



U.S. Trade with sub-Saharan Africa, January-December 2016

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.

2016 U.S. TOTAL TRADE with sub-Saharan Africa		
Value (in millions)	% Change from 2014	% of Total Trade with World
\$33,733	-8.46%	0.93%

2016 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
\$13,602	-24.48%	0.94%	-39% Oil; -38% vehicles; -32% Civilian aircraft & parts; -31% Machinery

Top 5 SSA Destinations for U.S. Exports				
COUNTRY	VALUE (in millions)	% of Total to SSA	% Change from 2014	Top Commodities
South Africa	4,685.29	34.45%	-14.16%	Machinery; Vehicles & parts; Electrical machinery; Civilian aircraft & parts; Medical Instruments
Nigeria	1,875.38	13.79%	-45.45%	Machinery; Vehicles; Cereals (wheat & meslin)
Angola	1,275.76	9.38%	9.40%	Aircraft & parts; Machinery; Electrical machinery
Ghana	830.49	6.11%	-12.57%	Vehicles; Machinery; Electr machinery; Aircraft/parts
Ethiopia	827.29	6.08%	-46.81%	Civilian aircraft & parts; Cereals (wheat & meslin)

2016 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
\$20,132	6.85%	0.92%	+23% Mineral fuel; +12% Cocoa; +8% Precious stones

Top 5 SSA Sources of U.S. Imports				
COUNTRY	VALUE (in millions)	% of Total from SSA	% Change from 2014	Top Commodities
South Africa	6,759.20	33.57%	-7.59%	Platinum/diamonds; Vehicles & parts; Iron & steel;
Nigeria	4,175.99	20.74%	117.98%	Oil (crude)
Angola	2,856.48	14.19%	1.78%	Oil (crude); Diamonds
Côte d'Ivoire	1,163.92	5.78%	13.23%	Cocoa; Rubber; Cashew nuts
Chad	898.68	4.46%	-31.05%	Oil (crude)

2016 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%

U.S. TRADE WITH SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

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

COUNTRY	2015	2016
Angola	1,166.16	1,275.76
Benin	631.46	232.27
Botswana	39.04	42.31
Burkina Faso	53.88	35.35
Burundi	5.65	8.41
Cameroon	224.96	189.86
Cape Verde	7.32	8.71
Central African Republic	34.31	9.46
Chad	56.59	32.88
Comoros	1.51	1.35
Congo	249.22	130.95
Congo, Dem. Rep.	136.19	83.34
Côte d'Ivoire	266.34	286.13
Djibouti	144.71	144.98
Equatorial Guinea	161.96	278.43
Eritrea	3.50	3.05
Ethiopia	1,555.25	827.29
Gabon	203.87	84.77
Gambia	37.90	40.17
Ghana	949.91	830.49
Guinea	135.35	84.42
Guinea-Bissau	2.14	3.66
Kenya	943.44	393.87
Lesotho	0.88	2.09
Liberia	135.81	176.48
Madagascar	54.55	42.23
Malawi	37.20	42.15
Mali	72.43	73.10
Mauritania	126.28	116.31
Mauritius	58.44	86.96
Mozambique	264.20	146.95
Namibia	127.60	212.93
Niger	71.49	66.30
Nigeria	3,437.95	1,875.38
Rwanda	14.29	74.62
São Tomé and Príncipe	0.85	1.99
Senegal	196.43	181.98
Seychelles	18.54	12.43
Sierra Leone	77.33	63.19
Somalia	45.03	36.87
South Africa	5,458.29	4,685.29
South Sudan	19.61	9.83
Sudan	59.51	58.74
Swaziland	28.52	25.62
Tanzania	172.80	159.60
Togo	311.82	243.36
Uganda	88.32	69.01
Zambia	84.17	81.18
Zimbabwe	37.83	28.97
Total	18,010.85	13,601.50

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

COUNTRY	2015	2016
Angola	2,806.49	2,856.48
Benin	4.94	7.04
Botswana	211.91	434.16
Burkina Faso	3.59	5.26
Burundi	8.43	6.65
Cameroon	2.22	4.04
Cape Verde	132.05	150.77
Central African Republic	3.12	1.08
Chad	1,303.32	898.68
Comoros	1.21	2.75
Congo	304.30	132.06
Congo, Dem. Rep.	153.74	173.95
Côte d'Ivoire	1,027.89	1,163.92
Djibouti	35.46	28.01
Equatorial Guinea	163.14	193.24
Eritrea	0.11	0.47
Ethiopia	310.27	236.18
Gabon	337.02	107.38
Gambia	0.90	0.66
Ghana	309.37	321.23
Guinea	79.62	9.45
Guinea-Bissau	0.05	0.18
Kenya	573.10	551.51
Lesotho	331.96	310.57
Liberia	44.94	64.11
Madagascar	319.78	444.93
Malawi	61.40	76.69
Mali	4.50	4.30
Mauritania	1.17	50.34
Mauritius	395.66	335.40
Mozambique	96.03	110.89
Namibia	85.35	84.08
Niger	4.18	6.21
Nigeria	1,915.80	4,175.99
Rwanda	45.64	25.45
São Tomé and Príncipe	0.77	0.49
Senegal	71.97	54.60
Seychelles	5.84	5.82
Sierra Leone	39.59	30.13
Somalia	0.90	0.99
South Africa	7,314.61	6,759.20
South Sudan	0.19	0.13
Sudan	8.97	15.33
Swaziland	21.50	16.99
Tanzania	104.94	149.42
Togo	14.21	10.85
Uganda	64.12	51.49
Zambia	47.11	46.58
Zimbabwe	67.17	15.80
Total	18,840.59	20,131.94

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