UK regional trade in goods statistics disaggregated by smaller geographical areas: 2025[1]; West Midlands

Key Points:

- In 2025, the total value of goods exported from the WMCA area was £13.5bn, a decrease of £2.1bn (-13.2%) compared to the previous year – the value of exports across the UK increased by 0.5% annually to total £359.3bn in 2025.
- Goods exports to the EU from the WMCA area totalled £5.7bn in 2025, accounting for 41.9% of the total compared to 49.0% of total UK exports.
- The total value of goods imported to the WMCA area in 2025 was £18.1bn, a decrease of £597m (-3.2%) compared to 2024. Imports across the UK increased by 3.7% from the previous year to total £601.9bn in 2025.
- Goods imports from the EU totalled £11.0bn in the WMCA area in 2025, accounting for 60.9% of total imports compared to 52.8% across the UK.
- In 2025 the WMCA area had a trade deficit of £4.6bn, an increase of £1.5bn (+46.4%) from a trade deficit of £3.1bn in 2024. The trade deficit across the UK increased by 8.8% across the UK to total £242.6bn in 2025.
- The WMCA had a trade surplus of £774m to non-EU countries in 2025, while the UK experienced a trade deficit to both EU and Non-EU countries.

Full Briefing:

Exports in goods in the WMCA area

- In 2025, the total value of goods exported from the WMCA area was £13.5bn, a decrease of £2.1bn (-13.2%) compared to the previous year – the value of exports increased across the UK increased by 0.5% annually to total £359.3bn in 2025.
- Across the WMCA area, goods exports decreased in all local authority areas compared to the previous year with the largest decrease seen in Solihull of £1.2bn (-19.9%).
- Goods exports to the EU from the WMCA area totalled £5.7bn in 2025 accounting for 41.9% of the total compared to 49.0% of total UK exports.
- Exports to the EU decreased in 2025 compared to 2024 by £350m (-5.8%) in the WMCA area compared to a national decrease of 1.0%. Birmingham was the only local authority area in the WMCA to see an increase in exports to the EU at +£65m (+3.8%) compared to 2024.
- The proportion of exports to the EU increased by 3.3 percentage points (pp) compared to the previous year in the WMCA area, while nationally this decreased by 0.7pp. The proportion of total exports going to the EU increased in all WMCA local authority areas except for Wolverhampton (-0.8pp).

[1] Source: HM Revenue & Customs, UK regional trade in goods statistics disaggregated by smaller geographical areas: 2025 – Released November 2026.

Exports from the WMCA area in 2024 and 2025 and the proportion of EU exports

	2024		2025		Annual Change		
	Total Exports (£m)	Proportion of Exports to EU	Total Exports (£m)	Proportion of Exports to EU	Value of Exports (£m)	Annual Percentage Change	Proportion of EU Exports
Birmingham	£3,378	50.1%	£3,282	53.6%	-£96	-2.8%	3.4pp
Coventry	£2,606	31.6%	£2,119	36.6%	-£487	-18.7%	5.0pp
Dudley	£608	60.4%	£592	61.7%	-£16	-2.6%	1.3pp
Sandwell	£860	52.9%	£786	56.1%	-£74	-8.6%	3.2pp
Solihull	£6,466	30.0%	£5,182	31.5%	-£1,284	-19.9%	1.5pp
Walsall	£561	59.5%	£510	61.8%	-£51	-9.1%	2.2pp
Wolverhampton	£1,101	36.9%	£1,059	36.1%	-£42	-3.8%	-0.8pp
WMCA	**£15,581**	**38.6%**	**£13,530**	**41.9%**	**-£2,051**	**-13.2%**	**3.3pp**
UK	£357,368	49.8%	£359,265	49.0%	£1,897	0.5%	-0.7pp

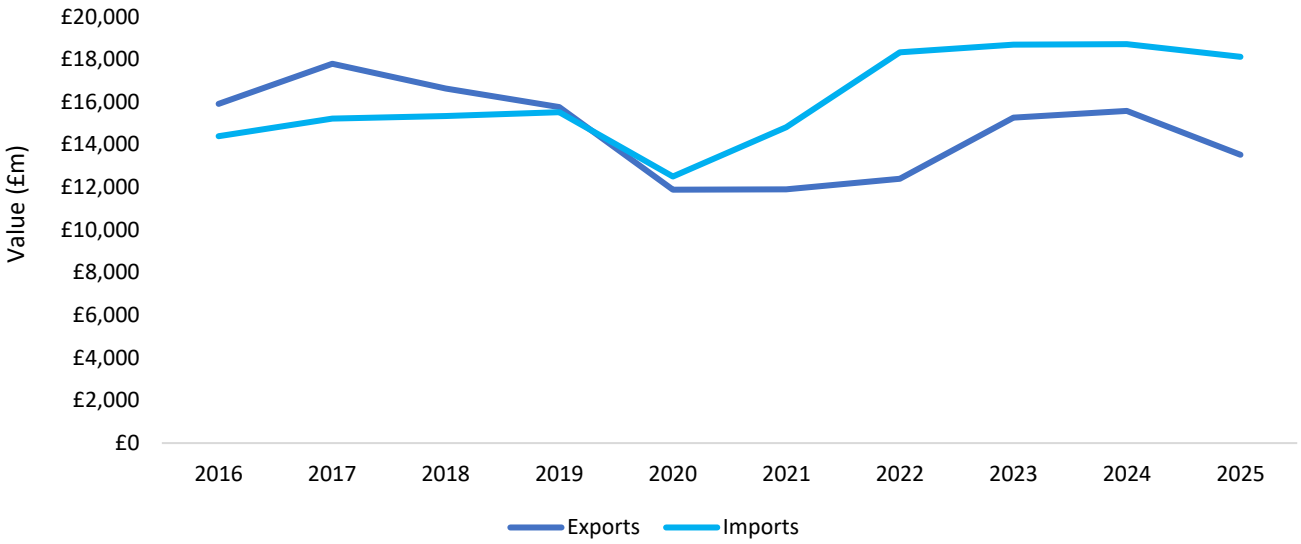
Imports in goods in the WMCA area

- The total value of goods imported to the WMCA area in 2025 was £18.1bn, a decrease of £597m (-3.2%) compared to 2024. Imports across the UK increased by 3.7% from the previous year to total £601.9bn in 2025.
- Across the WMCA area, goods imports increased in Walsall by £15m (+2.0%) and Birmingham by £2m (+0.04%) when compared to the previous year, with exports decreasing in all other WMCA local authority areas.
- Goods imports from the EU totalled £11.0bn in the WMCA area in 2025, accounting for 60.9% of total imports compared to 52.8% across the UK.
- Imports from the EU decreased in 2025 compared to the previous year by £641m (-5.5%) in the WMCA area compared to an increase across the UK of 2.0%. All local authority areas in the WMCA area decreased in the value of goods imports from the EU in 2025.
- The proportion of imports from the EU decreased by 1.5pp compared to the previous year in the WMCA area, while nationally this decreased by 0.9pp. The proportion of total imports from the EU decreased in all WMCA local authority areas except for Wolverhampton (+0.2pp).

Imports from the WMCA area in 2024 and 2025 and the proportion of EU imports

	2024		2025		Annual Change		
	Total Imports (£m)	Proportion of Imports to EU	Total Imports (£m)	Proportion of Imports to EU	Value of Imports (£m)	Annual Percentage Change	Proportion of EU Imports
Birmingham	£5,154	48.1%	£5,156	46.6%	£2	0.04%	-1.5pp
Coventry	£4,173	79.0%	£4,081	78.0%	-£92	-2.2%	-1.0pp
Dudley	£1,170	52.5%	£1,094	49.9%	-£76	-6.5%	-2.6pp
Sandwell	£1,739	50.3%	£1,630	49.1%	-£109	-6.3%	-1.2pp
Solihull	£4,500	78.0%	£4,203	76.6%	-£297	-6.6%	-1.4pp
Walsall	£757	52.6%	£772	51.2%	£15	2.0%	-1.4pp
Wolverhampton	£1,220	40.6%	£1,181	40.7%	-£39	-3.2%	0.2pp
WMCA	**£18,713**	**62.4%**	**£18,116**	**60.9%**	**-£597**	**-3.2%**	**-1.5pp**
UK	£580,471	53.7%	£601,899	52.8%	£21,428	3.7%	-0.9pp

Trends in WMCA goods exports and imports 2016 to 2025



Balance of trade in goods in the WMCA area

- In 2025 the WMCA area had a trade deficit of £4.6bn, an increase of £1.5bn (+46.4%) from a trade deficit of £3.1bn in 2024. The trade deficit across the UK increased by 8.8% across the UK to total £242.6bn in 2025.
- In the WMCA area, Solihull was the only area with a trade surplus in 2025, totalling £979m.
- Compared to 2024, a decrease in the size of the trade deficit was seen in Dudley by £60m (-10.7%) and Sandwell by £35m (-4.0%) in 2025.
- The WMCA had a trade surplus of £774m to non-EU countries in 2025, while the UK experienced a trade deficit to both EU and Non-EU countries.