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BACKGROUND

The China Trade Tracker

Launched in 2021 by the China-Britain Business Council (CBBC), the China Trade Tracker is a comprehensive reference offering key facts and figures on UK-China trade – with a particular focus on regional British export trends. It is updated on a half-yearly basis.

Issue Eleven of the Tracker provides an overview of the goods trade between the UK's 12 regions and devolved administrations and China in 2024. Unless stated otherwise, references to 'China' in this report include Hong Kong.

HMRC Data

This report uses HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) data, which offers a breakdown of UK goods trade by region. HMRC trade totals are slightly lower than comparable data from the Office of National Statistics (ONS) due to differences in data collection and handling.

The China-Britain Business Council and its members

The China-Britain Business Council is the UK's leading business network supporting trade, education, and investment links with China. CBBC serves over 400 UK members and clients.

Since 1954, we have acted as the independent voice of business, and past Chairs include Lord Powell, former foreign affairs advisor to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, and Sir David Brewer, former Lord Mayor of the City of London. The current Chair is Sir Sherard Cowper-Coles. Lord Sassoon is Honorary President.

CBBC's membership includes numerous FTSE 100 and FTSE 250 companies with commercial interests or strategic ties to China.

FOREWORD

Peter Burnett – CEO of China-Britain Business Council

During this time of rising global divisions and tension, this trade report serves as a reminder of the revenue and employment that goods trade with China brings to regions across the UK.

The year covered by this report – 2024 – was a turning point for UK-China relations. The newly elected Labour government recognised the importance of engagement with China, resulting in a noticeable uptick in bilateral dialogue and more constructive rhetoric. Senior Ministers, including David Lammy, Rachel Reeves, Douglas Alexander, and Ed Miliband, have since made visits.

We welcome this much improved engagement on the part of the British Government. Anecdotally, we have seen the positive impact on the business sentiment of our members in the China market.

Trade, as this 11th edition of the CBBC Trade Tracker finds, also shifted a gear last year. HMRC data shows that UK goods exports to China rose by **1%** to **£21.1 billion**, reversing the net decline seen in 2023 – a strong result given China’s subdued domestic consumption. Of the UK’s 12 macro regions, **seven** recorded export growth, up from just **four** the year before.

This report is also a reminder to look beyond London to see the positive impact of trade and business ties with China. Trade from England’s North East region – which includes Newcastle and Sunderland – grew by **45%** to **£621 million** in 2024. Scottish exports, boosted by soaring petroleum and seafood trade, rose by **32.6%** to **£1.47 billion**.

Export growth from the Midlands slowed slightly, but the region remained a powerhouse of trade, generating **£6.7 billion** for the national economy and accounting for a full **third** of UK goods exports to China.

US tariffs introduced in recent months have proven disruptive to the world economy, but they only underscore the importance of maintaining stable trade relations with other partners – and even point to opportunities for growth. The UK may find this a challenging path to navigate, but trade in civilian goods, which makes up the vast majority of UK-China trade, remains free to grow unimpeded.

CBBC will continue to advocate for open, rules-based trade and to support UK companies as they navigate opportunities in China. As this Trade Tracker shows, UK-China trade is not just enduring – it continues to deliver real value and remains vital to regional prosperity.



“The UK places great importance on cooperation with China and values the opportunities presented by the Chinese market.”

**The Rt Hon Douglas Alexander,
Minister of State for Trade Policy
11th April 2025**

“China is the second-biggest economy in the world, and it would be, I think, very foolish, to not engage. That’s the approach of this Government.”

**The Rt Hon Rachel Reeves,
Foreign Secretary
18th April 2025**

Peter Burnett

China and the UK Economy

Economic engagement with China is crucial to the UK's current and future growth. With Hong Kong included, China is the UK's third-largest trading partner and fifth-largest export market¹, according to ONS data. For many British firms, it is a market that cannot be ignored.

UK-China trade benefits from strong complementarity: British heritage goods and specialised industrial products are meeting rising demand in a sophisticated, evolving market. On the import side, China remains essential to UK households and industry, supplying affordable consumer goods and critical manufacturing inputs.

The ties between both nations extend well beyond trade. In 2024, Chinese-owned companies employed over **57,000** people in the UK², while Chinese foreign investment totalled **£7.4 billion**³, Chinese students remain a vital source of revenue for UK universities, and tourist spending from China is expected to reach **£1.71 billion** in 2025⁴ – a return to pre-pandemic levels.

China's economic challenges – from low consumer confidence to an ongoing housing crisis, and now a major trade war – are considerable. Yet the world's second-largest economy is showing resilience: retail sales and exports grew by **6.4%** and **4.8%** respectively in May, and the IMF still forecasts GDP growth of **4%** this year.

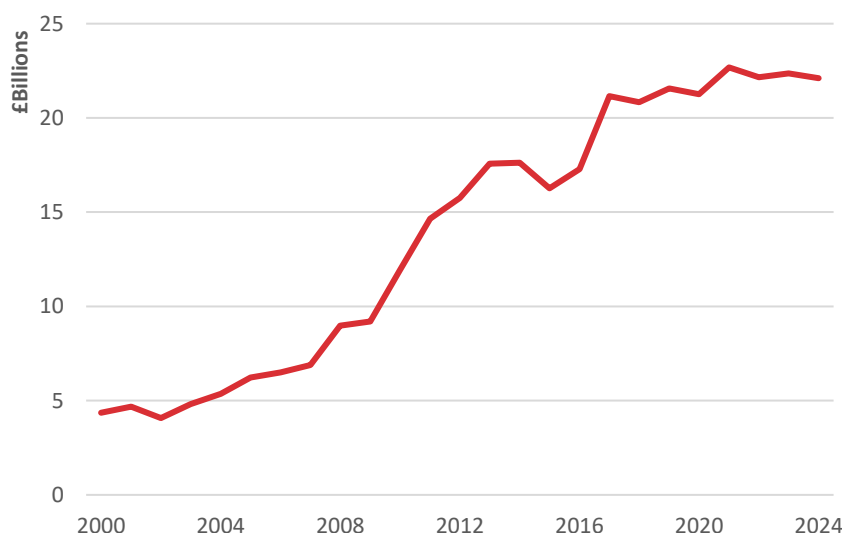
This continued strength, together with supply shifts caused by trade disruptions, point to potential opportunities for British commercial interests.

The IMF estimates China will grow by 4% in 2024

Chinese-owned companies employ over 57,000 people in the UK

China's retail sales grew 6.4% in May 2025

UK Goods Exports to China (£), 2000-2024



¹ Office for National Statistics (2025), "Trade in goods: country-by-commodity imports." "Fuels" and "Unspecified Goods" goods categories removed, Hong Kong and China data combined.

² Grant Thornton (2024), "Tou Ying Tracker 2024: Chinese Investments in the UK Remain Robust".

³ Rhodium Group & MERICS (2025), "Chinese investment rebounds despite growing frictions - Chinese FDI in Europe: 2024 Update." CBBC calculations based on original data; figures converted from EUR to GBP.

⁴ TRBusiness (2025), "London Gatwick growth plan centres on boosting UK-China connectivity."

Executive Summary

The CBBC Trade Tracker provides a snapshot of UK-China goods trade in 2024, with a focus on British exports, based on HMRC data.

Key findings in this report include:

National-level Insights (2024)

- UK goods exports to China rose by **1%** to **£21.1 billion**, reversing a **1.6%** fall in 2023.
- Of the UK's total exports to China, **£13.2 billion (63%)** went to Mainland China and **£7.9 billion (37%)** to Hong Kong.
- The UK's **top** export to China, power generating machinery and equipment, grew by **6%**.

Regional Highlights (2024)

- Scotland's new top export to China, petroleum, grew to **£407.5 million**, while its trade in seafood more than **doubled (128.9%)** to **£75.3 million**.
- The North East's China exports rose **45.9%** to **£620.6 million**.
- The East Midlands' China exports grew for a **third** year to a record **£3.47 billion**.
- The West Midlands' exports of power generating equipment grew **36.8%** to **£287 million**.
- Wales' exports of transport equipment to China rose **19%** to **£74.3 million**.
- The East saw growth in **seven** out of its **eight** top exports to China, and remained the UK's **largest** exporter of pharmaceuticals.
- England's South West experienced its **fourth** year of China export growth and **overtook** the South East to become the UK's **fifth** biggest exporter to China.
- London's exports to China fell **4.8%**, improving from the **25.5%** decline seen in 2023.

Regional Comparative Insights (2024)

- The fastest growth in exports to China came from the North East (**45.9%**), Scotland (**32.6%**), and the North West (**7.6%**).
- **Seven** out of **12** UK regions saw growth in exports to China, up from **four** in 2023.
- The UK's largest exporters to China were the East Midlands (**£3.5b**), the West Midlands (**£3.2b**), London (**£3.0b**), the North West (**£2.1b**), and the South West (**£1.7b**).
- Of all UK regions, **only** the East Midlands ran a trade surplus with China, while Northern Ireland recorded the **largest** deficit.
- Of all UK regions, the East Midlands had the **highest** share of its exports to China going to Hong Kong (**84%**), while Northern Ireland was the **most** reliant on Mainland China, with **86%** of its China exports directed there.

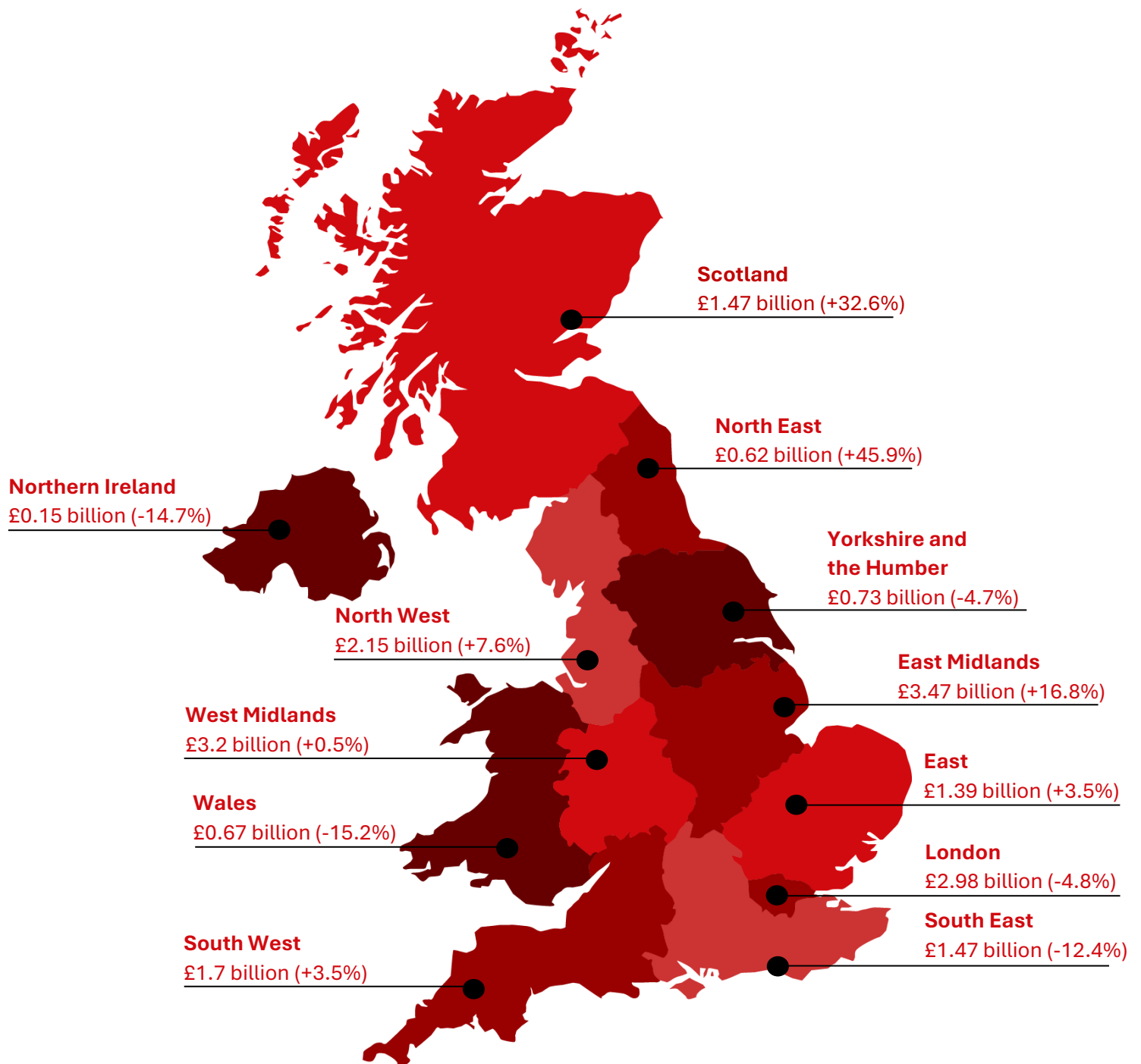
UK Goods Exports to
China Grew 1% to
£21.1 billion in 2024

Exports to China Grew
in Seven of the UK's
Twelve Regions

Exports from England's
North East region to
China grew 45.9%

OVERVIEW: REGIONAL GOODS EXPORTS TO CHINA

Total Exports by Area in 2024 (YoY change)



Source: HMRC, CBBC.

SCOTLAND

Population: 5.49 million (2023)

Major Cities: Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee, Aberdeen

Major Exports: Fuels, F&B, Textiles, Machinery, Chemicals

China Exports: £1.47 billion (32.6%)

Regional GDP: £218 billion (2023)

Counties: Fife, North Lanarkshire, Aberdeenshire (+30)

Top Export Markets: 1. Netherlands 2. US 3. Germany 4. France 5. Ireland

China Imports: £2.9 billion (-9.7%)



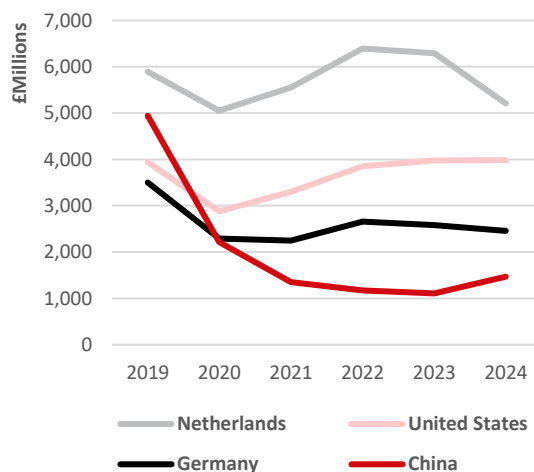
Trade Insights

- Scotland's goods exports to China surged **32.6%** to **£1.47 billion** in 2024, the **second-highest** growth rate among UK regions.
- Oil became Scotland's **top export** to China, growing from a negligible amount to **£407.5 million**. It became the **only** UK region to have oil as its leading China export.
- Seafood exports to China more than **doubled** in 2024, rising **128.9%** to **£75.3 million**, the **highest** among UK regions and a trend likely supported by China's cold chain logistics boom.
- Scotland was also the **top** exporter of leather goods and beverages (primarily whisky) to China, though beverage exports fell **32.7%** – reflecting China's drop in discretionary luxury spending.

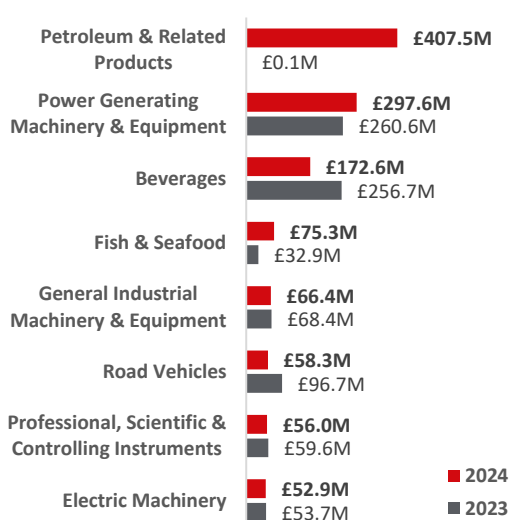
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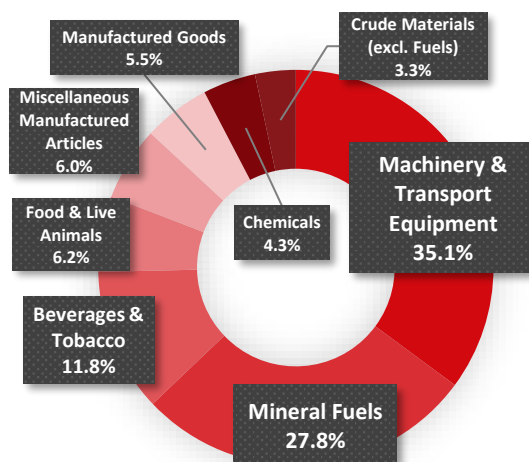
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Top 8 Export Subcategories to China 23/24 (£M)



Export Distribution by Category 2024



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ENGLAND – NORTH EAST

Population: 2.76 million (2024)

Major Cities: Newcastle upon Tyne, Sunderland, Middlesbrough, Durham

Major Exports: Chemicals, Machinery, Vehicles, Medicine

China Exports: £621 million (+45.9%)

Regional GDP: £77.9 billion (2024)

Counties: Durham, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear, Teesside

Top Export Markets: 1. US
2. Netherlands 3. Germany 4. Italy

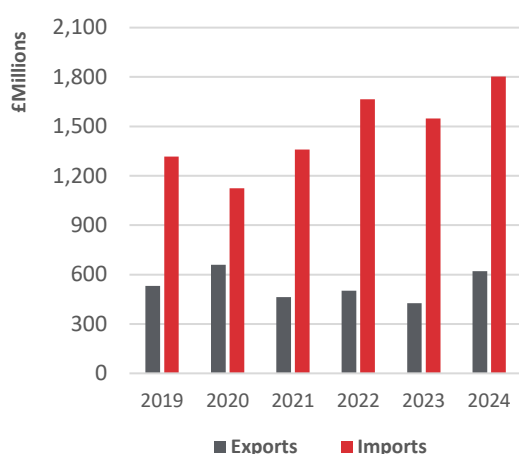
China Imports: £1.8 billion (16.38%)



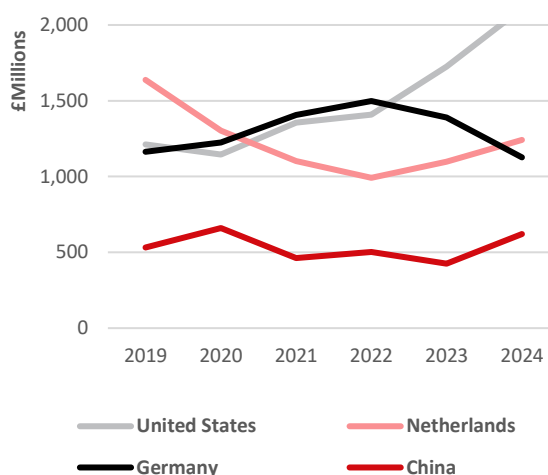
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- The North East's exports to China rose **45.9%** to **£620.6 million** in 2024 – the **fastest** growth rate of any UK region, though still falling below its 2020 peak of **£660.2 million**.
- 'Power Generating Machinery & Equipment' remained the North East's **dominant** export, likely pointing to exports of turbines, electrical generators, and wind energy technologies.
- Most of the North East's major export categories saw **double-digit growth** in 2024 – notably Non-Ferrous Metals (up **174%**) and Medicinal & Pharmaceutical Products (up **138%**).
- Despite being the UK's **second-smallest** exporter to China, the North East is **top** exporter of timber, organic chemicals, dyeing and tanning materials, and other chemical products.

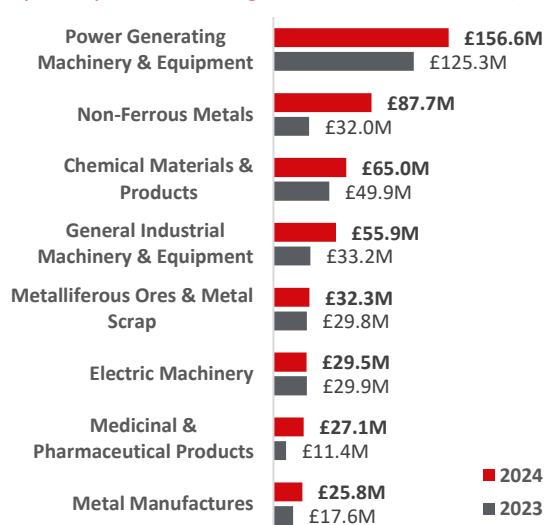
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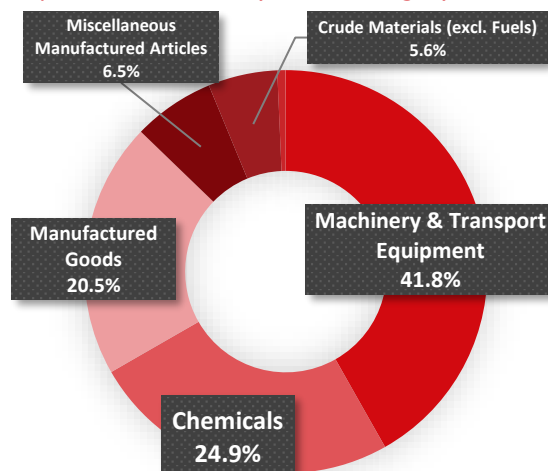
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Export Distribution by Main Category 2024



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ENGLAND – NORTH WEST

Population: 7.65 million (2024)

Major Cities: Manchester, Liverpool, Warrington, Preston, Blackpool

Major Exports: Machinery, Vehicles, Pharmaceuticals, Raw Materials

China Exports: £2.15 billion (+7.6%)

Regional GDP: £270.6 billion (2024)

Counties: Manchester, Merseyside, Cheshire, Lancashire, Cumbria

Top Export Markets: 1. US 2. Germany 3. Netherlands 4. China 5. Ireland

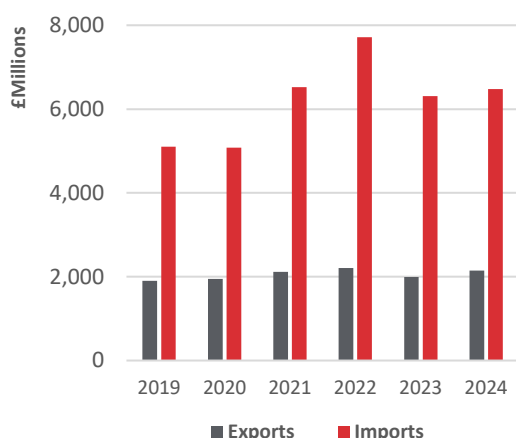
China Imports: £6.48 billion (+2.62%)



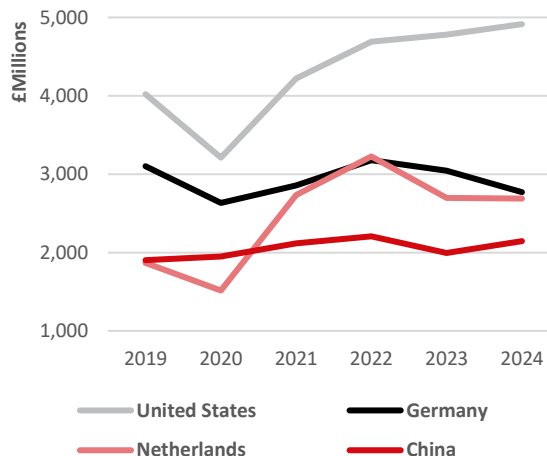
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- The North West's exports to China rose **7.6%** to **£2.15** billion in 2024, the region's **second-highest** total on record and the **third-fastest** export growth rate among UK regions.
- Road vehicles – specifically traditional vehicles, EVs and components from places such as Sunderland – remained the North West's **top** export to China, though growth was **flat**.
- The region's second-to-fourth-largest exports to China achieved growth of **23%-58%**.
- The North West was the UK's **top** exporter of numerous agri-food exports to China – including cereals, animal feed, tea and coffee products, and other edible goods – an area highly dependent on ongoing UK-China engagement as China increasingly prioritises food security.

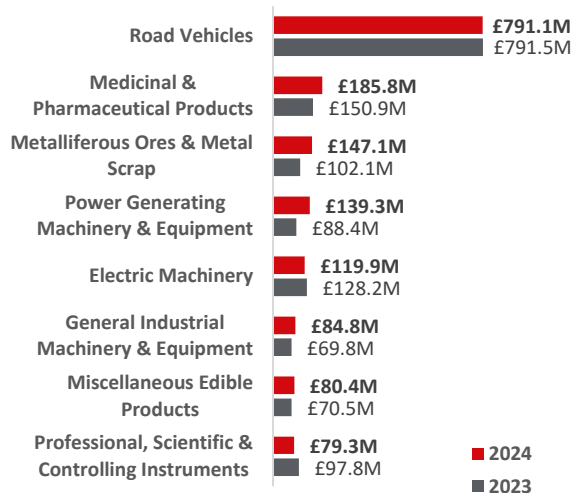
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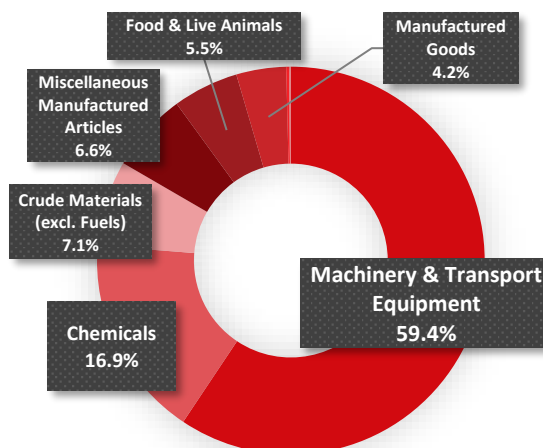
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ENGLAND – YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

Population: 5.61 million (2022)

Major Cities: Leeds, Sheffield, Bradford, Hull, York

Major Exports: F&B, Chemicals, Machinery, Crude Materials

China Exports: £733 million (-4.7%)

Regional GDP: £180.9 billion (2024)

Counties: East Riding of Yorkshire, N. Yorkshire, S. Yorkshire, W. Yorkshire

Top Export Markets: 1. US 2. Belgium 3. Netherlands 4. Germany 5. Ireland

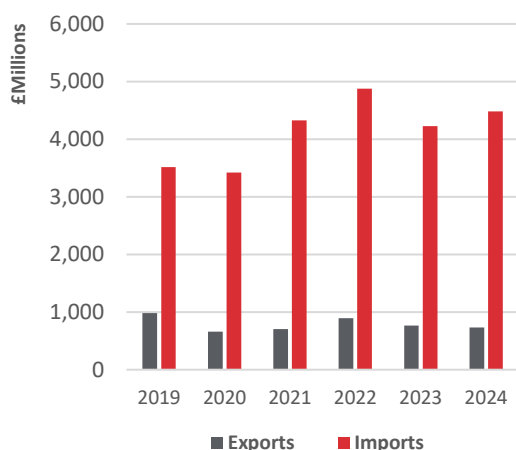
China Imports: £4.48 billion (+6.2%)



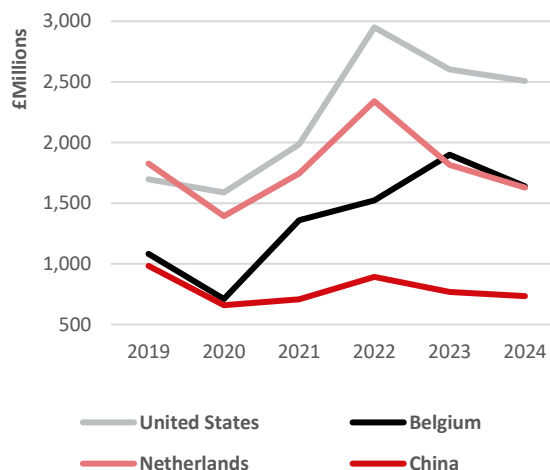
Trade Insights

- Yorkshire and the Humber's exports to China fell **4.7%** to **£733 million** in 2024 – continuing a downward trend seen across all of the region's major export markets.
- Petroleum exports – once the region's top trade with China – dropped by **50.2%**, while exports of general industrial and electrical machinery declined **21.6%** and **16%**, respectively.
- 'Power Generating Machinery & Equipment' remained the region's **leading** export to China, growing a modest **3.8%** as demand for turbines and energy technologies held steady.
- Among smaller exports, dairy and eggs rose **328%** to over **£1 million**, dyeing and tanning materials climbed **80%** to nearly **£10 million**, and road vehicles grew **140%** to **£13.5 million**.

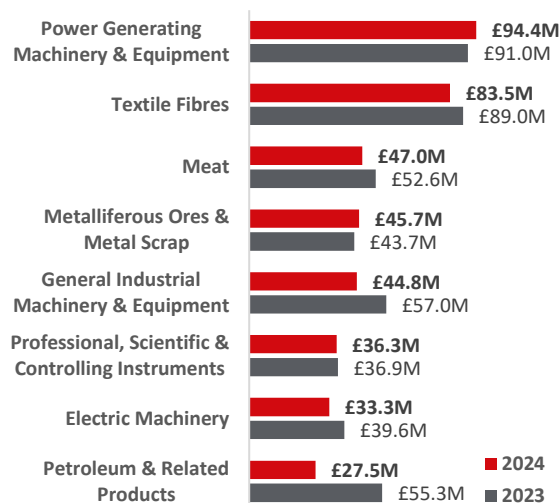
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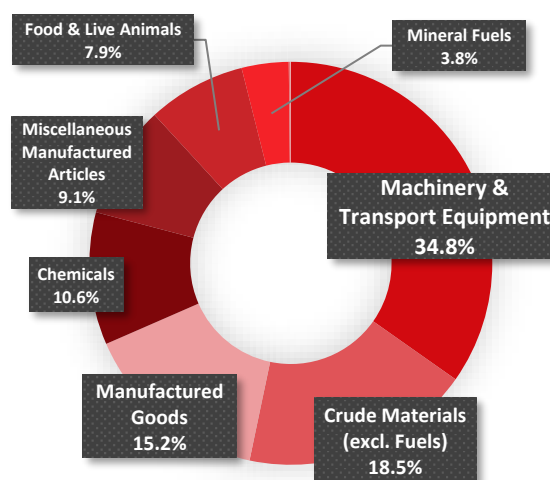
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Export Distribution by SITC1 in 23/24



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ENGLAND – EAST MIDLANDS

Population: 5.04 million (2024)

Major Cities: Nottingham, Leicester, Derby, Northampton, Lincoln

Major Exports: F&B, Machinery, Transport Equipment

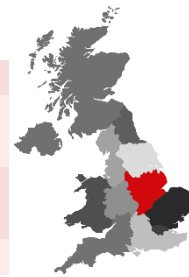
China Exports: £3.47 billion (+2.8%)

Regional GDP: £155.1 billion (2024)

Counties: Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Derbyshire, +3

Top Export Markets: 1. USA 2. China 3. Germany 4. France 5. Singapore

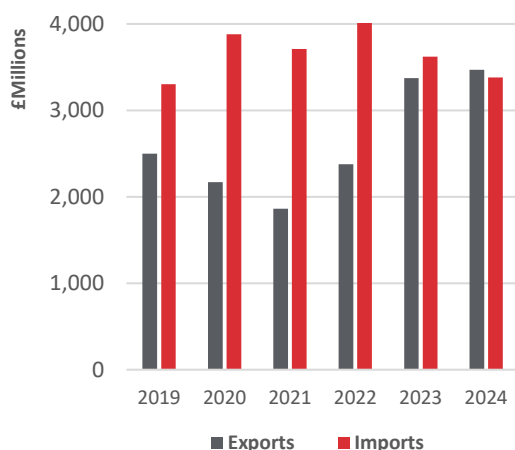
China Imports: £3.38 billion (-6.6%)



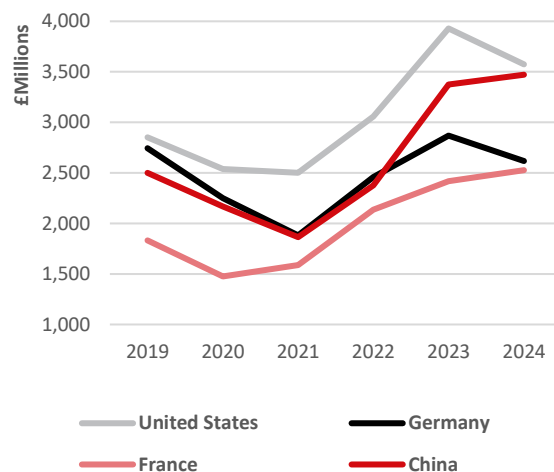
Trade Insights

- The East Midlands remained the UK's **largest** exporter to China in 2024, with exports rising **2.8%** to a **record £3.47 billion**. This marked the **third** consecutive year of growth, with export values up **£1.6 billion** compared to 2021.
- China accounted for **2.11%** of the East Midlands' estimated GDP in 2024, demonstrating the strategic importance of the Chinese market for the region.
- 'Power Generating Machinery & Equipment' remained the East Midlands' dominant export, rising **1.3%** to **£2.6 billion** and accounting for the vast majority of trade with China.
- The East Midlands is the only UK region that runs an **export surplus** with China.

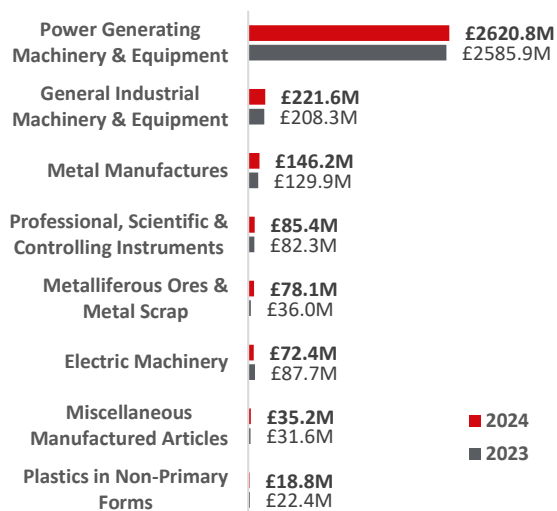
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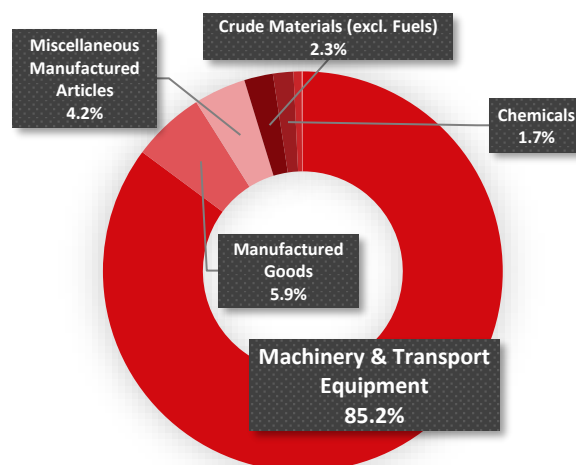
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ENGLAND – WEST MIDLANDS

Population: 6.1 million (2024)

Major Cities: Birmingham, Coventry, Wolverhampton, Solihull, Walsall

Major Exports: Transport Equipment, Machinery, Metals

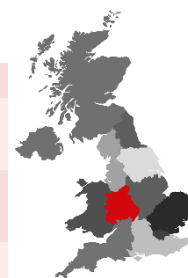
China Exports: £3.21 billion (+0.5%)

Regional GDP: £194.8 billion (2024)

Counties: West Midlands, Staffordshire, Warwickshire (+2)

Top Export Markets: 1. US 2. China 3. Germany 4. France 5. Ireland

China Imports: £5.77 billion (-3.1%)



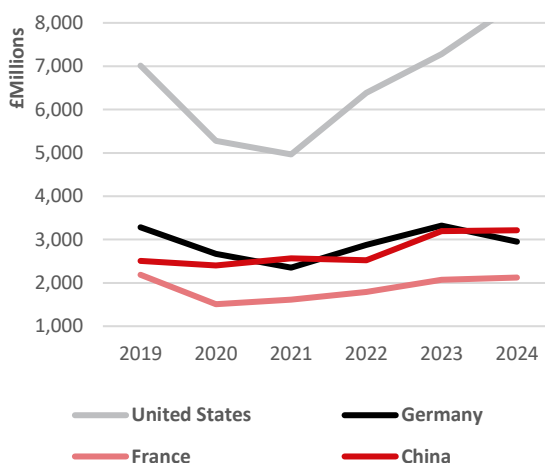
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- The West Midlands' exports to China edged up **0.5%** to a record **£3.21 billion** in 2024, making it the UK's **second-largest** exporter to China.
- Road vehicle exports – including premium cars, commercial vehicles, and automotive components – fell **1.6%** to **£2.15 billion**, but remained the dominant export.
- Power generating equipment, the region's **second-largest** export, rose **36.8%** to **£287 million**.
- China accounted for **1.65%** of GDP, the **second-highest share** among UK regions.
- Other **top** exports included raw and recycled metals, telecoms and audio equipment, road vehicles, and animal and vegetable-based oils, fats, and waxes.

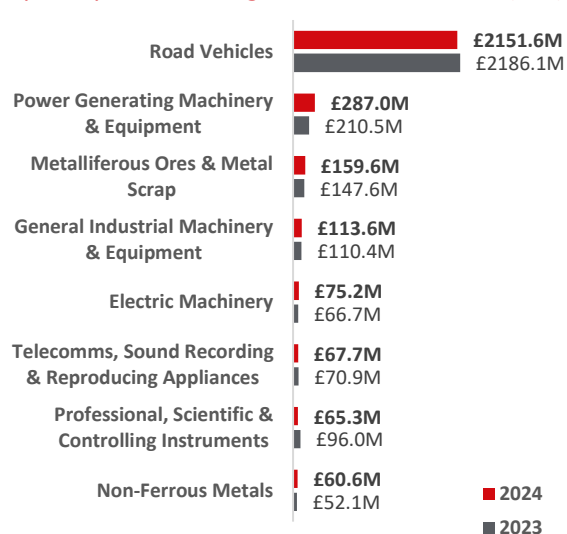
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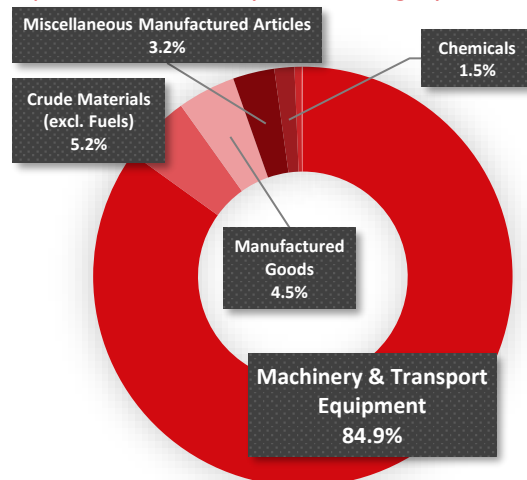
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WALES

Population: 3.2 million (2024)

Major Cities: Cardiff, Swansea, Newport, Wrexham, Bangor

Major Exports: Motor Vehicles, Machinery, Metals, Crude Materials

China Exports: £668 million (-15.2%)

Regional GDP: £92 billion (2024)

Counties: Cardiff, Swansea, Newport, Wrexham, Bridgend, Flintshire (+16)

Top Export Markets: 1. Germany 2. US 3. Ireland 4. France 5. Netherlands

China Imports: £1.8 billion (+0.03%)



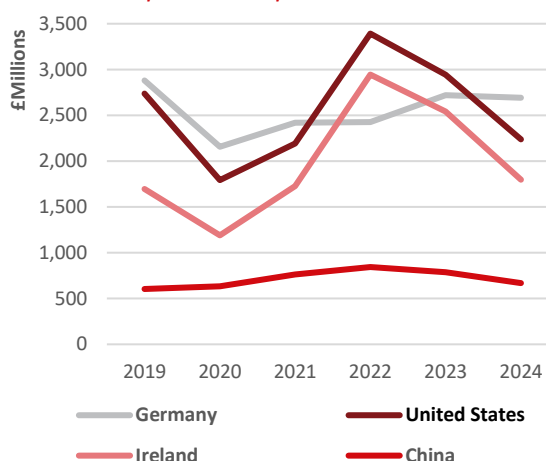
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- Welsh exports to China fell **15.2%** to **£668 million** in 2024, contracting for a second year.
- Three of Wales' **top** exports – specialised industrial machinery, power generating equipment, and non-ferrous metals – plunged by more than **25%**, contributing to the overall decline.
- Wales, a key hub for aircraft manufacturing, saw its exports of 'Other Transport Equipment' to China grow **19%** to **£74.3 million**. Other strong exports included raw and scrap metal (**+27%** to **£28 million**) and metal products (**+19%** to **£21.8 million**).
- Wales was the **top** exporter of 'Raw Hides, Skins and Furskins', which grew **69%** to **£8.3 million**.

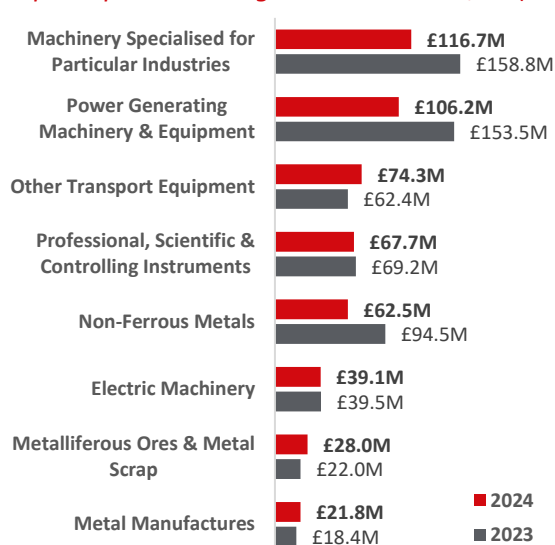
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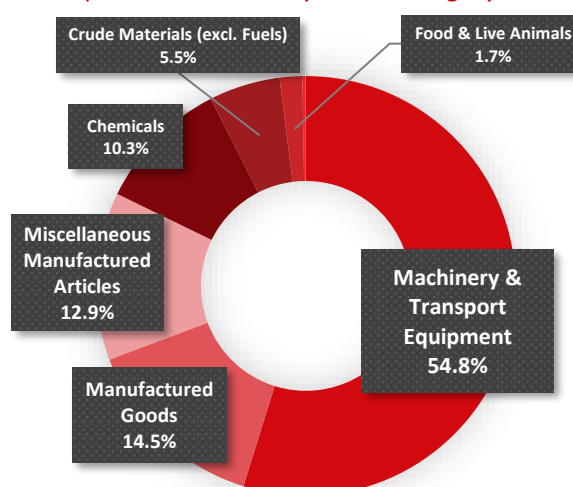
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ENGLAND – EAST

Population: 6.53 million (2024)

Major Cities: Cambridge, Luton, Norwich, Peterborough, Chelmsford

Major Exports: Scientific Instruments, Medicine, Electronics

China Exports: £1.39 billion (+3.5%)

Regional GDP: £228.6 billion (2024)

Counties: Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk (+2)

Top Export Markets: 1. US 2. Belgium 3. Netherlands 5. Germany 5. France

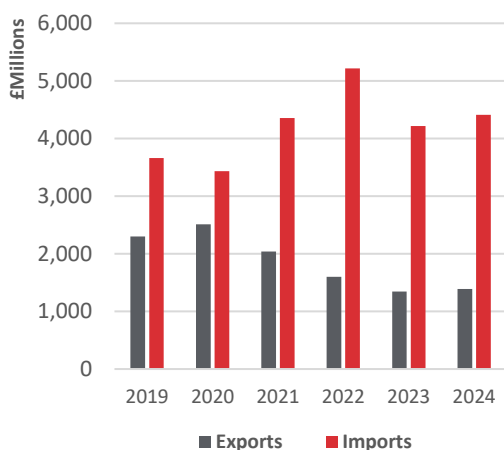
China Imports: £4.4 billion (+4.73%)



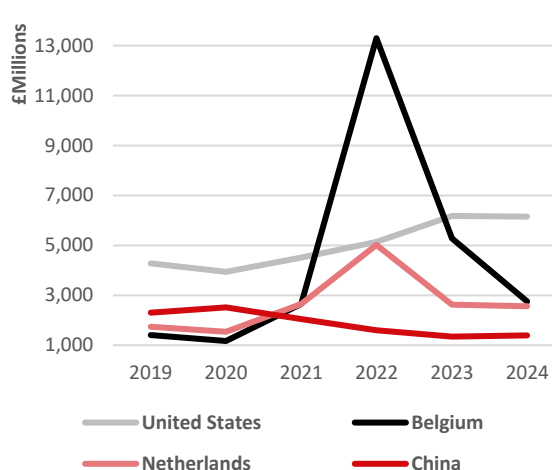
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- The East, the UK's **third-largest** goods exporter, saw exports to China rise **3.5%** to **£1.39 billion** in 2024, **reversing** a three-year decline.
- Medicinal and pharmaceutical products remained the region's **top** export to China, despite falling **2.9%** to **£367.5 million**.
- All other **top-eight** exports from England's East to China recorded **growth** in 2024.
- The East remained the UK's **largest** exporter of pharmaceuticals, meat, crude rubber, crude animal and vegetable materials, and office machinery to China.

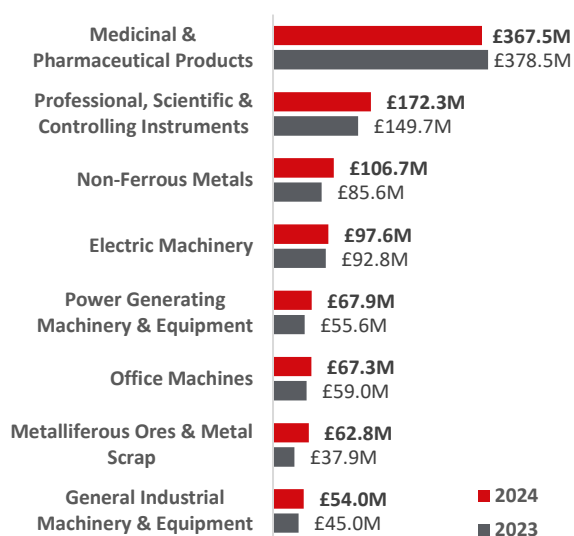
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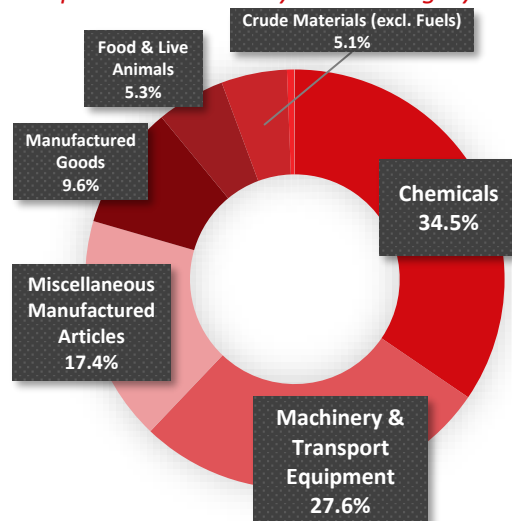
Goods Exports to Top Partners and China



Top 8 Export Subcategories to China 23/24 (£M)



Export Distribution by Main Category 2024



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ENGLAND – SOUTH EAST

Population: 8.48 million (2024)

Major Cities: Reading, Milton Keynes, Southampton, Portsmouth

Major Exports: Pharmaceuticals, Machinery, Electronics, Cons. Goods

China Exports: £1.47 billion (-12.4%)

Regional GDP: £387.5 billion (2024)

Counties: Surrey, Hampshire, Berkshire, Oxfordshire, Kent (+3)

Top Export Markets: 1. US 2. Germany 3. Netherlands 4. Ireland 5. France

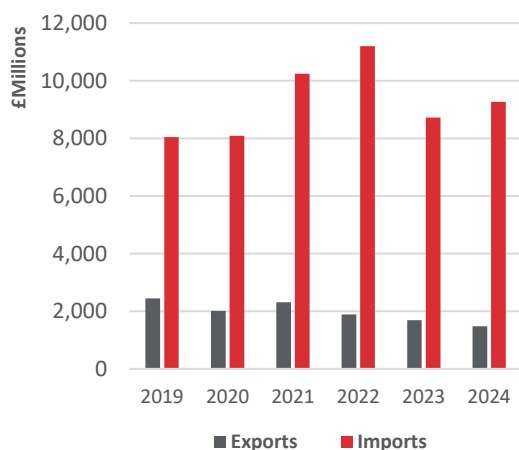
China Imports: £9.3 billion (+6.2%)



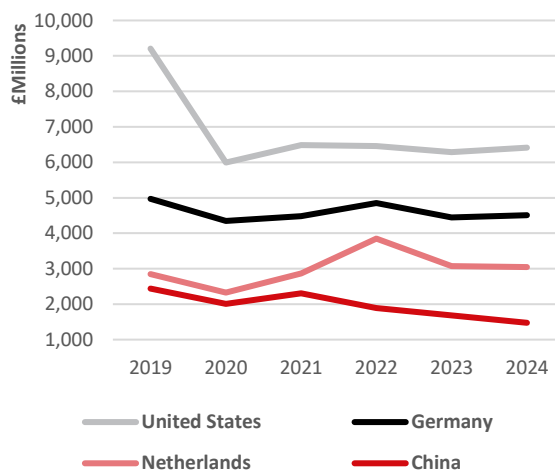
Trade Insights

- Goods exports from the South East – the UK's wealthiest and most populous region outside London – fell **12.4%** to **£1.47 billion** in 2024, marking a **second** consecutive year of decline and leaving trade with China nearly **£1 billion** below pre-pandemic levels.
- A **36.4%** drop in road vehicle exports to **£334.1 million**, alongside **declines** in scientific equipment and industrial machinery, contributed to the overall fall.
- China remained the South East's **seventh-largest** export market in 2024.
- The South East was the UK's **leading** exporter of pulp and waste paper, inorganic chemicals, and electrical machinery to China in 2024.

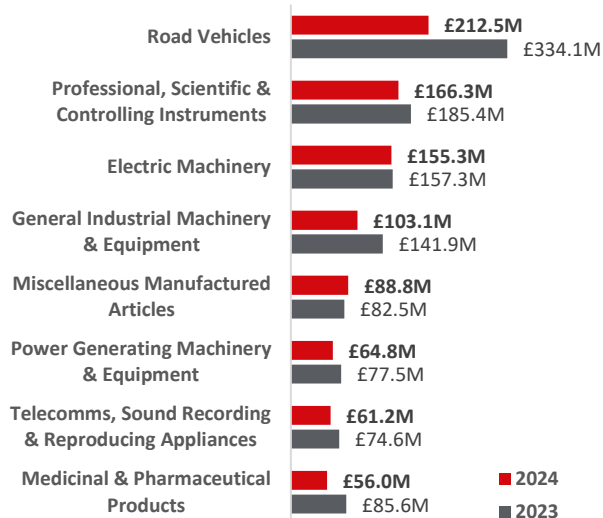
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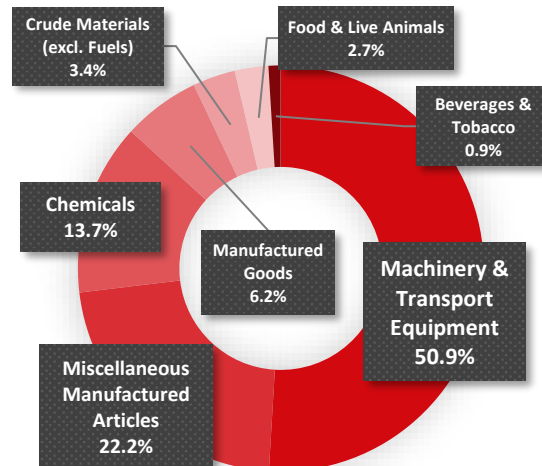
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ENGLAND – SOUTH WEST

Population: 5.85 million (2024)

Major Cities: Bristol, Plymouth, Bournemouth, Swindon, Gloucester

Major Exports: F&B, Machinery, Vehicles, Manufactured Goods

China Exports: £1.7 billion (+3.5%)

Regional GDP: £205.6 billion (2024)

Counties: Bristol, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Devon, Somerset, Dorset (+1)

Top Export Markets: 1. US 2. Germany 3. France 4. China 5. Netherlands

China Imports: £3.3 billion (-0.3%)



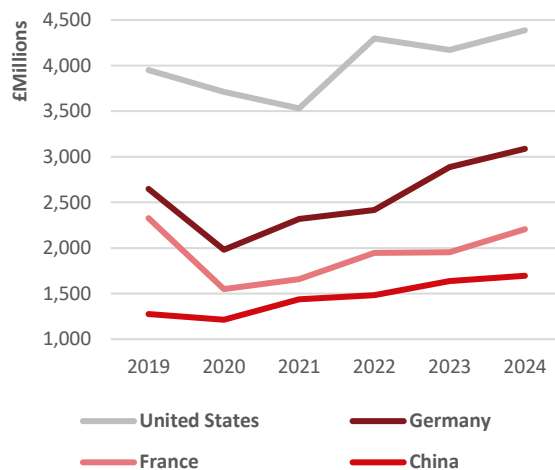
Trade Insights

- The South West's China exports rose **3.5%** to **£1.7 billion** in 2024, marking **four** years of growth.
- China accounted for **0.82%** of this region's GDP, the **third-highest** share among UK regions.
- Since 2019, this region has seen the UK's **third-fastest** export growth to China — up **32.9%**.
- The South West was the UK's **top** exporter of 'other transport equipment' – including aircraft parts, engines, naval vessels and luxury yachts – in 2024, and **led** in exports of scientific and precision instruments such as avionics, radar systems, and high-end measurement devices.
- Strong growth was also recorded in travel goods, which rose **383%** to **£18.7 million**, and paper and paperboard products, up **115%** to **£5.5 million**.

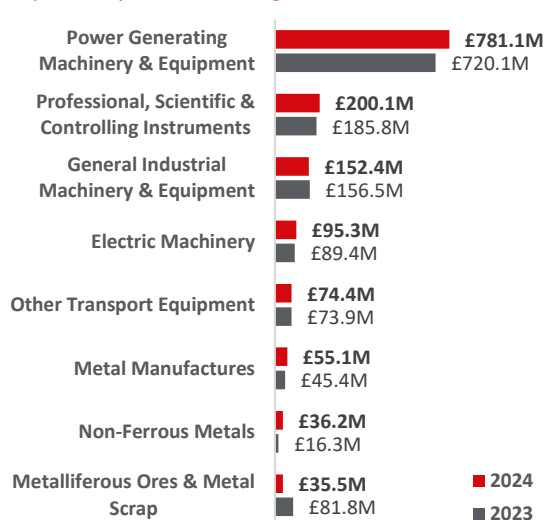
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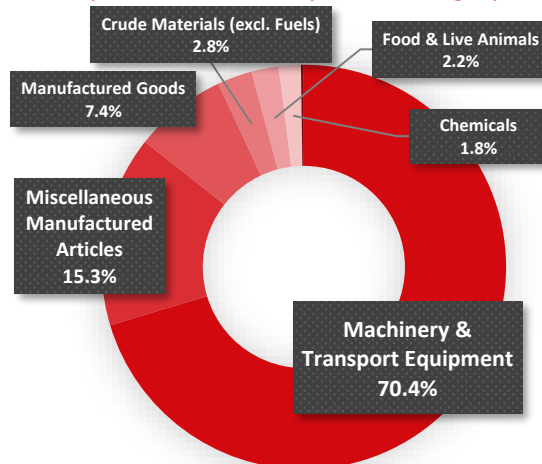
Goods Exports to Top Partners and China



Top 10 Export Subcategories to China in 23/24 (£M)



Export Distribution by Main Category 2024



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ENGLAND – LONDON

Population: 8.98 million (2024)

Major Exports: Manufactured Articles, Vehicles, Fuels, Chemicals

China Exports: £3 billion (-4.8%)

Regional GDP: £614.8 billion (2024)

Top Export Markets: 1. US 2. Netherlands 3. China 4. Germany

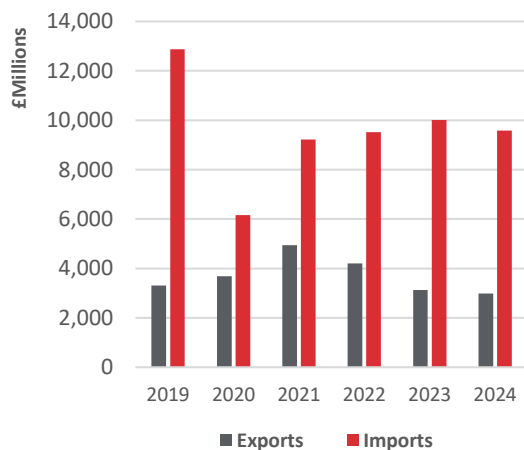
China Imports: £9.6 billion (-4.3%)



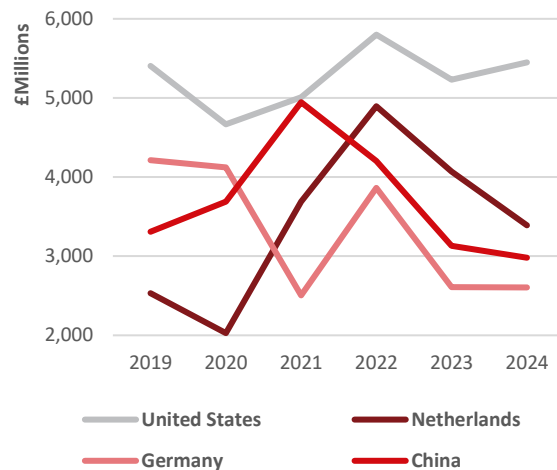
Trade Insights

- London's exports to China fell **4.8%** to **£3 billion** in 2024 – a much smaller drop than the **25.5%** decline recorded the previous year.
- Top** export 'miscellaneous manufactured articles' – including high-end designer goods, luxury cosmetics, and bespoke items – fell **13%** amidst subdued consumer sentiment in China.
- London was the **only** UK region where China ranked as the **third-largest** export market – and the **only** one with apparel and optical goods among its top eight exports to China.
- London's high petroleum export figures are best understood as reflecting the **presence** of major energy firms headquartered in the capital, rather than physical activity.

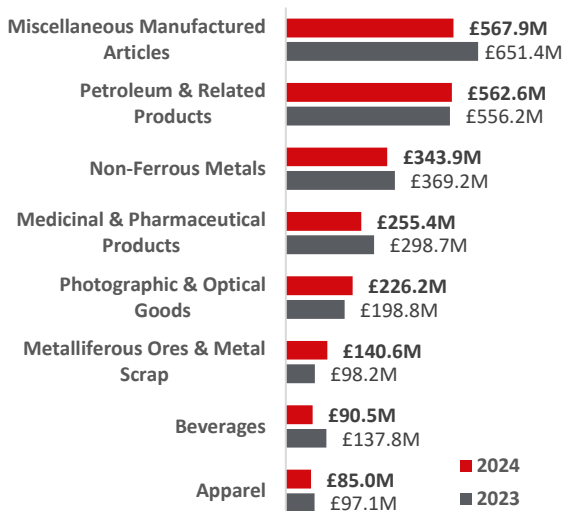
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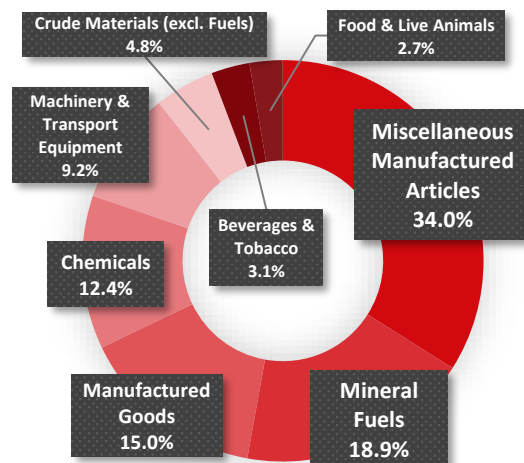
Regional Exports to Top Partners and China



Top 8 Export Subcategories to China 23/24 (£M)



Export Distribution by Main Category 2024



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NORTHERN IRELAND

Population: 1.93 million (2024)

Major Cities: Belfast, Londonderry, Lisburn, Newry

Major Exports: F&B, Machinery, Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals, Textiles

China Exports: £145 million (-14.7%)

Regional GDP: £63.8 billion (2024)

Counties: Antrim, Down, Londonderry, Armagh, Tyrone, Fermanagh

Top Export Markets: 1. Ireland 2. US 3. Canada 4. Germany 5. France

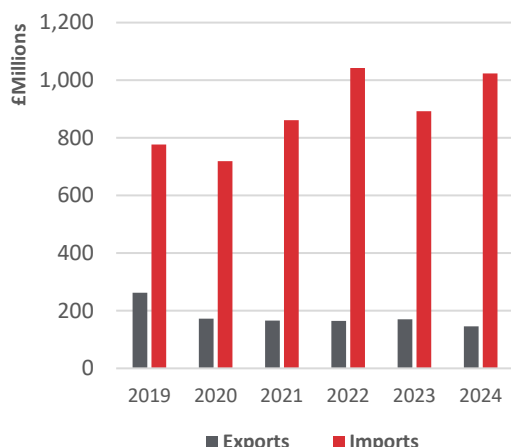
China Imports: £1 billion (+14.67%)



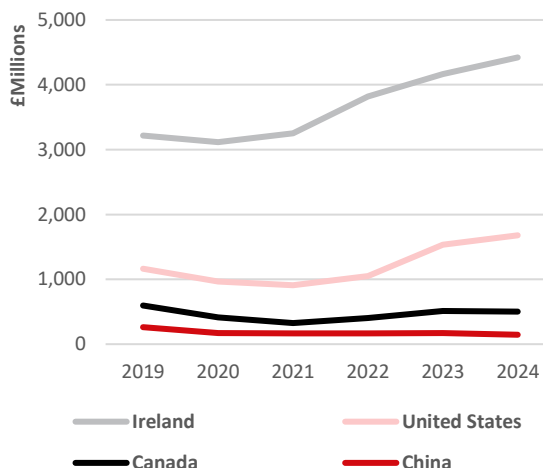
Trade Insights

- Northern Ireland's exports to China fell **14.7%** to **£145 million** in 2024, maintaining its status as the UK's **smallest** exporter to the country.
- Export levels remained **44.6%** below their 2019 peak of **£262.1 million**, when petroleum products and road vehicles dominated trade.
- Medicinal and pharmaceutical products rose **10%** to **£32 million** – reflecting Northern Ireland's **strengths** in pharmaceutical manufacturing, a growing biotech sector, and a strong R&D base anchored by institutions such as Queen's University Belfast.
- Furniture exports halved to **£13.3 million** amidst weaker discretionary spending in China, though Northern Ireland remained the UK's **top** exporter in this category.

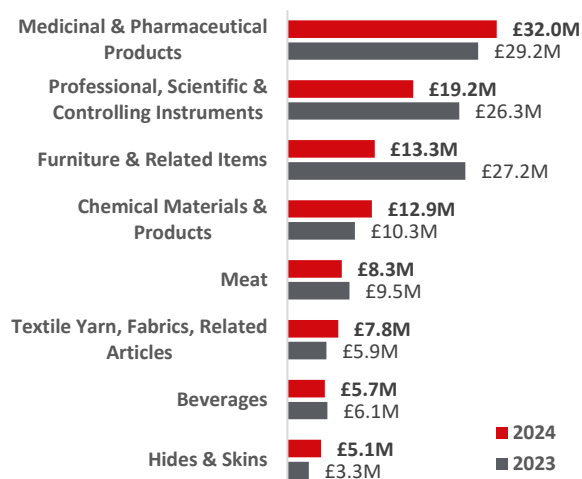
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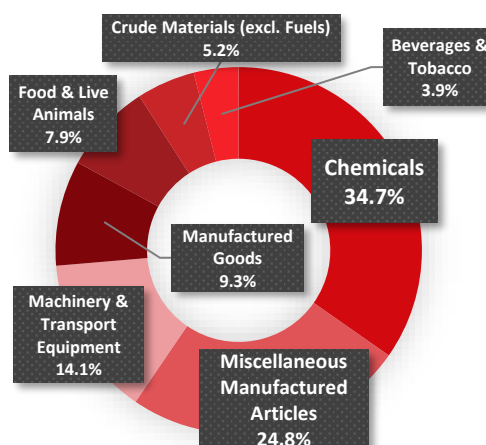
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Top 8 Export Subcategories to China 23/24 (£M)



Export Distribution by Main Category 2024



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UK – ALL REGIONS

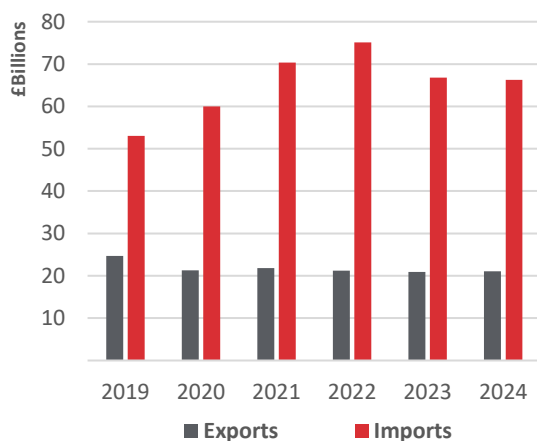
Population: 69.1 million (2023)	GDP: £2.56 trillion (2024)
Major Cities: London, Edinburgh, Cardiff, Belfast, Manchester, Birmingham, Glasgow, Liverpool, Leeds, Bristol, Newcastle, Sheffield, Nottingham, Southampton	
Major Exports: Machinery, Chemicals, Oils, Manufactured Goods, Food	Top Export Markets: 1. USA 2. Germany 3. Netherlands 4. Ireland 5. France
China Exports: £21.1 billion (+1.0%)	China Imports: £66.3 billion (-0.7%)



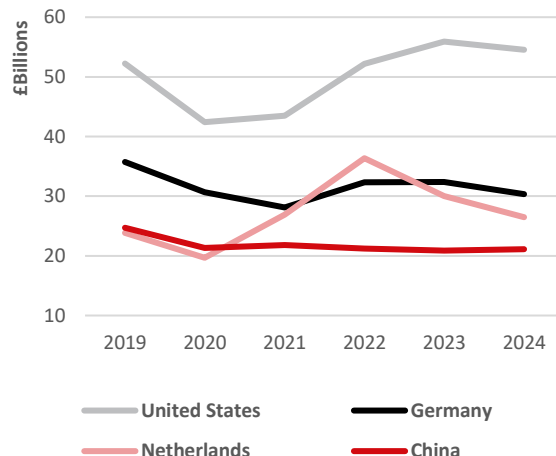
Trade Insights

- Goods exports to China grew by **1%** to **£21.1 billion** in 2024, making the country the UK's **sixth-largest** goods export market and defying the trend of **declining growth** among its top trading partners.
- Chinese imports to the UK fell **0.7%** to **£66.3 billion**, easing from last year's **11%** drop.
- The UK's **top** export to China, power generating machinery and equipment, grew by **6%** to **£4.7 billion**, generating an additional **£360 million** in value.
- The UK's former top export to China, road vehicles, fell by **9.4%** to **£3.5 billion**.

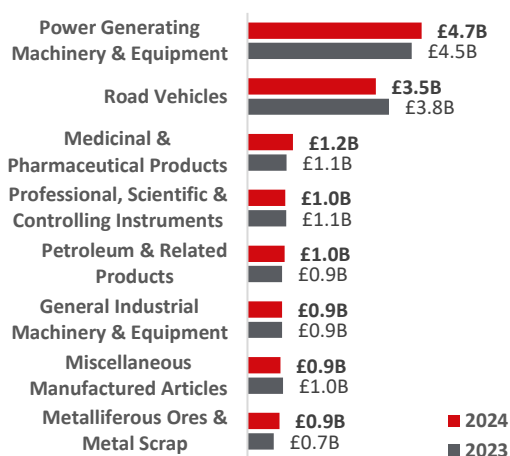
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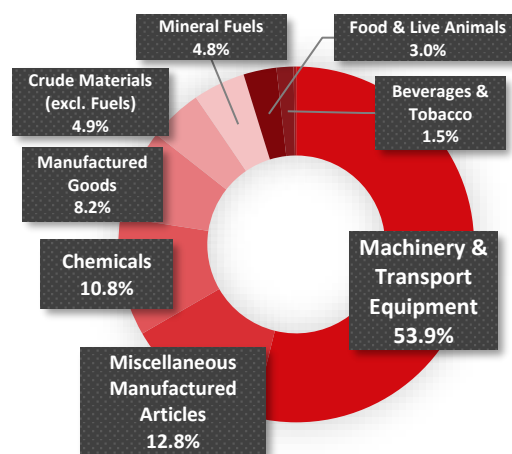
UK Goods Exports to Top Partners and China



Top 8 Export Subcategories to China 23/24 (£B)



Export Distribution by Main Category 2024



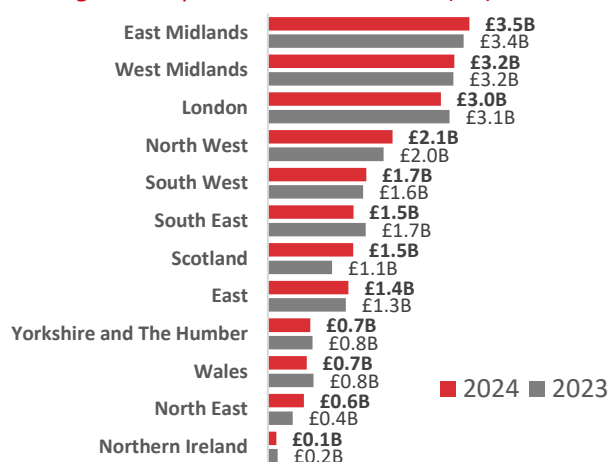
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UK – COMPARATIVE OVERVIEW

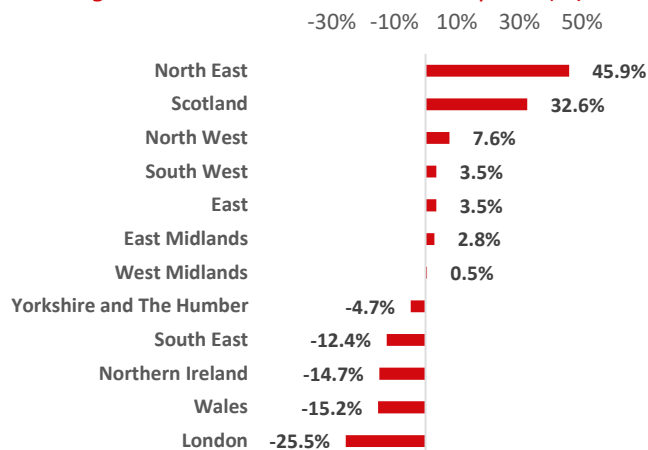
Comparative Regional Insights

- North East (**45.9%**), Scotland (**32.6%**), and North West (**7.6%**) saw the **fastest** exports.
- **Seven** out of 12 UK areas saw growth in 2024, up from **four** in 2023.
- The UK's **top** exporters were East Midlands (**£3.5b**), West Midlands (**£3.2b**), London (**£3.0b**).
- Out of UK regions, East Midlands was the **most** reliant on Hong Kong trade (**84%**) and Northern Ireland was the **most** reliant on trade with Mainland China (**86%**).
- **Only** the East Midlands ran a trade surplus with China. Northern Ireland ran the **largest** deficit.

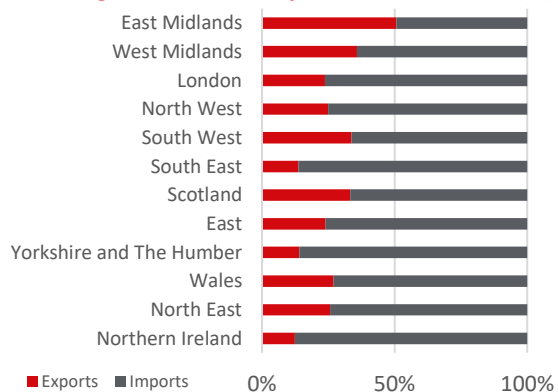
Regional Exports to China 2023-4 (£B)



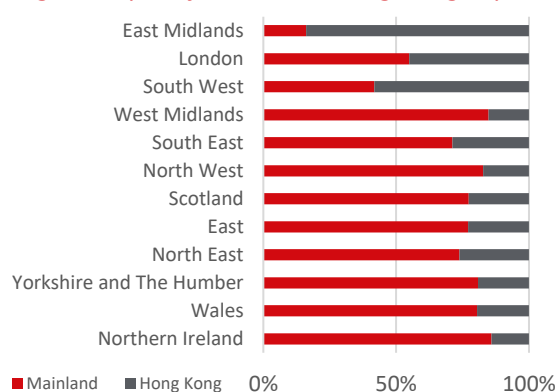
Regional Growth in China Goods Exports (%)



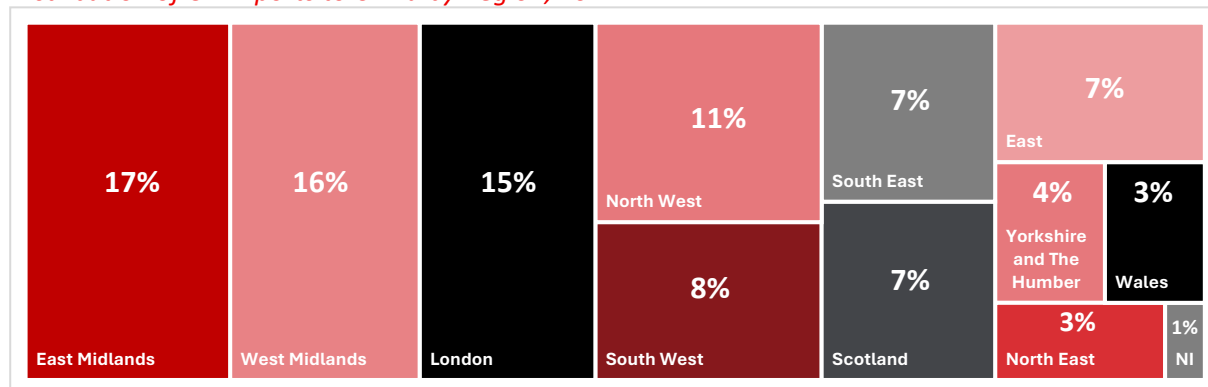
Regional Balance of Trade with China (%)



Regional Split of Mainland/Hong Kong Exports (%)



Distribution of UK Exports to China by Region, 2024



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APPENDIX I – COMPLETE GOODS EXPORT DATA

This appendix displays the goods exports of all 12 UK regions to China in 2023-4. Definitions for these items can be found in [this](#) report (PDF link).

SCOTLAND: Goods Exports to China in 2023-24

Rank	Product (SITC2)	Value in 2023 (£ 000's)	Value in 2024 (£ 000's)	YoY Change (%)
1	Petroleum & Related Products	89	407,515	457782%
2	Power Generating Machinery & Equipment	260,591	300,990	16%
3	Beverages	256,670	172,621	-33%
4	Fish & Seafood	32,887	75,282	129%
5	General Industrial Machinery & Equipment	68,386	66,500	-3%
6	Road Vehicles	96,715	58,349	-40%
7	Professional, Scientific & Controlling Instruments	59,642	56,029	-6%
8	Electric Machinery	53,655	52,867	-1%
9	Metalliferous Ores & Metal Scrap	27,965	43,324	55%
10	Metal Manufactures	28,169	29,997	6%
11	Chemical Materials & Products	39,357	25,182	-36%
12	Medicinal & Pharmaceutical Products	17,321	23,130	34%
13	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	13,678	16,148	18%
14	Telecomms, Sound Recording & Reproducing Appliances	13,853	16,141	17%
15	Non-Metallic Mineral Manufactures	13,714	13,523	-1%
16	Machinery Specialised for Particular Industries	11,127	10,497	-6%
17	Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Related Articles	8,915	10,072	13%
18	Other Transport Equipment	17,620	10,011	-43%
19	Non-Ferrous Metals	4,330	8,522	97%
20	Iron & Steel	8,063	7,121	-12%
21	Rubber Manufactures	6,495	6,889	6%
22	Meat	7,587	6,709	-12%
23	Photographic & Optical Goods	4,703	6,188	32%
24	Plastics in Non-Primary Forms	5,873	4,507	-23%
25	Organic Chemicals	3,086	4,298	39%
26	Apparel	4,803	3,850	-20%
27	Miscellaneous Edible Products	4,324	3,219	-26%
28	Office Machines	3,236	3,140	-3%
29	Essential Oils & Perfume Materials	2,225	2,785	25%
30	Cereals	3,267	2,778	-15%

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Rank	Product (SITC2)	Value in 2023 (£ 000's)	Value in 2024 (£ 000's)	YoY Change (%)
31	Leather, Leather Manufactures & Dressed Furskins	3,327	2,534	-24%
32	Hides & Skins	1,349	2,239	66%
33	Prefabricated Buildings	3,403	2,221	-35%
34	Dyeing, Tanning & Colouring Materials	2,340	2,203	-6%
35	Tavel Goods	665	1,787	169%
36	Footwear	565	1,755	211%
37	Paper, Paperboard & Related Manufactures	1,318	1,309	-1%
38	Crude Animal & Vegetable Materials	1,384	1,256	-9%
39	Vegetables & Fruit	1,129	1,184	5%
40	Dairy Products	633	1,152	82%
41	Plastics in Primary Forms	2,383	1,074	-55%
42	Crude Fertilizers & Crude Materials	330	864	162%
43	Textile Fibres	1,689	744	-56%
44	Furniture & Related Items	1,983	616	-69%
45	Metalworking Machinery	2,177	593	-73%
46	Cork & Wood Manufactures	991	429	-57%
47	Coffee, Tea, Spices	310	343	11%
48	Inorganic Chemicals	455	333	-27%
49	Crude Rubber	2,080	288	-86%
50	Sugar & Honey	168	94	-44%
51	Animal Feeding Stuff	28	82	193%
52	Tobacco	25	64	156%
53	Animal Oils & Fats	1	13	1200%
54	Fixed Animal Fats & Oils	83	10	-88%

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NORTH EAST: Goods Exports to China in 2023-2024

Rank	Product (SITC2)	Value in 2023 (£ 000's)	Value in 2024 (£ 000's)	YoY Change (%)
1	Power Generating Machinery & Equipment	125,347	156,567	25%
2	Non-Ferrous Metals	31,968	87,654	174%
3	Chemical Materials & Products	49,865	65,029	30%
4	General Industrial Machinery & Equipment	33,159	55,894	69%
5	Metalliferous Ores & Metal Scrap	29,785	32,282	8%
6	Electric Machinery	29,882	29,490	-1%
7	Medicinal & Pharmaceutical Products	11,416	27,142	138%
8	Metal Manufactures	17,615	25,798	46%
9	Organic Chemicals	7,037	24,124	243%
10	Dyeing, Tanning & Colouring Materials	10,857	20,865	92%
11	Professional, Scientific & Controlling Instruments	14,861	20,724	39%
12	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	10,854	9,064	-16%
13	Machinery Specialised for Particular Industries	5,161	8,544	66%
14	Apparel	7,755	8,149	5%
15	Inorganic Chemicals	969	6,395	560%
16	Essential Oils & Perfume Materials	1,914	5,348	179%
17	Iron & Steel	3,501	4,143	18%
18	Metalworking Machinery	2,524	3,895	54%
19	Non-Metallic Mineral Manufactures	2,313	3,512	52%
20	Rubber Manufactures	1,647	3,410	107%
21	Road Vehicles	5,022	3,397	-32%
22	Plastics in Non-Primary Forms	3,884	3,207	-17%
23	Plastics in Primary Forms	5,453	2,976	-45%
24	Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Related Articles	1,933	2,395	24%
25	Dairy Products	2,361	1,562	-34%
26	Cork & Wood	1,405	1,446	3%
27	Tavel Goods	444	1,272	186%
28	Miscellaneous Edible Products	795	1,262	59%
29	Telecomms, Sound Recording & Reproducing Appliances	947	880	-7%
30	Photographic & Optical Goods	622	745	20%

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Rank	Product (SITC2)	Value in 2023 (£ 000's)	Value in 2024 (£ 000's)	YoY Change (%)
31	Crude Animal & Vegetable Materials	117	437	274%
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33	Coffee, Tea, Spices	496	424	-15%
34	Paper, Paperboard & Related Manufactures	279	412	48%
35	Office Machines	346	394	14%
36	Other Transport Equipment	468	376	-20%
37	Cereals	319	322	1%
38	Crude Fertilizers & Crude Materials	107	226	111%
39	Vegetables & Fruit	120	176	47%
40	Beverages	124	153	23%
41	Prefabricated Buildings	147	126	-14%
42	Meat	99	117	18%
43	Sugar & Honey	213	106	-50%
44	Furniture & Related Items	70	76	9%
45	Textile Fibres	-	62	N/A
46	Fish & Seafood	43	53	23%
47	Tobacco	-	29	N/A

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NORTH WEST: Goods Exports to China in 2023-2024

Rank	Product (SITC2)	Value in 2023 (£ 000's)	Value in 2024 (£ 000's)	YoY Change (%)
1	Road Vehicles	791,470	791,123	0%
2	Medicinal & Pharmaceutical Products	150,933	185,815	23%
3	Metalliferous Ores & Metal Scrap	102,059	147,000	44%
4	Power Generating Machinery & Equipment	88,417	139,257	58%
5	Electric Machinery	128,205	119,861	-7%
6	General Industrial Machinery & Equipment	69,843	84,757	21%
7	Miscellaneous Edible Products	70,500	80,449	14%
8	Professional, Scientific & Controlling Instruments	97,822	79,305	-19%
9	Machinery Specialised for Particular Industries	19,333	74,207	284%
10	Chemical Materials & Products	54,735	52,550	-4%
11	Plastics in Primary Forms	49,765	49,306	-1%
12	Telecomms, Sound Recording & Reproducing Appliances	39,357	40,895	4%
13	Metal Manufactures	26,910	28,471	6%
14	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	21,976	28,276	29%
15	Organic Chemicals	11,264	20,583	83%
16	Plastics in Non-Primary Forms	25,565	19,024	-26%
17	Meat	19,719	18,972	-4%
18	Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Related Articles	19,335	18,244	-6%
19	Office Machines	19,381	17,555	-9%
20	Photographic & Optical Goods	15,064	17,538	16%
21	Essential Oils & Perfume Materials	15,901	14,047	-12%
22	Non-Metallic Mineral Manufactures	12,800	13,985	9%
23	Dyeing, Tanning & Colouring Materials	9,672	12,382	28%
24	Rubber Manufactures	14,232	10,775	-24%
25	Inorganic Chemicals	13,265	8,413	-37%
26	Paper, Paperboard & Related Manufactures	11,886	8,398	-29%
27	Non-Ferrous Metals	31,873	7,426	-77%
28	Coffee, Tea, Spices	5,140	5,627	9%
29	Apparel	6,334	5,293	-16%
30	Cereals	7,179	5,036	-30%
31	Tavel Goods	5,438	4,626	-15%
32	Beverages	5,637	4,460	-21%
33	Hides & Skins	2,811	4,094	46%
34	Footwear	2,508	3,879	55%
35	Fish & Seafood	7,390	3,755	-49%
36	Metalworking Machinery	1,800	3,691	105%

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Rank	Product (SITC2)	Value in 2023 (£ 000's)	Value in 2024 (£ 000's)	YoY Change (%)
37	Other Transport Equipment	2,278	3,103	36%
38	Petroleum & Related Products	3,286	2,842	-14%
39	Iron & Steel	2,686	1,626	-39%
40	Furniture & Related Items	1,786	1,453	-19%
41	Prefabricated Buildings	695	1,310	88%
42	Animal Feeding Stuff	1,214	1,259	4%
43	Dairy Products	1,050	1,208	15%
44	Vegetables & Fruit	763	1,193	56%
45	Crude Fertilizers & Crude Materials	1,177	910	-23%
46	Textile Fibres	221	666	201%
47	Tobacco	235	584	149%
48	Crude Rubber	63	281	346%
49	Sugar & Honey	537	245	-54%
50	Cork & Wood	165	216	31%
51	Fixed Animal Fats & Oils	482	181	-62%
52	Cork & Wood Manufactures	333	174	-48%
53	Leather, Leather Manufactures & Dressed Furskins	80	123	54%
54	Crude Animal & Vegetable Materials	1,824	68	-96%
55	Crude Animal & Vegetable Materials	1,824	68	-96%
56	Coin	9	57	533%
57	Coal, Coke & Briquettes	-	42	N/A
58	Fertilizers	-	35	N/A

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Rank	Product (SITC2)	Value in 2023 (£ 000's)	Value in 2024 (£ 000's)	YoY Change (%)
1	Power Generating Machinery & Equipment	91,008	94,458	4%
2	Textile Fibres	88,978	83,497	-6%
3	Meat	52,572	47,023	-11%
4	Metalliferous Ores & Metal Scrap	43,667	45,689	5%
5	General Industrial Machinery & Equipment	56,987	44,669	-22%
6	Professional, Scientific & Controlling Instruments	36,931	36,333	-2%
7	Electric Machinery	39,615	33,296	-16%
8	Petroleum & Related Products	55,310	27,531	-50%
9	Metal Manufactures	30,448	24,216	-20%
10	Machinery Specialised for Particular Industries	21,974	23,306	6%
11	Non-Ferrous Metals	20,532	21,634	5%
12	Plastics in Non-Primary Forms	17,579	21,032	20%
13	Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Related Articles	23,692	20,899	-12%
14	Telecomms, Sound Recording & Reproducing Appliances	17,768	18,364	3%
15	Medicinal & Pharmaceutical Products	15,199	18,283	20%
16	Rubber Manufactures	7,255	18,278	152%
17	Iron & Steel	31,832	17,256	-46%
18	Metalworking Machinery	10,446	16,930	62%
19	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	15,916	14,910	-6%
20	Road Vehicles	5,629	13,518	140%
21	Dyeing, Tanning & Colouring Materials	5,232	9,394	80%
22	Office Machines	4,604	7,986	73%
23	Plastics in Primary Forms	10,508	7,349	-30%
24	Apparel	5,522	6,915	25%
25	Chemical Materials & Products	8,641	6,709	-22%
26	Essential Oils & Perfume Materials	7,222	6,208	-14%
27	Paper, Paperboard & Related Manufactures	4,395	4,711	7%
28	Photographic & Optical Goods	3,303	4,513	37%
29	Organic Chemicals	3,884	4,489	16%
30	Hides & Skins	4,172	4,465	7%
31	Non-Metallic Mineral Manufactures	3,080	3,461	12%
32	Fertilizers	2,790	3,145	13%
33	Fish & Seafood	1,387	2,390	72%

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Rank	Product (SITC2)	Value in 2023 (£ 000's)	Value in 2024 (£ 000's)	YoY Change (%)
34	Miscellaneous Edible Products	1,791	2,218	24%
35	Other Transport Equipment	2,405	2,052	-15%
36	Cereals	1,963	1,963	0%
37	Tavel Goods	3,071	1,895	-38%
38	Coffee, Tea, Spices	2,456	1,878	-24%
39	Crude Fertilizers & Crude Materials	1,074	1,511	41%
40	Inorganic Chemicals	1,190	1,258	6%
41	Dairy Products	249	1,066	328%
42	Prefabricated Buildings	656	994	52%
43	Beverages	1,120	888	-21%
44	Vegetables & Fruit	604	670	11%
45	Furniture & Related Items	807	598	-26%
46	Leather, Leather Manufactures & Dressed Furskins	471	525	11%
47	Sugar & Honey	657	462	-30%
48	Footwear	594	458	-23%
49	Crude Rubber	493	394	-20%
50	Animal Oils & Fats	189	282	49%
51	Animal Feeding Stuff	196	130	-34%
52	Cork & Wood Manufactures	106	126	19%
53	Coal, Coke & Briquettes	29	103	255%
54	Crude Animal & Vegetable Materials	141	65	-54%

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EAST MIDLANDS: Goods Exports to China in 2023-2024

Rank	Product (SITC2)	Value in 2023 (£ 000's)	Value in 2024 (£ 000's)	YoY Change (%)
1	Power Generating Machinery & Equipment	2,585,855	2,620,753	1%
2	General Industrial Machinery & Equipment	208,255	221,604	6%
3	Metal Manufactures	129,854	146,241	13%
4	Professional, Scientific & Controlling Instruments	82,324	85,380	4%
5	Metalliferous Ores & Metal Scrap	35,981	78,138	117%
6	Electric Machinery	87,658	72,414	-17%
7	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	31,569	35,230	12%
8	Plastics in Non-Primary Forms	22,358	19,499	-13%
9	Non-Metallic Mineral Manufactures	14,000	18,082	29%
10	Photographic & Optical Goods	5,470	14,848	171%
11	Meat	12,368	12,554	2%
12	Non-Ferrous Metals	11,199	10,685	-5%
13	Iron & Steel	7,466	10,474	40%
14	Road Vehicles	10,287	10,424	1%
15	Dyeing, Tanning & Colouring Materials	9,976	10,170	2%
16	Dyeing, Tanning & Colouring Materials	9,976	10,170	2%
17	Plastics in Primary Forms	8,735	8,662	-1%
18	Rubber Manufactures	6,354	8,508	34%
19	Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Related Articles	7,784	7,489	-4%
20	Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Related Articles	7,784	7,489	-4%
21	Office Machines	4,427	6,612	49%
22	Chemical Materials & Products	5,421	5,958	10%
23	Essential Oils & Perfume Materials	6,861	5,726	-17%
24	Medicinal & Pharmaceutical Products	5,475	4,476	-18%
25	Apparel	4,813	4,190	-13%
26	Other Transport Equipment	3,903	3,886	0%
27	Metalworking Machinery	13,292	2,995	-77%
28	Footwear	3,104	2,857	-8%
29	Cereals	3,210	2,693	-16%
30	Paper, Paperboard & Related Manufactures	2,329	2,610	12%
31	Miscellaneous Edible Products	2,047	2,426	19%
32	Furniture & Related Items	3,427	2,373	-31%
33	Beverages	3,551	2,114	-40%
34	Organic Chemicals	1,218	1,948	60%
35	Vegetables & Fruit	2,067	1,773	-14%
36	Fixed Animal Fats & Oils	1,139	1,632	43%
37	Tavel Goods	3,088	1,346	-56%

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Rank	Product (SITC2)	Value in 2023 (£ 000's)	Value in 2024 (£ 000's)	YoY Change (%)
38	Crude Fertilizers & Crude Materials	493	978	98%
39	Cork & Wood	929	967	4%
40	Sugar & Honey	657	883	34%
41	Coffee, Tea, Spices	1,326	834	-37%
42	Fertilizers	1,010	812	-20%
43	Inorganic Chemicals	1,361	739	-46%
44	Hides & Skins	171	474	177%
45	Animal Feeding Stuff	825	428	-48%
46	Live Animals	1	285	28400%
47	Prefabricated Buildings	421	228	-46%
48	Petroleum & Related Products	205	209	2%
49	Dairy Products	117	154	32%
50	Fish & Seafood	100	122	22%
51	Leather, Leather Manufactures & Dressed Furskins	163	120	-26%
52	Cork & Wood Manufactures	243	101	-58%
53	Crude Animal & Vegetable Materials	33	82	148%
54	Textile Fibres	40	48	20%
55	Natural & Manufactured Gas	-	24	N/A
56	Crude Rubber	121	15	-88%
57	Animal Oils & Fats	236	10	-96%

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WEST MIDLANDS: Goods Exports to China in 2022-202

Rank	Product (SITC2)	Value in 2023 (£ 000's)	Value in 2024 (£ 000's)	YoY Change (%)
1	Road Vehicles	2,186,113	2,151,643	-2%
2	Power Generating Machinery & Equipment	210,483	286,991	36%
3	Metalliferous Ores & Metal Scrap	147,554	159,496	8%
4	General Industrial Machinery & Equipment	110,389	113,617	3%
5	Electric Machinery	66,720	75,201	13%
6	Telecomms, Sound Recording & Reproducing Appliances	70,890	67,657	-5%
7	Professional, Scientific & Controlling Instruments	95,955	65,298	-32%
8	Non-Ferrous Metals	52,112	60,557	16%
9	Metal Manufactures	40,574	38,881	-4%
10	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	24,749	25,780	4%
11	Non-Metallic Mineral Manufactures	12,641	18,455	46%
12	Other Transport Equipment	18,198	12,873	-29%
13	Office Machines	10,501	11,643	11%
14	Chemical Materials & Products	8,787	11,460	30%
15	Rubber Manufactures	12,048	10,964	-9%
16	Dyeing, Tanning & Colouring Materials	12,254	9,886	-19%
17	Machinery Specialised for Particular Industries	15,541	9,631	-38%
18	Miscellaneous Edible Products	8,881	8,180	-8%
19	Iron & Steel	12,189	7,097	-42%
20	Essential Oils & Perfume Materials	4,377	6,284	44%
21	Plastics in Non-Primary Forms	5,429	6,027	11%
22	Hides & Skins	5,120	5,974	17%
23	Plastics in Primary Forms	6,952	5,228	-25%
24	Organic Chemicals	4,708	4,024	-15%
25	Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Related Articles	3,887	3,929	1%
26	Photographic & Optical Goods	5,090	3,927	-23%
27	Paper, Paperboard & Related Manufactures	1,682	3,746	123%
28	Inorganic Chemicals	7,159	3,500	-51%
29	Medicinal & Pharmaceutical Products	4,874	3,115	-36%
30	Dairy Products	646	2,757	327%
31	Beverages	2,493	2,755	11%
32	Tavel Goods	4,097	2,589	-37%
33	Meat	7,173	2,527	-65%
34	Apparel	4,288	2,039	-52%
35	Prefabricated Buildings	1,423	1,374	-3%

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Rank	Product (SITC2)	Value in 2023 (£ 000's)	Value in 2024 (£ 000's)	YoY Change (%)
36	Furniture & Related Items	1,394	1,365	-2%
37	Coffee, Tea, Spices	1,062	1,346	27%
38	Petroleum & Related Products	824	1,267	54%
39	Crude Fertilizers & Crude Materials	1,171	1,266	8%
40	Cereals	1,190	615	-48%
41	Footwear	746	475	-36%
42	Metalworking Machinery	1,292	388	-70%
43	Animal Feeding Stuff	990	310	-69%
44	Leather, Leather Manufactures & Dressed Furskins	516	258	-50%
45	Vegetables & Fruit	125	241	93%
46	Crude Animal & Vegetable Materials	114	233	104%
47	Sugar & Honey	99	203	105%
48	Cork & Wood Manufactures	142	183	29%
49	Fish & Seafood	233	177	-24%
50	Cork & Wood	268	132	-51%
51	Animal Oils & Fats	27	99	267%
52	Live Animals	-	73	N/A
53	Fixed Animal Fats & Oils	28	50	79%
54	Animal or Vegetable Fats	47	36	-23%
55	Fertilizers	4	35	775%
56	Crude Rubber	201	31	-85%
57	Textile Fibres	167	17	-90%
58	Coal, Coke & Briquettes	4	15	275%

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WALES: Goods Exports to China in 2023-2024

Rank	Product (SITC2)	Value in 2023 (£ 000's)	Value in 2024 (£ 000's)	YoY Change (%)
1	Machinery Specialised for Particular Industries	158,831	116,674	-27%
2	Power Generating Machinery & Equipment	153,539	113,350	-26%
3	Other Transport Equipment	62,392	74,312	19%
4	Professional, Scientific & Controlling Instruments	69,213	67,385	-3%
5	Non-Ferrous Metals	94,481	62,477	-34%
6	Electric Machinery	39,548	39,084	-1%
7	Metalliferous Ores & Metal Scrap	22,006	27,969	27%
8	Metal Manufactures	18,379	21,825	19%
9	Chemical Materials & Products	30,086	19,516	-35%
10	Organic Chemicals	15,303	15,326	0%
11	Medicinal & Pharmaceutical Products	8,289	14,581	76%
12	Road Vehicles	13,595	12,729	-6%
13	Plastics in Non-Primary Forms	10,456	10,913	4%
14	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	10,751	9,735	-9%
15	General Industrial Machinery & Equipment	15,918	9,215	-42%
16	Hides & Skins	4,895	8,271	69%
17	Miscellaneous Edible Products	5,210	7,090	36%
18	Plastics in Primary Forms	6,877	6,323	-8%
19	Iron & Steel	2,359	5,369	128%
20	Telecomms, Sound Recording & Reproducing Appliances	3,850	5,094	32%
21	Non-Metallic Mineral Manufactures	2,841	4,039	42%
22	Furniture & Related Items	13,283	3,081	-77%
23	Fish & Seafood	2,007	2,895	44%
24	Photographic & Optical Goods	2,234	2,769	24%
25	Tavel Goods	2,869	2,211	-23%
26	Rubber Manufactures	1,987	2,149	8%
27	Office Machines	1,513	1,840	22%
28	Beverages	3,160	1,574	-50%
29	Metalworking Machinery	2,292	1,021	-55%
30	Essential Oils & Perfume Materials	1,330	912	-31%
31	Apparel	811	711	-12%
32	Dyeing, Tanning & Colouring Materials	363	595	64%

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Rank	Product (SITC2)	Value in 2023 (£ 000's)	Value in 2024 (£ 000's)	YoY Change (%)
33	Paper, Paperboard & Related Manufactures	886	512	-42%
34	Animal Feeding Stuff	291	459	58%
35	Fertilizers	447	361	-19%
36	Cereals	314	327	4%
37	Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Related Articles	270	284	5%
38	Meat	308	253	-18%
39	Textile Fibres	224	245	9%
40	Inorganic Chemicals	804	237	-71%
41	Footwear	231	217	-6%
42	Vegetables & Fruit	151	210	39%
43	Dairy Products	180	184	2%
44	Coffee, Tea, Spices	159	178	12%
45	Petroleum & Related Products	2,715	167	-94%
46	Crude Animal & Vegetable Materials	54	87	61%
47	Cork & Wood Manufactures	51	83	63%
48	Prefabricated Buildings	28	41	46%
49	Sugar & Honey	33	37	12%
50	Crude Rubber	9	13	44%
51	Leather, Leather Manufactures & Dressed Furskins	7	9	29%
52	Animal Oils & Fats	1	7	600%
53	Fixed Animal Fats & Oils	-	4	N/A
54	Fixed Animal Fats & Oils	-	4	N/A
55	Tobacco	3	3	0%
56	Tobacco	3	3	0%

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EAST: Goods Exports to China in 2023-2024

Rank	Product (SITC2)	Value in 2023 (£ 000's)	Value in 2024 (£ 000's)	YoY Change (%)
1	Medicinal & Pharmaceutical Products	378,515	367,494	-3%
2	Professional, Scientific & Controlling Instruments	149,704	172,343	15%
3	Non-Ferrous Metals	85,555	106,722	25%
4	Electric Machinery	92,825	97,577	5%
5	Power Generating Machinery & Equipment	55,558	67,919	22%
6	Office Machines	59,000	67,348	14%
7	Metalliferous Ores & Metal Scrap	37,854	62,696	66%
8	General Industrial Machinery & Equipment	44,976	54,032	20%
9	Meat	59,185	49,894	-16%
10	Chemical Materials & Products	44,851	44,717	0%
11	Telecomms, Sound Recording & Reproducing Appliances	46,617	41,462	-11%
12	Machinery Specialised for Particular Industries	45,475	35,700	-21%
13	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	28,993	28,025	-3%
14	Plastics in Non-Primary Forms	17,227	22,227	29%
15	Photographic & Optical Goods	15,716	20,672	32%
16	Essential Oils & Perfume Materials	20,357	18,343	-10%
17	Live Animals	16,107	12,250	-24%
18	Metal Manufactures	13,111	11,280	-14%
19	Furniture & Related Items	16,037	9,406	-41%
20	Organic Chemicals	10,066	9,232	-8%
21	Other Transport Equipment	6,147	8,124	32%
22	Beverages	16,911	7,546	-55%
23	Road Vehicles	9,858	7,491	-24%
24	Plastics in Primary Forms	6,233	6,877	10%
25	Inorganic Chemicals	1,678	5,988	257%
26	Tavel Goods	4,428	4,608	4%
27	Apparel	4,542	4,373	-4%
28	Dyeing, Tanning & Colouring Materials	3,974	4,250	7%
29	Non-Metallic Mineral Manufactures	5,780	4,210	-27%
30	Metalworking Machinery	8,839	3,675	-58%
31	Crude Animal & Vegetable Materials	2,509	3,629	45%
32	Rubber Manufactures	3,399	3,286	-3%
33	Cereals	2,506	2,863	14%
34	Miscellaneous Edible Products	3,776	2,684	-29%
35	Iron & Steel	4,727	2,544	-46%
36	Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Related Articles	2,526	2,159	-15%

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Rank	Product (SITC2)	Value in 2023 (£ 000's)	Value in 2024 (£ 000's)	YoY Change (%)
37	Crude Rubber	2,817	1,944	-31%
38	Coffee, Tea, Spices	3,485	1,936	-44%
39	Paper, Paperboard & Related Manufactures	2,351	1,609	-32%
40	Crude Fertilizers & Crude Materials	983	1,338	36%
41	Prefabricated Buildings	990	1,234	25%
42	Vegetables & Fruit	1,474	1,116	-24%
43	Dairy Products	662	924	40%
44	Footwear	738	908	23%
45	Leather, Leather Manufactures & Dressed Furskins	441	837	90%
46	Animal Feeding Stuff	752	739	-2%
47	Sugar & Honey	732	629	-14%
48	Fertilizers	714	605	-15%
49	Fish & Seafood	283	512	81%
50	Hides & Skins	219	495	126%
51	Petroleum & Related Products	210	314	50%
52	Cork & Wood Manufactures	296	283	-4%
53	Special Transactions & Commodities	-	280	N/A
54	Textile Fibres	24	250	942%
55	Tobacco	70	182	160%
56	Animal Oils & Fats	53	45	-15%
57	Pulp & Waste Paper	75	28	-63%
58	Fixed Animal Fats & Oils	132	14	-89%

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SOUTH EAST: Goods Exports to China in 2023-2024

Rank	Product (SITC2)	Value in 2023 (£ 000's)	Value in 2024 (£ 000's)	YoY Change (%)
1	Road Vehicles	334,104	212,517	-36%
2	Professional, Scientific & Controlling Instruments	185,419	166,321	-10%
3	Electric Machinery	157,266	155,125	-1%
4	General Industrial Machinery & Equipment	141,937	103,102	-27%
5	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	82,544	88,755	8%
6	Power Generating Machinery & Equipment	77,531	65,063	-16%
7	Telecomms, Sound Recording & Reproducing Appliances	74,578	61,419	-18%
8	Medicinal & Pharmaceutical Products	85,581	56,010	-35%
9	Other Transport Equipment	46,677	53,609	15%
10	Machinery Specialised for Particular Industries	50,170	50,504	1%
11	Metalliferous Ores & Metal Scrap	40,849	46,078	13%
12	Photographic & Optical Goods	37,264	43,942	18%
13	Chemical Materials & Products	49,332	41,330	-16%
14	Office Machines	34,563	39,843	15%
15	Non-Ferrous Metals	22,476	37,130	65%
16	Essential Oils & Perfume Materials	41,166	35,784	-13%
17	Non-Metallic Mineral Manufactures	27,145	24,081	-11%
18	Miscellaneous Edible Products	12,187	22,900	88%
19	Plastics in Non-Primary Forms	16,985	21,707	28%
20	Dyeing, Tanning & Colouring Materials	12,816	16,314	27%
21	Inorganic Chemicals	15,394	14,659	-5%
22	Metal Manufactures	14,889	14,167	-5%
23	Beverages	18,997	13,578	-29%
24	Metalworking Machinery	6,259	10,357	65%
25	Tavel Goods	10,566	9,840	-7%
26	Apparel	12,421	9,789	-21%
27	Organic Chemicals	4,039	9,278	130%
28	Plastics in Primary Forms	5,754	6,071	6%
29	Iron & Steel	6,021	5,510	-8%
30	Footwear	9,444	4,221	-55%
31	Meat	3,611	3,827	6%
32	Rubber Manufactures	4,245	3,823	-10%
33	Dairy Products	15,015	3,317	-78%
34	Cereals	2,727	3,086	13%
35	Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Related Articles	2,744	3,036	11%
36	Furniture & Related Items	3,057	2,983	-2%

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Rank	Product (SITC2)	Value in 2023 (£ 000's)	Value in 2024 (£ 000's)	YoY Change (%)
37	Coffee, Tea, Spices	2,808	2,565	-9%
38	Paper, Paperboard & Related Manufactures	2,256	2,538	13%
39	Vegetables & Fruit	1,576	1,369	-13%
40	Animal Feeding Stuff	1,561	1,186	-24%
41	Crude Animal & Vegetable Materials	888	987	11%
42	Prefabricated Buildings	1,590	899	-43%
43	Cork & Wood	857	812	-5%
44	Fish & Seafood	777	804	3%
45	Fertilizers	817	723	-12%
46	Textile Fibres	134	692	416%
47	Crude Rubber	997	684	-31%
48	Petroleum & Related Products	1,094	638	-42%
49	Sugar & Honey	581	414	-29%
50	Leather, Leather Manufactures & Dressed Furskins	593	372	-37%
51	Crude Fertilizers & Crude Materials	329	363	10%
52	Hides & Skins	296	328	11%
53	Fixed Animal Fats & Oils	56	152	171%
54	Cork & Wood Manufactures	208	140	-33%
55	Pulp & Waste Paper	252	118	-53%
56	Tobacco	12	50	317%
57	Animal Oils & Fats	6	29	383%

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SOUTH WEST: Goods Exports to China in 2023-2024

Rank	Product (SITC2)	Value in 2023 (£ 000's)	Value in 2024 (£ 000's)	YoY Change (%)
1	Power Generating Machinery & Equipment	720,060	791,356	10%
2	Professional, Scientific & Controlling Instruments	185,773	199,048	7%
3	General Industrial Machinery & Equipment	156,492	152,421	-3%
4	Electric Machinery	89,362	95,330	7%
5	Other Transport Equipment	73,948	74,353	1%
6	Metal Manufactures	45,427	55,074	21%
7	Non-Ferrous Metals	16,276	36,177	122%
8	Metalliferous Ores & Metal Scrap	81,834	35,494	-57%
9	Road Vehicles	46,711	31,018	-34%
10	Machinery Specialised for Particular Industries	27,539	25,141	-9%
11	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	24,855	23,347	-6%
12	Tavel Goods	3,860	18,652	383%
13	Telecomms, Sound Recording & Reproducing Appliances	17,695	18,506	5%
14	Meat	11,808	15,943	35%
15	Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Related Articles	13,689	12,680	-7%
16	Rubber Manufactures	6,138	8,748	43%
17	Chemical Materials & Products	6,742	8,681	29%
18	Plastics in Non-Primary Forms	11,682	8,415	-28%
19	Crude Fertilizers & Crude Materials	6,988	8,414	20%
20	Furniture & Related Items	7,262	8,356	15%
21	Office Machines	10,606	8,072	-24%
22	Fish & Seafood	5,563	7,838	41%
23	Metalworking Machinery	6,408	6,932	8%
24	Paper, Paperboard & Related Manufactures	2,547	5,467	115%
25	Dairy Products	12,407	5,461	-56%
26	Photographic & Optical Goods	4,626	4,776	3%
27	Essential Oils & Perfume Materials	7,689	4,715	-39%
28	Non-Metallic Mineral Manufactures	3,543	4,686	32%
29	Miscellaneous Edible Products	2,644	3,991	51%
30	Beverages	3,218	3,671	14%
31	Medicinal & Pharmaceutical Products	2,821	2,778	-2%
32	Hides & Skins	2,063	2,751	33%
33	Iron & Steel	2,515	2,361	-6%
34	Plastics in Primary Forms	3,403	2,272	-33%

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Rank	Product (SITC2)	Value in 2023 (£ 000's)	Value in 2024 (£ 000's)	YoY Change (%)
35	Apparel	2,207	2,096	-5%
36	Inorganic Chemicals	572	1,539	169%
37	Footwear	1,197	1,191	-1%
38	Dyeing, Tanning & Colouring Materials	1,270	1,113	-12%
39	Coffee, Tea, Spices	631	1,095	74%
40	Animal Feeding Stuff	860	985	15%
41	Cereals	946	692	-27%
42	Organic Chemicals	2,310	542	-77%
43	Vegetables & Fruit	316	466	47%
44	Prefabricated Buildings	100	405	305%
45	Cork & Wood Manufactures	378	382	1%
46	Crude Animal & Vegetable Materials	299	300	0%
47	Leather, Leather Manufactures & Dressed Furskins	2,009	233	-88%
48	Textile Fibres	377	207	-45%
49	Crude Rubber	192	166	-14%
50	Petroleum & Related Products	180	113	-37%
51	Fertilizers	90	96	7%
52	Sugar & Honey	119	91	-24%
53	Cork & Wood	11	33	200%
54	Cork & Wood	11	33	200%
55	Live Animals	12	30	150%
56	Tobacco	-	18	N/A
57	Animal Oils & Fats	1	15	1400%
58	Fixed Animal Fats & Oils	41	14	-66%

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Rank	Product (SITC2)	Value in 2023 (£ 000's)	Value in 2024 (£ 000's)	YoY Change (%)
1	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	651,440	567,709	-13%
2	Petroleum & Related Products	556,204	562,567	1%
3	Non-Ferrous Metals	369,150	343,864	-7%
4	Medicinal & Pharmaceutical Products	298,668	255,356	-15%
5	Photographic & Optical Goods	198,813	226,217	14%
6	Metalliferous Ores & Metal Scrap	98,215	140,554	43%
7	Beverages	137,789	90,494	-34%
8	Apparel	97,058	85,030	-12%
9	Tavel Goods	109,898	83,967	-24%
10	Non-Metallic Mineral Manufactures	94,166	83,142	-12%
11	Power Generating Machinery & Equipment	59,403	68,173	15%
12	Essential Oils & Perfume Materials	67,160	59,006	-12%
13	Road Vehicles	41,675	58,942	41%
14	Miscellaneous Edible Products	62,117	57,989	-7%
15	Electric Machinery	34,422	38,559	12%
16	Plastics in Non-Primary Forms	29,417	29,702	1%
17	Telecomms, Sound Recording & Reproducing Appliances	34,307	28,868	-16%
18	Office Machines	25,392	26,985	6%
19	Other Transport Equipment	18,961	25,339	34%
20	Professional, Scientific & Controlling Instruments	21,486	25,232	17%
21	Footwear	19,973	17,333	-13%
22	General Industrial Machinery & Equipment	14,738	15,699	7%
23	Chemical Materials & Products	11,467	12,687	11%
24	Machinery Specialised for Particular Industries	7,771	9,304	20%
25	Metal Manufactures	12,025	9,066	-25%
26	Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Related Articles	7,588	6,097	-20%
27	Dairy Products	4,069	5,526	36%
28	Coffee, Tea, Spices	7,611	5,261	-31%
29	Inorganic Chemicals	3,740	5,025	34%
30	Cereals	4,537	4,405	-3%
31	Furniture & Related Items	3,831	3,936	3%
32	Dyeing, Tanning & Colouring Materials	3,564	3,004	-16%

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Rank	Product (SITC2)	Value in 2023 (£ 000's)	Value in 2024 (£ 000's)	YoY Change (%)
33	Paper, Paperboard & Related Manufactures	1,363	2,737	101%
34	Prefabricated Buildings	3,382	2,719	-20%
35	Plastics in Primary Forms	2,510	2,310	-8%
36	Meat	1,395	1,863	34%
37	Tobacco	728	1,740	139%
38	Vegetables & Fruit	817	1,591	95%
39	Textile Fibres	2,622	1,429	-45%
40	Rubber Manufactures	1,049	1,403	34%
41	Fish & Seafood	1,394	1,307	-6%
42	Metalworking Machinery	1,362	1,275	-6%
43	Organic Chemicals	1,952	1,270	-35%
44	Leather, Leather Manufactures & Dressed Furskins	1,210	1,016	-16%
45	Crude Fertilizers & Crude Materials	619	906	46%
46	Sugar & Honey	1,449	871	-40%
47	Cork & Wood Manufactures	677	639	-6%
48	Iron & Steel	643	511	-21%
49	Animal Feeding Stuff	700	495	-29%
50	Crude Animal & Vegetable Materials	320	381	19%
51	Crude Rubber	387	364	-6%
52	Fertilizers	14	174	1143%
53	Coin	81	145	79%
54	Fixed Animal Fats & Oils	99	83	-16%
55	Animal Oils & Fats	8	44	450%
56	Hides & Skins	158	41	-74%
57	Cork & Wood	44	37	-16%
58	Natural & Manufactured Gas	-	5	N/A

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NORTHERN IRELAND: Goods Exports to China in 2023-2024

Rank	Product (SITC2)	Value in 2023 (£ 000's)	Value in 2024 (£ 000's)	YoY Change (%)
1	Medicinal & Pharmaceutical Products	29,169	31,991	10%
2	Professional, Scientific & Controlling Instruments	26,256	19,198	-27%
3	Furniture & Related Items	27,200	13,325	-51%
4	Chemical Materials & Products	10,309	12,925	25%
5	Meat	9,477	8,316	-12%
6	Textile Yarn, Fabrics, Related Articles	5,947	7,753	30%
7	Beverages	6,097	5,730	-6%
8	Hides & Skins	3,281	5,136	57%
9	Telecomms, Sound Recording & Reproducing Appliances	12,089	4,478	-63%
10	Other Transport Equipment	4,434	4,100	-8%
11	Paper, Paperboard & Related Manufactures	3,075	2,796	-9%
12	Power Generating Machinery & Equipment	1,502	2,681	78%
13	Plastics in Primary Forms	472	2,658	463%
14	General Industrial Machinery & Equipment	2,537	2,506	-1%
15	Metalliferous Ores & Metal Scrap	2,250	2,260	0%
16	Electric Machinery	2,509	2,256	-10%
17	Machinery Specialised for Particular Industries	4,621	1,987	-57%
18	Road Vehicles	1,271	1,922	51%
19	Metal Manufactures	3,996	1,885	-53%
20	Photographic & Optical Goods	1,130	1,575	39%
21	Organic Chemicals	785	1,441	84%
22	Miscellaneous Manufactured Articles	1,352	1,371	1%
23	Miscellaneous Edible Products	1,162	1,223	5%
24	Dairy Products	994	829	-17%
25	Inorganic Chemicals	492	731	49%
26	Cereals	995	665	-33%
27	Office Machines	2,438	590	-76%
28	Non-Ferrous Metals	240	519	116%
29	Plastics in Non-Primary Forms	460	364	-21%
30	Essential Oils & Perfume Materials	277	312	13%
31	Apparel	277	261	-6%
32	Fish & Seafood	50	226	352%
33	Rubber Manufactures	121	221	83%
34	Iron & Steel	97	162	67%
35	Tavel Goods	49	150	206%
36	Non-Metallic Mineral Manufactures	287	139	-52%

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Rank	Product (SITC2)	Value in 2023 (£ 000's)	Value in 2024 (£ 000's)	YoY Change (%)
37	Vegetables & Fruit	84	131	56%
38	Coffee, Tea, Spices	90	100	11%
39	Crude Animal & Vegetable Materials	81	80	-1%
40	Prefabricated Buildings	118	77	-35%
41	Footwear	1,333	68	-95%
42	Sugar & Honey	56	33	-41%
43	Metalworking Machinery	6	32	433%
44	Dyeing, Tanning & Colouring Materials	26	30	15%
45	Animal Feeding Stuff	26	28	8%
46	Crude Fertilizers & Crude Materials	571	17	-97%
47	Cork & Wood Manufactures	55	9	-84%
48	Animal Oils & Fats	-	6	N/A
49	Fixed Animal Fats & Oils	-	4	N/A
50	Petroleum & Related Products	-	2	N/A
51	Leather, Leather Manufactures & Dressed Furskins	68	1	-99%