

Saudi Arabia's services exports grow by 7.9% in Q1 of 2026

The results of the International Trade in Services Statistics showed that the total value of Saudi Arabia's services exports in Q1 of 2026 amounted to SAR 71.3 billion, compared to SAR 66.1 billion in Q4 of 2025, recording a 7.9% growth. Meanwhile, the total value of Saudi Arabia's services imports in Q1 of 2026 reached approximately SAR 111.4 billion, compared to SAR 119.6 billion in Q4 of 2025, reflecting a decrease of 6.9%

Exports of international trade in services

Saudi Arabia's services exports in Q1 of 2026 reached approximately SAR 71.3 billion, compared to SAR 66.1 billion in Q4 of 2025, representing an increase of 7.9%. Travel services recorded exports worth SAR 44.3 billion, of which personal travel services accounted for approximately 96.6% of total exports in this category. Furthermore, transportation services ranked second with a value of SAR 10.9 billion. Air transport represented approximately 39.9% of total transport exports, followed by maritime and road transport at smaller percentages. Communications, computers, and information services amounted to SAR 2.6 billion, with communications services accounting for approximately 50.5% of total exports in this category, followed by computer and information services at lower shares. Government services amounted to SAR 2.6 billion. Other business services totaled SAR 2.4 billion, with professional and management consulting accounting for approximately 51.0% of this total. Construction services reached SAR 2.0 billion. Financial services amounted to SAR 1.7 billion. The remaining exports of services were distributed among other categories, including manufacturing services, insurance and pensions, and personal, and cultural and entertainment services.

Imports of international trade in services

Saudi Arabia's services imports in Q1 of 2026 amounted to approximately SAR 111.4 billion, compared to SAR 119.6 billion in Q4 of 2025, reflecting a decrease of 6.9%. Transportation services recorded the highest value of imports, reaching SAR 31.8 billion. Maritime transport accounted for approximately 40.9% of total transportation imports, followed by air and road transport at lower shares. Travel services imports amounted to SAR 21.3 billion, with personal travel accounting for approximately 93.8% of total imports in this category. Other business services amounted to SAR 15.8 billion, with professional and management consulting accounting for approximately 50.4% of this total. Construction services imports reached SAR 15.1 billion, while government services totaled SAR 6.9 billion. Insurance and pension services amounted to SAR 4.8 billion. The remaining services imports were distributed across other categories, including communications, computer, and information services, manufacturing services, personal, cultural and recreational services, and financial services.

Figure1: Relative distribution of exports and imports by services

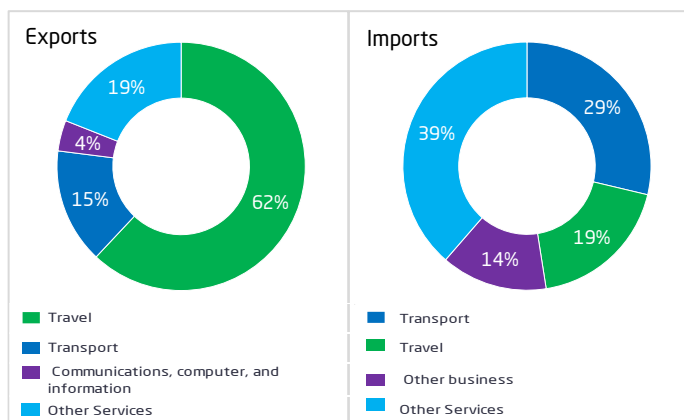


Figure2: Value of exports and imports of services (billion SAR)

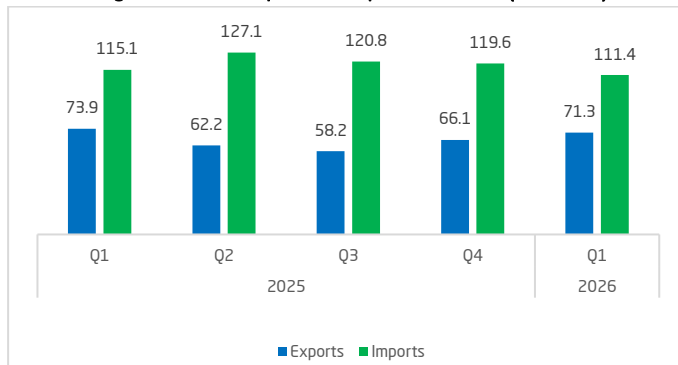


Figure3: Value of exports by service categories (million SAR)

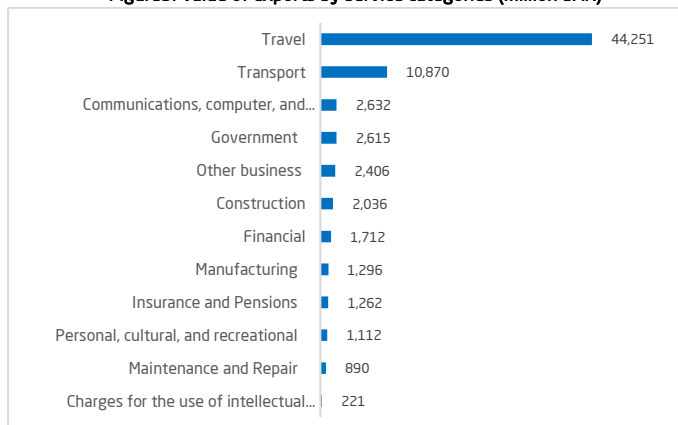
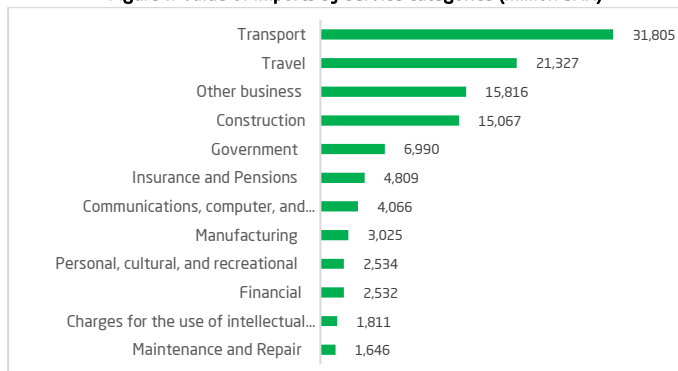


Figure4: Value of imports by service categories (million SAR)



Methodology and quality

The General Authority for Statistics relies on a statistical methodology based on the best international practices, in accordance with the Balance of Payments Manual (BPM6) and the EBOPS 2010 classification. Quality is ensured by addressing missing and outlier values and reviewing internal and temporal consistency, in line with international best practices and standards.

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