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01 • Vietnam GDP growth to average **10 percent** annually by 2030

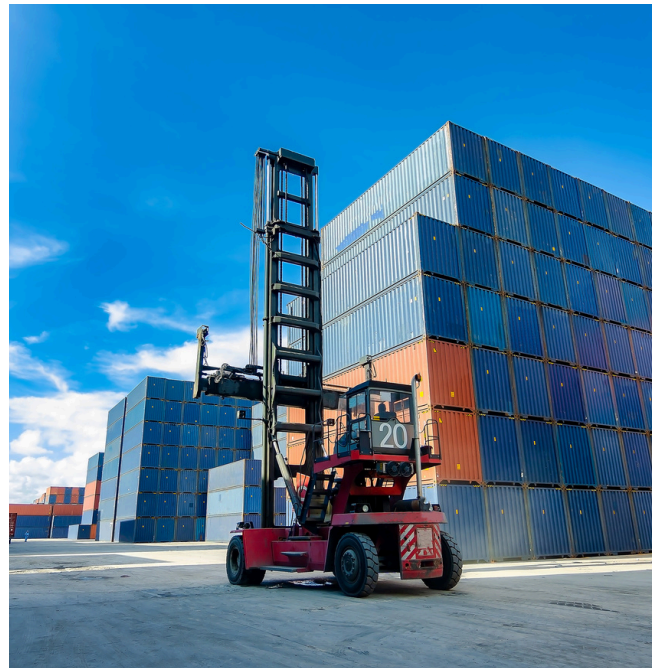
” Vietnam targets **10 percent** annual GDP growth through 2030, aiming to become Southeast Asia’s third-largest economy and among the world’s **top 30**

10%

Trade and investment outlook

▲ Vietnam's GDP continues to benefit from robust trade performance, with total trade turnover projected to reach **\$850 billion** in 2025, keeping the nation among the world’s 20 leading trading economies.

The government plans to attract foreign direct investment (FDI) selectively, focusing on technology transfer, innovation, and green transition to maintain long-term competitiveness.

**Top 20** Trade ranking**\$850 bln** Total Trade Turnover

"Inflation will be controlled, ensuring public debt, government debt, foreign debt, and budget deficits remain within allowable limits."

- by the Deputy Prime Minister Nguyen Hoa Binh

02.

Vietnam rice export holds world's **No.2** spot in 2025

According to the USDA, Vietnam remains the world's No. 2 rice exporter in 2025 with over **8.2 million tonnes**, up **300,000 tonnes** from earlier forecasts. Despite the Philippines' two-month import halt, exports reached **5.5 million tonnes** worth **USD 2.81 billion**, driven by markets in Bangladesh, China, and South Africa.

Source: VNA, "Rice export set to surpass 8.2M tonnes," Aug 21, 2025, citing USDA

**\$8.2
bln**

Export forecast

**\$2.81
bln**

Export revenue

**-13.5%
y/y**

Revenue change

Do Ha Nam, Chairman of the Vietnam Food Association, said Vietnam is firmly positioned as the world's second-largest rice exporter, thanks to its brand and rising global recognition



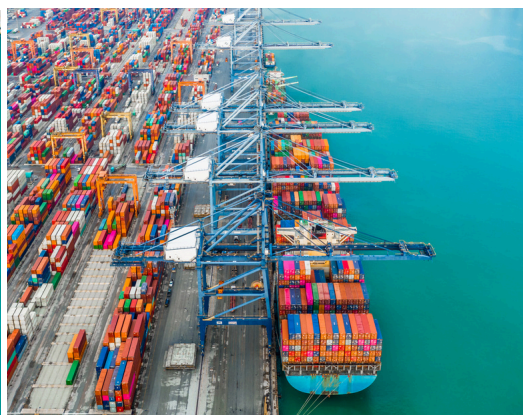
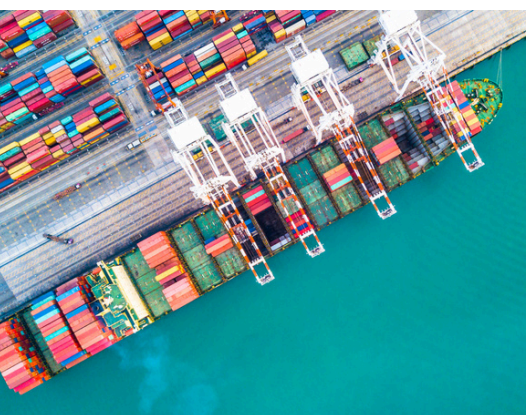
03.

Vietnam Aims to Become Southeast Asia's Logistics Hub

Vietnam aims to develop 5-10 world class logistics centers and cut logistics costs to **10–12%** of GDP by 2050, targeting a spot in the world's **top 30** Logistics Performance Index (LPI).



The government is boosting multimodal transport infrastructure roads, railways, seaports, and air cargo together with smart warehouses and free trade zones.



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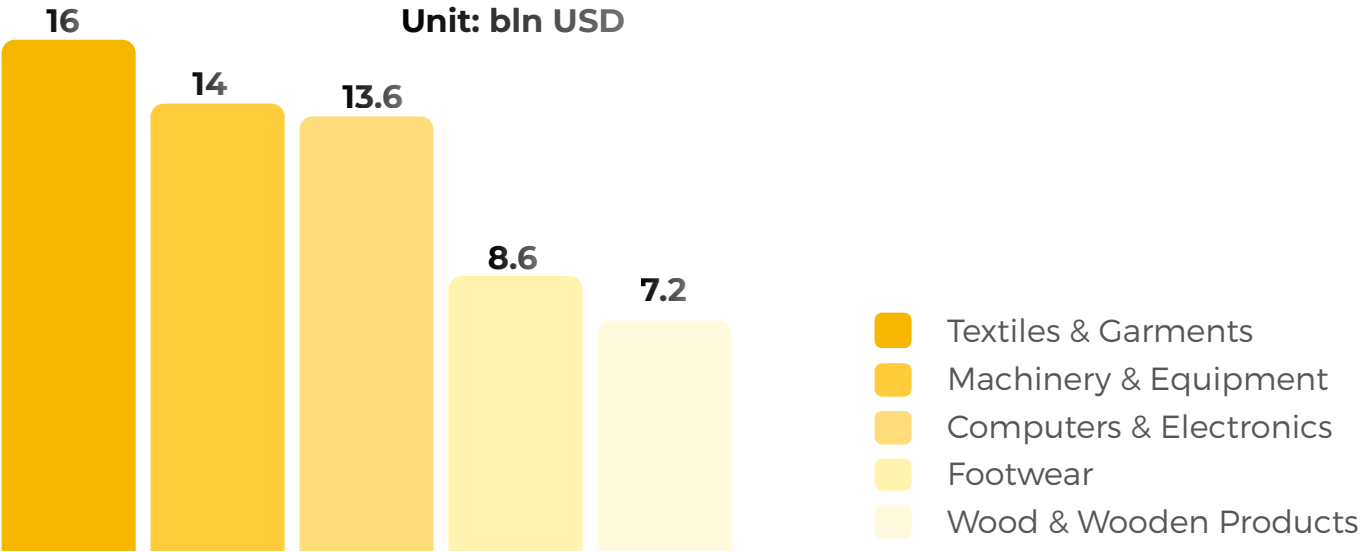
Vietnam's logistics market reached **USD 30 billion** in 2024, forecast to hit **USD 40 billion** by 2025. With **6,500** enterprises, **4 million m²** of warehouse space, and rapid digital transformation, Vietnam is emerging as the distribution heart of Southeast Asia.



Vietnam's exports to the U.S. rose **27%** in the first nine months of 2025 despite tariffs, with full-year shipments expected to reach **USD 125–130 billion**, reinforcing its position as the U.S.'s second-largest trading partner in Southeast Asia.



10 FAST-GROWING EXPORTS TO THE US



Overall

Vietnam's exports to the U.S. rose sharply despite tariffs, as firms boosted localization and sustainability, reinforcing the country's regional trade position.

05.

Vietnam's trade turnover expected to reach \$900B in 2025

Vietnam's trade sector thrived in 2025, driven by strong exports, diverse markets, and a solid trade surplus.

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Foreign Trade Nears USD 900 Billion Milestone

Vietnam's trade projected to reach \$900B in 2025, driving growth.

Strong Export Performance

Exports hit USD 348.7 billion in the first nine months, up 16%, surpassing the full-year growth target.

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Industrial Goods Lead Growth

Processed industrial products earned USD 297.2 billion, accounting for 85% of total exports.

Agricultural Exports Also Rising

Agro exports reached USD 33.2 billion, up 15.2%, contributing nearly 10% of total exports.

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Trade Surplus Supports Stability

Vietnam posted a US\$16.8 billion trade surplus, reinforcing macroeconomic stability and foreign reserves.

06.

Vietnam-U.S trade topped **USD 126 billion** in Jan-Sep 2025



TOTAL VIETNAM - U.S. TRADE

\$126.43 bln

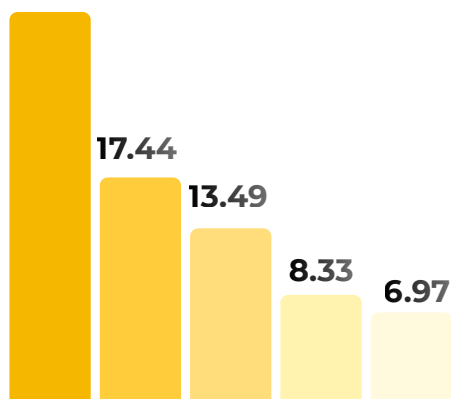
(According to the latest Vietnam Customs data, in the first **nine months** of 2025)

EXPORT**\$112.77 bln** **27.74%**

compared to the same period in 2024

TOP 5 EXPORT CATEGORIES

30.28 Unit: bln USD



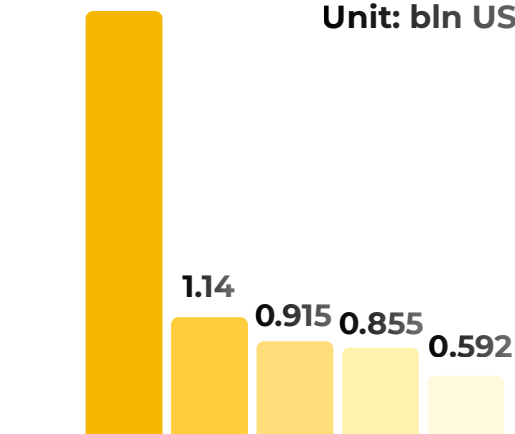
- Computers, electronic products
- Machinery, equipment, tools
- Textiles and garments
- Phones and components
- Wood and wooden products

IMPORT**\$13.66 bln** **23.55%**

compared to the same period in 2024

TOP 5 IMPORT CATEGORIES

4 Unit: bln USD



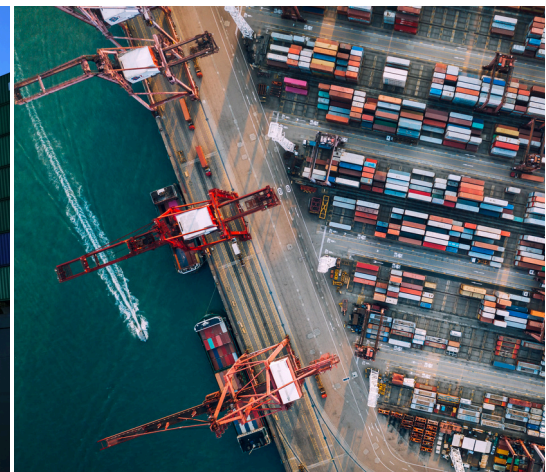
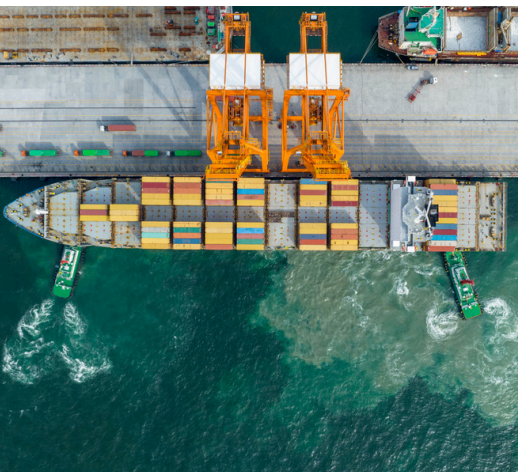
- Computers, electronic products
- Cotton
- Machinery, equipment, tools, etc
- Raw plastic materials
- Animal feed and raw materials

07.

Vietnam is the **No. 4** largest supplier of fruits and vegetables to Taiwan



In the first nine months of 2025, Vietnam exported **144,341 tons** of fruits and vegetables worth **USD 159 million** to Taiwan, up **2.3%** year-on-year. This helped Vietnam surpass China to become Taiwan's fourth-largest supplier with a **14.6%** market share - the only Southeast Asian country in the top four.



Enhanced Logistics Drive Vietnam - Taiwan Fruit Exports

Better cold-chain transport and faster customs help keep fruit fresh and cut costs. Experts say stronger branding and quality standards can further boost Vietnam's export value in Taiwan.

08.

Vietnam and the U.S. Announce Reciprocal Trade Agreement Marking a New Era in Bilateral Trade

Vietnam and the U.S. announced a **Reciprocal Trade Agreement (RTA)** at the **47th ASEAN Summit**, marking a new milestone in bilateral ties. The deal aims to boost market access, cut trade barriers, and promote fair, sustainable cooperation.

Under the RTA, the U.S. will cut tariffs on Vietnamese goods **from 46% to 20%** and may apply **zero tariffs** on key exports, helping strengthen Vietnam's position in the U.S. market. In return, Vietnam will grant broader access for U.S. industrial and agricultural products, fostering deeper and more balanced trade cooperation between the two nations.

The announcement came alongside major deals: Vietnam Airlines' **USD 8 billion** purchase of **50 Boeing jets** and **USD 2.9 billion** in U.S. agri-trade MOUs — signaling stronger and more sustainable Vietnam-U.S. economic integration.



A new chapter in Vietnam - U.S. trade begins with RTA

09.

Thailand Accelerates Investment in VN Targeting **USD 25 Billion** Trade by 2026

(According to the latest Vietnam Customs data in the first **nine months** of 2025)

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**THAILAND'S RANK AMONG
FOREIGN INVESTORS IN VIETNAM**

TOTAL REGISTERED CAPITAL

\$14.96 bln

THAI FDI IN VIETNAM

 **7x**
compared to the same period in 2024

Unit: mln USD

■ 2025
■ 2024



Thailand's investment in Vietnam continues to accelerate, with FDI soaring sevenfold to **USD 928 million** in 2025 and total registered capital reaching **USD 14.96 billion**, ranking **8th** among foreign investors.

Major Thai corporations such as **SCG**, **Central Retail**, and **C.P. Group** are expanding their presence in **renewable energy**, **green materials**, and **logistics**, contributing to Vietnam's sustainable growth.



Three Southern Logistics Associations Merge to Form HLA in Ho Chi Minh City

On October 31, 2025, the Ho Chi Minh City Logistics and Seaport Association (HLA) was formed from the merger of three southern associations, aiming to build a regional logistics hub.



Ms. Dang Minh Phuong, CEO of MP Logistics - President of HLA shared:

*“The merger of Ho Chi Minh City, Binh Duong, and Ba Ria–Vung Tau logistics associations lays the foundation for a new regional ‘mega hub’ driving economic growth. Notably, the plan to integrate the Cai Mep–Thi Vai–Can Gio port cluster will create an intelligent logistics hub applying big data, aiming to rank among **the world’s Top 10 container ports**. Our goal is to strengthen Ho Chi Minh City’s logistics sector, making it a leading **logistics center in Southeast Asia**.”*

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