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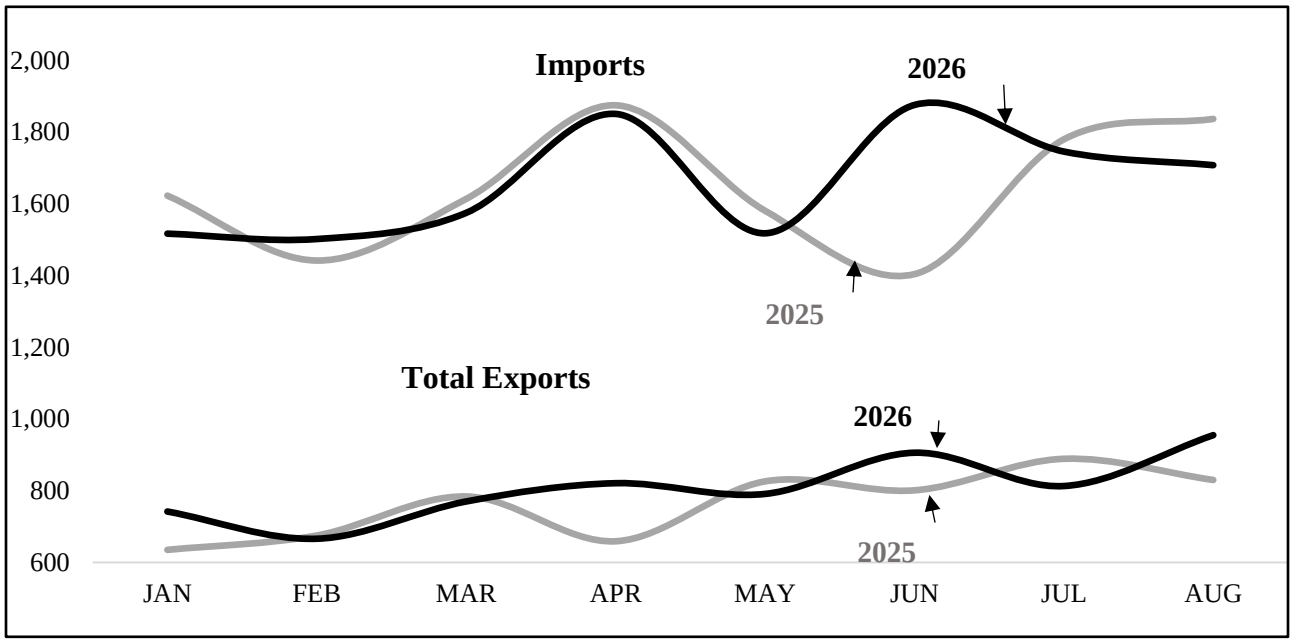
- Department of Statistics (DoS): Total Exports Increased by 11.2% During the First Eight Months of 2026
- National Exports Increased by 6.0%.
- National exports concentrated in the Clothing, Fertilizers, Pharmaceutical products, and Crude Potash Sectors.
- National exports to Syria increased by 28.9%, to China by 74.3%, and to the European Union by 11.4%
- The trade deficit decreased by (9.6%)
- Export-to-Import coverage ratio increased to 56%.
- Imports Increased by 1.0%

The Department of Statistics (DoS) issued its monthly report on external trade, which recorded an increase in the national exports during the first eight months of 2026 by 6.0% to reach JOD 6,464 million compared to the same period of 2025. In addition, the value of re-exports increased by 63.4% to reach JOD 1,000 million. Consequently, the total export value reached JOD 7,464 million, recording an increase of 11.2%. Besides, the imports increased by 1.0% to reach JOD 13,294 million during the first eight months of 2026. Accordingly, the trade balance deficit decreased from JOD 6,446 million to JOD 5,830 million, a decrease by (9.6%) (i.e. a decrease of JOD (616) million compared to the same period in 2025.

Exports to Imports Coverage Ratio:

Export-to-Import coverage ratio reached 56% during the first eight months of 2026 compared to 51% during the same period in 2025, an increase of 5 percentage points.

External Trade Values by months during the years 2025 & 2026 (JOD million)



Commodity Composition during the First Eight Months of 2026

The increase in national exports was concentrated in the ***"Clothes and Related Knitted Fabrics" by 4.6%, "Nitrogenous or Chemical Fertilizers" by*** **16.4%, "*Pharmaceutical products" by 1.8%,* and *"Crude Potash" by 12.3%.*** **Meanwhile,** the national exports decreased from ***"Precious Ornaments and Jewelry"*** by (14.4%) and the ***"Crude Phosphate" by*** (13.4%).

As for imports, there were increases in the ***"Crude Oil and its Derivatives"*** by 39.1% and ***"Grains"*** by 13.5%, while there were decreases in importing ***"Precious Ornaments and Jewelry"*** by (14.4%), ***"Machinery Tools"*** by (25.0%), ***"Carts, Bicycles, and Motorcycles"*** by (33.6%), and ***"Machinery & Electrical Equipment"*** by (7.9%).

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

Most Important Exported Commodities (First Eight Months of 2026)				**Most Important Imported Commodities (First Eight Months of 2026)**			
Commodities	***2025**	***2026**	**Relative Change (%)**	**Commodities**	***2025**	***2026**	**Relative Change (%)**
Clothes and related knitted fabri	1,125	1,177	4.6	Crude Oil and its Products & Mineral Oil	1,755	2,441	39.1
Nitrogenous or Chemical Fertilizers	670	780	16.4	Precious Ornaments and Jewe	995	852	-14.4
Pharmaceutical products	398	405	1.8	Machinery Tools and their parts	1,093	820	-25.0
Precious Ornaments and Jewelry	473	405	-14.4	Carts, Bicycles, and Motorcyc their part	999	663	-33.6
Crude Potash	359	403	12.3	Electrical Appliances and thei Parts	647	596	-7.9
Crude Phosphate	374	324	-13.4	Grains	452	513	13.5
Other items	2,699	2,970	10.0	Other items	7,215	7,409	2.7
National Exports	**6,098**	**6,464**	**6.0**				
Re-exports	**612**	**1,000**	**63.4**				
Total Exports (1)	**6,710**	**7,464**	**11.2**	**Total Imports (2)**	**13,156**	**13,294**	**1.0**
Trade deficit (1) – (2)					**-6,446**	**-5,830**	**-9.6**

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

****Primary numbers***

Trade Partners During the First Eight Months of 2026

The increase in national exports was driven by the increases in exports to Syria and Iraq, non-Arab Asian Countries, including China, and to the 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: Key Trade Partners and Economic Blocs During the First Eight Months of 2025 & 2026 - (Million JOD)

Key Export Partners (First Eight Months of 2026)				Key Import Partners (First Eight Months of 2026)			
Economic Blocs	***2025**	***2026**	**Relative Change (%)**	**Economic Blocs**	***2025**	***2026**	**Relative Change (%)**
Greater Arab Free Trade Area (GAFTA) Countries of which:	**2,530**	**2,733**	**8.0**	**Greater Arab Free Trade Area (GAFTA) Countries of which:**	**3,542**	**4.232**	**19.5**
Saudi Arabia	836	721	-13.8	Saudi Arabia	1,972	2,392	21.3
Syria	152	196	28.9	Syria	68	35	-48.5
Iraq	599	750	25.2	Iraq	104	52	-50.0
North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	**1,532**	**1,359**	**-11.3**	**North American Free Trade Agreement countries**	**1,123**	**1,003**	**-10.7**
USA	1,472	1,286	-12.6	**USA**	1,068	948	-11.2
Non-Arab Asian Countries	**1,277**	**1,479**	**15.8**	**Non-Arab Asian countries**	**4,775**	**4,462**	**-6.6**
Of which China	152	265	74.3	Of which China	2,510	2,270	-9.6
European Union Countries	**369**	**411**	**11.4**	**European Union Countries**	**2,088**	**1,942**	**-7.0**
Of which Netherlands	71	104	46.5	Of which Germany	451	397	-12.0
Rest of the Economic Blocs	**390**	**482**	**23.6**	**Rest of the Economic Blocs**	**1,628**	**1,655**	**1.7**
Of which Switzerland	51	150	194.1	Of which Free zone	225	260	15.6

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External Trade in July 2026

In August 2026, the value of total exports reached JOD 1,069 million, including the national exports of JOD 955 million and the re-exports of JOD 114 million. Meanwhile, the value of imports amounted to JOD 1,708 million. Accordingly, the trade balance has reached JOD 639 million during August 2026. Therefore, national exports increased by 17.5% during August 2026 to reach JOD 955 million compared to JOD 813 million during July 2026, while imports decreased by (2.2%) during August 2026 to reach JOD 1,708 million compared to JOD 1,746 million during July 2026.

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