

Central African Republic

Imports: CIF, by origin

Exports: FOB, by last known destination

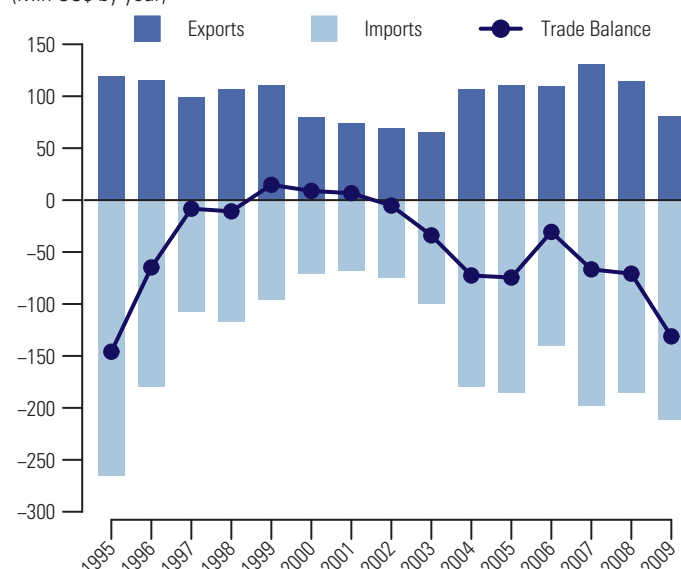
Trade System: Special

Overview:

From 2005 to 2009, exports of Central African Republic decreased on average by 7.7 percent each year. It experienced a significant drop of 29.5 percent in 2009 and amounted to 80.5 mln US\$ (see table 1 and graph 1). During the same period, imports increased on average by 3.4 percent each year to 211.7 mln US\$ (see table 2 and graph 1). The trade balance recorded a deficit of 131.2 mln US\$ compared to a deficit of 70.8 mln US\$ in 2008 (see graph 1). Trade with almost all MDG regions were in deficit, with Sub-Saharan Africa recording a deficit amounting to 33.9 mln US\$ (see graph 2). In 2009, trade was concentrated among a few partners: 4 (respectively 12) major partners accounted for 80 percent of exports (respectively imports) (see graph 3).

Graph 1: Total imports, exports and trade balance

(Mln US\$ by year)



Exports Profile:

In 2009, exports of inedible crude materials (excluding fuels), animal and vegetable oils, fats, waxes (SITC sections 2+4) dropped by 24.3 percent and accounted for 93.3 percent of exported goods (see table 1). Exports of miscellaneous manufactured articles (SITC section 8) increased by 531.9 percent and represented 1.5 percent of exports. Belgium, China and France were the top three markets for exports in 2009 (see table 4). Inedible crude materials (except fuels), animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (SITC sections 2+4) represented all exports to China and the majority of exports to Belgium and France. From 2007 to 2009, top exported products included diamonds, whether or not worked, but not mounted or set (HS code 7102), wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or sapwood (HS code 4403) and wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled (HS code 4407) (see table 3). They accounted respectively for 61.8, 20.4 and 10.5 percent of exports in 2009.

Table 1: Exports by SITC sections

(Value in million US\$, growth and shares in percentage)

SITC	2009	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2009 share
		2005-2009	2008-2009	
Total	80.5	-7.7	-29.5	100.0
0+1	2.7	33.9	67.8	3.3
2+4	75.1	2.7	-24.3	93.3
6	0.3	-70.9	-96.9	0.4
7	0.7	-18.2	-79.8	0.8
8	1.2	66.8	531.9	1.5
9	0.6	94.2	16.0	0.7

Table 2: Imports by SITC sections

(Value in million US\$, growth and shares in percentage)

SITC	2009	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2009 share
		2005-2009	2008-2009	
Total	211.7	3.4	14.4	100.0
0+1	76.0	26.4	70.1	35.9
2+4	13.3	-29.5	45.5	6.3
3	1.3	-54.9	-47.7	0.6
5	30.8	24.4	23.8	14.6
6	29.8	12.4	-8.8	14.1
7	46.5	10.2	-16.3	22.0
8	13.6	17.6	-11.8	6.4
9	0.3	...	245.7	0.1

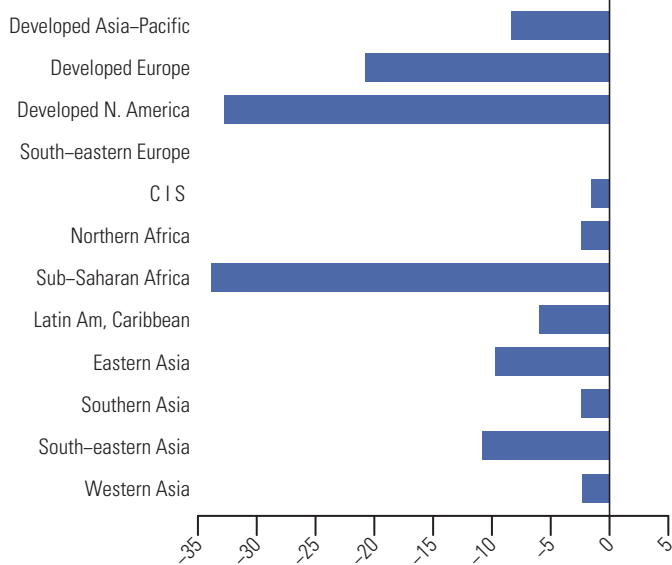
Table 3: Top 10 export commodities 2007 to 2009

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2002	Value (million US\$)			Unit value				SITC code
		2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	Unit	
	All Commodities.....	131.1	114.2	80.5					
7102	Diamonds, whether or not worked, but not mounted or set.....	62.4	49.4	49.8					667
4403	Wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or sapwood.....	38.9	36.6	16.4					247
4407	Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled.....	24.0	20.2	8.5	0.6	0.8	1.1	thsd US\$/m ³	248
0901	Coffee, whether or not roasted or decaffeinated.....	3.4	0.6	1.8	0.6	0.7	0.9	US\$/kg	071
5201	Cotton, not carded or combed.....	1.0	1.7	0.4	1.1	1.0	0.9	US\$/kg	263
8705	Special purpose motor vehicles.....	...	1.1	0.1			112.1	thsd US\$/unit	782
8704	Motor vehicles for the transport of goods.....	0.1	1.0	0.0	27.2	0.0	thsd US\$/unit	782	
7108	Gold (including gold plated with platinum).....	0.2	0.3	0.5	12.9	16.0	19.9	US\$/kg	971
2104	Soups and broths and preparations therefor.....	0.1	0.6	0.1	2.7	2.4	0.8	US\$/kg	098
8431	Parts suitable for use principally with the machinery of headings 84.25.....	...	0.6	...		9.0		US\$/kg	723

Graph 2: Trade Balance by MDG Regions in 2009

(Mln US\$)



Graph 3: Partner concentration of trade in 2009

(Cumulative share by ranked partners)

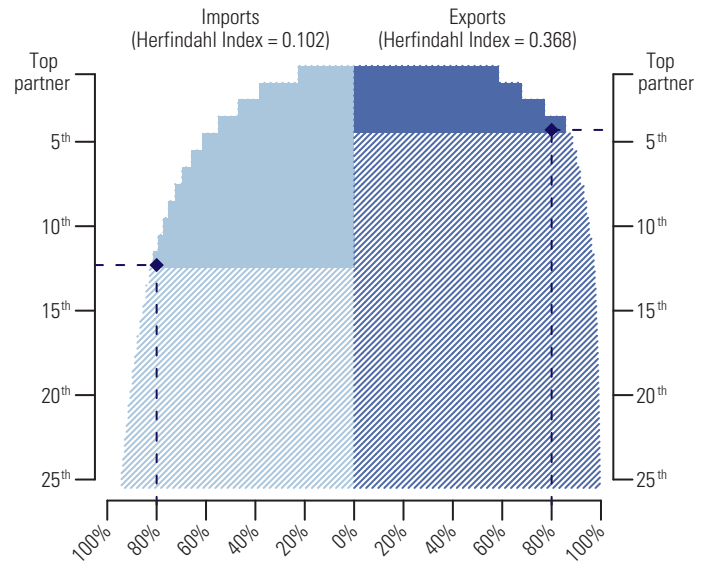


Table 4: Exports by principal countries and SITC sections in 2009

(Value in million US\$, percentages of country total)

Country	Total	Shares by SITC sections (%)									Total
		0 + 1	2 + 4	3	5	6	7	8	9		
World.....	80.5	3.3	93.3	...	...	0.4	0.8	1.5	0.7	100
Belgium.....	47.1	0.0	99.6	...	...	...	...	...	0.4	100
China.....	7.5	0.0	100.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	100
France.....	7.5	19.9	68.8	...	...	...	3.0	7.3	1.1	100
Germany.....	6.8	0.0	99.5	...	...	...	0.1	...	0.4	100
Saudi Arabia.....	2.3	0.0	100.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	100
Italy.....	1.3	0.0	100.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	100
Turkey.....	1.2	0.0	100.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	100
Cameroon.....	1.1	27.3	40.1	...	...	8.7	21.7	1.1	1.0	100
Spain.....	0.9	0.0	100.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	100
Switzerland.....	0.8	30.5	69.3	...	...	...	0.1	...	...	100

Imports Profile:

Imports were composed of 35.9 percent of food, live animals, beverages and tobacco (SITC sections 0+1), 22.0 percent of machinery and transport equipment (SITC section 7) and 14.6 percent of chemicals and related products, n.e.s. (SITC section 5) (see table 2). From 2007 to 2009, top imported products included medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06) (HS code 3004), diamonds, whether or not worked, but not mounted or set (HS code 7102) and wheat or meslin flour (HS code 1101) (see table 5).

Table 5: Top 10 import commodities 2007 to 2009

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2002	Value (million US\$)			Unit value				SITC code
		2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	Unit	
All Commodities.....		197.8	185.0	211.7					
3004 Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06).....		16.6	16.1	20.7	12.2	16.7	22.8	US\$/kg	542
7102 Diamonds, whether or not worked, but not mounted or set.....		51.6	...	...					667
1101 Wheat or meslin flour.....		7.3	12.3	13.1	0.4	0.6	0.6	US\$/kg	046
0713 Dried leguminous vegetables, shelled.....		0.9	0.9	23.4	0.5	0.6	12.7	US\$/kg	054
8517 Electrical apparatus for line telephony or line telegraphy.....		8.8	5.4	6.4					764
1102 Cereal flours other than of wheat or meslin.....		4.6	4.3	8.6	0.8	0.5	0.5	US\$/kg	047
1701 Cane or beet sugar and pure sucrose, in solid form.....		3.7	4.8	5.7	0.5	0.4	0.6	US\$/kg	061
8703 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport.....		4.2	4.5	5.3	17.0	15.6	19.6	thsd US\$/unit	781
2523 Portland cement, aluminous cement, slag cement.....		2.6	4.4	5.7	0.2	0.3	0.2	US\$/kg	661
2403 Other manufactured tobacco and tobacco substitutes.....		3.1	4.2	5.5	14.1	15.3	15.6	US\$/kg	122