

U.S. - SubSaharan Africa Bilateral Trade and Investment**

In 2021, SubSaharan Africa GDP (including the United States) was an estimated \$24.9 trillion (current market exchange rates), and the population was 1.5 billion. Not including the United States, SubSaharan Africa GDP was an estimated \$1.9 trillion, and the population was 1.1 billion (Source: IMF)

U.S. Goods trade (exports plus imports) with SubSaharan Africa totaled \$44.9 billion in 2021. Goods exports totaled \$16.6 billion; goods imports totaled \$28.3 billion. The U.S. goods trade deficit with SubSaharan Africa was \$11.7 billion in 2021.

According to the Department of Commerce, U.S. exports of goods and services to SubSaharan Africa supported an estimated 74 thousand jobs in 2020 (latest data available) (58 thousand supported by goods exports and 16 thousand supported by services exports)

Exports

- U.S. goods exports to SubSaharan Africa in 2021 were \$16.6 billion, up 22.6 percent (\$3.1 billion) from 2020 but down 22 percent from 2011.
- The top export categories (2-digit HS) in 2021 were: vehicles (\$3.2 billion), machinery (\$2.0 billion), mineral fuels (\$1.8 billion), aircraft (\$1.1 billion), and cereals (wheat) (\$918 million).
- The top export markets in 2021 were: South Africa (\$5.5 billion), Nigeria (\$3.9 billion), Ghana (\$983 million), Ethiopia (\$585 million), and Kenya (\$551 million).
- U.S. total exports (domestic exports plus re-exports) of agricultural products to SubSaharan Africa totaled \$2.4 billion in 2021. Leading domestic export categories include: wheat (\$739 million), poultry meat and products (excluding eggs) (\$513 million), food preparations (\$134 million), vegetable oils (excluding soybean) (\$115 million), and pulses (\$88 million).

Imports

- U.S. goods imports from SubSaharan Africa totaled \$28.3 billion in 2021, up 47.0 percent (\$9.1 billion) from 2020, but down 62 percent from 2011.
- The top import categories (2-digit HS) in 2021 were: precious metal and stone (platinum) (\$11.2 billion), mineral fuels (\$6.0 billion), cocoa (\$1.3 billion), vehicles (\$868 million), and knit apparel (\$749 million).
- The top suppliers in 2021 were: South Africa (\$15.7 billion), Nigeria (\$3.5 billion), Ghana (\$1.7 billion), Cote d'Ivoire (\$1.2 billion), and Angola (\$1.1 billion).
- U.S. total imports (general definition) of agricultural products from SubSaharan Africa totaled \$34.3 billion in 2021. Leading categories include: cocoa beans (\$974 million), cocoa paste and cocoa butter (\$340 million), unroasted coffee (\$300 million), spices (\$289 million), and tree nuts (\$182 million).

Trade Balance

- The U.S. goods trade deficit with SubSaharan Africa was \$11.7 billion in 2021, a 104.8 percent increase (\$6.0 billion) over 2020.

Investment

- U.S. foreign direct investment (FDI) in SubSaharan Africa (stock) was \$30.0 billion in 2021, a 1.1 percent decrease from 2020. There is no information on the distribution of U.S. FDI in SubSaharan Africa.
- SubSaharan Africa's FDI in the United States (stock) was \$10.3 billion in 2021, up 4.5 percent from 2020. There is no information on the distribution of SubSaharan Africa FDI in the U.S.

NOTE: No services trade data with SubSaharan Africa are available.

U.S. Goods Trade with Subsaharan Africa (in billions of dollars)

	2011	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total	95.7	34.1	39.0	41.0	36.8	32.8	44.9
Exports	21.3	13.9	14.1	15.9	15.8	13.5	16.6
Imports	74.3	20.2	24.9	25.1	21.0	19.2	28.3
Balance	-53.0	-6.2	-10.8	-9.2	-5.1	-5.7	-11.7

U.S. Agricultural Trade with Subsaharan Africa (in billions of dollars)

	2011	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total	24.6	26.3	27.7	28.1	29.0	29.7	36.6
Exports	3.0	1.7	2.0	1.7	2.1	1.8	2.4
Imports	21.5	24.7	25.7	26.4	26.9	27.9	34.3
Balance	-18.5	-23.0	-23.8	-24.7	-24.8	-26.1	-31.9

U.S. Manufacturing Trade with Subsaharan Africa (in billions of dollars)

	2011	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total	33.1	23.9	25.6	28.3	26.8	27.3	31.6
Exports	18.1	13.9	14.1	15.9	15.9	13.5	12.4
Imports	15.0	10.0	11.5	12.4	10.9	13.8	19.2
Balance	3.1	4.0	2.7	3.5	4.9	-0.3	-6.8

**SubSaharan Africa countries consist of Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo (Brazzaville), Congo (Kinshasa), Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mayotte, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Reunion, Rwanda, Saint Helena, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Western Sahara, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

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