



ZIMBABWE'S EXTERNAL TRADE

Zimbabwe's goods trade deficit for July 2025 was **USD 8.7 million**, a **94.5%** decrease from the June 2025 deficit of **USD 158.6 million**. (refer to Table 1)

A trade deficit occurs when a country's value of imports is greater than that of exports in a given period. When the value of exports exceeds the value of imports, it implies a trade surplus.

July 2025 exports amounted to **USD877.5 million**, an increase of **21.3%** (**USD154.0 million**) from the June 2025 **value of USD723.5 million**.

Imports for the month totalled **USD886.2 million**, which was **0.5%** (**USD4.1 million**) more than the June 2025 imports of **USD882.1 million**.

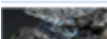
Table 1: Value of Exported and Imported Goods

Month	Value of Exports (USD Million)	Value of Imports (USD Million)	Trade Deficit (USD Million)
July 2025	877.5	886.2	8.7
June 2025	723.5	882.1	158.6
Percent Change	21.3%	0.5%	94.5%

TOP TEN EXPORT PRODUCTS

Among the top ten products exported in July 2025 were semi-manufactured gold, nickel mattes, and tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped, accounting for **51.6%**, **15.9%**, and **8.1%** of the total value of **USD 877.5 million**, respectively.

Zimbabwe's Major Exports in July 2025 (%)

	Semi-manufactured gold	51.6
	Nickel mattes	15.9
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	8.1
	Ferro-chromium	5.3
	Other mineral substances, nes	4.1
	Chromium ores and concentrates	2.3
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	1.8
	Nickel ores and concentrates	0.8
	Tobacco; smoking/Cigarettes containing tobacco	1.3
	Other ores and concentrates, nes	0.6
	Other Exports	8.2
	Total	100.0

TOP TEN IMPORT PRODUCTS

Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products, machinery and mechanical appliances, vehicles and electrical machinery and equipment were among the top ten imported products in July 2025.

The products constituted **21.5%**, **15.4%**, **7.8%** and **4.8%** of the total import value of **USD 886.2 million**, respectively.

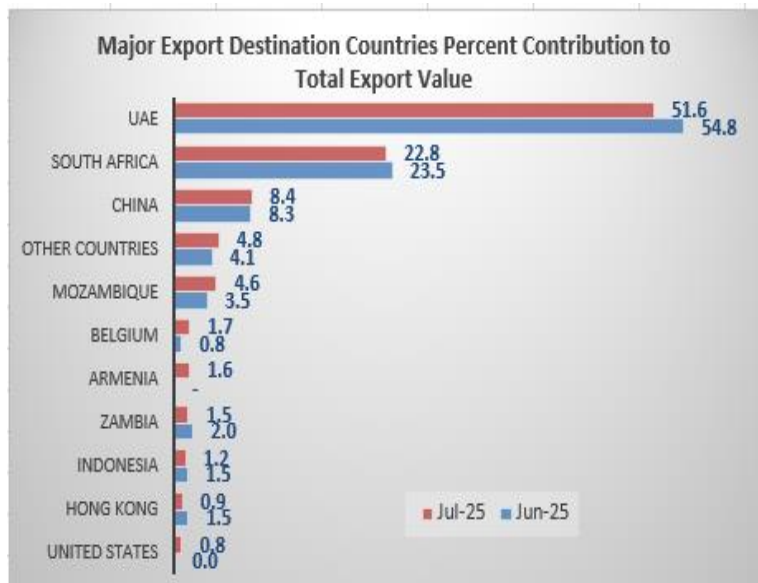
Zimbabwe's Major Imports in July 2025 (%)

	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	21.5
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	15.4
	Vehicles	7.8
	Electrical machinery and equipment	4.8
	Plastics	4.3
	Cereals	3.8
	Iron or steel and Articles	6.0
	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	3.1
	Fertilisers	3.1
	Miscellaneous chemical products	2.6
	Other products	27.6
	Total	100.0

MAJOR EXPORT DESTINATIONS

The country's major export destinations in July 2025 were United Arab Emirates (**51.6%**), South Africa (**22.8%**) and China (**8.4%**).

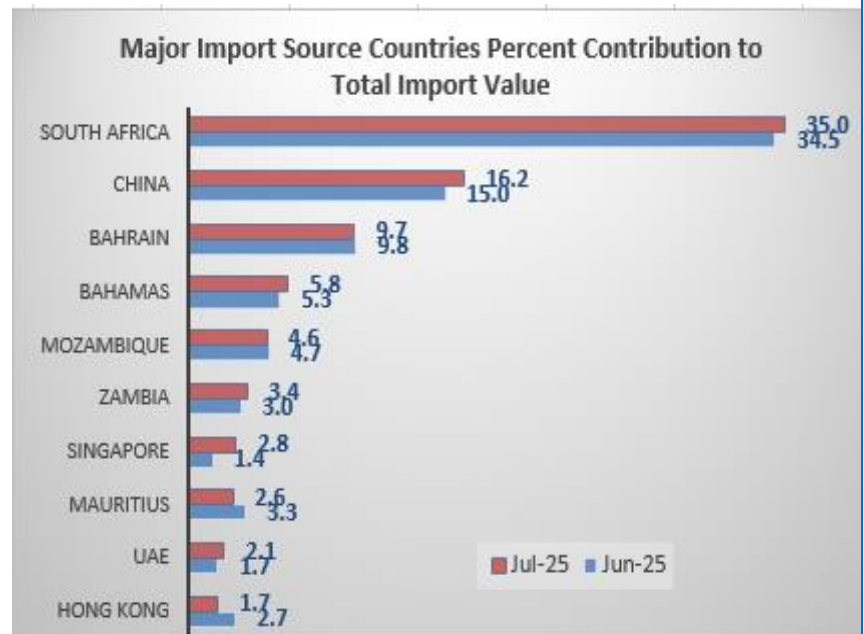
The three countries accounted for about eighty three percent of the total export value of **USD 877.5 million**.



MAJOR IMPORT SOURCE COUNTRIES

The major source countries for imports in July 2025 were South Africa (35.0%), China (16.2%), Bahrain (9.7%) and Bahamas (5.8%).

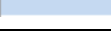
The four countries accounted for about sixty seven percent of the total import value of **USD 886.2 million**.



MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS TO SADC

The major exports to the Southern African Development Community (SADC) in July 2025 were nickel mattes (53.3%), chromium ores and concentrates (7.7%), coke and semi-coke of coal (6.1%), and semi-manufactured gold (4.2%).

The four products accounted for around seventy percent of the total export value of **USD 262.3 million**.

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to SADC in July 2025 (%)		
	Nickel mattes	53.3
	Chromium ores and concentrates	7.7
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	6.1
	Semi-manufactured gold/Unwrought gold	4.2
	Tobacco; smoking/Cigarettes containing tobacco	3.6
	Iron or steel and products	2.8
	Nickel ores and concentrates	2.5
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	1.5
	Oranges, fresh or dried	1.1
	Sugars	1.0
	Other Exports	18.3
	Total	100.0

MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS TO COMESA

The major exports to the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) in July 2025 comprised of tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped, tobacco smoking/cigarettes containing tobacco and iron or steel and products.

The products constituted **22.9%, 19.2% and 16.7%** of the total export value of **USD 24.5 million**, respectively.

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to COMESA in July 2025 (%)		
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	22.9
	Tobacco; smoking/Cigarettes containing tobacco	19.2
	Iron or steel and products	16.7
	Cartons, boxes and cases, of paperboard	6.3
	Bituminous coal, not agglomerated	4.9
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	2.7
	Wood	2.5
	Other uncoated paper	2.3
	Lead-acid accumulators for starting piston engines	1.9
	Ferro-chromium	1.3
	Other Exports	19.3
	Total	100.0

MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS TO THE EU

Zimbabwe's exports to the European Union (EU) in July 2025 were tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped (**61.6%**), ferro-chromium (**29.0%**), and industrial diamonds unworked (**7.1%**) accounting about **98%** of total value (**USD 25.6 million**) of goods exported to the EU.

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to the EU in July 2025 (%)		
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	61.6
	Ferro-chromium	29.0
	Industrial diamonds unworked	7.1
	Granite, cut/sawn, with flat/even surface	0.5
	Granite, crude or roughly trimmed/ merely cut into a squares	0.6
	Collections and collector's pieces of zoological... interest	0.5
	Roses and Other fresh flowers	0.3
	Vermiculite, perlite and chlorites (unexpanded)	0.2
	Cranberries, milberries...etc, fresh	0.0
	Peas, fresh or chilled	0.0
	Other Exports	0.0
	Total	100.0

MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS TO AfCFTA

The major exports to African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) in July 2025 were nickel mattes (52.2%), chromium ores and concentrates (7.5%), and coke and semi coke of coal (5.9%).

The three products accounted for about sixty six percent of the total export value of **USD 268.2 million**.

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to AfCFTA in July 2025 (%)

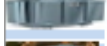
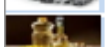
	Nickel mattes	52.2
	Chromium ores and concentrates	7.5
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	5.9
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	3.4
	Nickel ores and concentrates	2.5
	Semi-manufactured/Unwrought gold	4.1
	Tobacco; smoking/Cigarettes containing tobacco	4.3
	Iron or steel and products	2.7
	Oranges, fresh or dried	1.2
	Sugars	1.7
	Other Exports	14.6
	Total	100.0

MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS FROM SADC

Major imports from SADC in July 2025 were machinery and mechanical appliances (11.4%), mineral fuels, mineral oils and products (8.7%), vehicles (5.9%) and animal or vegetable fats and oils (5.6%).

The four products contributed about thirty two percent of the total import value of **USD 427.4 million**.

Zimbabwe's Major Imports from SADC in July 2025 (%)

	Machinery and mechanical appliances	11.4
	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	8.7
	Vehicles	5.9
	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	5.6
	Plastics	5.0
	Fertilisers	4.5
	Cereals	4.4
	Iron and steel	4.3
	Electrical machinery and equipment	4.2
	Salt, sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials	4.1
	Other Imports	41.8
	Total	100.0

MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS FROM THE EU

Major imports from the EU in July 2025 were pharmaceutical products, machinery and mechanical appliances, and meat and edible meat offal. These products accounted for **31.2%**, **20.1%** and **10.7%** of the total value (**USD 17.0 million**) of imports from EU respectively.

The three products constituted sixty two percent of the total value of goods imported from the EU.

Zimbabwe's Major Imports from the EU in July 2025 (%)

	Pharmaceutical products	31.2
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	20.1
	Meat and edible meat offal	10.7
	Miscellaneous chemical products	7.4
	Aircraft, spacecraft and parts thereof	4.7
	Perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations	3.7
	Electrical machinery and equipment	3.2
	Plastics	2.6
	Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals	2.1
	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits;	1.8
	Other Imports	12.4
	Total	100.0

MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS FROM THE COMESA

Products imported from COMESA in July 2025 recorded a total value of **USD 70.2 million**. Salt, sulphur, earths and stone, plastering materials (**15.9%**), fertilisers (**12.6%**) and cereals (**12.4%**).

Zimbabwe's Major Imports from COMESA in July 2025 (%)

	Salt, sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials	15.9
	Fertilisers	12.6
	Cereals	12.4
	Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	8.5
	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	5.3
	Electrical machinery and equipment	4.5
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	2.9
	Perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations	2.7
	Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals	2.6
	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2.3
	Other Imports	30.3
	Total	100.0

MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS FROM AfCFTA

Zimbabwe's major imports from AfCFTA in July 2025 were machinery and mechanical appliances, mineral fuels, mineral oils and products, vehicles and animal or vegetable fats and oils **11.3%**, **8.6%**, **5.8%** and **5.6%** respectively. These products accounted for about **31.3%** of the total value (**USD 434.4 million**) of the products imported from AfCFTA.

Zimbabwe's Major Imports from AfCFTA in July 2025 (%)		
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	11.3
	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	8.6
	Vehicles	5.8
	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	5.6
	Plastics	5.1
	Fertilisers	4.4
	Cereals	4.3
	Electrical machinery and equipment	4.2
	Iron and steel	4.2
	Salt, sulphur; earths & stone; plastering materials	4.1
	Other Imports	42.4
	Total	100.0