



Germany & Saudi Arabia Trade Relations



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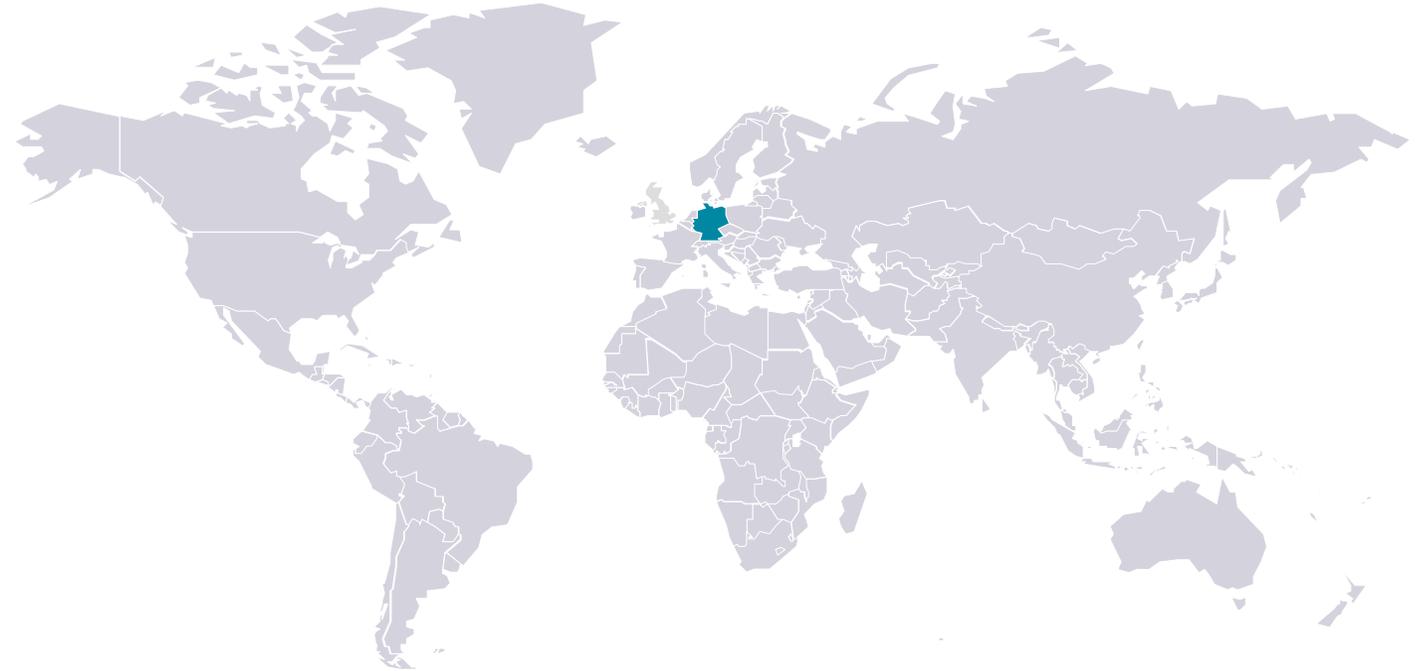
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General Information about Germany

- Capital Berlin
- Official language German
- Population (09/2025) 83.497 million
- Population density 238 people per sq km
- GDP 2024 US\$4,685.59B
- GDP per capita 2024 US\$56,103.7
- Currency Euro
- Trade (% of GDP) 79%
- Exchange rate USD/EUR= 0.834386



Destination Germany, officially the Federal Republic of Germany, a sovereign state in Central Europe, bordered in north by the North Sea, the Baltic Sea and Denmark, in west by the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, and France, in south by Switzerland, and Austria, in east by the Czech Republic, and Poland. Additionally, the country shares maritime borders with Sweden, and the United Kingdom. An area of 357,022 km² making Germany the seventh largest country in Europe, compared it is about two-thirds the size of France.

Germany is a Manufacturing Powerhouse

With the largest economy in Europe, Germany generates approximately 20% of the region's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and ranks fourth worldwide with a share of over 3% of the global GDP. The country is also the second-most populous in Europe with circa 83.5 million people. Germany achieved much economic and military progress before WWI and WWII left it in shambles. However, the country quickly recovered to become the superpower that it is today. One of the main reasons for Germany's success lies in its advanced capabilities in both manufacturing and services.

The German agricultural sector is rather limited: it contributes a mere 0.8% of GDP and employs 1% of the country's workforce. The industrial sector amounts to about 26.8% of GDP and employs 27% of the country's workforce. Germany is Europe's most industrialized country, and its economy is well diversified: the automotive industry is the country's largest sector, but Germany also retains other specialized sectors, including mechanical engineering, electric and electronic equipment, and chemical products. Overall, manufacturing activities alone account for 19% of GDP. Germany's service sector is a leading employer (72% of the workforce) and contributes to 63.7% of the country's GDP. The sector's growth in recent years has been primarily driven by a strong demand for business-related services and by the development of new technologies.

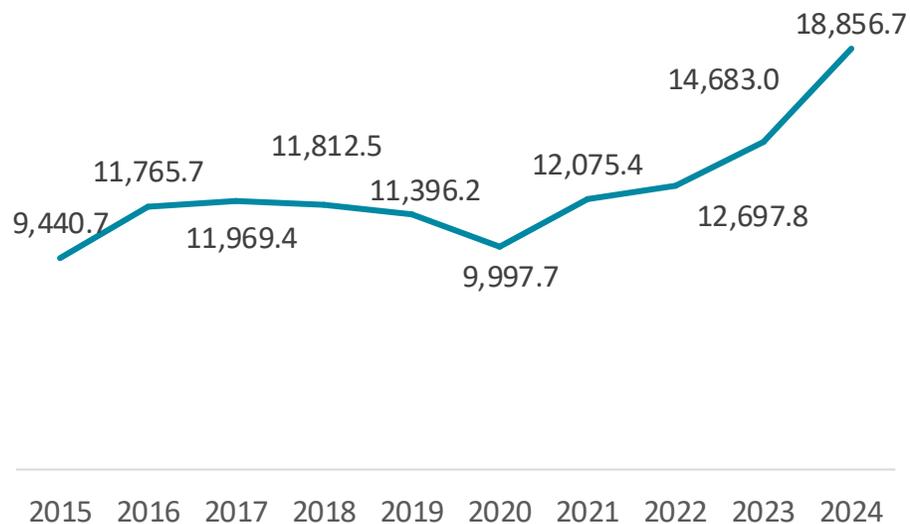
- Germany's television market is the largest in Europe.



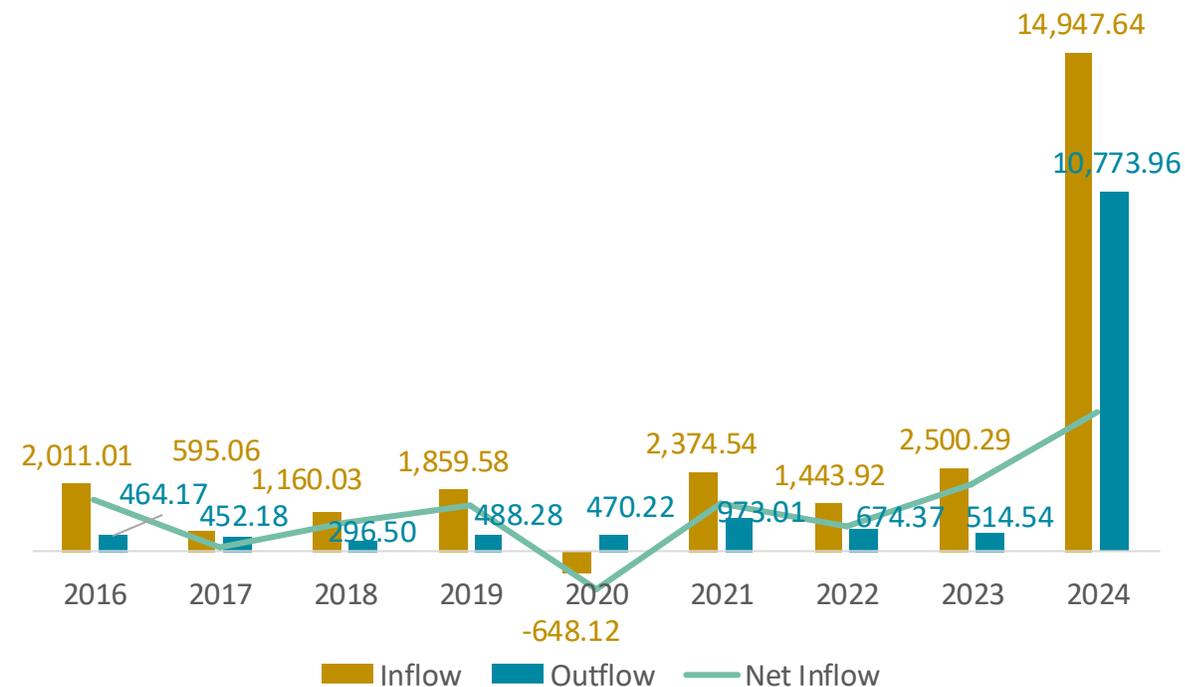
Foreign Direct Investment

- In 2024, SAR 18.9 billion in FDI stock were recorded (from Germany in Saudi Arabia), higher by 28.4% compared to the previous year.
- In 2024, the value of the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Inflow was SAR 14.9 billion while the FDI Outflow reached a value of SAR 10.8 billion. These amounts resulted in an FDI Net Inflow of SAR 4.2 billion, higher by 110.2% than the previous year.

Annual Evolution of FDI Stock, in Million SAR



Annual Evolution of FDI Inflow and Outflow, in Million SAR



Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs)

Title	Status	Date of Signature	Date of Entry Into Force
Germany - Saudi Arabia BIT	In force	29/10/1996	08/01/1999

Supportive Bodies

Title	Status	Contact Details
Saudi Germany Business Council	Active	info@gaft.gov.sa
Joint Saudi-German Economic Commission (JEC)	Active	The Ministry of Investment (MISA) in KSA / The Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) in Germany

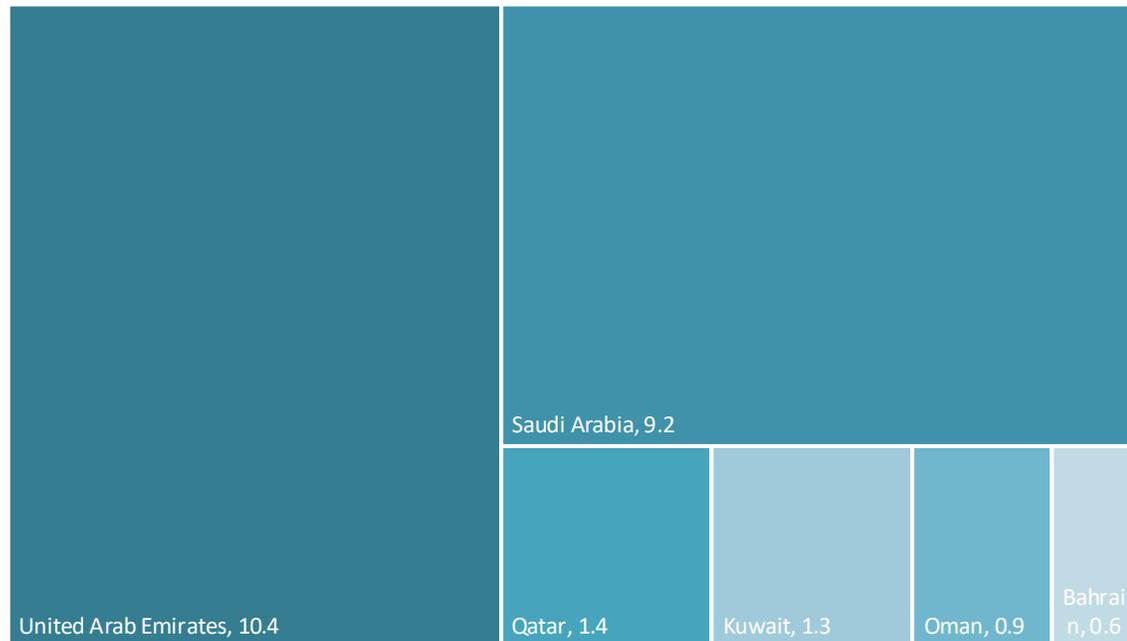


Germany Trade with Saudi Arabia

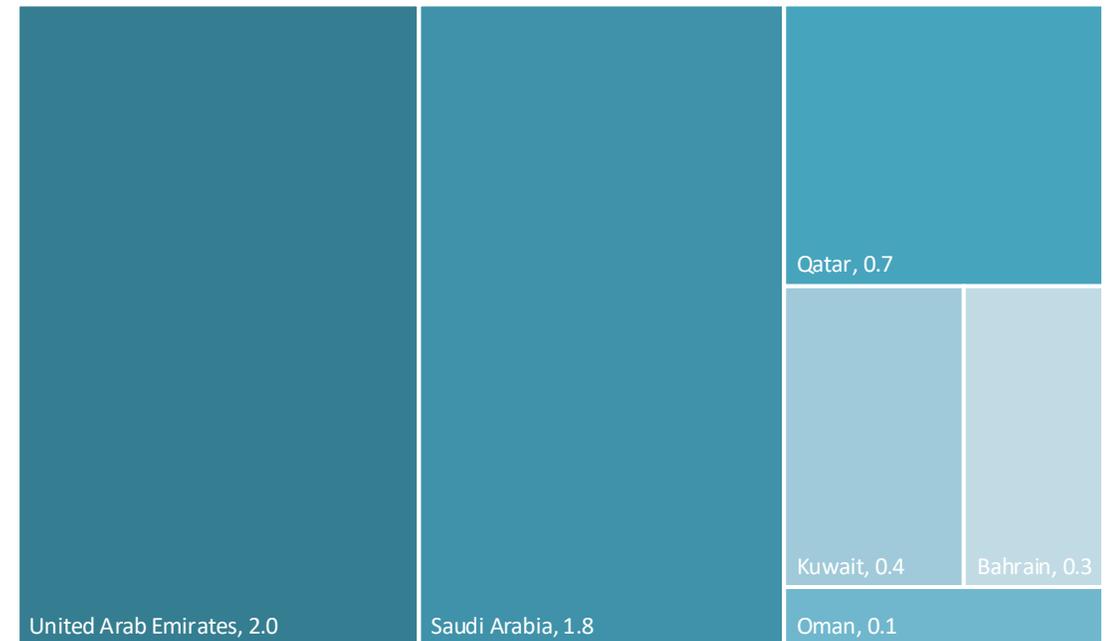
Germany Trade with GCC Countries in 2024

- In 2024, nearly 83% of Germany's exports to the GCC are concentrated in the UAE and Saudi Arabia, confirming their role as the region's primary destination markets for German exports.
- Around 71% of Germany's imports from the GCC originate from the UAE and Saudi Arabia.

Germany Exports to GCC Countries, in Billion US\$ (2024)

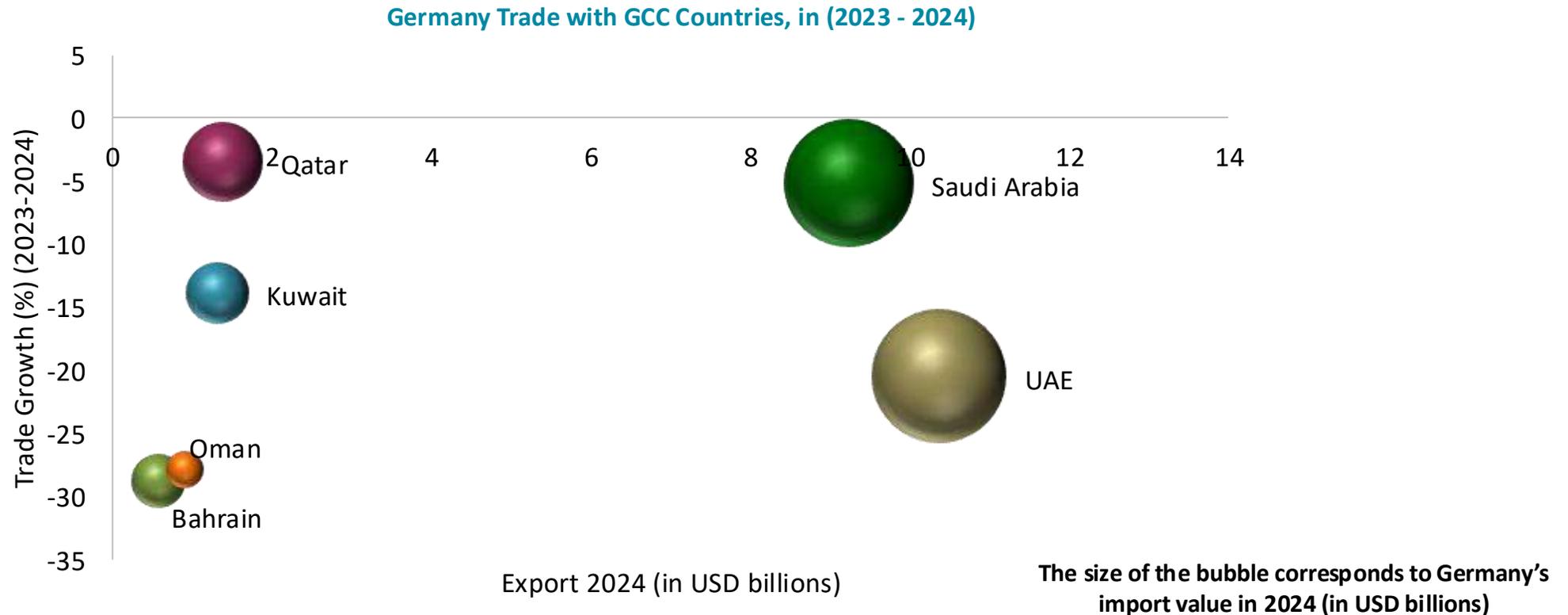


Germany Import from GCC Countries, in Billion US\$ (2024)



Germany Trade with GCC Countries in 2023 - 2024

- Despite the increase in Germany's exports to the GCC countries, the overall volume of trade declined due to a 14.5% decrease in Germany's imports from the GCC.
- The trade between Germany and all GCC countries declined in 2024. The sharpest contractions were recorded with Bahrain (-28.9%), Oman (-28.0%), and the UAE (-20.5%). In contrast, the smallest decreases were seen in Saudi Arabia (-5.2%) and Qatar (-3.5%).
- Germany's imports from the world declined by about 7% in 2024 compared to 2023.

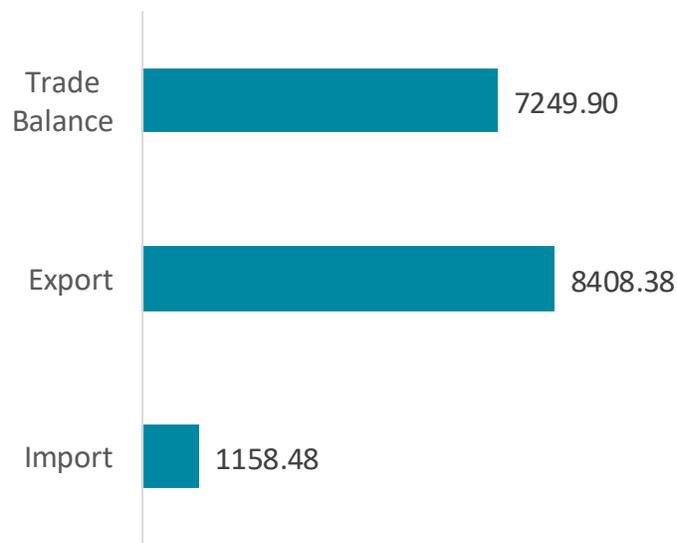


Germany Trade with Saudi Arabia in 2025

In the first ten months of 2025, Germany maintained its leading position in trade relations with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, achieving a substantial surplus of USD 7.25 billion. The total trade volume reached USD 9.57 billion, with exports accounting for 87.9% (USD 8.41 billion). Imports from Saudi Arabia represented 12.1% (USD 1.16 billion).

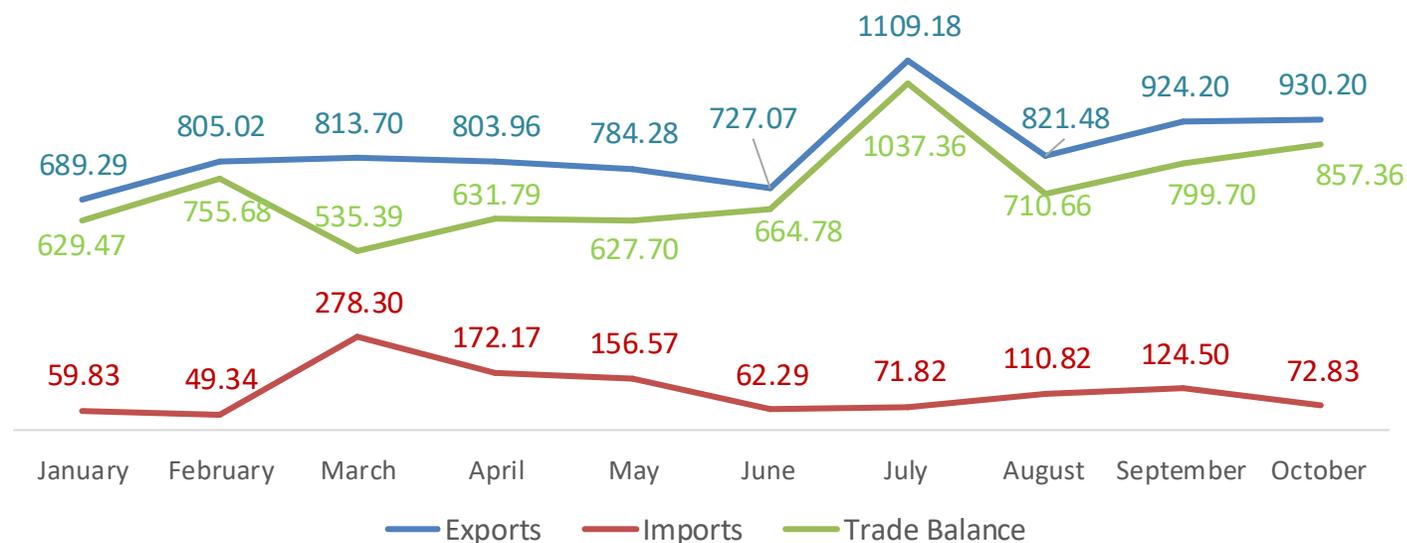
Germany Total Trade with Saudi Arabia in 2025 (Jan-Oct)

(Million USD)



Germany Trade with Saudi Arabia in 2025 (Monthly)

(Million USD)



Germany Trade With Saudi Arabia Over the Last 10 Years (2015 – 2024)

94.98 Billion USD

Total trade between the Germany & Saudi Arabia over the last 10 years

▼ **-8.42** %

Germany trade decline rate with Saudi Arabia over the last 10 years

▼ **-26.65** %

Germany's trade balance with Saudi Arabia decline rate over the last 10 years.

79.83 Billion USD

Germany export to Saudi Arabia over the last 10 years

▼ **-16.74** %

Germany export decline rate over the last 10 years

Vehicles; other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts and accessories thereof

The top category that the Germany exports to Saudi Arabia

15.15 Billion USD

Germany import from Saudi Arabia over the last 10 years

▲ **86.53** %

Germany import growth rate over the last 10 years

Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes

The top category that the Germany imports from Saudi Arabia

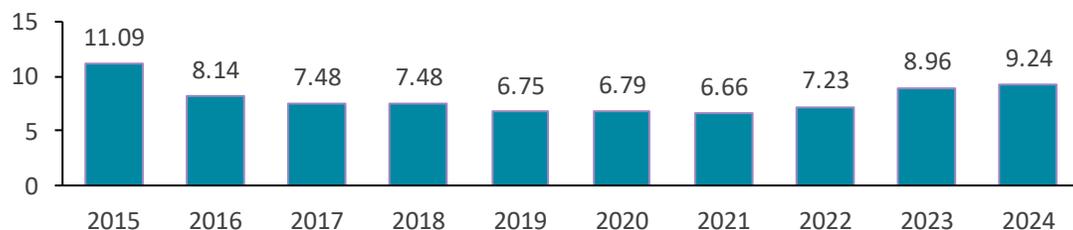
Germany Trade With Saudi Arabia

In 2024, Germany's export value to Saudi Arabia was US\$ 9.24B, representing 83.6% of the total trade. The main export categories have been Machinery and mechanical appliances, boilers..., Vehicles; other than railway or tramway rolling stock..., Pharmaceutical products, Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring..., and Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof.

The value of total imports from Saudi Arabia was US\$ 1.81B, representing 16.4% of the total trade. The main categories were Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation..., Plastics and articles thereof, Natural, cultured pearls; precious, semi-precious stones, Organic chemicals, and Commodities not specified according to kind.

Germany's positive trade balance with Saudi Arabia was US\$ 7.43B in 2024. The total trade value between Germany and Saudi Arabia in 2024 was equal to US\$ 11.05B.

Germany Exports to Saudi Arabia, in Billion US\$

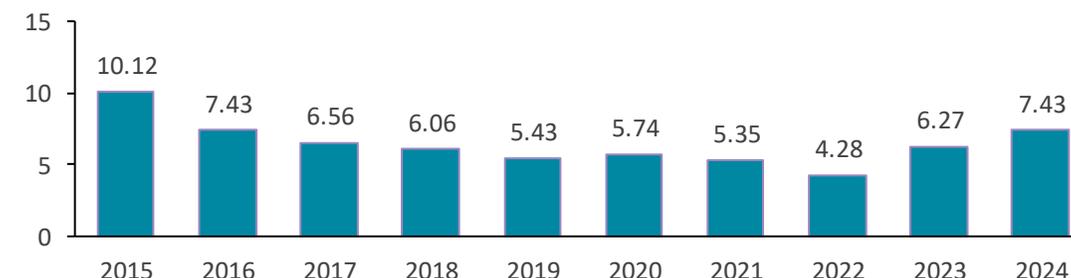


Germany Imports from Saudi Arabia, in Billion US\$



Saudi Arabia ranks as Germany's 42nd largest trading partner globally. Conversely, Germany is the fifth-largest exporter of goods to Saudi Arabia, while Saudi Arabia is Germany's second most important trading partner in the Arab world after the United Arab Emirates.

Trade balance, in Billion US\$

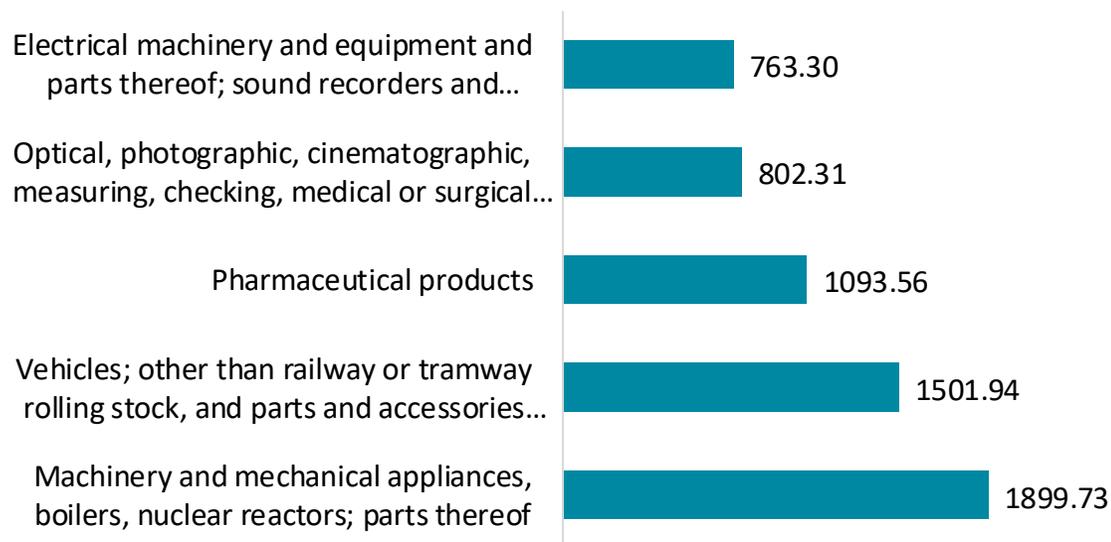


*Trade Balance = Export – Import, All data isn't including Re-export
Source: UN Comtrade

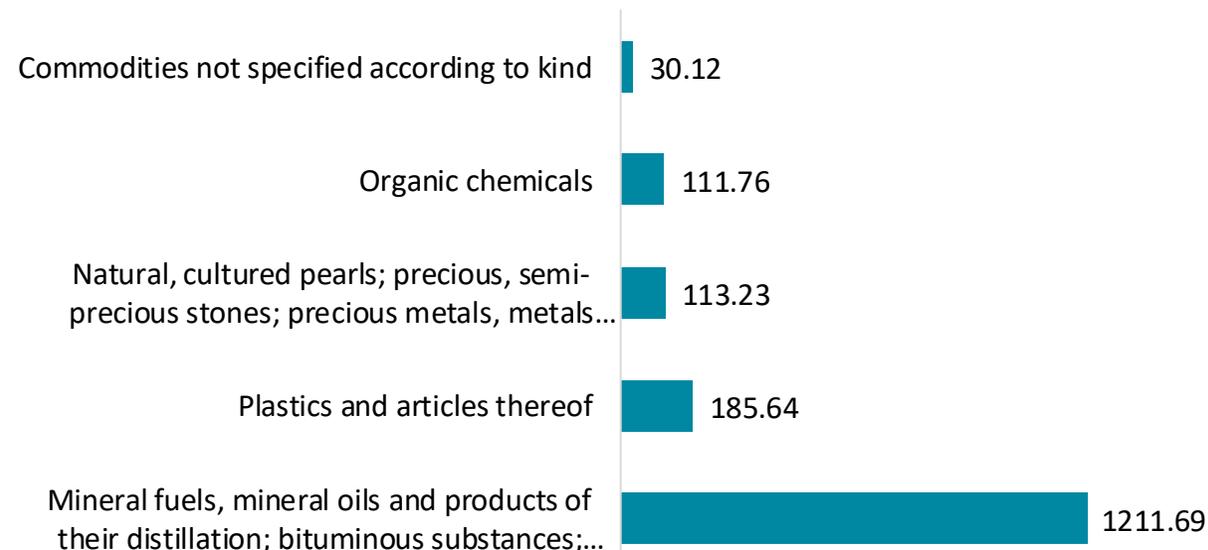
Top Trade Categories Between Germany & Saudi Arabia

- In 2024, 65.6% of Germany's exports to Saudi Arabia were concentrated in five categories. The main export categories were Machinery and mechanical appliances, boilers, nuclear reactors; parts thereof (20.6%), Vehicles; other than railway or tramway rolling stock ... (16.3%).
- In 2024, 91.2% of Germany's imports from Saudi Arabia were concentrated in five categories. The main categories were Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation... (66.8%) and Plastics and articles thereof (10.2%).

Top categories for export to Saudi Arabia in 2024, in Million US\$



Top categories for import from Saudi Arabia in 2024, in Million US\$



Note: Data not include re-export
Source: UN Comtrade

Top Trade Products Between Germany & Saudi Arabia

- In 2024, 40.6% of Germany's exports to Saudi Arabia were concentrated in ten products. The main export products have been Motor cars and other motor vehicles, Medicaments, and Aircraft n.e.c. in heading no. 8801, except unmanned aircraft of heading 8806...
- In 2024, 88.5% of Germany's imports from Saudi Arabia were concentrated in ten products. The main import products have been Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals; crude, Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals, not crude..., Waste and scrap of precious metal or of metal clad with precious metal..

Top products for export to Saudi Arabia in 2024	Code	Value (MUS\$)
Motor cars and other motor vehicles; principally designed...	8703	854.10
Medicaments; (not goods of heading no. 3002...	3004	635.49
Aircraft n.e.c. in heading no. 8801, except unmanned...	8802	465.79
Human blood; animal blood for therapeutic, prophylactic...	3002	406.72
Instruments and appliances used in medical, surgical...	9018	327.19
Reagents; diagnostic or laboratory reagents on a backing...	3822	265.59
Tractors; (other than tractors of heading no 8709)	8701	245.52
Special purpose motor vehicles;...	8705	193.32
Turbo-jets, turbo-propellers and other gas turbines	8411	185.66
Electrical machines and apparatus; having individual...	8543	171.18

Top products for import from Saudi Arabia in 2024	Code	Value (MUS\$)
Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals; crude	2709	1060.43
Petroleum oils and oils from bituminous minerals...	2710	144.61
Waste and scrap of precious metal or of metal clad ...	7112	105.96
Polymers of ethylene, in primary forms	3901	92.98
Polymers of propylene or of other olefins, in primary forms	3902	67.61
Commodities not specified according to kind	9999	30.23
Acids; saturated acyclic monocarboxylic acids...	2915	28.80
Cyclic hydrocarbons	2902	28.22
Synthetic rubber and factice derived from oils...	4002	25.59
Acyclic alcohols and their halogenated, sulphonated...	2905	20.34

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Source: UN Comtrade

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