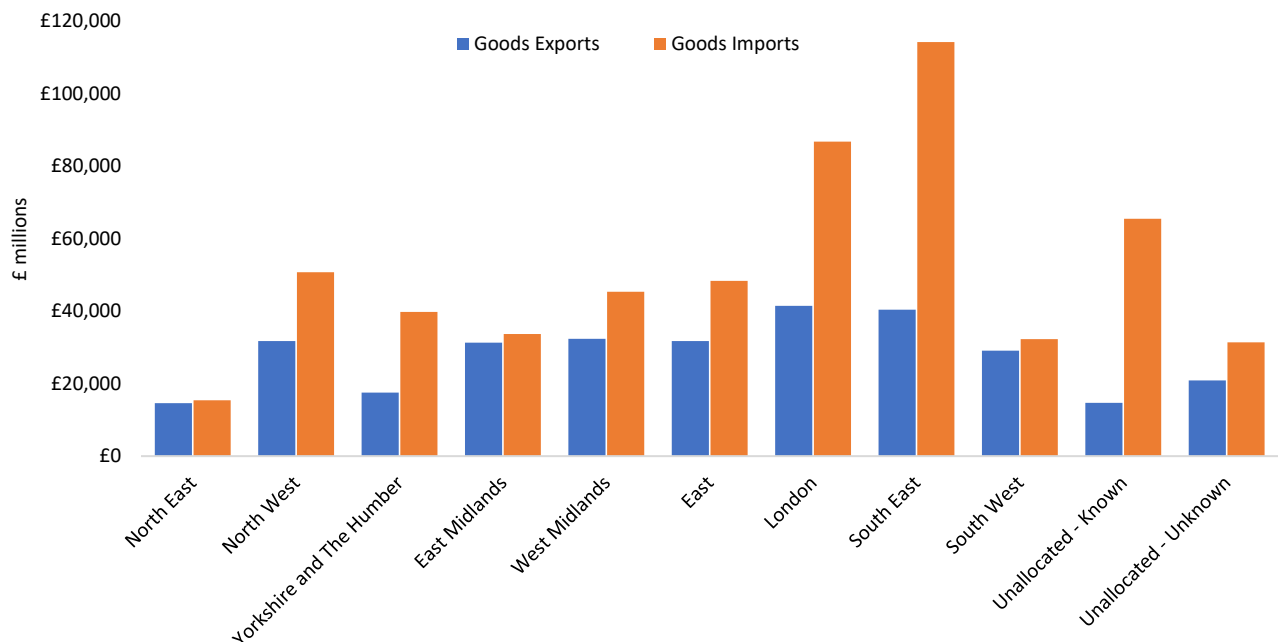


UK Regional Trade in Goods Statistics: Year Ending Q2 2026¹; West Midlands

- In the year ending Q2 2026, the West Midlands region exported £32.4bn worth of goods and imported £45.4bn. This represents a trade in goods deficit of £13.0bn, an increase from the trade deficit in the previous annual period which was £8.3bn.

The following chart shows the value of goods imported and exported by region in the year ending Q2 2026:



- Compared to the previous annual period, West Midlands region goods exports decreased by £1.8bn (-5.3%) to £32.4bn in the year ending Q2 2026, the second largest percentage decrease across the UK regions behind Scotland (-10.0%). Conversely, UK exports increased by 1.6% to £368.5bn.
- The West Midlands accounted for 8.8% of UK exports – the third highest of any region (after London and the South East at 11.3% and 11.0% respectively).
- In the year ending Q2 2026, goods imports to the West Midlands area region were worth £45.4bn, an increase of £3.0bn (+7.0%) since the year ending Q2 2025. UK-wide total imports increased by 6.2% to £626.7bn.

Trade by SITC Section

- The largest SITC section for goods exports in the West Midlands region was machinery & transport at £22.7bn – 70.1% of total exports; of which £13.6bn (60.0%) went to non-EU locations. Compared to the year ending Q2 2025, this SITC section overall decreased by £2.0bn (-8.1%).
- Exports increased in six of the ten SITC sectors in the year ending Q2 2026 compared to the previous year with the largest value increase seen in crude materials of £152m (+15.3%).

¹ Source: HM Revenue & Customs, UK Regional Trade in Goods Statistics Quarter 2 2026 – Released September 2026.

- The largest SITC section for goods imports to the West Midlands region was machinery & transport at £23.6bn, which accounted for 51.9% of total imports (of which 63.7% or £15.0bn of imports for this section were from the EU). This section overall increased by £2.2bn (+10.1%) compared to the previous annual period.

Breakdown of goods exported and imported by SITC section and the percentage change between year ending Q2 2025 and year ending Q2 2026:

Total Exports by SITC Section	Year to Q2 2025	Year to Q2 2026	Annual Percent Change	Annual Number Change
	(Figures in £m)			(Figures in £m)
0 Food and Live Animals	£1,067	£1,079	1.1%	£12
1 Beverages and Tobacco	£50	£47	-6.0%	-£3
2 Crude Materials	£991	£1,143	15.3%	£152
3 Mineral Fuels	£169	£173	2.4%	£4
4 Animal and Vegetable Oils	£30	£35	16.7%	£5
5 Chemicals	£1,400	£1,391	-0.6%	-£9
6 Manufactured Goods	£3,330	£3,326	-0.1%	-£4
7 Machinery and Transport	£24,710	£22,699	-8.1%	-£2,011
8 Miscellaneous Manufactures	£2,433	£2,484	2.1%	£51
9 Other commodities nes	£4	£5	25.0%	£1
Total Exports	£34,186	£32,382	-5.3%	-£1,804
Total Imports by SITC Section				
0 Food and Live Animals	£3,310	£3,500	5.7%	£190
1 Beverages and Tobacco	£358	£323	-9.8%	-£35
2 Crude Materials	£597	£694	16.2%	£97
3 Mineral Fuels	£766	£1,005	31.2%	£239
4 Animal and Vegetable Oils	£125	£105	-16.0%	-£20
5 Chemicals	£2,447	£2,560	4.6%	£113
6 Manufactured Goods	£8,020	£8,196	2.2%	£176
7 Machinery and Transport	£21,393	£23,551	10.1%	£2,158
8 Miscellaneous Manufactures	£5,418	£5,455	0.7%	£37
9 Other commodities nes	£2	£16	700.0%	£14
Total Imports	£42,437	£45,405	7.0%	£2,968

Trade by Country Group

- By Country Group², the highest value of goods exports from the West Midlands region was to the European Union at £14.8bn, accounting for 45.6% of the total. The value of goods exports to the European Union increased by £417m (+2.9%) compared to the year ending Q2 2025.
- Exports increased in four out of nine country groups in the year ending Q2 2026 compared to the previous annual period, with the largest percentage increase seen in Asia & Oceania of 5.0% (+£313m). Whereas the largest decrease in the value of goods exports by country group was to North America, with goods exports decreasing by £2.4bn (-26.4%) compared to the previous year.
- The highest value of imports to the West Midlands region was from the European Union at £27.4bn, which accounted for 60.4% of the total. Goods imports from the European Union increased by £1.3bn (+4.8%) when compared to the previous annual period.

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.

Breakdown of goods exported and imported by Country Group and the percentage change between year ending Q2 2025 and year ending Q2 2026:

Exports by Country Group	Year to Q2 2025	Year to Q2 2026	Annual Percent Change	Annual Number Change
	(Figures in £m)			(Figures in £m)
Asia & Oceania	£6,256	£6,569	5.0%	£313
Eastern Europe (excl EU)	£432	£345	-20.1%	-£87
European Union	£14,348	£14,765	2.9%	£417
Latin America and Caribbean	£493	£499	1.2%	£6
Middle East and North Africa (excl EU)	£1,938	£1,943	0.3%	£5
North America	£9,181	£6,757	-26.4%	-£2,424
Sub-Saharan Africa	£387	£358	-7.5%	-£29
Western Europe (excl. EU)	£1,150	£1,145	-0.4%	-£5
Undefined Country Group	£2	-	-	-
Total Exports	£34,186	£32,382	-5.3%	-£1,804
Imports by Country Group				
Asia & Oceania	£10,354	£11,012	6.4%	£658
Eastern Europe (excl EU)	£164	£127	-22.6%	-£37
European Union	£26,153	£27,405	4.8%	£1,252
Latin America and Caribbean	£548	£547	-0.2%	-£1
Middle East and North Africa (excl EU)	£1,062	£1,554	46.3%	£492
North America	£2,030	£2,409	18.7%	£379
Sub-Saharan Africa	£173	£213	23.1%	£40
Western Europe (excl. EU)	£1,952	£2,138	9.5%	£186
Undefined Country Group	-	-	-	-
Total Imports	£42,437	£45,405	7.0%	£2,968