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Pistachios become Taiwan's third-largest imported tree nut as import value doubles in Jan.–May 2026; over 90% sourced from the United States.

- As Taiwan's population ages and health-conscious dietary habits become increasingly prevalent, demand for tree nut products remains stable. Over the past five years, Taiwan's annual imports of tree nuts have ranged between US\$100 million and US\$130 million. Almonds, cashews, and walnuts have consistently been the three largest imported tree nuts, together accounting for about two-thirds of total import value. Pistachios and macadamia nuts, both relatively high-value products, each accounted for around 10% of imports. In Jan.–May 2026, pistachios accounted for 22.7% of Taiwan's tree nut import value, surpassing cashews to become the third-largest imported tree nut after almonds (27.2%) and walnuts (26.0%).
- Taiwan's tree nut imports are sourced from a highly concentrated group of suppliers. During the period from 2021 through May 2026, 61.0% of imports came from the United States and 20.8% from Viet Nam. Specifically, over 90% of almonds, walnuts, pistachios, and pecans were imported from the United States, while cashews were sourced primarily from Viet Nam. Macadamia nuts mainly originated from South Africa and Australia, whereas Türkiye and Mainland China were the leading suppliers of hazelnuts and pine nuts, respectively.

Taiwan's Tree Nut Imports

Product (Code)	Total Import Value (US\$ Million)	Share of Import Value (%)								
		Almonds 080211, 080212	Cashews 080131, 080132	Walnuts 080231, 080232	Pistachios 080251, 080252	Macadamia nuts 080261, 080262	Pecans 08029920, 08029020	Hazelnuts 080221, 080222	Pine nuts 080291, 080292, 08029050	Brazil nuts 080121, 080122
2021	132.7	24.3	21.2	19.9	14.2	12.4	3.8	2.2	1.6	0.5
2022	125.4	22.9	20.8	24.9	12.7	10.2	5.0	1.4	1.8	0.3
2023	101.1	25.4	27.4	15.9	14.7	9.6	2.7	2.2	1.6	0.5
2024	131.1	23.1	22.4	16.9	16.6	12.2	3.7	3.0	1.7	0.3
2025	122.8	26.7	19.9	21.6	13.1	11.1	3.9	2.2	1.2	0.3
Jan.–May 2026	60.2	27.2	13.7	26.0	22.7	2.6	4.8	2.3	0.7	0.1
Main Origins	U.S.A. (61.0%) Viet Nam (20.8%)	U.S.A. (99.6%)	Viet Nam (92.4%)	U.S.A. (91.2%)	U.S.A. (91.0%)	South Africa (45.4%) Australia (45.1%)	U.S.A. (99.9%)	Türkiye (99.3%)	Mainland China (97.0%)	U.S.A. (42.3%) Brazil (24.0%)

- Most tree nuts are imported into Taiwan shelled, with the notable exception of pistachios, which are primarily imported in-shell. Pistachios are widely consumed as snacks and are also commonly featured in festive gift assortments. In Jan.–May 2026, imports of in-shell and shelled pistachios totaled US\$13.67 million, a record high for the same period, up 102.3% from a year earlier. Among all major tree nuts, pistachios posted the strongest growth, with import volume increasing by 73.9% and the unit value rising by 16.4%.
- In recent years, the growing popularity of pistachio-flavored chocolate, ice cream, pastries, and beverages worldwide has boosted demand for shelled and prepared pistachios. Imports of both categories saw rapid growth in 2024. This trend continued in the first five months of 2026, when the import value of shelled pistachios increased 4.8-fold from a year earlier, raising their share of total pistachio import value from less than 4% before 2023 to 17.6%. Imports of prepared pistachios also grew by 80.8% year over year. These developments suggest that pistachio consumption is expanding beyond its traditional role as a snack food into a broader range of applications, including bakery products, desserts, and food processing, reflecting increasingly diverse consumption patterns in Taiwan.

Taiwan's Pistachio-Related Product Imports

Product (code)	Pistachios										Prepared Pistachios (20081920)	
	Import Value (US\$ Million)						Import Volume (Metric Tons)		Unit Value (US\$ per kg)		Import Value (US\$ Million)	
		Annual Change Rate (%)	Share (%)	Annual Change Rate (%)	Share (%)	Annual Change Rate (%)		Annual Change Rate (%)		Annual Change Rate (%)		Annual Change Rate (%)
2021	18.82	63.5	99.2	66.9	0.8	-53.4	2,255	68.4	8.3	-3.0	2.80	-10.8
2022	15.69	-15.2	98.5	-15.8	1.5	59.2	1,830	-18.8	8.7	4.5	4.91	75.2
2023	14.87	-6.9	98.4	-6.9	1.6	-4.1	1,821	-0.5	8.2	-6.4	3.19	-34.9
2024	21.71	46.1	95.3	41.4	4.7	340.5	2,617	43.7	8.3	1.6	6.81	113.2
2025	16.13	-25.7	91.6	-28.6	8.4	32.0	1,739	-33.6	9.3	11.8	8.09	18.8
Jan.–May 2026	13.67	102.3	82.4	77.5	17.6	484.5	1,323	73.9	10.3	16.4	6.31	80.8

Data Source: Ministry of Finance.

Notes: 1. The scope of this report follows the tree nut classification defined by the International Nut and Dried Fruit Council (INC).

2. Prepared pistachios refer to pistachios that have been roasted or otherwise prepared or preserved.

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