Country Profile

Republic of TAJIKISTAN

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General Data

General info

- Capital: Dushanbe
- Type of state: Democratic Republic
- Location: Central Asia - Area: 141,380 Km^2
- Time zone: GMT + 5

Demography

- Population : 9 749 625 - 2021
- Natural increase: 2.2%
- Official language: Tajik
- Business language: English

Currency

- Tajikistan Somoni (TJS)
- 1 USD = 11.3293 TJS

macro economy

- GDP: 8.75 MM USD Growth: 9.2% - 2021
- GDP per capita: 897.1 USD – 2021
- Employment rate of people aged 15 and over: 39.5 % - 2016

International trade

- Imports - 2021: 4.21 MM USD
- Exports – 2021: 1.78 M M USD

FDI

- FDI stocks in 2020: 3.1 MM USD
- Inward FDI flows in 2020: 107 M USD

Strong points

- Young population
- Agricultural and tourism potential and abundance of natural resources (Hydroelectric , Cotton, Aluminum, etc.)
- Regional transit corridor and member of the Silk Road Initiative
- Confidence of international donors

GDP growth (annual %)

Tajikistan has made significant progress in economic reforms, restructuring its national economy and strengthening international relations.

Tajikistan's economy has grown by 7 to 8% over the past ten years. Remittances from Tajiks working abroad are a major contributor to this growth.

In 2022, growth will be supported by an increase in private consumption (80% of GDP) and exports (17%). It can also be stimulated by the activity of the extractive sectors, including aluminum, copper and gold.

Rankings of Doing Business 2020 by Domain

The country ranks 106th in the Doing Business 2020 ranking, an increase of 20 places

Start a business	Tajikistan	Europe & Central Asia
Procedures (number)	3	5.2
Time (days)	7	11.9

the World Bank emphasizes the progress made in obtaining credit (unified modern register of guarantees; establishment of a functional system of secure transactions; expanding the scope of assets to be used as guarantee); starting a business and intra-border trade (priority for customs clearance of exports of perishable goods).

Main sectors of activity

23.8 %

Share of agriculture in GDP
It employs 44.7% of the population

32.8 %

Share of industry in GDP
It employs 15.8% of the population

35.3 %

Share of services in GDP
They employ 39.5% of the population

Sector Strategies

Tajikistan Vision 2030 targets energy security and efficient use of electricity; the assurance of food security and the population's access to good quality nutrition and the development of productive employment.

The main activities to achieve the strategic objectives set are:

- Concerning the field of ensuring energy security and efficient use of electric power : diversify the sources of power generation through the development of hydroelectric resources of small and large rivers, existing capacities of the oil and gas and coal industries, new fossil fuel deposits, use of renewable energy sources (solar, wind, biological, geothermal
- In the transport sector: build and rebuild transport infrastructure;
- In the telecommunications sector: developing a policy of affordable and reliable access to the Internet and telecommunications services plays an important role in the provision of public services and good governance;
- In the field of agri-food: promotion of agrarian and hydraulic reforms.

Infrastructure

Road

Road transport represents more than 90% of the total volume of passenger transport and more than 80% of internal freight transport. With the aim of developing a transport network within the country and accessing international transcontinental highways, Tajikistan is implementing a number of large investment projects, such as: rehabilitation of the Dushanbe highway – Chanak (Uzbek border), Dushanbe – Kulma (Chinese border and access to Karrakorum highway), Kurgan-Tube– Nizhny Pyanj (Afghan border) and the construction of tunnels under the mountain passes of Anzob , Shakhristan , Shar-Shar and Chormazak .

Airport

The country has 2 major airports (runways > 3 km) and 4 airports (runways > 2.5 km). The local companies " Tajik Air" and " Somon Air" carry out regular flights to Munich, Frankfurt, Istanbul, Sharjah, Tehran , Urumqi, Dubai, Moscow, St. Petersburg, Yekaterinburg, Almaty, Bishkek and other destinations in the world..

Railway

The total length of the railways is 943 kilometers. The main segments of the railways are located in the southern regions of the country; they connect the capital to the industrial areas of the Gissar and Vakhsh valleys and to the outside regions.

Telecom

Nine mobile operators operate in Tajikistan using GSM and CDMA cellular communication standards. " Babilon ", "Indigo", "M- Teko ", "Saturn Online" and "Telecom Technology LTD" are the largest providers of telecommunications and Internet services.

Promising Sectors

01 **Agriculture:** agricultural crops cover 675,000 H, of which only 470,000 H are irrigated. Tajik fruits are highly valued in many countries around the world. Vegetables and fruits are ranked second after cotton.

02 **Textile :** The country has more than 100 cotton ginning factories that produce more than 120,000 tons of high-quality cotton lint, of which only 12,000 tons per year are processed by Tajikistan's textile companies.

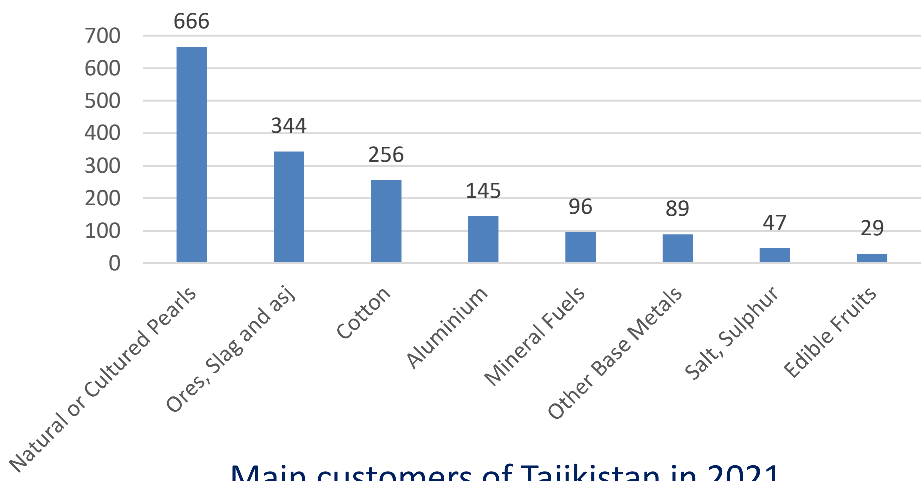
03 **Tourism :** Historical, educational and ethnographic tourism; Spa treatment and relaxation; Ecological tourism; Rafting, paragliding, skiing - 65% of spas restored; 300 private tourist recreation areas and 70 sanatoriums built

04 **Mines:** deposits of lead, zinc, copper, bismuth, molybdenum, tungsten, iron, gold, silver, tin, coal, oil & gas, fluorspar. The country is famous for its tungsten deposit "Maykhura" (150 000 T / year)

05 **Energy:** hydroelectric resources, estimated at more than 500 billion kWh per year (Energy consumption of Central Asia). technically possible and economically feasible to build more than 900 power plants with a capacity of 100 to 3000 kW.

International trade

Main exported products by Tadjikistan in 2021 - MUSD



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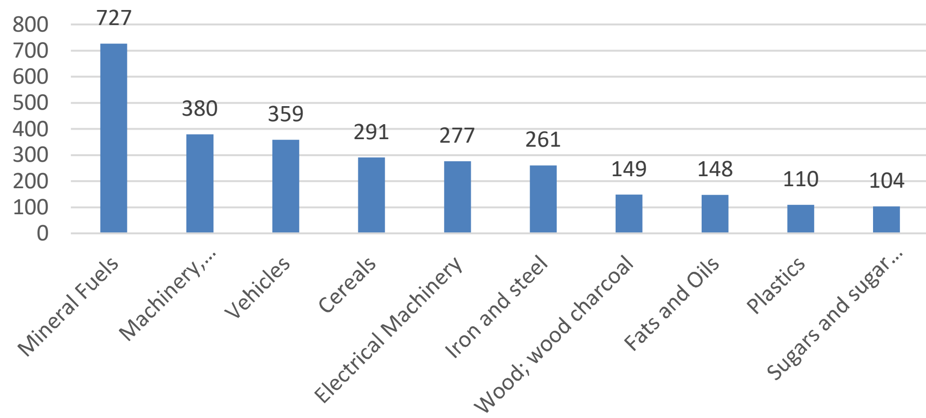
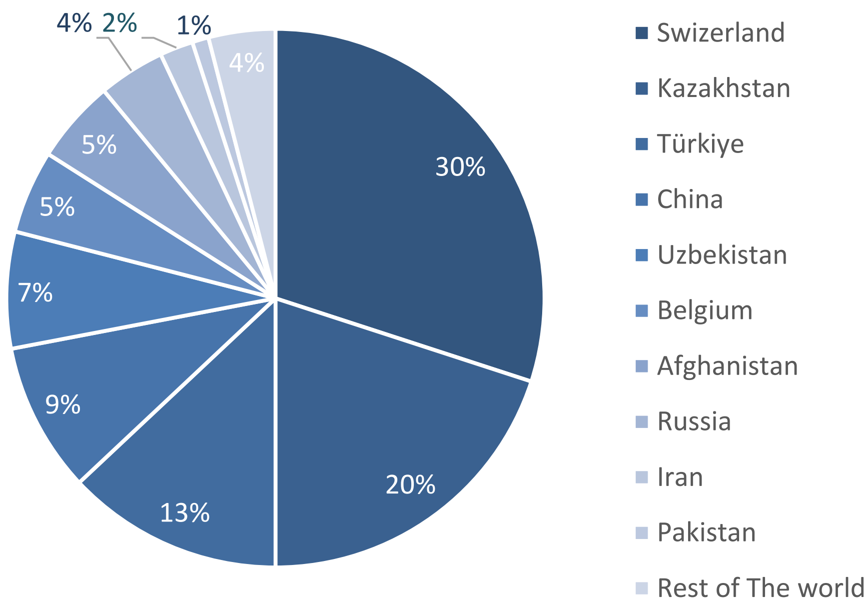
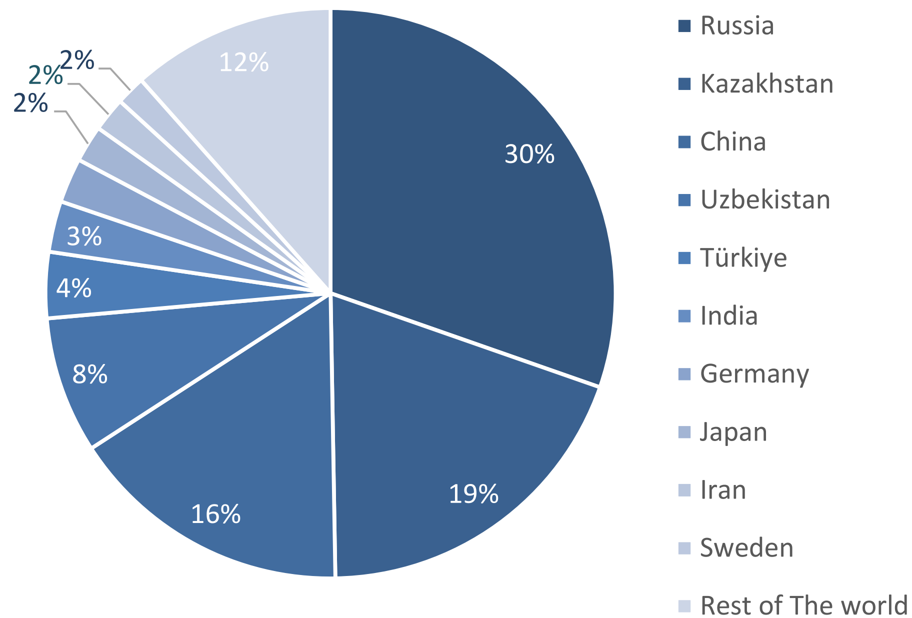


Main customers of Tajikistan in 2021

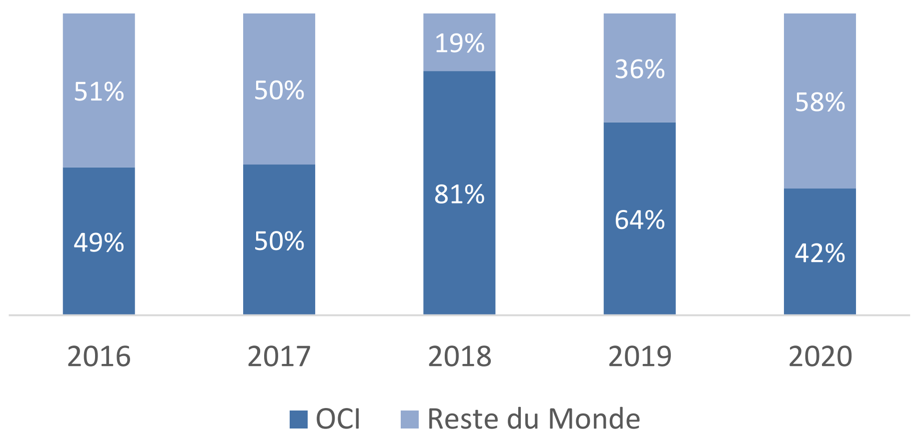


Main suppliers of Tajikistan in 2021



Intra-OIC Trade

Share of OIC in Tajikistan's Exports



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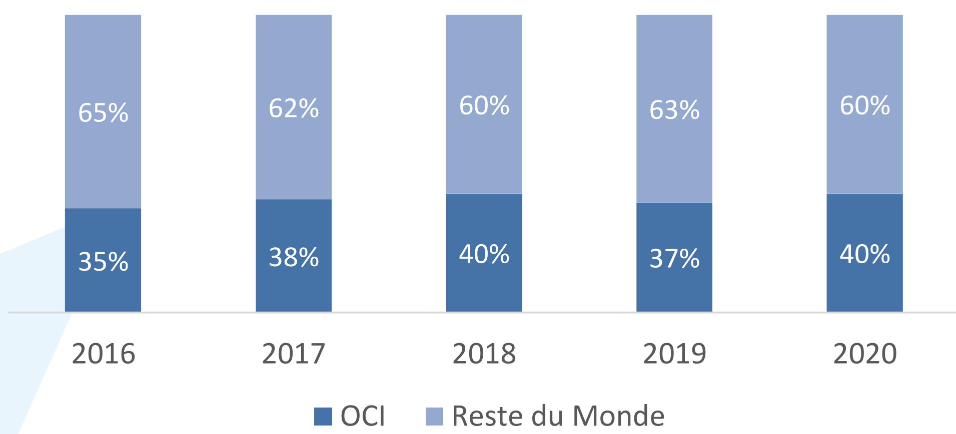


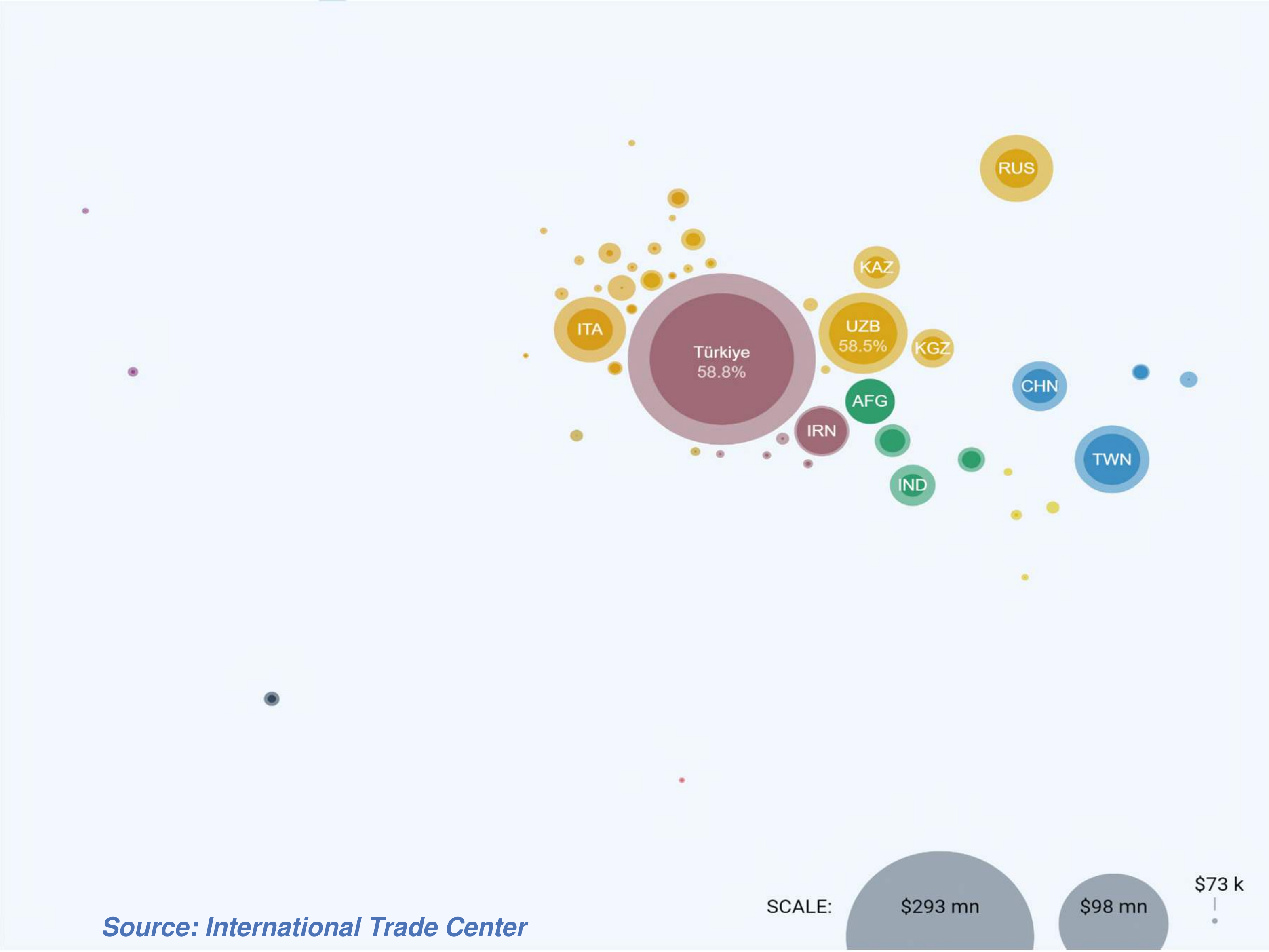
Top 10 Customers, OIC Members in 2020

1. Türkiye
2. Kazakhstan
3. Uzbekistan
4. Afghanistan
5. Pakistan
6. Kyrgyzstan
7. Iran
8. Bangladeshi
9. United Arab Emirates
10. Iraq

Top 10 Suppliers, OIC Members in 2020

1. Kazakhstan
2. Uzbekistan
3. Türkiye
4. Iran
5. Kyrgyzstan
6. United Arab Emirates
7. Pakistan
8. Turkmenistan
9. Azerbaijan
10. Malaysia

Export potential of Tajikistan by country of destination



Source: International Trade Center

Markets with potential for Tajikistan's exports

Legend

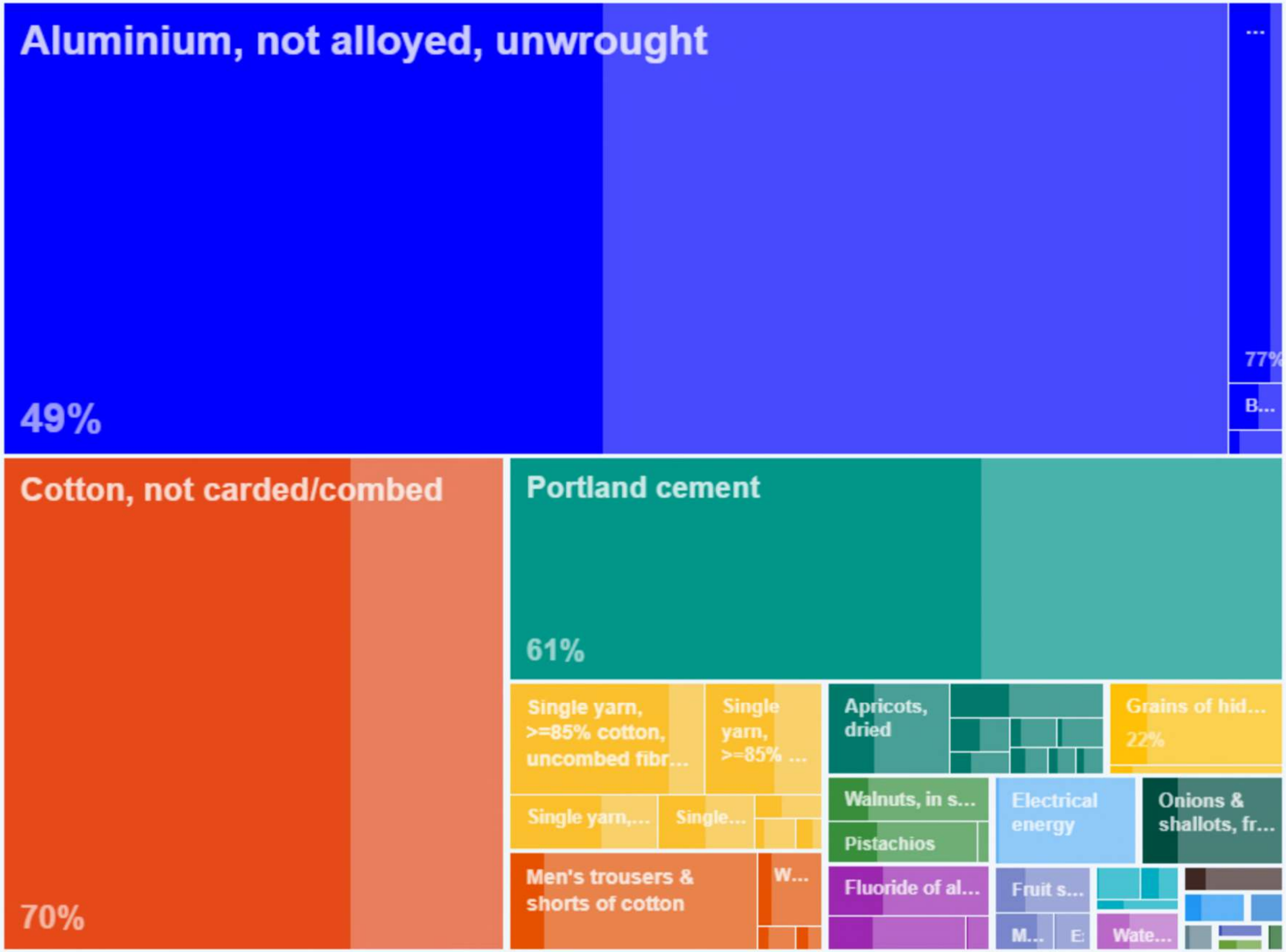
- Export potential
- Tapped potential

- Middle East
- East Europe & Central Asia
- East Asia
- EU & West Europe
- South Asia
- Southeast Asia
- South & Central America
- Northern Africa
- North America
- Southern Africa

Within the OIC region, the markets with the highest export potential are located in the Middle East and Central Asia

Export potential of Tajikistan by product

Source: International Trade Center



Tajikistan's products with potential

Legend

- Export potential
- Tapped potential

- Metals (except ferrous & precious)
- Vegetal textile fibers
- Mineral products
- Cotton (fabric)
- Apparel
- Fruits
- Skins, leather & products thereof
- Nuts
- Chemicals
- Machinery, electricity
- Vegetables
- Food products n.e.s. (processed or preserved)
- Ferrous metals
- Beverages (not alcoholic)
- Textile products n.e.s.
- Raw silk & wool
- Electronic equipment
- Paper products
- Vegetal residues & animal feed
- Oil seeds

The products with the greatest export potential are metals, cotton and mineral products

Market Access

Customs Duties and Taxes

Average rate: 8%
Average rate of agricultural products: 10.9%
Average rate of non-agricultural products: 7.5%

Trade agreements

Member of the WTO
Member of the Commonwealth of Independent States
Signatory of the Treaty establishing a free trade area between the members of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)
Ukraine - Tajikistan

Public markets

Calls for tenders are published by the Agency for Public Procurement of Goods, Works and Services: https://zakupki.gov.tj

Investing in Tajikistan

Why Tajikistan

Strategic geographic location; Political and economic stability; Comprehensive government support for private business and entrepreneurship; Abundance of natural resources; Rapidly developing infrastructure

Special Economic Zones

Dangara FEZ (521 hectares); Sughd FEZ (320 hectares); Pyanj FEZ (401 hectares); Ishkoshim FEZ (200 hectares); Kulob FEZ (309 hectares) - More than 70 entities operate here and are exempted from all types of taxes except income and social charges. During the activity of the free economic zones, 160 million dollars of investments were attracted.

Implemented Measures

- Single window to facilitate business formalities.
- Equal rights for national and foreign investors.
- Free Access to real sectors of the economy including the right to explore, process and exploit natural resources.
- Free and guaranteed transfer abroad of income and wages in foreign currencies.
- Guarantee of the same legislation in force at the time of registration of the investor for ten years.

Contacts

The Consultative Council on Improvement of Investment Climate

https://investmentcouncil.tj

State Committee on Investments and State property management of the Republic of Tajikistan

https://investcom.tj/

Customs Service

https://customs.tj/

The Ministry of Economic Development and Trade

https://www.medt.tj/

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry

http://tpp.tj/en/