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Department of Statistics (DoS): National exports grew by 1.6% during the First Quarter (Q1) of 2026 compared to the same period in 2025.

National exports were concentrated in the clothing, crude potash, and pharmaceutical products sectors.

National exports to Syria increased by 45.3%, China by 74.1%, and to the European Union by 69.9%.

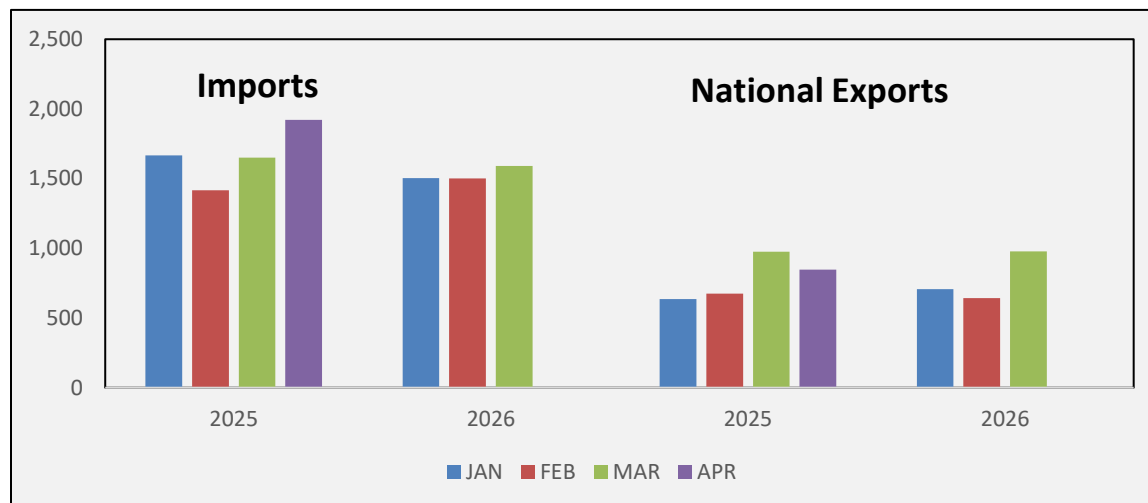
The trade deficit decreased by (6.3%), and total exports to imports covered 59.0% of imports.

The Department of Statistics (DoS) issued its monthly report on external trade, showing that the value of national exports increased during Q1 2026 by 1.6% to reach JOD 2,129 million, while the value of re-exports decreased by (7.1%) to reach JOD 561 million. Accordingly, the value of total exports reached JOD 2,690 million, recording a slight decrease of (0.4%) compared to the same period in 2025. Also, the imports decreased by (2.9%) to reach JOD 4,597 million in Q1 2026. Consequently, the trade balance deficit reached JOD 1,907 million, a decrease of JOD (128) million i.e. (6.3%) compared to the same period in 2025.

Exports to Imports Coverage Ratio:

The total exports coverage ratio to imports reached 59.0% in Q1 2026 compared to 57.0% for the same period in 2025, indicating an increase of 2 percentage points.

Figure 1 : Monthly Values of External Trade During Q1 of 2025 & 2026 (Million JOD)



Monthly performance of March 2026

In March 2026, the value of total exports reached JOD 979 million, including the national exports of JOD 779 million and the re-exports of JOD 200 million. Meanwhile, the value of imports amounted to JOD 1,592 million. Accordingly, the trade balance deficit has reached JOD 613 million during March 2026.

Compared to the same month in 2025, increases are noted in the total exports by 0.4 and the national exports by 5.3%. Meanwhile, there is a slight decrease in the re-exports by (0.8%), and the imports decreased by (3.6%), leading to a (9.5%) decrease in the trade balance deficit.

Commodity Composition During Q1 2026

The increase in national exports was concentrated in the **“Crude Potash”** 39.2%, **“Clothes and related Accessories”** 5.4%, and **“Pharmaceutical preparations”** by 17.6%. As for imports, there were increases in the value of **“Precious Ornaments and Jewelry”** by 24.5%,

“*Plastics*” by 12.2%, and “*Crude Oil and its Derivatives*” by 3.3%. Meanwhile, there were decreases in the imports of “*Machinery Tools*” by (16.8%), “*Carts, Bicycles, and Motorcycles*” by (33.1%), and “*Machinery and Electrical Equipment*” by (10.7%).

Table 1: The Most Important Exported and Imported Commodities During Q1 of 2025 & 2026

(Million JOD)

National Exports				Imports			
Items	*2025	*2026	Relative Change (%)	Items	*2025	*2026	Relative Change (%)
Clothes and related Access	373	393	5.4	Crude Oil and its Products & Mineral Oil	728	752	3.3
Nitrogenous or Chemical Fertilizers	246	242	-1.6	Precious Ornaments and Jewelry	237	295	24.5
Precious Ornaments and Jewelry	221	171	-22.6	Machines, Machinery T their parts	340	283	-16.8
Crude Potash	120	167	39.2	Carts, Bicycles, and Mo and their part	408	273	-33.1
Pharmaceutical products	125	147	17.6	Electrical Appliances an Parts	242	216	-10.7
Crude Phosphate	112	108	-3.6	Plastics and their produc	147	165	12.2
Other items	899	901	0.2	Other items	2,633	2,613	-0.8
National Exports	2,096	2,129	1.6				
Re-exports	604	561	-7.1				
Total Exports (1)	2,700	2,690	-0.4	Total Imports (2)	4,735	4,597	-2.9
Trade deficit (1) – (2)					-2,035	-1,907	-6.3

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

**Primary numbers*

Trade Partners During Q1 2026

The increase in national exports was driven by the increase in exporting to the markets of 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.

Table 2: Main Trade Partners and Economic Blocs During Q1 of 2025 & 2026 - (Million JOD)

National Exports to:				Imports from:			
Economic Blocs	*2025	*2026	Relative Change (%)	Economic Blocs	*2025	*2026	Relative Change (%)
Greater Arab Free Trade Area (GAFTA) Countries of which:	860	843	-2.0	Greater Arab Free Trade Area Countries of which:	1,287	1,374	6.8
Saudi Arabia	242	225	-7.0	Saudi Arabia	773	806	4.3
Syria	53	77	45.3	Syria	13	6	-53.8
Iraq	221	194	-12.2	Iraq	52	14	-73.1
North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	578	478	-17.3	North American Free Trade Agreement countries	407	275	-32.4
USA	559	457	-18.2	USA	383	254	-33.7
Non-Arab Asian Countries	403	437	8.4	Non-Arab Asian countries	1,782	1,694	-4.9
Of which China	58	101	74.1	Of which Turkey	139	125	-10.1
European Union Countries	103	175	69.9	European Union Countries	779	646	-17.1
Of which Netherlands	21	48	128.6	Of which Germany	149	127	-14.8
Rest of the Economic Blocs	152	196	28.9	Rest of the Economic Blocs	480	608	26.7
Of which Switzerland	29	118	306.9	Of which Switzerland	59	163	176.3

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