

Lebanon

Imports: CIF, by origin

Exports: FOB, by last known destination

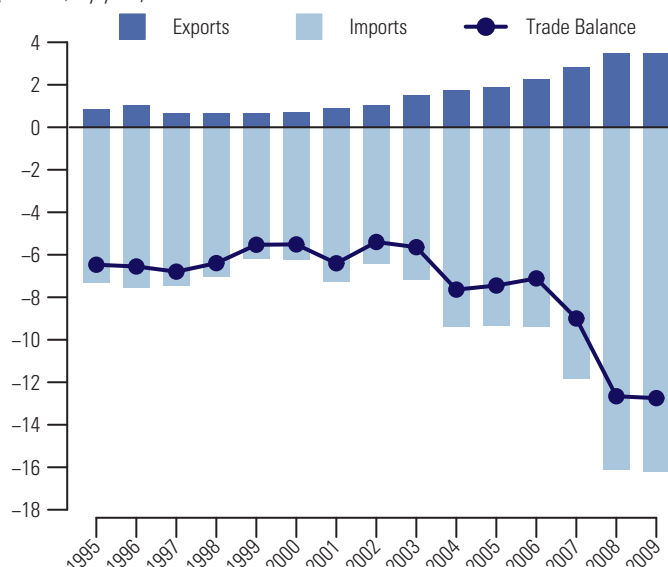
Trade System: Special

Overview:

From 2005 to 2009, Lebanon's exports increased on average by 16.7 percent each year and amounted to 3.5 bln US\$ in 2009 (see table 1 and graph 1). During the same period, imports increased on average by 14.9 percent each year to 16.2 bln US\$ (see table 2 and graph 1). Trade balance recorded a deficit of 12.7 bln US\$ in 2009 compared to 7.4 bln US\$ in 2005 (see graph 1). Trade was in deficit with nearly all MDG regions (see graph 2). In 2009, deficit with Developed Europe alone was 5.2 bln US\$. Major deficits were also recorded with Developed North America and Eastern Asia (-1.8 bln US\$ for both). Lebanon's trade was well diversified across partners: in 2009, 18 major partners accounted for 80 percent of exports compared to 21 major partners for imports (see graph 3).

Graph 1: Total imports, exports and trade balance

(Bln US\$ by year)



Exports Profile:

In 2009, major commodity groups for export include commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere (SITC section 9), manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (SITC section 6) and machinery and transport equipment (SITC section 7), accounting respectively for 24.4, 18.6 and 15.9 percent of exports (see table 1). Switzerland, United Arab Emirates and Iraq were the three major markets for exported goods in 2009 (see table 4). Exports to Switzerland were largely commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere in the SITC (SITC section 9). From 2007 to 2009, the top three exported products were gold (including gold plated with platinum) (HS code 7108), ferrous waste and scrap; remelting scrap ingots of iron or steel (HS code 7204) and mineral or chemical fertilisers, phosphatic (HS code 3103) (see table 3).

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	3484.2	16.7	0.2	100.0
0+1	413.3	11.1	-1.9	11.9
2+4	203.1	-1.5	-45.5	5.8
3	11.8	15.9	1.9	0.3
5	314.4	11.9	-41.1	9.0
6	649.0	11.9	-11.9	18.6
7	553.7	13.4	-3.8	15.9
8	488.0	12.2	-0.4	14.0
9	850.9	60.3	153.0	24.4

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	16231.6	14.9	0.6	100.0
0+1	2247.3	15.5	9.5	13.8
2+4	469.8	10.0	-21.1	2.9
3	3231.7	10.7	-20.7	19.9
5	1661.9	12.6	1.6	10.2
6	2370.9	13.2	-8.5	14.6
7	4328.5	23.4	27.5	26.7
8	1461.9	12.7	15.0	9.0
9	459.6	8.0	-11.2	2.8

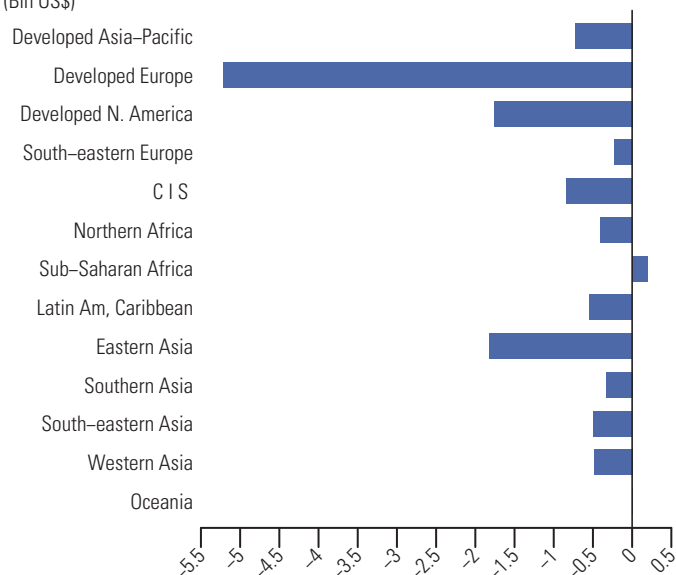
Table 3: Top 10 export commodities 2007 to 2009

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2007	Value (million US\$)			Unit value			SITC code
		2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	
	All Commodities.....	2816.3	3478.3	3484.2				
7108	Gold (including gold plated with platinum).....	314.6	319.0	842.0	19.3	26.0	27.0	thsd US\$/kg 971
7204	Ferrous waste and scrap; remelting scrap ingots of iron or steel.....	176.8	199.6	91.6	0.3	0.5	0.3	US\$/kg 282
3103	Mineral or chemical fertilisers, phosphatic.....	82.8	214.5	73.4	0.3	0.8	0.3	US\$/kg 562
7102	Diamonds, whether or not worked, but not mounted or set.....	73.1	122.5	151.2				667
8502	Electric generating sets and rotary converters.....	100.6	135.4	105.3				716
7113	Articles of jewellery and parts thereof, of precious metal.....	86.0	115.4	89.3	15.3	23.2	23.8	thsd US\$/kg 897
2523	Portland cement, aluminous cement, slag cement.....	74.6	114.2	71.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	US\$/kg 661
7404	Copper waste and scrap.....	101.6	86.2	49.8	5.6	6.4	4.6	US\$/kg 288
9403	Other furniture and parts thereof.....	61.2	82.7	71.9				821
2809	Diphosphorus pentoxide; phosphoric acid.....	38.5	97.8	37.0	0.3	1.0	0.3	US\$/kg 522

Graph 2: Trade Balance by MDG Regions in 2009

(Bln US\$)



Graph 3: Partner concentration of trade in 2009

(Cumulative share by ranked partners)

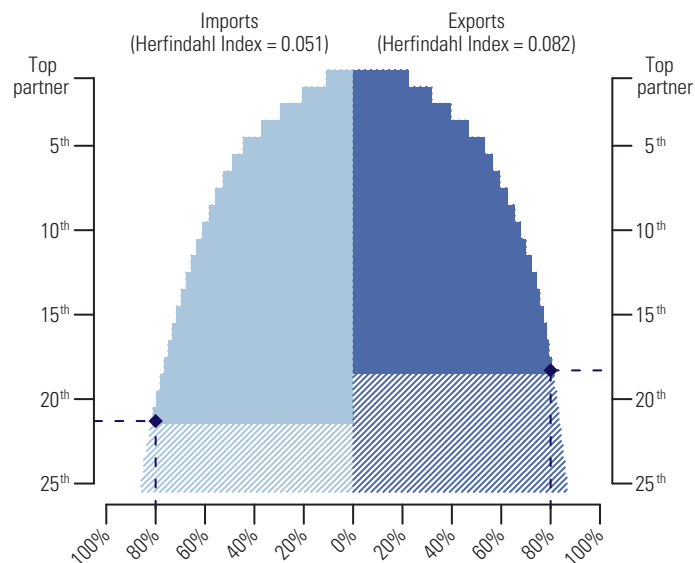


Table 4: Exports by principal countries and SITC sections in 2009

(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.....	3484.2	11.9	5.8	0.3	9.0	18.6	15.9	14.0	24.4	100	
Switzerland.....	777.4	0.1	0.0	...	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.4	98.7	100	
United Arab Emirates.....	332.8	8.2	0.9	0.0	6.5	27.6	21.6	33.9	1.3	100	
Iraq.....	270.7	11.4	3.8	0.1	10.2	22.6	40.3	11.5	0.1	100	
Saudi Arabia.....	242.8	23.4	1.6	0.1	7.3	21.6	13.2	31.8	1.1	100	
Syria.....	225.4	25.0	2.1	0.1	19.8	37.3	8.5	7.3	0.0	100	
Belgium.....	113.8	7.0	3.9	...	0.6	79.3	1.0	8.2	0.0	100	
France.....	108.6	6.5	0.8	0.0	2.5	9.0	28.8	51.5	1.1	100	
Jordan.....	105.4	28.2	3.7	0.0	9.5	25.8	11.5	21.3	0.1	100	
Turkey.....	104.9	1.4	76.1	...	11.6	7.2	3.1	0.6	0.0	100	
Qatar.....	79.6	23.3	1.5	0.1	3.5	30.9	16.0	24.7	0.1	100	

Imports Profile:

In 2009, Lebanon's imports were composed of 26.7 percent of machinery and transport equipment (SITC section 7), 19.9 percent of mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (SITC section 3) and 14.6 percent of manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (SITC section 6) (see table 2). From 2007 to 2009, the three major imported products were petroleum oils, other than crude (HS code 2710), motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport (HS code 8703), medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06) (HS code 3004) (see table 5).

Table 5: Top 10 import commodities 2007 to 2009

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2007	Value (million US\$)			Unit value			SITC code
		2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	
All Commodities.....		11814.6	16136.5	16231.6				
2710 Petroleum oils, other than crude.....		2422.8	3807.3	3014.2	0.6	0.9	0.5	334
8703 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport.....		720.1	1359.8	1463.1	17.0			781
3004 Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06).....		550.7	625.9	675.3	97.3	110.6	107.5	542
7108 Gold (including gold plated with platinum).....		265.4	512.5	449.8	21.3	26.3	30.5	971
7214 Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel.....		291.2	420.5	311.8	0.6	0.8	0.4	676
7102 Diamonds, whether or not worked, but not mounted or set.....		157.6	248.9	258.6				667
0102 Live bovine animals.....		136.7	150.8	207.9	683.8	793.8	936.4	001
8802 Other aircraft (for example, helicopters, aeroplanes); spacecraft.....		0.0	...	458.6				792
2402 Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes.....		128.6	150.2	173.4	18.0	16.5	16.9	122
1001 Wheat and meslin.....		114.7	160.8	108.9	0.3	0.4	0.2	041