

Table A22: Top 10 exporters and importers of textiles, 1981

Edition 1982, trade in 1981. Rebuilt on 30 September 2026 from WTO data as published on 29 September 2026, in the layout of the World Trade Statistical Review. Frozen: WTO revisions after that date do not change it.

TOP EXPORTER European Union share not available	TOP IMPORTER European Union share not available	INDIA No. 9 exporter share not available, US\$ 1.2 bn	ECONOMIES RANKED 120 / 122 exporters / importers, 1981
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Exporters of textiles, 1981

Value in US\$ billion; shares of world textiles exports, per cent; 1980-81 is the compound annual rate; other changes are against the year before.

Economy	Value 1981	Share in world exports		Annual percentage change			
		1980	1981	1980-81	1979	1980	1981
European Union (EC-10, added up)	21	43.4	...	-13	...	...	-13
<i>Extra-EU</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Japan	6	9.3	...	15	...	...	15
United States of America	4	6.8	...	0	...	...	0
China	3	4.6	...	33	...	...	33
Korea, Republic of	2	4.0	...	11	...	...	11
Hong Kong, China	2	3.2	...	23	...	...	23
Chinese Taipei	2	3.2	...	14	...	...	14
Switzerland	1	2.8	...	-9	...	...	-9
India	1	2.4	...	-11	...	...	-11
Austria	1	2.0	...	1	...	...	1
Above 10	44	81.7	...	-	-	-	-

Importers of textiles, 1981

Value in US\$ billion; shares of world textiles imports, per cent; 1980-81 is the compound annual rate; other changes are against the year before.

Economy	Value 1981	Share in world imports		Annual percentage change			
		1980	1981	1980-81	1979	1980	1981
European Union (EC-10, added up)	19	40.2	...	-17	...	...	-17
<i>Extra-EU</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hong Kong, China	3	5.2	...	16	...	...	16
United States of America	3	4.5	...	21	...	...	21
U.S.S.R.	2	3.7	...	-6	...	...	-6
China	2	1.9	...	52	...	...	52
Japan	2	3.0	...	-5	...	...	-5
Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of	1	2.3	...	7	...	...	7
Canada	1	2.3	...	8	...	...	8
Australia	1	2.0	...	4	...	...	4
Austria	1	2.1	...	-16	...	...	-16
Above 10	36	67.2	...	-	-	-	-

Notes

- The EU is ranked as one economy; its member states are not ranked. Extra-EU (the EU's trade with non-members) is shown beneath it and is not ranked.
- Before 2000 the EU figure is added up from the member states of each year (EC-9 in 1980, EC-10 in 1981-1985, EC-12 in 1986-1994, EU-15 in 1995-1999), the United Kingdom included; economies that joined later are ranked on their own. Extra-EU cannot be added up and shows "...". If a member state has no data for a year, the EU shows "...".
- EU changes and growth rates before 2000 compare the same member states in both years: those of the later year, added up for the earlier year too (for example, the change for 1995 is the EU-15 in 1995 against the same 15 in 1994), so they do not count an enlargement as growth. EU values and shares are for the members of each year.
- Where a former economy and its successor both report for the same year (for example West Germany and Germany), the former economy is ranked and the successor is not, so the same trade is not counted twice.
- Economies ranked in 1981: 120 exporters, 122 importers.
- "Above 10" is the sum of the ten ranked economies. "... " means not available.
- WTO publishes no world total for textiles exports and imports in 1981, so the shares for that year show "...".
- Shares are of world textiles exports or imports. 1980-81 is the compound annual rate of change.
- Figures for every year are as WTO published them on 2026-09-29; WTO revises past figures, so they can differ from the printed review.
- Source: WTO Timeseries, indicators ITS_MTV_AX and ITS_MTV_AM, product MATE (SITC 65), via WTO Timeseries API v1 (api.wto.org).

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TOP EXPORTER European Union share not available	TOP IMPORTER European Union share not available	INDIA No. 8 exporter share not available, US\$ 0.8 bn	ECONOMIES RANKED 110 / 132 exporters / importers, 1981
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Exporters of clothing, 1981

Value in US\$ billion; shares of world clothing exports, per cent; 1980-81 is the compound annual rate; other changes are against the year before.

Economy	Value 1981	Share in world exports		Annual percentage change			
		1980	1981	1980-81	1979	1980	1981
European Union (EC-10, added up)	13	34.6	...	-11	...	...	-11
<i>Extra-EU</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hong Kong, China	5	12.3	...	9	...	...	9
Korea, Republic of	4	7.3	...	31	...	...	31
Chinese Taipei	3	6.0	...	17	...	...	17
China	2	4.0	...	19	...	...	19
United States of America	1	3.1	...	3	...	...	3
Finland	1	1.8	...	6	...	...	6
India	1	1.7	...	12	...	...	12
Yugoslavia, Socialist Federal Republic of	1	1.0	...	58	...	...	58
Philippines	1	0.7	...	107	...	...	107
Above 10	31	72.4	...	-	-	-	-

Importers of clothing, 1981

Value in US\$ billion; shares of world clothing imports, per cent; 1980-81 is the compound annual rate; other changes are against the year before.

Economy	Value 1981	Share in world imports		Annual percentage change			
		1980	1981	1980-81	1979	1980	1981
European Union (EC-10, added up)	18	47.9	...	-11	...	...	-11
<i>Extra-EU</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
United States of America	8	16.4	...	17	...	...	17
U.S.S.R.	3	6.0	...	4	...	...	4
Japan	2	3.6	...	18	...	...	18
Switzerland	1	3.4	...	-6	...	...	-6
Sweden	1	3.2	...	-14	...	...	-14
Hong Kong, China	1	1.6	...	34	...	...	34
Canada	1	1.7	...	18	...	...	18
Austria	1	2.2	...	-19	...	...	-19
Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of	1	1.6	...	13	...	...	13
Above 10	36	87.7	...	-	-	-	-

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- Economies ranked in 1981: 110 exporters, 132 importers.
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- WTO publishes no world total for clothing exports and imports in 1981, so the shares for that year show "...".
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