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Non-oil Merchandise Trade

Through the Ports of Abu Dhabi Emirate

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Introduction

This publication presents statistics on the value of non-oil foreign merchandise trade which entered or exited the territory of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi through the ports of Abu Dhabi (comprising air, sea and road ports) in March 2014. It should be noted that foreign trade data presented in this publication do not cover non-oil exports and imports through ports of the other Emirates in the UAE.

The data have been sourced from the Abu Dhabi Department of Finance – Customs Administration, and the scope of the statistics therefore is restricted to the trade flows recorded at ports under the jurisdiction of the Customs Administration. The publication highlights the relative importance of each individual component of imports, non-oil exports and re-exports.

The data are presented according to the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), Revision 4, the Broad Economic Categories (BEC), the Harmonised System (HS) and by country. In addition, a monthly time series of historical data for total imports, non-oil exports and re-exports is presented.

The Explanatory Notes section at the end of this publication defines the key terms and technical concepts used in the compilation of non-oil foreign merchandise trade statistics.

Readers are encouraged to refer to that section while reading the statistics and information outlined in the publication.

Key Points

Monthly non-oil foreign merchandise trade, March 2014

The total value of non-oil foreign merchandise trade in March 2014 was AED 11,856 million, with imports of AED 8,687 million (73.3% of total), non-oil exports of AED 1,698 million (14.3% of total) and re-exports at AED 1,471 million (12.4% of total).

The March 2014 total increased by AED 81 million (0.7%) compared with February 2014, with imports increasing by AED 378 million (4.6%) and re-exports by AED 263 million (21.8%), while the value of non-oil exports decreased by AED 560 million (-24.8%) over the same period.

A year on year comparison (March 2013 to March 2014) shows a decrease of AED 245 million (-2.0%) in total trade, with imports decreasing by AED 531 million (-5.8%) and re-exports by AED 136 million (-8.4%), while the value of non-oil exports increased by AED 422 million (33.0%) over the period.

Non-oil foreign merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, March 2014

Value in million AED

	March 2013	February 2014	March 2014	Change (%)	
				March 2013 to March 2014	February 2014 to March 2014
Imports	9,218	8,309	8,687	-5.8	4.6
Non-oil exports	1,276	2,258	1,698	33.0	-24.8
Re-exports	1,607	1,208	1,471	-8.4	21.8
Total	12,101	11,775	11,856	-2.0	0.7

Source: Abu Dhabi Department of Finance – Customs Administration

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Non-oil foreign merchandise trade from February 2014 to March 2014

An analysis of non-oil foreign merchandise trade data by Standard International Trade Classification (SITC4), shown in the attached Statistical Table 1 for February 2014 to March 2014, reveals the following:

- The value of total imports increased by 4.6%, with increases of AED 284 million (16.9%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material” and AED 262 million (55.4%) in “Food and live animals”, partially offset by a decrease of AED 323 million (-7.7%) in “Machinery and transport equipment”.
- The value of non-oil exports decreased by 24.8%, mainly due to a decrease of AED 553 million (-46.3%) in “Chemicals and related products”.
- The value of re-exports increased by 21.8%, with an increase of AED 226 million (29.8%) in “Machinery and transport equipment”.

Non-oil foreign merchandise trade from March 2013 to March 2014

An analysis of the SITC4 data from March 2013 to March 2014 highlights that during the period:

- The value of imports decreased by 5.8%, with decreases of AED 481 million (-19.7%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material” and AED 379 million (-42.3%) in “Crude materials, inedible, except fuels” partially offset by an increase of AED 173 million (23.0%) in “Chemicals and related products”.
- The value of non-oil exports increased by 33.0%, with increases of AED 347 million (117.7%) in “Chemicals and related products” and AED 67 million (8.3%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”.
- The value of re-exports decreased by 8.4%, with decreases of AED 122 million (-11.0%) in “Machinery and transport equipment” partially offset by an increase of AED 56 million (111.0%) in “Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material”.

Non-oil foreign merchandise trade by country, March 2014

An analysis of non-oil foreign merchandise trade data by the top 5 countries for March 2014, shown in Statistical Table 4, reveals the following:

- The three main countries of origin for imports were Saudi Arabia (AED 1,015 million), United States of America (AED 835 million) and Japan (AED 808 million). These three countries represented 30.6% of total imports.
- For non-oil exports, the top three countries of destination were Saudi Arabia (AED 470 million), China (AED 234 million) and India (AED 141 million). These three countries represented 49.8% of total non-oil exports.
- The three main countries of destination for re-exports were Saudi Arabia (AED 287 million), Kingdom of Bahrain (AED 254 million) and Qatar (AED 248 million). These three countries represented 53.6% of total re-exports.

Monthly non-oil foreign merchandise trade historical series, January 2012 to March 2014

The following figures show the monthly historical series for imports, non-oil exports and re-exports from January 2012 to March 2014. The detailed data are shown in the attached Statistical Table 5.

The largest imports total was recorded in January 2012 (AED 11,837 million), the largest non-oil exports (AED 2,258 million) was recorded in February 2014 and the largest value of re-exports was recorded in May 2013 (AED 1,618 million).

Figure 1: Monthly imports foreign merchandise trade, January 2012 to March 2014

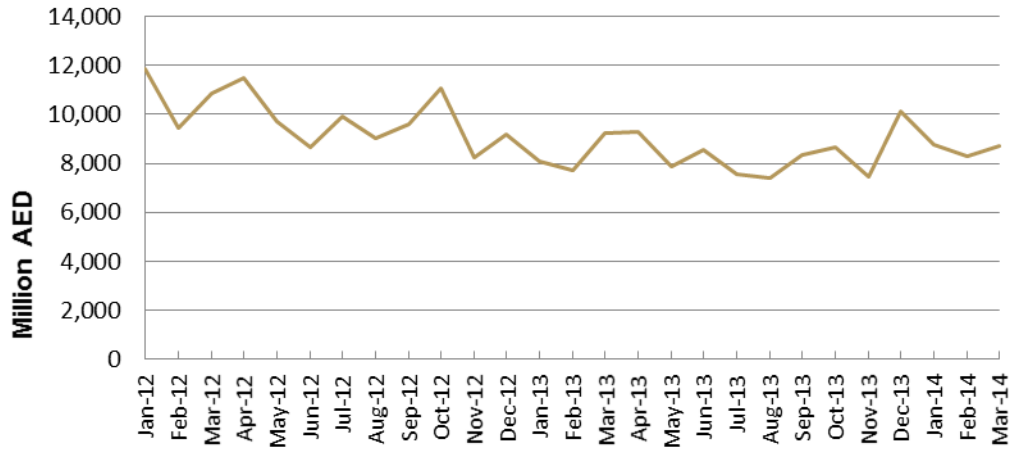


Figure 2: Monthly non-oil exports foreign merchandise trade, January 2012 to March 2014

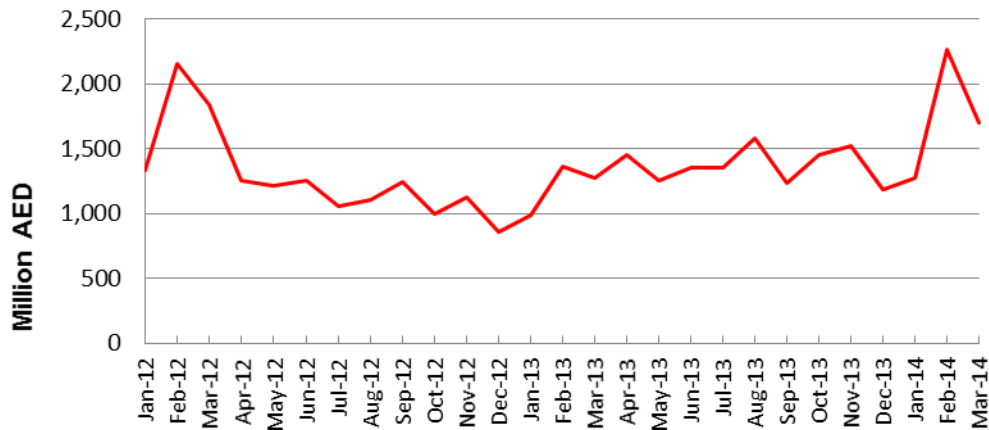
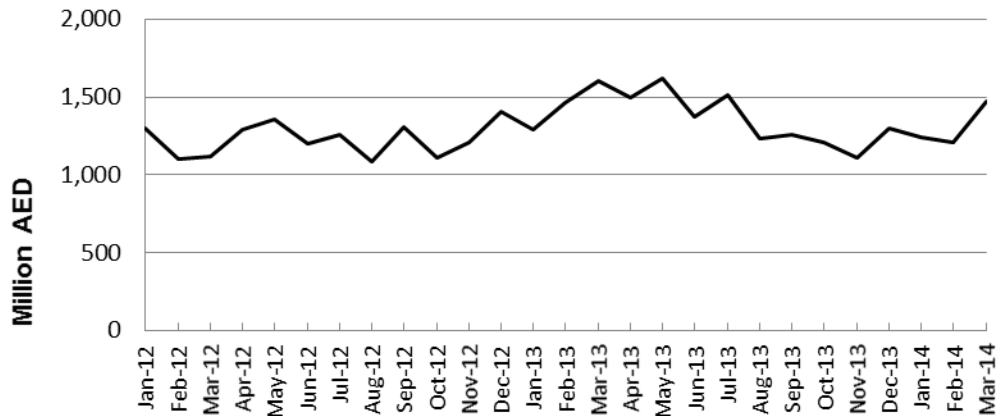


Figure 3: Monthly re-exports foreign merchandise trade, January 2012 to March 2014



Source: Abu Dhabi Department of Finance – Customs Administration
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Statistical Tables

Table 1: Non-oil foreign merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by Standard International Trade Classification (SITC4), March 2014

Value in million AED

Commodities	March 2013	February 2014	March 2014	Change (%) *	
				March 2013 to March 2014	February 2014 to March 2014
Imports					
Machinery and transport equipment	3,783	4,221	3,898	3.0	-7.7
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,443	1,678	1,962	-19.7	16.9
Chemicals and related products	753	796	926	23.0	16.3
Food and live animals	678	473	735	8.5	55.4
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	895	595	516	-42.3	-13.3
Other	667	545	650	-2.6	19.2
Total imports	9,218	8,309	8,687	-5.8	4.6
Non-oil exports					
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	806	837	873	8.3	4.3
Chemicals and related products	295	1,195	642	117.7	-46.3
Machinery and transport equipment	101	37	82	-18.7	123.9
Food and live animals	28	43	28	-2.0	-35.6
Miscellaneous manufactured items	16	17	27	69.9	61.2
Other	30	129	45	51.3	-65.1
Total non-oil exports	1,276	2,258	1,698	33.0	-24.8
Re-exports					
Machinery and transport equipment	1,111	763	989	-11.0	29.8
Miscellaneous manufactured items	281	273	240	-14.4	-11.9
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	50	68	106	111.0	55.6
Chemicals and related products	114	65	94	-17.0	44.3
Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere	26	25	32	26.1	28.4
Other	25	14	9	-63.9	-36.7
Total re-exports	1,607	1,208	1,471	-8.4	21.8

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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Table 2: Non-oil foreign merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by Broad Economic Category (BEC), March 2014

Value in million AED

Commodities	March 2013	February 2014	March 2014	Change (%) *	
				March 2013 to March 2014	February 2014 to March 2014
Imports					
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	4,194	2,998	3,430	-18.2	14.4
Transport equipment and parts	2,078	2,354	2,178	4.8	-7.5
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	1,724	1,871	1,782	3.4	-4.8
Food and Beverages	553	436	607	9.8	39.4
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	490	569	583	19.1	2.6
Other	180	82	107	-40.6	29.7
Total imports	9,218	8,309	8,687	-5.8	4.6
Non-oil exports					
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	1,077	2,093	1,487	38.1	-29.0
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	76	50	93	22.4	85.8
Food and Beverages	48	66	54	12.8	-18.0
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	45	33	43	-4.3	30.3
Transport equipment and parts	30	14	19	-35.2	37.8
Other	2	3	2	49.3	-8.2
Total non-oil exports	1,276	2,258	1,698	33.0	-24.8
Re-exports					
Capital goods (except transport equipment)	700	469	587	-16.0	25.1
Transport equipment and parts	354	285	387	9.3	35.8
Consumer goods not elsewhere specified	430	361	362	-15.8	0.3
Industrial supplies not elsewhere specified	102	80	125	22.5	55.5
Other	21	13	10	-52.4	-21.1
Total re-exports	1,607	1,208	1,471	-8.4	21.8

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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Table 3: Non-oil foreign merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by Harmonised System Classification, March 2014

Value in million AED

Commodities (HS Chapter)	March 2013	February 2013	March 2014	Change (%) *	
				March 2013 to March 2014	Feb 2014 to March 2014
Imports					
84: Boilers, machinery, mechanical appliances and parts; nuclear reactors	1,353	1,466	1,443	6.6	-1.6
87: Transport vehicles, other than railway, and parts	1,336	1,679	1,432	7.1	-14.7
74: Copper and articles thereof	924	605	655	-29.1	8.2
73: Articles of iron and steel	649	465	559	-13.9	20.3
85: Electrical machinery, sound recorders and parts	639	550	549	-14.1	-0.3
Other	4,316	3,545	4,051	-6.2	14.3
Total imports	9,218	8,309	8,687	-5.8	4.6
Non-oil exports					
39: Plastics and articles thereof	263	1,164	610	132.1	-47.6
74: Copper and articles thereof	399	344	335	-16.2	-2.8
76: Aluminium and articles thereof	12	161	214	1,679.3	32.4
72: Iron and steel	206	299	199	-3.3	-33.5
73: Articles of iron and steel	111	76	49	-56.2	-36.1
Other	285	212	291	2.3	37.1
Total non-oil exports	1,276	2,258	1,698	33.0	-24.8
Re-exports					
84: Boilers, machinery, mechanical appliances and parts; nuclear reactors	646	372	483	-25.2	30.0
87: Transport vehicles, other than railway, and parts	172	187	201	17.3	7.9
85: Electrical machinery, sound recorders and parts	219	138	164	-25.3	18.7
88: Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof	70	53	106	50.3	98.1
61: Knitted or crocheted articles of apparel	104	126	103	-1.4	-18.6
Other	396	332	414	4.7	24.7
Total re-exports	1,607	1,208	1,471	-8.4	21.8

Source: Statistics Centre - Abu Dhabi

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Table 4: Non-oil foreign merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi by country, March 2014

Value in million AED

Country	March 2013	February 2014	March 2014	Change (%) *	
				March 2013 to March 2014	February 2014 to March 2014
Imports					
Saudi Arabia	1,234	868	1,015	-17.8	16.9
United States of America	1,065	1,099	835	-21.6	-24.0
Japan	864	855	808	-6.5	-5.5
Germany	555	529	803	44.8	51.8
France	306	413	453	47.9	9.8
Other	5,193	4,545	4,773	-8.1	5.0
Total imports	9,218	8,309	8,687	-5.8	4.6
Non-oil exports					
Saudi Arabia	637	474	470	-26.1	-0.9
China	76	606	234	206.8	-61.4
India	153	165	141	-8.0	-14.6
Qatar	80	127	128	59.3	0.6
Singapore	67	219	112	66.9	-48.7
Other	263	667	613	133.1	-8.1
Total non-oil exports	1,276	2,258	1,698	33.0	-24.8
Re-exports					
Saudi Arabia	315	226	287	-9.0	27.0
Kingdom of Bahrain	468	192	254	-45.6	32.4
Qatar	273	265	248	-9.2	-6.5
Kuwait	158	202	225	42.4	11.4
Singapore	56	8	80	43.4	906.0
Other	337	316	377	11.8	19.4
Total re-exports	1,607	1,208	1,471	-8.4	21.8

Source: Abu Dhabi Department of Finance – Customs Administration

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Table 5: Non-oil foreign merchandise trade through the ports of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi historical series

Value in million AED

Month	Imports	Non-oil Exports	Re-exports	Total Non-oil Trade
2012				
January	11,837	1,327	1,301	14,465
February	9,426	2,149	1,101	12,676
March	10,878	1,834	1,115	13,827
April	11,485	1,251	1,293	14,029
May	9,705	1,209	1,360	12,274
June	8,657	1,253	1,199	11,108
July	9,924	1,057	1,260	12,241
August	9,026	1,107	1,082	11,215
September	9,586	1,242	1,309	12,137
October	11,051	999	1,112	13,161
November	8,223	1,124	1,209	10,557
December	9,173	861	1,404	11,438
2013				
January	8,056	987	1,288	10,331
February	7,710	1,362	1,461	10,533
March	9,218	1,276	1,607	12,101
April	9,262	1,448	1,496	12,207
May	7,878	1,251	1,618	10,747
June	8,570	1,355	1,369	11,293
July	7,546	1,353	1,509	10,408
August	7,391	1,583	1,231	10,205
September	8,361	1,230	1,254	10,845
October	8,656	1,451	1,205	11,312
November	7,464	1,517	1,110	10,091
December	10,142	1,182	1,302	12,627
2014				
January	8,751	1,271	1,244	11,267
February	8,309	2,258	1,208	11,775
March	8,687	1,698	1,471	11,856

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Explanatory Notes

Glossary

This publication contains certain terms specific to foreign merchandise trade and necessary when analyzing the trade statistics of Abu Dhabi Emirate. They include the following terms:

Merchandise Trade

Foreign Merchandise Trade statistics record goods which add to or subtract from the stock of material resources of Abu Dhabi by entering or leaving its territory. Throughout this publication, the term merchandise trade statistics refers to trade which moves through the ports of Abu Dhabi only, and do not capture inter-emirate trade activity.

Imports

Imports are goods that enter Abu Dhabi's customs and economic district from various parts of the world, excluding other emirates in the United Arab Emirates, and receive customs clearance. Goods are considered imports regardless of whether they enter the Emirate directly or are retrieved from customs warehouses, temporary entry areas or free zones inside the country. These goods receive customs clearance in order to become part of Abu Dhabi's merchandise balance.

Re-exports

Re-exports represent goods that are imported from abroad, enter Abu Dhabi's customs and economic district and become part of the Emirate's merchandise balance. These goods are then re-exported as they are, without any modification, outside the country.

Non-oil Exports

Non-oil exports include goods that are entirely produced locally or in whose production process local resources are used. Non-oil exports through the ports of Abu Dhabi may include goods that were produced in other Emirates in the United Arab Emirates. Oil is excluded from these goods. These goods leave Abu Dhabi's customs and economic district to the outside world, reducing the Emirate's non-oil merchandise trade deficit.

Classifications

The non-oil foreign merchandise trade statistics are presented in accordance with the two main internationally recommended output classifications: Standard International Trade Classification, Revision 4 (SITC) and Broad Economic Categories (BEC).

If users require statistics by the detailed Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS), these are available from SCAD on request. The HS is primarily an input classification, and is the basis on which goods are recorded with Customs by traders.

Data source

Data are obtained from Department of Finance – Customs Administration. The data are processed and passed to Statistic Centre – Abu Dhabi for further editing, compilation and reclassified according to statistical classifications for foreign trade.

Valuation

In line with the World Customs Organization (WCO) agreement on valuation:

- Exports (including re-exports) are valued free on board (fob), which represents the value at the export border, and includes inland freight costs and packaging
- Imports are valued on the cost insurance and freight (cif) basis, which represents the value at the import border, and includes the additional cost of freight and insurance in transporting the goods internationally

Notes on Tables

- Changes (levels and %) in all tables are based on unrounded numbers.
- Relative importance is calculated as the ratio between the value of the sub-group and the total value for all groups, expressed as a percentage.
- Totals in some tables may not add up due to rounding.
- The data for 2014 are preliminary, and may be revised.

Symbols used

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n.e.s. denotes ‘not elsewhere specified’

More information

For more information about foreign trade and other official statistics for Abu Dhabi Emirate, please visit the statistics link on the SCAD website at <http://www.scad.ae>

