Saudi Arabia's services exports decline by 16.5% in Q2 of 2026

The results of the International Trade in Services Statistics showed that the Kingdom's total services exports amounted to SAR 59.5 billion in the second quarter of 2026, compared with SAR 71.3 billion in the first quarter, recording a decrease of 16.5%. This decline was mainly attributed to a 23.6% decrease in travel services exports compared with the previous quarter. Total services imports amounted to approximately SAR 120.8 billion, compared with SAR 111.4 billion in the first quarter, recording an increase of 8.4%. Transport services recorded the highest value of imports at SAR 34.1 billion, while one of the main factors contributing to the increase in total imports was a 17.0% rise in travel services imports compared with the previous quarter.

Exports of international trade in services

Saudi Arabia's services exports in Q2 of 2026 reached approximately SAR 59.5 billion, compared to SAR 71.3 billion in Q1 of 2026, representing a decrease of 16.5%. Travel services recorded exports worth SAR 33.8 billion, of which personal travel services accounted for approximately 93.9% of the total value of travel services exports. In addition, transport services ranked second with a value of SAR 10.5 billion, with air transport accounting for approximately 39.0% of the total value of transport services exports, followed by maritime and land transport at lower shares. Communications, computers, and information services amounted to SAR 2.6 billion, with communications services accounting for approximately 50.9% of the total value of communications, computer, and information services exports, followed by computer and information services at lower shares. Other business services amounted to SAR 2.3 billion, with professional and management consulting services accounting for approximately 51.7% of the total value of other business services exports, while construction services amounted to SAR 1.8 billion. Government services also amounted to SAR 1.8 billion, while total financial services amounted to SAR 1.5 billion. The remaining services exports were distributed among other categories, such as manufacturing services, insurance and pension services, personal, cultural, and recreational services, maintenance and repair services, and charges for the use of intellectual property.

Imports of international trade in services

Saudi Arabia's services imports in Q2 of 2026 reached approximately SAR 120.8 billion, compared to SAR 111.4 billion in Q1 of 2026, representing an increase of 8.4%. Transport services recorded imports worth SAR 34.1 billion, with maritime transport accounting for approximately 40.8% of the total value of transport services imports, followed by air and land transport at lower shares. Travel services recorded imports worth SAR 25.0 billion, of which personal travel services accounted for approximately 92.0% of the total value of travel services imports. Other business services amounted to SAR 18.8 billion, with professional and management consulting services accounting for approximately 50.8% of the total value of other business services imports, while construction services amounted to SAR 14.5 billion. Government services amounted to SAR 7.3 billion, insurance and pension services amounted to SAR 6.0 billion, and communications, computer, and information services amounted to SAR 4.0 billion. The remaining services imports were distributed among other categories, such as manufacturing services, personal, cultural, and recreational services, financial services, charges for the use of intellectual property, and maintenance and repair services.

Figure1: Relative distribution of exports and imports by services

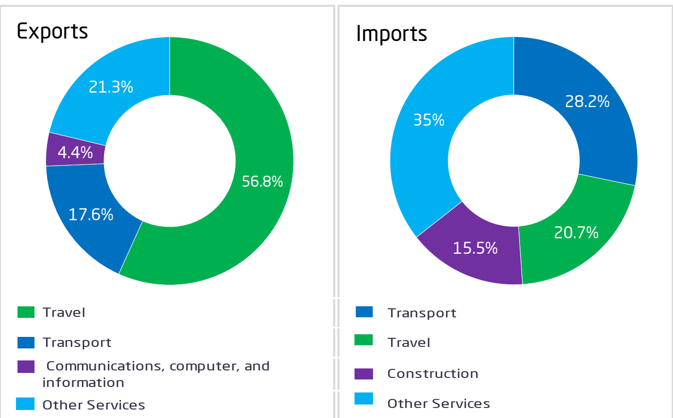


Figure2: Value of exports and imports of services (billion SAR)

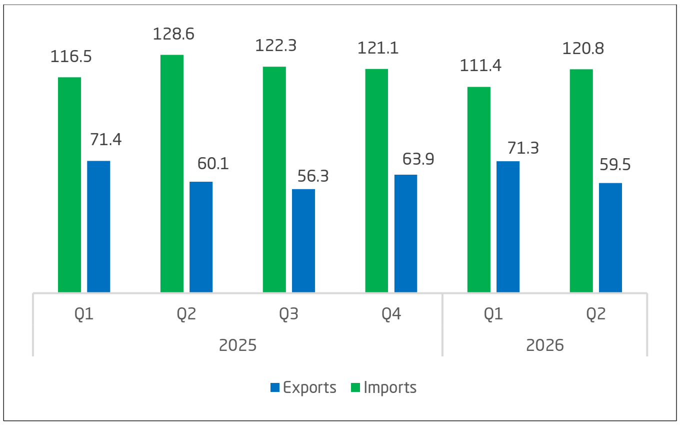


Figure3: Value of exports by service categories (billion SAR)

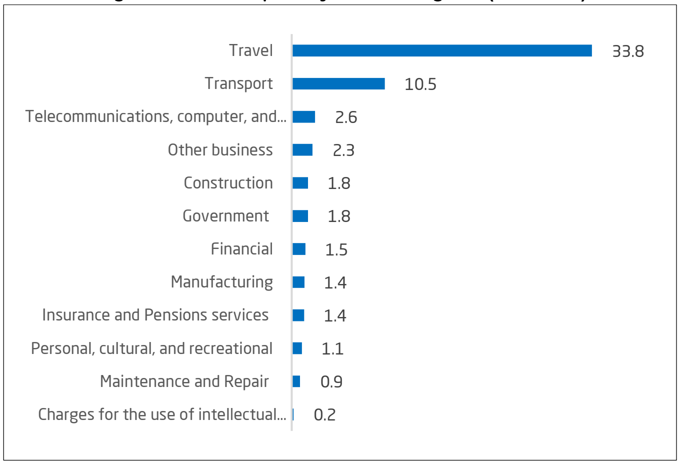
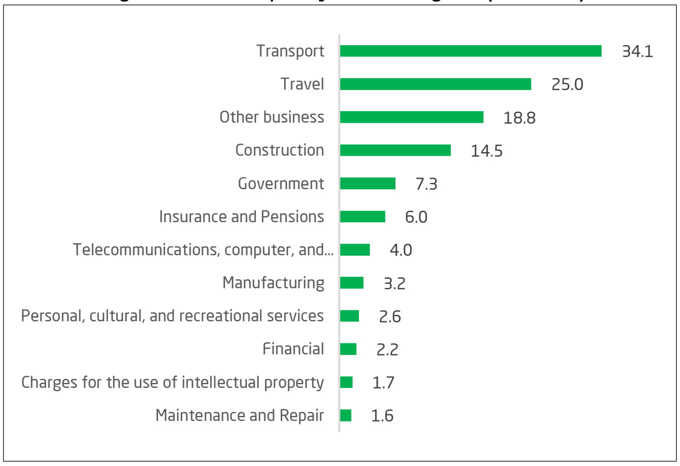


Figure4: Value of Import by service categories (billion SAR)



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