



PAKISTAN'S TRADE WITH CENTRAL ASIAN REPUBLICS

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Pakistan's Trade with Central Asian Republics

The Central Asia region comprises five countries: Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan. All data has been taken from the International Trade Centre (ITC) Website.

Imports from Central Asian Republics

Table 1: Pakistan imports from Central Asian Republics (2020-2024)

Rank	Exporters	Imported value in 2020	Imported value in 2021	Imported value in 2022	Imported value in 2023	Imported value in 2024	Aggregate Imports	CAGR (2020-2024)
-	World	45,841.65	73,106.62	71,104.68	50,362.54	56,522.67	296,938.17	4.3%
-	Central Asian Republics Aggregate	15.26	73.52	89.36	35.30	26.52	239.95	11.7%
1	Uzbekistan	9.11	37.70	38.43	30.53	18.48	134.24	15.2%
2	Kazakhstan	0.52	21.79	38.13	1.10	1.54	63.08	24.3%
3	Turkmenistan	4.67	11.00	9.49	3.16	3.69	32.02	-4.6%
4	Tajikistan	0.84	2.99	3.07	0.20	2.59	9.68	25.3%
5	Kyrgyzstan	0.13	0.03	0.23	0.31	0.23	0.93	12.8%

Unit: USD Million

- Imports from the Central Asian Republics (CAR) are minuscule when compared with total imports: <0.1% of Pakistan's total imports from the world.

Table 2: Top ten imports from the Central Asian Republics by aggregate value (2020-2024)

Rank	HS Code	Label	Imports in 2020	Imports in 2021	Imports in 2022	Imports in 2023	Imports in 2024	Aggregate (2020-2024)	CAGR (2020-2024)
-	'TOTAL	All products	15.26	73.52	89.36	35.30	26.52	239.95	11.7%
1	'071333	Dried, shelled kidney beans "Phaseolus vulgaris", whether or not skinned or split	1.03	17.43	19.76	22.77	14.71	75.71	70.2%



Rank	HS Code	Label	Imports in 2020	Imports in 2021	Imports in 2022	Imports in 2023	Imports in 2024	Aggregate (2020-2024)	CAGR (2020-2024)
2	'520100	Cotton, neither carded nor combed	3.05	10.34	9.66	0.79	2.31	26.15	-5.4%
3	'790111	Unwrought zinc, not alloyed, containing by weight >= 99.99% of zinc	5.00	7.00	12.71	0.77	0.52	26.01	-36.4%
4	'720839	Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of >= 600 mm, in coils, simply ...	-	10.76	14.91	0.01	0.00	25.69	-
5	'250300	Sulphur of all kinds (excl. sublimed sulphur, precipitated sulphur and colloidal sulphur)	1.17	3.13	6.50	4.05	2.26	17.11	14.1%
6	'720838	Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of >= 600 mm, in coils, simply ...	-	3.79	4.43	-	-	8.22	-
7	'520513	Single cotton yarn, of uncombed fibres, containing >= 85% cotton by weight and with a linear ...	1.70	6.19	0.15	-	0.18	8.22	-36.5%
8	'720916	Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of >= 600 mm, in coils, simply ...	-	2.45	4.23	-	-	6.68	-
9	'284130	Sodium dichromate	0.52	1.95	1.99	0.78	0.64	5.89	4.2%
10	'410210	Raw skins of sheep or lambs, with wool on, fresh or salted, dried, limed, pickled or otherwise ...	1.21	1.15	1.07	0.76	1.14	5.33	-1.2%

Unit: USD Million

- The top ten lines represented 85.4% of all aggregate imports from Central Asia from 2020 to 2024.



Import Comparison with India

Table 3: Pakistan and India Aggregate Imports from Central Asian Republics (2020-2024)

Rank	Exporters	Pakistan Aggregate Imports
-	World	296,938.17
-	Central Asian Republics Aggregate	239.95
1	Uzbekistan	134.24
2	Kazakhstan	63.08
3	Turkmenistan	32.02
4	Tajikistan	9.68
5	Kyrgyzstan	0.93

Rank	Exporters	India Aggregate Imports
-	World	3,047,512.90
-	Central Asian Republics Aggregate	2,680.10
1	Kazakhstan	2,095.30
2	Turkmenistan	296.3
3	Uzbekistan	247.7
4	Kyrgyzstan	28.6
5	Tajikistan	12.2

Unit: USD Million

- Aggregate Imports from Central Asia constitute a negligible portion of both countries' overall aggregate imports. In the case of Pakistan 0.08% of global imports and 0.09% in the case of India

Table 4: Pakistan and India top 10 imports from Central Asian Republics by aggregate value (2020-2024)

Rank	HS Code	Label	Pakistan Aggregate Imports
-	'TOTAL	All products	240.0
1	'071333	Dried, shelled kidney beans "Phaseolus vulgaris", whether or not skinned or split	75.7
2	'520100	Cotton, neither carded nor combed	26.2
3	'790111	Unwrought zinc, not alloyed, containing by weight >= 99,99% of zinc	26.0
4	'720839	Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel,	25.7

Rank	HS Code	Label	India Aggregate Imports
-	'TOTAL	All products	2,680.1
1	'270900	Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude	1,640.5
2	'710692	Silver, incl. silver plated with gold or platinum, semi-manufactured	386.6
3	'310420	Potassium chloride for use as fertiliser (excl. that in tablets or similar forms, or in packages ...	204.8
4	'310210	Urea, whether or not in aqueous solution (excl. that	65.4



Rank	HS Code	Label	Pakistan Aggregate Imports
		of a width of ≥ 600 mm, in coils, simply ...	
5	'250300	Sulphur of all kinds (excl. sublimed sulphur, precipitated sulphur and colloidal sulphur)	17.1
6	'720838	Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of ≥ 600 mm, in coils, simply ...	8.2
7	'520513	Single cotton yarn, of uncombed fibres, containing $\geq 85\%$ cotton by weight and with a linear ...	8.2
8	'720916	Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of ≥ 600 mm, in coils, simply ...	6.7
9	'284130	Sodium dichromate	5.9
10	'410210	Raw skins of sheep or lambs, with wool on, fresh or salted, dried, limed, pickled or otherwise ...	5.3

Rank	HS Code	Label	India Aggregate Imports
		in tablets or similar forms, or in packages ...	
5	'270119	Coal, whether or not pulverised, non- agglomerated (excl. anthracite and bituminous coal)	59.7
6	'130190	Lac; natural gums, resins, gum-resins, balsams and other natural oleoresins (excl. gum Arabic)	59.2
7	'252490	Asbestos (excl. crocidolite and products made from asbestos)	56.8
8	'280120	Iodine	19.5
9	'720241	Ferro-chromium, containing by weight $> 4\%$ of carbon	15.8
10	'280470	Phosphorus	13.8

Unit: USD Million

- Pakistan's top imports mostly consisted of flat rolled products of iron and steel, cotton and kidney beans. India's top imports consisted of petroleum products, coal, chemicals including urea, potassium chloride etc., and silver.
- Petroleum oils constituted more than half of India's aggregate imports from 2020 to 2024.



Exports to Central Asia

Table 5: Pakistan's aggregate exports to Central Asian Republics (2020-2024)

Rank	Importers	Exported value in 2020	Exported value in 2021	Exported value in 2022	Exported value in 2023	Exported value in 2024	Aggregate	CAGR (2020-2024)
-	World	22,245.7	28,880.0	31,175.9	28,950.1	32,460.6	143,712.3	7.9%
-	Central Asian Republics Aggregate	90.4	250.9	260.0	226.9	402.6	1,230.8	34.8%
1	Kazakhstan	59.1	193.7	153.0	108.0	277.8	791.5	36.3%
2	Uzbekistan	25.2	48.9	90.3	73.4	95.2	333.1	30.4%
3	Tajikistan	2.1	2.5	9.7	33.0	19.2	66.5	56.5%
4	Kyrgyzstan	1.7	2.8	5.7	10.8	8.6	29.5	38.8%
5	Turkmenistan	2.3	3.0	1.3	1.7	1.8	10.1	-4.8%

Unit: USD Million

- Aggregate exports to the Central Asian Republics constituted <1% of total exports from 2020-2024.

Table 6: Top ten exports to Central Asian Republics by aggregate value (2020-2024)

Rank	HS Code	Label	Value in 2020	Value in 2021	Value in 2022	Value in 2023	Value in 2024	Aggregate (2020-2024)	CAGR (2020-2024)
-	'TOTAL	All products	90.4	250.9	260.0	226.9	402.6	1,230.8	34.8%
1	'100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	23.4	128.3	82.1	41.1	132.8	407.6	41.6%
2	'080450	Fresh or dried guavas, mangoes and mangosteens	6.8	53.0	19.8	11.0	29.3	119.9	34.1%
3	'100640	Broken rice	10.3	1.4	11.5	11.1	57.1	91.3	40.8%
4	'100620	Husked or brown rice	12.7	11.8	21.9	12.0	8.2	66.6	-8.3%
5	'120740	Sesamum seeds, whether or not broken	2.8	10.8	10.7	12.1	24.7	61.0	54.5%
6	'300490	Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic purposes, ...	6.7	4.4	11.8	12.8	22.5	58.3	27.6%
7	'170199	Cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucrose, in	0.0	0.0	0.0	41.1	15.6	56.7	-



Rank	HS Code	Label	Value in 2020	Value in 2021	Value in 2022	Value in 2023	Value in 2024	Aggregate (2020- 2024)	CAGR (2020- 2024)
		solid form (excl. cane and beet sugar containing ...							
8	'080529	Fresh or dried wilkings and similar citrus hybrids	6.8	10.5	23.2	4.5	6.9	51.9	0.1%
9	'080390	Fresh or dried bananas (excl. plantains)	2.8	7.1	7.0	15.0	8.6	40.5	25.5%
10	'020210	Frozen bovine carcasses and half-carcasses	0.0	0.0	3.4	11.4	14.8	29.6	-

Unit: USD Million

- The top ten items represent 79.9% of all aggregate exports to the Central Asian Republics from 2020 to 2024.



Exports Comparison with India

Table 7: Pakistan and India's aggregate exports to the Central Asian Republics (2020-2024)

Rank	Importers	Pakistan Aggregate Exports	Rank	Importers	India Aggregate Exports
-	World	143,712.30	-	World	1,995,932.8
-	Central Asian Republics Aggregation	1,230.80	-	Central Asian Republics Aggregation	3,793.4
1	Kazakhstan	791.5	1	Uzbekistan	1,629.5
2	Uzbekistan	333.1	2	Kazakhstan	1,390.4
3	Tajikistan	66.5	3	Turkmenistan	335.9
4	Kyrgyzstan	29.5	4	Tajikistan	226.3
5	Turkmenistan	10.1	5	Kyrgyzstan	211.1

Unit: USD Million

- Pakistan's aggregate exports to Africa constituted 0.9% of its aggregate global exports from 2020 to 2024. For India, this percentage was 0.2%.

Table 8: Pakistan and India top 10 items by aggregate exports to Central Asian Republics (2020-2024)

HS Code	Label	Pakistan Aggregate Exports	HS code	Product label	India Aggregate Exports
'TOTAL	All products	1,230.80	'TOTAL	All products	3,793.37
'100630	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	407.6	'300490	Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic purposes, ...	944.46
'080450	Fresh or dried guavas, mangoes and mangosteens	119.9	'851713	Smartphones for wireless networks	389.22
'100640	Broken rice	91.3	'300420	Medicaments containing antibiotics, put up in measured doses "incl. those for transdermal administration" ...	163.19
'100620	Husked or brown rice	66.6	'020230	Frozen, boneless meat of bovine animals	150.40
'120740	Sesamum seeds, whether or not broken	61	'851712	Telephones for cellular networks "mobile telephones" or for other wireless networks	111.96



HS Code	Label	Pakistan Aggregate Exports
'300490	Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic purposes, ...	58.3
'170199	Cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucrose, in solid form (excl. cane and beet sugar containing ...	56.7
'080529	Fresh or dried wilkings and similar citrus hybrids	51.9
'080390	Fresh or dried bananas (excl. plantains)	40.5
'020210	Frozen bovine carcasses and half-carcasses	29.6

HS code	Product label	India Aggregate Exports
'090240	Black fermented tea and partly fermented tea, whether or not flavoured, in immediate packings ...	99.67
'300241	Vaccines for human medicine	96.18
'080390	Fresh or dried bananas (excl. plantains)	81.43
'870899	Parts and accessories, for tractors, motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons, ...	71.96
'300220	Vaccines for human medicine	67.58

Unit: USD Million

- Almost all of Pakistan's top exports to the Central Asian Republics constituted agricultural products including rice, sesamum seeds and fruits. Other top exports included frozen bovine carcasses and medicaments.
- Comparatively, India's top exports to the Central Asian Republics constituted a greater proportion of value-added items, including medicaments, smartphones, telephones, vaccines, and tractor parts.



Total Trade with Central Asian Republics

Table 9: Pakistan's Aggregate Total Trade with Central Asian Republics (2020 - 2024)

Exporters	Total Trade in 2020	Total Trade in 2021	Total Trade in 2022	Total Trade in 2023	Total Trade in 2024	Aggregate Trade (2020-2024)
World	68,087.34	101,986.63	102,280.61	79,312.63	88,983.23	440,650.44
Central Asian Republics Aggregate	105.62	324.43	349.39	262.20	429.12	1,470.76
Kazakhstan	59.63	215.46	191.14	109.06	279.31	854.58
Uzbekistan	34.32	86.63	128.72	103.96	113.71	467.35
Tajikistan	2.89	5.48	12.78	33.25	21.81	76.21
Turkmenistan	7.00	14.01	10.79	4.87	5.51	42.16
Kyrgyzstan	1.79	2.85	5.96	11.07	8.79	30.46

Unit: USD Million

- Total trade with Central Asian Republics (CAR) represented 0.33% of total trade with the world for Pakistan from 2020 to 2024.



Total Trade Comparison with India

Table 10: Pakistan and India's total aggregate trade with Central Asian Republics (2020-2024)

Countries	Pakistan Total Trade
World	440,650.44
Central Asian Republics Aggregate	1,470.76
Kazakhstan	854.58
Uzbekistan	467.35
Tajikistan	76.21
Turkmenistan	42.16
Kyrgyzstan	30.46

Countries	India Total Trade
World	5,043,445.7
Central Asian Republics Aggregate	6,473.5
Kazakhstan	3,485.8
Uzbekistan	1,877.3
Turkmenistan	632.2
Kyrgyzstan	239.8
Tajikistan	238.5

Unit: USD Million

- Pakistan’s aggregate trade with the Central Asian republics constituted 0.3% of it’s aggregate trade with the world from 2020 to 2024. For India, this percentage was 0.1%.
- For 2020 to 2024, Pakistan held a 0.1% share in the Central Asian Republics’ aggregate trade, whilst India held a 0.6% share.
- The trade potential with the Central Asian Republics has been left largely untapped by both countries.

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