

# Niger

Imports: CIF, by origin

Exports: FOB, by last known destination

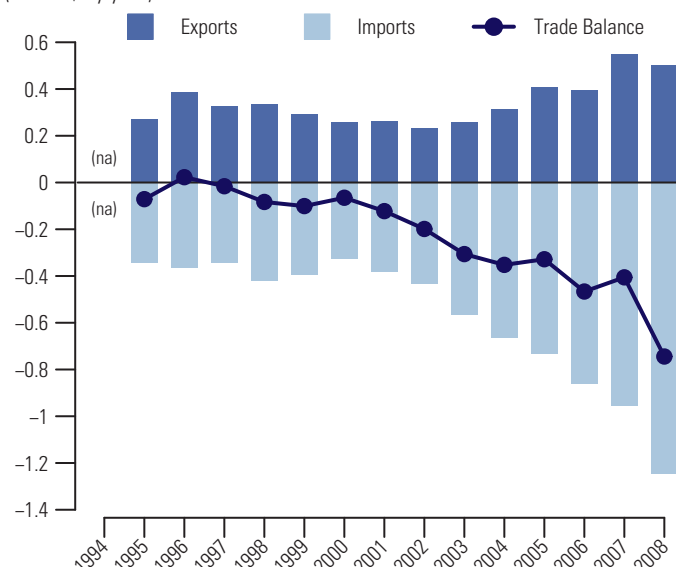
Trade System: General

## Overview:

Since 2004, Niger's exports increased on average by 12.4 percent each year and amounted to 503.1 mln US\$ in 2008 (see table 1 and graph 1). During the same period, imports increased on average by 16.9 percent to reach 1.2 bln US\$ (see table 2 and graph 1). This resulted in a trade deficit amounting to 744.4 mln US\$, a twofold increase compared to 2004. Trade was in deficit nearly with all MDG regions (see graph 2). Deficits with Developed Europe, Eastern Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa amounted respectively to 178.9 mln, 162.2 mln and 155.4 mln US\$. Contrary to imports, exports were very concentrated among a few partners: 6 major partners accounted for 80 percent of exports (compared to 17 major partners for imports) (see graph 3).

**Graph 1: Total imports, exports and trade balance**

(Bln US\$ by year)



## Exports Profile:

Inedible crude materials (except fuels), animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (SITC sections 2+4), largely uranium or thorium ores and concentrates, accounted for the majority of exported goods (see table 2). Their exports decreased by 1.5 percent in 2008 and accounted for 64.3 percent of exported goods. In 2008, exports of food, live animals, beverages and tobacco (SITC sections 0+1) increased by 0.4 percent and represented 18.7 percent of exports. Major partners for exports included France, USA and Nigeria (see table 4). Exports to France and USA were largely inedible crude materials (except fuels), animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes (SITC sections 2+4) while 88 percent of exports to Nigeria were food, live animals, beverages and tobacco (SITC sections 0+1). In addition to uranium or thorium ores and concentrates (HS code 2612), other major commodities for exports from 2006 to 2008 were gold (including gold plated with platinum) (HS code 7108) and worn clothing and other worn articles (HS code 6309) (see table 3).

**Table 1: Exports by SITC sections**

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

SITC	2008	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2008 share
		2004-2008	2007-2008	
Total	503.1	12.4	-8.5	100.0
0+1	94.0	0.0	0.4	18.7
2+4	323.3	21.1	-1.5	64.3
3	16.4	16.1	12.7	3.3
5	2.5	19.8	70.8	0.5
6	24.8	0.3	27.4	4.9
7	15.1	6.7	-40.1	3.0
8	5.0	41.0	-35.6	1.0
9	22.0	-1.4	-63.2	4.4

**Table 2: Imports by SITC sections**

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

SITC	2008	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2008 share
		2004-2008	2007-2008	
Total	1247.5	16.9	30.5	100.0
0+1	276.9	11.4	38.1	22.2
2+4	119.4	21.7	42.0	9.6
3	207.2	21.0	27.6	16.6
5	175.1	29.3	45.7	14.0
6	161.1	13.7	29.5	12.9
7	251.6	15.3	17.8	20.2
8	56.2	13.3	19.9	4.5
9	0.0	-89.7	-100.0	0.0

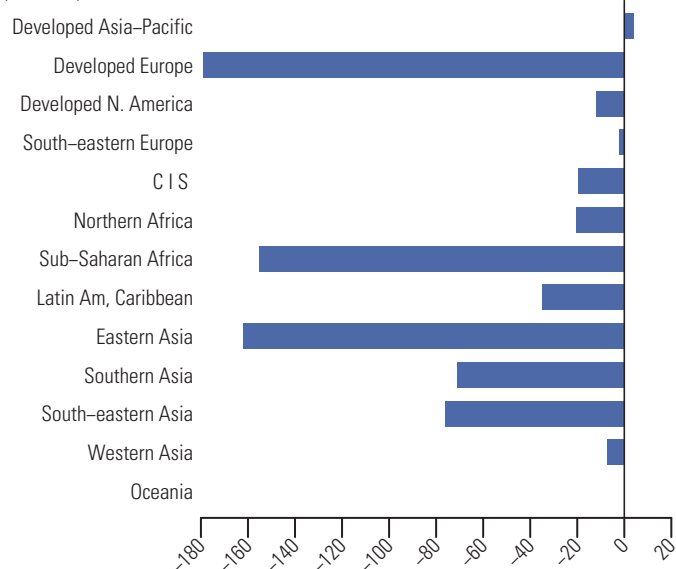
**Table 3: Top 10 export commodities 2006 to 2008**

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2002	Value (million US\$)			Unit value			SITC code
		2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	
All Commodities.....		393.8	550.1	503.1				
2612 Uranium or thorium ores and concentrates.....		152.0	298.8	289.4	48.1	87.5	137.1	286
7108 Gold (including gold plated with platinum).....		37.3	59.2	22.0	14.3	22.4	18.0	971
6309 Worn clothing and other worn articles.....		20.5	24.4	30.0	0.4	0.1	0.6	269
0703 Onions, shallots, garlic, leeks and other alliaceous vegetables.....		22.5	26.8	11.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	054
0102 Live bovine animals.....		20.1	18.2	21.0	488.5	644.5	736.4	001
5208 Woven fabrics of cotton, containing 85 % or more by weight of cotton.....		18.6	17.7	22.7	11.0	27.1	27.4	652
0104 Live sheep and goats.....		13.7	12.7	18.4				001
2710 Petroleum oils, other than crude.....		9.3	14.5	16.3	0.7	0.7	0.7	334
8703 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport.....		29.2	2.6	0.8	8.6	16.6		781
1006 Rice.....		10.3	10.9	10.6	0.3	0.2	0.4	042

Graph 2: Trade Balance by MDG Regions in 2008

(Mln US\$)



Graph 3: Partner concentration of trade in 2008

(Cumulative share by ranked partners)

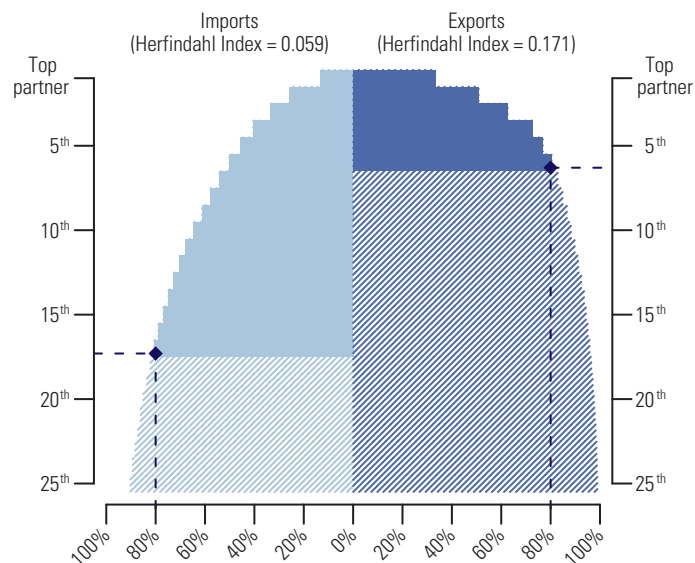


Table 4: Exports by principal countries and SITC sections in 2008

(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.....	503.1	18.7	64.3	3.3	0.5	4.9	3.0	1.0	4.4	100	
France.....	167.3	0.6	93.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	5.1	0.8	0.1	100	
USA.....	88.7	0.3	99.1	...	...	0.0	0.3	0.4	...	100	
Nigeria.....	59.2	88.0	1.7	9.5	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3	...	100	
Japan.....	49.8	0.0	96.7	...	...	0.1	3.1	0.0	...	100	
Switzerland.....	21.8	0.0	0.0	...	...	1.0	0.0	0.2	98.7	100	
Côte d'Ivoire.....	17.9	26.3	0.2	35.7	0.0	36.7	0.1	1.1	...	100	
Areas, nes.....	12.4	25.2	13.5	...	...	51.9	8.8	0.6	...	100	
Thailand.....	10.0	100.0	0.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	100	
Netherlands.....	8.7	0.0	8.8	4.3	...	86.8	0.0	0.0	...	100	
Spain.....	8.5	0.0	98.1	...	...	1.8	0.0	0.1	...	100	

**Imports Profile:**

Food, live animals, beverages and tobacco (SITC sections 0+1) and machinery and transport equipment (SITC section 7) accounted respectively for 22.2 and 20.2 percent of imports in 2008 (see table 2). By products, top commodities for imports from 2006 to 2008 included petroleum oils, other than crude (HS code 2710), rice (HS code 1006) and medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06) (HS code 3004) (see table 5).

Table 5: Top 10 import commodities 2006 to 2008

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2002	Value (million US\$)			Unit value			SITC code
		2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	
All Commodities.....		860.2	955.7	1247.5				
2710 Petroleum oils, other than crude.....		106.9	144.5	185.9	0.8	0.7	1.1	334
1006 Rice.....		64.3	56.4	115.0	0.3	0.3	0.5	042
3004 Medicaments (excluding goods of heading 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06).....		31.5	69.5	111.8	22.9	35.5	63.8	542
6309 Worn clothing and other worn articles.....		34.5	40.4	55.4	1.1	0.2	1.3	269
2523 Portland cement, aluminous cement, slag cement.....		32.3	37.1	47.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	661
8703 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport.....		21.7	28.3	29.7	15.4	15.4		781
0402 Milk and cream, concentrated or containing added sugar.....		24.3	15.0	31.2	2.2	2.4	2.8	022
2402 Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes.....		19.1	24.5	25.7	8.2	9.0	9.5	122
1701 Cane or beet sugar and pure sucrose, in solid form.....		20.1	21.0	25.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	061
8704 Motor vehicles for the transport of goods.....		15.3	29.7	21.4	20.2		22.4	782