



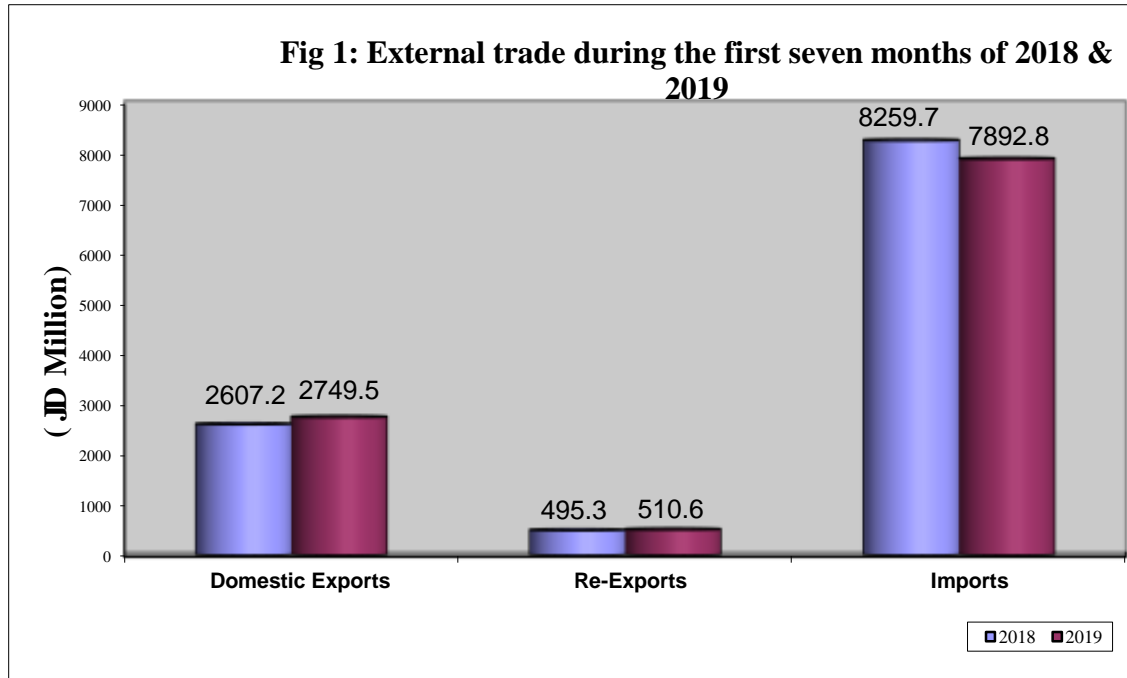
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The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

National exports increase by 5.5% and Imports decrease by 4.4% during the first seven months of 2019 compared with the same period of 2018

The monthly report issued by the Department of Statistics indicate that the value of total exports reached JD.3260.1 million during the first seven months of 2019 [i.e., an increase by 5.1% compared with the same period of 2018]. Meanwhile, the national exports value reached JD.2749.5 Million during the first seven months of 2019 [i.e. an increase by 5.5% compared with the same period of 2018]. The value of re-exports reached JD 510.6 million during the first seven months of 2019 which indicates an increase by 3.1% as compared with the same period of 2018. The imports value reached JD.7892.8 million during the first seven months of 2019, thus decreasing by 4.4% compared with the same period of 2018.

The deficit in the trade balance, which is calculated by deducting the value of imports from the value of total exports, has reached JD.4632.7 million therefore, the deficit has decreased during the first seven months of 2019 by 10.2% compared with the same period of 2018. The imports coverage by total exports has become 41.3% during the first seven months of 2019, while it was 37.6% for the same period of 2018, which means an increase by 3.7 percentage points.



As for commodities, the main exported items that witnessed an increase in their export value were export value of clothes and its related accessories by 6.8%, crude potash by 14.3% , fertilizers by 8.0% and non-organic chemical product by 38.4%. While there was a decrease in the pharmaceutical products by 2.0 % and crude phosphate by 8.8%.

As for imports, there was an increase in the imports value of vehicles, motorcycle and their parts by 1.3%, machinery, electrical appliances and their parts by 13.7% and cereals by 6.9%. While there was a decrease in the imports value of crude oil and its products by 20.0% , machines and machinery tools and their parts by 0.6% and iron and its products by 19.0%.

Regarding trade with the main partners, there was an increase in the national exports to North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 5.8% part of which USA by 5.2% , the non-Arab Asian Countries by 11.8% part of which China by 133.0% and the European Union countries by 10.9% part of which Holland by 3.0%. While there was a decrease in the exports value to the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 0.1% part of which Iraq by 6.9% .

As for the imports, there was a noticeable increase in the imports value from the Non-Arab Asian Countries by 5.8% part of which china by 10.2% ,while there was a decrease in the import value from the Greater Arab Trade Zone countries by 3.9% part of which KSA by 2.5%, the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) by 6.3% part of which USA by 8.6% and European Union countries by 8.4% part of which is Italy by 11.5%.

On monthly level the value of Jordan exports has reached JD 491.8 million during July 2019 against JD 442.6 million during the same month of 2018 representing an increase by 11.1%.

The main reasons behind the increasing value of national exports during July 2019 are attributed to the increase in the value of national exports of the following commodities compared with the same month of 2018:

- 1- Clothes and its related accessories from JD. 137.1 million to JD.155.8 million –an increase by 13.6%
- 2- Chemical products from JD.16.0 million to JD. 27.5 million – an increase by 71.9 %.
- 3- Fruits from JD.17.4 million to JD.18.6 million –an increase by 7.2%.
- 4- Ornaments, jewelry and precious metals from JD. 4.1 million to JD. 14.1 million-an increase by 246.0%.

There also an increase in the Fuel oil, iron products, tobacco products, copper products, detergents, coffee and spices.

The exports of the above mentioned items made up 53.5% of the total value of the national exports during July 2019 compared with 43.7% in the same month of 2018.

The data show a decrease in the national exports value of vegetables by 32.1%, crude potash by 15.1%, crude phosphate by 21.7% and fertilizers by 10.9%.

Beside the national exports value has decreased for Machinery, electrical appliances and their parts and Food prepared for animals in July 2019.

**The most important exported and imported commodities during
the first seven months of 2018 and 2019**

Value in (JD Million)

National Exports				Imports			
Commodities	2018	2019	Growth Average %	Commodities	2018	2019	Growth Average %
Clothes and accessories	701.0	749.0	6.8	Crude Oil and its products	1748.0	1398.4	-20.0
Crude potash	224.1	256.1	14.3	machines, machinery and their part	665.7	661.7	-0.6
Pharmaceutical products	227.4	222.8	-2.0	Vehicles, Motorcycle and their parts	543.2	550.4	1.3
fertilizers	163.0	176.0	8.0	Machinery, electrical appliances and their parts	473.1	537.9	13.7
Crude phosphate	148.5	135.4	-8.8	Cereals	275.5	294.4	6.9
Non- organic chemical products	97.3	134.7	38.4	iron and its products	346.9	280.9	-19.0
Other items	1045.9	1075.5	2.8	Other items	4207.3	4169.1	-0.9
National Exports	2607.2	2749.5	5.5	Total of Imports (2)	8259.7	7892.8	-4.4
Re-exports	495.3	510.6	3.1				
Sum of total Exports (1)	3102.5	3260.1	5.1	Trade Deficit (1)-(2)	-5157.2	-4632.7	-10.2

**Main Trade Partners and Economic Blocs during the first seven months of
2018 and 2019**

Value in (JD Million)

National Exports				Imports			
Economic Cartels	2018	2019	Growth Average %	Economic Cartels	2018	2019	Growth Average %
Greater Arab Trade Zone countries	1105.3	1103.8	-0.1	Greater Arab Trade Zone Countries	2235.7	2149.0	-3.9
Of which Iraq	250.5	233.3	-6.9	Of which Saudi Arabia	1392.1	1356.7	-2.5
North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	730.1	772.3	5.8	North American Free Trade Agreement Countries	846.3	793.2	-6.3
Of which USA	695.2	731.3	5.2	Of which USA	756.4	691.3	-8.6
Non-Arab Asian countries	539.1	602.6	11.8	Non-Arab Asian countries	2512.8	2657.8	5.8
Of which China	41.2	96.0	133.0	Of which China	1115.5	1229.3	10.2
European Union Countries	82.0	90.9	10.9	European Union Countries	1763.7	1615.6	-8.4
Of which Holland	16.9	17.4	3.0	Of which Italy	283.7	251.0	-11.5
Other Economic Cartels	150.7	179.9	19.4	Other Economic Cartels	901.2	677.2	-24.9
Of which Free Zone	102.9	131.3	27.6	Of which Ukraine	75.6	51.1	-32.4

Fig 2:Exports,Imports and Trade Deficit (Feb 2019-Jul 2019)

