intra-Africa trade peaked at 21% in 2015 and averaging 18% annually until 2019. In 2020 intra-Africa trade was down to 16% mainly attributed to Covid-19 related supply chain disruptions. Total intra-Africa trade in 2020 was USD 61 billion having declined 5% over the last 5 years.

Top 10 traded product groups (2020)

- Mineral products (mostly oil) is the top traded product by value, albeit only accounting for 10% in terms of intra-Africa trade with 90% leaving the Continent.
- Intra-Africa trade mostly dominated by manufactured products.
- Agricultural products account for only 23% of total intra-Africa trade.

USD 61 bn (2020) CAGR (2016-2020) 5%

USD 5 billion intra-Africa exports (8% share)

- USD 1.5bn to Tanzania - (copper; inorganic chemicals; machinery)
- USD 1.2bn to Zambia - (ores; inorganic chemicals; copper)
- USD 1.0bn to RSA - (inorganic chemicals; copper; ores)

USD 3.8 billion intra-Africa exports (6% share)

- USD 0.6bn to Libya - (plastics; ceramics; mineral fuels)
- USD 0.5bn to Algeria - (essential oils; edible fats & oils; plastics)
- USD 0.5bn to Sudan - (plastics; iron & steel; glass & glassware)

USD 6 billion intra-Africa exports (8% share)

- USD 2.5bn to RSA - (mineral fuels)
- USD 1.2bn to Cameroon - (ships & boats; tobacco; salt; beverages)
- USD 0.9bn to Ivory Coast - (mineral fuels; ships & boats; machinery; tobacco)

USD 2.4 billion intra-Africa exports (4% share)

- USD 1.7bn to South Africa - (tobacco; ores; precious stones)
- USD 0.4bn to Mozambique - (tobacco; iron & steel; ores)
- USD 0.1bn to Uganda - (precious stones)

USD 20 billion intra-Africa exports (32% share):

- USD 3bn to Botswana - (mineral fuels; precious stones; machinery & motor vehicles)
- USD 3bn to Mozambique - (ores; mineral fuels; machinery & iron and steel)
- USD 2.7bn to Namibia - (machinery; vehicles; mineral fuels; pharmaceuticals)

Source: UN ITU TradeMap
Top intra-Africa importers by ranking (2020)

USD 7.3 billion intra-Africa imports (12% share)
- USD 2.2 bn from Nigeria - (mineral fuels)
- USD 1.1 bn from eSwatini - (essential oils; sugar; other chemical products; clothing)
- USD 0.7 bn from Namibia - (precious stones; live animals; fish)

USD 4.4 billion intra-Africa imports (8% share)
- USD 2.5 bn from South Africa - (vehicles; machinery; electricals)
- USD 1.3 bn from Zambia - (copper; waste products; ores & slag)
- USD 0.4 bn from DRC - (copper; inorganic chemicals; ores & slag)

USD 3.8 bn from South Africa - (mineral fuels; precious stones; vehicles)
- USD 0.5 bn from Namibia - (precious stones; mineral fuels; salts)
- USD 27 mn from Zimbabwe - (sugars; wood products; iron & steel)

USD 2.8 bn intra-Africa imports (5% share)
- USD 0.8 bn from Kenya - (precious stones; iron & steel; salts)
- USD 0.7 bn from Tanzania - (precious stones; cereals; vegetables)
- USD 0.2 bn from Mauritius - (fertilisers; cereals; edible fats & oils)
- USD 0.1 bn from Mozambique - (mineral fuels; fertilisers; edible fats & oils)


Source: UN ITC TradeMap