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Trade Figures for May 2025



Highlights

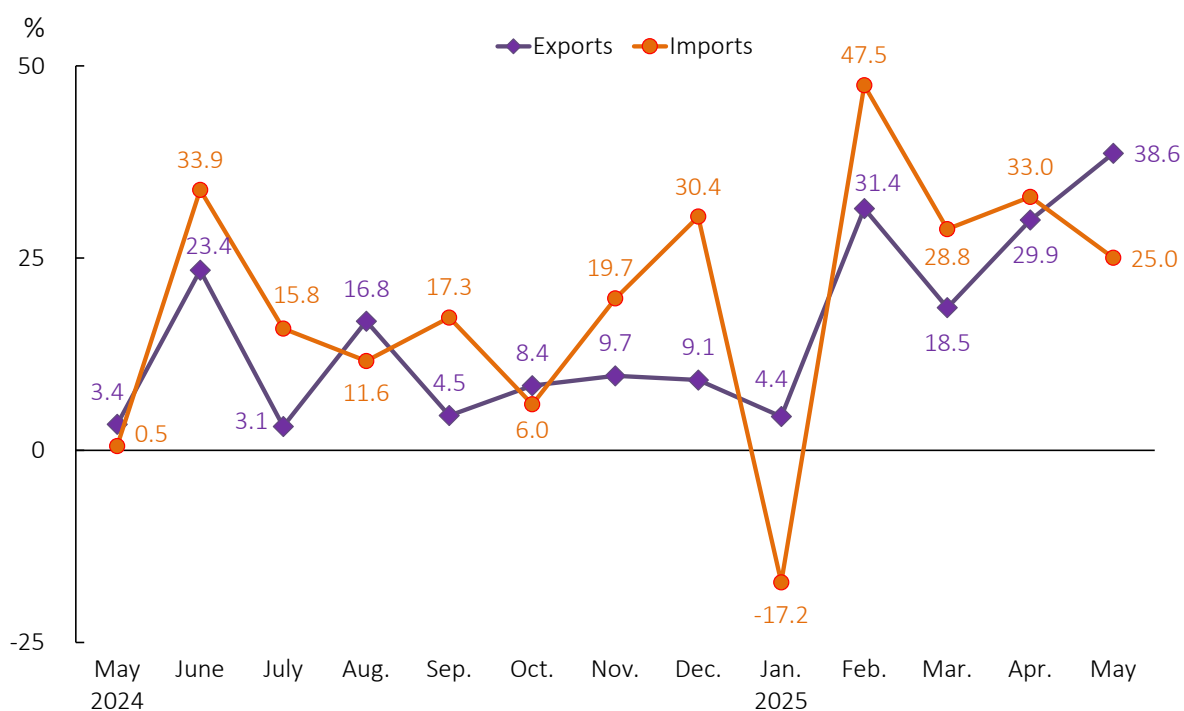
For May 2025, total exports expanded 38.6% year on year to US\$ 51.74 billion; total imports rose by 25.0% from a year earlier to US\$ 39.13 billion. The trade balance of this month was favorable, amounting to US\$ 12.62 billion.

Table 1 Trade Performance for May 2025

Units: US\$ million, %

	May		Jan. - May	
	Amount	Annual Change Rate	Amount	Annual Change Rate
Exports	51,743	38.6	229,957	24.3
Imports	39,128	25.0	186,508	21.4
Trade Balance	12,615	109.2	43,449	38.3

Figure 1 Annual Change Rate



Major Trading Commodities

● Exports

In May 2025, compared with the same month of last year, exports of information, communication and audio-video products, parts of electronic product, base metals and articles of base metal, machinery grew by 111.1%, 28.4%, 5.7%, and 7.7%, respectively. However, exports of plastics & rubber and articles thereof declined 4.7%.

Table 2 Exports of Leading Export Commodities

Units: US\$ million, %

	May			Jan. - May		
	Amount	As % of All Exports	Annual Change Rate	Amount	As % of All Exports	Annual Change Rate
Information, Communication and Audio-video Products	19,886	38.4	111.1	82,230	35.8	59.0
Parts of Electronic Product	17,206	33.3	28.4	79,568	34.6	20.2
Base Metals and Articles of Base Metal	2,704	5.2	5.7	11,940	5.2	2.3
Machinery	2,290	4.4	7.7	9,892	4.3	4.7
Plastics & Rubber and Articles Thereof	1,669	3.2	-4.7	7,678	3.3	-4.5

● Imports

In May 2025, compared with the same month of last year, imports of parts of electronic product, information, communication and audio-video products, and machinery grew by 51.7%, 108.9%, and 35.9%, respectively. However, imports of mineral products as well as chemicals declined 16.2% and 5.0%, respectively.

Table 3 Imports of Leading Import Commodities

Units: US\$ million, %

	May			Jan. - May		
	Amount	As % of All Imports	Annual Change Rate	Amount	As % of All Imports	Annual Change Rate
Parts of Electronic Product	11,661	29.8	51.7	52,714	28.3	39.6
Information, Communication and Audio-video Products	5,388	13.8	108.9	25,001	13.4	112.3
Mineral Products	4,435	11.3	-16.2	22,141	11.9	-7.8
Petroleum	1,998	5.1	-14.7	9,527	5.1	-5.0
Machinery	4,066	10.4	35.9	19,394	10.4	46.0
Chemicals	2,285	5.8	-5.0	11,584	6.2	-3.4

Major Trading Partners

● Exports

In May 2025, compared with the same month of last year, exports to Mainland China & Hong Kong, ASEAN, Japan, and the U.S.A. grew by 16.6%, 52.3%, 17.5%, and 87.4%, respectively. However, exports to Europe declined 0.6%.

Table 4 Exports to Key Trading Partners

Units: US\$ million, %

	May			Jan. - May		
	Amount	As % of All Exports	Annual Change Rate	Amount	As % of All Exports	Annual Change Rate
Mainland China & Hong Kong	14,056	27.2	16.6	64,614	28.1	12.6
ASEAN	9,828	19.0	52.3	46,569	20.3	32.0
Japan	2,333	4.5	17.5	11,340	4.9	9.4
U.S.A.	15,515	30.0	87.4	61,631	26.8	43.1
Europe	3,322	6.4	-0.6	14,663	6.4	-8.2
Korea	2,084	4.0	16.6	9,460	4.1	24.4

● Imports

In May 2025, compared with the same month of last year, imports from Mainland China & Hong Kong, ASEAN, Japan, the U.S.A., and Korea grew by 14.3%, 17.3%, 17.4%, 52.1%, and 58.0%, respectively. However, imports from Europe declined 0.1%.

Table 5 Imports from Key Trading Partners

Units: US\$ million, %

	May			Jan. - May		
	Amount	As % of All Imports	Annual Change Rate	Amount	As % of All Imports	Annual Change Rate
Mainland China & Hong Kong	7,492	19.1	14.3	34,981	18.8	13.3
ASEAN	4,903	12.5	17.3	23,201	12.4	19.8
Japan	4,128	10.6	17.4	21,549	11.6	19.3
U.S.A.	4,806	12.3	52.1	19,780	10.6	-10.5
Europe	3,882	9.9	-0.1	19,463	10.4	6.9
Korea	5,140	13.1	58.0	22,349	12.0	62.5
Middle East	2,058	5.3	-17.8	10,738	5.8	8.0