

Table A22: Top 10 exporters and importers of textiles, 1998

Edition 1999, trade in 1998. 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 40.3% of world	TOP IMPORTER European Union 34.9% of world	INDIA No. 8 exporter 3.0% of world, US\$ 4.6 bn	ECONOMIES RANKED 114 / 124 exporters / importers, 1998
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Exporters of textiles, 1998

Value in US\$ billion; shares of world textiles exports, per cent; 1990-98 is the compound annual rate; other changes are against the year before.

Economy	Value 1998	Share in world exports				Annual percentage change			
		1980	1985	1990	1998	1990-98	1996	1997	1998
European Union (EU-15, added up)	60	43.4	...	45.2	40.3	2	-1	-4	2
<i>Extra-EU</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hong Kong, China	13	3.2	...	7.9	8.7	6	2	3	-11
China	13	4.6	...	6.9	8.6	7	-13	14	-7
Korea, Republic of	11	4.0	...	5.8	7.5	8	3	5	-15
Chinese Taipei	11	3.2	...	5.9	7.4	8	1	6	-13
United States of America	9	6.8	...	4.8	6.1	8	9	15	0
Japan	6	9.3	...	5.6	4.0	0	-3	-3	-12
India	5	2.4	...	2.1	3.0	10	13	6	-13
Pakistan	4	1.6	...	2.6	2.9	6	16	-6	-7
Türkiye	4	0.6	...	1.4	2.4	12	8	23	6
Above 10	136	79.2	...	88.1	90.9	-	-	-	-

Importers of textiles, 1998

Value in US\$ billion; shares of world textiles imports, per cent; 1990-98 is the compound annual rate; other changes are against the year before.

Economy	Value 1998	Share in world imports				Annual percentage change			
		1980	1985	1990	1998	1990-98	1996	1997	1998
European Union (EU-15, added up)	54	40.2	35.5	42.7	34.9	1	-1	-2	5
<i>Extra-EU</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hong Kong, China	13	5.2	7.7	9.4	8.7	4	-2	-2	-17
United States of America	13	4.5	8.9	6.2	8.7	9	2	16	8
China	11	1.9	3.7	4.9	7.1	10	10	2	-10
Japan	4	3.0	3.4	3.8	2.8	1	2	-5	-25
Canada	4	2.3	2.9	2.2	2.6	7	3	17	4
Mexico	3	0.2	...	0.9	2.2	17	26	29	20
Poland ¹	3	0.5	0.5	0.2	1.8	35	9	3	14
Türkiye	2	0.1	0.3	0.5	1.5	19	7	20	0
Korea, Republic of	2	0.7	1.1	1.8	1.4	2	-3	-7	-38
Above 10	111	58.7	...	72.7	71.6	-	-	-	-

Notes

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- 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 "...".
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- Economies ranked in 1998: 114 exporters, 124 importers.
- "Above 10" is the sum of the ten ranked economies. "..." means not available.
- WTO publishes no world total for textiles exports in 1985, so the shares for that year show "...".
- Shares are of world textiles exports or imports. 1990-98 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).
- 1. Break in series (as flagged by WTO).

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TOP EXPORTER European Union 28.4% of world	TOP IMPORTER European Union 40.9% of world	INDIA No. 7 exporter 2.6% of world, US\$ 4.8 bn	ECONOMIES RANKED 116 / 122 exporters / importers, 1998
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Exporters of clothing, 1998

Value in US\$ billion; shares of world clothing exports, per cent; 1990-98 is the compound annual rate; other changes are against the year before.

Economy	Value 1998	Share in world exports				Annual percentage change			
		1980	1985	1990	1998	1990-98	1996	1997	1998
European Union (EU-15, added up)	53	34.6	...	35.1	28.4	3	9	-4	4
<i>Extra-EU</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
China	30	4.0	...	8.9	16.2	15	4	27	-6
Hong Kong, China	22	12.3	...	14.2	11.9	5	3	5	-4
United States of America	9	3.1	...	2.4	4.7	17	13	15	1
Türkiye	7	0.3	...	3.1	3.8	10	-1	10	5
Mexico	7	0.0	...	0.5	3.6	35	37	50	17
India	5	1.7	...	2.3	2.6	8	3	3	10
Korea, Republic of	5	7.3	...	7.3	2.5	-6	-15	-1	11
Bangladesh	4	0.0	...	0.6	2.0	25	13	21	41
Thailand	4	0.7	...	2.6	1.9	3	-26	-1	-4
Above 10	144	63.8	...	77.1	77.6	-	-	-	-

Importers of clothing, 1998

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Economy	Value 1998	Share in world imports				Annual percentage change			
		1980	1985	1990	1998	1990-98	1996	1997	1998
European Union (EU-15, added up)	78	47.9	34.5	45.2	40.9	4	6	-1	6
<i>Extra-EU</i>	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
United States of America	56	16.4	31.9	24.0	29.1	9	5	16	11
Japan	15	3.6	4.0	7.8	7.7	7	5	-15	-12
Hong Kong, China	14	1.6	3.3	6.2	7.5	10	8	10	-5
Mexico	4	0.3	...	0.5	2.0	26	25	40	12
Switzerland	4	3.4	2.9	3.1	1.8	0	-4	-8	4
Canada	3	1.7	2.5	2.1	1.7	4	-5	18	8
Australia	2	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.8	10	12	8	0
Norway	1	1.7	1.5	1.1	0.7	2	-3	1	3
Singapore	1	0.3	0.6	0.8	0.7	5	5	4	-22
Above 10	178	77.8	...	91.4	92.8	-	-	-	-

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