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## Merchandise Exports and Imports of The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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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 October 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, October 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](mailto: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:

Saudi Arabia's exports and imports are classified according to the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding Systems (2017), 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.

## 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](http://www.stats.gov.sa)
- GaStat official e-mail: [info@stats.gov.sa](mailto:info@stats.gov.sa)
- Client support's e-mail: [cs@stats.gov.sa](mailto: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.

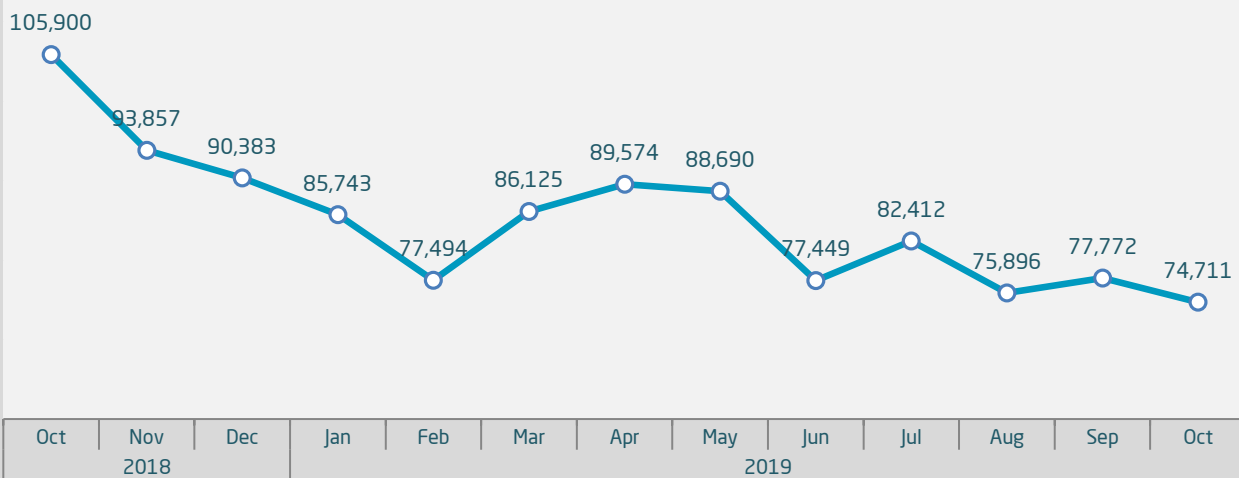




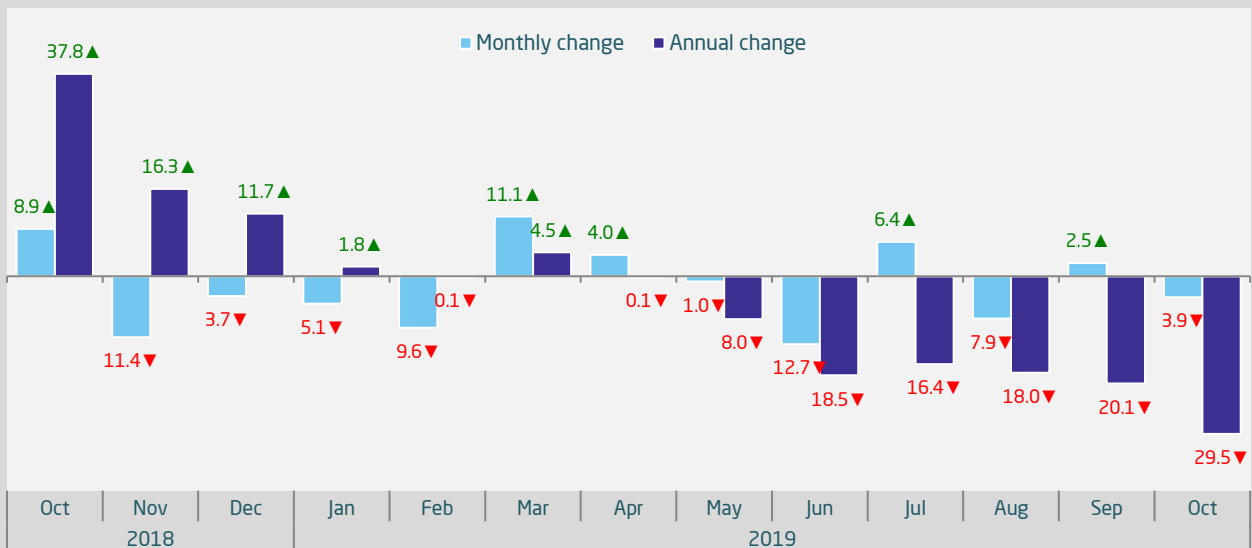
## 1. Merchandise Exports

Total merchandise exports of Saudi Arabia amounted to 74 billion 711 million riyals in October 2019 compared to 105 billion 900 million riyals in October 2018, corresponding to a decrease of 31 billion 189 million riyals or 29.5% over that period. Merchandise exports in October 2019 were also lower than those in the preceding month (September 2019) by 3 billion 61 million riyals or 3.9%.

Exports, Monthly (Million Riyals)



Change in Exports (%)



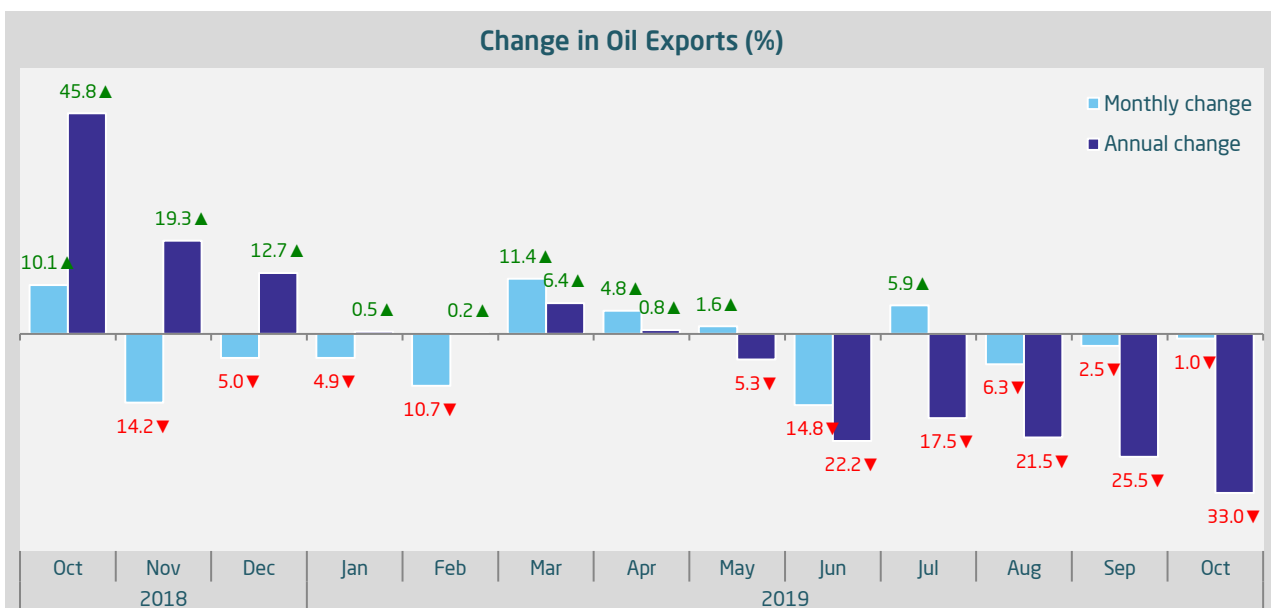
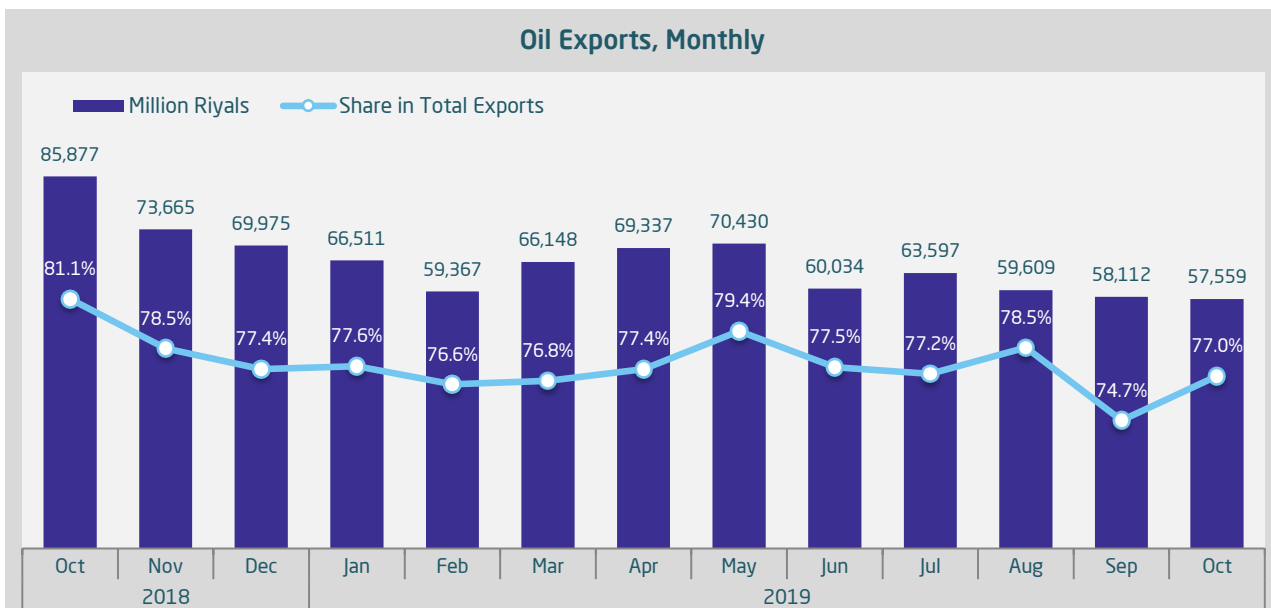




### 1.1. Oil Exports

Oil exports of Saudi Arabia valued at 57 billion 559 million riyals in October 2019 compared to 85 billion 877 million riyals in October 2018, corresponding to a decrease of 28 billion 318 million riyals or 33.0% over that period. The share of oil exports in total merchandise exports also decreased from 81.1% in October 2018 to 77.0% in October 2019.

Compared to the previous month (September 2019), the value of oil exports decreased by 553 million riyals or 1.0% in October 2019.



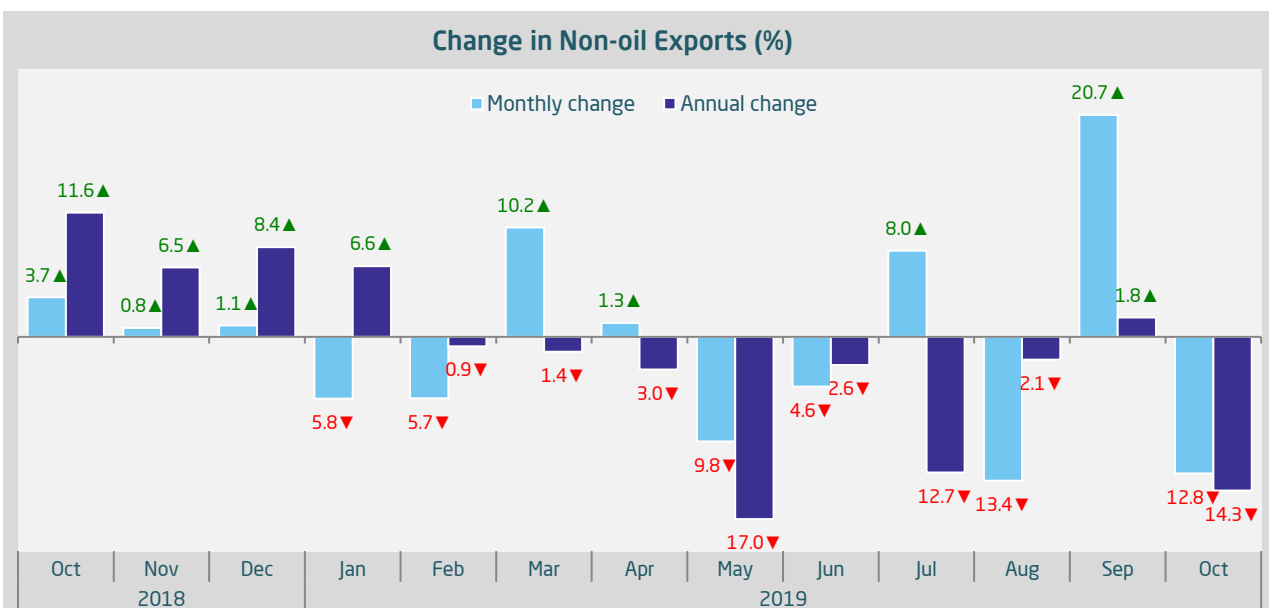
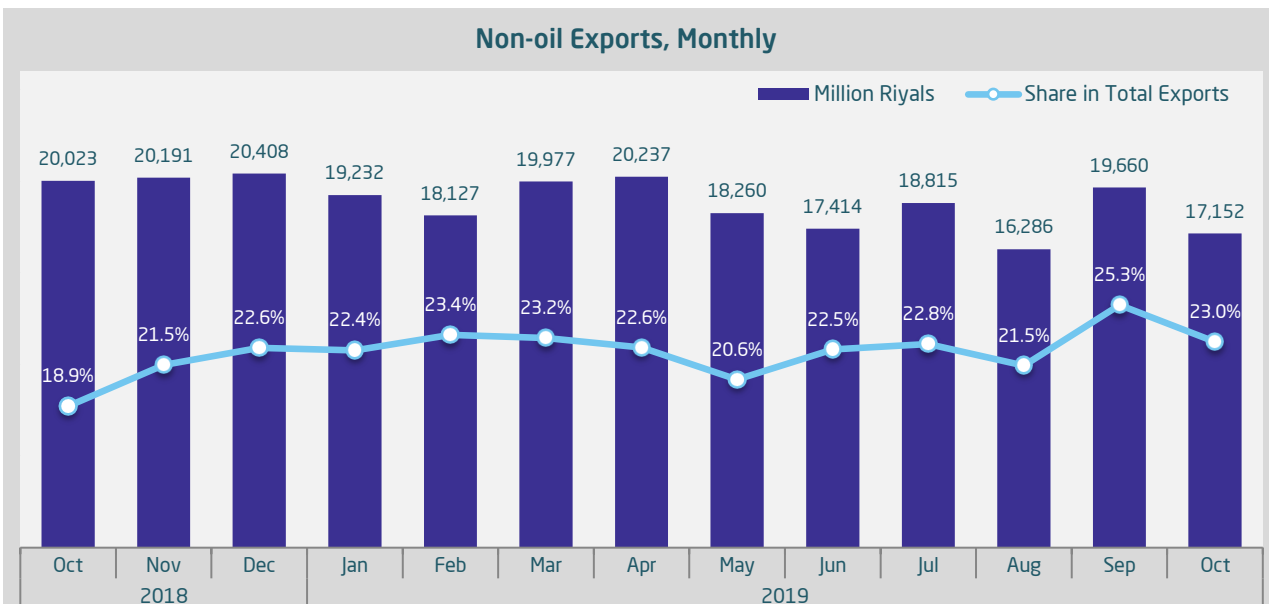


## 1.2. Non-oil Merchandise Exports

### 1.2.1. Developments in Non-oil Exports

Non-oil exports of Saudi Arabia amounted to 17 billion 152 million riyals in October 2019 compared to 20 billion 23 million riyals in October 2018, corresponding to a decrease of 2 billion 871 million riyals or 14.3% over that period. The share of non-oil exports in total merchandise exports, however, increased from 18.9% in October 2018 to 23.0% in October 2019.

Compared to the previous month (September 2019), the value of non-oil exports decreased by 2 billion 508 million riyals or 12.8% in October 2019.



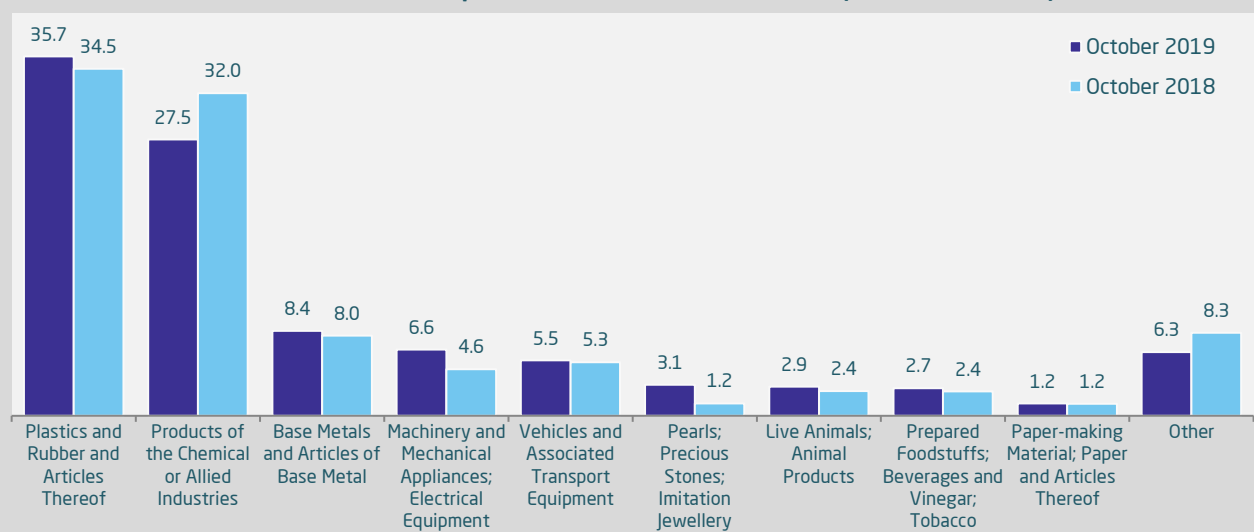


### 1.2.2. Non-oil Exports by Section

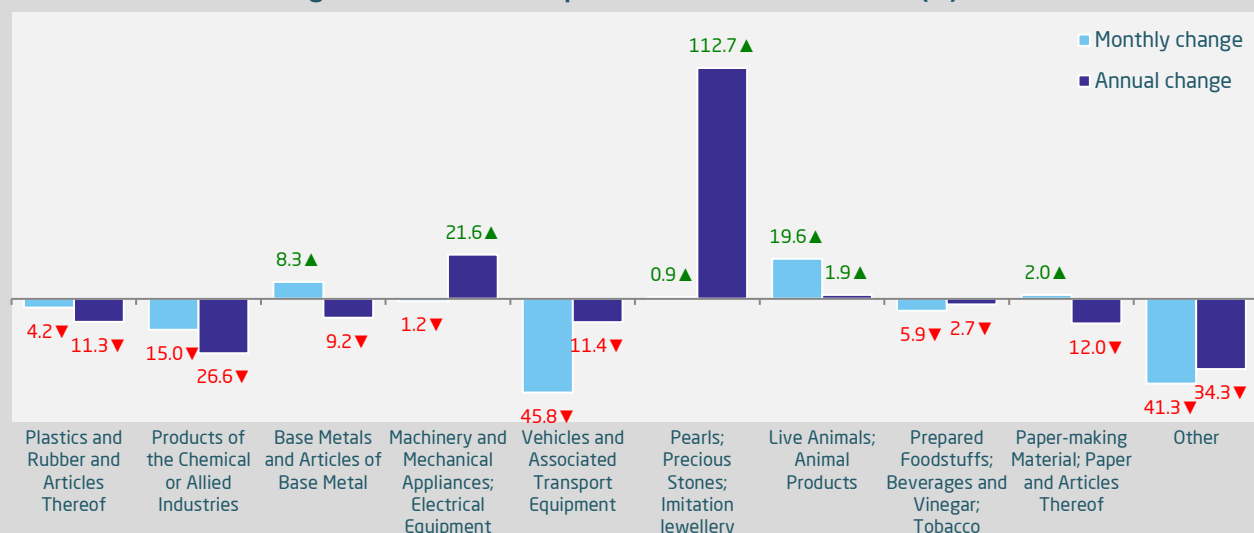
Main Non-oil Export Products (Million Riyals)

Exported Products (by section of the Harmonized System)	October 2018	October 2019		
		Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
1 Plastics and Rubber and Articles Thereof	6,904	6,123	780▼	11.3▼
2 Products of the Chemical or Allied Industries	6,415	4,711	1,704▼	26.6▼
3 Base Metals and Articles of Base Metal	1,596	1,449	147▼	9.2▼
4 Machinery and Mechanical Appliances; Electrical Equipment	929	1,129	201▲	21.6▲
5 Vehicles and Associated Transport Equipment	1,065	944	121▼	11.4▼
6 Pearls; Precious Stones; Imitation Jewellery	249	529	280▲	112.7▲
7 Live Animals; Animal Products	489	499	9▲	1.9▲
8 Prepared Foodstuffs; Beverages and Vinegar; Tobacco	484	471	13▼	2.7▼
9 Paper-making Material; Paper and Articles Thereof	239	211	29▼	12.0▼
10 Other	1,653	1,087	566▼	34.3▼
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,023</b>	<b>17,152</b>	<b>2,871▼</b>	<b>14.3▼</b>

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



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

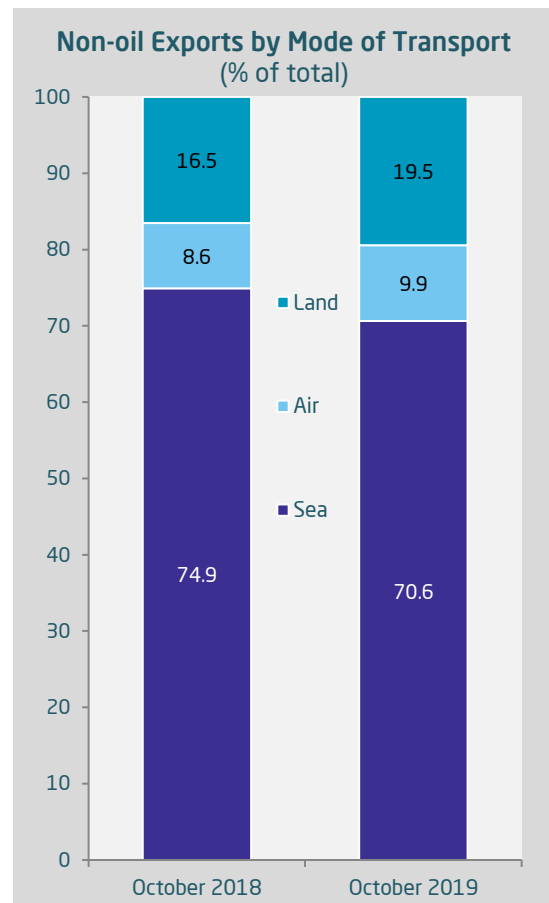
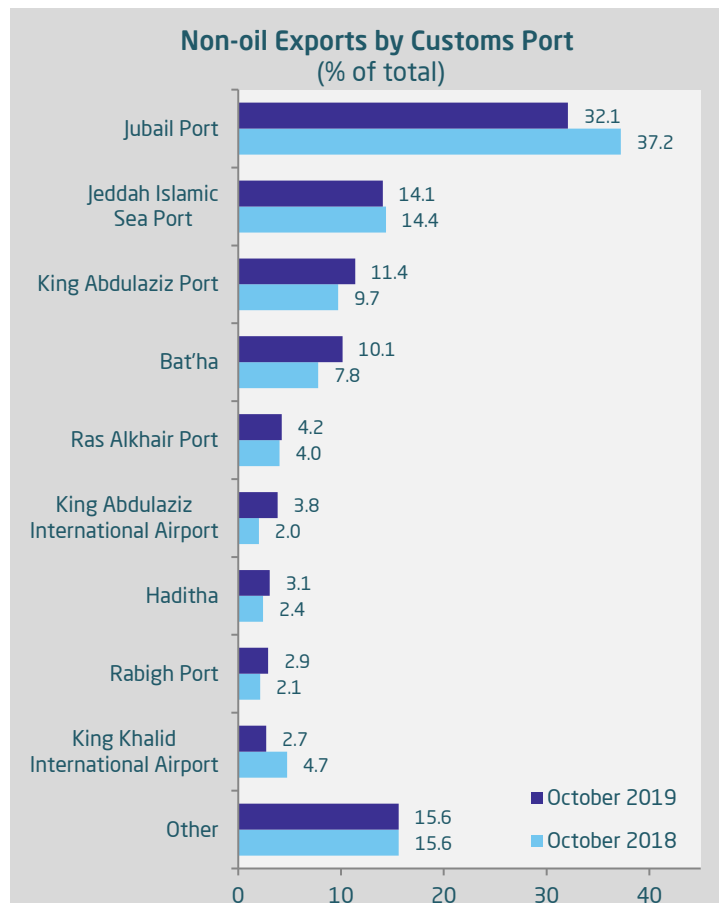




### 1.2.3. Non-oil Exports by Mode of Transport and Customs Port

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

Mode of Transport and Customs Port	October 2018	October 2019		
		Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
<b>Sea</b>	<b>14,997</b>	<b>12,113</b>	<b>2,884 ▼</b>	<b>19.2 ▼</b>
Jubail Port	7,450	5,503	1,946 ▼	26.1 ▼
Jeddah Islamic Sea Port	2,875	2,414	461 ▼	16.0 ▼
King Abdulaziz Port	1,947	1,950	3 ▲	0.2 ▲
Other Seaports	2,725	2,245	479 ▼	17.6 ▼
<b>Air</b>	<b>1,712</b>	<b>1,703</b>	<b>10 ▼</b>	<b>0.6 ▼</b>
King Abdulaziz International Airport	399	655	255 ▲	63.8 ▲
King Khalid International Airport	950	464	486 ▼	51.2 ▼
King Fahad Airport	98	333	234 ▲	238.3 ▲
Other Airports	265	252	13 ▼	4.8 ▼
<b>Land</b>	<b>3,314</b>	<b>3,337</b>	<b>23 ▲</b>	<b>0.7 ▲</b>
Bat'ha	1,558	1,741	183 ▲	11.7 ▲
Haditha	485	524	39 ▲	8.1 ▲
Al Kaffjei	433	431	2 ▼	0.3 ▼
Other Land Ports	838	640	198 ▼	23.6 ▼
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,023</b>	<b>17,152</b>	<b>2,871 ▼</b>	<b>14.3 ▼</b>



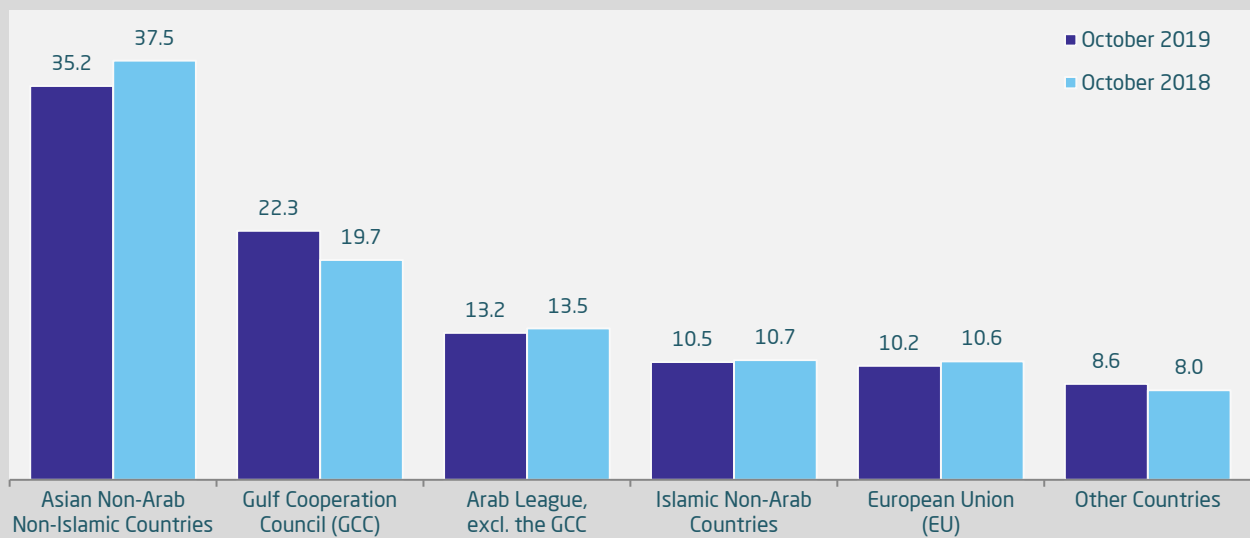


### 1.2.4. Non-oil Exports by Group of Countries

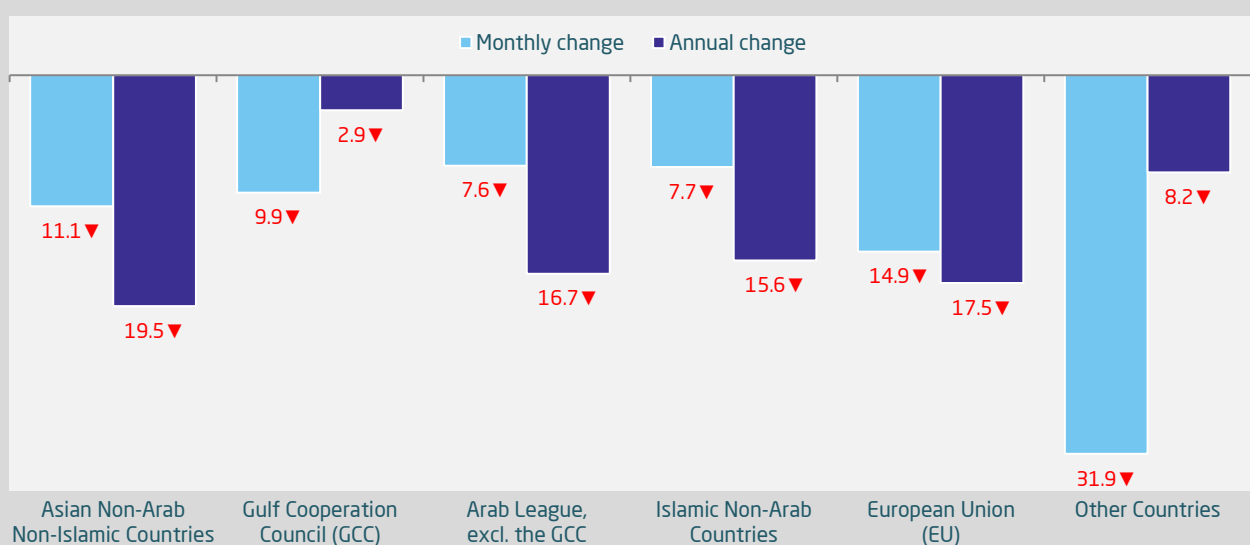
Non-oil Exports by Group of Countries (Million Riyals)

Groups of Countries	October 2018	October 2019		
		Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
1 Asian Non-Arab Non-Islamic Countries	7,505	6,043	1,462 ▼	19.5 ▼
2 Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)	3,936	3,820	116 ▼	2.9 ▼
3 Arab League, excl. the GCC	2,710	2,256	454 ▼	16.7 ▼
4 Islamic Non-Arab Countries	2,144	1,809	335 ▼	15.6 ▼
5 European Union (EU)	2,122	1,750	372 ▼	17.5 ▼
6 Other Countries	1,606	1,474	132 ▼	8.2 ▼
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,023</b>	<b>17,152</b>	<b>2,871 ▼</b>	<b>14.3 ▼</b>

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



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



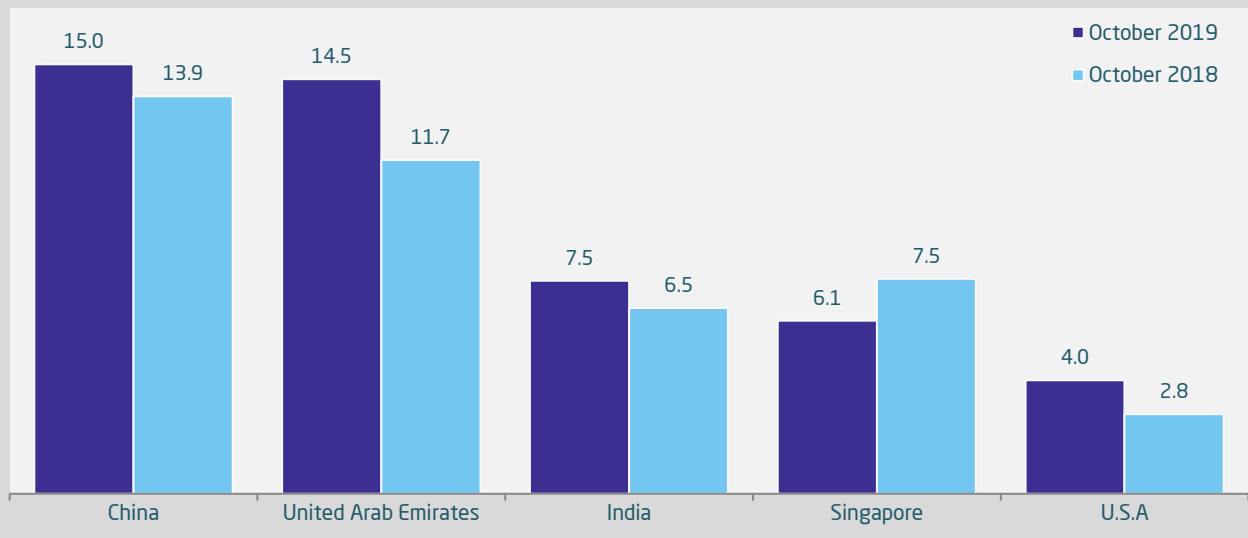


### 1.2.5. Top 5 Partner Countries for Non-oil Exports

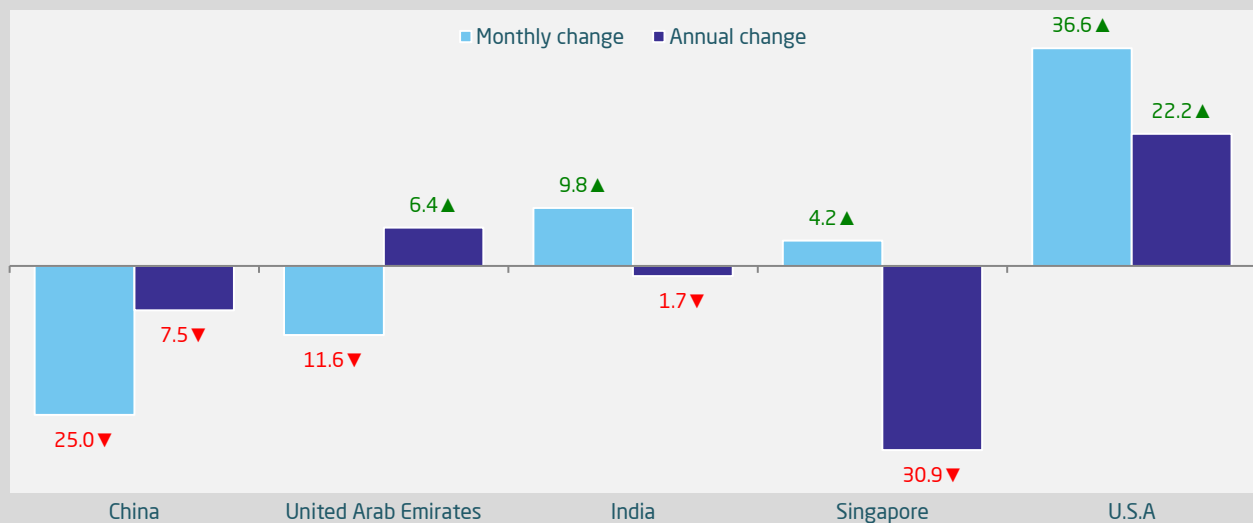
Top 5 Partner Countries for Non-oil Exports (Million Riyals)

Countries	October 2018	October 2019		
		Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
1 China	2,787	2,579	208 ▼	7.5 ▼
2 United Arab Emirates	2,339	2,489	151 ▲	6.4 ▲
3 India	1,302	1,280	22 ▼	1.7 ▼
4 Singapore	1,506	1,040	466 ▼	30.9 ▼
5 U.S.A	558	682	124 ▲	22.2 ▲
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,491</b>	<b>8,070</b>	<b>421 ▼</b>	<b>5.0 ▼</b>
Share of the top 5 countries in total non-oil exports (%)		42.4	47.0	

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



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

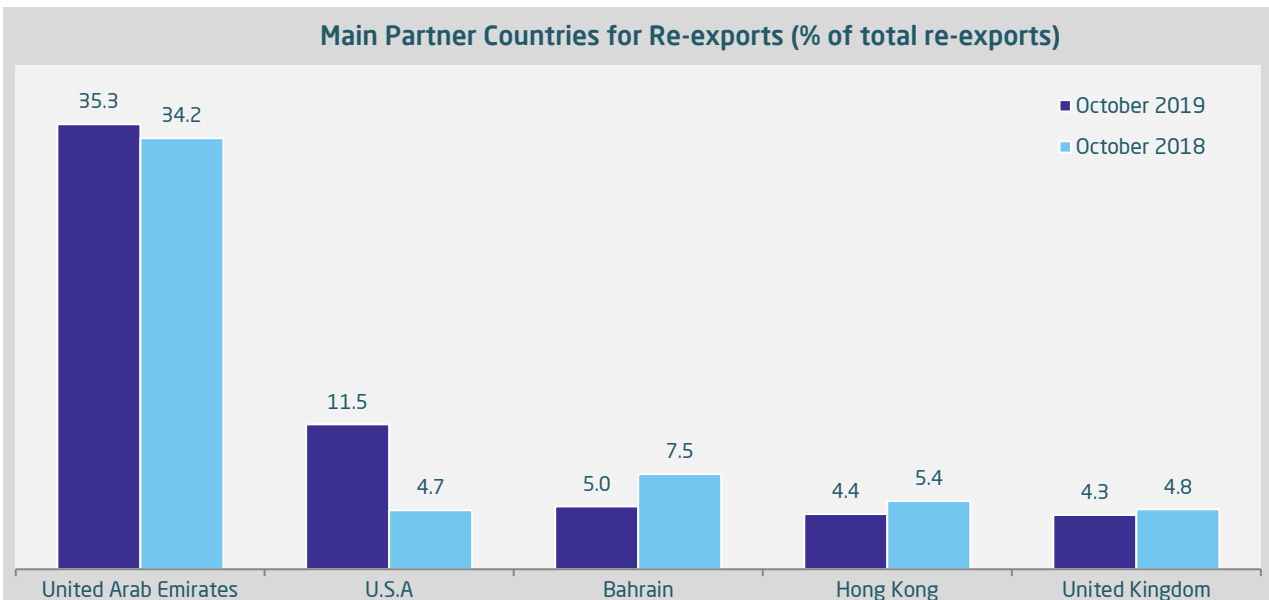
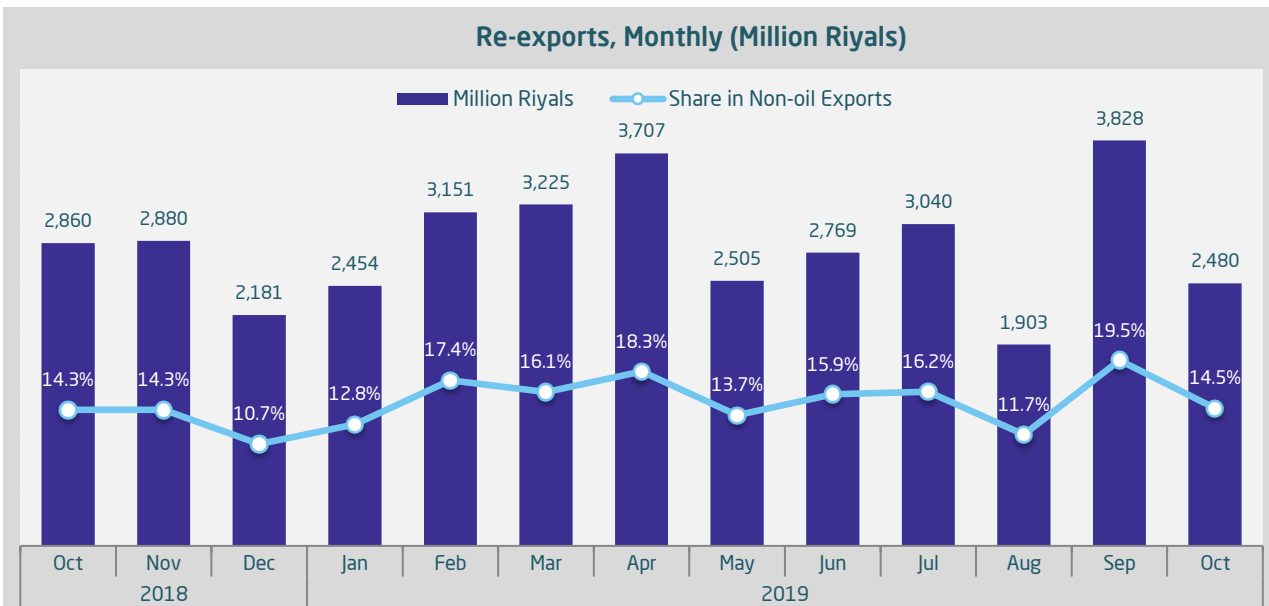




### 1.2.6. Re-exports

Products re-exported by Saudi Arabia amounted to 2 billion 480 million riyals in October 2019 compared to 2 billion 860 million riyals in October 2018, down by 380 million riyals or 13.3% over that period.

United Arab Emirates was the main destination for the re-exports, accounting for 35.3% of the total re-exports of the Kingdom in October 2019, followed by U.S.A with a share of





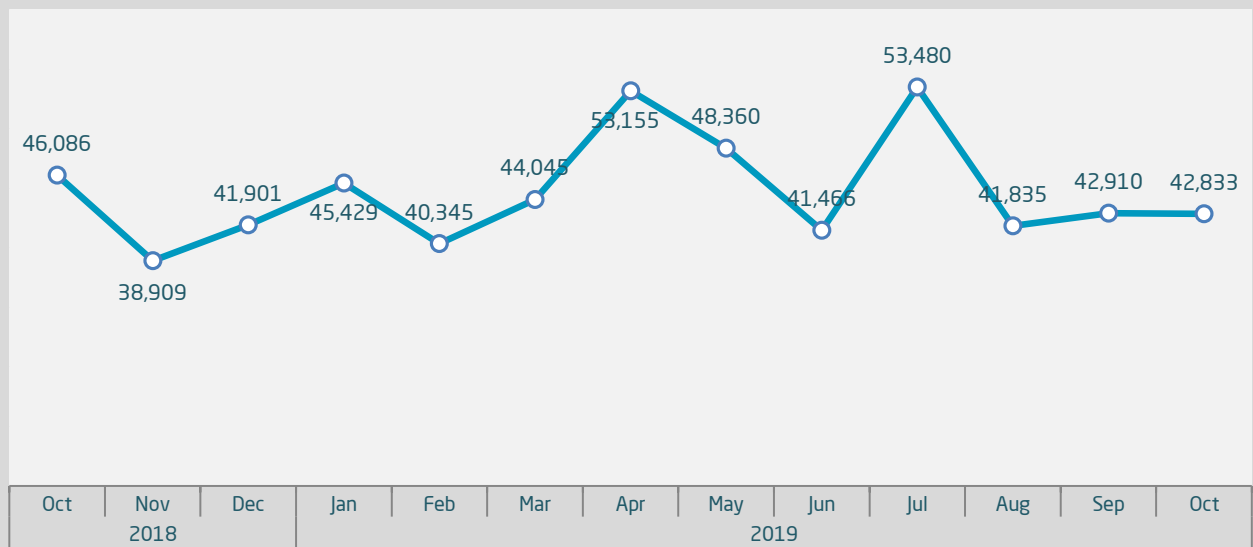
## 2. Merchandise Imports

### 2.1. Developments in Imports

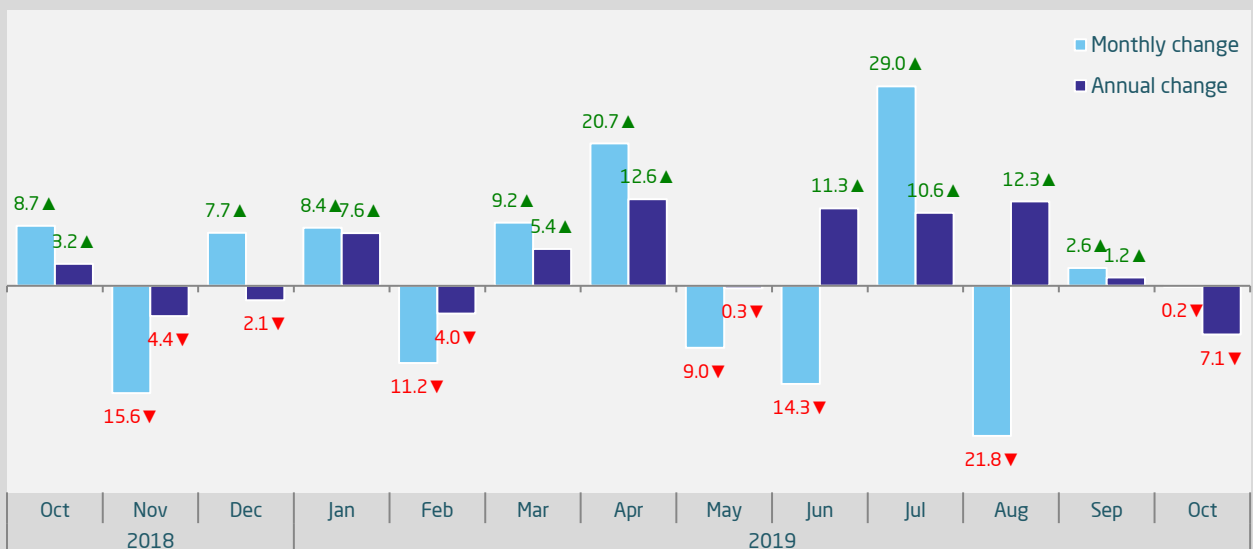
Total merchandise imports of Saudi Arabia amounted to 42 billion 833 million riyals in October 2019 compared to 46 billion 86 million riyals in October 2018, corresponding to a decrease of 3 billion 253 million riyals or 7.1% over that period.

Merchandise imports in October 2019 were also lower than those in the preceding month (September 2019) by 77 million riyals or 0.2%.

Imports, Monthly (Million Riyals)



Change in Imports (%)





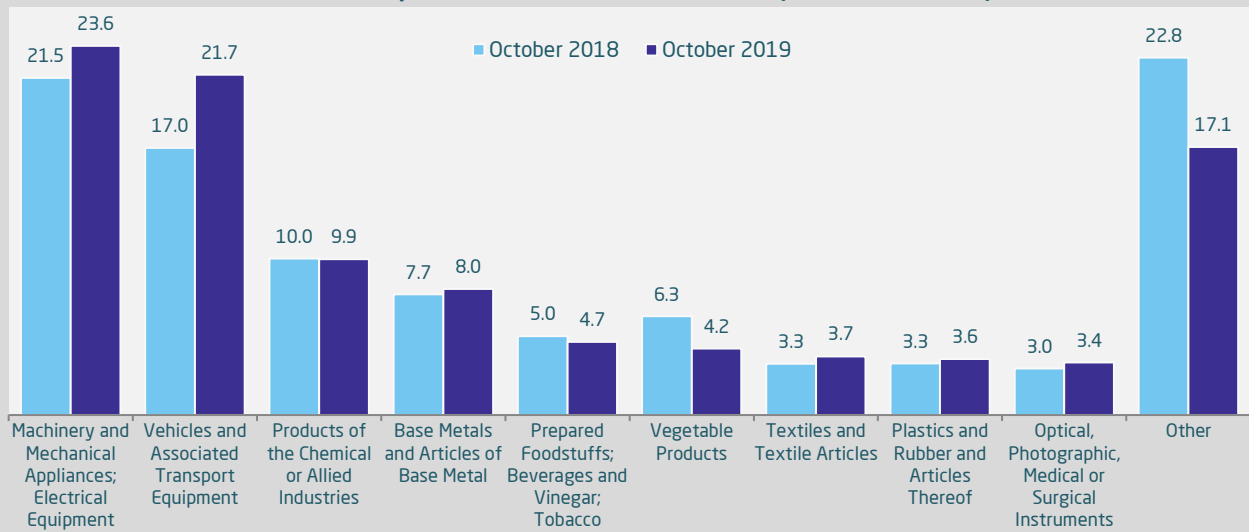


### 2.2. Imports by Section

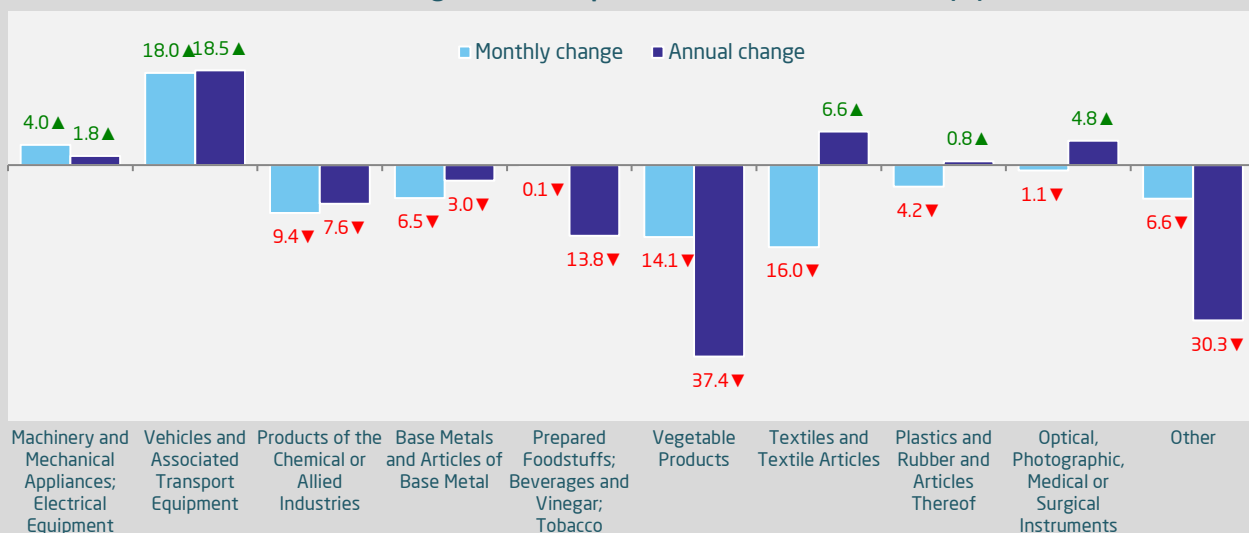
Main Import Products (Million Riyals)

Imported Products (by section of the Harmonized System)	October 2018	October 2019		
		Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
1 Machinery and Mechanical Appliances; Electrical Equipment	9,924	10,098	175 ▲	1.8 ▲
2 Vehicles and Associated Transport Equipment	7,857	9,309	1,452 ▲	18.5 ▲
3 Products of the Chemical or Allied Industries	4,609	4,261	348 ▼	7.6 ▼
4 Base Metals and Articles of Base Metal	3,552	3,444	108 ▼	3.0 ▼
5 Prepared Foodstuffs; Beverages and Vinegar; Tobacco	2,324	2,003	321 ▼	13.8 ▼
6 Vegetable Products	2,904	1,818	1,086 ▼	37.4 ▼
7 Textiles and Textile Articles	1,507	1,606	99 ▲	6.6 ▲
8 Plastics and Rubber and Articles Thereof	1,518	1,530	12 ▲	0.8 ▲
9 Optical, Photographic, Medical or Surgical Instruments	1,371	1,436	65 ▲	4.8 ▲
10 Other	10,521	7,328	3,193 ▼	30.3 ▼
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,086</b>	<b>42,833</b>	<b>3,253 ▼</b>	<b>7.1 ▼</b>

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



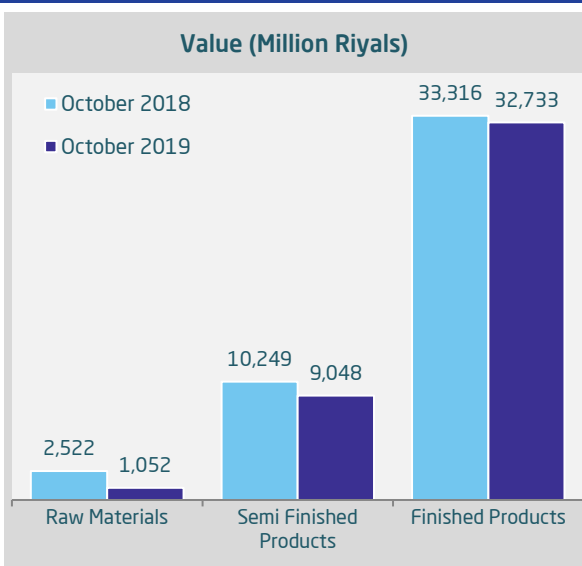
Change in Main Import Products, October 2019 (%)



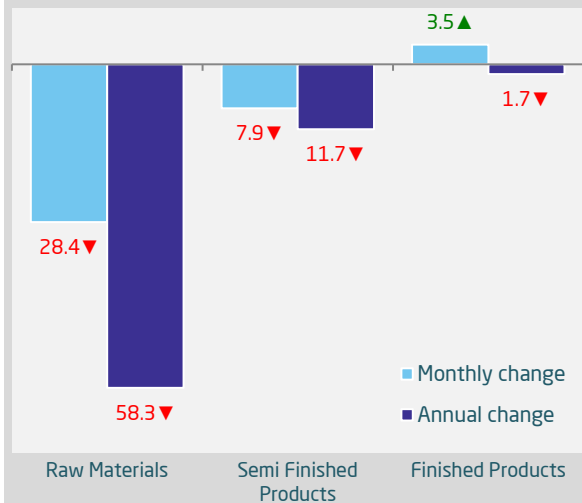


### 2.3. Imports by Nature and Utilization of Items

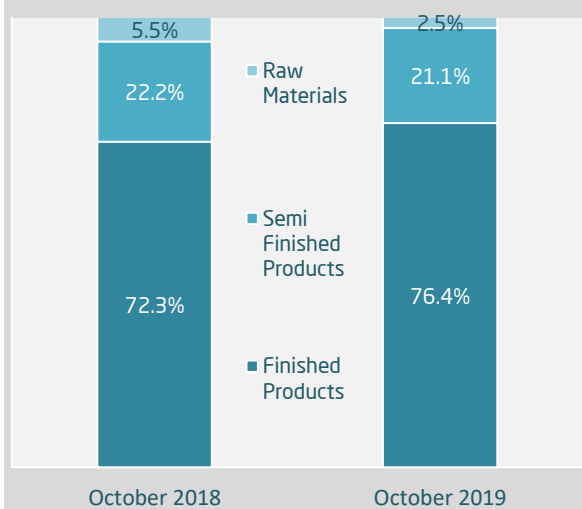
#### Imports by Nature of Items



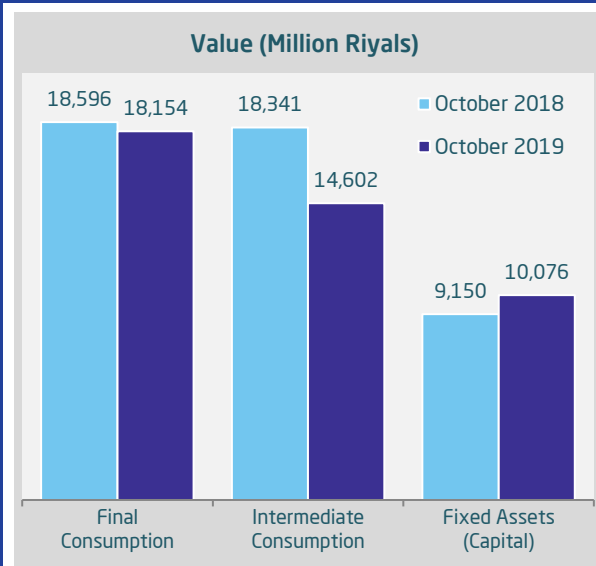
#### Change in October 2019 (%)



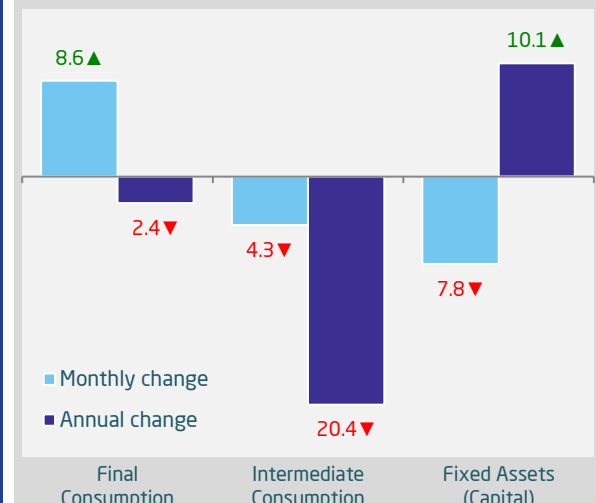
#### Share in Total Imports



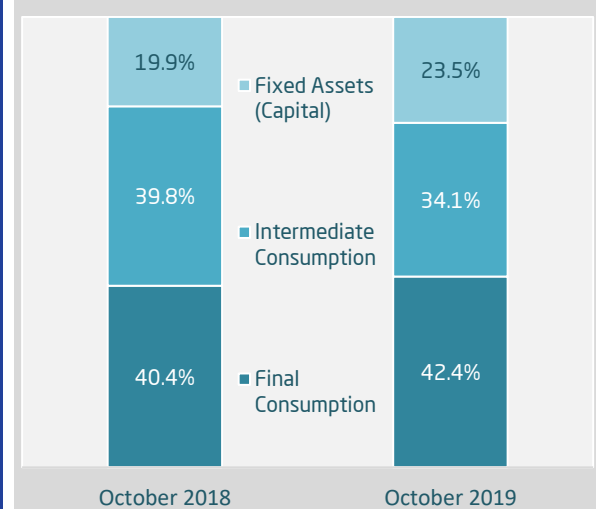
#### Imports by Utilization of Items



#### Change in October 2019 (%)



#### Share in Total Imports





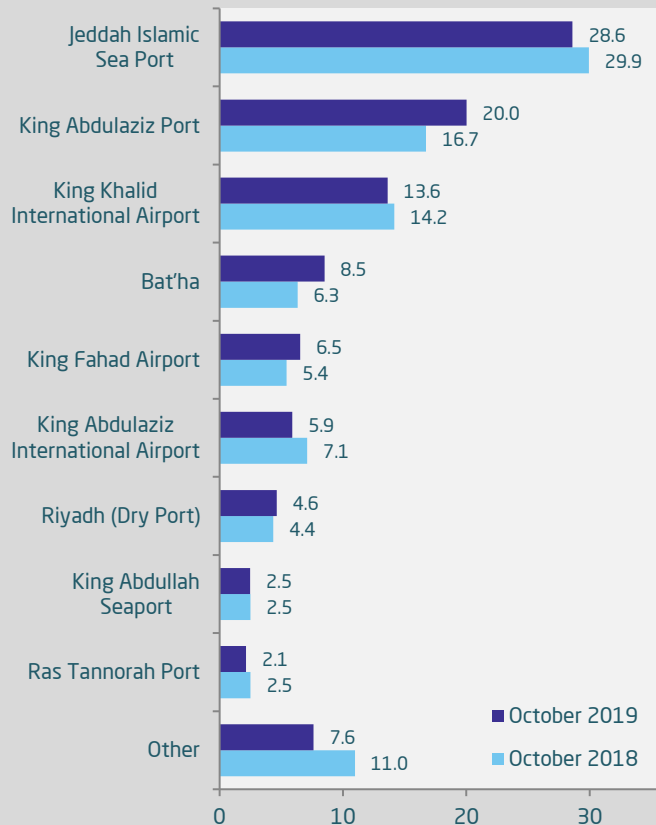
### 2.4. Imports by Mode of Transport and Customs Port

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

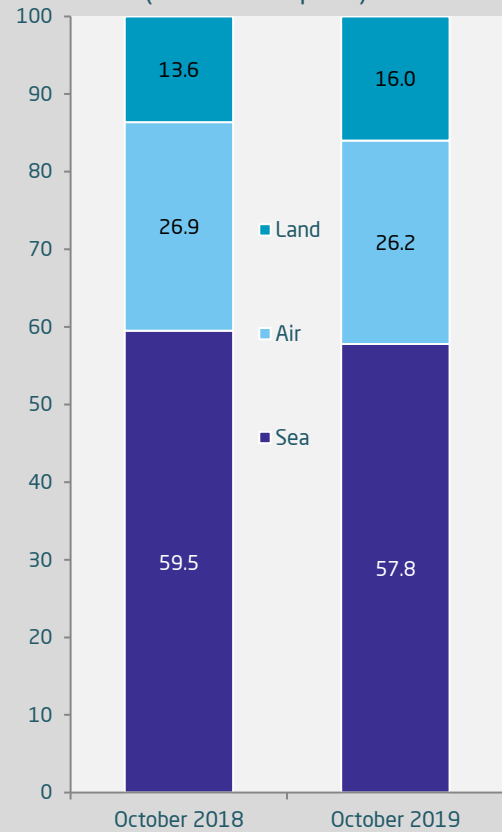
Mode of Transport and Customs Port	October 2018	October 2019		
		Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
<b>Sea</b>	<b>27,429</b>	<b>24,751</b>	<b>2,678 ▼</b>	<b>9.8 ▼</b>
Jeddah Islamic Sea Port	13,796	12,247	1,548 ▼	11.2 ▼
King Abdulaziz Port	7,713	8,575	862 ▲	11.2 ▲
King Abdullah Seaport	1,148	1,055	92 ▼	8.0 ▼
Other Seaports	4,773	2,873	1,899 ▼	39.8 ▼
<b>Air</b>	<b>12,374</b>	<b>11,232</b>	<b>1,143 ▼</b>	<b>9.2 ▼</b>
King Khalid International Airport	6,529	5,832	697 ▼	10.7 ▼
King Fahad Airport	2,499	2,800	301 ▲	12.1 ▲
King Abdulaziz International Airport	3,270	2,520	750 ▼	22.9 ▼
Other Airports	77	79	3 ▲	3.7 ▲
<b>Land</b>	<b>6,283</b>	<b>6,850</b>	<b>567 ▲</b>	<b>9.0 ▲</b>
Bat'ha	2,918	3,640	722 ▲	24.7 ▲
Riyadh (Dry Port)	2,006	1,981	25 ▼	1.3 ▼
King Fahad Bridge	842	550	292 ▼	34.7 ▼
Other Land Ports	517	679	162 ▲	31.4 ▲
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,086</b>	<b>42,833</b>	<b>3,253 ▼</b>	<b>7.1 ▼</b>



Imports by Customs Port  
(% of total imports)



Imports by Mode of Transport  
(% of total imports)



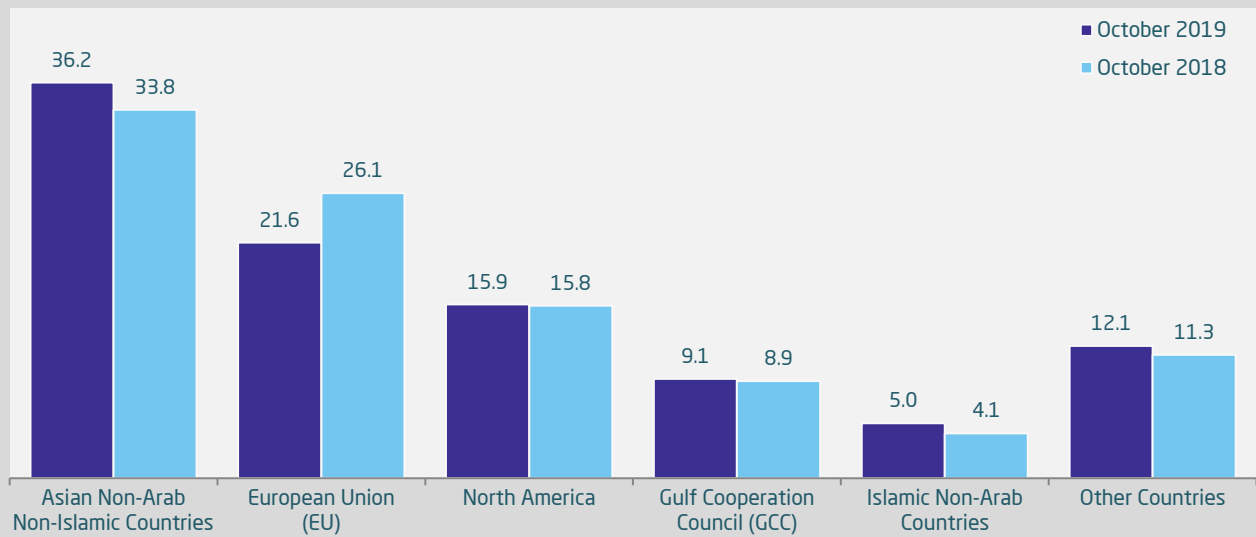


### 2.5. Imports by Group of Countries

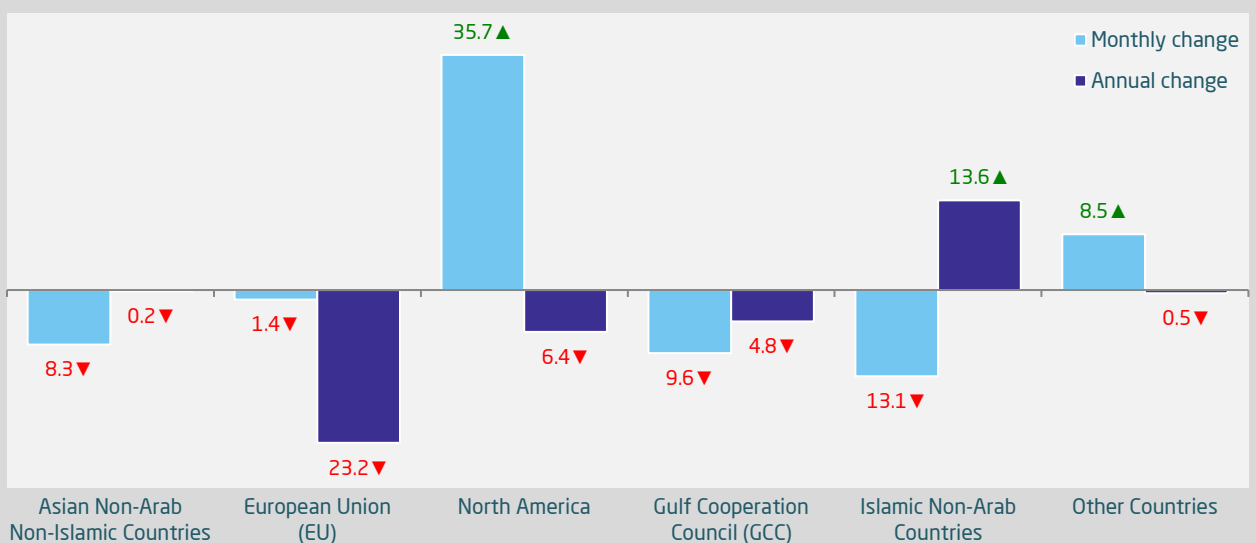
Imports by Group of Countries (Million Riyals)

Groups of Countries	October 2018	October 2019		
		Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
1 Asian Non-Arab Non-Islamic Countries	15,554	15,523	31 ▼	0.2 ▼
2 European Union (EU)	12,036	9,241	2,796 ▼	23.2 ▼
3 North America	7,283	6,820	463 ▼	6.4 ▼
4 Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)	4,099	3,903	196 ▼	4.8 ▼
5 Islamic Non-Arab Countries	1,897	2,156	259 ▲	13.6 ▲
6 Other Countries	5,217	5,190	26 ▼	0.5 ▼
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,086</b>	<b>42,833</b>	<b>3,253 ▼</b>	<b>7.1 ▼</b>

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



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



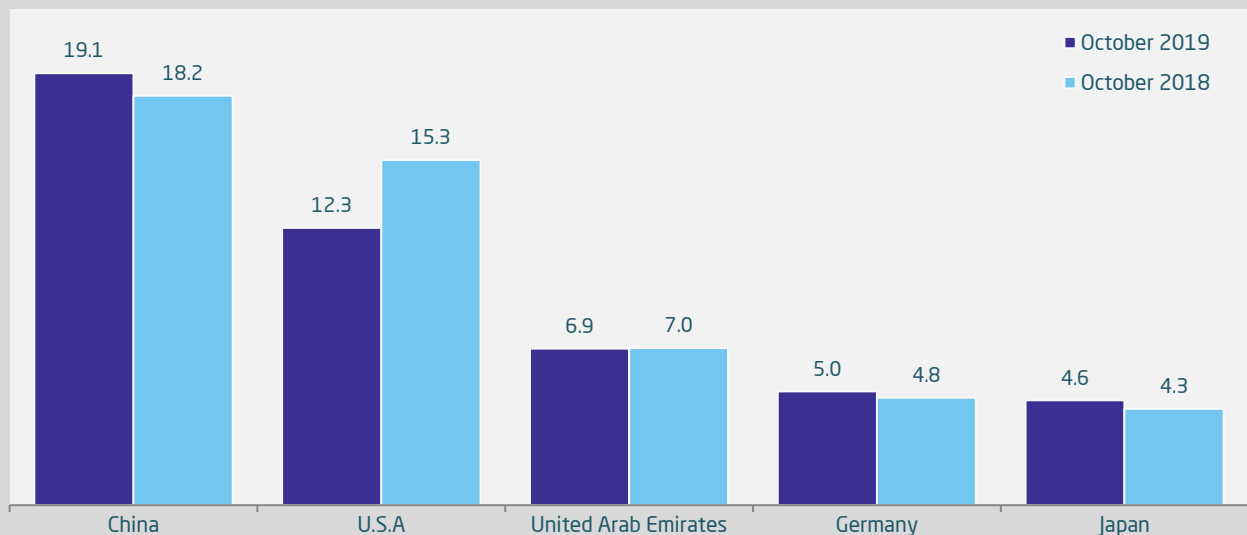


### 2.6. Top 5 Partner Countries for Imports

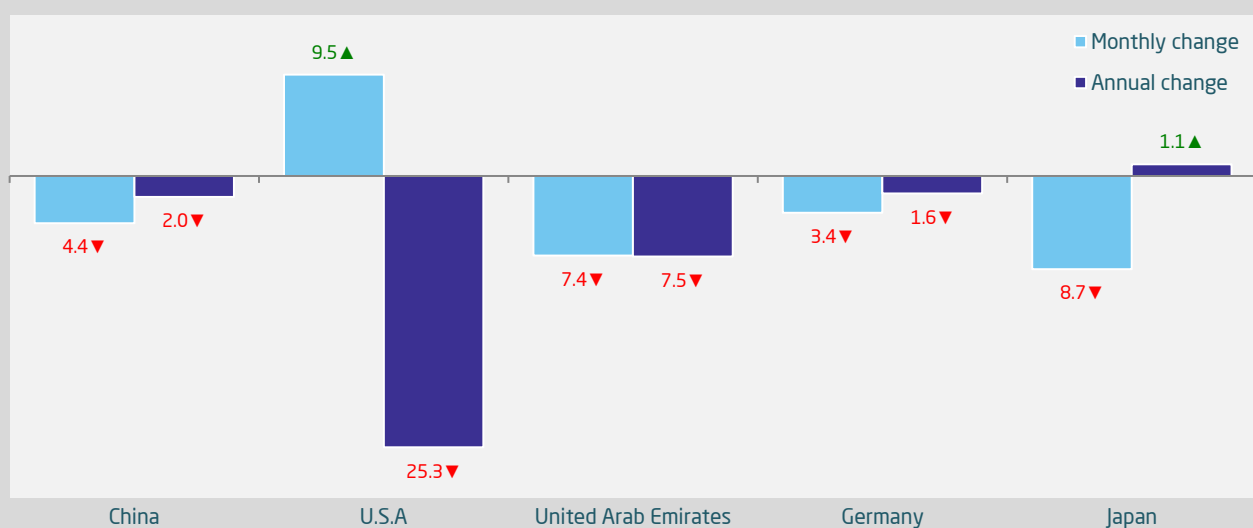
Top 5 Partner Countries for Imports (Million Riyals)

Countries	October 2018	October 2019		
		Value	Change from previous year	Percentage Change (%)
1 China	8,366	8,202	164 ▼	2.0 ▼
2 U.S.A	7,051	5,265	1,786 ▼	25.3 ▼
3 United Arab Emirates	3,214	2,972	242 ▼	7.5 ▼
4 Germany	2,196	2,160	36 ▼	1.6 ▼
5 Japan	1,969	1,991	22 ▲	1.1 ▲
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,797</b>	<b>20,591</b>	<b>2,206 ▼</b>	<b>9.7 ▼</b>
Share of the top 5 countries in total imports (%)		49.5	48.1	

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



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





### 3. Trade Volume and Trade Balance

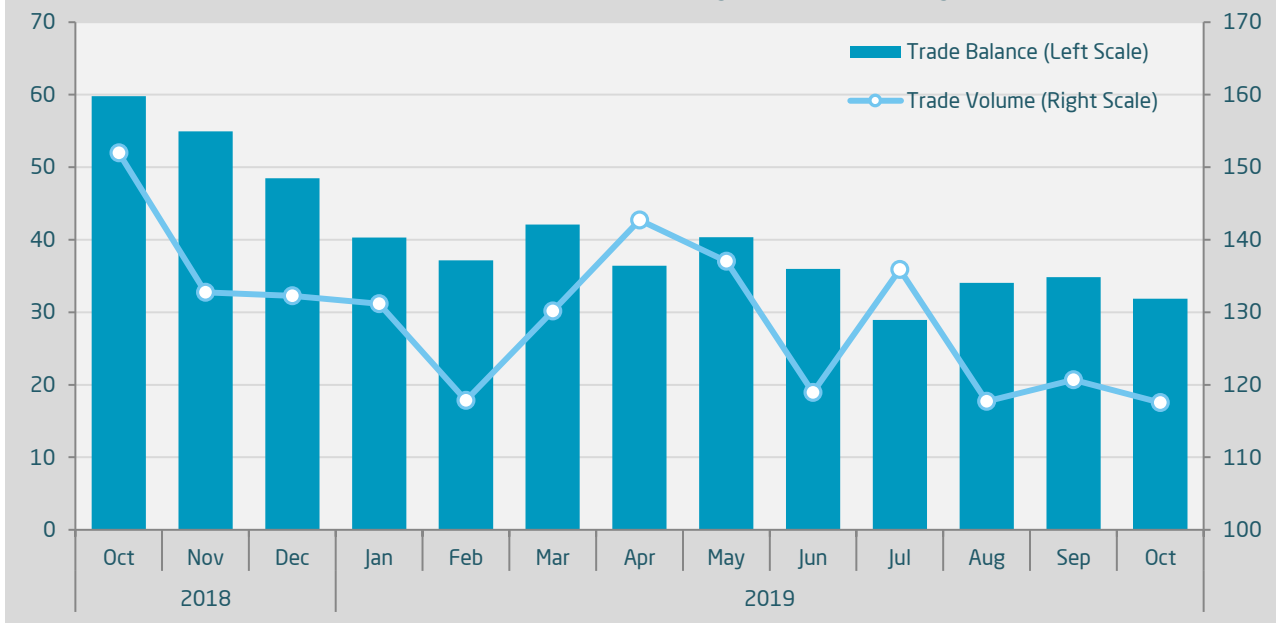
Merchandise trade volume of Saudi Arabia amounted to 117 billion 544 million riyals in October 2019 compared to 151 billion 986 million riyals in October 2018, corresponding to a decrease of 34 billion 442 million riyals or 22.7%. On the other hand, the Kingdom recorded a surplus of 31 billion 878 million riyals in its merchandise trade in October 2019, down by 27 billion 935 million riyals from the surplus of 59 billion 814 million riyals registered in October 2018.

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

Year	Month	Merchandise Exports	Merchandise Imports	Trade Volume	Trade Balance
2018	October	105,900	46,086	<b>151,986</b>	<b>59,814</b>
	November	93,857	38,909	<b>132,766</b>	<b>54,948</b>
	December	90,383	41,901	<b>132,284</b>	<b>48,482</b>
2019	January	85,743	45,429	<b>131,172</b>	<b>40,315</b>
	February	77,494	40,345	<b>117,839</b>	<b>37,150</b>
	March	86,125	44,045	<b>130,170</b>	<b>42,080</b>
	April	89,574	53,155	<b>142,729</b>	<b>36,419</b>
	May	88,690	48,360	<b>137,050</b>	<b>40,330</b>
	June	77,449	41,466	<b>118,915</b>	<b>35,983</b>
	July	82,412	53,480	<b>135,891</b>	<b>28,932</b>
	August	75,896	41,835	<b>117,731</b>	<b>34,061</b>
	September	77,772	42,910	<b>120,682</b>	<b>34,862</b>
	October	74,711	42,833	<b>117,544</b>	<b>31,878</b>



Trade Balance and Trade Volume by Month (Billion Riyals)





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

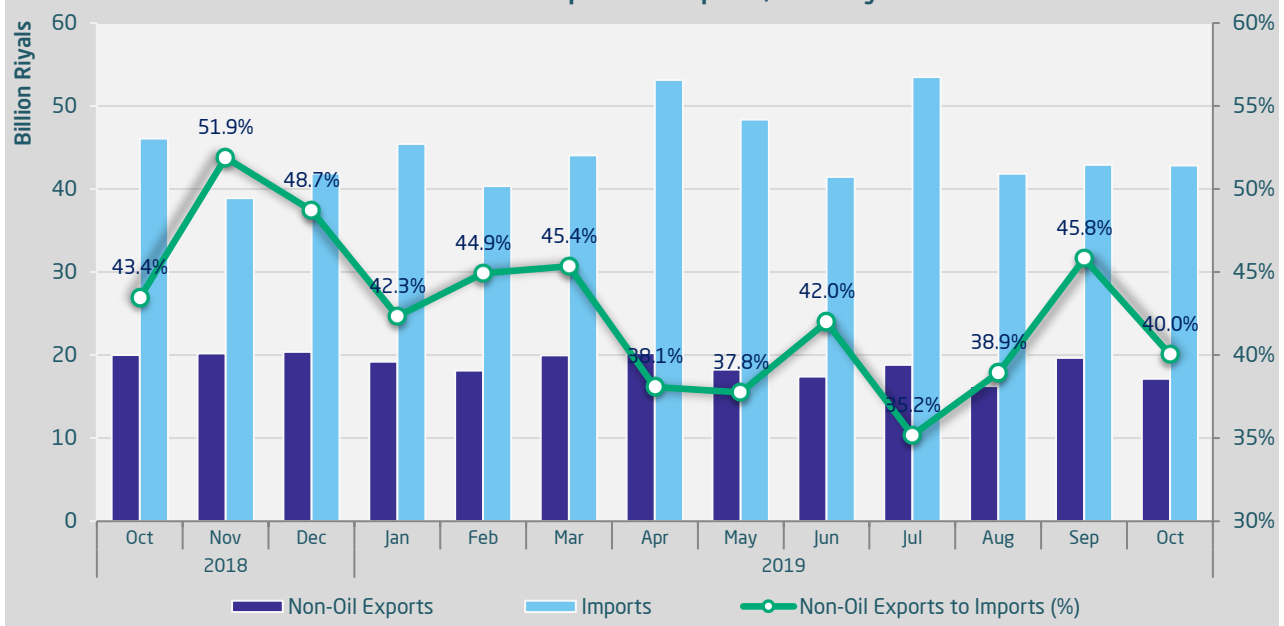
Non-oil exports decreased from 20 billion 23 million riyals in October 2018 to 17 billion 152 million riyals in October 2019 while imports decreased from 46 billion 86 million riyals to 42 billion 833 million riyals over the same period. Accordingly, the ratio of non-oil exports to imports decreased to 40.0% in October 2019 from 43.4% in October 2018 as a result of a larger decrease in non-oil exports (14.3%) than in imports (7.1%) 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	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	20,237	3.0▼	53,155	12.6▲	38.1
	May	18,260	17.0▼	48,360	0.3▼	37.8
	June	17,414	2.6▼	41,466	11.3▲	42.0
	July	18,815	12.7▼	53,480	10.6▲	35.2
	August	16,286	2.1▼	41,835	12.3▲	38.9
	September	19,660	1.8▲	42,910	1.2▲	45.8
	October	17,152	14.3▼	42,833	7.1▼	40.0



Ratio of Non-oil Exports to Imports, Monthly





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

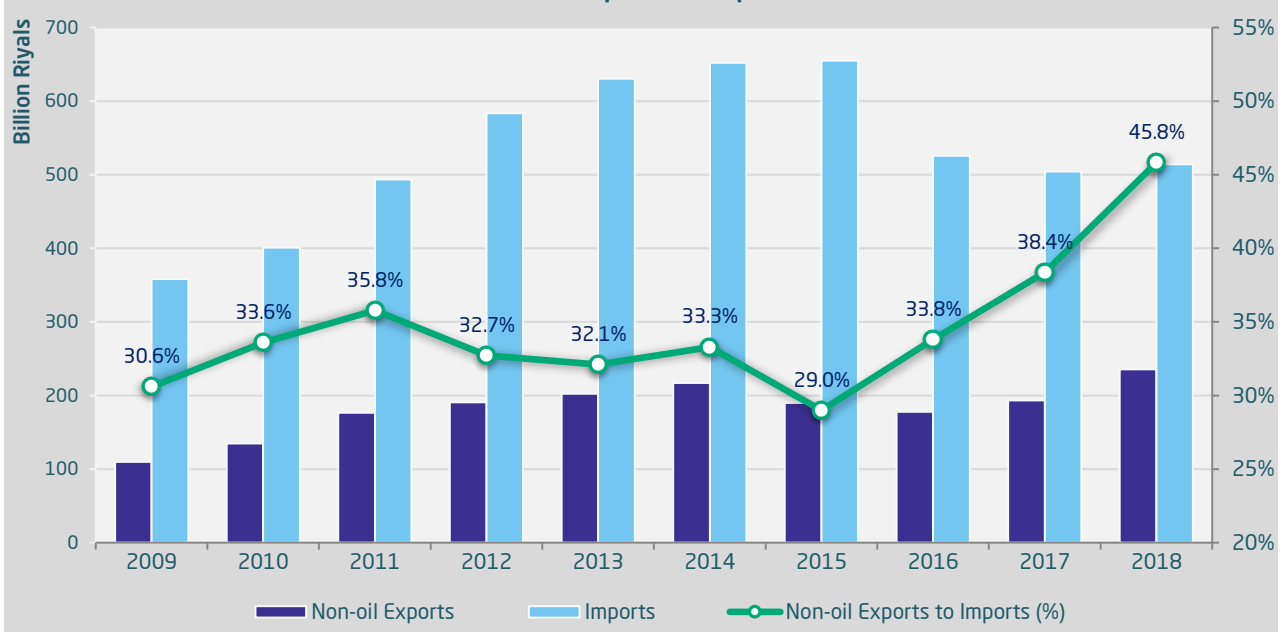
Non-oil exports increased from 193 billion 479 million riyals in 2017 to 235 billion 458 million riyals in 2018 while imports increased from 504 billion 447 million riyals to 513 billion 993 million riyals over the same period. Accordingly, the ratio of non-oil exports to imports increased to 45.8% in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







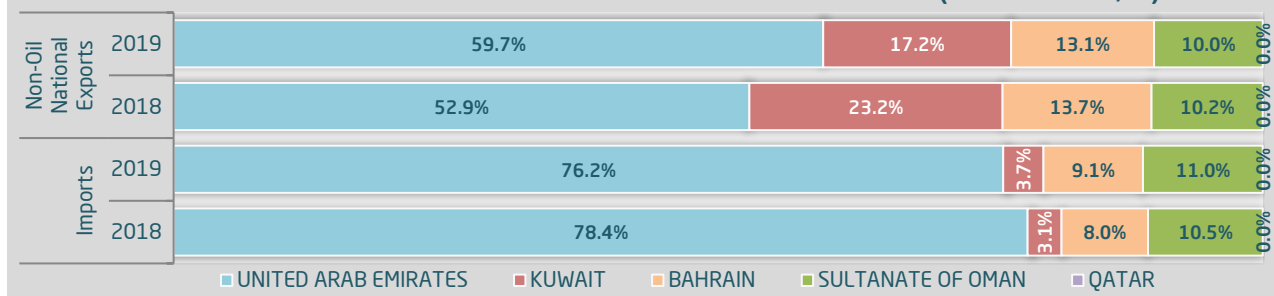
## 6. Trade between Saudi Arabia and GCC Countries

Non-oil exports of Saudi Arabia of national origin to the GCC countries amounted to 2 billion 704 million riyals in October 2019 compared to 2 billion 571 million riyals in October 2018, with an increase of 132 million riyals or 5.2% over that period. Saudi Arabia's imports of goods from the GCC countries amounted to 3 billion 903 million riyals in October 2019 compared to 4 billion 99 million riyals in October 2018, down by 196 million riyals or 4.8% over that period.

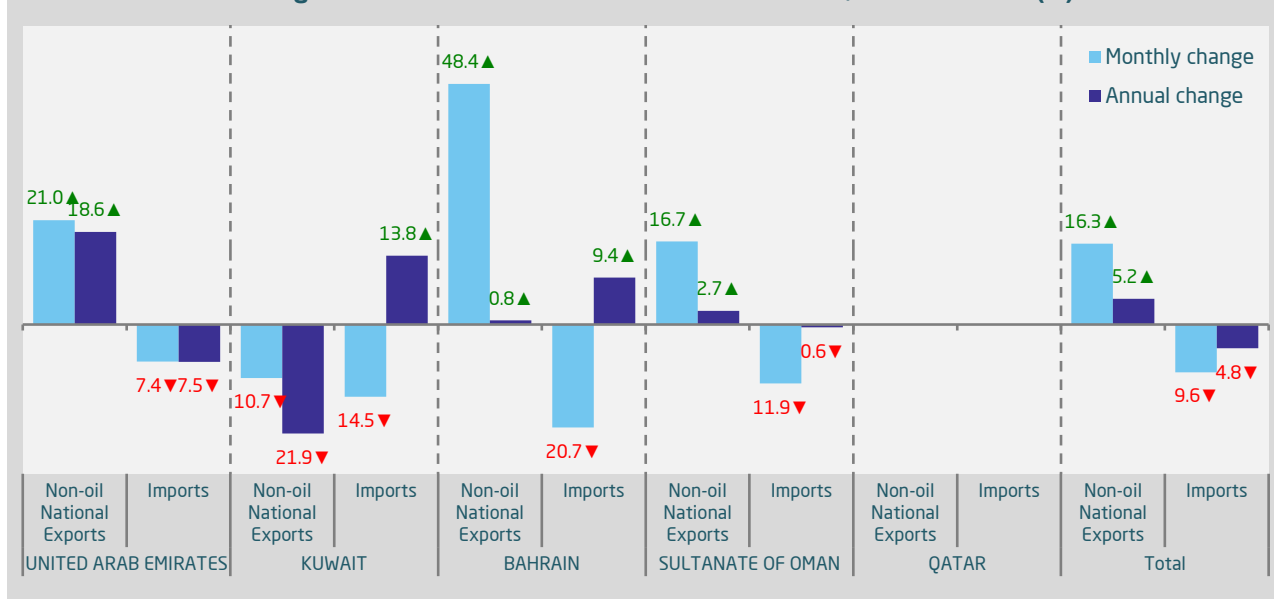
Saudi Arabia's Trade with GCC Countries in October (Million Riyals)

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	1,359	1,613	979	876	2,339	2,489	3,214	2,972	-876	-483
Kuwait	597	466	70	93	667	560	127	145	540	415
Bahrain	352	355	216	124	568	479	326	357	242	122
Sultanate Of Oman	263	270	100	23	362	293	431	429	-69	-136
Qatar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,571</b>	<b>2,704</b>	<b>1,365</b>	<b>1,116</b>	<b>3,936</b>	<b>3,820</b>	<b>4,099</b>	<b>3,903</b>	<b>-163</b>	<b>-83</b>

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



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





## Appendix

### 1- Exports and Imports of Saudi Arabia by Section

Merchandise Exports and Imports by Section* (Million Riyals)					
Section	Description	Exports		Imports	
		October 2018	October 2019	October 2018	October 2019
1	Live animals; animal products	489.1	498.5	1,542.1	1,286.0
2	Vegetable products	131.7	129.5	2,903.7	1,817.5
3	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes	88.1	56.4	190.1	190.2
4	Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	484.0	470.8	2,324.1	2,002.8
5	Mineral products	86,088.8	57,749.8	2,193.2	1,124.8
6	Products of the chemical or allied industries	6,415.3	4,710.9	4,609.0	4,261.0
7	Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof	6,903.6	6,123.3	1,518.3	1,530.0
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)	30.7	19.3	146.4	145.1
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	32.1	30.4	345.1	376.8
10	Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper or paperboard; paper and paperboard and articles thereof	239.4	210.7	591.3	526.6
11	Textiles and textile articles	177.5	135.3	1,506.9	1,605.9
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	6.2	12.7	273.3	281.5
13	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware	189.3	168.0	559.0	463.9
14	Natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin	248.7	529.0	1,147.0	800.9
15	Base metals and articles of base metal	1,595.7	1,448.8	3,551.9	3,443.9
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	928.5	1,129.3	9,923.6	10,098.4
17	Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment	1,065.1	943.9	7,857.2	9,309.1
18	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; parts and accessories thereof	136.3	124.5	1,371.0	1,436.2
19	Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof	5.2	59.3	2,099.9	568.2
20	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	162.3	120.3	1,100.6	1,078.6
21	Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques	482.5	40.5	332.8	485.6
<b>Total</b>		<b>105,900.0</b>	<b>74,711.3</b>	<b>46,086.5</b>	<b>42,833.0</b>

\* Sections of the Harmonized System (HS)





### 2- Non-oil Exports of Saudi Arabia by Country

Non-oil Exports by Country (Million Riyals) <sup>1</sup>			
#	Country	October 2018	October 2019
1	CHINA	2,787.0	2,579.1
2	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	2,338.7	2,489.2
3	INDIA	1,301.7	1,279.8
4	SINGAPORE	1,505.7	1,040.0
5	U.S.A	558.0	681.7
6	KUWAIT	667.4	559.6
7	EGYPT	702.6	542.8
8	JORDAN	540.1	537.6
9	TURKEY	608.1	515.8
10	BELGIUM	746.6	488.3
11	BAHRAIN	567.7	478.8
12	MALAYSIA	434.3	398.7
13	BANGLADESH	244.1	312.2
14	SULTANATE OF OMAN	362.3	292.5
15	REPUBLIC OF YEMEN	287.9	266.5
16	SOUTH KOREA	466.8	251.8
17	PAKISTAN	258.1	231.3
18	ALGERIA	214.3	200.0
19	VIETNAM	290.8	197.6
20	SUDAN	198.5	191.2
21	ITALY	187.1	190.0
22	UNITED KINGDOM	223.1	178.4
23	BRAZIL	153.5	172.2
24	JAPAN	303.1	168.8
25	IRAQ	306.4	167.8
26	NETHERLANDS	248.6	163.5
27	THAILAND	177.0	156.2
28	TAIWAN	303.0	155.5
29	HONG KONG	201.0	143.6
30	SPAIN	235.2	131.1
31	INDONESIA	384.2	122.4
32	SOUTH AFRICA	192.3	117.6
33	MOROCCO	137.5	117.2
34	FRANCE	128.6	112.6
35	NIGERIA	74.0	111.1
36	GERMANY	83.6	101.7
37	LEBANON	156.2	84.9

Non-oil Exports by Country (Million Riyals)			
#	Country	October 2018	October 2019
38	KENYA	91.8	84.5
39	EUROPEAN UNION, N.E.S	-	79.3
40	POLAND	107.7	78.5
41	PORTUGAL	16.9	67.8
42	TUNISIA	68.0	56.8
43	TANZANIA	124.0	53.6
44	SWITZERLAND	35.3	45.8
45	COTE D'IVOIRE	35.6	44.0
46	SWEDEN	33.7	43.0
47	LIBYA	18.5	42.4
48	NEW ZEALAND	87.6	38.1
49	GREECE	40.4	37.8
50	AUSTRALIA	73.6	35.7
51	GHANA	26.4	35.5
52	ETHIOPIA	24.1	35.3
53	CANADA	45.1	30.9
54	SRI LANKA	90.7	28.7
55	MALTA	12.9	21.6
56	DJIBOUTI	35.5	21.6
57	PHILIPPINES	32.7	20.6
58	UGANDA	9.9	17.5
59	SOMALIA	32.8	15.8
60	UKRAINE	26.2	15.7
61	MEXICO	14.1	14.5
62	ARGENTINA	3.6	14.4
63	MOZAMBIQUE	21.4	12.9
64	DENMARK	7.8	12.7
65	PERU	21.6	11.9
66	GUINEA	12.7	10.9
67	ANGOLA	9.1	10.7
68	MYANMAR	31.6	10.5
69	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	6.3	10.4
70	TOGO	16.3	8.7
71	MADAGASCAR	3.8	8.5
72	GUATEMALA	22.2	7.7
73	LUXEMBOURG	1.1	7.0
74	CONGO, THE DEMOCRATIC F	11.9	6.4



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



Non-oil Exports by Country (Million Riyals)			
#	Country	October 2018	October 2019
75	SENEGAL	9.9	6.2
76	ESTONIA	19.3	6.2
77	CZECH REPUBLIC	1.8	6.0
78	PALESTINE	5.2	5.9
79	COLOMBIA	13.5	5.4
80	GEORGIA	8.4	5.2
81	MAURITANIA	5.5	5.1
82	LIBERIA	3.3	4.5
83	ECUADOR	17.7	4.4
84	CUBA	0.0	4.2
85	SLOVENIA	4.3	3.9
86	CHILE	5.0	3.6
87	FINLAND	1.9	3.4
88	CAMEROON	6.8	3.3
89	NEPAL	3.6	3.2
90	IRELAND	2.9	3.2
91	AUSTRIA	2.0	3.0
92	CONGO	1.4	2.8
93	PUERTO RICO	-	2.7
94	ROMANIA	5.1	2.7
95	GAMBIA	0.4	2.4
96	CROATIA	1.8	2.4
97	HUNGARY	6.3	2.3
98	AZERBAIJAN	2.0	1.9
99	CAMBODIA	0.9	1.9
100	AFGHANISTAN	4.4	1.9
101	CHAD	2.0	1.6
102	MALAWI	0.1	1.6
103	MAURITIUS	3.0	1.5
104	CYPRUS	1.5	1.5
105	SIERRA LEONE	2.3	1.3
106	ZAMBIA	0.6	1.2
107	BULGARIA	1.6	1.2
108	URUGUAY	1.0	1.2
109	REUNION	0.5	1.2
110	MALDIVES	0.8	1.1
111	PARAGUAY	2.9	0.9
112	LITHUANIA	0.4	0.9
113	EL SALVADOR	4.3	0.9

Non-oil Exports by Country (Million Riyals)			
#	Country	October 2018	October 2019
114	NICARAGUA	0.8	0.8
115	ERITREA	0.8	0.7
116	SERBIA	0.0	0.7
117	BENIN	0.8	0.7
118	BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA	0.1	0.7
119	NORWAY	4.0	0.6
120	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	3.1	0.6
121	MONGOLIA	-	0.6
122	COSTA RICA	3.1	0.5
123	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	0.0	0.4
124	NIGER	1.9	0.4
125	UZBEKISTAN	1.3	0.4
126	MALI	1.1	0.3
127	SOUTH SUDAN	0.0	0.3
128	NAMIBIA	0.4	0.3
129	KAZAKHSTAN	0.1	0.3
130	COMOROS	0.5	0.2
131	GABON	4.1	0.2
132	TURKMENISTAN	6.4	0.2
133	ZIMBABWE	0.0	0.2
134	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	0.1	0.2
135	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	0.2	0.2
136	LATVIA	-	0.2
137	DOMINICA	4.2	0.2
138	ALBANIA	0.1	0.1
139	RWANDA	3.6	0.1
140	CAPE VERDE	0.3	0.1
	OTHER COUNTRIES	3.5	1.5
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,022.7</b>	<b>17,152.1</b>





### 3- Imports of Saudi Arabia by Country

Imports by Country (Million Riyals) <sup>2</sup>			
#	Country	October 2018	October 2019
1	CHINA	8,366.5	8,202.2
2	U.S.A	7,051.2	5,265.3
3	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	3,214.2	2,972.3
4	GERMANY	2,195.6	2,159.9
5	JAPAN	1,969.3	1,990.8
6	INDIA	1,656.4	1,730.8
7	CANADA	232.1	1,555.0
8	SOUTH KOREA	1,342.0	1,495.6
9	FRANCE	1,496.6	1,197.2
10	ITALY	1,390.6	1,189.2
11	EGYPT	489.8	911.0
12	INDONESIA	458.0	880.5
13	UNITED KINGDOM	1,252.9	875.9
14	THAILAND	697.6	855.3
15	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	401.3	722.9
16	BRAZIL	845.3	640.2
17	TURKEY	861.6	639.5
18	SWITZERLAND	541.8	530.7
19	SPAIN	633.5	511.9
20	NETHERLANDS	833.4	488.9
21	SULTANATE OF OMAN	431.5	428.9
22	VIETNAM	460.5	397.7
23	POLAND	414.6	375.1
24	IRELAND	261.6	370.9
25	BAHRAIN	326.1	356.9
26	TAIWAN	322.0	333.4
27	MALAYSIA	294.2	318.1
28	JORDAN	291.1	315.6
29	MEXICO	326.7	301.4
30	AUSTRIA	212.2	291.7
31	ARGENTINA	435.3	249.0
32	BELGIUM	850.8	231.7
33	CZECH REPUBLIC	178.0	218.3
34	SOUTH AFRICA	222.3	206.7
35	AUSTRALIA	203.1	191.7
36	ROMANIA	76.6	191.0
37	DENMARK	338.5	190.9

Imports by Country (Million Riyals)			
#	Country	October 2018	October 2019
38	SINGAPORE	519.9	183.9
39	PAKISTAN	140.0	180.5
40	SWEDEN	413.7	176.7
41	CONGO, THE DEMOCRATIC F	113.6	172.1
42	GREECE	479.7	161.8
43	SUDAN	178.9	151.6
44	KUWAIT	126.9	144.5
45	HONG KONG	70.8	133.6
46	HUNGARY	150.4	121.0
47	BANGLADESH	118.3	120.0
48	FINLAND	88.6	119.2
49	PHILIPPINES	75.7	82.4
50	EUROPEAN UNION, N.E.S	112.6	82.4
51	NEW ZEALAND	72.1	80.4
52	LEBANON	64.4	78.2
53	SLOVAKIA	89.6	77.5
54	MOROCCO	46.7	61.1
55	ESTONIA	8.9	57.7
56	REPUBLIC OF YEMEN	40.5	55.6
57	ETHIOPIA	62.3	54.9
58	UKRAINE	554.3	54.5
59	PORTUGAL	56.6	50.5
60	NORWAY	53.4	47.8
61	SYRIA	27.4	46.1
62	ZAMBIA	1.4	44.9
63	ECUADOR	41.1	38.9
64	SRI LANKA	38.9	31.9
65	BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA	5.5	30.0
66	CHILE	34.7	28.9
67	MYANMAR	11.6	26.9
68	KENYA	29.9	26.8
69	SLOVENIA	14.6	26.7
70	CAMBODIA	13.7	26.4
71	LAOS	0.4	21.2
72	LUXEMBOURG	13.0	20.3
73	PANAMA	0.3	20.2
74	BULGARIA	18.3	14.8



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



### Imports by Country (Million Riyals)

#	Country	October 2018	October 2019
75	TUNISIA	10.3	13.4
76	DJIBOUTI	28.3	13.2
77	COSTA RICA	9.3	11.6
78	LITHUANIA	120.5	11.2
79	PUERTO RICO	5.1	10.8
80	SERBIA	6.3	10.7
81	GUATEMALA	12.5	10.4
82	MALTA	13.2	10.0
83	DOMINICA	5.6	8.2
84	CROATIA	226.2	7.3
85	CYPRUS	10.6	6.5
86	COLOMBIA	2.3	5.5
87	PALESTINE	4.9	5.2
88	GEORGIA	0.9	5.2
89	LATVIA	84.6	4.7
90	NIGERIA	3.4	4.4
91	BELARUS	2.8	3.9
92	UZBEKISTAN	7.4	3.7
93	NETHERLANDS ANTILLES	0.2	3.3
94	IRAQ	8.7	3.2
95	HONDURAS	0.6	3.0
96	ALGERIA	2.5	2.9
97	PERU	3.9	2.9
98	SAN MARINO	0.6	2.9
99	AFGHANISTAN	2.0	2.1
100	GIBRALTAR	0.0	2.1
101	TANZANIA	2.0	2.0
102	MADAGASCAR	1.3	2.0
103	GABON	1.5	1.9
104	GHANA	1.7	1.9
105	BOLIVIA	0.3	1.5
106	URUGUAY	1.1	1.4
107	UGANDA	0.9	1.3
108	PARAGUAY	9.3	1.3
109	CAMEROON	1.7	1.1
110	MACEDONIA	2.5	1.0
111	NORTH KOREA	2.9	1.0
112	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	0.6	1.0
113	MOLDOVA	1.5	0.9

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#	Country	October 2018	October 2019
114	SOMALIA	0.6	0.9
115	ALBANIA	5.9	0.9
116	ZIMBABWE	1.7	0.8
117	EL SALVADOR	0.4	0.7
118	MAURITIUS	3.9	0.6
119	MOZAMBIQUE	1.1	0.6
120	NICARAGUA	0.3	0.5
121	SWAZILAND	0.6	0.4
122	KAZAKHSTAN	0.1	0.4
123	MONGOLIA	0.3	0.4
124	FIJI	1.2	0.3
125	MALAWI	0.1	0.3
126	COTE D'IVOIRE	0.1	0.2
127	PAPUA	0.0	0.2
128	MACAO	0.3	0.2
129	BELIZE	-	0.2
130	NEPAL	0.2	0.2
131	AZERBAIJAN	0.3	0.2
132	VIRGIN ISLANDS BRITISH	0.0	0.2
133	ARUBA	0.8	0.2
134	LIECHTENSTEIN	0.0	0.1
135	NAMIBIA	0.0	0.1
136	MAURITANIA	0.2	0.1
137	LESOTHO	0.2	0.1
138	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	0.0	0.1
139	MALDIVES	0.3	0.1
140	LIBERIA	-	0.1
141	MONACO	0.3	0.1
142	TOKELAU	-	0.1
143	SURINAME	0.0	0.1
144	MALI	-	0.1
145	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	0.1	0.1
146	SIERRA LEONE	0.1	0.1
	OTHER COUNTRIES	3.7	0.5
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46,086.5</b>	<b>42,833.0</b>







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