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Non-oil Merchandise Trade

Through the Ports of Abu Dhabi Emirate

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Introduction

This publication presents statistics on the value of non-oil foreign merchandise trade which entered or exited the territory of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi through the ports of Abu Dhabi (comprising air, sea and road ports) in April 2014. It should be noted that foreign trade data presented in this publication do not cover non-oil exports and imports through ports of the other Emirates in the UAE.

The data have been sourced from the Abu Dhabi Department of Finance – Customs Administration, and the scope of the statistics therefore is restricted to the trade flows recorded at ports under the jurisdiction of the Customs Administration. The publication highlights the relative importance of each individual component of imports, non-oil exports and re-exports.

The data are presented according to the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), Revision 4, the Broad Economic Categories (BEC), the Harmonised System(HS) and by country. In addition, a monthly time series of historical data for total imports, non-oil exports and re-exports is presented.

The Explanatory Notes section at the end of this publication defines the key terms and technical concepts used in the compilation of non-oil foreign merchandise trade statistics.

Readers are encouraged to refer to that section while reading the statistics and information outlined in the publication.

Key Points

Monthly non-oil foreign merchandise trade, April 2014

The total value of non-oil foreign merchandise trade in April 2014 was AED 12,550 million, with imports of AED 9,661 million (77.0% of total), non-oil exports of AED 1,483 million (11.8% of total) and re-exports at AED 1,406 million (11.2% of total).

The April 2014 total increased by AED 694 million (5.8%) compared with March 2014, with imports increasing by AED 974 million (11.2%), while the value of non-oil exports decreased by AED 215 million (-12.6%) and re-exports by AED 65 million (-4.5%) over the period.

A year on year comparison (April 2013 to April 2014) shows an increase of AED 343 million (2.8 %) in total trade, with imports increasing by AED 399 million (4.3%) and non-oil exports by AED 35 million (2.4%), while the value of re-exports decreased by AED 90 million (-6.1%) over the period.

Non-oil foreign merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, April 2014

Value in million AED

	April 2013	March 2014	April 2014	Change (%)	
				April 2013 to April 2014	March 2014 to April 2014
Imports	9,262	8,687	9,661	4.3	11.2
Non-oil exports	1,448	1,698	1,483	2.4	-12.6
Re-exports	1,496	1,471	1,406	-6.1	-4.5
Total	12,207	11,856	12,550	2.8	5.8

Source: Abu Dhabi Department of Finance – Customs Administration

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Non-oil foreign merchandise trade from March 2014 to April 2014

An analysis of non-oil foreign merchandise trade data by Standard International Trade Classification (SITC4), shown in the attached Statistical Table 1 for March 2014 to April 2014, reveals the following:

- The value of total imports increased by 11.2%, with increases of AED 1,114 million (28.6 %) in “Machinery and transport equipment”, partially offset by a decrease of AED 188 million (-25.6%) in “Food and live animals”.
- The value of non-oil exports decreased by 12.6%, mainly due to a decrease of AED 239 million (-37.2%) in “Chemicals and related products”.
- The value of re-exports decreased by 4.5%, with decreases of AED 36 million (-38.0%) in “Chemicals and related products” and AED 19 million (-8.3%) in “Miscellaneous manufactured items”.

Non-oil foreign merchandise trade from April 2013 to April 2014

An analysis of the SITC4 data from April 2013 to April 2014 highlights that during the period:

- The value of imports increased by 4.3%, with increases of AED 1,072 million (27.2%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” and AED 231 million (30.1%) in “Chemicals and related products” partially offset by an decrease of AED 497 million (-20.3%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”
- The value of non-oil exports increased by 2.4%, with an increase of AED 41 million (66.9%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” partially offset by decrease of AED 29 million (-57.3%) in “Miscellaneous manufactured items”.
- The value of re-exports decreased by 6.1%, with decreases of AED 64 million (-22.6%) in “Miscellaneous manufactured items” and AED 61 million (-5.9%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” partially offset by an increase of AED 37 million (49.8%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”.

Non-oil foreign merchandise trade by country, April 2014

An analysis of non-oil foreign merchandise trade data by the top 5 countries for April 2014, shown in Statistical Table 4, reveals the following:

- The three main countries of origin for imports were United States of America (AED 1,284 million), Saudi Arabia (AED 1,088 million) and Japan (AED 821 million). These three countries represented 33.1% of total imports.
- For non-oil exports, the top three countries of destination were Saudi Arabia (AED 482 million), Qatar (AED 112 million) and India (AED 107 million). These three countries represented 47.3% of total non-oil exports.
- The three main countries of destination for re-exports were Saudi Arabia (AED 254 million), Qatar (AED 227 million) and Kingdom of Bahrain (AED 224 million). These three countries represented 50.2% of total re-exports.

Monthly non-oil foreign merchandise trade historical series, January 2012 to April 2014

The following figures show the monthly historical series for imports, non-oil exports and re-exports from January 2012 to April 2014. The detailed data are shown in the attached Statistical Table 5.

The largest imports total was recorded in January 2012 (AED 11,837 million), the largest non-oil exports (AED 2,258 million) was recorded in February 2014 and the largest value of re-exports was recorded in May 2013 (AED 1,618 million).

Figure 1: Monthly imports foreign merchandise trade, January 2012 to April 2014

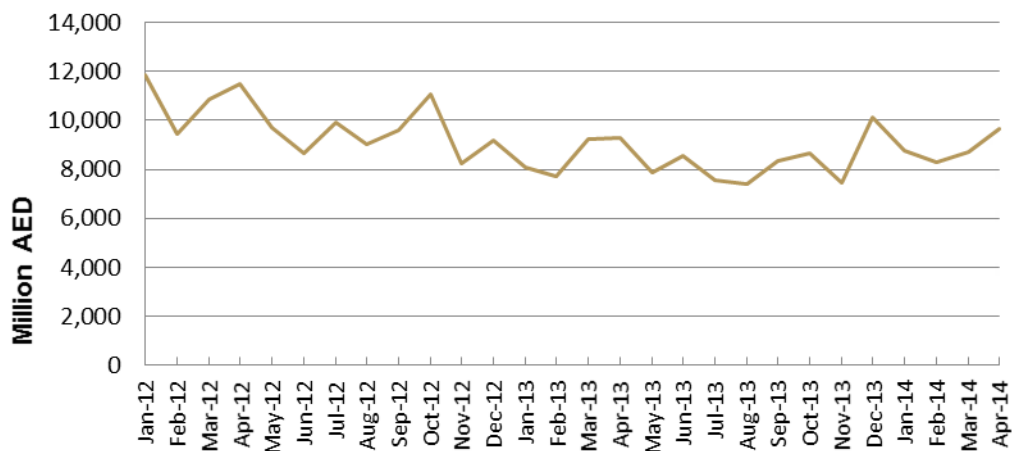


Figure 2: Monthly non-oil exports foreign merchandise trade, January 2012 to April 2014

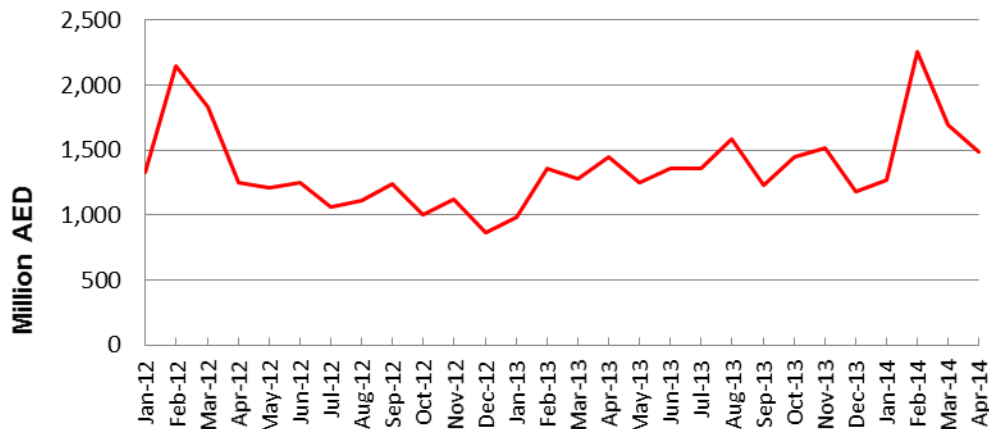
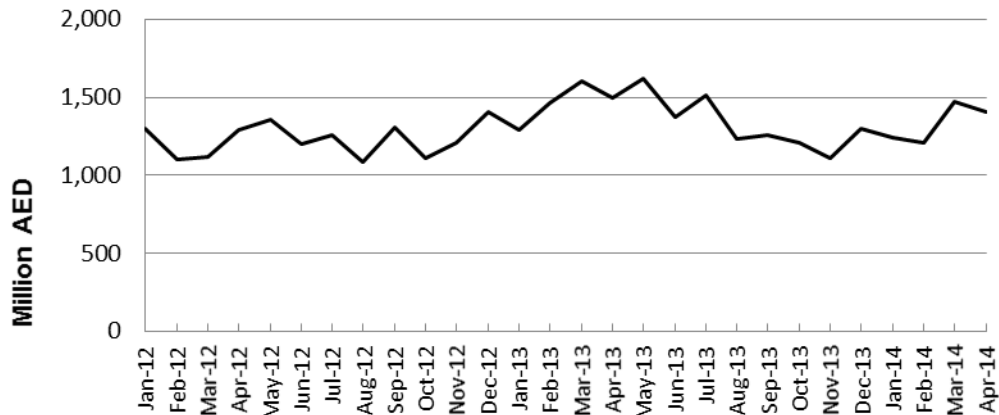


Figure 3: Monthly re-exports foreign merchandise trade, January 2012 to April 2014



Source: Abu Dhabi Department of Finance – Customs Administration
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Statistical Tables

Table 1: Non-oil foreign merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by Standard International Trade Classification (SITC4), April 2014

Value in million AED

Commodities	April 2013	March 2014	April 2014	Change (%) *	
				April 2013 to April 2014	March 2014 to April 2014
Imports					
Machinery and transport equipment	3,940	3,898	5,012	27.2	28.6
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,446	1,962	1,949	-20.3	-0.7
Chemicals and related products	765	926	996	30.1	7.5
Food and live animals	539	735	547	1.5	-25.6
Miscellaneous manufactured items	361	437	467	29.4	7.0
Other	1,211	729	690	-43.0	-5.3
Total imports	9,262	8,687	9,661	4.3	11.2
Non-oil exports					
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	855	873	881	3.0	1.0
Chemicals and related products	416	642	403	-3.1	-37.2
Machinery and transport equipment	61	82	102	66.9	23.7
Food and live animals	21	28	30	40.3	6.0
Miscellaneous manufactured items	50	27	21	-57.3	-22.1
Other	45	45	46	1.6	2.5
Total non-oil exports	1,448	1,698	1,483	2.4	-12.6
Re-exports					
Machinery and transport equipment	1,032	989	971	-5.9	-1.8
Miscellaneous manufactured items	285	240	221	-22.6	-8.3
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	74	106	111	49.8	4.8
Chemicals and related products	71	94	58	-17.8	-38.0
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	26	32	38	47.4	16.8
Other	9	9	7	-19.1	-24.2
Total re-exports	1,496	1,471	1,406	-6.1	-4.5

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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Table 2: Non-oil foreign merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by Broad Economic Category (BEC), April 2014

Value in million AED

Commodities	April 2013	March 2014	April 2014	Change (%) *	
				April 2013 to April 2014	March 2014 to April 2014
Imports					
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	4,113	3,430	3,328	-19.1	-3.0
Transport equipment and parts	2,120	2,178	2,500	17.9	14.8
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	1,834	1,782	2,398	30.8	34.6
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	557	583	643	15.4	10.2
Food and Beverages	458	607	520	13.6	-14.3
Other	179	107	271	51.3	154.0
Total imports	9,262	8,687	9,661	4.3	11.2
Non-oil exports					
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	1,277	1,487	1,264	-1.0	-15.0
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	30	93	78	161.5	-15.7
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	61	43	56	-9.4	30.4
Food and Beverages	43	54	55	25.9	1.9
Transport equipment and parts	34	19	28	-20.1	43.9
Other	2	2	3	38.4	36.9
Total non-oil exports	1,448	1,698	1,483	2.4	-12.6
Re-exports					
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	601	587	575	-4.3	-2.1
Transport equipment and parts	381	387	396	3.8	2.3
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	416	362	323	-22.2	-10.6
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	92	125	106	14.9	-15.2
Other	6	10	5	-14.6	-47.9
Total re-exports	1,496	1,471	1,406	-6.1	-4.5

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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Table 3: Non-oil foreign merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by Harmonised System Classification, April 2014

Value in million AED

Commodities (HS Chapter)	April 2013	March 2013	April 2014	Change (%) *	
				April 2013 to April 2014	March 2014 to April 2014
Imports					
84: Boilers, machinery, mechanical appliances and parts	1,297	1,443	2,056	58.5	42.5
87: Transport vehicles, other than railway, and parts	1,327	1,432	1,796	35.4	25.4
74: Copper and articles thereof	797	655	715	-10.3	9.2
88: Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof	454	470	645	42.2	37.3
85: Electrical machinery, sound recorders and parts	798	549	495	-38.0	-9.8
Other	4,590	4,140	3,954	-13.8	-4.5
Total imports	9,262	8,687	9,661	4.3	11.2
Non-oil exports					
39: Plastics and articles thereof	405	610	385	-5.0	-36.9
74: Copper and articles thereof	445	335	318	-28.5	-5.0
76: Aluminium and articles thereof	8	214	222	2,685.1	3.9
72: Iron and steel	235	199	210	-10.6	5.5
84: Boilers, machinery, mechanical appliances and parts	6	40	54	834.3	34.2
Other	350	300	295	-15.8	-1.7
Total non-oil exports	1,448	1,698	1,483	2.4	-12.6
Re-exports					
84: Boilers, machinery, mechanical appliances and parts	623	483	474	-23.9	-1.9
87: Transport vehicles, other than railway, and parts	138	201	226	63.8	12.4
88: Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof	87	106	132	52.8	25.1
85: Electrical machinery, sound recorders and parts	184	164	130	-29.2	-20.5
61: Knitted or crocheted articles of apparel	138	103	107	-22.6	3.9
Other	327	414	336	2.8	-18.9
Total re-exports	1,496	1,471	1,406	-6.1	-4.5

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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Table 4: Non-oil foreign merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by country, April 2014

Value in million AED

Country	April 2013	March 2014	April 2014	Change (%) *	
				April 2013 to April 2014	March 2014 to April 2014
Imports					
United States of America	1,026	835	1,284	25.1	53.7
Saudi Arabia	1,071	1,015	1,088	1.6	7.2
Japan	1,066	808	821	-23.0	1.6
Germany	491	803	730	48.8	-9.2
China	354	316	659	85.9	108.7
Other	5,254	4,910	5,079	-3.3	3.4
Total imports	9,262	8,687	9,661	4.3	11.2
Non-oil exports					
Saudi Arabia	640	470	482	-24.6	2.6
Qatar	101	128	112	10.0	-12.6
India	57	141	107	86.8	-23.9
China	205	238	101	-50.9	-57.7
United States of America	35	68	74	111.3	9.7
Other	409	653	607	48.3	-7.0
Total non-oil exports	1,448	1,698	1,483	2.4	-12.6
Re-exports					
Saudi Arabia	314	287	254	-19.2	-11.3
Qatar	208	248	227	9.1	-8.4
Kingdom of Bahrain	386	254	224	-41.9	-11.8
Kuwait	174	225	191	10.2	-15.1
United Kingdom	11	58	79	606.6	36.9
Other	403	400	430	6.7	7.6
Total re-exports	1,496	1,471	1,406	-6.1	-4.5

Source: Abu Dhabi Department of Finance – Customs Administration

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Table 5: Non-oil foreign merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi historical series

Value in million AED

Month	Imports	Non-oil Exports	Re-exports	Total Non-oil Trade
2012				
January	11,837	1,327	1,301	14,465
February	9,426	2,149	1,101	12,676
March	10,878	1,834	1,115	13,827
April	11,485	1,251	1,293	14,029
May	9,705	1,209	1,360	12,274
June	8,657	1,253	1,199	11,108
July	9,924	1,057	1,260	12,241
August	9,026	1,107	1,082	11,215
September	9,586	1,242	1,309	12,137
October	11,051	999	1,112	13,161
November	8,223	1,124	1,209	10,557
December	9,173	861	1,404	11,438
2013				
January	8,056	987	1,288	10,331
February	7,710	1,362	1,461	10,533
March	9,218	1,276	1,607	12,101
April	9,262	1,448	1,496	12,207
May	7,878	1,251	1,618	10,747
June	8,570	1,355	1,369	11,293
July	7,546	1,353	1,509	10,408
August	7,391	1,583	1,231	10,205
September	8,361	1,230	1,254	10,845
October	8,656	1,451	1,205	11,312
November	7,464	1,517	1,110	10,091
December	10,142	1,182	1,302	12,627
2014				
January	8,751	1,271	1,244	11,267
February	8,309	2,258	1,208	11,775
March	8,687	1,698	1,471	11,856
April	9,661	1,483	1,406	12,550

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Explanatory Notes

Glossary

This publication contains certain terms specific to foreign merchandise trade and necessary when analyzing the trade statistics of Abu Dhabi Emirate. They include the following terms:

Merchandise Trade

Foreign Merchandise Trade statistics record goods which add to or subtract from the stock of material resources of Abu Dhabi by entering or leaving its territory. Throughout this publication, the term merchandise trade statistics refers to trade which moves through the ports of Abu Dhabi only, and do not capture inter-emirate trade activity.

Imports

Imports are goods that enter Abu Dhabi's customs and economic district from various parts of the world, excluding other emirates in the United Arab Emirates, and receive customs clearance. Goods are considered imports regardless of whether they enter the Emirate directly or are retrieved from customs warehouses, temporary entry areas or free zones inside the country. These goods receive customs clearance in order to become part of Abu Dhabi's merchandise balance.

Re-exports

Re-exports represent goods that are imported from abroad, enter Abu Dhabi's customs and economic district and become part of the Emirate's merchandise balance. These goods are then re-exported as they are, without any modification, outside the country.

Non-oil Exports

Non-oil exports include goods that are entirely produced locally or in whose production process local resources are used. Non-oil exports through the ports of Abu Dhabi may include goods that were produced in other Emirates in the United Arab Emirates. Oil is excluded from these goods. These goods leave Abu Dhabi's customs and economic district to the outside world, reducing the Emirate's non-oil merchandise trade deficit.

Classifications

The non-oil foreign merchandise trade statistics are presented in accordance with the two main internationally recommended output classifications: Standard International Trade Classification, Revision 4 (SITC) and Broad Economic Categories (BEC).

If users require statistics by the detailed Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS), these are available from SCAD on request. The HS is primarily an input classification, and is the basis on which goods are recorded with Customs by traders.

Data source

Data are obtained from Department of Finance – Customs Administration. The data are processed and passed to Statistic Centre – Abu Dhabi for further editing, compilation and reclassified according to statistical classifications for foreign trade.

Valuation

In line with the World Customs Organization (WCO) agreement on valuation:

- Exports (including re-exports) are valued free on board (fob), which represents the value at the export border, and includes inland freight costs and packaging
- Imports are valued on the cost insurance and freight (cif) basis, which represents the value at the import border, and includes the additional cost of freight and insurance in transporting the goods internationally

Notes on Tables

- Changes (levels and %) in all tables are based on unrounded numbers.
- Relative importance is calculated as the ratio between the value of the sub-group and the total value for all groups, expressed as a percentage.
- Totals in some tables may not add up due to rounding.
- The data for 2014 are preliminary, and may be revised.

Symbols used

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n.e.s. denotes ‘not elsewhere specified’

More information

For more information about foreign trade and other official statistics for Abu Dhabi Emirate, please visit the statistics link on the SCAD website at <http://www.scad.ae>

