



U.S. Trade with sub-Saharan Africa, January-March 2013

For the first quarter of 2013, U.S. total trade (exports plus imports) with sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) reached \$16.47 billion, a decrease of 24 percent compared to the same period in 2012.ⁱ In comparison to the slight 0.4 percent growth of U.S. exports to the world, U.S. exports to SSA (mostly composed of machinery) increased by 27.8 percent, reaching \$6.39 billion but barely representing 0.02 percent of total U.S. exports to the world. The top five African destinations for U.S. products were South Africa, Nigeria, Equatorial Guinea, Ghana, and Angola (followed by Benin). Exports to South Africa increased by 34.9 percent (increase in U.S. exports of machinery), to Nigeria by 35.6 percent (increase in U.S. exports of oil related equipment), to Equatorial Guinea by 847.7 percent (increase in U.S. exports of machinery), to Benin by 40 percent (increase in U.S. exports of vehicles and textile products), and to Tanzania by 27.5 percent (increase in U.S. exports of agricultural products and equipment).

For the same 2013 January-March period, U.S. imports from SSA decreased by 18.8 percent (against a 3 percent decrease of U.S. imports from the world), falling to \$10.08 billion and representing only 1.9 percent of total U.S. imports from the world. This decrease was mostly due to a 25 percent decrease in U.S. mineral fuel and oil importsⁱⁱ and a 21 percent decrease of precious stones and metals imports from SSA. U.S. imports from SSA originated, for the most part, in Nigeria, Angola, South Africa, Chad, and Cote d'Ivoire. U.S. imports (mostly oil) from Angola dropped by 27.3 percent, from Chad by 32.8 percent, from Cote d'Ivoire by 21 percent, and from Congo by 45.3 percent.

AGOA imports totaled \$6.93 billion, 21 percent less than in January-March 2012, mainly due to a 25 percent decrease in petroleum product imports.ⁱⁱⁱ Petroleum products continued to account for the largest portion of AGOA imports with an 83 percent share of overall AGOA imports (transportation equipment represented 8.2 percent, minerals and metals 2.7 percent, and textiles and apparel 3 percent). With these fuel products excluded, AGOA imports - almost exclusively dominated by raw materials - were \$1.18 billion, decreasing by 5 percent as compared to January-March 2012. AGOA imports of minerals and metals decreased by 21 percent and imports of chemical and related products by 22 percent. However, imports of transportation equipment increased by 23 percent, agricultural products by 9 percent, and textiles and apparel by 7 percent. Finally, the top five AGOA beneficiary countries were Nigeria, Angola, South Africa, Chad, and the Republic of Congo. Other leading AGOA beneficiaries included the Kenya, Lesotho, Gabon, Mauritius, and Cameroon.

ⁱ The European sovereign debt crisis and the rising of food and commodity prices have led to a decrease of global trade activities.

ⁱⁱ Increasingly higher gasoline prices are pushing for a reduction of foreign oil imports and an increase of domestic oil and gas production.

ⁱⁱⁱ 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.

**U.S. TRADE WITH
SUB SAHARAN AFRICA
U.S. EXPORTS
(\$MILLIONS F.A.S.)**

COUNTRY	2011	2012	Jan.- Mar. 2012	Jan.- Mar. 2013
Angola	1,502.40	1,489.47	423.78	320.56
Benin	617.74	575.05	116.33	162.87
Botswana	43.78	47.98	19.16	20.73
Burkina Faso	33.22	47.23	8.43	13.54
Burundi	32.79	20.00	7.69	9.95
Cameroon	220.83	249.15	45.36	80.69
Cape Verde	11.46	7.77	1.91	3.95
Central African Republic	12.34	8.52	2.03	2.31
Chad	35.25	36.08	10.46	10.15
Comoros	1.10	0.95	0.42	0.38
Congo	226.91	236.96	58.71	57.17
Congo, Dem. Rep.	165.94	198.99	37.73	36.50
Côte d'Ivoire	130.23	188.48	43.54	46.81
Djibouti	128.12	122.86	31.14	50.20
Equatorial Guinea	285.29	229.76	60.19	570.45
Eritrea	4.25	5.86	1.42	0.70
Ethiopia	690.66	1,287.42	42.05	41.62
Gabon	204.17	318.85	62.76	63.51
Gambia	29.36	27.41	5.64	6.77
Ghana	1,196.90	1,309.25	368.86	329.33
Guinea	256.10	160.34	56.30	25.61
Guinea-Bissau	11.84	23.35	2.21	4.09
Kenya	462.64	580.73	151.80	115.39
Lesotho	13.15	16.51	7.84	0.08
Liberia	194.80	247.82	48.24	42.34
Madagascar	56.24	64.31	14.59	15.25
Malawi	56.97	63.94	10.68	6.98
Mali	55.04	59.75	17.80	17.59
Mauritania	243.30	276.69	62.36	36.08
Mauritius	45.93	95.98	13.38	8.38
Mozambique	459.26	391.88	92.71	64.13
Namibia	136.54	194.87	32.25	33.86
Niger	47.89	36.61	6.00	6.82
Nigeria	4,911.79	5,114.10	1,048.49	1,421.49
Rwanda	119.62	30.16	6.63	3.79
São Tomé and Príncipe	6.12	0.87	0.16	0.95
Senegal	263.86	149.57	54.21	38.70
Seychelles	13.55	14.96	2.25	3.28
Sierra Leone	102.76	101.57	24.48	14.89
Somalia	6.01	15.43	9.91	1.29
South Africa	7,257.21	7,553.35	1,816.21	2,450.96
Sudan	74.68	57.65	14.71	2.38
Swaziland	20.07	39.96	6.89	4.76
Tanzania	257.89	238.76	68.48	87.31
Togo	209.65	322.07	22.32	64.26
Uganda	93.95	100.38	15.97	47.32
Zambia	129.70	147.69	35.86	26.90
Zimbabwe	61.51	51.38	9.08	18.07
TOTAL	21,140.80	22,558.71	4,999.43	6,391.13

**U.S. TRADE WITH SUB-SAHARAN
AFRICA
U.S. IMPORTS
(\$MILLIONS CUSTOMS VALUE)**

COUNTRY	2011	2012	Jan.- Mar. 2012	Jan. -Mar. 2013
Angola	13,597.47	9,823.87	2,886.86	2,127.79
Benin	1.97	2.67	0.20	0.91
Botswana	293.17	216.55	42.69	52.66
Burkina Faso	3.61	2.30	0.22	0.35
Burundi	9.56	4.81	1.43	1.60
Cameroon	330.39	308.38	135.26	98.10
Cape Verde	1.47	3.97	2.82	0.03
Central African Republic	6.00	4.07	1.11	2.21
Chad	3,174.03	2,660.34	738.10	495.62
Comoros	1.78	1.96	1.30	0.66
Congo	2,420.09	1,488.56	432.26	236.29
Congo, Dem. Rep.	605.57	41.00	12.33	9.64
Côte d'Ivoire	1,270.64	1,099.48	465.23	367.43
Djibouti	4.05	11.85	4.70	0.88
Equatorial Guinea	1,190.78	1,699.80	421.01	162.54
Eritrea	0.14	0.20	0.03	0.05
Ethiopia	144.42	183.04	16.14	28.71
Gabon	4,566.65	1,885.88	238.70	33.53
Gambia	0.08	0.35	0.03	0.06
Ghana	779.04	291.04	70.78	76.48
Guinea	80.66	103.06	33.75	31.82
Guinea-Bissau	0.26	0.08	0.01	0.05
Kenya	381.55	389.57	82.69	97.14
Lesotho	384.35	310.57	78.57	75.40
Liberia	158.18	144.01	40.84	23.02
Madagascar	87.13	109.72	27.46	44.43
Malawi	64.92	65.93	18.57	12.27
Mali	4.08	3.64	0.99	0.43
Mauritania	0.97	0.69	0.29	0.15
Mauritius	251.71	261.54	59.70	82.82
Mozambique	34.97	38.53	7.78	9.68
Namibia	436.23	231.11	34.31	23.93
Niger	288.68	81.72	78.43	0.62
Nigeria	33,854.19	19,130.01	4,253.33	3,832.14
Rwanda	30.86	33.29	9.10	8.52
São Tomé and Príncipe	0.98	0.55	0.09	0.04
Senegal	6.77	16.77	2.92	2.92
Seychelles	6.27	4.65	1.03	2.61
Sierra Leone	26.55	17.91	4.12	4.54
Somalia	1.11	0.98	0.30	0.37
South Africa	9,486.67	8,657.14	2,088.59	2,077.36
Sudan	10.35	6.52	3.21	1.31
Swaziland	89.28	66.65	14.16	12.44
Tanzania	58.95	115.57	52.26	23.63
Togo	30.54	51.91	0.91	1.38
Uganda	45.88	34.48	10.48	7.96
Zambia	47.32	63.02	15.33	11.26
Zimbabwe	51.42	52.45	28.43	1.33
TOTAL	74,321.72	49,722.21	12,418.83	10,085.13

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