



U.S. Trade with Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA), January-December 2018

U.S. Total Trade (exports plus imports) with SSA totaled \$40.9 billion, a 5.12% increase from \$38.9 billion in 2017. Both U.S. imports and exports from SSA rose in 2018, resulting in an increase in total trade. U.S. trade with SSA accounted for 1.06% of U.S. total trade with the world.

U.S. Exports to SSA totaled \$15.8 billion, a 12.66% increase from \$14 billion in 2017, and accounted for 0.95% of total U.S. exports to the world. Top exports were machinery, aircraft (including parts), vehicles (including parts), and electric machinery. The increase in exports to SSA in 2018 was driven by a 46% increase in sales of aircraft and parts, a 37% increase in sales of vehicles, a 36% increase in sales of oil, and a 12% increase in sales of machinery. The top five Sub-Saharan African destinations for U.S. exports were South Africa, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Ghana, and Togo. U.S. exports to South Africa rose by 9.9%, to Nigeria by 22.9%, to Togo by 16.9% and to Ethiopia by 49.4%, while U.S. exports to Ghana dropped by 7.7%.

U.S. Imports from SSA totaled \$25.1 billion, a 0.86% increase from \$24.8 billion in 2017, and accounted for 1.15% of total U.S. imports from the world. Top imports were oil, diamonds and platinum, vehicles, and cocoa beans. The increase in imports from SSA were driven by a 39% increase in apparel, 19% precious stones/metals, a 21% increase in minerals. The top five SSA sources of imports to U.S. were South Africa, Nigeria, Angola, Côte d'Ivoire, and Madagascar. U.S. imports from South Africa rose by 9.39%, from Angola by 3.64%, from Côte d'Ivoire by 2.5% and from Madagascar by 20.2%, while imports from Nigeria decreased by 20.29%.

U.S. Imports from SSA under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) totaled \$11.97 billion, an 11.5% decrease from \$13.5 billion in 2017, and accounted for 48% of total U.S. imports from SSA.¹ The decrease in AGOA imports was due mainly to a 14% decrease in imports of energy related products (mostly petroleum), which accounted for 66% of all AGOA imports. The decrease in AGOA imports were further driven by a 47% decrease in transportation equipment and 12% decrease in minerals and metals, while chemicals and related products increased by 52% and agricultural products increased by 8%. Textiles and apparel and minerals and metals were the two largest sectors for non-energy related AGOA imports. The top five exporters of goods under AGOA were Nigeria, South Africa, Angola, Chad, 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.

2018 U.S. TOTAL TRADE with sub-Saharan Africa		
Value (in millions)	% Change from 2017	% of Total Trade with World
\$40,921.51	+5.12%	1.06%

2018 U.S. EXPORTS to sub-Saharan Africa			
Value (in millions)	% Change from 2017	% of Total Exports to World	Drivers of Increase in Exports to SSA
\$15,843.06	+12.66%	0.95%	+46% Aircraft & parts; +37% Vehicles & parts; +36% Oil; +12% Machinery

Top 5 SSA Destinations for U.S. Exports				
COUNTRY	VALUE (in \$ millions)	% of Total to SSA	% Change from 2017	Top Commodities
South Africa	5,517.08	34.82%	+9.90%	Machinery; Vehicles/parts; Oil; Electrical machinery; Civilian Aircraft/parts; Medical instruments
Nigeria	2,668.39	16.84%	+22.96%	Vehicles; Machinery; Oil; Cereals; Civilian aircraft
Ethiopia	1,310.89	8.27%	+49.45%	Aircraft/parts; Cereals; Machinery
Ghana	793.03	5.01%	-7.78%	Vehicles; Machinery; Oil; Med. instruments; Plastics
Togo	563.60	3.56%	+16.97%	Oil; Vehicles; Organic chemicals; Plastics

2018 U.S. IMPORTS from sub-Saharan Africa			
Value (in millions)	% Change from 2017	% of Total Imports from World	Drivers of Increase in Imports from SSA
\$25,078	+0.86%	1.15%	+39% Apparel; +19% Precious stones/metals; +21% Ores/slag/ash; +17% Machinery

Top 5 SSA Sources of U.S. Imports				
COUNTRY	VALUE (in millions)	% of Total from SSA	% Change from 2017	Top Commodities
South Africa	8,469.79	33.77%	+9.39%	Platinum/diamonds; Iron/steel; Vehicles/parts;
Nigeria	5,620.82	22.41%	-20.29%	Oil (crude); Fertilizers
Angola	2,698.36	10.76%	+3.64%	Oil (crude); Diamonds
Côte d'Ivoire	1,246.79	4.97%	+2.50%	Cocoa; Oil; Rubber; Cashew nuts
Madagascar	892.73	3.56%	+20.20%	Vanilla/cloves; Apparel; Cobalt; Titanium ores

2018 U.S. AGOA IMPORTS from sub-Saharan Africa		
Value (in millions)	% Change from 2017	% of Total Imports from SSA
\$11,972	-11.5%	48%

Top 5 SSA Sources of U.S. AGOA Imports			Top 5 AGOA Sectors		
COUNTRY	VALUE (in millions)	% Change from 2017	Sector	VALUE (in millions)	% Change from 2017
Nigeria	\$4,361	-25%	Energy-related	\$7,985	-14%
South Africa	\$2,364	-19%	Textiles/apparel	\$1,218	+18%
Angola	\$2,006	-9%	Minerals/metals	\$831	-12%
Chad	\$601	+2%	Transp. Equip	\$697	-47%
Kenya	\$470	+15%	Ag products	\$597	+8%

2018 U.S. EXPORTS TO SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

(\$ MILLIONS)

COUNTRY	2017	2018
Angola	809.44	526.55
Benin	250.14	255.59
Botswana	93.05	81.90
Burkina Faso	60.98	59.50
Burundi	8.13	14.59
Cameroon	9.15	8.56
Cabo Verde	158.85	196.72
Central African Republic	11.18	22.93
Chad	31.34	52.68
Comoros	1.38	2.78
Congo	117.38	100.25
Congo, Dem. Rep.	76.26	78.87
Côte d'Ivoire	319.96	311.39
Djibouti	157.47	109.48
Equatorial Guinea	111.94	139.46
Eritrea	5.02	8.19
Ethiopia	877.15	1,310.89
Gabon	89.01	113.03
Gambia	39.24	41.42
Ghana	859.97	793.03
Guinea	103.02	127.17
Guinea-Bissau	3.75	18.56
Kenya	454.45	365.15
Lesotho	1.90	2.31
Liberia	138.34	217.11
Madagascar	53.37	112.84
Malawi	27.88	17.24
Mali	62.02	78.96
Mauritania	127.78	88.17
Mauritius	61.42	123.58
Mozambique	179.13	184.99
Namibia	118.56	202.65
Niger	44.08	61.71
Nigeria	2,170.07	2,668.39
Rwanda	66.14	25.33
São Tomé and Príncipe	3.14	2.07
Senegal	207.93	298.59
Seychelles	15.49	14.29
Sierra Leone	79.19	71.47
Somalia	70.59	50.14
South Africa	5,020.06	5,517.08
South Sudan	13.57	23.49
Sudan	69.65	95.07
Swaziland	24.07	33.34
Tanzania	145.24	335.23
Togo	481.81	563.60
Uganda	107.87	87.35
Zambia	85.15	195.38
Zimbabwe	39.93	33.98
Total	14,062.63	15,843.06

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(\$ MILLIONS)

COUNTRY	2017	2018
Angola	2,603.65	2,698.36
Benin	17.82	19.18
Botswana	772.39	460.68
Burkina Faso	5.05	5.10
Burundi	8.97	14.00
Cameroon	3.37	3.57
Cabo Verde	118.47	219.60
Central African Republic	2.16	2.85
Chad	525.55	479.42
Comoros	5.07	2.98
Congo	128.27	432.70
Congo, Dem. Rep.	85.84	49.64
Côte d'Ivoire	1,216.34	1,246.79
Djibouti	34.18	48.23
Equatorial Guinea	355.92	579.92
Eritrea	0.27	0.28
Ethiopia	291.45	444.81
Gabon	198.88	288.49
Gambia	0.96	0.56
Ghana	750.39	581.64
Guinea	5.85	5.99
Guinea-Bissau	0.02	0.19
Kenya	572.18	644.09
Lesotho	308.40	421.81
Liberia	91.18	61.56
Madagascar	742.72	892.73
Malawi	61.89	57.06
Mali	2.92	4.78
Mauritania	61.45	13.30
Mauritius	285.58	319.15
Mozambique	145.52	112.73
Namibia	119.10	119.67
Niger	7.23	29.52
Nigeria	7,051.83	5,620.82
Rwanda	43.65	67.39
São Tomé and Príncipe	0.91	0.71
Senegal	72.40	127.25
Seychelles	12.64	7.31
Sierra Leone	46.65	56.55
Somalia	0.99	1.17
South Africa	7,742.81	8,469.79
South Sudan	0.28	0.02
Sudan	13.05	15.65
Swaziland	20.46	13.33
Tanzania	123.68	96.90
Togo	14.62	13.05
Uganda	79.23	68.96
Zambia	66.05	182.74
Zimbabwe	46.95	75.43
Total	24,865.25	25,078.45

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