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International Merchandise Trade

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KINGSTON, May 27, 2026: Jamaica's total spending on imports for January 2026 was valued at US\$573.1 million, representing an 11.5 per cent decline when compared to the US\$647.6 million recorded in January 2025. The decrease was mainly driven by lower imports of **Raw Materials/Intermediate Goods** (-12.3%), **Consumer Goods** (-10.9 %) and **Fuels and Lubricants** (-30.7 %).

Earnings from total exports for January 2026 were valued at US\$114.8 million, representing a 14.4 per cent decline compared to the US\$134.1 million earned in January 2025. This was driven by a 34.9 per cent fall in the value of **Crude Materials (Excl. Fuels)**.

MAIN TRADING PARTNERS

The five main trading partners for the period were the United States of America (USA), China, Brazil, Japan, Trinidad and Tobago and Germany. Expenditure on imports of goods from these countries amounted to US\$379.0 million, a 0.3 per cent increase when compared to US\$378.0 million spent in 2025.

The top five destinations for Jamaica's exports were the USA, the Russian Federation, Trinidad and Tobago, Cayman Islands and Singapore. Revenue from export to these countries declined by 3.1 per cent to US\$94.2 million in January 2026.

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