

Iran (Islamic Republic of)

Imports: CIF, by origin

Exports: FOB, by last known destination

Trade System: Special

Overview:

From 2002 to 2006, exports of the Islamic Republic of Iran increased on average by 22.4 percent each year and amounted to 63.2 bln US\$ (see table 1 and graph 1). During the same period, imports increased on average by 18.9 percent and amounted to 40.7 bln US\$ (see table 2 and graph 1). The trade balance recorded a surplus amounting to 22.6 bln US\$ compared to 7.9 bln US\$ in 2002 (see graph 1). Large surpluses were recorded with Developed Europe (+16.5 bln US\$), Developed Asia-Pacific (+14.0 bln US\$), Eastern Asia (+13.1 bln US\$) and Western Asia (+4.9 bln US\$) (see graph 2). Trade was concentrated among a few partners: in 2006, 6 (respectively 3) major partners accounted for 80 percent of exports (respectively imports) (see graph 3).

Graph 1: Total imports, exports and trade balance

(Bln US\$ by year)

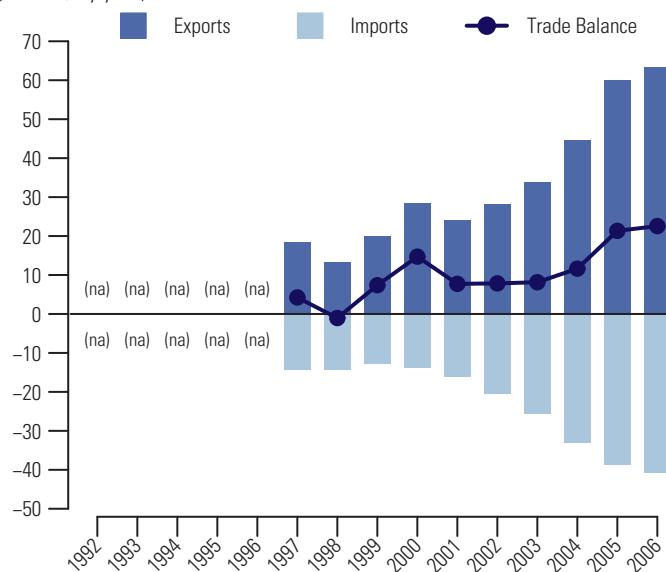


Table 1: Exports by SITC sections

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

SITC	2006	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2006 share
		2002-2006	2005-2006	
Total	63247.0	22.4	5.4	100.0
0+1	2589.2	27.2	26.0	4.1
2+4	836.0	33.3	62.4	1.3
3	52674.5	27.7	5.6	83.3
5	2034.0	37.9	27.7	3.2
6	3684.2	26.2	28.7	5.8
7	737.6	39.8	62.6	1.2
8	632.2	13.8	25.5	1.0
9	59.3	-66.2	-97.3	0.1

Exports Profile:

In 2006, exports of the Islamic Republic of Iran were composed of 83.3 percent of mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (SITC section 3), largely crude petroleum oils (see table 1). Major partners were Japan, Other Asia, nes and Other Europe, nes (see table 4). From 2004 to 2006, top exported commodities included petroleum oils, crude (HS code 2709), petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons (HS code 2711) and other nuts, fresh or dried (HS code 0802) (see table 3). In 2006, petroleum oils, crude (HS code 2709) accounted for 79.4 percent of exports.

Table 2: Imports by SITC sections

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

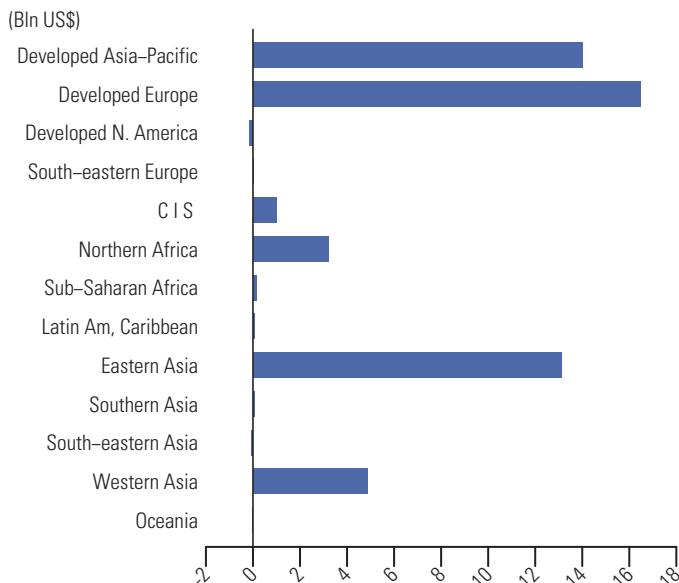
SITC	2006	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2006 share
		2002-2006	2005-2006	
Total	40685.8	18.9	5.2	100.0
0+1	576.7	-21.9	-73.0	1.4
2+4	501.2	-16.0	-73.7	1.2
3	1626.0	31.4	-56.6	4.0
5	1110.2	-16.7	-73.3	2.7
6	1960.0	-10.0	-74.9	4.8
7	3282.9	-23.8	-77.0	8.1
8	371.8	-16.6	-66.8	0.9
9	31256.9	115.8	792.3	76.8

Table 3: Top 10 export commodities 2004 to 2006

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2002	Value (million US\$)			Unit value			SITC code
		2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006	
All Commodities.....		44628.0	60012.0	63247.0				
2709 Petroleum oils, crude.....		34289.0	48286.0	50223.9	0.3	0.4		333
9999 Commodities not specified according to kind.....		3796.0	2171.4	59.3				931
2711 Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons.....		395.5	721.1	1536.6	0.3	0.4	0.5	343
0802 Other nuts, fresh or dried.....		560.8	727.2	1026.3	4.0	5.2	6.2	057
5701 Carpets and other textile floor coverings, knotted.....		498.3	463.8	439.9				659
7208 Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel.....		346.7	321.4	556.2	0.5	0.5	0.5	673
2710 Petroleum oils, other than crude.....		181.0	314.9	317.0	0.4	0.2	0.6	334
2902 Cyclic hydrocarbons.....		198.1	353.6	243.2	0.8	0.7	0.5	511
2707 Oils and other products of high temperature coal tar.....		184.7	282.7	312.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	335
7403 Refined copper and copper alloys, unwrought.....		93.6	63.8	514.0			5.3	682

Graph 2: Trade Balance by MDG Regions in 2006



Graph 3: Partner concentration of trade in 2006

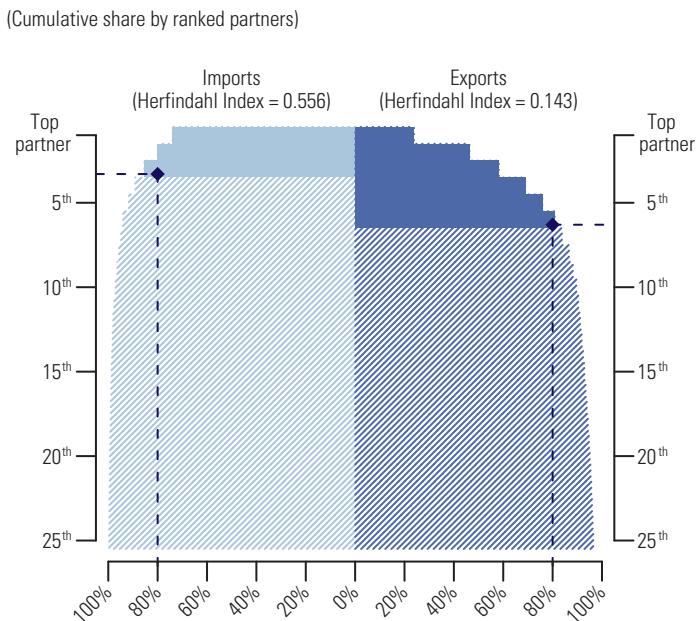


Table 4: Exports by principal countries and SITC sections in 2006

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

Country	Total	Shares by SITC sections (%)									
		0 + 1	2 + 4	3	5	6	7	8	9	Total	
World.....	63247.0	4.1	1.3	83.3	3.2	5.8	1.2	1.0	0.1	100	
Japan.....	15109.8	0.0	0.0	99.6	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	...	100	
Other Asia, nes.....	14199.2	0.1	0.0	99.1	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	...	100	
Other Europe, nes.....	7538.2	0.0	0.0	100.0	...	...	...	...	...	100
Italy.....	6739.7	0.8	0.4	91.5	1.0	6.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	100	
France.....	4393.0	0.2	0.1	98.9	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.0	...	100	
Other Africa, nes.....	3152.2	0.0	0.0	100.0	...	...	...	...	...	100
United Arab Emirates.....	1858.8	20.5	2.0	43.1	5.7	17.3	3.0	8.5	...	100	
Iraq.....	1809.4	37.4	4.5	1.3	9.0	26.4	11.9	9.4	0.0	100	
China.....	992.6	1.0	29.6	34.0	32.8	2.4	0.1	0.1	...	100	
India.....	895.4	2.7	5.1	18.7	34.1	39.3	0.1	0.0	...	100	

Imports Profile:

In 2006, commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC (SITC section 9) accounted for 76.8 percent of imports of the Islamic Republic of Iran (see table 2). From 2004 to 2006, major products for imports included petroleum oils, other than crude (HS code 2710), flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel (HS code 7208) and iron and non-alloy steel in ingots or other primary forms (HS code 7206) (see table 5).

Table 5: Top 10 import commodities 2004 to 2006

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2002	Value (million US\$)			Unit value			SITC code
		2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006	
All Commodities.....		32997.1	38674.7	40685.8				
9999 Commodities not specified according to kind.....		1957.3	3448.0	31256.9				931
2710 Petroleum oils, other than crude.....		2354.2	3502.8	1581.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	US\$/kg 334
7208 Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel.....		852.1	1232.3	213.3	0.5	0.7	0.7	US\$/kg 673
7206 Iron and non-alloy steel in ingots or other primary forms.....		857.6	997.9	102.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	US\$/kg 672
8411 Turbo-jets, turbo-propellers and other gas turbines.....		741.6	793.0	12.9				714
8708 Parts and accessories of the motor vehicles of headings 87.01 to 87.05.....		897.6	497.3	132.6	8.4	6.6	4.8	US\$/kg 784
8479 Machines and mechanical appliances having individual functions.....		632.2	563.7	165.8				728
8474 Machinery for sorting, screening, separating, washing, crushing, grinding.....		384.2	783.5	63.6				728
8525 Transmission apparatus for radio-telephony, radio-broadcasting.....		287.2	623.9	258.8				764
7305 Other tubes and pipes (for example, welded, riveted or similarly closed).....		208.5	521.0	411.0	0.8	1.0	1.0	US\$/kg 679