

# Market Brief on Egypt

## Location



The Arab Republic of Egypt is located in the northeastern corner of the African continent. It is bordered to the north by the Mediterranean Sea with a coastline of 995 km. It is bordered to the east by the Red Sea with a coastline of 194 km. It is bordered in the northeast by Palestine and Israel, to the west by Libya, and to the south by Sudan.

## Facts and Figures

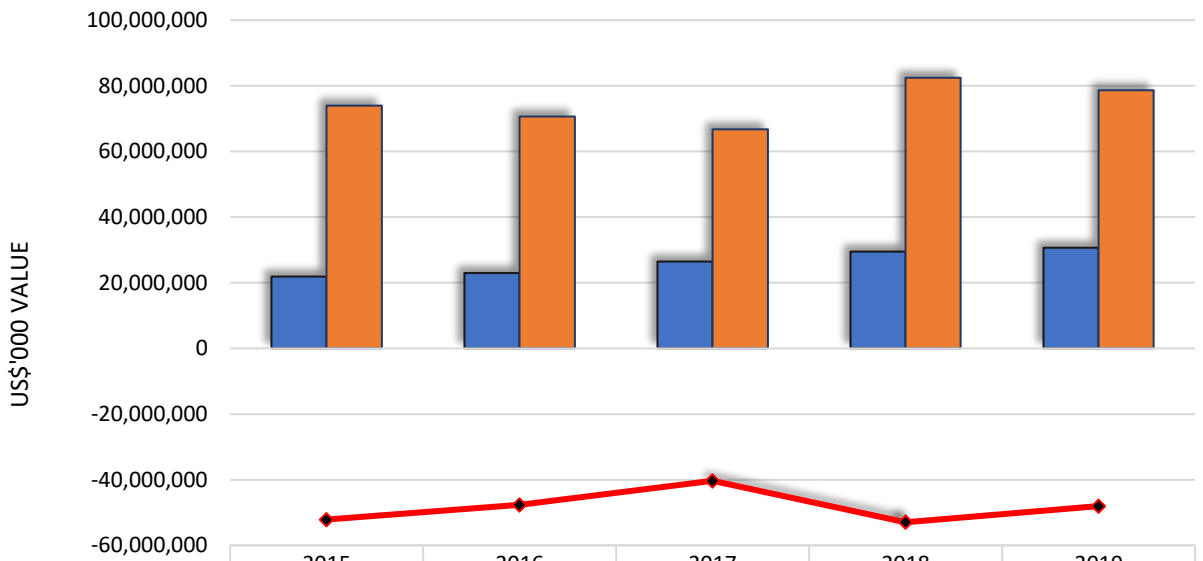


Total Population	98,423,595
Area	1.01 million km <sup>2</sup>
Time Zone	CAT (UTC+2)
Capital City	Cairo
International Telephone Code	+20
Currency	Egyptian pound (EGP)
Exchange Rate	1 USD = 15.9408 EGP
GDP (2015 est.)	USD 250.9 Billion
GDP per capita	USD 3,020.031
GDP Growth Rate	5.8%
Ease of Doing Business (World Bank 2020)	114/190
Inflation Rate	13.6%
Official Language(s)	Arabic
Other Languages	English and French
Important International Participation	Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), African Union (AU), World Trade Organisation (WTO), European Union – Egypt Free Trade Agreement (Association Agreement), Turkey – Egypt Free Trade Agreement, Pan Arab Free Trade Area (PAFTA) Arab League and Egyptian – European Mediterranean Partnership Agreement (Euromed) Agadir Free Trade Agreement, Egypt-EFTA Free Trade Agreement, Qualified Industrial Zones (QIZ), Egypt-MERCOSUR Free Trade Agreement.

## Cities and Population

City	Population
Cairo	7,734,614
Alexandria	3,811,516
Al Jizah	2,443,203
Port Said	538,378
Suez	488,125
Al Mahallah al Kubra	431,052
Luxor	422,407
Asyut	420,585
Al Mansurah	420,195
Tanda	404,901

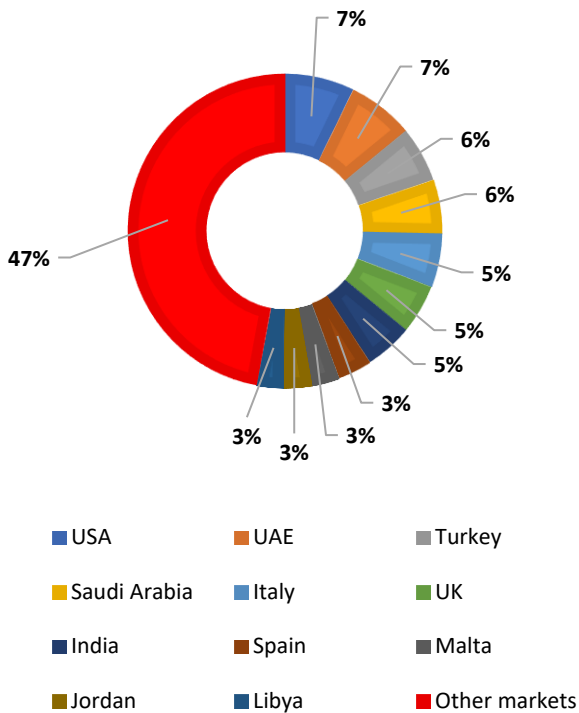
## Egypt Trade with the world



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Exports (US\$'000)	21,852,048	22,973,369	26,434,038	29,483,042	30,632,553
Imports (US\$'000)	73,975,174	70,649,458	66,763,870	82,444,514	78,657,518
Trade Balance (US\$'000)	(52,123,126)	(47,676,089)	(40,329,832)	(52,961,472)	(48,024,965)

Source: Trademap

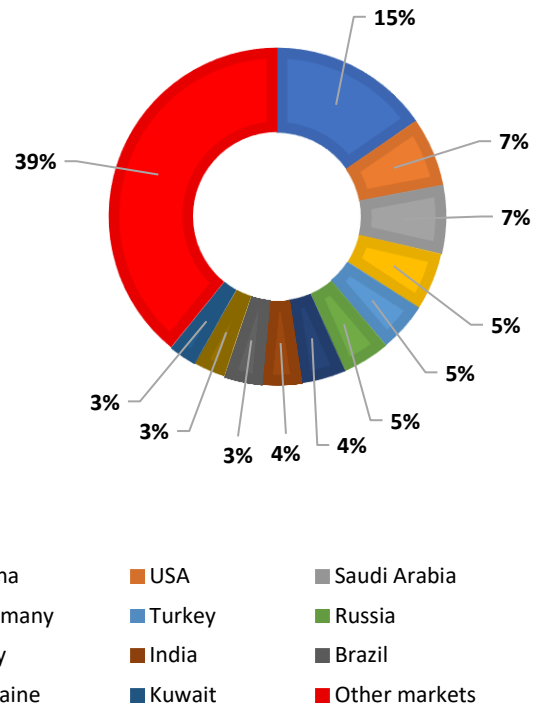
### Major export destinations of Egypt



- USA
- Saudi Arabia
- India
- Jordan
- UAE
- Italy
- Spain
- Libya
- Turkey
- UK
- Malta
- Other markets

Source: Trademap

### Major import sources of Egypt



- China
- Germany
- Italy
- Ukraine
- USA
- Turkey
- India
- Kuwait
- Saudi Arabia
- Russia
- Brazil
- Other markets

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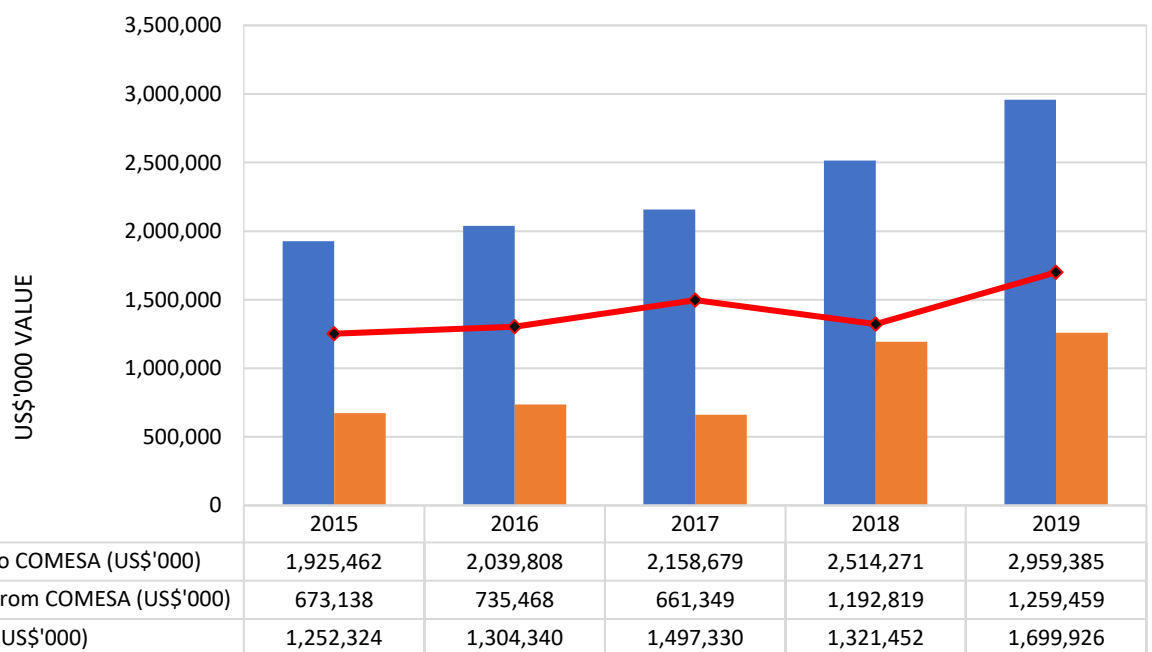
## Major export products of Egypt

- Light oils and preparations, of petroleum
- Gold
- Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude
- Medium oils and preparations, of petroleum
- Natural gas, liquefied
- Urea
- Reception apparatus for television
- Fresh or dried oranges
- Polypropylene, in primary forms
- Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel
- T-shirts, singlets and other vests of textile materials
- Polyethylene
- Poly"ethylene terephthalate", in primary forms
- Fresh or chilled potatoes (excluding seed)
- Coaxial cable
- Fresh or chilled onions and shallots
- Fresh grapes
- Mixtures of odoriferous substances
- Sanitary towels (pads) and tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies
- Wheat or meslin flour
- Medicaments

## Major import products of Egypt

- Light oils and preparations, of petroleum
- Durum wheat (excluding seed for sowing)
- Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude
- Maize (excluding seed for sowing)
- Medicaments
- Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons
- Mobile telephones
- Frozen, boneless meat of bovine animals
- Butanes, liquefied
- Semi-finished products of iron or non-alloy steel
- Articles of iron or steel, n.e.s. (excluding cast articles or articles of iron or steel wire)
- Agglomerated iron ores and concentrates
- Coniferous wood sawn or chipped lengthwise
- Waste and scrap of iron or steel
- Parts for reception apparatus
- Palm oil and its fractions
- Copper, refined, in the form of cathodes

## COMESA-Egypt Trade



Source: Trademap

## **Egypt's Exports to COMESA Countries**

- Light oils and preparations, of petroleum
- Wheat or meslin flour
- Portland cement
- Urea
- Sanitary towels (pads) and tampons, napkins and napkin liners for babies
- Mixtures of odoriferous substances and mixtures
- Surface-active preparations, washing preparations
- Unglazed ceramic flags and paving, hearth or wall tiles
- Reception apparatus for television
- Medicaments
- Marble, travertine and alabaster articles
- Uncooked pasta
- Medium oils and preparations, of petroleum
- Electrical energy
- Cane or beet sugar
- Processed cheese, not grated or powdered
- Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel
- Sacks and bags, for the packing of goods
- Mixtures of odoriferous substances and mixtures

## **COMESA Countries can supply the following products to Egypt:**

- Copper, refined
- Black fermented tea
- Tobacco, unstemmed or unstripped
- Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude
- Sesamum seeds, whether or not broken
- Live bovine animals (excluding cattle and buffalo)
- Cotton, neither carded nor combed
- Fluoride of aluminium
- Butanes, liquefied
- Fresh or chilled bovine cuts, with bone
- Phosphates of calcium
- Chewing tobacco, snuff
- Dried, shelled broad beans
- Light oils and preparations, of petroleum
- Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel
- Sulphur of all kinds
- Melon seeds
- Medium oils and preparations, of petroleum
- Paper and paperboard
- Live camels and other camelids [Camelidae]

## International Markets Egypt can target and supply products

According to ITC, Export Potential Map, the markets with greatest potential for Egypt's exports of all products are Saudi Arabia, Turkey and United States of America. United States of America shows the largest absolute difference between potential and actual exports in value terms, leaving room to realize additional exports.

	Market	Products with potential
1)	Saudi Arabia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Oranges, fresh or dried</li><li>• Onions &amp; shallots, fresh</li><li>• Processed cheese</li></ul>
2)	Turkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Urea, Polypropylene, in primary forms</li><li>• Mixed alkylbenzenes</li><li>• Mixed alkyl naphthalenes</li></ul>
3)	United States of America	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Urea</li><li>• Reception apparatus for television</li><li>• Men's trousers &amp; shorts of cotton.</li></ul>

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