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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 May 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, May 2014

The total value of non-oil foreign merchandise trade in May 2014 was AED 12,5 billion, with imports of AED 9,5 billion (76.0% of total), non-oil exports of AED 1,54 billion (12.4% of total) and re-exports at AED 1,46 billion (11.6% of total).

The May 2014 total decreased by AED 83 million (-0.7%) compared with April 2014, with imports decreasing by AED 192 million (-2.0%), while the value of non-oil exports increased by AED 60 million (4.0%) and re-exports by AED 49 million (3.5%) over the period.

A year on year comparison (May 2013 to May 2014) shows an increase of AED 1,7 billion (16.0 %) in total trade, with imports increasing by AED 1,6 billion (20.2%) and non-oil exports by AED 292 million (23.4%), while the value of re-exports decreased by AED 163 million (-10.1%) over the period.

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

Value in million AED

	May 2013	April 2014	May 2014	Change (%)	
				May 2013 to May 2014	April 2014 to May 2014
Imports	7,878	9,661	9,469	20.2	-2.0
Non-oil exports	1,251	1,483	1,543	23.4	4.0
Re-exports	1,618	1,406	1,455	-10.1	3.5
Total	10,747	12,550	12,467	16.0	-0.7

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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

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

- The value of total imports decreased by 2.0%, with decreases of AED 311 million (-6.2 %) in “Machinery and transport equipment”, partially offset by an increase of AED 138 million (7.1%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”.
- The value of non-oil exports increased by 4.0%, mainly due to an increase of AED 161 million (40.0%) in “Chemicals and related products” , partially offset by a decrease of AED 64 million (-7.2%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”.
- The value of re-exports increased by 3.5%, with increases of AED 37 million (16.9%) in “Miscellaneous manufactured items” and AED 35 million (60.6%) in “Chemicals and related products”.

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

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

- The value of imports increased by 20.2%, with increases of AED 1,3 billion (38.9%) in “Machinery and transport equipment”.
- The value of non-oil exports increased by 23.4%, with an increase of AED 192 million (51.4%) in “Chemicals and related products” and AED 139 million (20.4%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”, partially offset by decrease of AED 53 million (-43.6%) in “Machinery and transport equipment”.
- The value of re-exports decreased by 10.1%, with decreases of AED 144 million (-35.8%) in “Miscellaneous manufactured items” partially offset by an increase of AED 16 million (21.1%) in “Chemicals and related products”.

Non-oil foreign merchandise trade by country, May 2014

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

- The three main countries of origin for imports were Saudi Arabia and South Korea (AED 1,1 billion) and United States of America (AED 939 million). These three countries represented 32.3% of total imports.
- For non-oil exports, the top three countries of destination were Saudi Arabia (AED 536 million), China (AED 218 million) and Singapore (AED 125 million). These three countries represented 56.9% of total non-oil exports.
- The three main countries of destination for re-exports were Saudi Arabia (AED 282 million), Qatar (AED 249 million) and Kingdom of Bahrain (AED 222 million). These three countries represented 51.8% of total re-exports.

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

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

The largest imports total was recorded in January 2012 (AED 11,8 billion), the largest non-oil exports (AED 2,3 billion) was recorded in February 2014 and the largest value of re-exports was recorded in May 2013 (AED 1,6 billion).

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

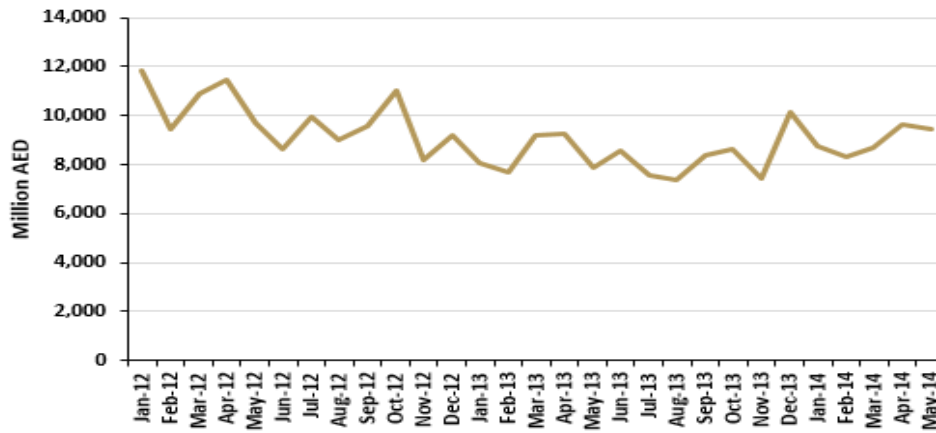


Figure 2: Monthly non-oil exports foreign merchandise trade, January 2012 to May 2014

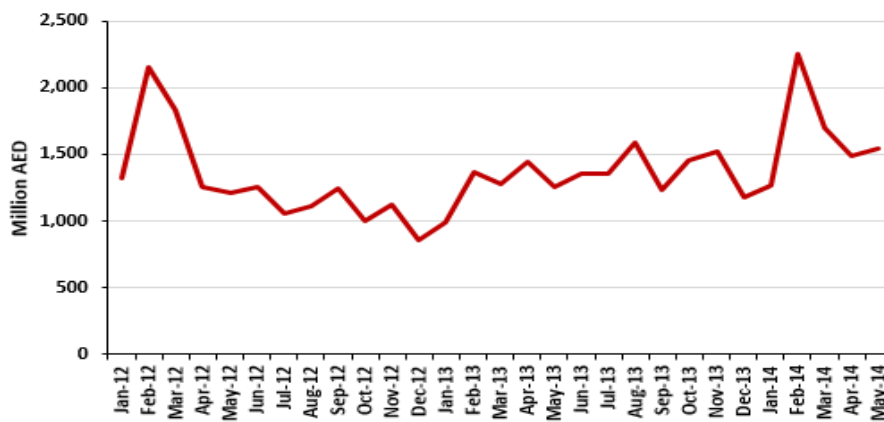
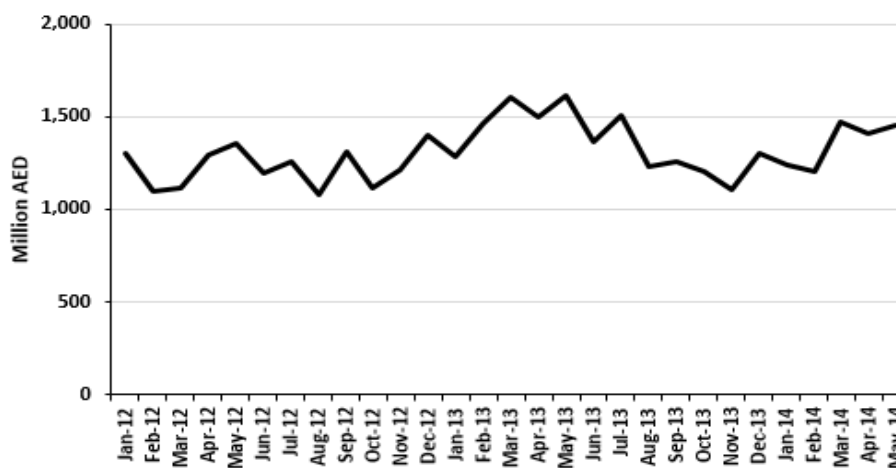


Figure 3: Monthly re-exports foreign merchandise trade, January 2012 to May 2014



Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi
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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), May 2014

Value in million AED

Commodities	May 2013	April 2014	May 2014	Change (%) *	
				May 2013 to May 2014	April 2014 to May 2014
Imports					
Machinery and transport equipment	3,385	5,012	4,700	38.9	-6.2
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,043	1,949	2,087	2.2	7.1
Chemicals and related products	809	996	966	19.5	-2.9
Food and live animals	544	547	616	13.2	12.6
Inedible raw materials, except fuels	640	431	546	-14.7	26.5
Other	457	726	553	21.0	-23.8
Total imports	7,878	9,661	9,469	20.2	-2.0
Non-oil exports					
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	679	881	818	20.4	-7.2
Chemicals and related products	373	403	564	51.4	40.0
Machinery and transport equipment	121	102	68	-43.6	-33.0
Food and live animals	27	30	24	-12.7	-19.1
Animal and vegetable oil, fats and waxes	17	19	22	30.0	15.5
Other	34	48	47	38.9	-2.5
Total non-oil exports	1,251	1,483	1,543	23.4	4.0
Re-exports					
Machinery and transport equipment	1,033	971	984	-4.7	1.4
Miscellaneous manufactured items	402	221	258	-35.8	16.9
Chemicals and related products	78	58	94	21.1	60.6
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	68	111	66	-3.2	-40.5
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	30	38	42	43.0	12.5
Other	8	7	10	23.6	47.1
Total re-exports	1,618	1,406	1,455	-10.1	3.5

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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* Changes in % are based on unrounded numbers

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

Value in million AED

Commodities	May 2013	April 2014	May 2014	Change (%) *	
				May 2013 to May 2014	April 2014 to May 2014
Imports					
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	3,394	3,328	3,456	1.8	3.9
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	1,299	2,398	2,653	104.3	10.6
Transport equipment and parts	2,128	2,500	2,173	2.1	-13.1
Food and Beverages	508	520	580	14.2	11.5
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	507	643	527	4.0	-18.0
Other	42	271	79	88.1	-70.9
Total imports	7,878	9,661	9,469	20.2	-2.0
Non-oil exports					
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	1,042	1,264	1,370	31.6	8.4
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	90	78	61	-32.8	-22.5
Food and Beverages	50	55	54	7.5	-1.0
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	32	56	43	37.4	-21.8
Transport equipment and parts	36	28	12	-66.8	-56.8
Other	1	3	3	108.2	-15.1
Total non-oil exports	1,251	1,483	1,543	23.4	4.0
Re-exports					
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	753	575	514	-31.7	-10.5
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	429	323	429	0.1	32.7
Transport equipment and parts	344	396	428	24.7	8.2
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	85	106	77	-9.4	-27.5
Other	8	5	6	-22.8	12.6
Total re-exports	1,618	1,406	1,455	-10.1	3.5

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, May 2014

Value in million AED

Commodities (HS Chapter)	May 2013	April 2014	May 2014	Change (%) *	
				May 2013 to May 2014	April 2014 to May 2014
Imports					
84: Boilers, machinery, mechanical appliances and parts	1,254	2,056	2,191	74.8	6.6
87: Transport vehicles, other than railway, and parts	1,138	1,796	1,283	12.8	-28.5
74: Copper and articles thereof	563	715	779	38.3	8.9
88: Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof	417	645	697	67.2	8.1
73: Articles of iron and steel	737	427	564	-23.6	31.9
Other	3,770	4,022	3,956	4.9	-1.7
Total imports	7,878	9,661	9,469	20.2	-2.0
Non-oil exports					
39: Plastics and articles thereof	359	385	544	51.5	41.3
74: Copper and articles thereof	331	318	340	2.9	7.0
72: Iron and steel	250	210	231	-7.3	10.1
76: Aluminium and articles thereof	8	222	127	1,395.6	-43.0
73: Articles of iron and steel	39	40	42	7.4	6.3
Other	264	309	259	-1.8	-16.0
Total non-oil exports	1,251	1,483	1,543	23.4	4.0
Re-exports					
84: Boilers, machinery, mechanical appliances and parts	577	474	530	-8.1	11.9
85: Electrical machinery, sound recorders and parts	185	130	175	-5.3	34.2
87: Transport vehicles, other than railway, and parts	262	226	159	-39.2	-29.6
61: Knitted or crocheted articles of apparel	147	107	116	-21.1	8.9
88: Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof	110	132	105	-4.0	-20.2
Other	337	336	369	9.4	9.7
Total re-exports	1,618	1,406	1,455	-10.1	3.5

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, May 2014

Value in million AED

Country	May 2013	April 2014	May 2014	Change (%) *	
				May 2013 to May 2014	April 2014 to May 2014
Imports					
Saudi Arabia	987	1,088	1,068	8.2	-1.9
South Korea	227	517	1,051	362.3	103.1
United States of America	1,050	1,284	939	-10.5	-26.8
Germany	674	730	794	17.8	8.8
Japan	496	821	725	46.1	-11.8
Other	4,444	5,221	4,893	10.1	-6.3
Total imports	7,878	9,661	9,469	20.2	-2.0
Non-oil exports					
Saudi Arabia	584	482	536	-8.3	11.1
China	140	101	218	56.3	116.7
Singapore	36	26	125	244.5	372.6
Qatar	84	112	120	43.3	7.5
India	77	107	97	25.4	-9.5
Other	330	655	447	35.6	-31.7
Total non-oil exports	1,251	1,483	1,543	23.4	4.0
Re-exports					
Saudi Arabia	377	254	282	-25.1	11.1
Qatar	216	227	249	15.4	9.9
Kingdom of Bahrain	301	224	222	-26.1	-0.8
Kuwait	193	191	215	11.3	12.4
Germany	61	70	124	101.6	76.7
Other	470	439	362	-22.9	-17.5
Total re-exports	1,618	1,406	1,455	-10.1	3.5

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
May	9,469	1,543	1,455	12,467

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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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 partially 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

‘-‘ nil or rounded to zero

‘..’ not applicable

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>

