SA OVERSEAS GOODS EXPORTS MAY 2026

SUMMARY

In the 12 months to May 2026:

- The value of South Australia's overseas goods exports totalled $18.4 billion, up 11% ($1.9 billion) on the previous twelve months (moving annual total, in original terms).
- Nationally, the value of overseas goods exports totalled $530.2 billion, up 3.7% ($18.7 billion) over the same period.
- South Australia accounted for 3.5% of national overseas goods exports value.
- Increases in the value of overseas goods exports were recorded in New South Wales (up 19%), South Australia (up 11%), Tasmania (up 8.9%), the Northern Territory (up 8.1%), Western Australia (up 2.2%), and Victoria (up 0.6%), while a decrease was recorded in Queensland (down 4.6%). See Chart 1.

MAJOR EXPORT DESTINATIONS

Major South Australian export markets that experienced growth in the year to May 2026 compared with the year to May 2025 included:

- USA (up $646 million or 32%);
- India (up $543 million or 44%);
- Malaysia (up $298 million or 25%);
- China (up $215 million or 5.7%); and
- Thailand (up $171 million or 30%).

(Annual growth in exports of more than $100 million was recorded for 5 export destinations).

Major South Australian export markets that experienced a decline in the year to May 2026 included:

- Pakistan (down $106 million or 73%);
- Canada (down $91 million or 13%);
- South Africa (down $88 million or 40%);
- Philippines (down $85 million or 47%); and
- Vietnam (down $77 million or 12%).

See Table 1 and Chart 2.

Chart 1: **Australian Exports by State**
($b, moving annual totals)

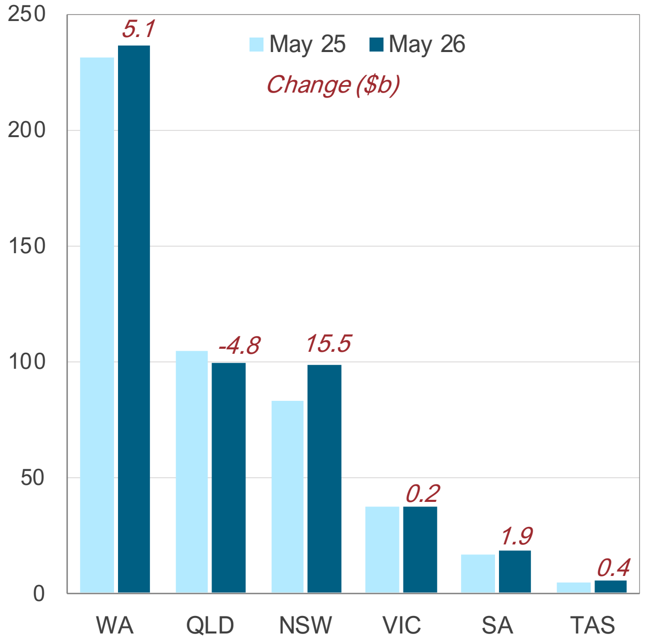
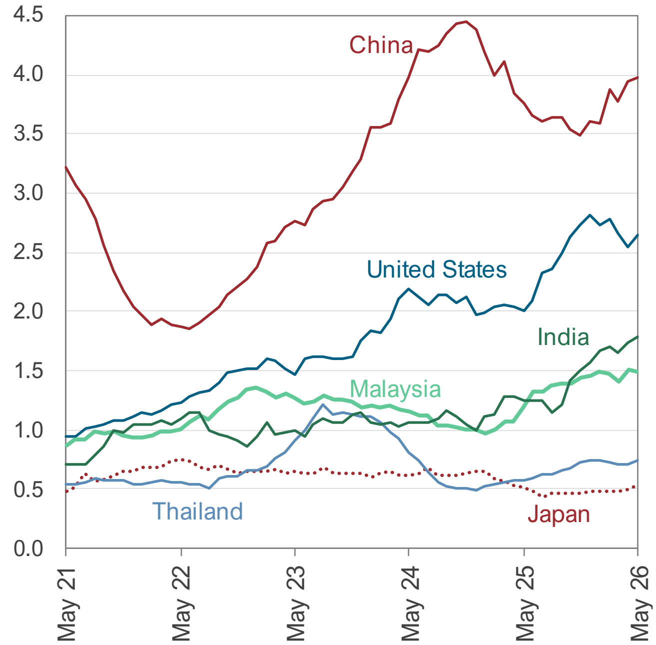


Chart 2: **SA Exports by Destination**
($b, moving annual total)



MAJOR EXPORT COMMODITIES

In South Australia, export commodities recording growth in the year to May 2026 compared with the year to May 2025 included:

- Refined copper and copper products (up $553 million or 20%);
- Beef (up $289 million or 40%);
- Barley (up $222 million or 60%);
- Seafood (up $99 million or 51%); and
- Vegetables (up $23 million or 2.7%).

Notes: Monthly estimates of merchandise exports are generally volatile and are unadjusted for seasonal factors—consequently monthly data should be treated with caution.

Figures in this brief are reported in moving annual total terms to remove the impact of seasonality.

All data is in original nominal terms, hence both quantity and price changes contribute to changes in values.

During the same period, South Australian exports that recorded a decline in value included:

- Iron ore and concentrates (down $145 million or 18%);
- Petroleum and petroleum products (down $117 million or 65%);
- Lead (down $97 million or 22%);
- Nuts (down $45 million or 9.9%); and
- Wine (down $25 million or 1.4%).

See Table 2 and Charts 3a and 3b.

Note: exports of copper ores and concentrates at the state level have been confidentialised intermittently from June 2020 onwards. A complete annual total from monthly data has been available since the September 2025 data release.

For further information on particular commodities, including six monthly totals of copper ores and concentrates, see the Department for Energy and Mining's Economic Dashboard.

Next release of ABS International Trade in Goods is 6 August 2026.

Chart 3a: **SA Exports by Commodity**
($b, moving annual totals)

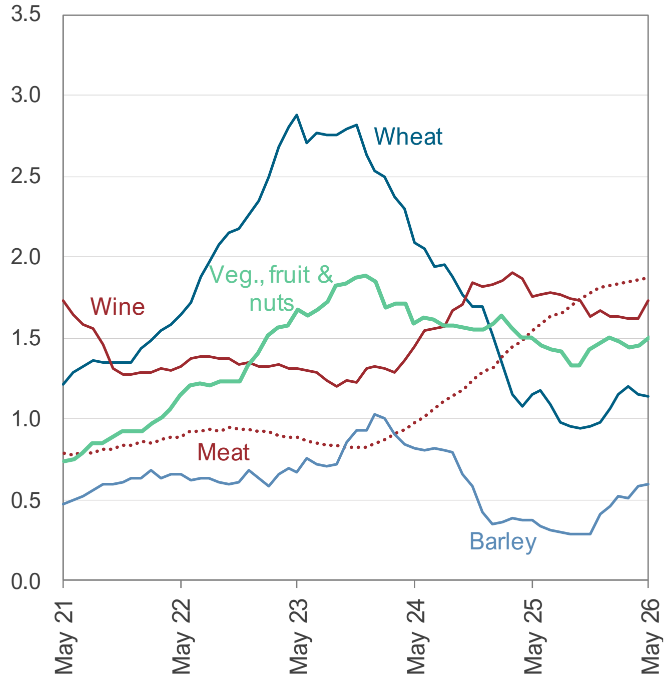


Chart 3b: **SA Exports by Commodity**
($b, moving annual total)

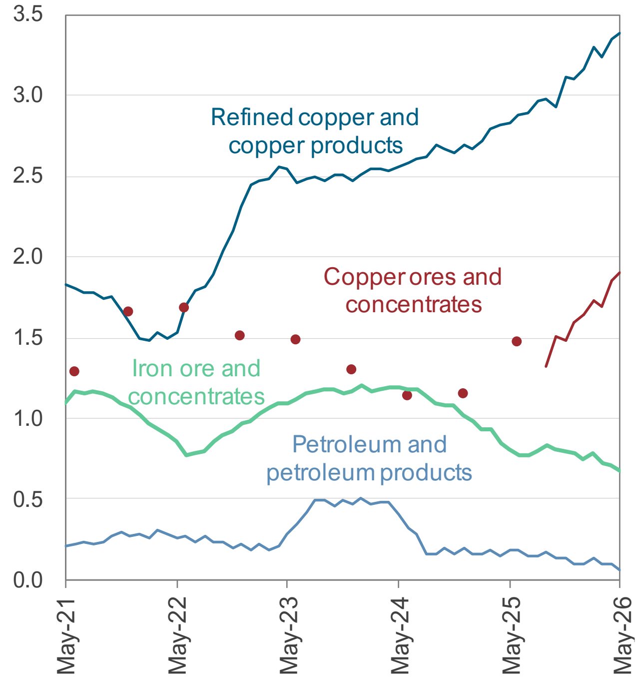


Table 1: Selected South Australian Overseas Exports by Destination

Country name	F.O.B Value 12 Months to May 2026 ($m)	Change from the previous year %	abs ($m)
United States	2,652.0	32.2%	646.2
Canada	599.1	-13.2%	-91.3
North East Asia			
China	3,971.1	5.7%	215.5
Hong Kong	213.2	-11.4%	-27.4
Taiwan	518.3	6.3%	30.7
Japan	535.5	2.7%	14.1
South Korea	410.9	28.1%	90.2
South East Asia			
Indonesia	624.0	7.4%	42.9
Malaysia	1,492.1	25.0%	298.0
Singapore	239.8	10.3%	22.5
Thailand	748.0	29.6%	170.7
Vietnam	569.6	-11.9%	-77.2
Philippines	97.1	-46.7%	-85.1
South Asia			
India	1,786.0	43.6%	542.5
Bangladesh	273.4	-13.4%	-42.2
Pakistan	40.0	-72.6%	-106.0
Middle East			
Egypt	70.8	-35.3%	-38.6
Saudi Arabia	136.9	47.5%	44.1
European Union			
Belgium	187.5	-15.8%	-35.2
France	401.3	24.9%	80.1
Germany	107.3	-15.4%	-19.5
Netherlands	176.7	18.1%	27.0
United Kingdom	433.5	13.9%	52.8
New Zealand	412.7	-2.8%	-12.1
Total	**18,425.7**	**11.4%**	**1,884.9**

Table 2: Selected South Australian Overseas Exports by Commodity

SITC	Commodity name	F.O.B Value 12 Months to May 2026 ($m)	Change from the previous year %	abs ($m)
0	Food and live animals	5,808.7	11.5%	598.4
00	Live animals	4.2	-38.1%	-2.6
01	Meat	1,879.9	22.1%	340.7
011	Beef	1,011.4	40.0%	288.8
0121	Lamb and mutton	731.1	2.5%	17.8
02	Dairy products and eggs	142.5	-12.1%	-19.7
03	Seafood	293.8	51.1%	99.3
04	Cereals and cereal preparations	1,821.6	13.0%	209.4
041	Wheat	1,145.6	-0.2%	-2.1
043	Barley	592.0	60.1%	222.1
05	Vegetables, fruit and nuts	1,505.9	-0.1%	-0.8
054	Vegetables	887.7	2.7%	23.1
057	Fruit and nuts	583.4	-3.6%	-21.5
0577	Nuts	406.1	-9.9%	-44.8
08	Animal feed	124.8	-20.8%	-32.9
1	Beverages and tobacco	1,763.2	-2.8%	-50.1
1121	Wine	1,731.8	-1.4%	-25.0
2	Crude materials (exc. fuels)	3,782.5	39.4%	1,069.5
22	Oil-seeds and oleaginous fruits	384.6	0.8%	2.9
26	Textile fibres	77.9	-10.1%	-8.8
268	Wool and animal hair	75.1	-5.6%	-4.5
28	Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	3,154.4	50.9%	1,064.0
281	Iron ore and concentrates	667.6	-17.9%	-145.3
283	Copper ores and concentrates	1,901.0	n/a	n/a
29	Crude animal and vegetable materials	92.6	17.7%	13.9
2925	Seeds used for sowing	70.2	25.1%	14.1
3	Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	93.3	-62.7%	-156.8
33	Petroleum and petroleum products	61.9	-65.4%	-117.1
4	Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes	69.4	-19.0%	-16.3
5	Chemicals and related products	425.7	-1.0%	-4.1
52	Inorganic chemicals	160.6	-10.2%	-18.3
54	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	59.8	18.2%	9.2
6	Manufactured goods	3,916.0	12.2%	427.1
67	Iron and steel	64.4	50.7%	21.7
68	Non-ferrous metals	3,735.5	13.8%	453.9
682	Refined copper and copper products	3,385.1	19.5%	552.6
685	Lead	349.3	-21.7%	-96.8
7	Machinery and transport equipment	618.3	17.5%	91.9
78	Road vehicles (incl. air-cushion vehicles)	87.7	5.4%	4.5
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	206.5	-0.1%	-0.1
87	Profess., scientific and controlling instruments	111.8	-10.2%	-12.7
9	Other/confidential	1,742.2	-4.1%	-74.5
	Total	**18,425.7**	**11.4%**	**1,884.9**