Market Brief on Uganda

Location

Uganda is a landlocked country in East Africa. It is bordered to the East by Kenya, to the north by South Sudan, to the west by the democratic Republic of Congo and to the South by Tanzania. Uganda takes its name from Buganda kingdom, which encompasses a large portion of the south of the country, including the Capital Kampala.

Facts and Figures

| Total Population  | 42,862,958 |
| Area              | 241,038 sq.km |
| Time Zone         | +3 hr GMT |
| Capital City      | Kampala |
| Telephone Code    | +256 |
| Currency          | Ugandan Shillings |
| Exchange Rate     | 1 USD = 3,745.01 UGX (14/06/19) |
| GDP (2018 Est)    | US$27.6 billion |
| GDP per capita (2018 Est) | US$653.20 |
| GDP Growth Rate (2017 Est) | 5.5% |
| Ease of Doing Business (World Bank 2019 Report) | 127/190 |
| Inflation Rate (2018 Est) | 5.1% |
| Official Language(s) | English, Swahili |
| Business Hours    | 0800am-1700pm Monday to Friday |
| Banking Hours     | 0830am-1700pm Mon to Friday; 0900am-1700pm Saturday |
| Literacy Rate     | 78.4% |
| Important International Participation | AU, WTO, UN, COMESA |
| Major Banks       | Stanbic Bank, DFCU Bank, Centenary Bank, Standard Chartered Bank, Barclays Bank of Uganda, Bank of Baroda Uganda Limited, Citibank Uganda |
| Telecommunication Network Operators | MTN, Airtel, Africell UT Mobile, Essar Smart Telecom |

Cities and Population

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<th>Major Cities</th>
<th>Population</th>
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<td>Kampala</td>
<td>1,507,114</td>
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<td>Nansana</td>
<td>365,857</td>
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<td>Kira</td>
<td>317,428</td>
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<td>Makindye Ssabagalo</td>
<td>282,664</td>
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<td>Mbarara</td>
<td>195,160</td>
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<td>Mukono</td>
<td>162,744</td>
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<td>Gulu</td>
<td>149,802</td>
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<td>Lugazi</td>
<td>114,163</td>
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<td>Kasese</td>
<td>103,293</td>
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<td>Masaka</td>
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Uganda Trade with the World

Major import sources of Uganda (2018)

- China: 24%
- India: 17%
- UAE: 12%
- Saudi Arabia: 8%
- Kenya: 7%
- Japan: 4%
- South Africa: 4%
- Tanzania: 4%
- Indonesia: 2%
- Germany: 2%
- Other: 2%

Source: Trademap

Major export destinations of Uganda (2018)

- Kenya: 21%
- UAE: 19%
- Sudan: 18%
- Rwanda: 13%
- DRC: 10%
- Italy: 7%
- Netherlands: 7%
- Germany: 4%
- Belgium: 4%
- Tanzania: 4%
- Other: 2%

Source: Trademap
Major import products of Uganda (2018)

- Petroleum oils (excluding crude) 19%
- Gold 5%
- Medicaments 5%
- Palm oil and its fractions 4%
- Flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel 3%
- Motor cars for persons 3%
- Wheat and meslin 3%
- Motor vehicles for goods 2%
- Telephone sets 2%
- Polymers of ethylene, in primary forms 2%
- Cement 1%
- Other 2%

Major Export products of Uganda (2018)

- Coffee 17%
- Gold, Platinum 17%
- Cereals (maize, sorghum, rice, wheat) 6%
- Fish and crustaceans 5%
- Petroleum Oil excluding crude & Electricity 5%
- Edible vegetables (beans, potatoes, tomatoes) 4%
- Cane sugar 4%
- Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes 4%
- Animal feeds, bran 3%
- Iron and steel 3%
- Other 2%

Uganda Trade with COMESA

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Exports</th>
<th>Imports</th>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>774,266</td>
<td>721,789</td>
<td>52,477</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>873,371</td>
<td>679,312</td>
<td>94,059</td>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>829,779</td>
<td>559,016</td>
<td>270,763</td>
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<td>2017</td>
<td>993,660</td>
<td>580,184</td>
<td>413,476</td>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>1,075,015</td>
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**Major import products from COMESA (2018)**

- Gold
- Iron and steel
- Salt
- Mineral fuels
- Plastics and articles thereof
- Packaging material
- Cane sugar
- Soap, organic surface-active agents
- Miscellaneous manufactured articles
- Pharmaceutical products
- Other

**Major Export products to COMESA (2018)**

- Cereals (Maize, rice, sorghum)
- Coffee, tea, maté and spices
- Edible vegetables
- Animal feeds
- Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes
- Electricity & Petroleum oil exl. Crude
- Cane sugar
- Iron and steel
- Cement
- Other

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**COMESA Products with export potential to Uganda**

- Pharmaceutical products
- Cement
- Soap
- Paper and paperboard, articles of pulp, paper and board
- Tobacco
- Structures and products of iron & steel (rods, angle, plates including door and window frames)
- Machinery parts
- Mixtures of odoriferous substances used food & drink
- Footwear
- Beer made from malt
- Margarine
- Chemical fertilizers
- Paraffin wax
- Packaging materials (paper & plastic)
- Baking powders
- Insecticides, rodenticides, fungicides, herbicides
- Disodium carbonates
- Silicates of Sodium
- Chewing gum
- Oilcake of cotton seeds
- Vegetable seeds for sowing
- Ball point pens

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**Uganda Products with export potential to COMESA**

- Iron and steel products
- Cement
- Odoriferous substances
- Diesel powered trucks
- Maize seed
- Tea
- Sorghum
- Shelled beans
- Coffee
- Milk and cream
- Rice
- Cereal flours
- Bran
- Medicaments
**Preferential Trade Arrangements**

**COMESA Free Trade Area**

The Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) is a regional integration grouping of African States which have agreed to promote regional integration through trade development and to develop their natural and human resources for the mutual benefit of all their peoples.

Qualifying goods originating from COMESA Member States enjoy duty free/reduced duty access to the Uganda market.