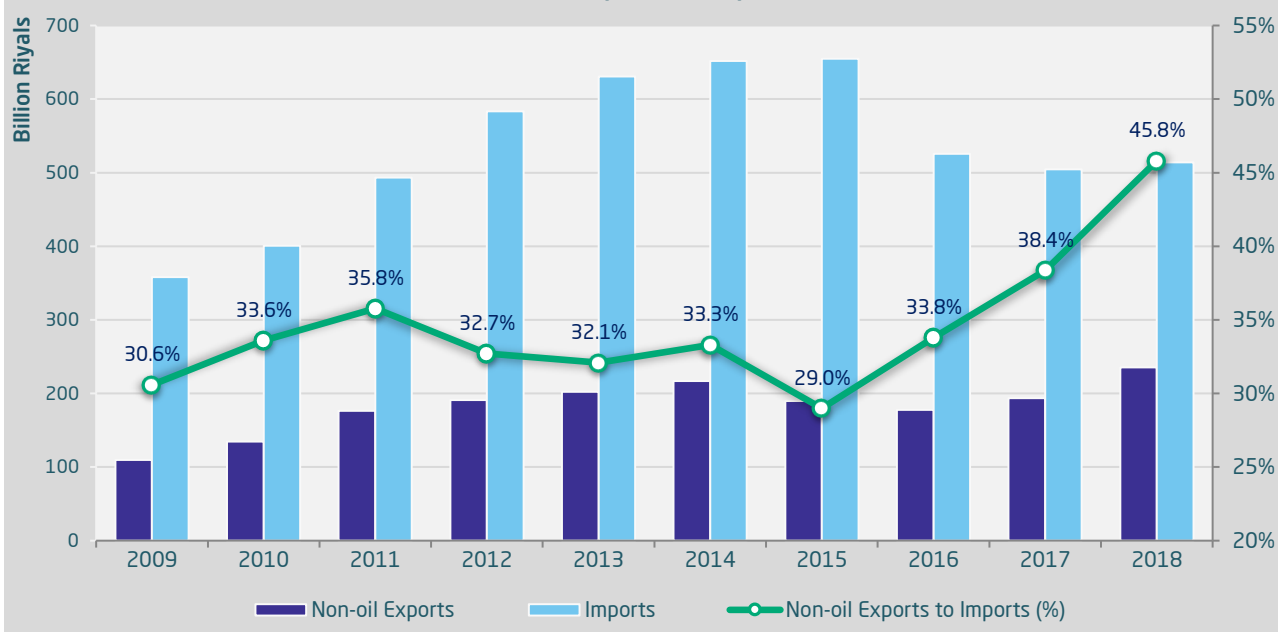
Non-oil exports increased from 193 billion 479 million riyals in 2017 to 235 billion 458 million riyals in 2018 while imports increased from 504 billion 447 million riyals to 513 billion 993 million riyals over the same period. Accordingly, the ratio of non-oil exports to imports increased to 45.8% in 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

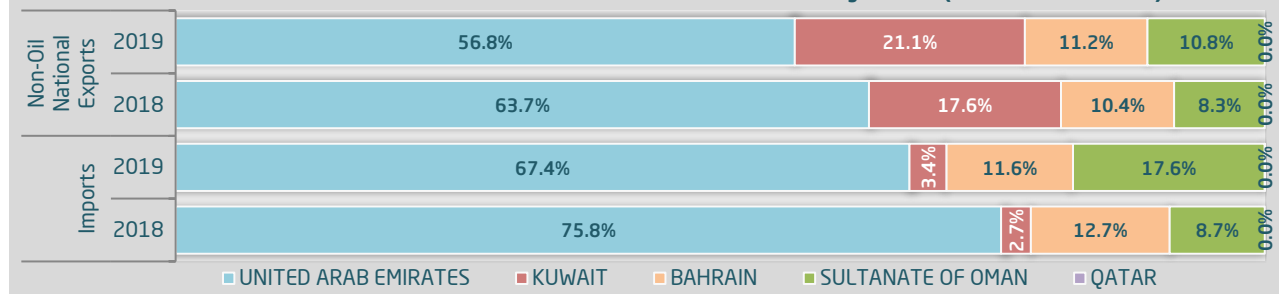
Non-oil exports of Saudi Arabia of national origin to the GCC countries amounted to 2 billion 419 million riyals in May 2019 compared to 3 billion 361 million riyals in May 2018, with a decrease of 942 million riyals or 28.0% over that period. Saudi Arabia's imports of goods from the GCC countries amounted to 5 billion 289 million riyals in May 2019 compared to 5 billion 220 million riyals in May 2018, up by 69 million riyals or 1.3% over that period.

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

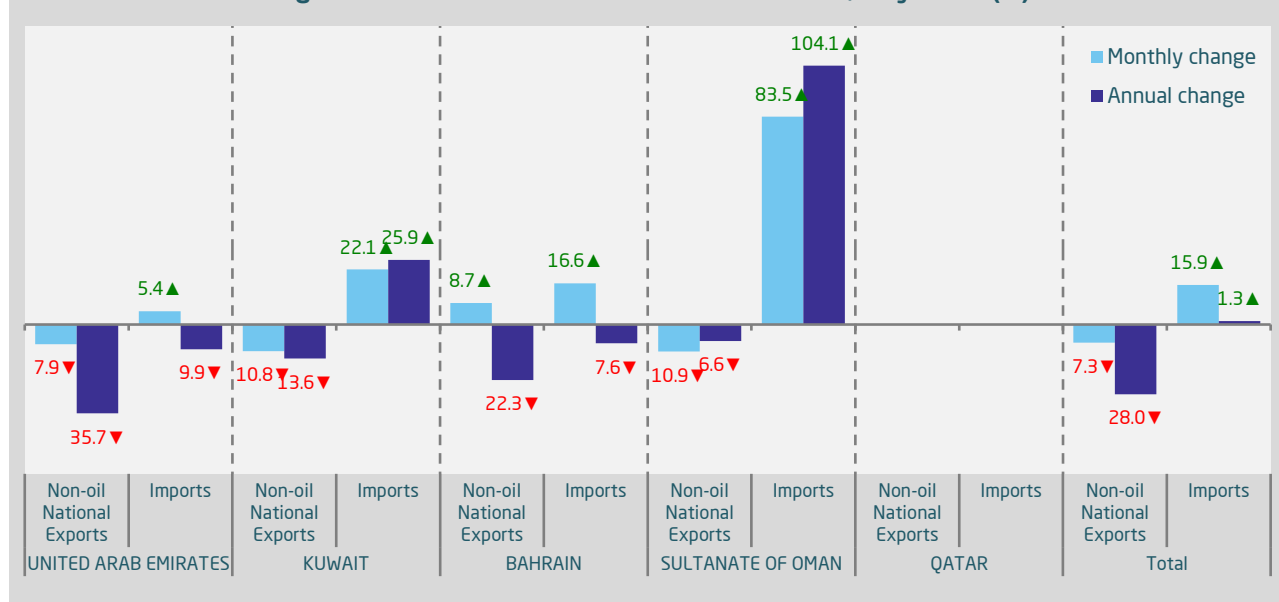
Partner Country	Non-oil Merchandise Exports						Merchandise Imports		Non-oil Trade Balance	
	National Exports		Re-exports		Total		2018	2019	2018	2019
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019				
United Arab Emirates	2,140	1,375	1,404	834	3,543	2,209	3,956	3,564	-413	-1,355
Kuwait	592	511	102	78	694	590	143	181	551	409
Bahrain	350	272	113	185	463	457	665	614	-202	-157
Sultanate Of Oman	279	261	35	42	314	303	456	930	-142	-628
Qatar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	0
Total	3,361	2,419	1,653	1,139	5,014	3,558	5,220	5,289	-206	-1,731



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



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





Appendix

1- Exports and Imports of Saudi Arabia by Section

Merchandise Exports and Imports by Section* (Million Riyals)					
Section	Description	Exports		Imports	
		May 2018	May 2019	May 2018	May 2019
1	Live animals; animal products	535.9	516.2	1,631.9	1,621.1
2	Vegetable products	154.3	120.5	3,321.4	1,990.9
3	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes	64.6	63.7	325.8	165.2
4	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	507.1	472.8	2,410.5	2,203.7
5	Mineral products	74,796.3	70,544.3	2,502.1	926.0
6	Products of the chemical or allied industries	7,557.1	5,764.2	4,428.4	4,219.1
7	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof	6,861.7	6,178.4	1,697.7	1,887.8
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)	23.1	23.4	201.7	216.9
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	37.4	23.8	396.3	398.4
10	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper or paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof	234.6	262.6	765.5	647.1
11	Textiles and textile articles	202.9	176.6	1,811.5	2,162.2
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	15.8	8.0	341.2	380.7
13	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware	196.3	168.8	674.0	696.6
14	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	283.4	129.6	1,664.5	2,276.9
15	Base metals and articles of base metal	1,841.7	1,384.5	3,985.6	3,850.7
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	1,059.8	825.3	10,702.3	10,074.6
17	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment	1,657.7	1,147.0	7,730.1	6,257.4
18	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	119.2	104.2	1,380.3	1,266.3
19	Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof	23.5	0.0	906.4	278.9
20	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	185.9	105.3	1,296.5	969.6
21	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	41.1	34.1	354.0	609.1
Total		96,399.5	88,053.4	48,527.7	43,099.0

* Sections of the Harmonized System (HS)





2- Non-oil Exports of Saudi Arabia by Country

Non-oil Exports by Country (Million Riyals) ¹			
#	Country	May 2018	May 2019
1	CHINA	3,295.9	2,905.0
2	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	3,543.4	2,209.0
3	SINGAPORE	1,213.0	1,158.0
4	INDIA	1,280.2	965.2
5	BELGIUM	841.5	718.4
6	TURKEY	883.3	684.6
7	EGYPT	713.9	626.9
8	U.S.A	650.3	601.7
9	KUWAIT	694.1	589.6
10	MALAYSIA	500.7	461.7
11	BAHRAIN	462.8	457.0
12	JORDAN	553.6	441.3
13	SULTANATE OF OMAN	313.8	302.6
14	REPUBLIC OF YEMEN	425.3	301.4
15	SOUTH KOREA	363.6	298.0
16	ITALY	248.6	276.6
17	BRAZIL	295.7	250.7
18	NETHERLANDS	241.9	250.1
19	SPAIN	226.1	248.9
20	JAPAN	476.9	227.7
21	THAILAND	232.2	220.7
22	IRAQ	189.2	197.1
23	AUSTRALIA	207.0	196.1
24	ALGERIA	181.5	179.0
25	TAIWAN	246.8	175.6
26	BANGLADESH	149.1	172.1
27	SOUTH AFRICA	230.0	171.0
28	PAKISTAN	320.3	169.9
29	SUDAN	228.3	153.5
30	VIETNAM	265.4	152.0
31	UNITED KINGDOM	156.2	150.4
32	GERMANY	92.1	128.8
33	MOROCCO	158.2	113.2
34	INDONESIA	138.2	110.7
35	KENYA	104.5	98.3
36	POLAND	109.9	89.1
37	LEBANON	127.5	89.1

Non-oil Exports by Country (Million Riyals)			
#	Country	May 2018	May 2019
38	HONG KONG	114.0	67.6
39	TUNISIA	94.3	67.4
40	NIGERIA	70.4	65.8
41	GREECE	45.7	59.1
42	TANZANIA	36.1	48.3
43	LIBYA	71.0	46.7
44	FRANCE	156.2	43.1
45	NEW ZEALAND	6.0	38.4
46	MEXICO	8.9	37.7
47	PORTUGAL	19.2	34.7
48	SWITZERLAND	187.3	33.2
49	SWEDEN	35.3	32.8
50	DJIBOUTI	34.6	27.7
51	ETHIOPIA	27.3	26.3
52	MALAWI	0.3	23.4
53	CANADA	109.7	22.2
54	MALTA	24.3	21.5
55	GHANA	48.2	20.9
56	ARGENTINA	29.1	20.6
57	SOMALIA	19.6	20.3
58	PHILIPPINES	83.7	18.4
59	SRI LANKA	29.2	18.2
60	UKRAINE	12.7	17.8
61	MYANMAR	26.7	17.6
62	COTE D'IVOIRE	26.0	16.6
63	CONGO, THE DEMOCRATIC F	10.4	14.9
64	GUINEA	5.9	13.9
65	DENMARK	15.2	12.4
66	SENEGAL	10.6	11.9
67	MOZAMBIQUE	47.5	11.6
68	PERU	25.0	10.8
69	COLOMBIA	14.0	9.4
70	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	6.8	8.8
71	PALESTINE	4.8	8.7
72	GUATEMALA	13.9	8.3
73	TOGO	5.7	8.0
74	UGANDA	12.8	6.6



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



Non-oil Exports by Country (Million Riyals)

#	Country	May 2018	May 2019
75	MAURITANIA	9.5	6.0
76	GEORGIA	1.4	5.8
77	MADAGASCAR	1.5	5.8
78	LIBERIA	3.5	5.5
79	ESTONIA	7.2	5.2
80	ANGOLA	18.5	5.1
81	CHILE	3.9	5.1
82	ECUADOR	3.1	4.4
83	CZECH REPUBLIC	3.0	4.2
84	SLOVENIA	6.0	3.8
85	CAMEROON	5.4	3.8
86	NORWAY	1.3	3.5
87	ROMANIA	10.7	2.9
88	MAURITIUS	2.2	2.8
89	GUINEA-BISSAU	1.0	2.7
90	GAMBIA	3.3	2.4
91	NEPAL	9.5	2.1
92	IRELAND	3.2	2.0
93	ARUBA	-	1.9
94	HUNGARY	3.1	1.9
95	AUSTRIA	3.0	1.9
96	AFGHANISTAN	2.5	1.8
97	SYRIA	0.2	1.7
98	NAMIBIA	1.6	1.6
99	CYPRUS	2.5	1.5
100	BULGARIA	1.1	1.5
101	NICARAGUA	0.1	1.5
102	CROATIA	0.2	1.5
103	URUGUAY	1.7	1.3
104	COSTA RICA	2.5	1.2
105	CHAD	0.4	1.2
106	SIERRA LEONE	3.7	1.1
107	CONGO	1.2	1.1
108	FINLAND	4.9	1.0
109	LUXEMBOURG	-	1.0
110	CAMBODIA	1.2	1.0
111	RWANDA	0.5	1.0
112	MALI	0.2	1.0
113	GABON	0.8	0.9

Non-oil Exports by Country (Million Riyals)

#	Country	May 2018	May 2019
114	EL SALVADOR	1.3	0.8
115	CUBA	0.0	0.8
116	PARAGUAY	2.2	0.7
117	ZAMBIA	0.0	0.7
118	JERSEY	-	0.7
119	ERITREA	1.3	0.7
120	DOMINICA	0.8	0.6
121	MALDIVES	0.6	0.6
122	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	-	0.5
123	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	3.0	0.5
124	AZERBAIJAN	1.8	0.5
125	ALBANIA	0.8	0.4
126	KAZAKHSTAN	0.1	0.3
127	BENIN	0.5	0.2
128	CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUB	-	0.2
129	SERBIA	-	0.2
130	TURKMENISTAN	0.1	0.2
131	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	0.2	0.1
132	NIGER	1.7	0.1
133	LITHUANIA	0.4	0.1
134	BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA	0.1	0.1
135	HAITI	-	0.1
136	SLOVAKIA	2.3	0.1
137	COMOROS	0.9	0.1
138	SEYCHELLES	0.0	0.1
139	SAINT HELENA	0.0	0.1
	OTHER COUNTRIES	6.1	0.2
	TOTAL	21,999.1	17,623.9





3- Imports of Saudi Arabia by Country

Imports by Country (Million Riyals) ²			
#	Country	May 2018	May 2019
1	CHINA	9,077.1	8,738.7
2	U.S.A	6,125.8	4,633.9
3	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	3,956.0	3,563.5
4	FRANCE	1,820.0	2,108.1
5	INDIA	1,990.4	1,965.0
6	GERMANY	2,617.1	1,812.1
7	JAPAN	1,424.3	1,321.4
8	SOUTH KOREA	1,379.4	1,122.8
9	TURKEY	991.3	1,065.5
10	ITALY	1,466.2	1,031.8
11	SULTANATE OF OMAN	455.9	930.4
12	UNITED KINGDOM	1,263.1	756.6
13	BRAZIL	976.4	705.6
14	SPAIN	1,112.6	663.5
15	SWITZERLAND	698.6	658.4
16	VIETNAM	340.6	648.7
17	SOUTH AFRICA	152.4	630.5
18	EGYPT	501.3	614.7
19	BAHRAIN	664.5	614.3
20	THAILAND	482.0	581.4
21	HONG KONG	12.1	542.6
22	BELGIUM	340.7	527.1
23	CANADA	882.5	495.6
24	SINGAPORE	381.4	449.1
25	INDONESIA	503.2	430.1
26	NETHERLANDS	779.4	393.1
27	SWEDEN	297.6	372.3
28	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	814.9	321.4
29	MALAYSIA	563.6	316.4
30	MEXICO	245.0	288.4
31	ARGENTINA	338.9	283.3
32	DENMARK	257.9	268.1
33	IRELAND	456.8	259.6
34	TAIWAN	311.2	237.3
35	JORDAN	217.0	227.9
36	POLAND	461.8	226.8
37	SUDAN	233.3	203.0

Imports by Country (Million Riyals)			
#	Country	May 2018	May 2019
38	AUSTRIA	195.2	192.6
39	GREECE	290.9	183.5
40	NEW ZEALAND	158.5	182.6
41	KUWAIT	143.4	180.6
42	AUSTRALIA	205.3	173.1
43	PAKISTAN	132.8	151.7
44	FINLAND	104.5	145.0
45	CZECH REPUBLIC	210.1	140.9
46	BANGLADESH	136.5	115.1
47	GUATEMALA	31.1	93.6
48	HUNGARY	101.9	90.2
49	MOROCCO	83.8	86.4
50	LEBANON	104.0	84.9
51	UKRAINE	152.2	77.5
52	PHILIPPINES	101.6	77.2
53	CHILE	101.9	73.8
54	PORTUGAL	77.3	72.6
55	LITHUANIA	9.1	70.5
56	ROMANIA	93.1	67.3
57	SLOVAKIA	41.7	65.6
58	EUROPEAN UNION, N.E.S	140.6	62.4
59	ETHIOPIA	73.6	59.2
60	NORWAY	50.9	56.7
61	CONGO, THE DEMOCRATIC F	259.3	54.5
62	REPUBLIC OF YEMEN	55.6	54.3
63	ECUADOR	43.8	44.5
64	BULGARIA	158.7	41.2
65	SERBIA	18.7	41.1
66	SYRIA	29.6	38.3
67	CAMBODIA	20.8	37.1
68	SRI LANKA	38.5	32.9
69	TUNISIA	24.0	24.8
70	KENYA	17.5	24.1
71	SLOVENIA	29.6	20.2
72	ESTONIA	22.4	18.3
73	PUERTO RICO	8.0	14.5
74	MYANMAR	5.6	13.2



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Imports by Country (Million Riyals)

#	Country	May 2018	May 2019
75	CYPRUS	20.5	10.0
76	LUXEMBOURG	15.0	9.6
77	COSTA RICA	5.0	8.0
78	PERU	6.6	7.2
79	COLOMBIA	12.8	7.2
80	CROATIA	14.2	6.6
81	UZBEKISTAN	0.6	6.0
82	KAZAKHSTAN	1.4	4.7
83	DOMINICA	11.4	4.3
84	LATVIA	124.5	3.5
85	AFGHANISTAN	2.5	3.4
86	BELARUS	6.3	3.4
87	PALESTINE	2.2	3.3
88	PARAGUAY	1.3	3.1
89	NIGERIA	4.8	3.0
90	DJIBOUTI	9.7	2.8
91	IRAQ	4.9	2.7
92	ALGERIA	2.6	2.5
93	SAN MARINO	1.3	2.5
94	MOLDOVA	3.7	2.4
95	BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA	3.5	2.2
96	SOMALIA	1.7	1.8
97	NORTH KOREA	1.7	1.8
98	CAMEROON	1.8	1.7
99	URUGUAY	0.5	1.7
100	UGANDA	0.4	1.6
101	HONDURAS	0.2	1.5
102	GEORGIA	3.3	1.4
103	TANZANIA	2.4	1.3
104	PANAMA	0.1	1.2
105	MACEDONIA	2.3	1.0
106	GHANA	2.5	1.0
107	ZIMBABWE	0.4	0.9
108	CONGO	13.4	0.8
109	MAURITIUS	1.1	0.8
110	EL SALVADOR	0.1	0.7
111	MOZAMBIQUE	0.3	0.7
112	ANTARCTICA	-	0.7
113	NICARAGUA	0.3	0.7

Imports by Country (Million Riyals)

#	Country	May 2018	May 2019
114	MALAWI	0.9	0.6
115	SWAZILAND	0.8	0.6
116	COTE D'IVOIRE	0.1	0.6
117	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	0.0	0.6
118	BURUNDI	0.1	0.6
119	NAURU	0.0	0.5
120	ALBANIA	0.6	0.5
121	MONGOLIA	0.2	0.5
122	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	2.4	0.4
123	ARMENIA	0.6	0.4
124	MADAGASCAR	4.0	0.3
125	SIERRA LEONE	0.0	0.3
126	SVALBARD&JAN MAYEN	-	0.3
127	MALTA	119.1	0.2
128	FIJI	0.2	0.2
129	GABON	0.3	0.2
130	GAMBIA	-	0.2
131	BOLIVIA	0.1	0.1
132	NEPAL	0.7	0.1
133	KYRGYZSTAN	1.5	0.1
134	BARBADOS	-	0.1
135	LAOS	1.5	0.1
136	AZERBAIJAN	0.3	0.1
137	CUBA	0.1	0.1
138	LIECHTENSTEIN	0.3	0.1
139	SENEGAL	0.0	0.1
140	HAITI	0.0	0.1
141	MONACO	0.5	0.1
	OTHER COUNTRIES	41.3	0.4
	TOTAL	48,527.7	43,099.0





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