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NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

Economy Expands by 7.7 Percent in the First Quarter of 2026

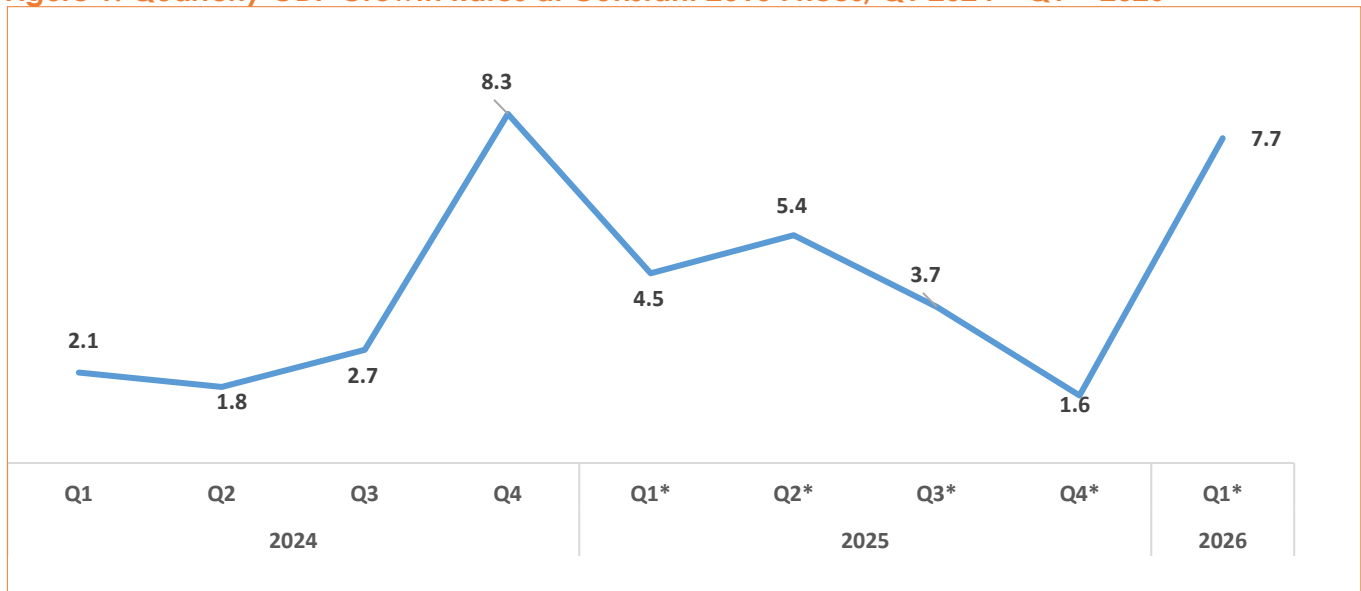
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) estimates for the first quarter of 2026 indicate that the economy grew by 7.7 percent, compared to 4.5 percent recorded in the first quarter of 2025. This represents an acceleration of 3.2 percentage points in economic growth relative to the corresponding quarter of 2025.

The economic performance was primarily driven by growth in Agriculture, forestry and fishing (21.4 percent), Arts, entertainment and recreation (21.7 percent), Information and communication (11.0 percent), Transportation and storage (9.5 percent), and Accommodation and food service activities (9.1 percent). Positive growth was also recorded in Wholesale and retail trade (6.7 percent), Financial and insurance activities (5.8 percent), Manufacturing (5.4 percent), Construction (4.8 percent), Education (3.7 percent), Real estate activities (3.7 percent), Human health and social work activities (3.3 percent), and Other service activities (2.0 percent).

Economic growth was moderated by contractions in Water supply (-5.0 percent), Administrative and support service activities (-8.9 percent), and Professional, scientific and technical activities (-0.2 percent) (see Figure 1).

These estimates are based on a year-on-year comparison of GDP at constant prices, which measures changes in the volume of economic activity after removing the effects of price changes.

Figure 1: Quarterly GDP Growth Rates at Constant 2010 Prices, Q1 2024 – Q1 2026**



Source: ZamStats, 2026

Industry Contributions to the 7.7 Percent GDP Growth in the First Quarter of 2026

The 7.7 percent growth recorded in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during the first quarter of 2026 was primarily driven by Agriculture, forestry and fishing, which contributed 1.9 percentage points to overall GDP growth. Wholesale and retail trade and Information and communication made significant contributions of 0.9 and 0.8 percentage points, respectively.

Additional positive contributions were recorded in Manufacturing and Transportation and storage, each contributing 0.5 percentage points to overall GDP growth. Mining and quarrying, Construction, Accommodation and food service activities, and Financial and insurance activities each contributed 0.4 percentage points, while Education contributed 0.3 percentage points. Real estate activities and Human health and social work activities each added 0.1 percentage points to economic growth.

On the downside, Administrative and support service activities contributed negatively to growth by 0.1 percentage points (**see Table 1**).

Table 1: GDP Growth rates 2023 Q1- 2026 Q1

Industry	(ZMK million), Constant prices					Growth rates (%)					Contribution to Growth 2026
	2025				2026	2025				2026	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	3,442	2,659	1,664	3,322	4,179	75.6	49.2	44.4	46.9	21.4	1.9
Mining and quarrying	3,787	3,620	4,007	4,160	3,943	16.5	10.4	1.3	-2.5	4.1	0.4
Manufacturing	3,509	4,383	3,639	4,300	3,699	7.1	4.2	2.1	15.3	5.4	0.5
Electricity supply	543	688	422	404	519	-14.5	5.3	2.4	14.2	1.5	0.0
Water supply	81	77	75	81	77	-17.7	-16.4	17.8	-7.0	-5.0	0.0
Construction	2,920	3,757	4,659	4,724	3,060	-11.1	-1.0	5.7	19.6	4.8	0.4
Wholesale and retail trade	5,492	5,470	6,382	6,578	5,861	-12.0	-10.6	-12.5	-9.8	6.7	0.9
Transportation and storage	2,040	2,439	2,664	2,856	2,234	4.7	16.4	20.3	18.3	9.5	0.5
Accommodation and food service	1,515	1,357	1,393	1,533	1,653	27.6	10.9	12.2	11.9	9.1	0.4
Information and communication	2,986	5,584	6,067	6,551	3,315	16.2	20.6	21.6	-15.8	11.0	0.8
Financial and insurance activities	2,514	2,628	2,403	2,550	2,659	-3.5	5.1	-5.7	-5.4	5.8	0.4
Real estate activities	1,421	1,434	1,447	1,460	1,473	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	0.1
Professional, scientific and technical	780	1,009	917	912	779	2.7	3.3	13.1	1.4	-0.2	0.0
Administrative and support service	458	273	310	298	417	-3.6	-11.3	-6.2	-5.0	-8.9	-0.1
Public administration and defense	2,048	2,038	2,064	2,039	2,060	4.0	1.9	2.9	1.2	0.6	0.0
Education	3,211	3,299	3,299	2,650	3,331	2.9	2.3	2.3	3.1	3.7	0.3
Human health and social work activities	882	906	899	910	911	3.2	4.9	4.3	5.5	3.3	0.1
Arts, entertainment and recreation	52	140	234	89	63	13.3	15.4	25.6	0.5	21.7	0.0
Other service activities	201	202	203	204	205	-24.4	-33.0	-27.3	2.0	2.0	0.0
Total for the economy	37,850	41,861	42,769	45,705	40,436	5.4	5.8	4.5	2.1	6.8	6.6
Taxes less subsidies on products	1,550	1,695	1,752	1,806	1,993	12.9	2.8	11.6	8.9	28.6	1.1
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)	39,400	43,557	44,521	47,511	42,430	4.5	5.4	3.7	1.6	7.7	7.7

Source: ZamStats, 2026

First Quarter 2026 Industry Value Added at Current Prices

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at purchasers' prices for the first quarter of 2026 was estimated at K191,385 million, compared to K153,882 million recorded in the corresponding quarter of 2025.

Analysis by industry indicates that mining and quarrying had the largest share of GDP in the first quarter of 2026, accounting for 14.8 percent of total GDP. This was followed by wholesale and retail trade, which represented 12.1 percent of GDP, and transportation and storage at 11.2 percent. Manufacturing and construction accounted for 9.3 percent and 8.0 percent of GDP, respectively, while agriculture, forestry and fishing represented 6.2 percent. Together, these six industries accounted for approximately 61.6 percent of total GDP during the quarter.

Other industries with notable shares of GDP in the first quarter of 2026 included other service activities, which accounted for 5.5 percent of total GDP, followed by public administration and defense (4.9 percent), real estate activities (4.8 percent), financial and insurance activities (4.5 percent), and information and communication (4.4 percent). Education represented 3.5 percent of GDP, while human health and social work activities accounted for 2.5 percent.

Industries with comparatively smaller shares of GDP included electricity supply (1.3 percent), professional, scientific and technical activities (1.2 percent), accommodation and food service activities (0.7 percent), and administrative and support service activities (0.7 percent). Water supply accounted for 0.2 percent of GDP, while arts, entertainment and recreation represented 0.1 percent. Taxes less subsidies on products accounted for 3.8 percent of GDP at purchasers' prices during the quarter (**see Table 2**).

Table 2: Gross Value Added and Percentage Shares by Industry at Current prices 2024 Q1- 2026 Q1

Industry	2024 K' million				2025 K' million				2026	GDP Share of Q1		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	2024	2025	2026
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	4,672	5,205	4,108	4,776	4,269	9,503	6,448	10,667	11,945	3.2	2.8	6.2
Mining and quarrying	20,257	23,139	26,582	31,000	33,889	26,491	24,198	27,934	28,409	14.0	22.0	14.8
Manufacturing	13,130	14,296	16,217	16,267	13,793	17,658	17,194	14,843	17,820	9.0	9.0	9.3
Electricity supply	2,080	1,558	994	1,899	2,649	2,957	2,715	2,411	2,479	1.4	1.7	1.3
Water supply	492	457	322	445	410	396	397	432	418	0.3	0.3	0.2
Construction	12,107	15,897	19,232	16,993	10,192	15,338	20,504	20,421	15,293	8.3	6.6	8.0
Wholesale and retail trade	24,934	28,973	32,224	34,945	25,116	28,496	31,680	34,355	23,248	17.2	16.3	12.1
Transportation and storage	18,732	19,508	21,060	23,006	20,547	24,588	25,769	28,193	21,510	12.9	13.4	11.2
Accommodation and food service activities	1,447	1,817	2,014	1,995	657	2,166	2,225	1,847	1,428	1.0	0.4	0.7
Information and communication	4,626	4,563	4,851	6,150	3,640	5,925	6,403	6,688	8,486	3.2	2.4	4.4
Financial and insurance activities	8,326	8,435	8,395	8,361	10,532	8,984	7,893	8,307	8,525	5.7	6.8	4.5
Real estate activities	7,562	6,874	6,899	7,073	3,533	8,348	8,609	8,847	9,265	5.2	2.3	4.8
Professional, scientific and technical activities	1,645	1,773	1,996	2,282	1,949	2,255	2,426	2,456	2,236	1.1	1.3	1.2
Administrative and support service activities	1,219	1,252	1,340	1,487	1,184	1,566	1,197	1,464	1,389	0.8	0.8	0.7
Public administration and defense	7,444	7,531	7,612	7,756	8,147	8,574	8,780	8,654	9,469	5.1	5.3	4.9
Education	5,373	5,772	5,753	5,775	6,290	6,267	6,269	6,340	6,790	3.7	4.1	3.5
Human health and social work activities	3,863	3,937	3,914	3,932	4,429	4,490	4,453	4,532	4,873	2.7	2.9	2.5
Arts, entertainment and recreation	116	303	471	228	195	319	508	241	171	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other service activities	718	802	789	789	658	1,437	1,133	960	10,436	0.5	0.4	5.5
Total for the economy	138,743	152,092	164,774	175,159	152,079	175,756	178,800	189,589	184,190	95.6	98.8	96.2
Taxes less subsidies on products	6,451	7,496	8,337	9,041	1,803	7,308	7,915	8,584	7,195	4.4	1.2	3.8
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at purchasers' prices	145,194	159,588	173,111	184,201	153,882	183,064	186,715	198,173	191,385	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: ZamStats, 2026

Revisions to the 2025 Quarterly GDP Estimates

The June 2026 release incorporates revisions to the fourth-quarter 2025 GDP estimates following the receipt of more complete and updated source data for selected industries.

Revisions were recorded in Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing, Electricity Supply and Information and Communication.

In Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing, the incorporation of updated results from the 2025/2026 Crop Forecast Survey led to the growth rate being revised upward from 34.8 percent in the March 2026 release to 46.9 percent in the June 2026 release, representing an increase of 12.1 percentage points. Electricity Supply was revised downward from 38.4 percent to 14.2 percent. Information and Communication was also revised slightly downward from negative 15.2 percent to negative 15.8 percent.

Despite these revisions at the industry level, the overall growth rate for the economy remained unchanged at 1.6 percent in the fourth quarter of 2025 (**see Table 3**).

Table 3: Comparison of Fourth Quarter 2025 Industry Growth Rates: March 2026 and June 2026 Releases

Industry	2025 March Release*	2025 June Release**
	Q4*	Q4
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	34.8	46.9
Mining and quarrying	-2.5	-2.5
Manufacturing	15.3	15.3
Electricity supply	38.4	14.2
Water supply	-7	-7
Construction	19.6	19.6
Wholesale and retail trade	-9.8	-9.8
Transportation and storage	18.3	18.3
Accommodation and food service activities	11.9	11.9
Information and communication	-15.2	-15.8
Financial and insurance activities	-5.4	-5.4
Real estate activities	3.7	3.7
Professional, scientific and technical activities	1.4	1.4
Administrative and support service activities	-5	-5
Public administration and defense	1.2	1.2
Education	3.1	3.1
Human health and social work activities	5.5	5.5
Arts, entertainment and recreation	0.5	0.5
Other service activities	2	2
Total for the economy	2.1	2.1
Taxes less subsidies on products	-8.9	-8.9
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at purchasers' prices	1.6	1.6

Source: ZamStats, 2026

- ***First Release of Q4 2025**
- **** Revised Q4 2025**

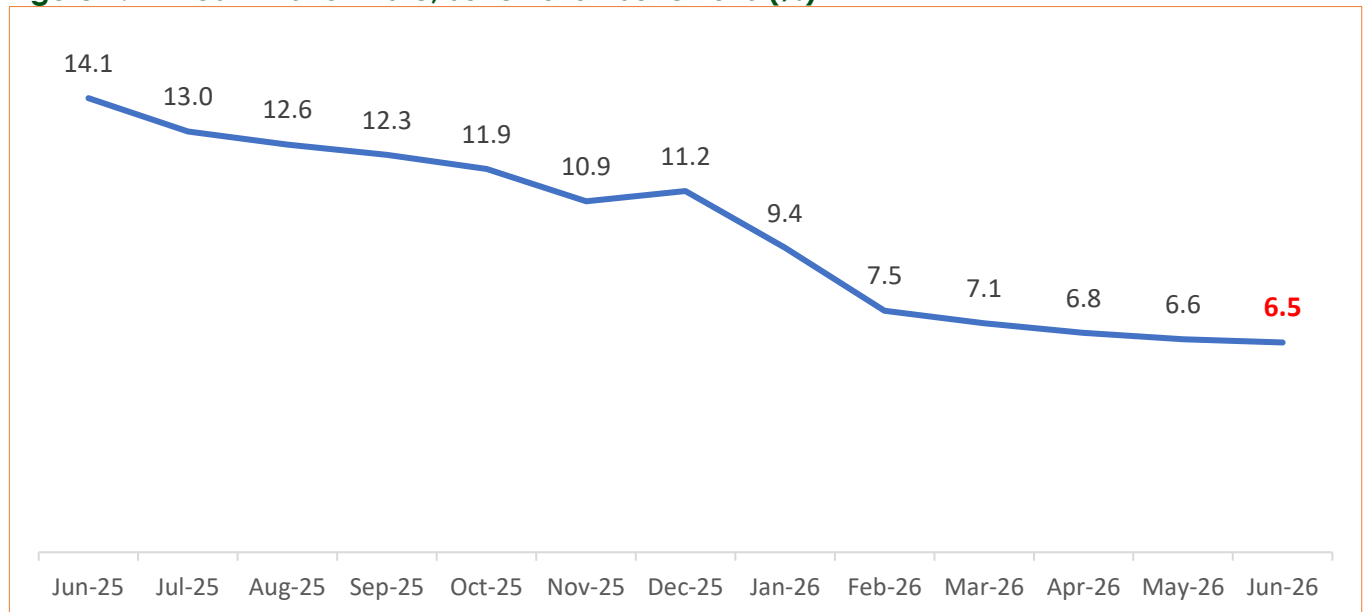
INFLATION

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Year-on-Year Inflation Rate for June 2026 at 6.5 percent

Annual inflation for June 2026 was recorded at **6.5** percent from **6.6** percent recorded in May 2026. This means that on average, prices of goods and services increased by 6.5 percent between June 2025 and June 2026. This development was attributed to price movements in non-food items (*see Figure 2*).

Figure 2: Annual Inflation Rate, June 2025 - June 2026 (%)



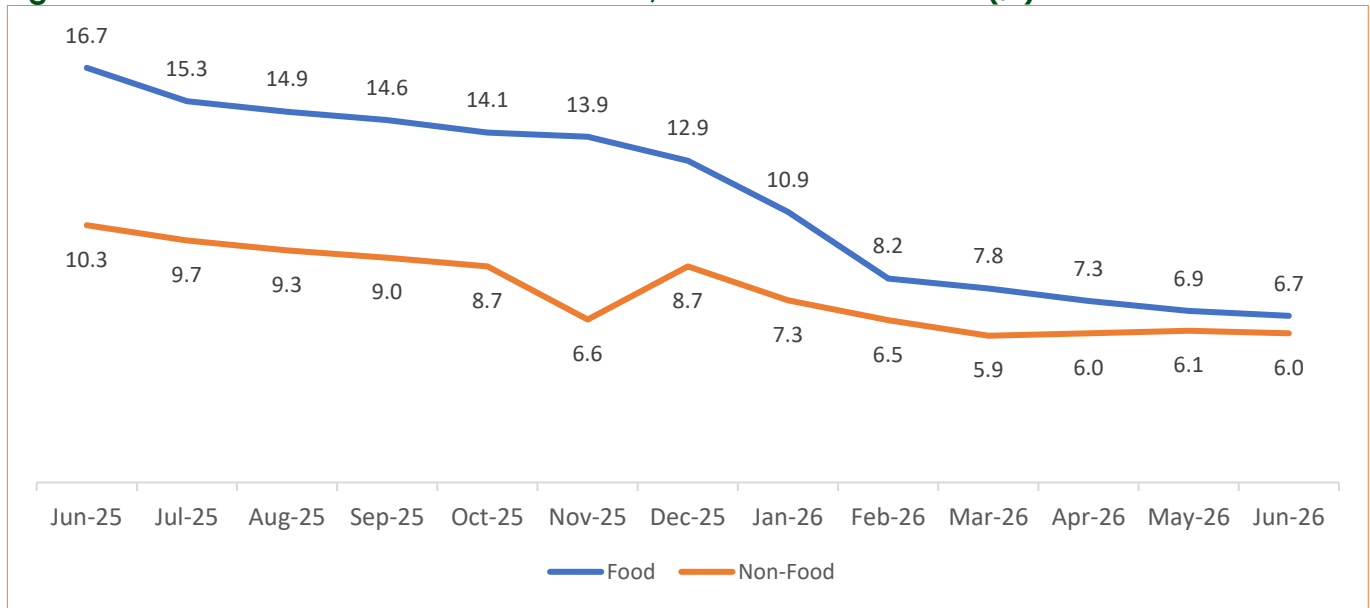
Source: ZamStats, 2026
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Annual Food and Non-Food Inflation

Annual food inflation for June 2026 was recorded at 6.7 percent compared to 6.9 percent in May 2026. This means on average prices of food items increased by 6.7 percent between June 2025 and June 2026. This was mainly attributed to price movements in prices of food items such as **Cereals** (*Breakfast Mealie meal, Roller mealie meal, Maize grain, Samp, Rice local, Wheat Plain Household Flour*); Fresh milk, Sugar, Cooking oil and Eggs.

The annual non-food inflation for June 2026 was recorded at 6.0 percent compared to 6.1 percent in May 2026. This outturn was mainly attributed to price movements in prices of non-food items such as **Purchase of Motor Vehicles** (*Toyota hilux, Toyota Corolla Cross, Nissan Navara*); **Fuels** (*Petrol & Diesel*), **Passenger transport by Air** (*Lusaka/London via Dubai*) and **Accommodation** (*Single room 3 & 5 star*) (*see Figure 3*).

Figure 3: Annual Food and Non-Food Inflation, June 2025 - June 2026 (%)



Source: ZamStats, 2026

Annual Inflation Rate by CPI Main Groups

The Annual Inflation Rate Slowed Down for the following Main Groups in June 2026:

1. Food and Non-alcoholic beverages

The CPI for the Food and Non-alcoholic beverages increased by 6.7 percent between June 2025 and June 2026. This was lower than 10.3 percent recorded in June 2025 and 6.9 percent recorded in May 2026.

2. Clothing and Footwear

The index for Clothing and Footwear increased by 7.0 percent between June 2025 and June 2026. This was lower than 9.6 percent recorded in June 2025 and 7.3 percent recorded in May 2026.

3. Furnishing, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance

The CPI for the Furnishing, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance increased by 5.3 percent between June 2025 and June 2026. This was below the 7.9 percent recorded in June 2025 and 5.4 percent recorded in May 2026.

4. Transport

The index for Transport increased by 2.4 percent between June 2025 and June 2026. This was higher than 0.9 percent recorded in June 2025 but lower than 3.4 percent recorded in May 2026.

5. Communication

The CPI for the Communication increased by 4.8 percent between June 2025 and June 2026. This was higher than the 4.6 percent recorded in June 2025 but lower than 5.6 percent recorded in May 2026.

6. Recreation and Culture

The CPI for the Recreation and Culture group increased by 6.6 percent between June 2025 and June 2026. This was lower than the 8.2 percent recorded in June 2025 and 7.3 percent recorded in May 2026

7. Restaurant & Hotel

The CPI for the Restaurant & Hotel main group increased by 8.7 percent between June 2025 and June 2026. This was lower than the 11.0 percent recorded in June 2025 and 8.9 percent recorded in May 2026 (**see Table 1**).

The Annual Inflation Rate Increased for the following Main Groups in June 2026:

1. Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco

The CPI for the Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco increased by 7.9 percent between June 2025 and June 2026. This was lower than 11.1 percent recorded in June 2025 but above 7.7 percent recorded in May 2026.

2. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels

The CPI for the Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels group increased by 7.5 percent between June 2025 and June 2026. This was lower than 20.0 percent recorded in June 2025 but higher than 7.1 percent recorded in May 2026.

3. Health

The CPI main group increased by 9.6 percent between June 2025 and June 2026. This was lower than the 9.7 percent recorded in June 2025 but above 8.5 percent recorded in May 2026.

4. Education

The index for the Education increased by 4.3 percent between June 2025 and June 2026. This was lower than 8.9 percent recorded in June 2025 but higher than 3.8 percent recorded in May 2026.

5. Miscellaneous Goods and Services

The CPI for the Miscellaneous Goods and Services increased by 7.4 percent between June 2025 and June 2026. This was below the 9.4 percent recorded in June 2025 but above 7.3 percent recorded in May 2026. (**see Table 4**).

Table 4: Annual Inflation by CPI Main Groups: June 2025 - June 2026 (%)

Main Group	Division Weight	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26
All Items	1 000	14.1	13.0	12.6	12.3	11.9	10.9	11.2	9.4	7.5	7.1	6.8	6.6	6.5
Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages	534.85	16.7	15.3	14.9	14.6	14.1	13.9	12.9	10.9	8.2	7.8	7.3	6.9	6.7
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	15.21	11.1	10.6	10.2	10.2	9.5	9.9	9.6	9.3	8.6	8.0	7.7	7.7	7.9
Clothing and Footwear	80.78	9.6	9.0	8.5	8.4	7.9	8.0	8.4	8.5	8.2	7.6	7.3	7.3	7.0
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	114.11	20.0	18.3	18.2	17.3	17.1	9.6	9.7	9.9	8.8	8.3	8.0	7.1	7.5
Furnishing, Household Equip., Routine Household Maintenance	82.36	7.9	7.2	6.8	6.9	6.6	6.7	6.4	6.6	6.3	5.4	5.5	5.4	5.3
Health	8.15	9.7	10.2	10.2	9.5	8.8	8.9	8.7	9.3	9.6	8.8	8.4	8.5	9.6
Transport	58.08	0.9	1.2	0.4	0.3	(0.6)	(1.6)	9.3	2.2	0.4	(0.3)	1.3	3.4	2.4
Communication	12.94	4.6	3.9	3.9	3.8	5.0	5.2	5.3	4.2	4.8	6.0	6.0	5.6	4.8
Recreation and Culture	13.84	8.2	6.2	6.4	6.8	7.0	6.9	7.2	6.7	6.5	6.2	6.3	7.3	6.6
Education	26.62	8.9	8.6	8.6	8.6	7.8	7.9	7.9	5.9	5.4	5.4	5.4	3.8	4.3
Restaurant and Hotel	3.37	11.0	11.6	11.4	11.3	10.7	10.2	9.5	10.1	9.5	9.2	9.0	8.9	8.7
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	49.69	9.4	9.5	8.9	8.7	9.3	9.5	9.7	9.5	9.4	8.0	7.4	7.3	7.4

Source: ZamStats, 2026

Contribution of CPI Main Groups to Overall Inflation Rate of 6.5 percent

Of the overall 6.5 percent annual inflation rate recorded in June 2026, the Food and Non-alcoholic beverages group contributed 4.1 percentage points, while the Non-food group accounted for 2.4 percentage points. Of the 2.4 percentage points, Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels contributed the highest at 1.0 percentage points, followed by Clothing & footwear at 0.4 percentage points, Furnishings, household equipment & routine household maintenance and Miscellaneous goods & services was recorded at 0.3 percentage points, each. The rest of the Non-Food group accounted for the remaining 0.4 percentage points (**see Table 5**).

Table 5: Contribution of Main Groups to Overall Inflation: June 2025 - June 2026 (%)

Main Group	Division Weight	Jun-2025*	Jul-2025*	Aug-2025*	Sept-2025*	Oct-2025*	Nov-2025*	Dec-2025*	Jan-2026*	Feb-2026*	Mar-2026*	Apr-2026*	May-2026*	Jun-2026*
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	534.85	9.8	9.1	8.8	8.6	8.3	8.2	7.6	6.5	4.9	4.7	4.4	4.2	4.1
Alcoholic beverages, and tobacco	15.21	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Clothing and footwear	80.78	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	114.11	2.2	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	82.36	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
Health	8.15	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Transport	58.08	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	(0.0)	0.7	0.2	0.0	(0.0)	0.1	0.3	0.2
Communications	12.94	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Recreation and culture	13.84	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Education	26.62	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Restaurants and hotels	3.37	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous goods and services	49.69	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3

Source: ZamStats, 2026

*Note: Figures June not add up due to rounding off

Provincial Annual Inflation Rates

Disaggregation of annual inflation by province indicates that, during the month under review, annual inflation declined; Central (6.0% from 6.1%); Copperbelt (5.8% from 6.0%); Eastern (5.0% from 5.3%); Luapula (4.0% from 4.2%); Lusaka (8.4% from 8.5%); Northern (5.8% from 5.9%); Southern (6.5% from 6.7%) and Western (5.2% from 5.3%) provinces. Annual. Annual Inflation remained the same for North-Western Province at 5.7% (**see Table 6**).

Table 6: Provincial Annual Inflation Rates, June 2025 - June 2026 (%)

	Central	Copperbelt	Eastern	Luapula	Lusaka	Northern	North-Western	Southern	Western
<i>Weight</i>	107.19	219.68	88.98	50.60	283.89	65.72	32.33	109.19	42.42
Jan-25	23.1	18.8	14.3	18.1	14.0	12.4	13.9	17.3	20.5
Feb-25	18.5	17.9	14.6	15.8	17.2	13.5	15.3	17.0	16.9
Mar-25	18.8	18.1	13.4	16.6	17.2	14.2	17.0	14.2	15.1
Apr-25	18.8	17.2	12.2	16.7	17.7	14.8	17.4	13.4	17.6
May-25	18.0	16.2	11.8	15.8	15.5	14.6	16.5	12.2	17.1
Jun-25	16.0	14.7	10.7	12.9	14.7	12.8	15.8	11.6	16.7
Jul-25	13.2	13.6	9.8	12.0	14.2	11.5	13.1	11.0	17.6
Aug-25	13.1	13.1	8.9	11.3	13.6	11.5	13.5	11.0	17.2
Sep-25	12.7	12.6	9.0	10.7	13.2	11.2	14.0	10.7	17.1
Oct-25	12.3	12.6	8.8	9.4	12.3	11.0	13.4	10.4	16.8
Nov-25	11.2	9.7	8.4	7.6	12.8	10.4	13.8	8.8	15.5
Dec-25	10.7	9.5	8.5	6.8	14.5	10.3	12.1	9.2	15.2
Jan-26	9.4	7.9	7.5	4.4	12.2	9.7	9.5	7.6	12.2
Feb-26	7.3	6.7	6.8	4.3	8.7	9.2	7.2	6.6	8.9
Mar-26	6.8	6.0	6.0	4.1	8.8	7.1	6.4	6.6	7.9
Apr-26	6.3	5.9	6.0	4.0	8.6	6.4	5.8	6.6	5.5
May-26	6.1	6.0	5.3	4.2	8.5	5.9	5.7	6.7	5.3
June	6.0	5.8	5.0	4.0	8.4	5.8	5.7	6.5	5.2

Source: ZamStats, 2026

Provincial Contributions to Overall Inflation of 6.5 percent

Of the overall annual inflation rate of 6.5 percent, Lusaka Province accounted for the highest contribution at 2.5 percentage points, followed by Copperbelt Province at 1.2 percentage points. Central and Southern Provinces contributed 0.7 percentage points each, while Luapula, Northwestern and Western Provinces recorded the lowest contributions at 0.2 percentage points each (**see Table 7**).

Table 7: Provincial Contribution to Overall Annual Inflation June 2025 - June 2026 (%)

Province	Weight	Jun-2025*	Jul-2025*	Aug-2025*	Sep-2025*	Oct-2025*	Nov-2025*	Dec-2025*	Jan-2026*	Feb-2026*	Mar-2026*	Apr-2026*	May-2026*	Jun-2026*
National	1,000.00	14.1	13.0	12.6	12.3	11.9	10.9	11.2	9.4	7.5	7.1	6.8	6.6	6.5
Central	107.19	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Copperbelt	219.68	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.1	2.0	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2
Eastern	88.98	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4
Luapula	50.60	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Lusaka	283.89	4.3	4.1	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.7	4.2	3.5	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.5
Northern	65.72	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4
North-Western	32.33	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Southern	109.19	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
Western	42.42	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2

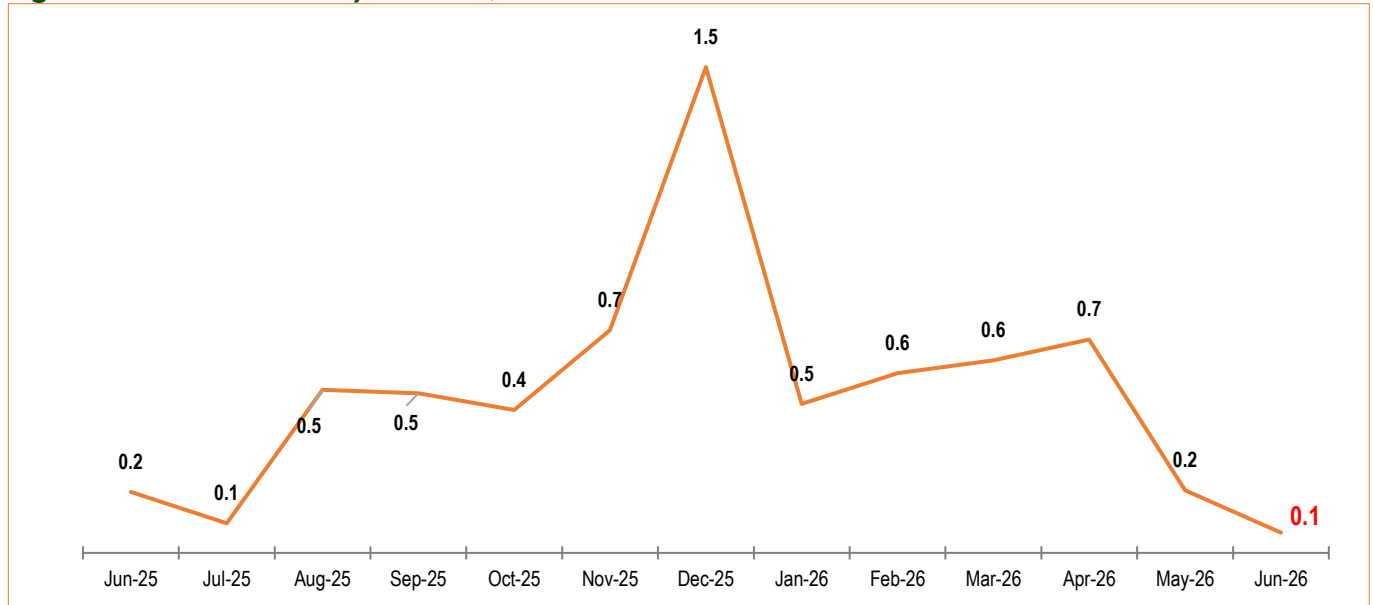
Source: ZamStats, 2026

*Note: Figures may not add up to national total due to rounding off

Overall Monthly Inflation Rate at 0.1 percent

The overall monthly inflation rate for June 2026 was recorded at 0.1 percent from 0.2 percent recorded in the previous month. This outturn was mainly attributed to price movements in selected non-food items (see Figure 4).

Figure 4 : Overall Monthly Inflation, June 2025 - June 2026



Source: ZamStats, 2026

Monthly Inflation Rates for Food and Non-Food Items

Monthly food inflation for June 2026 was recorded at 0.2 percent, compared with 0.3 percent recorded in May 2026. This indicates that, on average food prices increased by 0.2 percent between May 2026 and June 2026. This movement was mainly attributed to price movements in **Bread and cereals** (Breakfast Mealie Meal, Roller Mealie Meal, Maize grain, Samp, Rice Local); **Meats** (Beef Sausages, Goat Meat, Kidneys, Chicken Frozen); Fresh milk, Cooking oil and Eggs.

Monthly non-food inflation for June 2026 was recorded at -0.2 percent, compared with 0.1 percent recorded in May 2026. This indicates that on average prices of non-food items decreased by 0.2 percent between May 2026 and June 2026. This outturn was mainly attributed to price movements in prices of non-food items such **Pharmaceuticals Products**, **Passenger transport by air** (Domestic (Lusaka-Ndola), Regional (Lusaka to Johannesburg) and international (Lusaka/London via Dubai)) and **Purchase of Motor Vehicles**.

Table 8: Overall Monthly Inflation Rate for Food and Non-Food Items, June 2025 - June 2026 (%)

	Weight:	Jun - 2025	Jul - 2025	Aug - 2025	Sep - 2025	Oct - 2025	Nov - 2025	Dec - 2025	Jan - 2025	Feb- 2025	Mar- 2025	Apr- 2025	May- 2025	Jun- 2025
Total	1,000.00	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.7	1.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.1
Food	534.85	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.2
Non-Food	465.15	-0.2	-0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	3.0	-0.3	0.0	0.4	1.3	0.1	-0.2

Source: ZamStats, 2026

District Prices for Selected Products, June 2026

The Consumer Price Basket consists of 440 items which are spread across selected outlets in all the 116 districts of Zambia. Over 23,000 price quotations are collected from these outlets between the 1st and 10th of every month. The minimum and maximum prices for selected products by district are highlighted in **Table 9**.

Table 9: District Prices for Selected Products, June 2026

Product Description	Unit Measure	Price (K)	Minimum	Price (K)	Maximum
			Location		Location
Breakfast Mealie Meal	25kg	199	Lusaka	420	Chilubi
Roller Mealie Meal	25kg	134.99	Lusaka	360	Chilubi
Maize Grain	20 liter tin	70	Mbala	180	Sioma
Cooking Oil	2.5 litres	110	Lusaka	180	Milenge
Eggs	Tray	65	Lusaka	130	Chilubi
Sugar	2 Kg	58.99	Lusaka	90	Chiengi
Charcoal	50 Kg	70	Mporokoso	355	Lusaka
Cement	50 Kg	158	Chibombo	240	Lukulu

Source: ZamStats, 2026

National Average Prices for Selected Products, June 2026

On a monthly basis retail prices between May 2026 and June 2026 showed that the national average price of a 25 kg bag of Breakfast Mealie Meal decreased by 5.69 percent from K289.12 to K272.66. The price of a 25 kg bag of Roller Mealie Meal decreased by 6.01 percent from K236.40 to K222.19.

The monthly national average price of a 20-litre tin of Maize Grain decreased by 12.52 percent from K126.66 to K110.80.

On an annual basis, retail prices between June 2025 and June 2026 showed that the national average price of a 25kg bag of Breakfast Mealie Meal decreased by 11.41 percent from K307.78 to K272.66 while that of a 25 kg bag of Roller Mealie Meal decreased by 14.23 percent from K259.04 to K222.19.

The annual national average price of a 20-litre tin of Maize Grain decreased by 7.09 percent from K119.25 to K110.80 (**see Table 10**).

Table 10: National Average Prices for Selected Products May 2025 - May 2026

Description	UOM	Jun 25	Aug 25	Sep 25	Oct 25	Nov 25	Dec 25	Jan 26	Feb 26	Mar 26	Apr 26	May 26	Jun 26	Mth's Infl.	Yr's Infl.
Breakfast Mealie Meal	25 Kg	307.78	260.59	260.34	262.56	273.26	286.70	300.15	302.21	300.98	296.10	289.12	272.66	(5.69)	(11.41)
Roller Mealie Meal	25 Kg	259.04	202.74	203.52	206.36	216.08	225.97	239.64	247.56	246.21	245.97	236.40	222.19	(6.01)	(14.23)
Maize grain	20 Ltr	119.25	111.59	119.66	121.38	129.66	138.85	145.96	158.44	157.82	149.94	126.66	110.80	(12.52)	(7.09)
Rice Local	1 Kg	43.91	43.23	43.16	42.63	41.05	41.35	41.40	42.27	42.71	43.34	42.17	41.41	(1.80)	(5.69)
Mixed Cut	1 Kg	92.69	97.70	99.56	100.15	101.77	102.21	103.21	104.38	104.50	104.79	107.17	106.00	(1.09)	14.36
T-bone	1 Kg	116.14	120.46	122.25	123.96	127.19	125.35	127.65	129.67	128.71	130.64	133.14	134.91	1.33	16.16
Chicken Live	1 Kg	63.80	64.23	64.56	63.70	65.75	64.62	65.94	63.65	64.25	63.41	65.18	66.10	1.41	3.61
Buka Buka	1 Kg	107.12	112.21	110.86	113.12	117.52	112.74	119.04	126.48	129.33	123.72	126.59	133.99	5.85	25.08
Dried Kapenta Mpulungu	1 Kg	363.58	361.39	361.27	361.97	346.26	334.90	336.07	353.07	360.14	359.58	364.15	370.43	1.72	1.88
Lemons	1 Kg	15.63	14.83	15.31	17.22	18.09	18.88	20.38	19.28	16.67	17.34	17.52	17.77	1.43	13.69
Apples	1 Kg	9.92	9.72	9.16	9.34	10.54	9.80	9.73	11.15	9.60	9.87	9.84	9.46	(3.86)	(4.64)
Cabbage	1 Kg	10.04	7.58	7.39	7.81	8.27	8.22	8.84	9.36	9.09	9.61	9.74	9.39	(3.59)	(6.47)
Tomatoes	1 Kg	17.58	19.10	18.22	17.29	15.97	17.89	16.80	15.27	14.00	16.81	18.08	18.20	0.66	3.53
Onion	1 Kg	38.81	32.86	31.50	28.72	27.12	26.14	25.09	28.58	30.55	33.99	35.99	37.16	3.25	(4.25)
Sweet potatoes	1 Kg	9.21	8.32	8.00	8.41	9.39	11.98	13.12	12.13	11.72	9.91	10.20	9.85	(3.43)	6.95
Sugar - 2 Kg	2 Kg	73.13	72.94	71.99	72.55	72.63	72.23	71.81	71.66	71.37	70.88	70.98	69.89	(1.54)	(4.43)
Cement	50 Kg	187.99	186.34	185.19	184.54	188.92	193.62	194.76	193.42	189.15	189.70	191.33	192.40	0.56	2.35
Charcoal	50 Kg	140.30	142.87	148.68	149.16	149.51	142.41	146.48	149.16	152.56	147.02	147.36	153.74	4.33	9.58
Candles	1 Pk	26.57	26.91	27.10	26.91	26.78	27.12	27.54	26.94	27.06	27.45	27.26	27.37	0.40	3.01
Paracetamol	10 Each	4.58	4.73	4.77	4.67	4.81	4.97	4.92	4.79	4.84	4.92	4.82	4.92	2.07	7.42
Toyota hilux	1 Each	1,759,380.00	1,759,380.00	1,869,150.00	1,754,050.00	1,665,376.00	1,698,361.00	1,649,983.00	1,378,992.90	1,392,700.00	1,427,488.75	1,401,483.75	1,337,400.00	(4.57)	(23.98)
Diesel	1 Ltr	25.19	23.13	25.02	26.20	25.35	27.01	25.11	24.05	23.25	29.78	33.94	32.11	(5.39)	27.47
Petrol	1 Ltr	31.27	28.00	29.18	30.58	28.97	29.92	29.92	27.95	26.61	27.15	27.15	27.15	-	(13.18)
Sanitary Towels-Pack of 10	1 Each	28.72	29.52	29.83	29.39	30.59	29.30	29.93	29.52	29.80	29.45	28.88	28.52	(1.25)	(0.70)
Hammer milling charge	1 Each	11.78	11.94	12.17	12.76	12.61	12.17	13.10	13.39	13.65	13.91	14.61	14.70	0.62	24.79

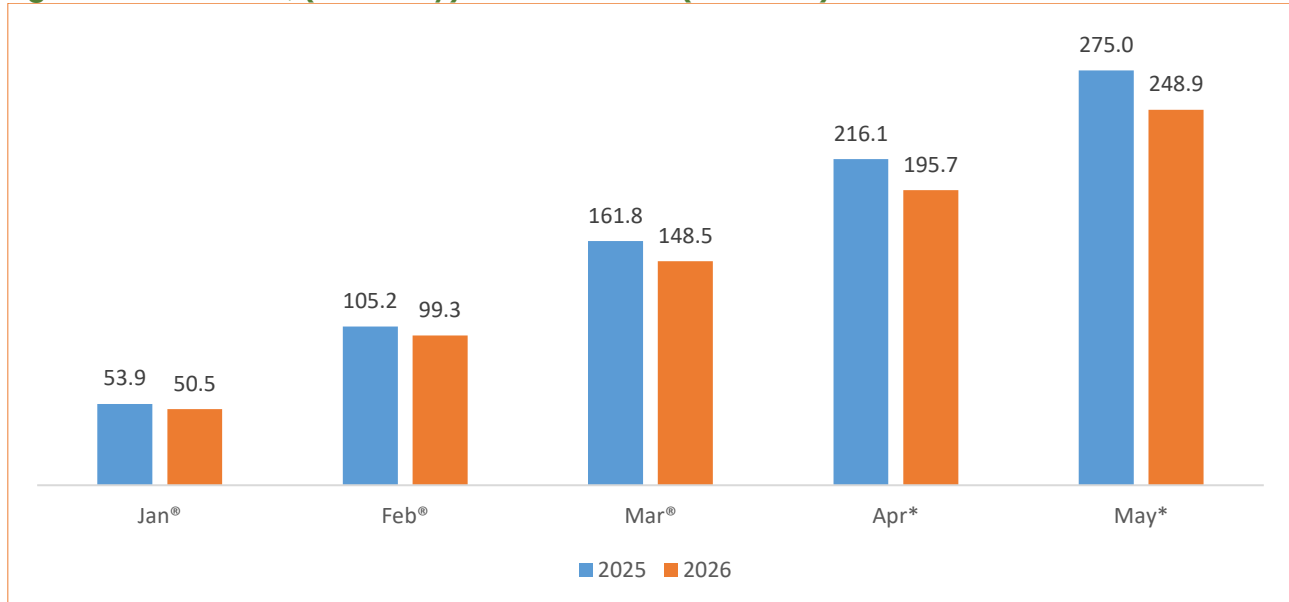
Source: ZamStats, 2026

International Merchandise Trade

Total Trade, May 2026

Cumulative total trade for the period January to May 2026 was K248.9 billion while that of 2025 for the same period was K275.0 billion, representing 9.5 percent decrease (see Figure 5).

Figure 5: Total Trade, (Jan- May) 2025 and 2026 (K' Billions).



Source: ZamStats, 2026

Note: (*) Provisional, (®) Revised

Total Trade = (Exports + Imports)

Total Exports and Imports by Mode of Transport, May 2026

The total value of exports via all modes of transport for the period January to May 2026 was K135.4 billion. Road transport accounted for the highest value at K130.5 billion representing a 96.4 percent share. Air transport was second with K2.7 billion (2.0 percent) and Rail transport was third with a value of K0.5 billion (0.4 percent).

The total volume of exports via all modes for the period January to May 2026 was 4.1 million Mt, of which Road transport accounted for the highest volume with 3.2 million Mt, representing 79.8 percent. Rail transport accounted for 12.8 thousand Mt, representing 0.3 percent. Air transport accounted for 1.7 thousand Mt (0.04 percent), while other modes accounted for 806.7 thousand Mt (19.8 percent) (see Table 11).

Table 11: Total Exports by Mode of Transport, Jan- May.2026

Mode of transport	K' Billion	Value % Share	Mt (000)	Volume % Share
Road Transport	130.5	96.4	3,246.90	79.8
Rail Transport	0.5	0.4	12.8	0.3
Air Transport	2.7	2.0	1.7	0.04
Other (Multimodal)	1.6	1.2	806.7	19.8
Total	135.4	100.0	4,068.05	100.0

Source: ZamStats, 2026

Note: Other (Multimodal) include, Multimodal - Sea & Rail, Multimodal - Sea & Road, Multimodal – Other, Fixed – Pipeline, Fixed - Electric Power Line.

The total value of Imports via all modes of transport for the period January to May 2026 was K113.5 billion. Road transport accounted for the highest value with K60.4 billion representing 53.2 percent share, followed by Air transport with K5.5 billion (4.8 percent). Rail transport was third with K1.0 billion accounting for 0.9 percent of the total import bill. Other modes of transport accounted for K46.6 billion (41.0 percent).

In terms of volumes, a total of 4.8 million Mt of imports was recorded for the period January to May 2026, of which Road transport accounted for 2.2 million Mt, representing the highest share at 45.7 percent, followed by Rail transport which accounted for 87.4 thousand Mt, representing a share of 1.8 percent. Air Transport was third accounting for 4.6 thousand Mt (0.1 percent), while other modes accounted for 2.5 million Mt (52.4 percent) **(see Table 12)**.

Table 12: Imports by Mode of Transport, Jan- May.2026

Mode of transport	K' Billion	Value % Share	Mt (000)	Volume % Share
Road Transport	60.4	53.2	2,197.3	45.7
Rail Transport	1.0	0.9	87.4	1.8
Air Transport	5.5	4.8	4.6	0.1
Other (Multimodal)	46.6	41.0	2,516.9	52.4
Total	113.5	100.0	4,806.1	100.0

Source: ZamStats, 2026

Note: Note: Other (Multimodal) include, Multimodal - Sea & Rail, Multimodal - Sea & Road, Multimodal – Other, Fixed – Pipeline, Fixed - Electric Power Line.

May 2026 records a Trade Surplus

The country recorded a trade surplus of K7.0 billion in May 2026 compared to the surplus of K3.5 billion recorded in April 2026 **(see Table 13)**.

Exports mainly comprising domestically produced goods, increased by 18.7 percent from K25.4 billion in April 2026 to K30.1 billion in May 2026. This was mainly on account of increases in export earnings from Intermediate goods by 20.9 percent, Raw materials by 11.3 percent and Consumer goods by 12.6 percent.

Imports increased by 5.6 percent from K21.9 billion in April 2026 to K23.1 billion in May 2026. This was mainly as a result of increases in import bills of Capital goods by 17.3 percent and Raw materials by 27.7 percent **(see Table 2.2 in Annex)**.

Table 13: Total Exports, Imports and Trade Balance, May.2026 (K' Billion)

Months	Imports	Domestic Exports	Total Exports	Trade Balance
Jan-26 [®]	22.9	26	27.6	4.7
Feb-26 [®]	21.6	25.8	27.2	5.7
Mar-26 [®]	24.1	23.4	25	0.9
Quarter1[®]	68.6	75.2	79.8	11.3
Apr-26*	21.9	23.4	25.4	3.5
May-26*	23.1	28.2	30.1	7.0
Total	113.5	126.7	135.4	21.8

Source: ZamStats, 2026

Note: (*) Provisional, (®) Revised

These trade data are compiled based on the **General Trade System**

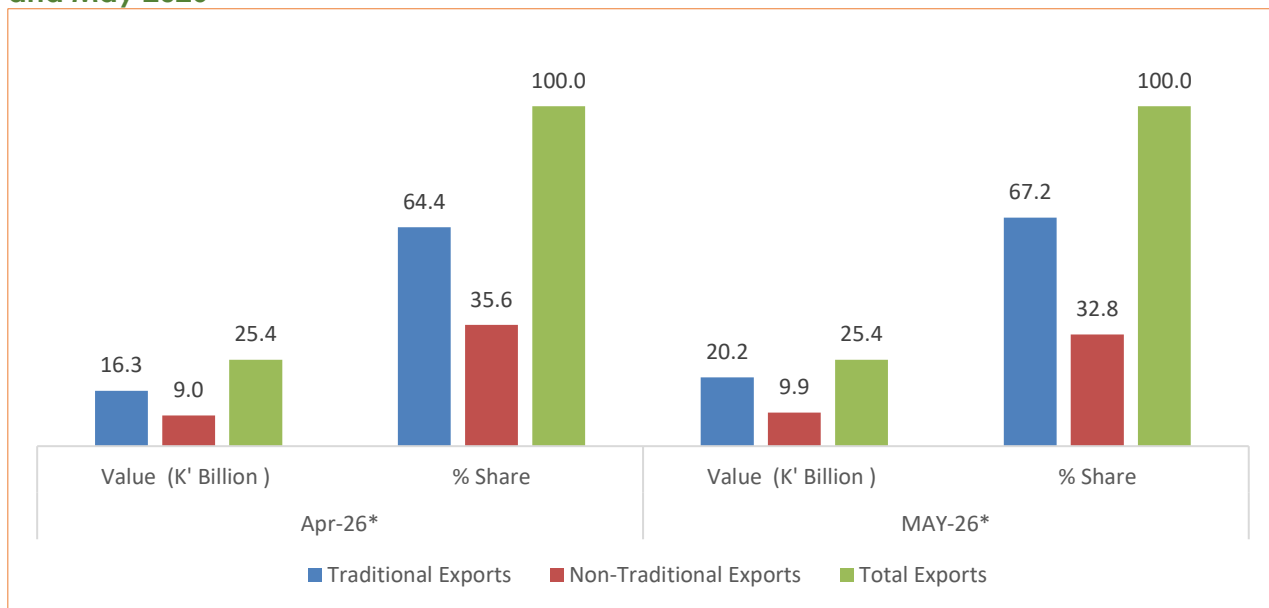
Domestic Exports-These are Commodities grown, produced or manufactured locally including commodities imported from foreign countries that have been significantly changed or enhanced in value. Re-Exports=Total Exports-Domestic Exports.

Performance of Traditional and Non-Traditional Exports, May 2026

Traditional Exports (TE's) earnings increased by 23.9 percent from K16.3 billion in April 2026 to K20.2 billion in May 2026. In terms of share in total exports, TE's accounted for 67.2 percent in May 2026.

Non-Traditional Exports (NTEs) earnings increased by 9.4 percent from K9.0 billion in April 2026 to K9.9 billion in May 2026. In terms of share in total exports, NTEs accounted for 32.8 percent in May 2026 (see Figure 6).

Figure 6: Total Values and Shares of Traditional Exports and Non-Traditional Exports, Apr.2026 and May 2026



Source: ZamStats, 2026

Note: (*) Provisional (®) Revised

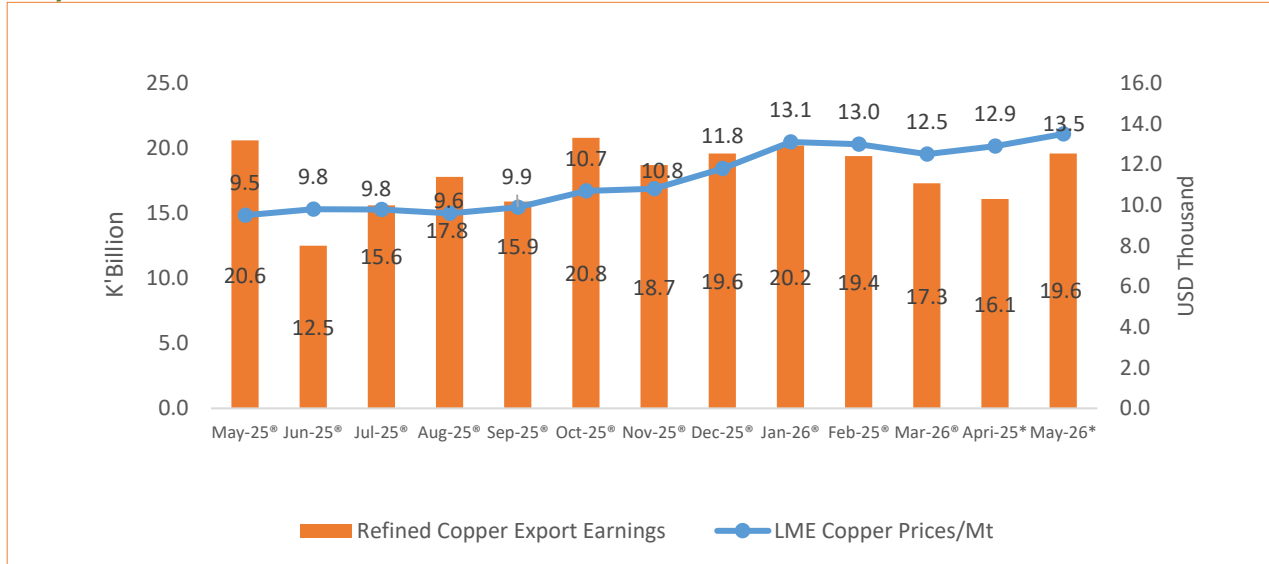
Export Earnings of Refined Copper and LME Copper Prices, May 2026

Export earnings from refined copper increased by 21.6 percent from K16.1 billion in April 2026 to K19.6 billion in May 2026. Refined Copper export volumes increased by 18.6 percent from 64.3 thousand Mt in April 2026 to 76.2 thousand Mt in May 2026.



Further, copper prices on the LME market for the corresponding months increased by 4.8 percent from US\$12,891.4 per Mt in April 2026 to US\$13,507.1 per Mt in May 2026 (see Figure 7).

Figure 7: Export Earnings from Refined Copper and LME Copper Prices per MT, May.2025 to May.2026



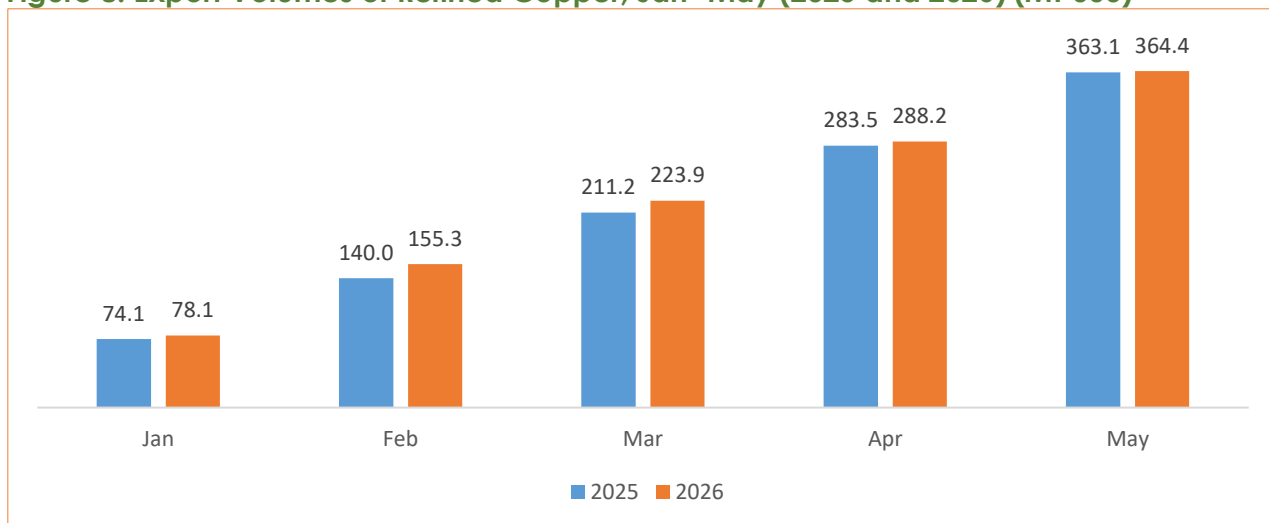
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Cumulative Export Volumes of Refined Copper, May 2026

The cumulative volume of refined copper exports for the period January to May 2026 was 364.4 thousand Mt while that of 2025 for the same period was 363.1 thousand Mt representing a 0.3 percent increase (see Figure 8).

Figure 8: Export Volumes of Refined Copper, Jan- May (2025 and 2026) (MT'000)



Source: ZamStats, 2026

Note: (*) Provisional, (®) Revised

Zambia's Major Non-Traditional Exports, May 2026

Agricultural Products

Agricultural products accounted for 16.4 percent of NTEs in May 2026 compared to 23.1 percent recorded in April 2026.

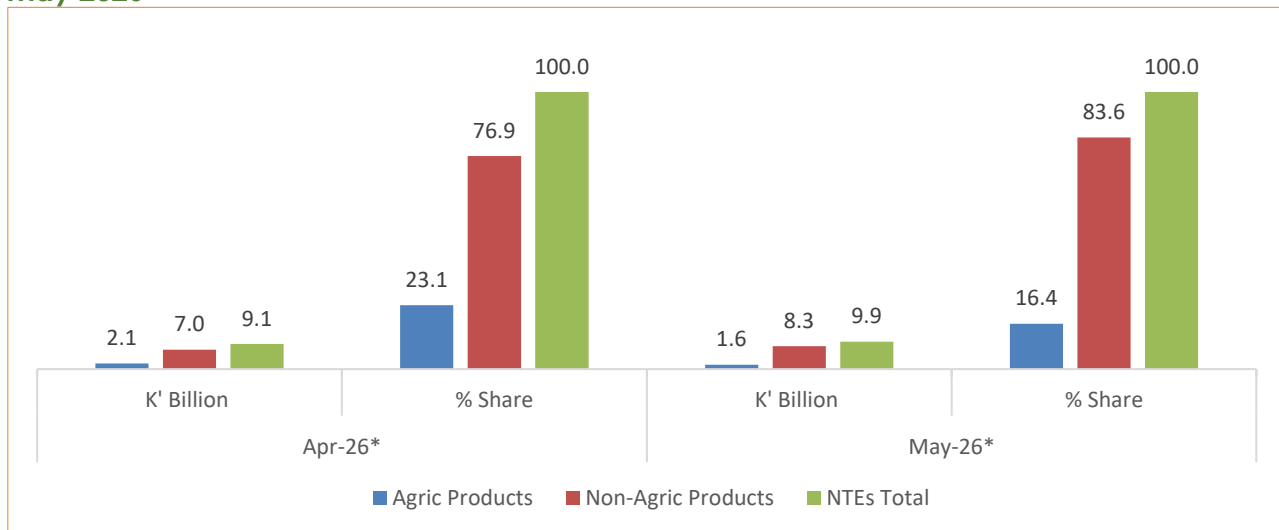
Export earnings from agricultural products decreased by 22.1 percent from K2.1 billion in April 2026 to K1.6 billion in May 2026. The major export commodities were Tobacco-partly or wholly stemmed/stripped accounting for 14.7 percent, Maize (corn) flour (9.0 percent), and Other raw cane sugar (7.8 percent) **(see Figure 9& Annex 2.14).**

Non-Agricultural Products

Non-agricultural products accounted for a share of 83.6 percent of NTEs in May 2026 compared to 76.9 percent in April 2026.

Export earnings from non-agricultural products increased by 18.8 percent from K7.0 billion in April 2026 to K8.3 billion in May 2026. The major export commodities were Nickel ores and concentrates(14.9 percent), Sulphur of all kinds, accounting for 8.1 percent, and Electrical energy (7.6 percent)) **(see Figure 9 & Annex 2.14).**

Figure 9: Total Value and Share of Agricultural and Non-Agricultural NTE's Apr.2025 and May 2026



Source: ZamStats, 2026

Note: (*) Provisional, (®) Revised

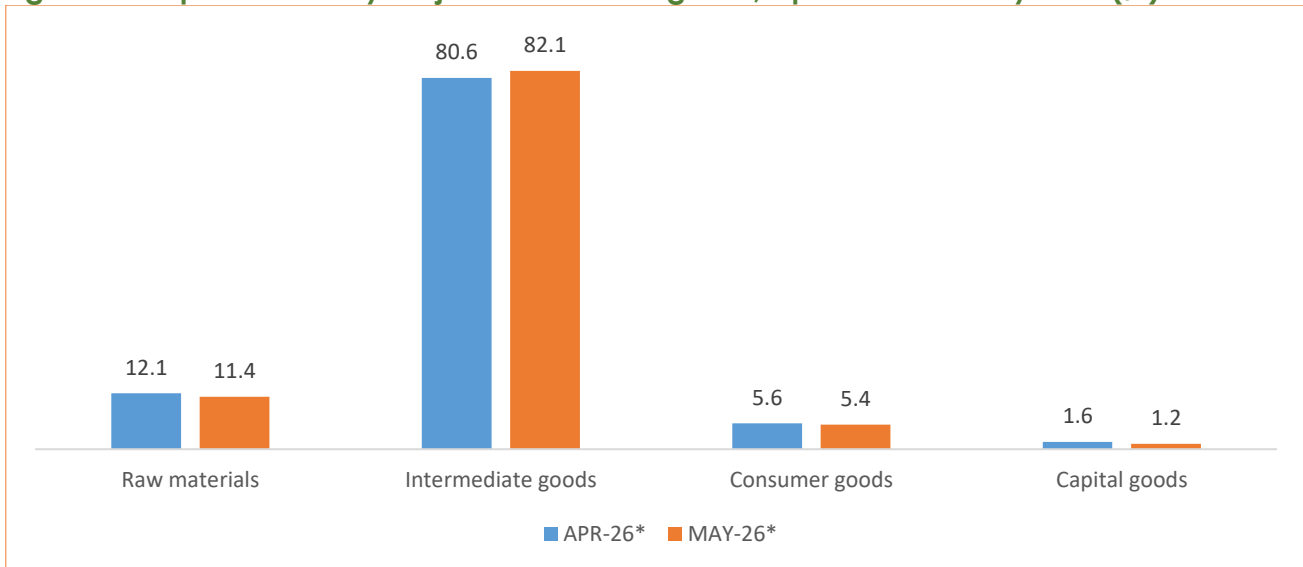
Exports by Major Product Categories, May 2026

Zambia's major export products in May 2026 were from the intermediate goods category mainly comprising copper anodes for electrolytic refining and Electro-won copper cathodes (High Purity) accounting for 82.1 percent.

Exports of Raw materials recorded a decrease from 12.1 to 11.4 percent. Consumer goods and Capital goods categories collectively accounted for 6.5 percent of total exports in May 2026 **(see Figure 10).**



Figure 10: Export Shares by Major Product Categories, Apr.2026 and May 2026 (%)



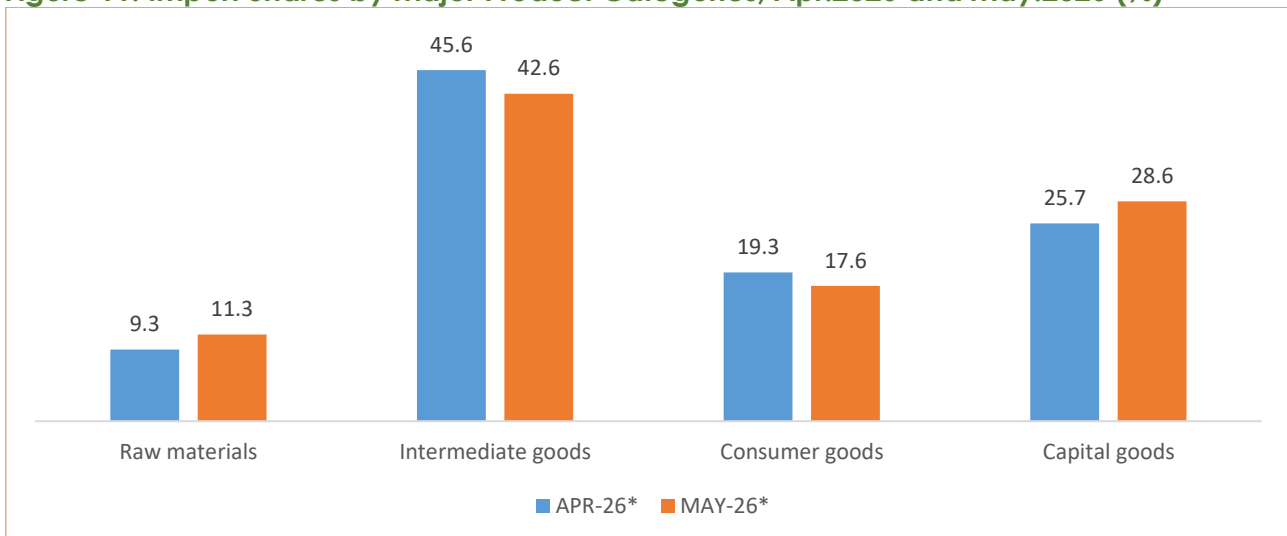
Source: ZamStats, 2026

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Imports by Major Product Categories, May 2026

The major import product category in May 2026 was Intermediate goods category accounting for 42.6 percent. The second major category was Capital goods at 28.6, followed by Consumer goods and Raw materials accounting for 17.6 and 11.3 percent, respectively (see Figure 11).

Figure 11: Import Shares by Major Product Categories, Apr.2026 and May.2026 (%)



Source: ZamStats, 2026

Note: (*) Provisional ® Revised

Zambia's Major Export Destinations by Commodity, May 2026

The major export destination in May 2026 was Canada accounting for 32.4 percent of the total export earnings. The major export product was copper anodes for electrolytic refining, accounting for 85.7 percent of total export earnings from that country.

China was the second main export destination accounting for 16.9 percent of the total export earnings. The major export product was copper anodes for electrolytic refining, accounting for 71.6 percent of total export earnings from that country.

Congo DR was the third main export destination of Zambia's exports accounting for 14.3 percent of the total export earnings. The major export products were Sulphur of all kinds accounting for 14.4 percent of total export earnings from that country.

Switzerland was the main fourth export destination accounting for 10.5 percent of the total export earnings. The major export product was Copper anodes for electrolytic, accounting for 29.9 percent of total export earnings from that country.

Singapore was the fifth main export destination, which accounted for 7.8 percent of the total export earnings. The main export product was Copper anodes for electrolytic refining accounting for 56.9 percent of total export earnings from that country.

These five countries collectively accounted for 82.0 percent of Zambia's total export earnings in May 2026 **(see Table 14 & Annex 2.11)**.

Table 14: Zambia's Five Major Export Destinations, May.2026

Country	K'Billion	% Share
Canada	9.8	32.4
China	5.1	16.9
Congo DR	4.3	14.3
Switzerland	3.2	10.5
Singapore	2.4	7.8
Other Destination	5.4	18.0
Total Value of Exports	30.1	100.0

Source: ZamStats, 2026

Zambia's Top Five Non-Traditional Export Destinations by Product, May 2026

The major NTEs destination in May 2026 was Congo DR, which accounted for 43.6 percent of the total NTE earnings. The main export products were Sulphur of all kinds accounting for 14.4 percent of total NTE earnings from that country.

The second main destination was Canada, accounting for 12.5 percent of the total NTE earnings. The major export product was Nickel ores and concentrates, accounting for 100.0 percent of total NTE earnings from that country.

Zimbabwe was the third main destination accounting for 8.5 percent of the total NTE earnings. The major export products were Quicklime, accounting for 20.4 percent of total NTE earnings from that country.

The fourth main destination was South Africa, accounting for 5.8 percent of the total NTE earnings. The major export product was Bullion, accounting for 29.7 percent of total NTE earnings from that country.

Tanzania was the fifth main destination, which accounted for 5.5 percent of the total NTE earnings. The major export product was other Zinc concentrates, accounting for 38.9 percent of total NTE earnings from that country.

These five countries collectively accounted for 75.9 percent of Zambia's total NTE earnings in May 2026 (see **Table 15 & Annex 2.12**).

Table 15: Zambia's Five Major Destinations of Non-Traditional Exports, May.2026

Country	K'Billion	% Share
Congo DR	4.3	43.6
Canada	1.2	12.5
Zimbabwe	0.8	8.5
South Africa	0.6	5.8
Tanzania	0.5	5.5
Other Destinations	2.4	24.1
Total Value of Exports	9.9	100.0

Source: ZamStats, 2026

Export Market Shares by Selected Regional Groupings and Major Trading Partners, May 2026

Canada was the largest market for Zambia's exports in May 2026 accounting for 32.4 percent of export earnings.

Asia was the second largest market for Zambia's exports in May 2026 accounting for 32.1 percent of export earnings. Within this grouping, China was the dominant market with 52.7 percent, followed by Singapore with 24.3 percent. Other notable markets in this grouping were, Hong Kong, United Arab Emirates and Bahrain, collectively accounting for 19.5 percent.

DUAL-SADC & COMESA was the third largest market for Zambia's exports accounting for 17.8 percent of export earnings. Within this grouping, Congo DR was the dominant market with 80.7 percent, followed by Zimbabwe with 15.7 percent. Other notable markets within this grouping were Malawi, Eswatini and Mauritius, collectively accounting for 3.6 percent.

The SADC Exclusive grouping was fourth accounting for 5.4 percent of export earnings. Within this grouping, South Africa accounted for the largest share with 35.7 percent, followed by Tanzania with 34.3 percent. Other notable markets were Namibia, Botswana and Mozambique collectively accounting for 29.7 percent.

The European Union (EU) grouping was fifth accounting for 0.7 percent of export earnings. Within this grouping, Italy was the dominant market with 43.8 percent, followed by Germany with 28.0 percent. Other notable markets were Netherlands, Austria and Belgium collectively accounting for 26.7 percent.

COMESA exclusive was sixth accounting for 0.6 percent of export earnings. Within this grouping, Kenya was the dominant market accounting for 57.5 percent, followed by Rwanda with 21.6 percent. Other notable markets were Uganda, Egypt and Burundi, collectively accounting for 20.9 percent (see **Table 16 & Annex 2.15**).

Table 16: Export Market Shares by Selected Regional Groupings and Major Trading Partner, Apr.2025 and May.2026

Grouping	Apr-26*		Grouping	MAY-26*	
	K'Billion	% Share		K'Billion	% Share
ASIA	7.7	30.2	ASIA	9.7	32.1
DUAL-SADC & COMESA	4.5	17.7	DUAL-SADC & COMESA	5.3	17.8
SADC Exclusive	1.5	6.1	SADC Exclusive	1.6	5.4
European Union	0.1	0.6	European Union	0.2	0.7
COMESA Exclusive	0.2	0.6	COMESA Exclusive	0.2	0.6
Canada	9.2	36.1	Canada	9.8	32.4
Rest of the World	2.2	8.7	Rest of the World	3.3	11.0
World	25.4	100	World	30.1	100.0

Source: ZamStats, 2026

Note: 1. SADC = (SADC EXCLUSIVE + Dual SADC & COMESA)
 2. COMESA = (COMESA Exclusive + Dual SADC & COMESA)
 ** Canada does not belong to any regional grouping but is our major export destination.
 (*) Provisional

Zambia's Major Import Sources by Product, May 2026

The major source of imports in May 2026 was China accounting for 28.7 percent of the import bill. The major import products were Road tractors for semi-trailers - diesel or semi-diesel accounting for 7.9 percent of the import bill from that country.

South Africa was second, accounting for 28.2 percent of the import bill. The main import products were Sulphur of all kinds accounting for 5.4 percent of the import bill from that country.

India was third, accounting for 5.8 percent of the import bill. The major import products were Other medicaments of mixed or unmixed products accounting for 19.9 percent of the import bill from that country.

Congo DR was fourth, accounting for 5.1 percent of the import bill. The major import products were other Zinc concentrates accounting for 64.5 percent of the import bill from that country.

Japan was fifth, accounting for 4.4 percent of the import bill. The major import products were sparkignition vehicles with engine capacity >1000cc but < 1500cc Other accounting for 25.8 percent of the import bill from that country **(see Table 17 & Annex 2.13).**

Table 17: Zambia's Five Major Import Sources, May.2026

Country	K'Billion	% Share
China	6.6	28.7
South Africa	6.5	24.5
India	1.3	6.1
Congo DR	1.2	4.7
Japan	1.0	4.3
Other Sources	6.4	32.1
Total Value of Imports	23.1	100.0

Source: ZamStats, 2026

Note: (*) Provisional

Import Market Shares by Selected Regional Groupings and Major Trading Partners, May 2026

Asia was the main source of Zambia's imports accounting for 46.6 percent in May 2026. Within this grouping China was the main source of imports accounting for 61.5 percent. Other notable markets were India, Japan, United Arab Emirates and Singapore, collectively accounting for 29.3 percent.

SADC Exclusive was second accounting for 31.6 percent of the import bill. Within this grouping, South Africa was the main source accounting for 89.1 percent. Other notable markets were, Namibia, Tanzania Mozambique, and Angola, collectively accounting for 9.8 percent.

Dual SADC & COMESA grouping was third accounting for 7.4 percent of the import bill. Within this grouping, Congo DR was the dominant source accounting for 69.7 percent. Other notable markets were Zimbabwe, Eswatini, Mauritius and Malawi, collectively accounting for 30.1 percent.

The EU was fourth accounting for 5.7 percent of the import bill. Within this grouping, Germany was the dominant source accounting for 20.7 percent. Other notable markets were Finland, Ireland, Italy and Sweden collectively accounting for 48.1 percent.

The COMESA exclusive grouping was fifth accounting for 1.0 percent in May 2026, within this grouping. Kenya was the dominant market with 50.2 percent, followed by Egypt with 27.1 percent. Other notable markets were Uganda, Rwanda and Tunisia, collectively accounting for 22.7 percent (**see Table 18 & Annex 2.16**).

Table 18: Import Market Shares by Selected Regional Groupings and Major Trading Partners, Apr.2025 and May.2026

Grouping	Apr-26*		Grouping	MAY-26*	
	K'Billion	% Share		K'Billion	% Share
Asia	10.3	47.2	Asia	10.8	46.6
SADC Exclusive	6.4	29.1	SADC Exclusive	7.3	31.6
European Union	1.6	7.3	European Union	1.7	7.4
DUAL-SADC & COMESA	1.2	5.7	DUAL-SADC & COMESA	1.3	5.7
COMESA Exclusive	0.1	0.6	COMESA Exclusive	0.2	1.0
Rest of the World	2.2	10.1	Rest of the World	1.8	7.7
World	21.9	100	World	23.1	100.0

Source: ZamStats, 2026

Note: (*) Provisional ® Revised

ANNEXES

ANNEX 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Table 1.1: Consumer Price Index - Food and Non-Food (National), 2023 – 2026

				2009 = 100
	Period	Total	Food	Non-Food
	Weight:	1,000.00	534.85	465.15
2023	January	377.25	408.33	341.52
	February	384.60	416.33	348.11
	March	388.61	420.96	351.40
	April	392.22	424.62	354.97
	May	394.54	428.34	355.67
	June	397.71	432.13	358.12
	July	401.25	436.57	360.64
	August	404.45	440.19	363.37
	September	407.12	442.33	366.64
	October	410.22	445.22	369.97
	November	413.99	449.29	373.41
	December	418.03	453.93	376.75
2024	January	426.93	464.47	383.76
	February	436.49	475.04	392.17
	March	442.01	486.52	390.82
	April	446.38	491.38	394.63
	May	452.52	497.59	400.71
	June	458.31	504.83	404.83
	July	462.91	512.49	405.90
	August	466.94	517.49	408.83
	September	470.59	521.56	411.98
	October	474.54	526.12	415.24
	November	482.14	530.87	426.10
	December	488.04	538.44	430.09
2025	January	498.17	553.62	434.42
	February	509.97	572.68	437.86
	March	515.13	578.47	442.31
	April	520.07	583.16	447.54
	May	521.81	586.54	447.38
	June	522.81	588.99	446.71
	July	523.29	591.04	445.39
	August	525.95	594.63	446.97
	September	528.56	597.56	449.21
	October	530.91	600.12	451.32
	November	534.59	604.64	454.03
	December	542.67	608.10	467.43
2026	January	545.19	613.84	466.24
	February	548.23	619.39	466.41
	March	551.52	623.83	468.37
	April	555.18	625.47	474.36
	May	556.26	627.28	474.60
	June	556.62	628.72	473.71

Source: ZamStats, Prices Statistics, 2026

Table 1.2: Consumer Price Index by Division, 2022 - 2026

Period	All Items	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels	Furnishing, Household Equipment, Routine Hse Mtc	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurant and Hotel	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	
Weight:	1 000.00	534.85	15.21	80.78	114.11	82.36	8.15	58.08	12.94	13.84	26.62	3.37	49.69	
2023	Jan	377.25	408.33	280.64	329.05	385.99	324.75	286.22	455.53	140.98	293.37	255.22	262.39	299.15
	Feb	384.60	416.33	282.53	331.95	390.01	327.02	289.19	486.26	141.50	299.87	260.81	265.43	301.01
	Mar	388.61	420.96	283.92	334.52	392.08	329.91	290.07	496.63	142.61	306.21	261.06	266.84	303.14
	Apr	392.22	424.62	286.01	336.08	393.58	332.95	290.03	513.42	142.61	309.86	261.28	271.03	303.83
	May	394.54	428.34	287.15	338.24	399.41	334.73	292.16	499.68	142.93	310.63	261.59	273.45	305.25
	Jun	397.71	432.13	288.68	340.34	400.71	338.01	293.76	505.48	142.96	317.58	261.74	278.43	306.51
	Jul	401.25	436.57	290.76	345.73	403.34	340.08	295.68	507.09	143.00	319.63	261.74	280.56	308.30
	Aug	404.45	440.19	292.65	348.63	405.78	342.27	298.07	511.52	143.00	324.61	261.79	284.03	312.05
	Sep	407.12	442.33	293.35	349.65	407.03	343.52	300.69	528.07	143.00	326.96	261.29	286.63	315.52
	Oct	410.22	445.22	295.21	350.76	408.69	346.67	303.01	543.45	143.10	329.59	261.29	287.65	316.11
	Nov	413.99	449.29	296.86	354.03	410.11	348.71	306.56	556.72	143.38	331.64	261.99	290.17	318.60
	Dec	418.03	453.93	298.69	357.21	413.16	350.13	309.24	566.41	143.38	334.91	261.99	291.21	322.02
2024	Jan	426.93	464.47	302.73	357.44	417.09	356.00	311.05	594.20	143.66	339.97	275.60	295.68	325.47
	Feb	436.49	475.04	306.13	360.29	421.99	361.92	314.68	634.50	143.66	342.42	275.60	301.09	328.64
	Mar	442.01	486.52	308.23	363.60	423.20	365.62	318.49	604.36	143.66	348.12	276.48	304.83	333.38
	Apr	446.38	491.38	310.67	365.62	427.45	367.77	322.85	616.62	144.36	350.37	276.48	306.98	335.66
	May	452.52	497.59	314.35	367.16	436.76	371.66	323.91	635.79	144.14	351.40	275.27	310.27	338.75
	Jun	458.31	504.83	317.38	370.08	446.00	374.07	326.90	637.40	144.83	355.97	276.60	312.64	341.79
	Jul	462.91	512.49	320.70	375.00	450.39	376.92	328.25	620.37	145.95	364.84	277.24	312.19	344.59
	Aug	466.94	517.49	323.10	378.04	452.58	379.63	330.04	626.98	146.19	366.45	277.36	314.37	348.02
	Sep	470.59	521.56	325.27	380.51	456.94	382.05	333.86	633.16	146.32	369.14	277.36	317.62	350.00
	Oct	474.54	526.12	329.65	384.72	460.52	384.93	337.54	638.53	146.32	370.21	279.72	321.54	350.61
	Nov	482.14	530.87	331.40	386.77	496.00	386.81	339.16	647.69	146.33	372.12	279.72	324.19	352.12
	Dec	488.04	538.44	334.38	388.29	501.09	389.49	341.71	660.00	147.49	373.26	279.72	329.29	354.16
2025	Jan	498.17	553.62	337.79	390.58	503.43	390.46	344.04	674.31	149.18	376.10	295.09	330.65	356.33
	Feb	509.97	572.68	341.73	393.05	511.19	393.25	346.14	674.57	149.19	380.68	296.53	333.86	357.93
	Mar	515.13	578.47	346.17	397.07	515.16	398.07	350.91	680.80	149.35	384.58	296.61	337.37	365.05
	Apr	520.07	583.16	348.68	400.29	519.19	399.56	353.84	702.98	149.39	385.99	296.62	339.38	369.33
	May	521.81	586.54	350.83	402.76	527.80	401.90	354.99	673.30	150.18	383.85	301.09	343.20	371.82
	June	522.81	588.99	352.57	405.46	535.13	403.77	358.66	643.44	151.43	385.04	301.09	347.06	374.00
	July	523.29	591.04	354.62	408.71	532.97	404.10	361.78	627.75	151.59	387.51	301.09	348.31	377.17
	August	525.95	594.63	356.07	410.22	535.01	405.46	363.57	629.53	151.93	389.98	301.09	350.07	378.89
	Sept	528.56	597.56	358.29	412.48	535.92	408.44	365.57	634.95	151.93	394.14	301.11	353.58	380.40
	Oct	530.91	600.12	360.82	415.21	539.08	410.16	367.31	635.01	153.57	396.03	301.59	356.09	383.11
	Nov	534.59	604.64	364.16	417.87	543.41	412.55	369.38	637.26	153.88	397.78	301.72	357.36	385.57
	Dec	542.67	608.10	366.32	420.92	549.45	414.40	371.60	721.35	155.30	400.19	301.72	360.53	388.55
2026	Jan	545.19	613.84	369.07	423.70	553.45	416.28	375.98	689.13	155.44	401.36	312.46	363.88	390.26
	Feb	548.23	619.39	371.25	425.47	555.92	418.15	379.41	677.10	156.38	405.29	312.55	365.49	391.59
	Mar	551.52	623.83	373.75	427.37	558.10	419.74	381.92	678.92	158.31	408.40	312.55	368.26	394.30
	April	555.18	625.47	375.70	429.59	560.89	421.62	383.56	712.44	158.31	410.14	312.56	370.07	396.60
	May	556.26	627.28	377.94	432.08	565.36	423.41	385.26	696.06	158.67	411.80	312.56	373.64	398.99
	June	556.62	628.72	380.43	434.02	575.44	425.32	393.02	659.02	158.75	410.32	313.98	377.27	401.77

Source: ZamStats, Prices Statistics, 2026

Table 1.3: Consumer Price Indices and Annual Inflation, 2021 - 2026

Year	Month	Annual CPI	Annual Inflation Rate
2022	January	344.90	15.1
	February	350.90	14.2
	March	353.61	13.1
	April	356.02	11.5
	May	359.04	10.2
	June	362.32	9.7
	July	363.91	9.9
	August	364.87	9.8
	September	363.59	9.9
	October	364.26	9.7
	November	366.79	9.8
	December	369.60	9.9
2023	January	377.25	9.4
	February	384.60	9.6
	March	388.61	9.9
	April	392.22	10.2
	May	394.54	9.9
	June	397.71	9.8
	July	401.25	10.3
	August	404.45	10.8
	September	407.12	12.0
	October	410.22	12.6
	November	413.99	12.9
	December	418.03	13.1
2024	January	426.93	13.2
	February	436.49	13.5
	March	442.01	13.7
	April	446.38	13.8
	May	452.52	14.7
	June	458.31	15.2
	July	462.91	15.4
	August	466.94	15.5
	September	470.59	15.6
	October	474.54	15.7
	November	482.14	16.5
	December	488.04	16.7
2025	January	498.17	16.7
	February	509.97	16.8
	March	515.13	16.5
	April	520.07	16.5
	May	521.81	15.3
	June	522.81	14.1
	July	523.29	13.0
	August	525.95	12.6
	September	528.56	12.3
	October	530.91	11.9
	November	534.59	10.9
	December	542.67	11.2
2026	January	545.19	9.4
	February	548.23	7.5
	March	551.52	7.1
	April	555.18	6.8
	May	556.26	6.6
	June	556.62	6.5

Source: ZamStats, Prices Statistics, 2026 Note: 2009 = 100

Table 1.4: Consumer Price Index by Province, January 2023 - Mayl 2026

Period	Total	Central	Copperbelt	Eastern	Luapula	Lusaka	Northern	North-Western	Southern	Western	
Weight	1,000.00	107.19	219.68	88.98	50.60	283.89	65.72	32.33	109.19	42.42	
2023	January	377.25	366.41	361.96	383.72	364.31	389.00	424.85	392.04	357.49	372.97
	February	384.60	377.55	370.22	390.41	372.24	395.23	429.04	406.03	362.64	379.63
	March	388.61	379.32	372.59	392.45	372.19	400.84	438.98	406.48	368.62	384.42
	April	392.22	378.99	374.27	395.40	376.15	406.10	446.09	415.30	371.58	390.28
	May	394.54	379.91	375.29	398.85	379.02	407.83	449.22	417.98	374.23	401.32
	June	397.71	387.08	376.05	402.02	384.88	411.44	452.72	420.89	375.92	404.31
	July	401.25	389.87	380.40	405.99	385.42	415.71	454.73	422.65	378.64	409.16
	August	404.45	392.83	384.43	408.66	388.94	418.70	456.88	424.15	382.16	413.04
	September	407.12	394.06	387.70	411.09	391.58	420.79	457.27	430.79	386.96	415.53
	October	410.22	397.03	391.24	408.69	393.75	425.56	462.10	432.81	389.54	417.67
	November	413.99	400.68	395.68	411.88	397.26	429.40	464.15	437.00	394.04	419.88
	December	418.03	404.93	399.17	416.04	400.82	433.99	468.26	439.22	397.79	424.87
2024	January	426.93	412.45	407.63	430.90	410.49	441.95	471.84	456.00	408.20	430.65
	February	436.49	437.16	417.70	437.22	420.96	447.82	471.95	461.53	413.72	457.91
	March	442.01	439.45	421.16	445.98	421.78	450.87	483.35	463.23	426.42	472.82
	April	446.38	444.09	426.29	449.85	424.63	454.98	486.67	465.78	431.65	477.98
	May	452.52	449.84	430.55	457.81	427.95	464.33	490.60	470.11	436.19	481.96
	June	458.31	458.01	437.61	463.67	439.85	467.84	499.49	473.16	439.97	485.51
	July	462.91	469.71	441.41	467.55	444.12	469.52	507.17	486.01	446.81	480.78
	August	466.94	473.26	445.49	472.42	446.95	474.81	509.25	488.40	449.13	485.77
	September	470.59	476.88	449.38	474.18	450.08	479.36	513.04	490.22	452.59	488.41
	October	474.54	481.18	450.99	478.09	456.04	484.68	515.99	493.02	457.06	493.22
	November	482.14	487.78	466.26	482.79	465.15	487.17	521.84	495.53	467.62	500.93
	December	488.04	495.01	474.51	486.30	470.77	493.49	524.25	506.11	470.46	503.68
2025	January	498.17	507.73	484.23	492.71	484.62	503.92	530.57	519.27	478.82	519.00
	February	509.97	518.00	492.47	500.89	487.27	524.98	535.86	532.06	484.22	535.27
	March	515.13	521.92	497.24	505.79	491.65	528.41	551.79	542.01	487.12	544.24
	April	520.07	527.78	499.75	504.93	495.53	535.44	558.83	546.78	489.50	562.32
	May	521.81	530.89	500.49	511.64	495.65	536.49	562.16	547.70	489.51	564.55
	June	522.81	531.43	501.86	513.32	496.67	536.78	563.47	547.86	491.06	566.72
	July	523.29	531.71	501.39	513.21	497.24	536.29	565.61	549.59	495.89	565.53
	August	525.95	535.33	503.67	514.61	497.58	539.29	567.89	554.44	498.61	569.47
	September	528.56	537.31	505.92	517.00	498.07	542.75	570.34	558.90	501.09	572.14
	October	530.91	540.48	508.02	520.15	498.75	544.52	572.74	559.31	504.74	575.94
	November	534.59	542.25	511.38	523.56	500.69	549.60	576.11	563.67	508.74	578.58
	December	542.67	548.11	519.37	527.52	502.66	565.00	578.11	567.36	513.81	580.20
2026	January	545.19	555.59	522.70	529.65	506.15	565.29	582.22	568.80	515.05	582.11
	February	548.23	555.79	525.46	535.17	508.31	570.41	585.07	570.53	515.97	582.69
	March	551.52	557.64	527.29	536.15	511.89	574.95	590.97	576.50	519.23	587.13
	April	555.18	560.99	529.45	535.22	515.50	581.50	594.85	578.52	521.94	593.16
	May	556.26	563.53	530.27	538.92	516.26	581.99	595.52	578.67	522.11	594.47
	June	556.62	563.55	530.89	538.84	516.50	582.01	596.08	579.07	522.93	595.93

Source: ZamStats, Prices Statistics, 2026 Note: 2009 = 100

ANNEX 2: INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

Table 2.1: Traditional and Non-Traditional Exports, Jan. 2026– May. 2026 (K' Million)

Months	TE's	NTE's	TOTAL EXPORTS
Jan-26@	20,521.4	7,080.2	27,601.6
Feb-26@	19,504.8	7,724.0	27,228.8
Mar-26@	17,533.6	7,484.1	25,017.7
Quarter1*	57,559.8	22,288.3	79,848.1
Apr-26*	16,338.1	9,044.9	25,383.0
May-26*	20,234.8	9,892.6	30,127.5
Total:	94,132.8	41,225.8	135,358.6

Source: ZamStats, International Trade Statistics, 2026

Table 2.2: Total Exports by Product Category, Jan. 2026– May. 2026 (K' Million)

Period	Raw Materials	Intermediate Goods	Consumer Goods	Capital Goods	Total Exports
Jan-26@	2,740.0	23,281.7	1,412.1	167.8	27,601.6
Feb-26@	2,533.8	22,949.2	1,552.8	193.0	27,228.8
Mar-26@	2,615.2	20,831.7	1,428.5	142.2	25,017.7
Quarter1*	7,889.0	67,062.6	4,393.5	503.0	79,848.1
Apr-26*	3,081.3	20,458.4	1,433.9	409.4	25,383.0
May-26*	3,428.3	24,736.7	1,615.0	347.4	30,127.5
Total:	10,970.3	87,521.1	5,827.3	912.4	105,231.1

Source: ZamStats, International Trade Statistics, 2026

Table 2.3: Total Exports by Selected Regional Groupings, Jan. 2026– May. 2026 (K' Million)

Months	ASIA	COMESA	EU	SADC
Jan-26@	9,179.5	3,981.4	152.7	5,364.0
Feb-26@	8,245.7	4,029.6	291.3	5,168.6
Mar-26@	6,831.4	4,383.7	200.9	5,698.9
Quarter1*	24,256.6	12,394.7	644.9	16,231.6
Apr-26*	7,667.1	4,654.5	145.4	6,038.2
May-26	9,681.3	5,525.0	220.6	6,967.5
Total:	31,923.7	17,049.2	790.3	22,269.8

Source: ZamStats, International Trade Statistics, 2026

Table 2.4: Total Exports by Mode of Transport, Jan. 2026– May. 2026 (K' Million)

Period	Road Transport		Rail Transport		Air Transport		Other		Total Exports	
	K'Million	Tonnes	K'Million	Tonnes	K'Million	Tonnes	K'Million	Tonnes	K'Million	Tonnes
Jan-26@	26,757.0	625,998.1	189.8	971.3	344.3	309.9	310.5	138,628.6	27,601.6	765,907.9
Feb-26@	26,114.8	608,744.3	145.9	2,090.5	700.3	279.1	267.8	136,118.4	27,228.8	747,232.2
Mar-26@	24,202.0	660,061.8	78.5	3,767.1	401.9	328.9	335.3	166,496.8	25,017.7	830,654.6
Quarter1*	77,073.8	1,894,804.1	414.2	6,829.0	1,446.5	917.9	913.6	441,243.8	79,848.1	2,343,794.8
Apr-26*	24,211.4	660,994.5	16.7	1,906.6	811.5	440.9	343.3	178,883.0	25,383.0	842,225.0
May-26	29,206.4	691,100.7	100.6	4,016.8	470.7	362.5	349.7	186,546.3	30,127.5	882,026.3
Total:	130,491.6	3,246,899.4	531.5	12,752.3	2,728.7	1,721.3	1,606.7	806,673.1	135,358.6	4,068,046.1

Source: ZamStats, International Trade Statistics, 2026

Note: 'Other' comprises of Sea & Rail, Sea & Road and Electric power line

Table 2.5: Imports Trade by Product Category, Jan. 2026– May. 2026 (K' Million)

Period	Raw Materials	Intermediate Goods	Consumer Goods	Capital Goods	Imports
Jan-26@	1,907.0	9,108.8	7,128.8	4,749.0	22,893.7
Feb-26@	1,885.0	8,482.0	6,661.8	4,545.3	21,574.1
Mar-26@	2,072.0	9,806.6	7,474.9	4,745.3	24,098.7
Quarter1*	5,864.0	27,397.4	21,265.6	14,039.6	68,566.6
Apr-26*	2,036.7	9,973.6	4,224.8	5,623.5	21,858.5
May-26	2,601.0	9,830.2	4,058.3	6,597.1	23,086.6
Total:	7,900.7	37,371.0	25,490.4	19,663.0	90,425.1

Source: ZamStats, International Trade Statistics, 2026

Table 2.6: Imports by Regional Groupings, Jan. 2026– May. 2026 (K' Million)

PERIOD	ASIA	COMESA	EU	SADC
Jan-26@	11,854.9	1,726.0	1,466.1	7,468.5
Feb-26@	10,843.8	1,853.7	1,165.4	8,218.4
Mar-26@	11,871.8	2,067.1	1,307.6	9,114.0
Quarter1*	34,570.5	5,646.8	3,939.1	24,800.9
Apr-26*	10,321.9	1,726.1	1,248.6	7,961.4
May-26	10,766.8	1,933.3	1,320.0	8,999.7
Total:	44,892.5	7,372.9	5,187.7	32,762.2

Source: ZamStats, International Trade Statistics, 2026

Table 2.7: Imports by Mode of Transport, Jan. 2026– May. 2026 (K' Million)

Period	Road Transport		Rail Transport		Air Transport		Other		Total	
	K'Million	Tonnes	K'Million	Tonnes	K'Million	Tonnes	K'Million	Tonnes	K'Million	Tonnes
Jan-26@	11,879.1	443,302.6	285.4	18,042.8	1,261.5	925.1	9,467.7	469,909.0	22,893.7	932,179.6
Feb-26@	11,054.1	408,714.7	224.2	24,590.1	872.3	901.0	9,423.5	437,262.3	21,574.1	871,468.0
Mar-26@	12,238.3	519,412.3	174.5	16,841.9	914.1	809.5	10,771.8	976,387.5	24,098.7	1,513,451.2
Quarter1*	35,171.5	1,371,429.6	684.1	59,474.8	3,047.9	2,635.6	29,663.1	1,883,558.7	68,566.6	3,317,098.7
Apr-26*	12,242.9	400,302.8	135.9	14,231.2	1,329.0	1,028.6	8,150.8	310,899.0	21,858.5	726,461.5
May-26	13,022.9	425,554.1	217.8	13,647.6	1,087.8	889.2	8,758.0	322,421.3	23,086.6	762,512.2
Total:	60,437.2	2,197,286.4	1,037.8	87,353.6	5,464.7	4,553.3	46,571.9	2,516,879.0	113,511.7	4,806,072.4

Source: ZamStats, International Trade Statistics, 2026

Note: 'Other' comprises of Sea & Rail and Sea & Road

Table 2.8: Zambia's Trade Flows in Absolute US \$ and Zambian Kwacha, 2000 – May. 2026

Flow Year	Currency	Total Exports	Domestic Exports	Re-Exports	Imports	Trade Balance
2000	ZMW	2,716,557,648	2,680,166,733	36,390,915	2,751,563,200	(35,005,551)
	US \$	869,485,416	857,837,819	11,647,597	871,386,492	(1,901,076)
2001	ZMW	3,537,206,913	3,523,388,831	13,818,083	3,900,496,869	(363,289,956)
	US \$	978,788,277	974,964,645	3,823,632	1,079,955,769	(101,167,492)
2002	ZMW	4,069,916,925	4,045,881,105	24,035,820	4,732,881,915	(662,964,990)
	US \$	944,356,533	938,779,421	5,577,112	1,103,070,912	(158,714,379)
2003	ZMW	4,642,039,643	4,614,120,921	27,918,722	7,439,867,257	(2,797,827,613)
	US \$	979,298,782	973,408,964	5,889,818	1,573,309,968	(594,011,186)
2004	ZMW	7,526,280,116	7,460,407,702	65,872,413	10,279,302,826	(2,753,022,711)
	US \$	1,577,240,766	1,563,436,250	13,804,516	2,150,649,040	(573,408,274)
2005	ZMW	9,612,909,461	9,564,984,513	47,924,948	11,466,668,653	(1,853,759,192)
	US \$	2,176,641,598	2,165,790,000	10,851,599	2,579,688,391	(403,046,793)
2006	ZMW	13,410,945,234	13,388,136,276	22,808,958	11,049,770,813	2,361,174,421
	US \$	3,681,524,702	3,675,263,268	6,261,434	3,023,996,472	657,528,230
2007	ZMW	18,399,133,746	18,301,278,319	97,855,427	15,945,289,848	2,453,843,898
	US \$	4,617,454,325	4,592,896,486	24,557,839	4,006,980,387	610,473,937
2008	ZMW	18,653,009,287	17,951,197,614	701,811,673	18,476,489,240	176,520,047
	US \$	5,098,688,004	4,906,852,001	191,836,004	5,060,482,666	38,205,339
2009	ZMW	21,364,760,204	20,312,466,565	1,052,293,640	18,941,137,479	2,423,622,726
	US \$	4,312,054,540	4,099,669,869	212,384,671	3,792,642,675	519,411,865
2010	ZMW	34,500,051,458	32,876,095,550	1,623,955,908	25,507,487,313	8,992,564,145
	US \$	7,200,951,149	6,861,994,346	338,956,803	5,321,002,628	1,879,948,521
2011	ZMW	42,915,038,551	37,914,339,432	5,000,699,119	35,440,939,196	7,474,099,356
	US \$	8,829,248,544	7,800,415,368	1,028,833,176	7,279,139,877	1,550,108,667
2012	ZMW	48,206,165,818	44,580,859,222	3,625,306,596	45,275,938,876	2,930,226,942
	US \$	9,639,652,576	8,914,485,088	725,167,489	8,806,150,488	833,502,088
2013	ZMW	57,175,978,211	50,496,013,867	6,679,964,344	56,885,181,848	290,796,363
	US \$	10,606,851,477	9,365,214,643	1,241,636,834	10,572,652,210	34,199,267
2014	ZMW	59,568,893,773	49,682,504,161	9,886,389,612	61,093,521,575	-1,524,627,802
	US \$	9,679,381,652	8,076,838,151	1,602,543,501	9,794,973,423	-115,591,771
2015	ZMW	56,673,416,229	55,394,919,541	1,278,496,689	68,484,716,328	-11,811,300,099
	US \$	6,606,563,697	6,460,532,547	146,031,151	7,935,587,188	-1,329,023,491
2016	ZMW	65,752,436,639	64,084,515,508	1,667,921,131	75,139,563,744	-9,387,127,105
	US \$	6,372,464,132	6,212,021,112	160,443,020	7,289,564,483	-917,100,351
2017	ZMW	76,425,619,162	75,231,137,746	1,194,481,416	76,182,915,593	242,703,569
	US \$	8,000,073,314	7,874,900,345	125,172,969	7,988,108,082	11,965,231
2018	ZMW	94,310,127,088	92,361,862,981	1,948,264,107	99,299,250,217	-4,989,123,129
	US \$	9,026,285,664	8,840,594,526	185,691,138	9,466,361,597	-440,075,932
2019	ZMW	90,736,763,119	88,012,936,303	2,723,826,816	92,460,664,291	-1,723,901,173
	US \$	7,046,955,187	6,835,868,994	211,086,193	7,180,726,641	-133,771,454
2020	ZMW	145,420,961,350	141,986,952,939	3,434,008,411	97,005,813,825	48,415,147,525
	US \$	7,824,806,861	7,637,659,142	187,147,718	5,323,610,046	2,501,196,815
2021	ZMW	220,450,110,600	214,622,985,481	5,827,125,119	139,762,277,082	80,687,833,518
	US \$	11,141,958,543	10,848,225,271	293,733,272	7,096,757,992	4,045,200,551
2022	ZMW	197,112,733,399	185,561,521,435	11,551,211,964	152,384,905,490	44,727,827,909
	US \$	11,645,947,068	10,954,237,958	691,709,109	9,030,321,122	2,615,625,945
2023	ZMW	210,892,708,953	198,345,360,511	12,547,348,442	205,309,368,532	5,583,340,421
	US \$	10,447,571,727	9,820,107,115	627,464,612	10,207,544,880	240,026,847
2024	ZMW	293,918,955,167	280,747,594,250	13,171,360,916	293,674,230,610	244,724,557
	US \$	11,198,371,058	10,695,359,602	503,011,456	11,193,514,839	4,856,219
2025	ZMW	333,425,559,562	312,192,015,342	21,233,544,220	330,308,921,497	3,116,638,065
	US \$	13,314,019,408	12,461,183,499	852,835,909	13,167,820,245	146,199,164
2026 (JAN-MAY)	ZMW	135,358,576,242	126,727,289,701	8,631,286,540	113,511,711,835	21,846,864,406
	US \$	7,071,856,589	6,620,862,371	450,994,218	5,925,244,120	1,146,612,470

Source: ZamStats, International Trade Statistics, 2026

Table 2.9: Zambia's Annual Exports by Top 25 Trading Partners in Million ZMW& USD, 2020 – May - 2026

Year	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025		2026(JAN-MAY)	
	ZMW	USD	ZMW	USD	ZMW	USD	ZMW	USD	ZMW	USD	ZMW	USD
Switzerland	92,821	4,723	76,006	4,478	87,382	4,332	125,054	4,761	54,993	2,197	15,611	816
China	41,243	2,060	40,765	2,410	37,428	1,866	61,059	2,338	29,330	1,184	18,878	987
Congo DR	22,060	1,121	26,818	1,595	32,408	1,620	31,359	1,200	39,850	1,599	16,755	876
Singapore	29,592	1,477	20,793	1,227	11,362	578	5,820	223	45,693	1,797	12,072	629
Canada	15	1	5	0	1,008	46	6,710	257	85,994	3,452	46,073	2,407
South Africa	5,675	285	4,533	269	7,921	385	12,296	471	11,592	453	2,756	144
Zimbabwe	3,902	197	4,473	268	6,006	288	9,813	372	8,846	349	3,436	180
United Arab Emirates	630	32	616	36	754	38	10,426	386	18,389	732	5,763	300
Tanzania	1,731	89	3,096	182	2,793	133	5,037	189	7,305	298	2,132	111
Namibia	1,848	92	2,365	142	3,003	137	3,677	138	5,997	234	1,871	98
Malawi	2,464	122	2,031	121	2,698	136	3,599	138	4,237	169	1,247	65
Botswana	1,067	54	1,058	57	3,633	164	3,330	120	3,376	131	351	18
Hong Kong	2,098	108	2,231	132	2,166	108	2,450	94	998	41	2,003	106
India	1,938	100	645	38	1,900	96	3,547	136	2,121	83	394	21
Luxembourg	4,811	240	1,205	71	579	29	203	8	987	37	72	4
Kenya	997	50	1,426	85	1,014	51	1,006	39	1,237	51	429	22
Mozambique	550	28	532	31	676	33	975	37	2,694	113	267	14
United States Of America	816	41	902	54	1,132	56	750	29	1,212	50	729	38
Italy	1,042	52	1,328	78	687	35	657	25	227	9	303	16
Rwanda	207	11	447	27	407	21	356	14	1,403	52	120	6
Burundi	572	29	448	27	471	24	371	14	342	14	41	2
Netherlands	371	18	311	18	435	22	712	27	379	15	264	14
Mauritius	460	24	442	26	417	21	553	21	526	21	161	8
Uganda	350	18	316	19	456	23	647	25	489	19	132	7
Germany	438	23	466	27	335	16	274	11	462	19	119	6
Other	2,754	147	3,854	229	3,822	188	3,242	124	4,748	194	3,378	177
WORLD	220,450	11,142	197,113	11,646	210,893	10,448	293,922	11,198	333,425	13,314	135,359	7,072

Source: ZamStats, International Trade Statistics, 2026

Table 2.10: Zambia's Annual Imports by Top 25 Trading Partners in Million ZMW& USD, 2020 – May -2026

Year	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025		2026(JAN-MAY)	
Country	ZMW	USD	ZMW	USD	ZMW	USD	ZMW	USD	ZMW	USD	ZMW	USD
SOUTH AFRICA	44,099	2,236	45,814	2,718	52,866	2,601	75,442	2,877	79,659	3,185	26,617	1,392
CHINA	17,626	901	23,502	1,394	33,151	1,686	49,981	1,900	67,030	2,667	28,155	1,472
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	15,769	803	11,589	686	16,796	828	15,897	606	26,216	1,044	5,610	292
INDIA	8,680	434	9,845	582	11,525	563	14,856	567	14,893	595	5,670	296
JAPAN	4,931	248	5,342	316	10,935	531	12,508	479	13,155	533	6,388	333
CONGO DR	6,189	320	11,140	654	3,673	175	8,356	316	10,456	414	5,252	275
TANZANIA	1,103	56	1,054	62	5,796	282	12,805	488	13,182	517	2,298	120
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	4,210	220	4,135	245	5,126	254	8,139	310	7,246	287	2,984	155
SINGAPORE	562	28	981	59	7,498	374	12,961	496	7,279	284	1,267	66
SAUDI ARABIA	964	50	547	33	6,430	313	8,436	323	4,683	196	1,823	94
NAMIBIA	2,561	129	2,451	145	3,615	178	4,926	188	6,304	250	2,559	133
BAHRAIN	39	2	6	0	5,411	268	8,254	314	8,379	338	1,477	76
MAURITIUS	2,223	114	3,459	206	3,878	195	4,095	155	3,310	133	858	44
GERMANY	1,832	92	1,806	108	2,438	119	5,593	214	5,454	214	1,338	70
MOZAMBIQUE	1,168	60	817	48	2,363	120	6,013	228	6,213	228	1,471	75
UNITED KINGDOM	2,172	110	2,762	164	2,470	124	3,602	137	3,596	141	1,214	63
ZIMBABWE	1,576	81	1,520	91	2,032	101	3,197	122	4,228	169	1,902	99
HONG KONG	828	42	974	59	851	42	1,957	75	2,663	106	1,159	60
AUSTRALIA	1,152	56	485	29	775	39	2,655	101	3,007	123	907	47
BELGIUM	978	50	1,993	118	1,437	72	1,741	67	1,645	65	466	24
MALAYSIA	1,796	93	1,284	76	1,685	83	1,332	51	997	42	407	21
NETHERLANDS	1,235	63	1,164	69	1,416	71	1,052	40	1,124	45	437	23
KENYA	1,148	59	911	54	1,179	58	1,263	48	1,471	59	498	26
FINLAND	928	47	755	45	957	48	1,649	63	1,359	55	900	47
OMAN	478	25	745	45	791	39	1,275	48	2,217	92	851	44
OTHER	15,514	776	17,303	1,025	20,216	1,043	25,687	981	34,545	1,388	11,007	574
WORLD	139,762	7,097	152,385	9,030	205,309	10,208	293,675	11,194	330,312	13,168	113,512	5,925

Source: ZamStats, International Trade Statistics, 2026

Table 2.11: Zambia's Five Major Export Destinations by Product, May, 2026

Country / Hs-Code	Description	MAY-26*	
		K'Million	% Share
CANADA		9,768	100.0
74020020	Copper anodes for electrolytic refining	8,375	85.7
26040000	Nickel ores and concentrates	1,235	12.6
74031130	Electrowon copper cathodes (High Purity)	159	1.6
08109000	Other fruit, fresh, nes	0	0.0
68159900	Articles of stone or other mineral substances, nes	0	0.0
26020000	manganese ores/concentrates(inc.ferruginous), with manganese cont.of>20%	0	0.0
01069000	Other live animals	0	0.0
02021000	Frozen bovine carcasses and half carcasses	0	0.0
02032900	Frozen swine meat, nes	0	0.0
02071300	Fresh or chilled cuts and offal of chickens	0	0.0
OTHER		0	0.0
Percent of Total Exports		32.4	
CHINA		5,104	100.0
74020020	Copper anodes for electrolytic refining	3,656	71.6
74031130	Electrowon copper cathodes (High Purity)	685	13.4
74020011	Copper blister	183	3.6
26030022	Copper concentrate mixed	138	2.7
26080029	other Zinc concentrates	136	2.7
74031110	Electrorefined copper cathodes (High Purity)	93	1.8
26080021	Zincite, zinc oxide concentrates	70	1.4
24012000	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	60	1.2
84295100	Selfpropelled frontend shovel loaders	29	0.6
26030013	Copper ore oxide	17	0.3
OTHER		37	0.7
Percent of Total Exports		16.9	
CONGO DR		4,314	100.0
25030000	Sulphur of all kinds (excl. sublimed, precipitated and colloidal sulphur)	623	14.4
28070010	Sulphuric acid; oleum in bulk	474	11.0
27160000	Electrical energy	399	9.2
22021020	Aerated Waters	218	5.1
25232900	Portland cement (excl. white)	203	4.7
87041000	Dumpers for offhighway use	182	4.2
19053100	Sweet biscuits.	164	3.8
11022000	Maize (corn) flour	145	3.4
17011400	Other raw cane sugar	126	2.9
22029900	Other nonalcoholic beverages, nes	114	2.6
OTHER		1,666	38.6
Percent of Total Exports		14.3	
SWITZERLAND		3,165	100.0
74020020	Copper anodes for electrolytic refining	946	29.9
74031130	Electrowon copper cathodes (High Purity)	790	24.9
74031110	Electrorefined copper cathodes (High Purity)	594	18.8
26030021	Copper concentrate sulphide	526	16.6

Country / Hs-Code	Description	MAY-26*	
		K'Million	% Share
74031140	Electrowon copper cathodes (Low Purity)	231	7.3
74032910	cobalt alloy	46	1.5
74031120	Electrorefined copper cathodes (Low Purity)	16	0.5
74020011	Copper blister	14	0.4
72021100	Ferromanganese, containing by weight >2% carbon	3	0.1
01069000	Other live animals	0	0.0
OTHER		0	0.0
Percent of Total Exports		10.5	
SINGAPORE		2,357	100.0
74020020	Copper anodes for electrolytic refining	1,342	56.9
74031130	Electrowon copper cathodes (High Purity)	440	18.6
74031120	Electrorefined copper cathodes (Low Purity)	427	18.1
74031140	Electrowon copper cathodes (Low Purity)	122	5.2
74031110	Electrorefined copper cathodes (High Purity)	15	0.6
41032000	Hides and skins of reptiles, fresh or preserved, not tanned	9	0.4
26020000	Manganese Ores/Concentrates(Inc.Ferruginous), With Manganese Cont.Of>20%	2	0.1
01069000	Other live animals	0	0.0
02021000	Frozen bovine carcasses and half carcasses	0	0.0
02032900	Frozen swine meat, nes	0	0.0
OTHER		0	0.0
Percent of Total Exports		7.8	
Other Sources		5,419	18.0
Total Value of Exports		30,127	100.0

Source: ZamStats, International Trade Statistics, 2026

Table 2.12: Zambia's Top Five Non-Traditional Exports Destinations by Product, May, 2026

Country / Hs-Code	Description	MAY-26*	
		K'Million	% Share
CONGO DR		4,314.1	100.0
25030000	Sulphur of all kinds (excl. sublimed, precipitated and colloidal sulphur)	623.0	14.4
28070010	Sulphuric acid; oleum in bulk	473.7	11.0
27160000	Electrical energy	398.6	9.2
22021020	Aerated Waters	218.4	5.1
25232900	Portland cement (excl. white)	202.6	4.7
87041000	Dumpers for offhighway use	182.1	4.2
19053100	Sweet biscuits.	163.6	3.8
11022000	Maize (corn) flour	145.5	3.4
17011400	Other raw cane sugar	126.5	2.9
22029900	Other nonalcoholic beverages, nes	114.2	2.6
OTHER		1,665.9	38.6
Percent of Total Non-Traditional Exports		43.6	
CANADA		1,234.8	100.0
26040000	Nickel ores and concentrates	1,234.8	100.0
08109000	Other fruit, fresh, nes	0.0	0.0
68159900	Articles of stone or other mineral substances, nes	0.0	0.0
26020000	Manganese Ores/Concentrates(Incl.Ferruginous), With Manganese Cont.Of>20%	0.0	0.0
01051110	Live fowls of species gallus domesticus, weighing <185g (chicks), for breeding	0.0	0.0
01051190	Live fowls of species gallus domesticus, weighing <185g (chicks), other	0.0	0.0
01069000	Other live animals	0.0	0.0
02021000	Frozen bovine carcasses and half carcasses	0.0	0.0
02032900	Frozen swine meat, nes	0.0	0.0
02071300	Fresh or chilled cuts and offal of chickens	0.0	0.0
OTHER		0.0	0.0
Percent of Total Non-Traditional Exports		12.5	
ZIMBABWE		841.0	100.0
25221000	Quicklime	171.6	20.4
25232900	Portland cement (excl. white)	84.6	10.1
22029900	Other nonalcoholic beverages, nes	72.4	8.6
25231000	Cement clinkers	45.7	5.4
27160000	Electrical energy	39.7	4.7
96190091	Other similar articles of any material Baby diapers	39.3	4.7
85444900	Electric conductors, nes, for a voltage <80 V, not fitted with connectors	37.7	4.5
34029000	Other, nes	23.7	2.8
85076000	Lithiumion	19.8	2.4
19053100	Sweet biscuits.	19.0	2.3
OTHER		287.3	34.2
Percent of Total Non-Traditional Exports		8.5	
SOUTH AFRICA		577.4	100.0
71081310	Bullion semimanufactured forms	171.6	29.7
74081100	Wire of refined copper, maximum crosssectional dimension >6mm	86.5	15.0
84082090	Compressionignition internal combustion piston engines for vehicles OTHER	58.0	10.1

Country / Hs-Code	Description	MAY-26*	
		K'Million	% Share
69072200	Of a water absorption coefficient by weight exceeding 0.5% but not exceeding 10%	42.4	7.3
84089000	Compressionignition internal combustion piston engines, nes	35.0	6.1
72023000	Ferrosilicomanganese	28.8	5.0
17049000	Sugar confectionery (incl. white chocolate), not containing cocoa, nes	21.8	3.8
08026110	Macadamia nuts in shells, dried	19.2	3.3
22029900	Other nonalcoholic beverages, nes	9.9	1.7
22021020	Aerated Waters	8.4	1.5
OTHER		95.9	16.6
Percent of Total Non-Traditional Exports		5.8	
TANZANIA		540.9	100.0
26080029	other Zinc concentrates	210.6	38.9
74081100	Wire of refined copper, maximum crosssectional dimension >6mm	103.7	19.2
10051090	Other corn seed	73.1	13.5
23040010	Oilcake of soyabean	69.3	12.8
27160000	Electrical energy	12.5	2.3
69072200	Of a water absorption coefficient by weight exceeding 0.5% but not exceeding 10%	11.1	2.1
22071000	Undenatured ethyl alcohol, of alcoholic strength >80%	10.6	2.0
85444900	Electric conductors, nes, for a voltage <80 V, not fitted with connectors	8.0	1.5
72104100	Flatrolled Iron/Steel,Wid.>600mm,Plated With Zinc(Exc.Electroplated)Corrugtd	7.7	1.4
36031090	Other safety fuses	5.8	1.1
OTHER		28.6	5.3
Percent of Total Non-Traditional Exports		5.5	
Other Destinations		2,384.5	24.1
Total Value of Non-Traditional Exports		9,892.6	

Source: ZamStats, International Trade Statistics, 2026

Table 2.13: Zambia's Five Major Import Sources by Product, May, 2026

Country / Hs-Code	Description	MAY-26*	
		K'Million	% Share
CHINA		6,621	100.0
87012100	Road tractors for semitrailers diesel or semidiesel	520	7.9
73089099	Structures and parts of structures, of iron or steel Other, nes	248	3.7
84295200	Selfpropelled bulldozers... with a 360° revolving superstructure	221	3.3
85042200	Liquid dielectric transformers, power handling capacity 65010000kva	197	3.0
84749000	Parts of machinery of 84.74	119	1.8
87041000	Dumpers for offhighway use	113	1.7
87042300	Goods vehicles, with diesel or semidiesel engines, gvw >20tonnes	108	1.6
84068100	Steam/Other Vapour Turbines (Excl.For Marine Propulsion)With Output > 40MW	107	1.6
87163900	Trailers and semitrailers for the transport of goods, nes	99	1.5
40112010	New pneumatic tyres of rubber, of a kind used on buses or lorries rim size 50cm to 57cm	91	1.4
OTHER		4,799	72.5
Percent of Total Imports		28.7	
SOUTH AFRICA		6,502	100.0
25030000	Sulphur of all kinds (excl. sublimed, precipitated and colloidal sulphur)	353	5.4
27160000	Electrical energy	269	4.1
87042100	vehicles (diesel engine) for the transport of goods GVW upto 5 tonnes	256	3.9
84223000	Machinery For Filling,Closing...Etc.Bottles,Cans Etc,& Aerating Drinks	208	3.2
90221400	Apparatus Based On Use Of Xrays,Nes,For Medical/Surgical/Veterinary Uses	178	2.7
31023000	Ammonium nitrate	143	2.2
31029000	Mineral or chemical fertilizers, nitrogenous , nes	136	2.1
87163900	Trailers and semitrailers for the transport of goods, nes	126	1.9
15071000	Crude soyabean oil	109	1.7
38249900	Other nes	85	1.3
OTHER		4,637	71.3
Percent of Total Imports		28.2	
INDIA		1,333	100.0
30049000	Other medicaments of mixed or unmixed products, for retail sale, nes	265	19.9
90211000	ORTHOPAEDIC OR FRACTURE APPLIENCES	47	3.6
39206310	Plates..., of unsaturated polyesters, not reinforced, etc	44	3.3
49019900	Printed books, brochures, leaflets and similar printed matter, nes	40	3.0
84295200	Selfpropelled bulldozers... with a 360° revolving superstructure	29	2.1
84295900	Selfpropelled bulldozers, excavators..., nes	28	2.1
28151110	Sodium hydroxide (caustic soda), solid in bulk	26	2.0
87052000	Mobile drilling derricks	26	1.9
62113900	Men's or boys' garments of other textiles, nes	24	1.8
31052000	Mineral or chemical fertilizers with nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium	23	1.7
OTHER		780	58.5
Percent of Total Imports		5.8	
CONGO DR		1,186	100.0
26080029	other Zinc concentrates	765	64.5
26030029	Other copper concentrate	262	22.1
28220020	Cobalt oxides and hydroxides; commercial cobalt oxides not in bulk	82	6.9
79031000	Zinc dust	73	6.1

Country / Hs-Code	Description	MAY-26*	
		K'Million	% Share
26030019	Other copper ores	2	0.2
33019090	Other essential oils	1	0.1
33049990	Other	1	0.1
30049000	Other medicaments of mixed or unmixed products, for retail sale, nes	0	0.0
26080019	Other zinc ores	0	0.0
84138100	Pumps for liquids, nes	0	0.0
OTHER		0	0.0
Percent of Total Imports		5.1	
JAPAN		1,023	100.0
87032290	sparkignition vehicles with engine capacity>1000cc but < 1500cc Other	264	25.8
87032390	Vehicles with only engine capacity exceeding 1500cc but not exceeding 3000cc OTHER.	200	19.5
87042100	vehicles (diesel engine) for the transport of goods GVW upto 5 tonnes	107	10.4
87042200	vehicles (diesel engine) for the transport of goods GVW 5 20 tonnes	52	5.0
84314900	Parts of machinery of 84.26, 84.29 and 84.30, nes	40	3.9
87043100	vehicles (spark ignition engine) for the transport of goods GVW upto 5 tonnes	37	3.6
40118000	Of a kind used on construction, mining or industrial handling vehicles and machines	32	3.1
87032490	Vehicles with only sparkignition engine of cylinder capacity >3000cc OTHER	29	2.9
87033390	Vehicles with only diesel... engine of cylinder capacity >2500cc OTHER	29	2.8
87021090	Motor vehicles for transport of persons sitting capacity more than 14 (Diesel)	27	2.7
OTHER		207	20.2
Percent of Total Imports		4.4	
Other Sources		6,422	27.8
Total Value of Imports		23,087	100.0

Source: ZamStats, International Trade Statistics, 2026

Table 2.14: Major Non-Traditional Exports Shares, April, 2026 and May, 2026

Period		APR-26*		Period		MAY-26*	
HS-CODE	Description	Value (K'Million)	Share (%)	HS-CODE	Description	Value (K'Million)	Share (%)
AGRIC PRODUCTS		2,085.8	100.0	AGRIC PRODUCTS		1,625	100.0
24012000	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	657.3	31.5	24012000	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	239	14.7
11022000	Maize (corn) flour	284.6	13.6	11022000	Maize (corn) flour	145	9.0
04039000	Buttermilk, curdled milk and cream, etc (excl. yogurt)	109.9	5.3	17011400	Other raw cane sugar	127	7.8
10059090	Other corn, nes	105.3	5.0	04039000	Buttermilk, curdled milk and cream, etc (excl. yogurt)	118	7.3
10051090	Other corn seed	71.5	3.4	23040010	Oilcake of soyabean	112	6.9
15079000	Soya-bean oil (excl. crude) and fractions	63.8	3.1	10051090	Other corn seed	80	4.9
23040010	Oil-cake of soya-bean	41.2	2.0	24011000	Tobacco, not stemmed/stripped	53	3.2
17011400	Other raw cane sugar	36.5	1.7	15079000	Soyabean oil (excl. crude) and fractions	47	2.9
24013000	Tobacco refuse	26.7	1.3	09011100	Coffee, not roasted or decaffeinated	27	1.7
17011300	Raw cane sugar specified in Subheading Note 2 to this Chapter	26.3	1.3	08026110	Macadamia nuts in shells, dried	22	1.4
OTHER AGRIC PRODUCTS		662.8	31.8	OTHER AGRIC PRODUCTS		656	40.4
23.1				16.4			
NON AGRIC PRODUCTS		6,959.0	100.0	NON AGRIC PRODUCTS		8,268	100.0
26040000	Nickel ores and concentrates	1,196.6	17.2	26040000	Nickel ores and concentrates	1,235	14.9
25030000	Sulphur of all kinds (excl. sublimed, precipitated and colloidal sulphur)	569.1	8.2	25030000	Sulphur of all kinds (excl. sublimed, precipitated and colloidal sulphur)	673	8.1
71049900	Other, worked precious or semi-precious stones	497.4	7.1	27160000	Electrical energy	628	7.6
26080029	other Zinc concentrates	450.8	6.5	28220020	Cobalt oxides and hydroxides; commercial cobalt oxides not in bulk	495	6.0
27160000	Electrical energy	343.3	4.9	28070010	Sulphuric acid; oleum in bulk	474	5.7
25232900	Portland cement (excl. white)	270.2	3.9	26080029	other Zinc concentrates	473	5.7
87041000	Dumpers for off-highway use	236.9	3.4	25232900	Portland cement (excl. white)	292	3.5
85444900	Electric conductors, nes, for a voltage <=80 V, not fitted with connectors	218.3	3.1	74081100	Wire of refined copper, maximum cross-sectional dimension >6mm	288	3.5
22029900	Other non-alcoholic beverages, nes	179.9	2.6	22021020	Aerated Waters	228	2.8
72023000	Ferro-silico-manganese	152.7	2.2	87041000	Dumpers for offhighway use	202	2.4
71081310	Bullion semi-manufactured forms	152.6	2.2	25221000	Quicklime	201	2.4
74081100	Wire of refined copper, maximum cross-sectional dimension >6mm	137.4	2.0	72023000	Ferrosilicomanganese	200	2.4
22021020	Aerated Waters	131.3	1.9	22029900	Other nonalcoholic beverages, nes	199	2.4
71129910	Anodic slimes	131.1	1.9	71081310	Bullion semimanufactured forms	191	2.3
15162000	Vegetable fats and oils and their fractions, hydrogenated, etc	130.2	1.9	71031000	Precious (excl. diamonds) or semiprecious stones, unworked	151	1.8
OTHER NON AGRIC PRODUCTS		2,161.1	31.1	OTHER NON AGRIC PRODUCTS		2,338	28.3
76.9				83.6			
		9,044.9				9,892.6	

Source: ZamStats, International Trade Statistics, 2026

Table 2.15: Export Market Shares by Selected Regional Groupings, April, 2026 and May, 2026

Grouping	Apr-26*		Grouping	May-26*	
	K'million	% Share		K'million	% Share
Asia	7,667.1	100.0	Asia	9,681	100.0
China	3,297.5	43.0	China	5,104	52.7
Singapore	2,319.1	30.2	Singapore	2,357	24.3
United Arab Emirates	779.0	10.2	Hong Kong	827	8.5
Bahrain	449.7	5.9	United Arab Emirates	677	7.0
Republic Of Thailand	443.4	5.8	Bahrain	380	3.9
Other Asia	378.4	4.9	Other Asia	337	3.5
% Of Total Exports	30.2		% Of Total Exports	32.1	
DUAL SADC & COMESA	4,498.9	100.0	DUAL SADC & COMESA	5,349	100.0
Congo Dr	3,552.4	79.0	Congo Dr	4,314	80.7
Zimbabwe	676.5	15.0	Zimbabwe	841	15.7
Malawi	227.5	5.1	Malawi	165	3.1
Mauritius	42.5	0.9	Eswatini	26	0.5
Eswatini	0.0	0.0	Mauritius	2	0.0
Other Dual Sadc & Comesa	0.0	0.0	Other Dual Sadc & Comesa	1	0.0
% Of Total Exports	17.7		% Of Total Exports	17.8	
SADC Exclusive	1,539.4	100.0	SADC Exclusive	1,619	100.0
South Africa	603.0	39.2	South Africa	577	35.7
Namibia	441.2	28.7	Tanzania	556	34.3
Tanzania	374.1	24.3	Namibia	335	20.7
Mozambique	58.2	3.8	Botswana	85	5.3
Botswana	51.7	3.4	Mozambique	60	3.7
Other Sadc Exclusive	11.1	0.7	Other Sadc Exclusive	6	0.3
% Of Total Exports	6.1		% Of Total Exports	5.4	
European Union	145.4	100.0	European Union	221	100.0
Netherlands	72.7	50.0	Italy	97	43.8
Italy	33.9	23.3	Germany	62	28.0
Germany	19.1	13.2	Netherlands	36	16.3
Finland	7.2	4.9	Austria	12	5.6
Belgium	5.4	3.7	Belgium	11	4.8
Other Eu	7.1	4.9	Other Eu	3	1.6
% Of Total Exports	0.6		% Of Total Exports	0.7	
COMESA Exclusive	155.6	100.0	COMESA Exclusive	176	100.0
Kenya	80.3	51.6	Kenya	101	57.5
Uganda	34.2	22.0	Rwanda	38	21.6
Rwanda	28.7	18.5	Uganda	24	13.6
Ethiopia	5.0	3.2	Egypt	9	5.0
Burundi	4.0	2.6	Burundi	4	2.2
Other Comesa Exclusive	3.3	2.1	Other Comesa Exclusive	0	0.0
% Of Total Exports	0.6		% Of Total Exports	0.6	
Canada	9,161.5	36.1	Canada	9,768	32.4
Rest Of The World	2,215.2	8.7	Rest Of The World	3,313.3	11.0
World	25,383.0	100.0	World	30,127.5	100.0

Source: ZamStats, International Trade Statistics, 2026

Table 2.16: Import Market Shares by Selected Regional Groupings, April, 2026 and May, 2026

Grouping	Apr-26*		Grouping	May-26*	
	K'million	% Share		K'million	% Share
Asia	10,321.9	100.0	Asia	10,767	100.0
China	6,175.3	59.8	China	6,621	61.5
Japan	1,338.6	13.0	India	1,333	12.4
India	935.3	9.1	Japan	1,023	9.5
United Arab Emirates	512.4	5.0	United Arab Emirates	560	5.2
Hong Kong	228.0	2.2	Singapore	237	2.2
Other Asia	1,132.4	11.0	Other Asia	994	9.2
% Of Total Imports	47.2		% Of Total Imports	46.6	
SADC Exclusive	6,359.7	100.0	SADC Exclusive	7,297	100.0
South Africa	5,359.5	84.3	Angola	1	0.0
Namibia	522.0	8.2	South Africa	6,502	89.1
Mozambique	244.8	3.8	Namibia	372	5.1
Tanzania	188.7	3.0	Tanzania	181	2.5
Botswana	43.2	0.7	Mozambique	163	2.2
Other Sadc Exclusive	1.5	0.0	Other Sadc Exclusive	79	1.1
% Of Total Imports	29.1		% Of Total Imports	31.6	
DUAL SADC & COMESA	1,601.7	100.0	DUAL SADC & COMESA	1,703	100.0
Congo Dr	1,025.2	64.0	Congo Dr	1,186	69.7
Zimbabwe	383.3	23.9	Zimbabwe	388	22.8
Mauritius	132.7	8.3	Eswatini	71	4.2
Eswatini	27.4	1.7	Mauritius	34	2.0
Malawi	24.7	1.5	Malawi	19	1.1
Other Dual Sadc & Comesa	8.4	0.5	Other Dual Sadc & Comesa	4	0.2
% Of Total Imports	7.3		% Of Total Imports	7.4	
European Union	1,248.6	100.0	European Union	1,320	100.0
Germany	309.7	24.8	Germany	273	20.7
Netherlands	147.3	11.8	Finland	237	18.0
Finland	117.6	9.4	Ireland	152	11.5
Sweden	100.7	8.1	Italy	130	9.9
Belgium	93.5	7.5	Sweden	116	8.8
Other Eu	479.8	38.4	Other Eu	412	31.2
% Of Total Imports	5.7		% Of Total Imports	5.7	
COMESA Exclusive	124.5	100.0	COMESA Exclusive	230	100.0
Kenya	96.2	77.3	Kenya	116	50.2
Egypt	23.5	18.8	Egypt	62	27.1
Uganda	3.0	2.4	Uganda	45	19.3
Rwanda	1.2	1.0	Rwanda	6	2.7
Tunisia	0.5	0.4	Tunisia	1	0.6
Other Comesa Exclusive	0.0	0.0	Other Comesa Exclusive	0	0.0
% Of Total Imports	0.6		% Of Total Imports	1.0	
Rest Of The World	2,202.1	10.1	Rest Of The World	1,769.6	7.7
World	21,858.5	100.0	World	23,086.6	100.0

Source: ZamStats, International Trade Statistics, 2026

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Demographic Statistics

Census: The count of a given population (or other phenomena of interest) and record its characteristics, done at a specific point in time and usually at regular intervals by a government entity (or any other entity) for the geographic area or subareas under its domain. Examples include Population Census, Housing Census, Census of Business establishments, Agriculture Census etc.

Census Coverage: An estimate of how complete a census was of a given population.

Census Night: This refers to the night preceding the Population Census.

Geographical and Mapping

Boundary: A line which defines the extent of an aerial unit or the locations where two areas meet. A boundary is represented in a GIS as a line feature which may define a side of a polygon. The boundary may or may not be visible on the ground, i.e., it can follow real world features, such as roads and rivers or it can be defined solely by geographic coordinates.

Geographical Information System (GIS): A computer system capable of capturing, storing, editing, integrating, manipulating, analysing and displaying data related to positions on Earth's surface.

Global Positioning System (GPS): The Global Positioning System (GPS) is a space-based navigation system that provides location and time information in all weather conditions, anywhere on or near the Earth where there is an unobstructed line of sight to four or more GPS satellites.

Constituency: An electoral boundary segmented for the purpose of electing a member of the National Assembly.

Constituency Boundary: A Constituency Boundary is a representation of a constituency on an election thematic map and is symbolized as a polygon feature. A collection of wards forms a Constituency.

Province: An area with defined boundaries either by counties, districts, countries or any other specificity, which can clearly differentiate boundaries and is normally named according to the compass direction with respect to the surrounding areas. It can be administrative or statistical.

Ward: A Ward is an electoral boundary segmented for the purpose of electing a councillor.

Rural Area: An area that lacks most if not all the facilities/amenities found in the urban areas. The population tends to be scattered.

Urban: This is a place-based characteristic that incorporate elements of population density, social and economic organization, and the transformation of the natural environment into a built environment.

Urbanization: The process by which there is an increase in the proportion of people living in urban areas. The common indices used to describe urbanization are: population size, population density and level of administration.

- This also refers to a broad-based rural to urban transition involving population, land use, economic activity and culture, or any of these.

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Consumer Price Index (CPI): Measures changes over time in the general level of prices of goods and services that households acquire for the purpose of consumption. The basket relates to a selection of goods and services that is representative of the consumption habits of most households in the country.

Inflation: Inflation is defined as a sustained increase in the general level of prices for goods and services over a period of time.

Annual Inflation: The annual Inflation Rate is the change in the CPI for all items of the relevant month of the current year compared with the CPI for all items of the same month in the previous year expressed as a percentage.

Consumption: Any activity in which households use goods and/or services to satisfy their needs and wants but not for business purposes nor for the acquisition of wealth. Thus investment in all forms of assets is excluded.

International Merchandise Trade and Balance of Payment Statistics

Balance of Payments (BoP): These are the summaries of all transactions that a country's individuals, companies and government bodies complete with individuals, companies and government bodies outside the country.

Bill of Entry: This is a document against which goods are entered to obtain customs clearance and with which any duties thereon are paid.

Capital Goods: These are physical assets that are used in the production process to manufacture products and services.

Certificate of Origin: This an important international document that certifies that goods in a particular export shipment are wholly obtained, produced, manufactured or processed in a particular country. They also serve as a declaration by the exporters.

Consumer Goods: These are goods designed for use by final consumers.

Cost Insurance and Freight (CiF): The type of values including the transaction value of the goods, the value of services performed to deliver goods to the border of the exporting country and the value of the services performed to deliver the goods from the border of the exporting country to the border of the importing country.

Free on Board (FoB): The type of values including the transaction value of the goods and the value of services performed to deliver goods to the border of the exporting country.

Goods in Transit: This refers to goods simply being transported through a country.

Intermediate Goods: These are products which are not final but are used as inputs for production.

Raw Material: These are materials in unprocessed or minimally processed states, used to produce finished or intermediate goods.

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National Statistical System: The National Statistical System (NSS) comprises data producers, data users, data suppliers and research and training institutions. The National Statistical Office (NSO), which in this case the Zambia Statistics Agency (ZamStats) is the hub of the system, reflecting its coordination and harmonisation role.

Agency: The Zambia Statistics Agency established under section 5.

Metadata: The range of information, generally textual, that fosters understanding of the context in which statistical data has been collected, processed and analysed with the objective of creating statistical information.

Official Statistics: Statistics describing, on a representative basis, the economic, demographic, social or environmental phenomena of the Republic in the statistical work programmes of statistical agencies. The Agency may designate, as official statistics, any statistics or class of statistics produced from collections of statistics by the National Statistical System.

Spatial Data: Information that identifies the geographic location and characteristics of natural or constructed features and boundaries on the earth, derived from remote sensing, global positioning systems, geographic information systems, cartographic.

Statistics: Any official or unofficial aggregated numerical information relating to demographic, economic, financial, environmental, social or other matters, available in digital or other applicable format, collected at national, regional or local level, which is compiled and analysed according to relevant scientific and statistical methodologies, and which is connected with, or incidental to, any census or survey of all or any of the matters specified in the Third Schedule, and includes information derived from records of administration kept by statistical agencies.

Statistical agency: A public body that has the power to collect, compile or disseminate statistics under a written law.

User: In relation to statistics includes a public body, private body, researcher, research institution, higher education institution, international or regional organisation or any other user.

Dissemination: The direct or indirect publication, sale or provision of official or other statistics, spatial data or related documentation in any form.

SURVEYS/ACTIVITIES BEING UNDERTAKEN

- 2025 Economic Census (Data Cleaning Completed)
- Post Harvets Survey (Data Analysis and Report Writing Completed)
- 2025 FINSCOPE Survey (Data Analysis and Report Writing)
- 2022 Provincial Census Reports (Data Analysis and Report writing)
- 2025 4th Quarter Labour Force Survey (Data Collection Completed)
- 2025/2026 Crrop Forecasting Survey Preparatory Activities (Underway)

SELECTED AVAILABLE REPORTS

- 2024 Zambia Demographic and Health Survey (Electronic Copy)
- 2024 Integrated Agricultural Survey (Electronic Copy)
- 2022 Government Finance Statistics Report
- 2020-2024 Gender Status Report
- 2022 Census Analytical Report (Electronic copy)
- 2024/2025 Crop Forecasting Survey
- 2023 National Energy Access Survey
- 2023 Labour Force Survey Report
- 2022 Labour Migration Report Report
- 2024 Zambia Demographic and Health Survey Key Indicator Report
- 2023 Livestock Survey Report (Electronic copy)
- 2023 Men and Women Booklet
- 2022 Living Conditions Monitoring Survey (Electronic & Hard copy)
- 2022 Census of Population and Housing (Summary Report) (Vol.2) (Electronic & Hard copy)
- 2021 Socio-economic Impact Assessment of COVID-19 on Households (Electronic copy)
- 2021 Sustainable Development Goals Indicator Baseline Report Zambia (Hard copy)
- 2020 FinScope Zambia Survey (Electronic & Hard copy)
- 2020 Rapid Stocks Assessment Survey (Results disseminated)
- 2020 National Pilot Census (Electronic copy)
- 2020 National Skills Survey (Hard copy)
- 2018 Zambia Demographic and Health Survey In-depth Analysis Report (Hard copy)
- 2018 Zambia Demographic and Health Survey Final Report (Electronic & Hard copy)
- 2018 Compendium of Statistical Concepts and Definitions (1st Edition) (Electronic & Hard copy)
- 2018 Zambia Information and Communications Technology Authority ICT Survey (Electronic copy)
- 2018 Zambia in Figures (Electronic copy)
- 2018 Zambia at a Glance (Data Wheel)
- 2017 Annual GDP (Print copy)
- 2017-2019 Gender Status Report (Hard copy)
- 2010 Supply, Use and Input Output Tables (Electronic & Hard copy)
- 2020 Labour Force Survey Report (Electronic copy)
- 2019 Labour Force Survey Report (Electronic copy)
- 2018 Labour Force Survey Report (Electronic copy)
- 2018/2019 Crop Forecast Survey (Electronic copy)
- 2017 Labour Force Survey Report (Electronic copy)
- 2019/2020 Crop Forecast Survey (Electronic copy)
- 2016/2017 Crop Forecast Survey Report (Electronic copy))
- 2015 Selected Social Economic Indicators (Print copy)
- 2014-2015 National Accounts Gross Domestic Product (GDP) Report (Electronic copy)
- 2015 Living Conditions Monitoring Survey Main Report (Electronic & Hard copy)
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- 2019 Labour Force Survey Report (Electronic copy)
- 2018 Labour Force Survey Report (Electronic copy)
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- 2016 ZAMPHIA (Electronic copy)
- 2014-2015 Post-Harvest Survey (Electronic copy)
- 2013-2014 Post-Harvest Survey (Electronic copy)
- 2012-2013 Post-Harvest Survey (Electronic copy)
- 2011-2012 Post-Harvest Survey (Electronic copy)

- 2000-2012 Energy Statistics Report (Electronic copy)
- 2013 - 2014 Zambia Demographic and Health Survey Report ((Electronic & Hard copy)
- 2010-2012 Sample Vital Registration with Verbal Autopsy (SAVVY)(Electronic & Hard copy)

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