

United Arab Emirates

Imports: CIF, by origin

Exports: FOB, by last known destination

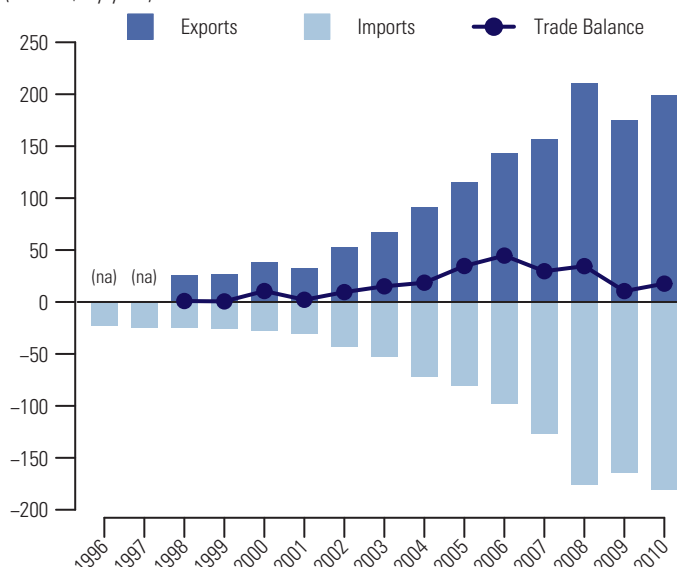
Trade System: Special

Overview:

After reaching a peak of 210.0 bln US\$ in 2008, the value of the exports of United Arab Emirates contracted sharply by 16.8 percent in 2009 but increased again in 2010 by 13.5 percent to amount to 198.4 bln US\$ (see table 1 and graph 1). Imports increased by 10.0 percent in 2010 to 180.7 bln US\$ (see table 2 and graph 1). The trade surplus went up to 17.6 bln US\$ in 2010 from 10.5 bln US\$ in 2009 (see graph 1). By MDG regions, large surpluses were recorded with Eastern Asia (+51.0 bln US\$), Southern Asia (+8.9 bln US\$) and Western Asia (+3.9 bln US\$). Trade was in deficit with Developed Europe (-22.7 bln US\$), Developed North America (-10.0 bln US\$) and Developed Asia-Pacific (-9.8 bln US\$). Exports were concentrated among few partners but imports were diversified: in 2010, 6 major partners accounted for 80 percent of exports compared to 16 major partners for imports (see graph 3).

Graph 1: Total imports, exports and trade balance

(Bln US\$ by year)



Exports Profile:

In 2010, more than a third of exported goods were mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials (SITC section 3) (see table 1): they represented 37.3 percent of total exports. Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere (SITC section 9) accounted for 32.6 percent of exports. Other major commodity groups for exports included manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (SITC section 6) and machinery and transport equipment (SITC section 7), respectively with 11.5 and 10.1 percent of exports. Other Asia, nes, India and Iran were the three major partners for exported goods (see table 4). From 2008 to 2010, top exported commodities were petroleum oils, crude (HS code 2709), petroleum oils, other than crude (HS code 2710) and gold (including gold plated with platinum) (HS code 7108) (see table 3).

Table 1: Exports by SITC sections

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

SITC	2010	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2010 share
		2006-2010	2009-2010	
Total	198362.0	8.6	13.5	100.0
0+1	4487.5	18.6	25.1	2.3
2+4	1413.9	-1.0	6.9	0.7
3	74046.6	0.5	14.7	37.3
5	3272.5	14.9	18.7	1.6
6	22744.9	28.9	54.7	11.5
7	20113.7	16.1	21.2	10.1
8	7618.4	20.0	15.7	3.8
9	64664.5	11.8	0.1	32.6

Table 2: Imports by SITC sections

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

SITC	2010	Avg. Growth rates (%)		2010 share
		2006-2010	2009-2010	
Total	180726.0	16.6	10.0	100.0
0+1	10396.1	15.8	14.7	5.8
2+4	3140.5	10.5	12.9	1.7
3	2028.5	25.1	13.4	1.1
5	8411.6	12.8	11.9	4.7
6	31640.7	14.1	22.5	17.5
7	41922.4	9.8	-6.5	23.2
8	16197.0	11.9	8.3	9.0
9	66989.0	26.6	16.6	37.1

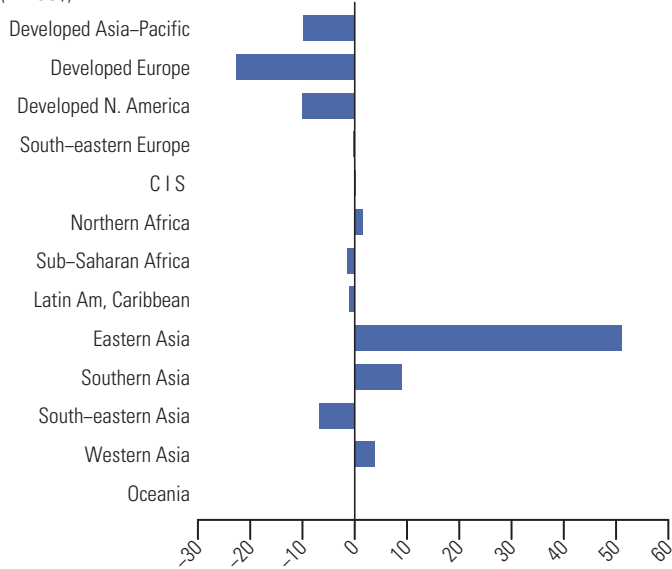
Table 3: Top 10 export commodities 2008 to 2010

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2002	Value (million US\$)			Unit value			SITC code
		2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	
All Commodities.....		210000.0	174725.0	198362.0				
2709 Petroleum oils, crude.....		80481.7	43535.4	65482.1				333
9999 Commodities not specified according to kind.....		46858.4	53154.1	51994.9				931
2710 Petroleum oils, other than crude.....		22797.1	15852.0	6514.1	0.8			US\$/kg 334
7108 Gold (including gold plated with platinum).....		7960.7	10520.8	11508.4	27.6			thsd US\$/kg 971
7102 Diamonds, whether or not worked, but not mounted or set.....		6687.3	7692.7	15193.9	126.0			US\$/carat 667
7113 Articles of jewellery and parts thereof, of precious metal.....		3710.0	3046.3	3689.2	25.4			thsd US\$/kg 897
8703 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport.....		3882.6	3283.5	3237.1				781
2711 Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons.....		2.7	5157.5	2030.7	2.0			US\$/kg 343
8517 Electrical apparatus for line telephony or line telegraphy.....		159.7	1791.7	2352.2				764
7110 Platinum, unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms, or in powder form.....		4032.8	2.8	6.4	59.5			thsd US\$/kg 681

Graph 2: Trade Balance by MDG Regions in 2010

(Bln US\$)



Graph 3: Partner concentration of trade in 2010

(Cumulative share by ranked partners)

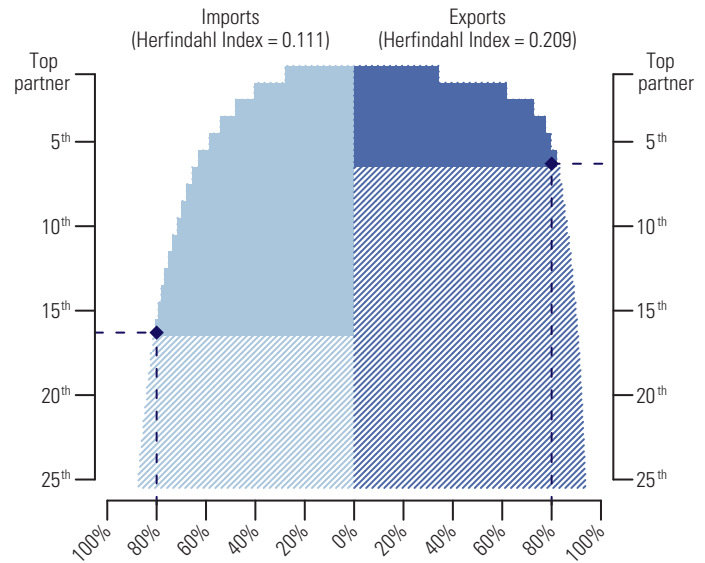


Table 4: Exports by principal countries and SITC sections in 2010

(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.....	198362.0	2.3	0.7	37.3	1.6	11.5	10.1	3.8	32.6	100	
Other Asia, nes.....	68028.8	0.0	0.0	99.8	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	100	
Areas, nes.....	54475.1	0.1	0.0	3.8	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	95.5	100	
India.....	21842.9	1.0	2.1	0.2	0.9	61.7	1.3	1.0	31.9	100	
Iran.....	9320.3	12.3	1.2	0.8	3.8	20.3	43.8	15.1	2.6	100	
Iraq.....	4584.7	12.2	0.4	0.9	1.8	15.9	52.1	16.5	0.1	100	
Switzerland.....	4420.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	3.7	0.5	5.1	90.5	100	
Saudi Arabia.....	2493.8	13.1	1.4	0.9	10.3	15.4	35.0	10.4	13.4	100	
Afghanistan.....	2238.4	7.8	0.2	0.5	1.5	3.9	82.3	3.8	0.0	100	
Bahrain.....	1851.0	3.4	1.3	0.9	2.1	4.9	44.2	37.7	5.5	100	
Qatar.....	1776.1	7.6	9.3	0.2	4.0	14.5	32.6	26.0	5.7	100	

Imports Profile:

In 2010, imports were composed of 37.1 percent commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere (SITC section 9), 23.2 percent machinery and transport equipment (SITC section 7) and 17.5 percent manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (SITC section 6) (see table 2). From 2008 to 2010, top imported products were gold (including gold plated with platinum) (HS code 7108), diamonds, whether or not worked, but not mounted or set (HS code 7102) and motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport (HS code 8703) (see table 5).

Table 5: Top 10 import commodities 2008 to 2010

(Value in million US\$)

HS code	4-digit heading of Harmonized System 2002	Value (million US\$)			Unit value			SITC code
		2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	
All Commodities.....		175485.7	164251.0	180726.0				
9999 Commodities not specified according to kind.....		21482.5	42663.7	48773.7				931
7108 Gold (including gold plated with platinum).....		13225.6	14513.0	18051.1	25.3			thsd US\$/kg 971
7102 Diamonds, whether or not worked, but not mounted or set.....		7352.7	7223.5	13108.0	151.5			US\$/carat 667
8703 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport.....		11033.3	5203.5	7324.5				781
7113 Articles of jewellery and parts thereof, of precious metal.....		6154.3	5172.2	6150.9	22.8			thsd US\$/kg 897
7214 Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel.....		6770.1	842.1	698.7	1.0			US\$/kg 676
8803 Parts of goods of heading 88.01 or 88.02.....		1737.9	3462.4	2807.1	416.0			US\$/kg 792
8517 Electrical apparatus for line telephony or line telegraphy.....		451.5	2901.5	2843.5				764
8802 Other aircraft (for example, helicopters, aeroplanes); spacecraft.....		2340.7	1603.8	2191.6				792
8411 Turbo-jets, turbo-propellers and other gas turbines.....		1304.1	2166.9	2161.1				714