International trade

June 2026 | Economic brief

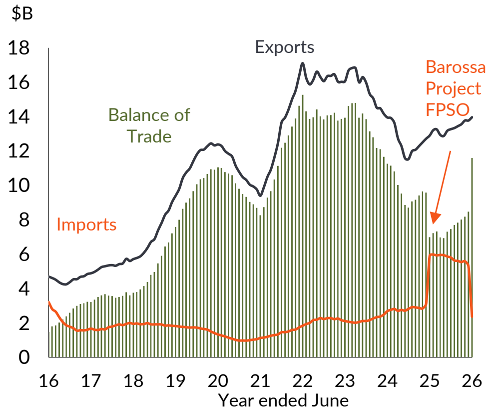
The Territory's international trade in goods data is only reported in original terms and current prices.

Balance of trade

Balance of trade	NT	Aust
Year to date value	$11.6B	$27.6B

The Territory's balance of trade surplus widened by 36.8% to $11.6 billion over the 12 months to June 2026, up from $8.5 billion over the 12 months to May 2026. This reflects an increase in the value of goods exported to $14.0 billion over the 12 months to June 2026, and a decline in the value of goods imported to $2.4 billion over the same period (Chart 1). The improved goods exports reflects both Ichthys and Darwin LNG plant ramping up to their full production capacity. Imports declined because the arrival of the floating production, storage and offloading (FPSO) vessel for the Barossa Project had already been accounted for in the previous financial year. INPEX experienced unplanned maintenance outage in the second-half of 2024 and carried out planned maintenance activities from mid -August to early November 2025. Santos' Darwin LNG plant had a shutdown from mid-March 2026 for repairs related to the floating, production, storage and offtake vessel, with exports resuming in late-May 2026.

Chart 1: Territory's goods trade balance (moving annual total, current prices)



Source: ABS, *International Trade in Goods*; DTF

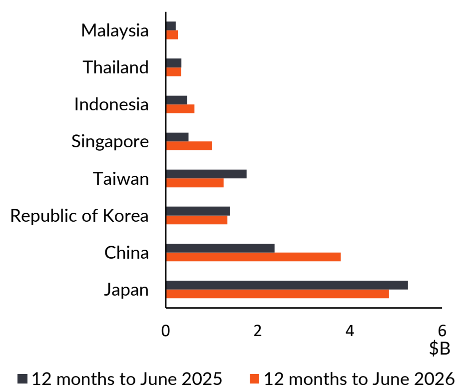
The Territory's trading partners

Exports

The Territory's major exports are confidential items (most likely liquefied natural gas), metalliferous ores and metal scrap, and petroleum products. For the 12 months to June 2026, the Territory's top export destinations (Chart 2) were:

- Japan, down by $410 million to $4.8 billion
- China, up by $1.4 billion to $3.8 billion
- Republic of Korea, down by $61 million to $1.3 billion.

Chart 2: Territory's major export destinations (year to date, current prices)



Source: ABS, *International Trade in Goods*; DTF

Imports

The Territory's major imports are transport equipment, petroleum products, and confidential items. For the 12 months to June 2026, the Territory's top import sources (Chart 3) were:

- Singapore, down by $3.0 billion to $559 million
- Malaysia, down by $66 million to $451 million
- Japan, up by $23 million to $192 million.

Chart 3: Territory's major import sources (year to date, current prices)

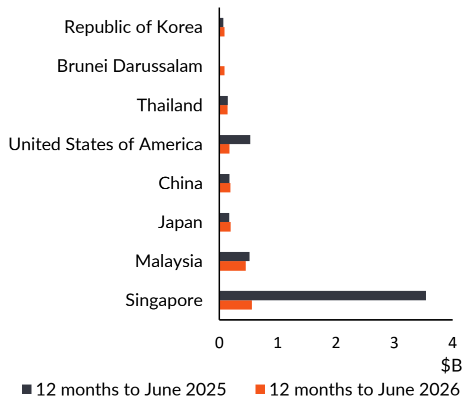


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Table 1: International trade in goods

	Period				Change (%)		
	Jun-25	May-26	Jun-26	Year to date	Monthly[1]	Year-ended[2]	Year-average[3]
Northern Territory ($M)							
Original							
Balance of goods trade	- 1 840	1 068	1 279	11 597	n.p.	169.5	66.0
– goods exports	1 323	1 296	1 513	13 968	n.p.	14.4	8.2
– goods imports	3 163	228	234	2 371	n.p.	-92.6	-59.9
Australia ($M)							
Original							
Balance of goods trade	6 954	- 1 284	3 797	27 598	n.p.	-45.4	-49.2
– goods exports	45 726	43 468	49 938	535 370	n.p.	9.2	4.5
– goods imports	38 772	44 752	46 141	507 772	n.p.	19.0	10.9
Seasonally adjusted							
Balance of goods trade	4 459	- 2 367	1 929	27 521	-181.5	-56.7	
– goods exports	43 929	43 500	47 696	535 365	9.6	8.6	
– goods imports	39 470	45 868	45 768	507 847	-0.2	16.0	

Table 2: Territory's major goods trading partners, original data

	Period				Change ($M)	
	Jun-25	May-26	Jun-26	Year to date	Monthly[1]	Year-average[3]
Exports ($M)						
Japan	464	519	462	4 847	- 57	- 410
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	360	248	510	3 796	262	1 431
Republic of Korea	202	190	235	1 341	45	- 61
Taiwan	120	55	109	1 259	54	- 497
Singapore	1	165	0	1 004	- 165	508
Indonesia	34	89	53	623	- 36	156
Thailand	31	0	0	336	0	- 5
Malaysia	38	10	17	263	7	43
Brunei Darussalam	0	3	112	115	109	42
India	0	0	0	100	0	42
Imports ($M)						
Singapore	3 055	71	97	559	26	- 2 982
Malaysia	8	71	25	451	- 46	- 66
Japan	21	21	11	192	- 10	23
China (excludes SARs and Taiwan)	11	15	23	189	8	15
United States of America	15	14	13	171	- 1	- 358
Thailand	3	10	12	140	2	- 3
Brunei Darussalam	0	0	11	89	11	89
Republic of Korea	5	4	3	87	- 1	19
Italy (includes Holy See and San Marino)	4	1	8	78	7	36
Taiwan	1	3	13	76	10	46

SAR: Special Administrative Region.
n.p.: not provided
1 Compares the latest month with the previous month.
2 Compares the latest month with the same month last year.
3 Compares the 12 months up to and including the latest month with the previous 12 month period.
The ABS no longer report on exchange rates as part of this publication.
Source: Department of Treasury and Finance; ABS, *International Trade in Goods*

Term	Definition
Balance of trade	Balance of trade is the difference between a jurisdiction's exports and imports. A surplus indicates a jurisdiction exports more than it imports. A deficit indicates a jurisdiction imports more than it exports.
Monthly change	Compares the latest month with previous month.
Year-ended change	Compares the latest month with the same month last year.
Year-average change	Compares the 12 months up to and including the latest month with the previous 12-month period.
Seasonally adjusted	A seasonally adjusted series involves estimating and removing the cyclical and seasonal effects from the original data. Seasonally adjusting a time series is useful if you wish to understand the underlying patterns of change or movement in a population, without the impact of the seasonal or cyclical effects.

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