



International Merchandise Trade

August 2026

Highlights of the month

August 2026 compared with July 2026

Merchandise Exports¹

- ❖ The total value of exports in August 2026 rose by 17.9% (or \$1.6 million) to \$10.5 million. This increase was driven by higher exports and re-exports in the following categories:
 - ❖ Mineral products (up \$1.7 million)
 - ❖ Animal or vegetable fats and oil products (up \$0.3 million)
 - ❖ Chemical products (up \$0.1 million)
 - ❖ Plastic, rubber & articles thereof (up \$0.07 million)
- ❖ Exports to Fiji valued at \$1.6 million (an increase of \$0.5 million), China at \$1.5 million (an increase of \$1.4 million), and Japan at \$0.4 million (an increase of \$0.4 million) recorded the largest increases in August 2026. These increases were mainly driven by higher exports and re-exports of petroleum products, coconut oil, beer, tobacco, and other items.
- ❖ Exports to the Asia region totaled \$3.3 million, an increase of \$1.4 million, representing the largest increase recorded during the period under review. This was largely attributed to higher diesel re-exports to China.

Merchandise Imports

- ❖ The total value of imports in August 2026 decreased by 4.2% (or \$6.3 million) to \$143.0 million. This decrease was driven by lower imports of:
 - ❖ Mineral products (down \$9.5 million)
 - ❖ Live animals and animal products (down \$4.3 million)
 - ❖ Wood products (down \$2.6 million)
 - ❖ Chemical products (down \$1.3 million)
- ❖ Imports from Singapore totaled \$32.9 million (down \$9.2 million), Fiji at \$11.8 million (down \$4.4 million), and the USA at \$9.7 million (down \$4.2 million) recorded the largest decreases in the reviewed month. These decreases were primarily due to lower importation of petroleum, food products such as chicken and lamb meat, and electrical equipment, among others.
- ❖ Despite the overall reduction in imports during August 2026, imports from the Asia region increased by 0.9% compared to the previous month, partly reflecting the importation of the MV FOSIII vessel. Compared with the same month last year, imports rose 54.3%.

Trade Balance

- ❖ The total value of imports of \$143.0 million exceeded exports of \$10.5 million, resulting in a trade deficit of \$132.4 million in August 2026. The trade deficit decreased by 5.6% when compared to the previous month, but increased by 52.0% compared to the same month last year.

¹ Includes both exports and re-exports





Fefa'ataua'iga o Oloa Aukuso 2026

Oto'otoga o le Masina

Masina Aukuso 2026 faatusa ia Iulai 2026

'Oloa tu'uina atu i atunu'u i fafo²

- ❖ O le tau aofai o oloa tuuina atu i atunu'u i fafo i le masina o Aukuso 2026, na si'itia i le 17.9% (poo le \$1.6 miliona) i le \$10.5 miliona. O lenei siitaga na mafua mai i oloa e pei o:
 - ❖ Suāu'u (si'itia i le \$1.7 miliona)
 - ❖ Oloa gaosia i ga'o o manu ma laau (si'itia i le \$0.3 miliona)
 - ❖ Vaila'au ma isi oloa gaosi mai vaila'au (si'itia i le \$0.1 miliona)
 - ❖ Oloa gaosi mai i ūga ma isi (si'itia i le \$0.07 miliona)
- ❖ O oloa tuuina atu i Fiti e \$1.6 miliona le tau aofai (si'itia i le \$0.5 miliona), Saina e \$1.5 miliona le tau aofai (si'itia i le \$1.4 miliona) ma Iapani e \$0.4 miliona (si'itia i le \$0.4 miliona), na faamauina le si'itia i le masina o Aukuso 2026, e afua mai i oloa e pei o suāuu, 'ava malosi, tapaa ma isi oloa.
- ❖ O le itulagi o Asia na faamauina e tele oloa na auina atu ai ma e \$3.3 miliona lona tau aofai, sa faamauina le si'itia maualuga i le \$1.4 miliona pe'a faatusa i le masina ua mavae. O le tele o nei oloa o suāu'u na auina atu i Saina.

'Oloa 'auina mai i atunu'u i fafo

- ❖ Ole tau aofai o oloa na auina mai atunu'u i fafo i le masina o Aukuso 2026 na faaitiitia i le 4.2% (poo le \$6.3 miliona) i le \$143.0 miliona. O lenei pa'ū na mafua mai i oloa e pei o:
 - ❖ Suāu'u (pa'ū i le \$9.5 miliona)
 - ❖ Manu ola ma 'aano o manu fasi (pa'ū i le \$4.3 miliona)
 - ❖ Oloa gaosi mai laau, pepa ma pepa malo (pa'ū i le \$2.6 miliona)
 - ❖ Vaila'au ma isi oloa gaosi mai vaila'au (pa'ū i le \$1.3 miliona)
- ❖ O oloa auina mai i Sigapoa e \$32.9 miliona (faaitiitia i le \$9.2 miliona), Fiti e \$11.8 miliona (faaitiitia i le \$4.4 miliona) ma Amerika e \$9.7 miliona (faaitiitia i le \$4.2 miliona) sa faamauina le pa'ū maualalo i lenei masina. O lenei faaitiitia na afua mai i oloa e pei suau'u, oloa tau meaai e pei o moa ma mamoe faapea ma uaea ma isi oloa.
- ❖ E ui i lea faaitiitia, na faamauina le siitia o le tau aofai o oloa na auina mai i le itulagi o Asia i le 0.9% faatusa i le masina ua mavae, e pei ona iai le vaa o le MV FOSIII sa auina mai. A faatusa i le masina lava lea i le tausaga ua te'a, na faamauina ai le siitia i le 54.3%.

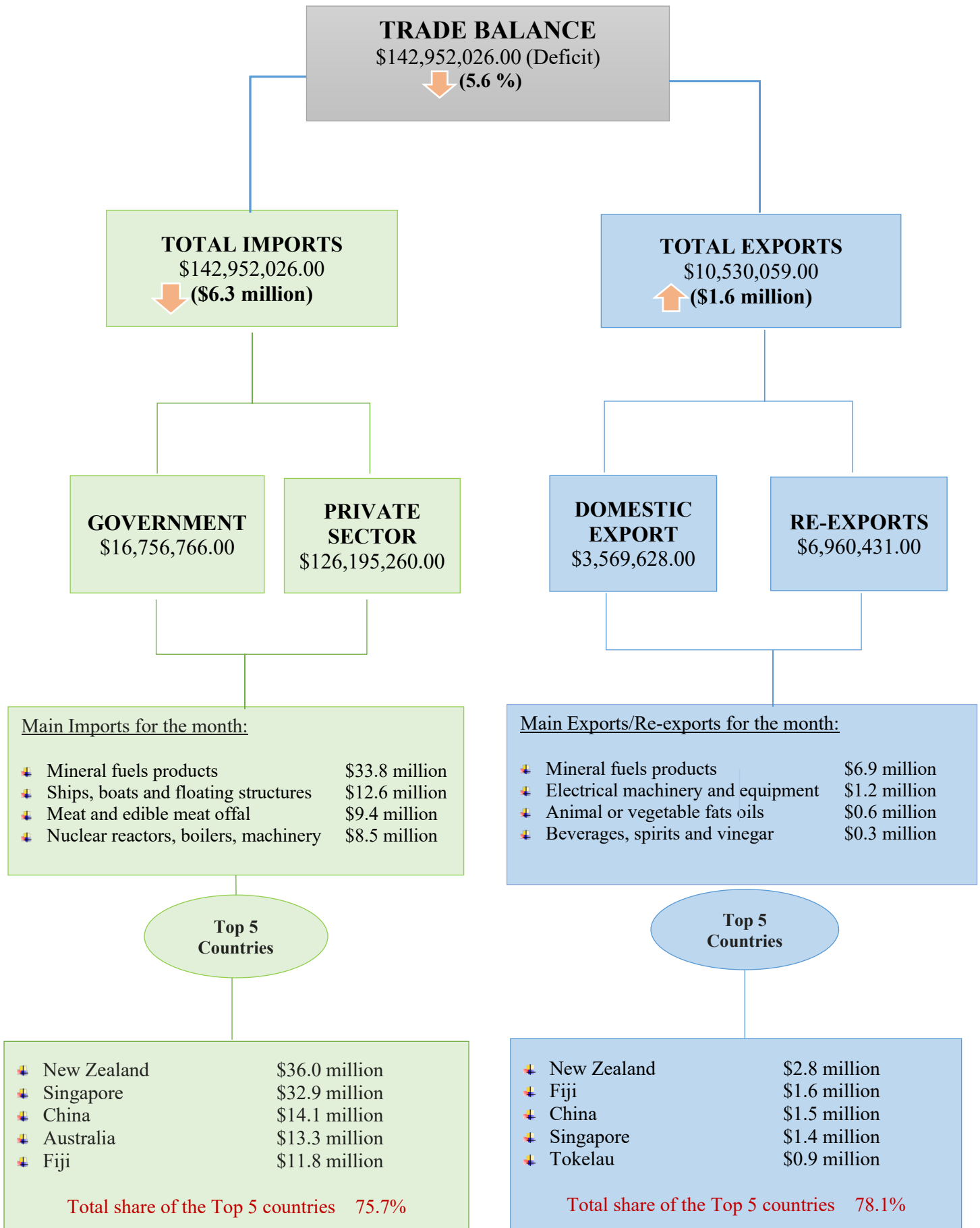
Paleni o Fefa'ataua'iga

- ❖ O le tau aofai o oloa na auina mai i Samoa e \$143.0 miliona faamauina le sili atu i oloa sa tuuina atu i atunu'u i fafo \$10.5 miliona, faamauina ai le paleni o fefa'ataua'iga o oloa i lona eseese e \$132.4 miliona. O lenei paleni na faamauina le faaitiitia i le 5.6%, ae siitia i le 52.0% pe'a faatusa i le masina ua tuana'i ma le masina o Aukuso i le tausaga ua mavae.

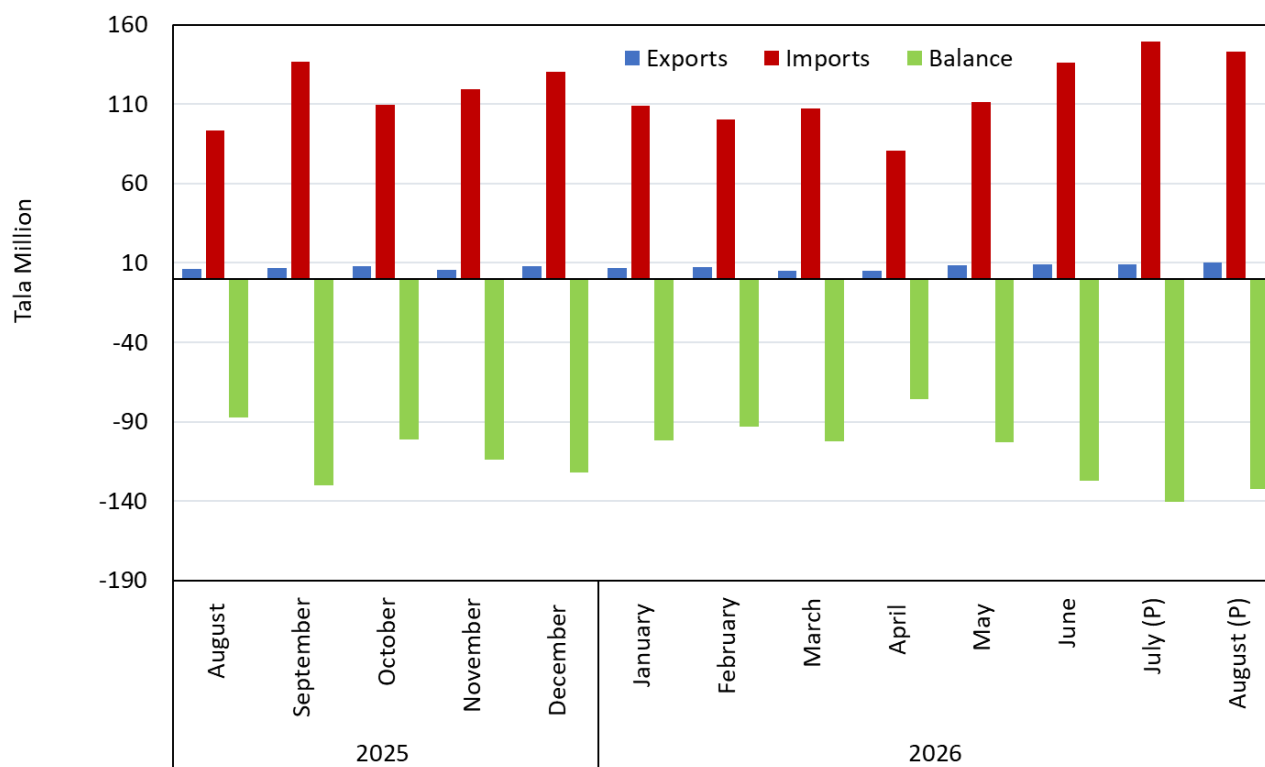
² Aofia ai ma oloa mai i fafo toe auina (faatau) atu i fafo

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Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

The attached tables provide users with more detailed information.

Technical Notes

The primary source of import and export data is the administrative customs document, the Single Administrative data (SAD). The form is required to be filled out by importers, exporters, or customs agents when clearing merchandise entering and leaving Samoa through the Ministry of Customs.

Definitions

Merchandise Exports

Includes both Exports and re-exports.

- **Exports** refer to goods that are produced, manufactured, or significantly transformed within Samoa and then shipped to other countries.
- **Re-exports** refer to goods that are previously imported into Samoa and are subsequently exported without undergoing substantial transformation. These goods may be stored, repackaged, or redistributed before being sent to another country.

Introduction of New Tables

Starting January 2026, new tables have been added to provide more detailed information and enhanced data accessibility. These tables have been added in response to user requests and complement the existing tables. These new tables include:

- Tables 2 & 6: Exports and Imports by broad groups/HS sections.
- Table 4 & 8: Major exports and by agricultural products and main imports and by NCD-related items.
- Tables 10 & 11: Combined presentation of exports and imports by country and by region, reflecting trade balances.

The September 2026 Merchandise Trade Report is expected to be available on **November 13, 2026**.

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