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Department of Statistics (DoS): National Exports Grew by 5.8% During the First Five Months of 2026

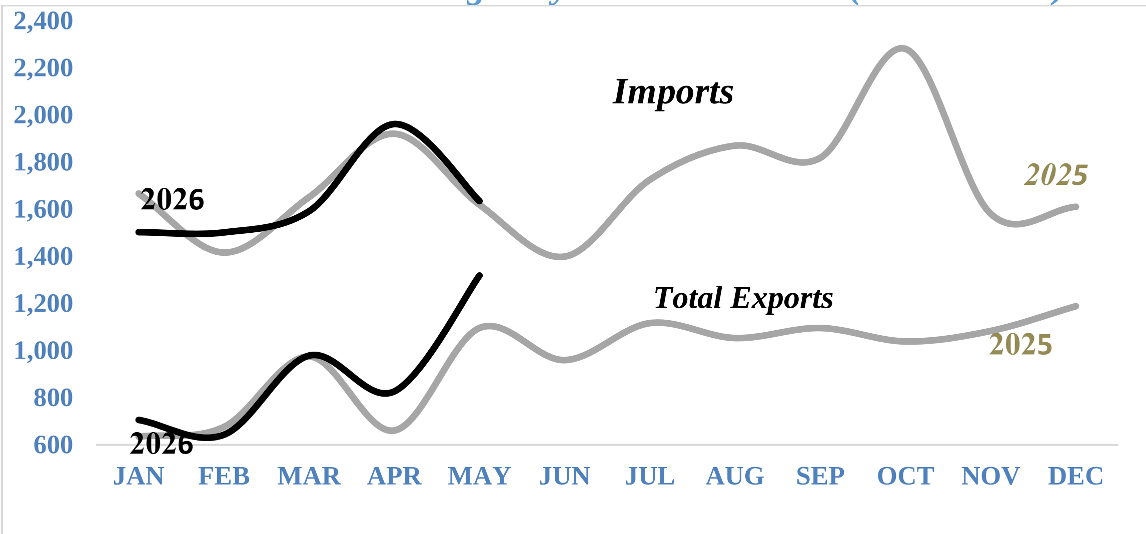
- ***Total exports increased by 11.6%***
- ***National exports concentrated in the Clothing, Fertilizers, and Crude Potash Sectors***
- ***National exports to Syria increased by 38.9%, to China by 62.7%, and to the European Union by 37.8%***
- ***The trade deficit decreased by 17.1%***
- ***Export-to-Import coverage ratio increased to 63%***
- ***Imports decreased by 1%***

The Department of Statistics (DoS) issued its monthly report on external trade, which recorded an increase in the national exports during the first five months of 2026 by 5.8% to reach JOD 3,796 million compared to the same period of 2025. In addition, the value of re-exports increased by 31.3% to reach JOD 1,387 million. Consequently, the total export value reached JOD 5,183 million, recording an increase of 11.6%. Besides, the imports decreased by (1.0%) to reach JOD 8,194 million during the first five months of 2026. Accordingly, the trade balance deficit decreased from JOD 3,632 million to JOD 3,011 million, a decrease by (17.1%) (i.e. a decrease of JOD (621) million compared to the same period in 2025.

Exports - Imports Coverage Ratio:

Export-to-Import coverage ratio reached 63.0% during the first five months of 2026 compared to 56.0% during the same period in 2025, an increase of 7 percentage points.

External Trade Values During the years 2025 & 2026 (JOD million)



Commodity Composition During the First Five Months of 2026

The increase in national exports was concentrated in the ***"Clothes and Related Knitted Fabrics" by 1.2%, "Nitrogenous or Chemical Fertilizers" by* 15.3%, and *"Crude Potash" by 38.4%.* Meanwhile,** the national exports decreased from ***"Precious Ornaments and Jewelry"*** by (12.3%), ***"Pharmaceutical Products" by (4.2%), and "Crude Potash" by*** (2.8%). As for imports, there were increases in the ***"Crude Oil and its Derivatives"*** by 41.9% and ***"Plastic Products"*** *by 8.5%,* while there were decreases in importing ***"Precious Ornaments and Jewelry"*** by (40.2%), ***"Machinery Tools"*** by (25.7%), ***"Carts, Bicycles, and Motorcycles*"** by (9.4%), and ***"Machinery & Electrical Equipment"*** by (7.0%).

Table 1: The Most Important Exported and Imported Commodities During the First Five Months of 2025 & 2026 (Million JOD)

Most Important Exported Commodities (First Five Months of 2026)				Most Important Imported Commodities (First Five Months of 2026)			
Commodities	***2025**	***2026**	**Relative Change (%)**	**Commodities**	***2025**	***2026**	**Relative Change(%)**
Clothes and related knitted fabric	646	654	1.2	Crude Oil and its Products & Mineral Oil	1,135	1,611	41.9
Nitrogenous or Chemical Fertilizers	398	459	15.3	Carts, Bicycles, and Mo and their part	736	667	-9.4
Crude Potash	198	274	38.4	Machinery Tools and their parts	661	491	-25.7
Precious Ornaments and Jewelry	276	242	-12.3	Precious Ornaments anc	738	441	-40.2
Pharmaceutical products	236	226	-4.2	Electrical Appliances ar Parts	385	358	-7.0
Crude Phosphate	212	206	-2.8	Plastics and their produ	260	282	8.5
Other items	,621	,735	7.0	Other items	4,360	4,344	-0.4
National Exports	**,587**	**3,796**	**5.8**				
Re-exports	**,056**	**1,387**	**31.3**				
Total Exports (1)	**,643**	**5,183**	**11.6**	**Total Imports (2)**	**8,275**	**8,194**	**-1.0**
Trade deficit (1) – (2)					**-3,632**	**-3,011**	**-17.1**

Source: Department of Statistics / External Trade Division/ External Trade Report of May 2026

****Primary numbers***

Trade Partners During the First Months of 2026

The increase in national exports was driven by increases in exports to Syria, non-Arab Asian Countries, including China, and to EU countries, including the Netherlands. Meanwhile, the most prominent international markets from which imports increased are the Greater Arab Free Trade Area (GAFTA) countries, of which KSA, and the Non-Asian Arab countries, including India.

Table 2: Key Trade Partners and Economic Blocs During the First Five Months of 2025 & 2026 - (Million JOD)

Key Export Partners (First Five Months of 2026)				Key Imports Partners (First Five Months d of 2026)			
Economic Blocs	***2025**	***2026**	**Relative Change (%)**	**Economic Blocs**	***2025**	***2026**	**Relative Change (%)**
Greater Arab Free Trade Area (GAFTA) Countries of which:	**1,547**	**1,550**	**0.2**	**Greater Arab Free Trade Area (GAFTA) Countries of which:**	**2,280**	**2,554**	**12.0**
Saudi Arabia	491	424	-13.6	Saudi Arabia	1,220	1,546	26.7
Syria	90	125	38.9	Syria	34	17	-50.0
Iraq	377	381	1.1	Iraq	81	32	-60.5
North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	**922**	**786**	**-14.8**	**North American Free Trade Agreement countries**	**702**	**587**	**-16.4**
USA	**887**	**744**	**-16.1**	**USA**	**663**	**551**	**-16.9**
Non-Arab Asian Countries	**732**	**906**	**23.8**	**Non-Arab Asian countries**	**2,966**	**3,011**	**1.5**
Of which China	102	166	62.7	Of which India	226	367	62.4
European Union Countries	**185**	**255**	**37.8**	**European Union Countries**	**1,321**	**1,087**	**-17.7**
Of which Netherlands	40	64	60.0	Of which Germany	260	228	-12.3
Rest of the Economic Blocs	**201**	**299**	**48.8**	**Rest of the Economic Blocs**	**1,006**	**955**	**-5.1**
Of which Switzerland	29	119	310.3	Of which Switzerland	299	214	-28.4

Source: Department of Statistics – External Trade Division/ External Trade Report of May 2026
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External Trade in May 2026

In May 2026, the value of total exports reached JOD 1,319 million, including the national exports of JOD 841 million and the re-exports of JOD 478 million. Meanwhile, the value of imports amounted to JOD 1,635 million. Accordingly, the trade balance deficit has reached JOD 316 million during May 2026.

Compared to the same month in 2025, increases are noted in the total exports by 20.3%, national exports by 1.3%, the re-exports by 79.7%, and also the imports increased by 1.0%, leading to a (39.6%) decrease in the trade balance deficit.

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