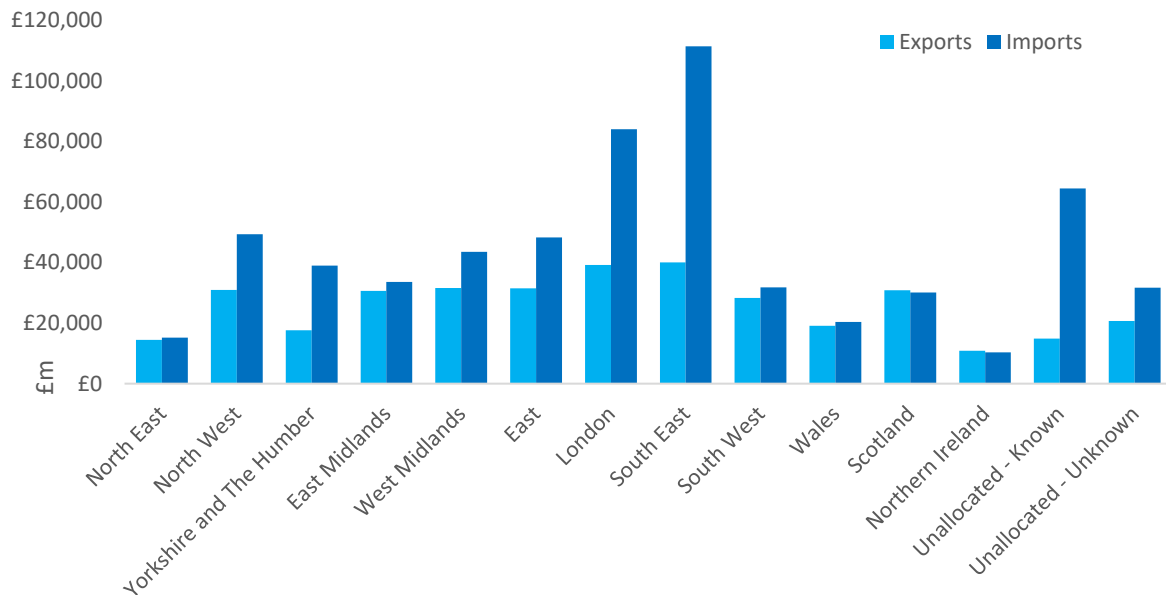


UK Regional Trade in Goods Statistics: Year Ending Q1 2026¹; West Midlands

Key Points:

- In the year ending Q1 2026, the West Midlands region exported nearly £31.6bn worth of goods and imported nearly £43.6bn. This represents a trade in goods deficit of £12.0bn, an increase from the trade deficit in the year ending Q1 2025 which was £7.9bn.

The following chart shows the value of goods imported and exported by region in the year ending Q1 2026:



- Since the year ending Q1 2025, the West Midlands region goods exports decreased by £3.5bn (-9.9%) to nearly £31.6bn in the year ending Q1 2026. Over the same period, UK exports decreased by 1.2% to £360.5bn.
- The West Midlands accounted for 8.8% of UK exports – third highest (after the South East at 11.1% and London at 10.9% of total exports).
- In the year ending Q1 2026, goods imports to the West Midlands region were worth nearly £43.6bn, an increase of £640m (+1.5%) since year ending Q1 2025. UK-wide total imports increased by 3.9% to £613.2bn.

Trade by SITC Section

- The largest SITC section for goods exports in the West Midlands region was machinery and transport at nearly £22.1bn – 69.9% of total; of which £13.2bn (59.9%) went to non-EU locations. Since the year ending Q1 2025, overall, this SITC section decreased by £3.3bn (-13.0%), as exports to both EU and non-EU locations decreased.

¹ Source: HM Revenue & Customs, UK Regional Trade in Goods Statistics Quarter 1 2026 – Released June 2026.

- Exports decreased in six of the ten SITC sectors in the year ending Q1 2026 compared to the previous annual period with food & live animals increasing by £90m (+8.9%), crude materials increasing by £24m (+2.3%), animal & vegetable oils increasing by £8m (+29.6%) and other commodities nes by £1m (+25.0%).
- The largest SITC section for goods imports to the West Midlands region was machinery & transport at £22.2bn. This accounted for 51.0% of total imports (of which 64.6% or £14.4bn of imports for this section were from the EU). This section overall has increased since the year ending Q1 2025 by £575m (+2.7%).

Total goods exports and imports by SITC section for the West Midlands region in the year ending Q1 2026 and annual change:

Total Exports by SITC Section	Year to Q1 2025	Year to Q1 2026	Annual Percent Change	Annual Number Change
	(Figures in £m)			(Figures in £m)
0 Food and Live Animals	£1,015	£1,105	8.9%	£90
1 Beverages and Tobacco	£53	£48	-9.4%	-£5
2 Crude Materials	£1,024	£1,048	2.3%	£24
3 Mineral Fuels	£175	£165	-5.7%	-£10
4 Animal and Vegetable Oils	£27	£35	29.6%	£8
5 Chemicals	£1,417	£1,373	-3.1%	-£44
6 Manufactured Goods	£3,383	£3,267	-3.4%	-£116
7 Machinery and Transport	£25,359	£22,050	-13.0%	-£3,309
8 Miscellaneous Manufactures	£2,574	£2,462	-4.4%	-£112
9 Other commodities nes	£4	£5	25.0%	£1
Total exports	£35,031	£31,560	-9.9%	-£3,471
Total Imports by SITC Section				
0 Food and Live Animals	£3,287	£3,520	7.1%	£233
1 Beverages and Tobacco	£367	£336	-8.4%	-£31
2 Crude Materials	£598	£662	10.7%	£64
3 Mineral Fuels	£819	£833	1.7%	£14
4 Animal and Vegetable Oils	£132	£104	-21.2%	-£28
5 Chemicals	£2,470	£2,497	1.1%	£27
6 Manufactured Goods	£8,200	£7,973	-2.8%	-£227
7 Machinery and Transport	£21,643	£22,218	2.7%	£575
8 Miscellaneous Manufactures	£5,420	£5,417	-0.1%	-£3
9 Other commodities nes	£2	£16	700.0%	£14
Total imports	£42,935	£43,575	1.5%	£640

Trade by Country Group

- By country group², the highest value of goods exports from the West Midlands region in the year ending Q1 2026 was to the EU at £14.4bn, accounting for 45.8% of the total. The value of goods exports to the EU has decreased by £113m (-0.8%) since the year ending Q1 2025.
- The only country group where annual goods exports increased from the West Midlands was to Latin America & Caribbean, by £21m (+4.4%), all other country groups decreased in the total value of goods exported. The country group with the largest decrease in the value of goods exported from the West Midlands was North America with a decrease of nearly £3.1bn (-31.9%).
- Goods imports to the West Midlands decreased in two country groups, these were Eastern Europe excluding EU (-£37m) and the EU (-£89m). All goods imports from other country groups to the West Midlands had an annual increase.

² Country Groups: Asia & Oceania, Eastern Europe (excl. EU), European Union, Latin America & Caribbean, Middle East & North Africa (excl. EU), North America, Sub-Saharan Africa, Western Europe (excl. EU) and undefined.

- The highest value of imports to the West Midlands region in the year ending Q1 2026 was from the EU at £26.4bn, which accounted for 60.6% of the total.

Total goods exports and imports by country group for the West Midlands region in the year ending Q1 2026 and annual change:

Exports by Country Group	Year to Q1 2025	Year to Q1 2026	Annual Percent Change	Annual Number Change
	(Figures in £m)			(Figures in £m)
Asia & Oceania	£6,463	£6,323	-2.2%	-£140
Eastern Europe (excl EU)	£454	£313	-31.1%	-£141
European Union	£14,561	£14,448	-0.8%	-£113
Latin America and Caribbean	£474	£495	4.4%	£21
Middle East and North Africa (excl EU)	£1,944	£1,941	-0.2%	-£3
North America	£9,584	£6,523	-31.9%	-£3,061
Sub-Saharan Africa	£386	£362	-6.2%	-£24
Western Europe (excl. EU)	£1,165	£1,154	-0.9%	-£11
Undefined Country Group	£2	£1	-50.0%	-£1
Total exports	£35,031	£31,560	-9.9%	-£3,471
Imports by Country Group				
Asia & Oceania	£10,487	£10,588	1.0%	£101
Eastern Europe (excl EU)	£173	£136	-21.4%	-£37
European Union	£26,478	£26,389	-0.3%	-£89
Latin America and Caribbean	£506	£583	15.2%	£77
Middle East and North Africa (excl EU)	£1,120	£1,197	6.9%	£77
North America	£2,067	£2,375	14.9%	£308
Sub-Saharan Africa	£179	£197	10.1%	£18
Western Europe (excl. EU)	£1,924	£2,109	9.6%	£185
Undefined Country Group	-	-	-	-
Total imports	£42,935	£43,575	1.5%	£640