



U.S. Trade with sub-Saharan Africa, January-December 2015

In 2015, U.S. total trade (exports plus imports) with sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) totaled \$36.4 billion, a 30.4% decrease from \$52.3 billion in 2014. U.S. trade with SSA accounted for 0.98% of U.S. total trade with the world.

U.S. exports to SSA totaled \$17.7 billion, a 30.5% decrease from \$25.5 billion in 2014, and accounted for 1.2% of total U.S. exports to the world. Top exports were machinery for digging/construction, aircraft, and motor vehicles. The top five Sub-Saharan African destinations for U.S. exports were South Africa, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Angola, and Kenya (followed closely by Ghana). The drop in exports to SSA in 2015 was driven by a 68% decrease in sales of oil, a 37% decrease in sales of vehicles, a 30% decrease in sales of aircraft, and a 22% decrease in sales of machinery parts. U.S. exports to each of the top five SSA destinations dropped: South Africa by 14.3%, Nigeria by 42.90%, Ethiopia by 6.9%, Angola by 42.9%, and Kenya by 42.9%.

U.S. imports from SSA totaled \$18.7 billion, a 30.1% decrease from \$26.8 billion in 2014, and accounted for 0.8% of total U.S. imports from the world. Top imports were oil (85% crude), platinum and diamonds, and vehicles. The top five SSA exporters to the U.S. were South Africa, Angola, Nigeria, Chad, and Côte d'Ivoire. The drop in imports from SSA was driven by a 50% decrease in mineral fuel and oil imports (mostly crude oil), a 37% decrease in diamond imports, and a 36% decrease in iron and steel imports. U.S. imports from each of the top five SSA sources dropped: South Africa by 11.8%, Angola by 50.9%, Nigeria by 50.1%, Chad by 44%, and Côte d'Ivoire 13.6%.

U.S. imports from SSA under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) totaled \$9.3 billion, a 35% decrease from less than the previous year, and accounted for 49.6% of total U.S. imports from SSA.¹ The decrease in AGOA imports was mainly due to a 48% decrease in petroleum product imports. Despite this decrease in imports of petroleum products, they continued to account for the largest portion – 55.6% – of all of AGOA imports. Excluding fuel products, AGOA imports in 2015 totaled \$4.1 billion, decreasing by 6% from 2014. AGOA imports of transportation equipment increased by 5.4%, textiles and apparel increased by 0.1%, minerals and metals decreased by 36.7% percent, and agricultural products decreased by 0.3%. However, also of note is an increase in imports of miscellaneous manufactures by 38.2%. The top five AGOA beneficiary countries were South Africa, Angola, Chad, Nigeria, and Kenya.

¹ AGOA imports are imports for consumption, while all other import figures are general imports. Imports for consumption include only those goods as they enter the U.S. economy for consumption. General imports include all goods as they cross the U.S. border, including those destined for bonded warehouses or foreign trade zones.

2015 U.S. TOTAL TRADE with sub-Saharan Africa		
Value (in millions)	% Change from 2014	% of Total Trade with World
\$36,398	-30.35%	0.98%

2015 U.S. EXPORTS to sub-Saharan Africa			
Value (in millions)	% Change from 2014	% of Total Exports to World	Drivers of Decrease in Exports to SSA
\$17,696	-30.57%	0.98%	-68% oil, -37% vehicles, -30% aircraft, -22% machinery parts

Top 5 SSA Destinations for U.S. Exports				
COUNTRY	VALUE (in millions)	% Total to SSA	% Change from 2014	Top Commodities
South Africa	\$5,459	30.9%	-14.3%	Machinery & parts; motor vehicles & parts; electrical equipment; civilian aircraft, engines, & parts
Nigeria	\$3,410	19.3%	-42.9%	Oil (non-crude)
Ethiopia	\$1,555	8.8%	-6.9%	Civilian aircraft and parts
Angola	\$1,164	6.6%	-42.9%	Machinery & parts; Iron & steel (pipes); Meat & offal
Kenya	\$937	5.3%	-42.9%	Civilian aircraft and parts

2015 U.S. IMPORTS from sub-Saharan Africa			
Value (in millions)	% Change from 2014	% of Total Exports to World	Drivers of Decrease in Imports from SSA
\$18,702	-30.14%	0.84%	-50% mineral fuel and oil imports (mostly crude), -37% diamonds, -36% iron and steel

Top 5 SSA Sources of U.S. Imports				
COUNTRY	VALUE (in millions)	% Total to SSA	% Change from 2014	Top Commodities
South Africa	\$7,334	39.2%	-11.8%	Precious metals; Motor vehicles
Angola	\$2,808	15.0%	-50.9%	Crude oil
Nigeria	\$1,916	10.2%	-50.1%	Crude (72%) and Non-crude (23%) oil
Chad	\$1,303	7.0%	-44.0%	Crude oil
Côte d'Ivoire	\$1,030	5.5%	-13.6%	Cocoa

2015 U.S. AGOA IMPORTS from sub-Saharan Africa		
Value (in millions)	% Change from 2014	% of Total Imports from SSA
\$9,271	-34.9%	49.6%

Top 5 SSA Sources of U.S. AGOA Imports			Top 5 AGOA Sectors		
COUNTRY	VALUE (in millions)	% Change from 2014	Sector	VALUE (in millions)	% Change from 2014
South Africa	\$2,864	-8%	Energy-related	\$5,148	-47.8%
Angola	\$1,831	-58.2%	Transp. Equip	\$1,529	5.4%
Chad	\$1,479	-9.4%	Textiles/apparel	\$992	0.1%
Nigeria	\$1,408	-49.7%	Minerals/metals	\$609	-36.7%
Kenya	\$423	2.3%	Agr products	\$579	-0.3%

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**U.S. EXPORTS
(\$MILLIONS F.A.S.)**

COUNTRY	2014	2015
Angola	2,039.13	1,163.51
Benin	780.95	632.08
Botswana	52.87	39.04
Burkina Faso	72.30	54.44
Burundi	5.60	5.85
Cameroon	7.28	7.30
Cape Verde	301.07	220.88
Central African Republic	32.32	33.92
Chad	66.50	56.53
Comoros	3.45	1.51
Congo	321.47	248.52
Congo, Dem. Rep.	181.85	0.00
Côte d'Ivoire	239.08	264.02
Djibouti	110.87	152.73
Equatorial Guinea	574.79	158.54
Eritrea	5.33	3.50
Ethiopia	1,668.98	1,554.72
Gabon	417.35	203.93
Gambia	41.54	37.84
Ghana	1,186.24	887.25
Guinea	65.19	134.53
Guinea-Bissau	2.90	2.20
Kenya	1,640.90	936.76
Lesotho	2.45	0.88
Liberia	184.44	135.85
Madagascar	46.80	54.56
Malawi	50.67	36.01
Mali	38.46	72.23
Mauritania	149.24	126.97
Mauritius	35.22	58.46
Mozambique	375.16	264.56
Namibia	342.74	127.93
Niger	58.52	71.60
Nigeria	5,967.79	3,410.33
Rwanda	21.22	14.30
São Tomé and Príncipe	1.09	0.85
Senegal	172.58	196.88
Seychelles	12.69	18.54
Sierra Leone	87.91	77.91
Somalia	35.65	45.80
South Africa	6,369.75	5,459.16
South Sudan	46.61	19.07
Sudan	77.18	60.28
Swaziland	25.72	28.63
Tanzania	302.17	171.12
Togo	1,024.66	234.02
Uganda	78.26	89.58
Zambia	114.12	84.17
Zimbabwe	48.70	36.47
Total	25,487.77	17,695.78

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U.S. IMPORTS
(\$MILLIONS CUSTOMS VALUE)

COUNTRY	2014	2015
Angola	5,719.81	2,807.57
Benin	5.41	4.93
Botswana	317.97	211.65
Burkina Faso	6.21	3.58
Burundi	4.37	8.42
Cameroon	186.01	133.42
Cape Verde	1.72	2.21
Central African Republic	1.36	3.12
Chad	2,328.58	1,303.32
Comoros	2.08	1.21
Congo	424.22	304.22
Congo, Dem. Rep.	154.42	0.00
Côte d'Ivoire	1,192.50	1,030.40
Djibouti	11.85	35.39
Equatorial Guinea	254.93	163.14
Eritrea	0.10	0.10
Ethiopia	206.78	309.93
Gabon	797.99	337.03
Gambia	0.30	0.86
Ghana	271.58	309.27
Guinea	86.31	79.60
Guinea-Bissau	0.06	0.05
Kenya	590.72	565.34
Lesotho	361.01	331.93
Liberia	83.37	44.93
Madagascar	215.68	319.86
Malawi	66.58	61.15
Mali	4.77	4.47
Mauritania	101.40	1.16
Mauritius	401.23	395.41
Mozambique	99.94	96.00
Namibia	256.19	85.33
Niger	4.59	4.21
Nigeria	3,839.19	1,915.83
Rwanda	40.66	45.63
São Tomé and Príncipe	0.98	0.77
Senegal	25.44	71.72
Seychelles	4.08	5.60
Sierra Leone	28.67	39.45
Somalia	0.54	1.00
South Africa	8,317.80	7,334.83
South Sudan	0.07	0.19
Sudan	11.94	8.97
Swaziland	81.53	21.44
Tanzania	86.11	104.79
Togo	9.12	14.20
Uganda	45.93	64.20
Zambia	55.63	47.09
Zimbabwe	64.93	67.28
Total	26,772.67	18,702.20

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of Census