

## Iraqi-Turkish Trade Exchange (2004-2021) and Future Prospects in Light of Alternative Scenarios



## **Abstract:**

This research examines the reality of Iraqi-Turkish trade for the period (2004-2021) and its significant developments by analyzing relevant data, including the contribution of economic sectors to the gross domestic product and their evolution in both countries. The research also delves into the commodity structure of exports and imports between the two countries and the impact of trade developments on their trade balance.

Turkey has successfully captured a significant portion of the Iraqi market in its commodity exports, particularly in food products, machinery, and industrial goods. This clear advantage for Turkey can be attributed to the decline of the Iraqi economy following the 2003 American occupation, which led to the deterioration of infrastructure and the suspension of key production sectors in industry, agriculture, and services. In contrast, the Turkish economy has consistently thrived through efficient export plans and high competitiveness in the Iraqi market. Over 1,500 Turkish trucks carrying Turkish goods enter Iraq daily, and approximately 700 Turkish companies operate in Iraq. In 2021, Turkey achieved a trade surplus of \$14,409 million.

Furthermore, the research explores future scenarios for these relationships under alternative circumstances, relying on economic and political factors in both countries.

**Keywords:** Trade exchange, Economic sector, Domestic product, Import, Export, Competitiveness, Trade balance

**Table (1) Population development in Iraq for the period (2004-2021)**

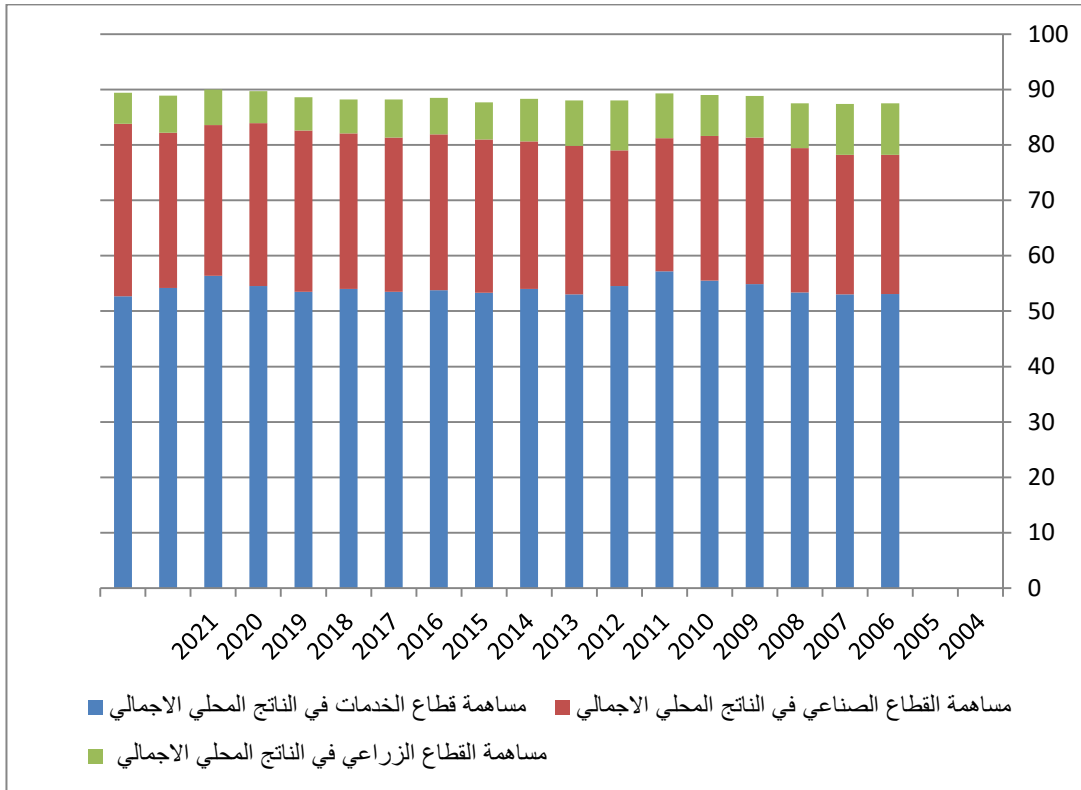
معدل التغير السنوي %	عدد السكان (نسمة)	السنوات	معدل التغير السنوي %	عدد السكان (نسمة)	السنوا ت
1.79	3481930 1	2013	3.04	271400 00	200 4
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1.68	3616912 3	2016	3.03	296820 85	200 7
2.68	3713951 9	2017	3.02	305780 00	200 8
2.65	3812418 2	2018	3.55	316644 66	200 9
2.63	3912788 9	2019	2.61	324899 72	201 0
2.61	4015020 0	2020	2.61	333387 57	201 1
2.59	4119065 9	2021	2.61	342072 48	201 2

**Table (2) Development of the Turkish gross domestic product and its per capita share for the period (2004-2021)**

السنوات	(GDP) الناتج المحلي الاجمالي (مليون دولار)	عدد السكان مليون / نسمة	نصيب الفرد من الناتج المحلي الاجمالي (دولار)
2004	408.88	67.0	6101.60
2005	506.31	68.0	7456.30
2006	557.06	68.5	8101.90
2007	681.34	69.5	9791.90
2008	770.46	70.4	10941.20
2009	649.27	71.3	9103.50
2010	776.99	72.3	10742.80
2011	838.76	73.4	11420.60
2012	880.56	74.5	11795.60
2013	957.78	75.7	12614.80
2014	938.95	77.0	12158.00
2015	864.32	78.2	11006.30
2016	869.69	79.5	10894.60
2017	859.88	80.8	10589.70
2018	778.47	82.3	9454.30
2019	761.00	83.2	9121.50
2020	719.95	84.3	8536.40
2021	815.27	85.0	9586.60

Source: <http://data.albankaldawli.org/indicator/NY.GDP.MKTP.CD>

**Figure (1) The contribution of economic sectors to the structure of Turkish GDP for the period (2004-2021)**



**Table (3) Commodity structure of Iraqi exports to Turkey for the period (2004-2021) million dinars**

السلع الرأسمالية	السلع الاستهلاكية غير الغذائية	المواد الخام	السلع الغذائية والمشروبات	السنوات
0	0	5.4	1.2	2004
0	0	89.3	5.6	2005
0	0	1.1	0.9	2006
0	0	28.7	3.2	2007
0	2.9	77.6	3.5	2008
0	0	36.6	1.5	2009
0	0	376.7	1.9	2010
0	0	53.22	3.3	2011
0	60.2	73.291	2.2	2012
0	80.6	15.156	1.9	2013
0	0	20.698	4.7	2014
0	0	0	0	2015
0	5.0	0	0.40	2016
0	2.5	0	2.15	2017
0	7.9	0	2.26	2018
0	30.1	0	5.23	2019
0	51.9	0	2.1	2020
0	60.7	0	4.75	2021

**Table (4) The commodity structure of Iraq's commercial imports from Turkey for the period (2004-2021) (million dinars)**

السلع الرأسمالية	السلع الاستهلاكية غير الغذائية	المواد الخام	السلع الغذائية والمشروبات	السنوات
266.1	998.9	432.8	1156.1	2004
5137.7	2641978.0	251988.3	8686001.1	2005
256.6	127120.6	22280.1	386300.6	2006
46.0	1085.2	97.3	1641.3	2007
420.7	2552.5	1642.2	5435.7	2008
583.1	4705.4	8740.4	43561.4	2009
1909.2	20858.9	11226.2	44198.3	2010
3911.5	41510.9	11237.8	84058.1	2011
4321.1	51696.3	9452.6	97872.2	2012
7656.2	75491.3	3425.4	104321.1	2013
9327.2	38921.7	30463.8	57543.2	2014
19588.4	4492347.7	591789.0	4837610.5	2015
21877.5	5520872.5	685865.1	5947521.2	2016
34685.2	5986981.0	832831.5	7053626.8	2017
44836.1	6185831.8	895743.9	7978831.1	2018
521309.8	60031451.2	889639.1	9127743.0	2019
331722.0	4343281.5	608327.5	4589110.5	2020
452897.7	4554611.1	7139571.2	5278535.2	2021

**Table (5) Trade exchange between Iraq and Turkey for the period (2004-2021) (million dollars)**

الميزان التجاري العراقي-التركي	حجم التبادل التجاري	استيرادات العراق من تركيا	صادرات العراق الى تركيا	السنوات
1674.5-	1965.5	1820	145.575	2004
-2683.6	2816.4	2750	66.434	2005
-2467.3	2710.7	2589	121.744	2006
-2725.3	2962.7	2844	118.702	2007
-3782.9	4049.05	3916	133.056	2008
-5002.5	5243.5	5123	120.558	2009
-5882.6	6189.4	6036	153.475	2010
-8223.3	8396.7	8310	86.753	2011
-10672.7	10971.3	10822	149.327	2012
-11802.4	12093.6	11948	145.684	2013
-10618.5	11155.5	10887	268.544	2014
-8252.5	8845.5	8549	296.505	2015
-6799.8	8472.2	7636	836.297	2016
-7526.3	10581.7	9054	1527.57	2017
-6926	9698.5	8346	1420.43	2018
-6.4795	11.5145	8.997	2.5175	2019
-8.0688	8.0851	8077	8.1035	2020
14.409	14.430	10.003	14420	2021

Source:-DELK,IRAK ULKE BULTEIN, EKIM, 2019,P.5



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**Contribution of economic sectors to the structure of Turkish GDP for the period (2004-2021) current value in US dollars**

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53.10	25.10	9.30	9,80	408.88	2004
53.0	25.20	9.20	9.00	506.31	2005
53.40	26.0	8.10	6.90	557.06	2006
54.90	26.40	7.50	5.00	681.34	2007
55.50	26.10	7.40	0.80	770.46	2008
57.20	24.0	8.10	-4.80	649.27	2009
54.50	24.50	9.0	8.40	776.99	2010
53.00	26.80	8.20	11.20	838.76	2011
54.0	26.60	7.70	4.80	880.56	2012
53.30	27.70	6.70	8.50	957.78	2013
53.80	28.10	6.60	4.90	938.95	2014
53.50	27.80	6.90	6.10	864.32	2015
54.00	28.10	6.10	3.30	869.69	2016
53.50	29.10	6.0	7.50	859.88	2017
54.50	29.40	5.80	3.00	778.47	2018
56.40	27.20	6.40	0.90	761.00	2019
54.20	28.0	6.70	1.80	719.95	2020
52.70	31.10	5.60	11.00	815.27	2021

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