



Republic
of Rwanda



Formal External Trade in Goods

April 2025



Monthly Statistics of External Trade in Goods of April 2025

Balance of Trade

The deficit in the balance of formal trade in goods was US\$ 232.13 million in April 2025, a decrease of 13.13 percent compared to the previous month of March 2025. Year-to-year, the formal trade in goods deficit decreased by 10.43 percent on the deficit of April 2024.

Table 1. Summary of Formal External Trade in Goods

FLOW	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2024	2025		2024	2025		Apr2025/Mar2025	Apr2025/Apr2024
	Apr(R)	Mar ¹	Apr ¹	Apr(R)	Mar ¹	Apr ¹		
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	206.28	152.95	148.51	30.71	26.69	28.07	-2.90%	-28.01%
Domestic exports	157.42	107.23	105.42	23.44	18.71	19.92	-1.69%	-33.04%
Re-exports	48.86	45.72	43.10	7.27	7.98	8.14	-5.74%	-11.80%
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	465.44	420.18	380.64	69.29	73.31	71.93	-9.41%	-18.22%
Total External Trade (A+B)	671.72	573.13	529.16	100.00	100.00	100.00	-7.67%	-21.22%
Trade Balance (A-B)	-259.15	-267.23	-232.13				-13.13%	-10.43%

Note: (R) – Revised

¹Preliminary figures

Exports

In April 2025 domestic exports value decreased by 1.69 per cent compared to March 2025 and by 33.04 per cent compared to April 2024. Table 2 shows the values of exported goods in April 2025 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2024	2025		2024	2025		Apr2025/Mar2025	Apr2025/Apr2024
	Apr(R)	Mar ¹	Apr ¹	Apr(R)	Mar ¹	Apr ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	26.93	26.93	28.39	17.11	25.11	26.93	5.42%	5.41%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	0.02	1.00	0.76	0.01	0.93	0.72	-23.90%	3898.80%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	17.61	22.05	21.35	11.19	20.56	20.26	-3.15%	21.23%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	0.32	0.17	0.25	0.20	0.16	0.24	49.68%	-20.97%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	0.68	4.95	7.29	0.43	4.62	6.91	47.11%	969.68%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	1.66	2.32	1.71	1.05	2.17	1.63	-26.24%	3.30%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	10.28	10.83	12.00	6.53	10.10	11.38	10.84%	16.75%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	0.46	1.34	1.96	0.29	1.25	1.86	46.37%	324.33%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2.36	2.96	2.41	1.50	2.76	2.29	-18.51%	2.17%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	97.10	34.69	29.30	61.68	32.35	27.79	-15.55%	-69.83%
Total Domestic Exports	157.42	107.23	105.42	100.00	100.00	100.00	-1.69%	-33.04%

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Imports

In April 2025 imports value decreased by 9.41 per cent compared to March 2025 and by 18.22 per cent compared to April 2024. Table 3 shows the value of imported goods in April 2025 by SITC sections.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2024	2025		2024	2025		Apr2025/Mar2025	Apr2025/Apr2024
	Apr(R)	Mar ¹	Apr ¹	Apr(R)	Mar ¹	Apr ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	74.79	71.59	73.31	16.07	17.04	19.26	2.39%	-1.98%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	8.25	9.81	8.55	1.77	2.34	2.25	-12.87%	3.66%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	10.83	9.16	14.27	2.33	2.18	3.75	55.83%	31.77%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	67.16	61.35	52.08	14.43	14.60	13.68	-15.10%	-22.45%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	20.59	7.54	26.59	4.42	1.79	6.99	252.61%	29.14%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	44.86	55.40	49.90	9.64	13.19	13.11	-9.93%	11.23%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	49.86	59.59	54.29	10.71	14.18	14.26	-8.90%	8.89%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	91.91	88.19	73.87	19.75	20.99	19.41	-16.24%	-19.63%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	20.86	27.30	27.79	4.48	6.50	7.30	1.79%	33.26%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	76.35	30.24	0.00	16.40	7.20	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
Total Imports	465.44	420.18	380.64	100.00	100.00	100.00	-9.41%	-18.22%

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Re-exports

In April 2025, re-export values have decreased by 5.74 per cent compared to March 2025 and decreased by 11.80 per cent compared to April 2024.

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

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
	2024	2025		2024	2025		Apr2025/Mar2025	Apr2025/Apr2024
	Apr(R)	Mar ¹	Apr ¹	Apr(R)	Mar ¹	Apr ¹		
0 - Food and live animals	15.37	15.24	15.78	31.46	33.34	36.62	3.52%	2.67%
1 - Beverages and tobacco	2.73	3.36	3.67	5.58	7.36	8.51	9.01%	34.44%
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	1.40	1.31	0.96	2.86	2.86	2.22	-26.84%	-31.58%
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	11.78	9.14	8.60	24.10	20.00	19.95	-5.97%	-26.99%
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	5.65	1.21	1.78	11.57	2.65	4.13	46.86%	-68.50%
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	3.05	4.90	4.13	6.24	10.71	9.58	-15.69%	35.36%
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	4.48	5.18	4.03	9.17	11.33	9.36	-22.14%	-9.98%
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	2.62	2.84	2.68	5.36	6.22	6.22	-5.62%	2.36%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1.78	2.53	1.48	3.65	5.54	3.43	-41.57%	-17.03%
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s.	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00%	-100.00%
Total Re-exports	48.86	45.72	43.10	100.00	100.00	100.00	-5.74%	-11.80%

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Trading Partners

Table 5. Main Trading Partner Countries in April 2025 – Exports

Rank	Country	Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2024 Apr(R)	2025 Mar ¹	2025 Apr ¹	2024 Apr(R)	2025 Mar ¹	2025 Apr ¹	Apr2025/Mar 2025	Apr2025/Apr 2024
1	United Arab Emirates	100.80	39.37	32.75	64.03	36.71	31.07	-0.17	-0.68
2	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	14.91	20.90	21.23	9.47	19.49	20.14	0.02	0.42
3	China	6.38	10.48	10.37	4.05	9.77	9.84	-0.01	0.63
4	Luxembourg	4.51	4.17	4.35	2.87	3.89	4.13	0.04	-0.04
5	Pakistan	3.07	3.44	3.24	1.95	3.21	3.08	-0.06	0.06
6	United States	0.97	2.44	3.24	0.62	2.28	3.07	0.33	2.33
7	United Kingdom	2.71	3.46	2.79	1.72	3.22	2.65	-0.19	0.03
8	Uganda	0.96	2.24	2.47	0.61	2.09	2.35	0.10	1.57
9	Sweden	1.14	0.18	2.22	0.72	0.17	2.11	11.29	0.95
10	Congo	1.71	0.15	1.95	1.09	0.14	1.85	12.09	0.14
Rest of the World		20.26	20.40	20.79	12.87	19.03	19.72	0.02	0.03
Total		157.42	107.23	105.42	100.00	100.00	100.00	-1.69%	-33.04%

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

Rank	Country	Re-Exports (f.o.b.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2024 Apr(R)	2025 Mar ¹	2025 Apr ¹	2024 Apr(R)	2025 Mar ¹	2025 Apr ¹	Apr2025/Mar 2025	Apr2025/Apr 2024
1	Congo, The Democratic Republic Of	47.20	42.57	41.29	96.60	93.12	95.81	-3.01%	-12.52%
2	Ethiopia	0.00	0.76	0.50	0.00	1.65	0.47	-33.82%	0.00%
3	United Arab Emirates	0.19	0.37	0.36	0.38	0.80	0.35	-0.78%	94.17%
4	Uganda	0.37	0.12	0.17	0.77	0.27	0.16	40.68%	-54.06%
5	Egypt	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.00%	0.00%
6	Turkey	0.00	0.10	0.08	0.00	0.21	0.08	-13.81%	0.00%
7	Burundi	0.57	0.04	0.08	1.17	0.08	0.08	123.66%	-85.59%
8	South Sudan	0.24	0.08	0.07	0.49	0.18	0.07	-10.51%	-69.01%
9	Sudan	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00%	0.00%
10	Canada	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00%	0.00%
Rest of the World		0.29	1.69	0.26	0.59	3.69	0.24	-84.72%	-10.68%
Total		48.86	45.72	43.10	100.00	100.00	100.00	-5.74%	-11.80%

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Table 7. Main Imports Partner Countries in April 2025

Rank	Country	Imports (c.i.f.)							
		Value: US \$ Million			Shares in percentage			Percentage Increase/Decrease	
		2024 Apr(R)	2025 Mar ¹	2025 Apr ¹	2024 Apr(R)	2025 Mar ¹	2025 Apr ¹	Apr2025/Mar2025	Apr2025/Apr2024
1	China	84.41	96.97	79.35	18.14	23.08	20.85	-18.17%	-6.00%
2	India	52.11	42.51	43.45	11.20	10.12	11.42	2.21%	-16.62%
3	Tanzania, United Republic Of	70.22	33.33	42.72	15.09	7.93	11.22	28.18%	-39.16%
4	Kenya	20.37	40.93	24.56	4.38	9.74	6.45	-39.99%	20.57%
5	United Arab Emirates	33.59	25.90	21.95	7.22	6.16	5.77	-15.25%	260.21%
6	Uganda	19.40	18.99	19.53	4.17	4.52	5.13	2.85%	0.70%
7	Indonesia	12.59	2.21	18.20	2.70	0.53	4.78	724.21%	44.59%
8	United States	7.29	23.70	7.99	1.57	5.64	2.10	-66.26%	9.64%
9	Russian Federation	10.79	3.67	7.49	2.32	0.87	1.97	104.07%	-30.57%
10	Japan	7.39	9.09	7.05	1.59	2.16	1.85	-22.44%	-4.58%
Rest of the World		147.28	122.88	108.34	31.64	29.24	28.46	-11.83%	-26.43%
Total		465.44	420.18	380.64	100.00	100.00	100.00	-9.41%	-18.22%

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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	
	Apr (R)	Mar ¹	Apr ¹	Apr (R)	Mar ¹	Apr ¹	Apr (R)	Mar ¹	Apr ¹
Air	119.87	79.22	37.51	99.46	39.31	33.94	0.12	1.32	1.11
Land	345.57	340.96	343.13	57.96	67.92	71.47	48.74	44.40	41.98
Total	465.44	420.18	380.64	157.42	107.23	105.42	48.86	45.72	43.10

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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

Mar: March

Apr: April