

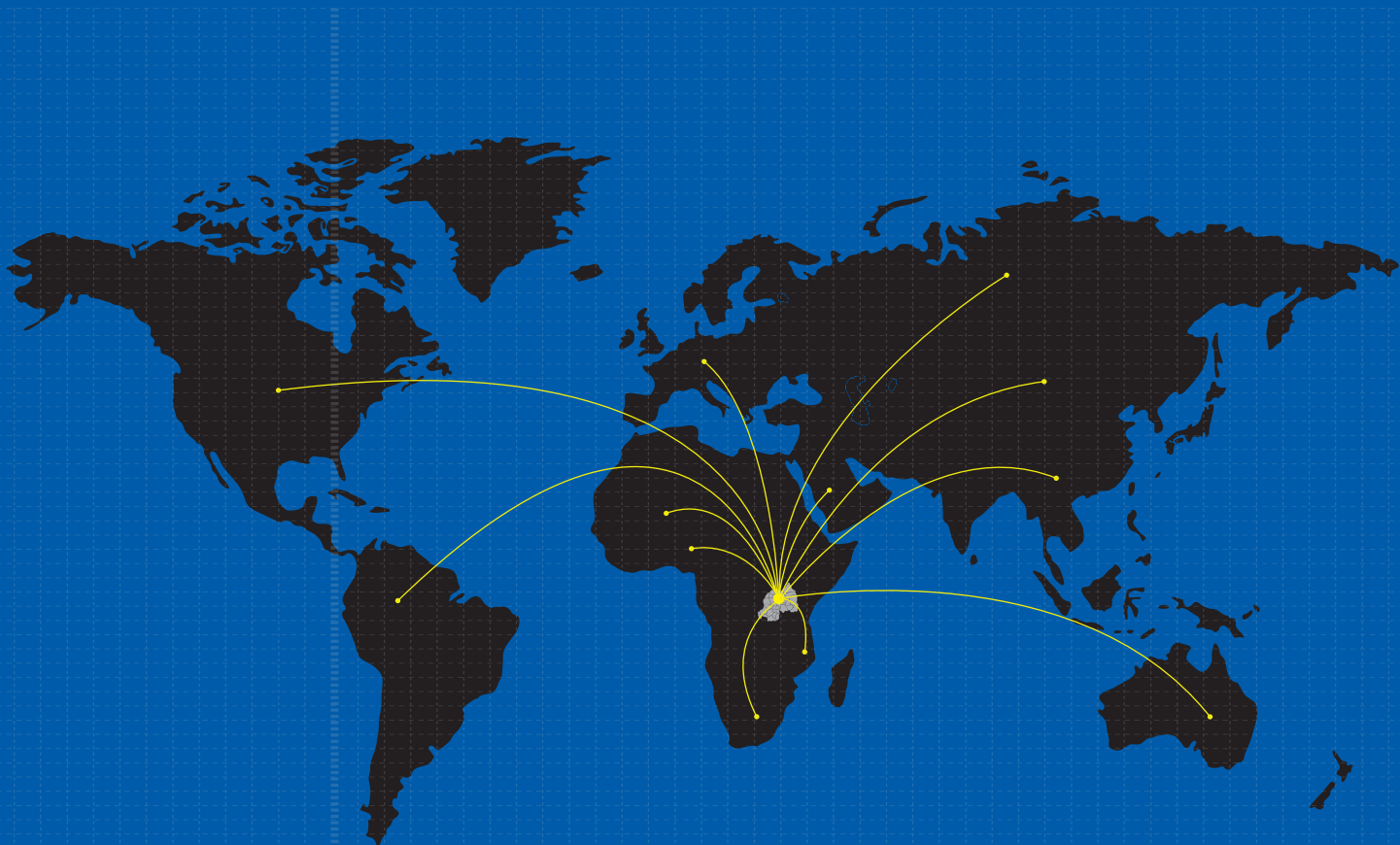


Republic
of Rwanda



Formal External Trade in Goods

January, 2025



Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods of January 2025

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 267.13 million in January 2025, a decrease of 19.10 percent compared to the previous month of December 2024. Year-to-year, the formal trade in goods deficit decreased by 12.74 percent on the deficit of January 2024.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2024		2025	2024		2025	Jan2025/Dec2024	Jan2025/Jan2024
	Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹	Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	182.61	292.23	270.98	27.20	31.95	33.49	-7.27%	48.39%
Domestic exports	127.96	235.57	223.41	19.06	25.76	27.61	-5.16%	74.59%
Re-exports	54.65	56.66	47.57	8.14	6.19	5.88	-16.04%	-12.96%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	488.74	622.42	538.11	72.80	68.05	66.51	-13.55%	10.10%
Total External Trade (A+B)	671.35	914.65	809.08	100.00	100.00	100.00	-11.54%	20.52%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-306.12	-330.19	-267.13				-19.10%	-12.74%

Source: NISR, 2025

Note: (R) – Revised,

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In January 2025 domestic exports value decreased by 5.16 per cent compared to December 2024 and increased by 74.59 per cent compared to January 2024. Table 2 shows the values of exported goods in January 2025 by SITC sections.

Table 2. Total Domestic Exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Sections in January 2025

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2024		2025	2024		2025	Jan2025/Dec2024	Jan2025/Jan2024
	Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹	Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	24.58	32.53	26.64	19.21	13.81	11.92	-18.10%	8.40%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	1.14	0.06	0.01	0.89	0.02	0.01	-74.06%	-98.72%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	18.74	21.38	18.71	14.64	9.08	8.38	-12.49%	-0.13%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.07	0.29	0.40	0.06	0.12	0.18	35.36%	429.22%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	1.10	7.74	4.16	0.86	3.28	1.86	-46.18%	276.92%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.19	1.71	1.85	0.93	0.73	0.83	8.10%	55.03%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	9.18	12.77	10.89	7.18	5.42	4.87	-14.73%	18.61%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	1.43	2.53	0.79	1.12	1.07	0.35	-68.74%	-44.77%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.26	2.02	1.39	0.98	0.86	0.62	-31.10%	10.67%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	69.27	154.55	158.56	54.13	65.60	70.97	2.60%	128.90%
Total Domestic Exports	127.96	235.57	223.41	100.00	100.00	100.00	-5.16%	74.59%

Source: NISR, 2025

Note: (R) – Revised,

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Imports

In January 2025, imports value decreased by 13.55 per cent compared to December 2024 and increased by 10.10 per cent compared to January 2024. Table 3 shows the value of imported goods in January 2025 by SITC sections.

Table 3. Total Imports of Goods by S.I.T.C Sections in January 2025

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2024		2025	2024		2025	Jan2025/Dec2024	Jan2025/Jan2024
	Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹	Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	78.40	73.61	73.01	16.04	11.83	13.57	-0.82%	-6.88%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	8.16	10.25	8.39	1.67	1.65	1.56	-18.12%	2.84%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	9.27	13.62	8.12	1.90	2.19	1.51	-40.37%	-12.36%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	67.70	60.64	55.07	13.85	9.74	10.23	-9.17%	-18.65%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	12.89	22.13	32.12	2.64	3.56	5.97	45.14%	149.28%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	38.90	36.57	34.84	7.96	5.88	6.48	-4.73%	-10.44%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	58.78	61.05	75.73	12.03	9.81	14.07	24.05%	28.85%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	97.84	79.20	123.53	20.02	12.72	22.96	55.98%	26.26%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	32.23	42.59	23.30	6.60	6.84	4.33	-45.28%	-27.71%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	84.07	222.38	103.27	17.20	35.73	19.19	-53.56%	22.83%
Total Imports	488.74	622.42	538.11	100.00	100.00	100.00	-13.55%	10.10%

Source: NISR, 2025

Note: (R) – Revised,

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Re-exports

In January 2025, re-exports values decreased by 16.04 per cent compared to December 2024 and by 12.96 per cent compared to January 2024.

Table 4. Total Re-exports of Goods by S.I.T.C Sections in January 2025

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2024		2025	2024		2025	Jan2025/Dec2024	Jan2025/Jan2024
	Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹	Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	19.21	16.65	12.68	35.15	29.38	26.66	-23.80%	-33.97%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	2.97	4.19	3.33	5.43	7.39	7.01	-20.33%	12.30%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.27	1.50	0.94	2.32	2.64	1.98	-37.12%	-25.67%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	12.68	14.55	14.52	23.21	25.68	30.52	-0.21%	14.49%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	4.08	2.76	1.73	7.46	4.86	3.63	-37.40%	-57.67%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	3.77	3.00	2.84	6.90	5.29	5.97	-5.21%	-24.67%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4.30	6.66	5.47	7.88	11.76	11.51	-17.81%	27.17%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	4.22	3.59	3.44	7.73	6.35	7.24	-4.18%	-18.44%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2.07	3.63	2.60	3.79	6.41	5.47	-28.38%	25.51%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
Total Re-exports	54.65	56.66	47.57	100.00	100.00	100.00	-16.04%	-12.96%

Source: NISR, 2025

Note: (R) – Revised,

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Trading Partners

Table 5. Main Trading Partner Countries in January 2025 - Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2024		2025	2024		2025	Jan2025/Dec2024	Jan2025/Jan2024
		Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹	Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹		
1	United Arab Emirates	74.30	158.01	162.68	58.06	67.07	72.82	3%	119%
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	17.44	23.47	17.69	13.63	9.96	7.92	-25%	1%
3	China	8.17	9.51	6.15	6.38	4.04	2.75	-35%	-25%
4	Luxembourg	3.02	4.16	3.91	2.36	1.77	1.75	-6%	30%
5	United States	2.62	2.09	3.11	2.05	0.89	1.39	49%	19%
6	United Kingdom	2.29	2.66	2.54	1.79	1.13	1.14	-4%	11%
7	Uganda	0.12	3.24	1.94	0.09	1.38	0.87	-40%	1558%
8	Netherlands	0.10	1.48	1.93	0.08	0.63	0.86	30%	0%
9	Pakistan	2.62	1.57	1.91	2.05	0.67	0.86	22%	-27%
10	Ethiopia	0.00	1.45	1.73	0.00	0.61	0.77	19%	0%
Rest of the World		17.29	27.93	19.83	13.51	11.85	8.87	-29%	15%
Total		127.96	235.57	223.41	100.00	100.00	100.00	-5.16%	74.59%

Source: NISR, 2025

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Table 6. Main Trading Partner Countries in January 2025–Re-exports

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2024		2025	2024		2025	Jan2025/Dec2024	Jan2025/Jan2024
		Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹	Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹		
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	50.75	54.37	44.48	92.86	95.96	93.51	-18.19%	-12.36%
2	Ethiopia	0.88	0.00	0.97	1.60	0.00	0.44	0.00%	11.22%
3	United Arab Emirates	0.54	0.01	0.89	0.99	0.01	0.40	17477.66%	64.29%
4	Uganda	0.05	0.51	0.47	0.09	0.90	0.21	-7.73%	881.20%
5	Burundi	1.58	0.38	0.27	2.89	0.68	0.12	-30.70%	-83.19%
6	South Sudan	0.02	0.04	0.11	0.03	0.07	0.05	164.27%	615.29%
7	Zambia	0.10	0.62	0.09	0.18	1.10	0.04	-84.94%	-2.62%
8	Turkey	0.10	0.00	0.06	0.18	0.00	0.03	0.00%	-33.09%
9	France	0.00	0.01	0.06	0.00	0.01	0.03	926.47%	5949.77%
10	Greece	0.01	0.00	0.05	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00%	373.68%
Rest of the World		0.64	0.72	0.11	1.17	1.28	0.05	-84.82%	-82.75%
Total		54.65	56.66	47.57	100.00	100.00	100.00	-16.04%	-12.96%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in January 2025

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2024		2025	2024		2025	Jan2025/Dec2024	Jan2025/Jan2024
		Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹	Jan(R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹		
1	China	117.31	113.14	140.95	24.00	18.18	26.19	24.58%	20.15%
2	Tanzania, United Republic Of	87.80	154.11	90.65	17.97	24.76	16.85	-41.17%	3.25%
3	Kenya	20.74	21.81	75.42	4.24	3.50	14.02	245.77%	263.57%
4	India	53.40	33.98	34.40	10.93	5.46	6.39	1.26%	-35.57%
5	Malaysia	3.27	16.24	30.78	0.67	2.61	5.72	89.50%	3601.79%
6	United Arab Emirates	33.88	26.69	27.48	6.93	4.29	5.11	2.97%	-18.90%
7	Uganda	24.76	21.11	23.58	5.07	3.39	4.38	11.66%	-4.78%
8	Germany	4.87	8.72	13.11	1.00	1.40	2.44	50.40%	169.12%
9	Japan	9.10	8.50	10.61	1.86	1.37	1.97	24.91%	16.62%
10	Turkey	4.75	5.09	6.56	0.97	0.82	1.22	28.83%	38.06%
		128.85	213.04	84.56	26.36	34.23	15.71	-60.31%	-34.37%
Rest of the World Total		488.74	622.42	538.11	100.00	100.00	100.00	-13.55%	10.10%

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Table 8. Trade in Goods by Mode of Transport (Values in US \$ Million)

	Imports			Exports			Re-exports			
	2024		2025		2024	2025		2024		2025
	Jan (R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹	Jan (R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹	Jan (R)	Dec ¹	Jan ¹	
Air	123.75	257.96	131.16	71.84	161.11	162.53	1.98	0.08	1.49	
Land	364.99	364.46	406.95	56.13	74.46	60.88	52.67	56.58	46.08	
Total	488.74	622.42	538.11	127.96	235.57	223.41	54.65	56.66	47.57	

Source: NISR, 2024

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Acronyms used:

c.i.f: Cost, Insurance and Freight

f.o.b: Free On Board

S.I.T.C: Standard International Trade Classification

n.e.s: Not Elsewhere Specified

Dec: December

Jan: January