

Non-oil exports increase by 6.0% in May 2025

Non-oil exports, including re-exports, recorded an increase of 6.0% compared to May 2024, while national non-oil exports, excluding re-exports, decreased by 1.8%. Moreover, the value of re-exported goods increased by 20.5% during the same period.

Meanwhile, merchandise exports decreased by 14.0% in May 2025 compared to May 2024, as a result of a 21.8% decrease in oil exports. Consequently, the percentage of oil exports out of total exports decreased from 72.1% in May 2024 to 65.6% in May 2025.

On the other hand, imports increased by 7.8% in May 2025, and the surplus of the merchandise trade balance decreased by 68.4% compared to May 2024.

Ratio of non-oil exports to imports decreases to 38.5%

The ratio of non-oil exports (including re-exports) to imports decreased to 38.5% in May 2025 from 39.1% in May 2024. This is attributed to the increase in imports compared to non-oil exports of 7.8% and 6.0%, respectively, during the same period.

Machinery, electrical equipment and parts most important non-oil export merchandise

Among the most important non-oil exports are "machinery, electrical equipment and parts", which constituted 23.7% of the total non-oil exports, recording a 99.8% increase compared to May 2024. Followed by "chemical products", which represented 22.8% of total non-oil exports, with a 0.4% increase compared to May 2024.

However, the most important imported goods were "machinery, electrical equipment and parts", which constituted 29.7% of total imports, rising by 23.0% compared to May 2024. Followed by "transportation equipment and parts", which represented 11.4% of total imports, with a 9.2% decrease compared to May 2024.

China is Saudi Arabia main merchandise trading partner

In May 2025, exports to China amounted to 14.0% of total exports, making this country the main destination for the Kingdom's exports. Followed next by United Arab Emirates with 11.2% of total exports and India with 8.9% of total exports. South Korea, Japan, U.S.A, Egypt, Kingdom of Bahrain, Malta, and Malaysia were the other countries that ranked in the top 10 destinations. Exports of the Kingdom to those 10 countries accounted for 64.4% of total exports.

Similarly, China held the first position for the Kingdom's imports, constituting 28.9% of total imports in May 2025, followed next by U.S.A with 7.5% of total imports and United Arab Emirates with 6.3% of total imports. India, Japan, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Egypt and France were among the top 10 countries from which imports were made, with the total value of imports from these ten countries accounting for 67.6% of total imports.

Top five customs ports for imports

King Abdulaziz Sea Port in Dammam is one of the most important ports through which goods crossed into the Kingdom accounting for 26.4% of total imports in May 2025. Among the other major ports of entry for imports were Jeddah Islamic Sea Port 21.6%, King Khalid Int Airport in Riyadh 13.8%, King Abdulaziz Int. Airport 10.9%, and King Fahad Int Airport in Dammam 5.3%. Those five ports together accounted for 78.1% of the total merchandise imports of the Kingdom.

Figure1. International trade (May 2024 - May 2025)

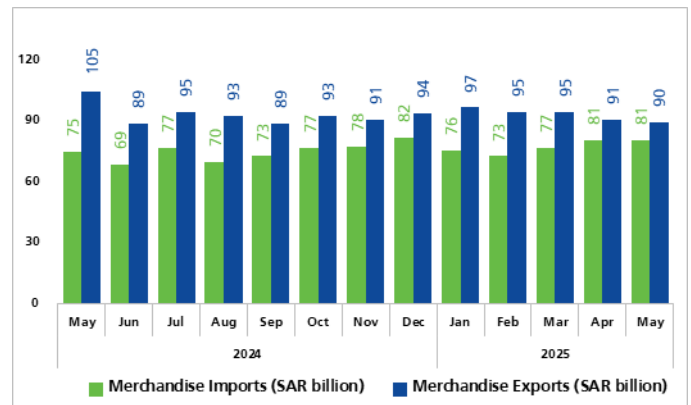


Figure2. Non-oil exports and imports (May 2024 - May 2025)

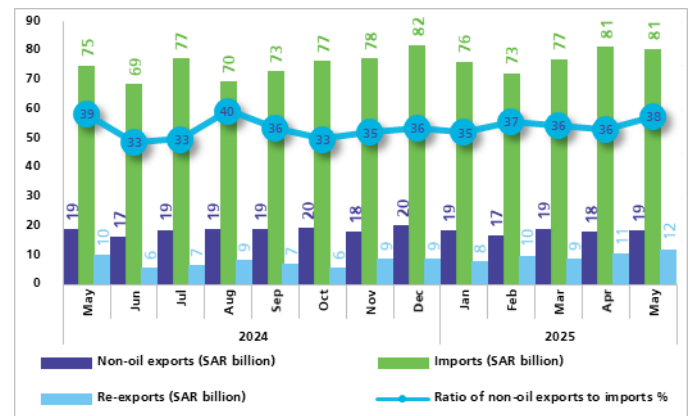
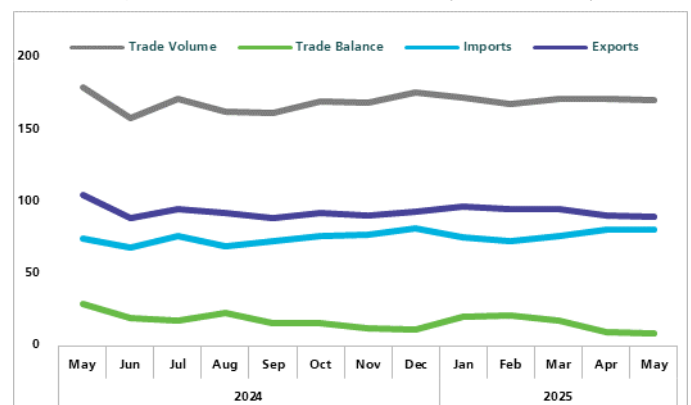


Figure3. Trade balance and trade volume (value SAR billion)



Methodology and quality

The International Trade Statistics are built on administrative records from Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority (non-oil), and the Ministry of Energy (oil). Saudi Arabia's merchandise exports and imports are classified according to the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding Systems 2022, also known as the Harmonized System (HS), which is maintained by the World Customs Organization (WCO). The HS allows countries to classify traded products in an internationally standardized system of product names and codes. Oil exports refer to exported goods classified in Chapter 27 (mineral fuels, mineral oils, and waxes) of the Harmonized System (HS). Non-oil exports refer to all other goods exported (including petrochemicals). The data for 2025 is preliminary.

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