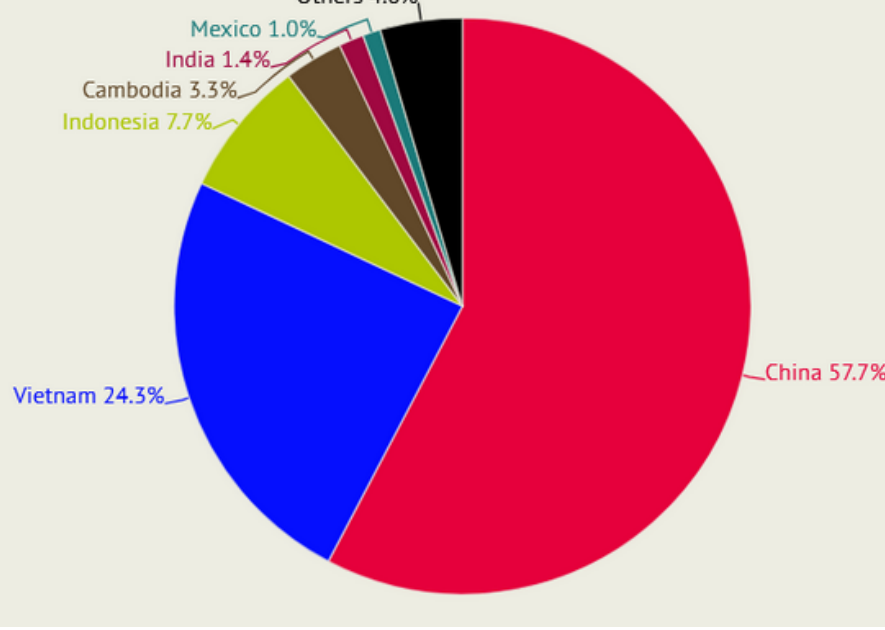


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US Total Footwear Import Report

Distribution of 2024 Total U.S. Footwear Import Volume



Reflecting Shipments through December 2024

By the numbers: Both the *value* and *volume* of US footwear imports jumped year over year again in December, higher nine of the last eleven months for each metric.

At \$2.2 billion, the Customs value of shipments grew 12.3%, the fourth straight double-digit year-over-year advance. Rising 15.2%, the volume of imports grew even faster, also the fourth straight double-digit increase.

Yes, but: Despite the full-year growth, the volume of imports only reached the third-lowest year in fifteen years.

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Athletic Footwear: The value and volume of US athletic footwear imports jumped again in December, advancing 16.5% year over year in value terms and 21.9% in volume terms.

Men's Footwear: The volume and value of men's footwear imports surged again in December. It was the sixth straight month of expansions and fourth straight month of double-digit advances.

Women's Footwear: The value and volume of women's footwear imports rose year over year again in December, with both climbing for the fourth straight month.

Children's Footwear: The value and volume of US children's footwear imports rose year over year in December. The volume of these imports rebounded 9.3% to a ten-month high.

Boots: US bootwear imports rebounded in December, climbing 5.6% year over year in value terms and 7.8% in volume terms, only the second expansions in the last twenty-six months for both measures.

Leather Footwear: The value and volume of leather footwear imports rose from a year earlier again in December, growing 7.8% in value terms and 13.1% in volume terms, higher for the eleventh straight month.

Sandals: The *volume* and *value* of sandal imports grew year over year again in December, rising 9.5% and 8.1% respectively, helping full-year shipments rebound from sharp declines witnessed in 2023.

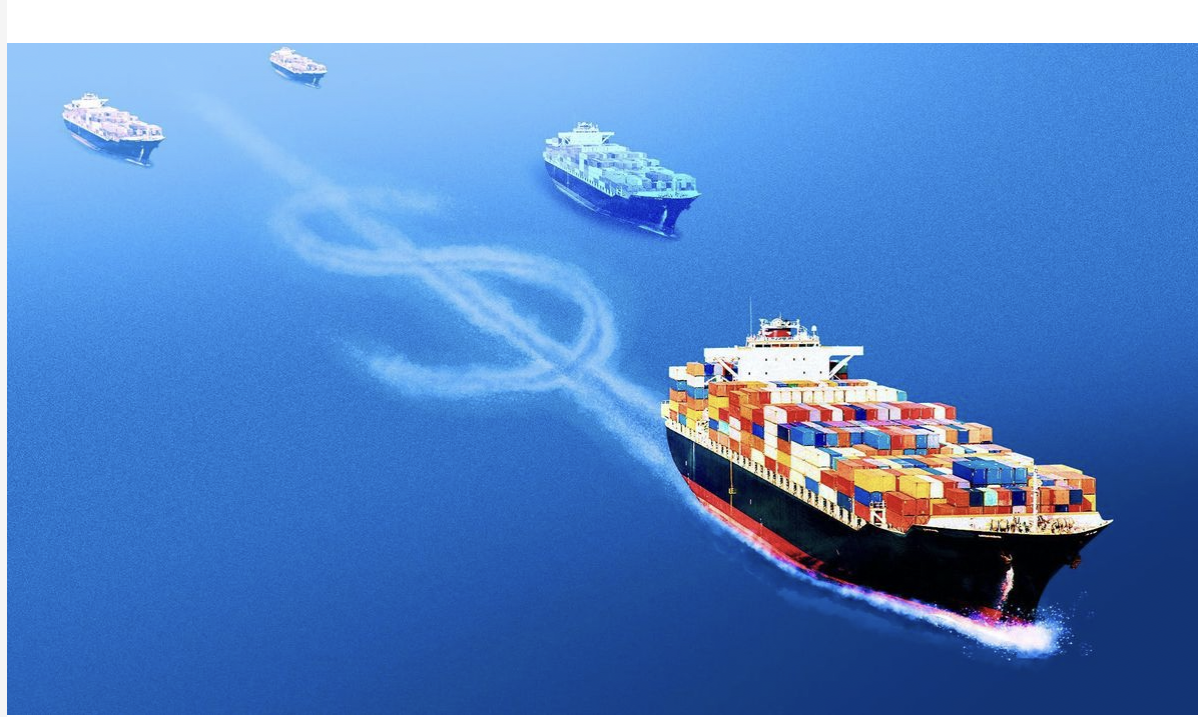


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Footwear Commodities Cost Report



Highlight Issue - Ocean Shipping Costs: After climbing early in 2025 on concerns of a looming East Coast port strike, transpacific shipping rates recently eased modestly and may be set for more downside ahead.

Cotton/Textiles: Global cotton prices continue to be pressured lower, owing to looser world and US cotton balance sheets and a stronger dollar.

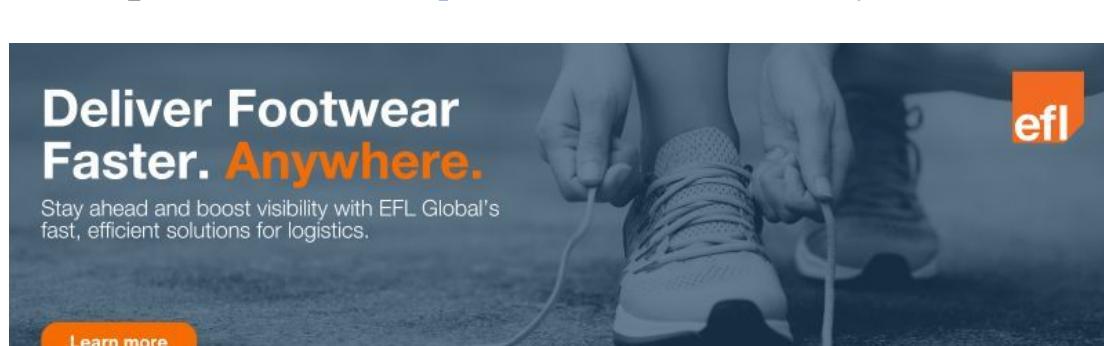
Leather: Cattle prices continue to surprise to the upside, owing to a recent pest infestation in Mexico, strong demand for beef, and prospects for cattle supplies to remain tight well into 2025.

Oil: Geopolitical jousting drove global oil prices to a five-month high by mid-January before giving back part of the gains in recent sessions.

Rubber: Following a tumultuous 2024 that saw global rubber prices jump to a seven-year high this autumn, 2025 began with prices tapering closer to their average witnessed over the last year.

Polyester Fiber & PET/Plastics: Prices for a range of synthetic fibers climbed into year end but are poised to ease deeper into 2025.

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