

Market Brief on Burundi

Location



The Republic of Burundi is situated in the south-eastern region of Africa; Burundi is part of the African Great Lakes Region, connecting region between east and central Africa. The country's southwestern border is situated along Lake Tanganyika. Burundi shares borders with Rwanda, Tanzania and DR Congo.

Cities and Population

City	Population
Bujumbura	331,700
Muyinga	71,076
Ruyigi	38,458
Gitega	23,167
Ngozi	21,506
Rutana	20,893
Bururi	19,740
Makamba	19,642
Kayanza	19,443
Muramvya	18,041

Facts and Figures



Total Population	11.19 Million
Area	27,830 sq km
Time Zone	UTC+2
Capital City	Bujumbura
International Telephone Code	+257
Currency	Burundi francs (BIF)
Exchange Rate	Burundi Franc 1838: US\$1
GDP	US\$2.5 billion
GDP per capita	US\$261.2
GDP Growth Rate (2020 est.)	1.30%
Ease of Doing Business (World Bank 2020 Report)	166/190
Inflation Rate	7%
Languages	Kirundi, French and English though Kiswahili is also spoken.
Important International Participation	World Trade Organisation (WTO), Africa Union (AU), Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), East African Community (EAC), International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR), and the Organisation internationale de la Francophonie (OIF).

Major export products of Burundi

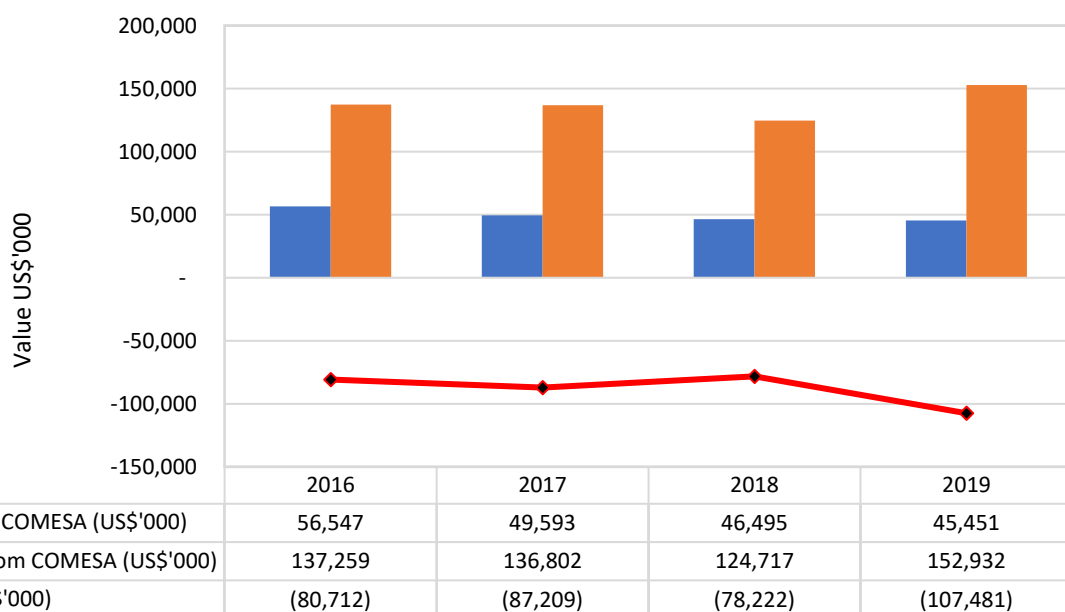
- Gold
- Coffee
- Black fermented tea
- Wheat or meslin flour
- Niobium, tantalum or vanadium ores and concentrates
- Medium oils and preparations, of petroleum
- Cigarettes, containing tobacco
- Bars and rods, of iron or non-alloy steel
- Beer made from malt
- Tungsten ores and concentrates
- Tanker trailers and tanker semi-trailers
- Carboys, bottles, flasks, jars, pots, phials and other containers, of glass
- Light oils and preparations, of petroleum
- Bran, sharps and other residues of cereals
- Soap and organic surface-active products
- Liqueurs and cordials
- Machinery for mixing or kneading solid mineral substances

Major import products of Burundi

- Medium oils and preparations, of petroleum
- Light oils and preparations, of petroleum
- Medicaments
- Cement clinkers
- Wheat and meslin
- Cane or beet sugar
- Articles for interior furnishing, knitted or crocheted
- Husked or brown rice
- Worn clothing and clothing accessories, blankets and travelling rugs
- Motor vehicles for the transport of goods
- Mineral or chemical fertilisers
- Vaccines for human medicine
- Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel
- Motor cars for persons
- Superphosphates
- Portland cement

Source: Trademap

COMESA - Burundi Trade



Source: Trademap

Burundi Export products to COMESA

Burundi import products from COMESA

- Wheat or meslin flour
- Coffee
- Black fermented tea
- Cigarettes, containing tobacco
- Bars and rods, of iron or non-alloy steel
- Beer made from malt
- Medium oils and preparations, of petroleum
- Tanker trailers and tanker semi-trailers
- Carboys, bottles, flasks, jars, pots, phials and other containers, of glass
- Machinery for mixing or kneading solid mineral substances
- Light oils and preparations, of petroleum
- Motor vehicles for the transport of goods
- Self-propelled mechanical shovels, excavators and shovel loaders

- Cement clinkers
- Medicaments
- Cane or beet sugar
- Food preparations
- Flat-rolled products of iron
- Crown corks of base metal
- Carboys, bottles, flasks and similar articles for the conveyance or packaging of goods
- Sugar confectionery not containing cocoa
- Mixtures of odoriferous substances and mixtures, incl. alcoholic solutions
- Light oils and preparations, of petroleum
- Portland cement
- Tubes, pipes and hollow profiles
- Exercise books of paper or paperboard
- Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed
- Bars and rods, of iron or non-alloy steel
- Beauty or make-up preparations

Source: Trademap

Markets which Burundi can target in COMESA and supply products

Market	Top Products with potential/Currently Exported
1. DRC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wheat or meslin flour • Bars and rods, of iron or non-alloy steel • Beer made from malt • Machinery for mixing or kneading solid mineral substances • Machinery for public works, building • Worn clothing and clothing accessories, blankets • Medium oils and preparations, of petroleum • Self-propelled tamping machines and road rollers • Special purpose motor vehicles • Generating sets • Parts and accessories, for tractors, motor vehicles
2. Uganda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee • Reservoirs, tanks, vats and similar containers, of iron or steel • Parts of machinery for working mineral substances • Waste and scrap of primary cells, primary batteries • Electric accumulators • Coffee husks and skins • Articles of iron or steel • Drilling machines for working metal • Worn clothing and clothing accessories, blankets and travelling rugs • Food preparations • Waste and scrap, of aluminium

3.	Egypt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black fermented tea • Coffee • Glass containers • Smart cards • electronic integrated circuits • LED lamps • Motor vehicles for the transport of persons • Telephone sets & other voice/image transmission apparatus
4.	Sudan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tobacco • Static converters
5.	Somalia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tanker trailers and tanker semi-trailers • Motor vehicles for the transport of goods • Self-propelled mechanical shovels, excavators and shovel loaders • Self-propelled graders and levellers • AC generators • Medium oils and preparations, of petroleum • Furniture "chests, cabinets, display counters"

Source: Trademap/Export Potential Map

International Markets Burundi can target and supply products

	Market	Top Products with potential/Currently Exported
1)	United Arab Emirates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gold • Niobium, tantalum or vanadium ores and concentrates • Tungsten ores and concentrates • Tin ores and concentrates • Coffee • Medium oils and preparations, of petroleum • Roasted coffee • Wood charcoal • Bran, sharps and other residues of cereals
2)	Pakistan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black fermented tea • Medium oils and preparations, of petroleum • Soap & organic surface-active products, for toilet use • Carboys & other glass containers
3)	Switzerland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee • Travel sets for personal toilet, sewing or shoe or clothes cleaning • Leather • Printed books • Essential oils
4)	Germany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee • Black tea • Essential oils • Raw hides and skins

5)	Singapore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black fermented tea • Coffee • Tungsten ores and concentrates • Beer made from malt • Essential Oils
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