



BANGLADESH-NETHERLANDS BILATERAL TRADE & INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

ECONOMIC INDICATORS: BANGLADESH AND NETHERLANDS

Economic Indicators	Bangladesh	
GDP	USD 450.46 billion	USD 1.23 trillion
GDP Per Capita	USD 2,625	USD 68,218.7
Total Goods Export	USD 44.47 billion	USD 966.71 billion
Total Goods Import	USD 63.23 billion	USD 898.31 billion
Total Service Export	USD 6.64 billion	USD 335.96 billion
Total Service Import	USD 9.69 billion	USD 304.71 billion
Global Outbound Investment	USD 30 million	USD 54.73 billion
Sectoral Composition of GDP	Service (51.04%), Industry (37.95%), Agriculture (11.02%)	Service (70.3%), Industry (17.9%), Manufacturing (10.4%), Agriculture (1.7%)
Key Export Destinations	USA, Germany, UK, Spain, France, Netherlands, Poland, Italy, India, Canada, etc.	USA, Germany, China, France, Belgium, UK, Italy, Spain, Poland, Sweden, South Korea, Denmark etc.
Key Import Sources	China, India, Indonesia, Brazil, Malaysia, USA, Singapore, Qatar, Japan, Saudi Arabia, etc.	China, USA, Germany, France, Norway, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, Ireland, Poland, Belgium etc.
Top Export Items (Merchandise)	Knitwear, Woven Garments, Leather & Leather Products, Agriculture Products, Jute & Jute Goods, Home Textiles, Engineering Products, Footwear, Frozen & Live Fish, Chemical Products, Plastic Products, etc.	Machinery and mechanical appliances, Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products, Electrical machinery and equipment, pharmaceutical products, Plastics, Organic chemicals, Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey etc.
Top Import Items (Merchandise)	Mineral Fuels & Oils, Cotton, Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances, Iron and Steel, Electrical machinery and equipment, Plastics and articles, Animal or vegetable fats and oils, Cereals, Fertilizers, etc.	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products, machinery and mechanical appliances, Electrical machinery and equipment, Optical, photographic, cinematographic, Vehicles other than railway rolling stock, pharmaceutical products etc.
Export Structure	Manufactures (95.6%), Agricultural products (3.6%), Fuels and mining products (0.6%)	Manufactures (68.3%), Fuels and mining products (16.1%), Agricultural products (15.4%)
Import Structure	Manufactures (64%), Agricultural products (19.7%), Fuels and mining products (15.5%)	Manufactures (68.4%), Fuels and mining products (19.4%), Agricultural products (12%)

Source: BBS-FY 2023-24, EPB-FY 2023-24, BB-FY 2023-24, UNCTAD – 2024, WB-2024, WTO – 2022, ITC-2024

BANGLADESH & NETHERLANDS BILATERAL TRADE SNAPSHOT

(Figure in Million USD)

FY (July-June)	Export	Import	Trade Balance	Total Trade
2021-2022	1775.01	253.002	(+) 1522.00	2028.01
2022-2023	2089.66	214.68	(+) 1874.99	2304.34
2023-2024	1934.14	200.31	(+) 1733.83	2134.44

CY (Jan-Dec)	Export	Import	Total Trade
2022	2019.86	526.86	2546.72
2023	1617.84	311.16	1929.01
2024	1865.82	228.51	2094.33

Source: EPB, BB & ITC

KEY EXPORT AND IMPORT ITEMS BETWEEN BANGLADESH AND NETHERLANDS

Sl. No	Major Export Items from BD to Netherlands	USD Mn	Major Import Items from Netherlands to BD	USD Mn
1.	610910: T-shirts, singlets and other vests, of cotton, knitted or crocheted	288.60	150000 Base Metals & Articles of Base Metal	102.07
2.	620342: Men's or boys' trousers, breeches, of cotton	243.25	060000 Products of the Chemical or Allied Industries	23.13
3.	611020: Jerseys, pullovers, of cotton, knitted or crocheted	126.24	160000 Machinery and mechanical appliances; electrical equipment; parts thereof;	22.60
4.	620462: Women's or girls' trousers, breeches, of cotton	86.68	040000 Prepared foodstuffs; Beverages, Spirits and vinegar; Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes	13.79
5.	611030: Jerseys, pullovers, of man-made fibers, knitted or crocheted	85.44	030000 Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable waxes	9.33
6.	610711: Men's or boys' underpants and briefs of cotton, knitted or crocheted	79.79	020000 Vegetable Products	7.93
7.	620520: Men's or boys' shirts of cotton	68.68	180000 Optical, Photographic, Cinematographic, Measuring, Checking; Parts and Accessories	6.49
8.	621210: Brassieres	49.62	010000 Live Animals and Animal Products	6.23
9.	610462: Women's or girls' trousers, of cotton, knitted or crocheted	44.83	070000 Plastics & Rubber Articles Thereof	5.37
10.	620590: Men's or boys' shirts of other textiles	42.16	170000 Vehicles, Aircraft, Vessels and Associated Transport Equipment	2.09

Source: EPB & BB

NETHERLANDS'S FDI INFLOWS TO BANGLADESH

FY	Net FDI Inflow from Netherlands to Bangladesh (USD Mn)	FDI Stock (From 2001 to end March 2025)
2019-20	43.23	USD 1697.23 million (3rd largest FDI Source in Bangladesh) (9.02% of total FDI of Bangladesh)
2020-21	222	
2021-22	(-) 69.19	
2022-23	72.11	
2023-24	23.2	

Source: BB

SECTORAL BREAKDOWN OF INWARD FDI STOCK

Key Sectors of Netherlands Investment in Bangladesh	USD Mn	Key Sectors of Netherlands Investment in Bangladesh	USD Mn
Food Products	790.70	Telecommunication	21.18
Power	271.63	Leather & Leather Products	17.51
Trading	137.61	Agriculture & Fishing	13.83
Cement	85.26	Construction	9.01
Pharmaceuticals & Chemicals	60.45	Fertilizer	8.57
Textile and wearing	60.17	Other Sectors	180.15
Gas & Petroleum	41.16		