



ZIMBABWE'S EXTERNAL TRADE

Zimbabwe's goods trade deficit for September 2025 was **USD 30.8 million**, a **548.8%** decrease from the August 2025 surplus of **USD 6.9 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.

September 2025 exports amounted to **USD850.5 million**, an decrease of **3.1%** (**USD27.7 million**) from the August 2025 value of **USD878.2 million**.

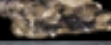
Imports for the month totalled **USD881.3 million**, which was **1.2%** (**USD10.1 million**) more than the August 2025 imports of **USD871.3 million**.

Table 1: Value of Exported and Imported Goods

Month	Value of Exports (USD Million)	Value of Imports (USD Million)	Trade Balance (USD Million)
September 2025	850.5	881.3	-30.8
August 2025	878.2	871.3	6.9
Percent Change	3.1%	1.2%	548.8%

TOP TEN EXPORT PRODUCTS

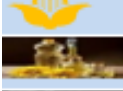
Among the top ten products exported in September 2025 were semi-manufactured gold, tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped and nickel mattes, accounting for **49.0%**, **14.8%**, and **12.5%** of the total value of **USD850.5 million**, respectively.

Zimbabwe's Major Exports in September 2025 (%)		
	Semi-manufactured gold	49.0
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	14.8
	Nickel mattes	12.5
	Other mineral substances, nes	6.2
	Ferro-chromium	4.5
	Chromium ores and concentrates	2.1
	Other ores and concentrates, nes	1.7
	Sugars; cane sugar, raw, in solid form	0.8
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	0.7
	Cigarettes containing tobacco	0.6
	Other Exports	7.3
	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 September 2025.

The products constituted **22.6%**, **13.8%**, **8.0%** and **6.1%** of the total import value of **USD 881.3 million**, respectively.

	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	22.6
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	13.8
	Vehicles	8.0
	Cereals	6.1
	Electrical machinery and equipment	4.3
	Fertilisers	4.2
	Plastics	4.0
	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	3.7
	Iron and steel and Articles	5.2
	Miscellaneous chemical products	2.3
	Other products	25.8
	Total	100.0

MAJOR EXPORT DESTINATIONS

The country's major export destinations in September 2025 were United Arab Emirates (**49.8%**), South Africa (**18.2%**) and China (**15.1%**).

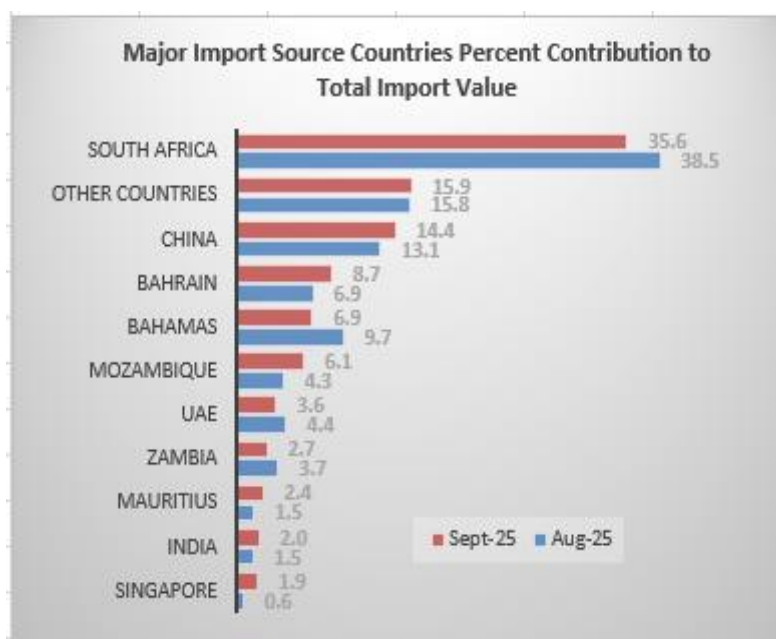
The three countries accounted for about eighty three percent of the total export value of **USD 850.5 million**.



MAJOR IMPORT SOURCE COUNTRIES

The major source countries for imports in September 2025 were South Africa (35.6%), China (14.4%), Bahrain (8.7%) and Bahamas (6.9%).

The four countries accounted for around sixty six percent of the total import value of **USD 881.3 million**.

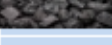


MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS TO SADC

The major exports to the Southern African Development Community (SADC) in September 2025 were nickel mattes (50.2%), chromium ores and concentrates (8.4%), tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped (7.1%) and semi-manufactured gold/unwrought gold (5.4%).

The four products accounted for around seventy one percent of the total export value of **USD 211.3 million**.

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to SADC in September 2025 (%)

	Nickel mattes	50.2
	Chromium ores and concentrates	8.4
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	7.1
	Semi-manufactured gold/unwrought gold	5.4
	Sugars; cane sugar, raw, in solid form	3.1
	Tobacco; smoking/Cigarettes containing tobacco	3.0
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	2.7
	Iron or steel and products	2.0
	Cranberries, milberries...etc, fresh	0.8
	Bituminous coal, not agglomerated	0.8
	Other Exports	16.5
	Total	100.0

MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS TO COMESA

The major exports to the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) in September 2025 comprised of tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped, tobacco smoking/cigarettes containing tobacco and coke and semi-coke of coal.

The products constituted **23.5%, 18.3% and 11.2%** of the total export value of **USD 20.6 million**, respectively.

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to COMESA in September 2025 (%)		
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	23.5
	Tobacco; smoking/Cigarettes containing tobacco	18.3
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	11.2
	Bituminous coal, not agglomerated	7.8
	Iron or steel and products	6.3
	Cartons, boxes and cases, of paperboard	3.0
	Wood in the rough..., treated	2.4
	Other uncoated paper	2.4
	Collections and collector's pieces of zoological... interest	2.3
	Plasters	2.1
	Other Exports	20.7
	Total	100.0

MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS TO THE EU

Zimbabwe's exports to the European Union (EU) in September 2025 were tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped (**76.7%**), ferro-chromium (**21.0%**), and granite, crude or roughly trimmed/merely cut into a squares (**1.1%**) accounting around **99%** of total value (**USD 36.1 million**) of goods exported to the EU.

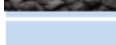
Zimbabwe's Major Exports to the EU in September 2025 (%)		
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	76.7
	Ferro-chromium	21.0
	Granite, crude or roughly trimmed/ merely cut into a squares	1.1
	Roses and Other fresh flowers	0.3
	Men's or boys' garments of other textiles, nes	0.3
	Wom clothing and other wom articles	0.1
	Plastics	0.1
	Collections and collector's pieces of zoological... interest	0.1
	Cranberries, milberries...etc, fresh	0.1
	Vermiculite, perlite and chlorites (unexpanded)	0.0
	Total	100.0

MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS TO AfCFTA

The major exports to African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) in September 2025 were nickel mattes (48.9%), tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped (9.2%), chromium ores and concentrates (8.2%), and semi-manufactured/unwrought gold (5.3%).

The four products accounted for seventy two percent of the total export value of **USD 217.1 million**.

Zimbabwe's Major Exports to AfCFTA in September 2025

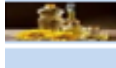
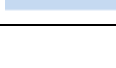
	Nickel mattes	48.9
	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	9.2
	Chromium ores and concentrates	8.2
	Semi-manufactured/Unwrought gold	5.3
	Sugars; cane sugar, raw, in solid form	3.7
	Tobacco; smoking/Cigarettes containing tobacco	3.0
	Coke and semi-coke of coal	2.6
	Iron or steel and products	1.9
	Cranberries, milberries...etc, fresh	0.8
	Bituminous coal, not agglomerated	0.8
	Other Exports	15.7
	Total	100.0

MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS FROM SADC

Major imports from SADC in September 2025 were mineral fuels, mineral oils and products (11.4%), machinery and mechanical appliances (10.7%), cereals (9.9%) and animal or vegetables fats and oils (5.7%).

The four products contributed about thirty eight percent of the total import value of **USD 433.8 million**.

Zimbabwe's Major Imports from SADC in September 2025

	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	11.4
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	10.7
	Cereals	9.9
	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	5.7
	Plastics	5.4
	Fertilisers	4.9
	Vehicles	4.5
	Iron and steel and Articles	6.6
	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits;	3.7
	Electrical machinery and equipment	3.6
	Other Imports	33.6
	Total	100.0

MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS FROM THE EU

Major imports from the EU in September 2025 were machinery and mechanical appliances, pharmaceutical products, and electrical machinery and equipment. These products accounted for **46.4%**, **9.1%** and **9.1%** of the total value (**USD 28.6 million**) of imports from EU respectively.

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

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

	Machinery and mechanical appliances	46.4
	Pharmaceutical products	9.1
	Electrical machinery and equipment	9.1
	Cereals	7.4
	Meat and edible meat offal.	6.3
	Perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations	4.8
	Medical or surgical instruments and apparatus	3.3
	Dairy produce; bird's eggs; natural honey	2.0
	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits;	1.8
	Plastics	1.6
	Other Imports	8.2
	Total	100.0

MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS FROM THE COMESA

Products imported from COMESA in September 2025 recorded a total value of **USD 59.3 million**. Cereals (22.4), salt, sulphur, earths and stone, plastering materials (**16.5%**), machinery and mechanical appliances (**5.7%**), and miscellaneous chemical products (**4.5%**).

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

	Cereals	22.4
	Salt, sulphur, earths and stone; plastering materials	16.5
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	5.7
	Miscellaneous chemical products	4.5
	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; pastrycooks' products	4.5
	Electrical machinery and equipment	4.4
	Perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations	3.8
	Fertilisers	3.5
	Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals,	3.1
	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	3.1
	Other Imports	28.6
	Total	100.0

MAJOR IMPORT PRODUCTS FROM AfCFTA

Zimbabwe's major imports from AfCFTA in September 2025 were mineral fuels, mineral oils and products, machinery and mechanical appliances, cereals and iron and steel and articles **11.2%, 10.7%, 9.7%** and **6.5%** respectively. These products accounted for **38%** of the total value (**USD 441.2 million**) of the products imported from AfCFTA.

Zimbabwe's Major Imports from AfCFTA in September 2025 (%)

	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products	11.2
	Machinery and mechanical appliances	10.7
	Cereals	9.7
	Iron and steel and Articles	6.5
	Animal or vegetable fats and oils	5.6
	Plastics	5.4
	Fertilisers	5.2
	Vehicles	4.4
	Electrical machinery and equipment	3.7
	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits	3.7
	Other Imports	33.8
	Total	100.0