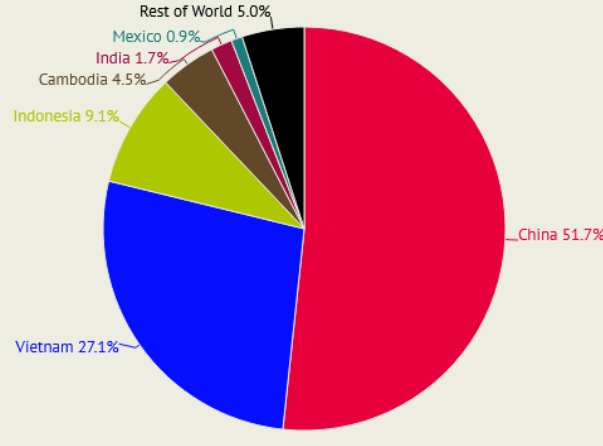


FDRA SHOE SOURCING & SUPPLY CHAIN UPDATE

A <2 Minute Update on Supply Chain Costs and Shifts

US Total Footwear Import Report

Distribution of YTD* 2025 Total U.S. Footwear Import Volume



Reflecting Shipments through May 2025

By the numbers: After expanding year over year for eleven straight months, both the *value* and *volume* of US footwear imports fell at double-digit rates in May as duties paid on those imports soared.

At \$1.9 billion, the Customs value of shipments sank -13.6% from May 2024, the sharpest drop in seventeen months. Retreating -22.1%, the volume of imports fell even faster, the most in twenty-one months.

Why it matters: Despite [shoe store sales stubbornly on the defensive](#), footwear companies aggressively front-loaded imports before the tariff hikes took effect in order to stave off price increases to consumers.

- Indeed, retail footwear prices remain well contained for now.
- But we maintain our earlier caution that as these dramatically higher tariffs permeate the supply chain and footwear imports wane, footwear shoppers soon are likely to see higher prices at the store shelf.

Go deeper: [click for total footwear import data & graphs](#)



U.S. Footwear Import Reports (by category)



Athletic Footwear: The value and volume of US athletic footwear imports both retreated in May, off -4.1% year over year in value terms and -5.9% in volume terms.

Men's Footwear: Men's footwear imports retreated in May, falling -32.1% year over year in volume terms and -16.2% in value terms.

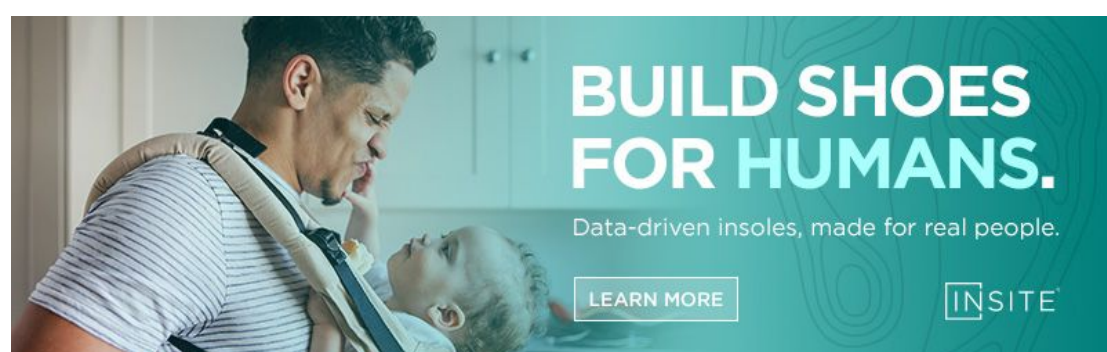
Women's Footwear: The value and volume of women's footwear imports tumbled year over year in May.

Children's Footwear: The value and volume of US children's footwear imports fell sharply year over year in May. The value of imports off -16.4% while the volume of these imports tumbled -23.6%.

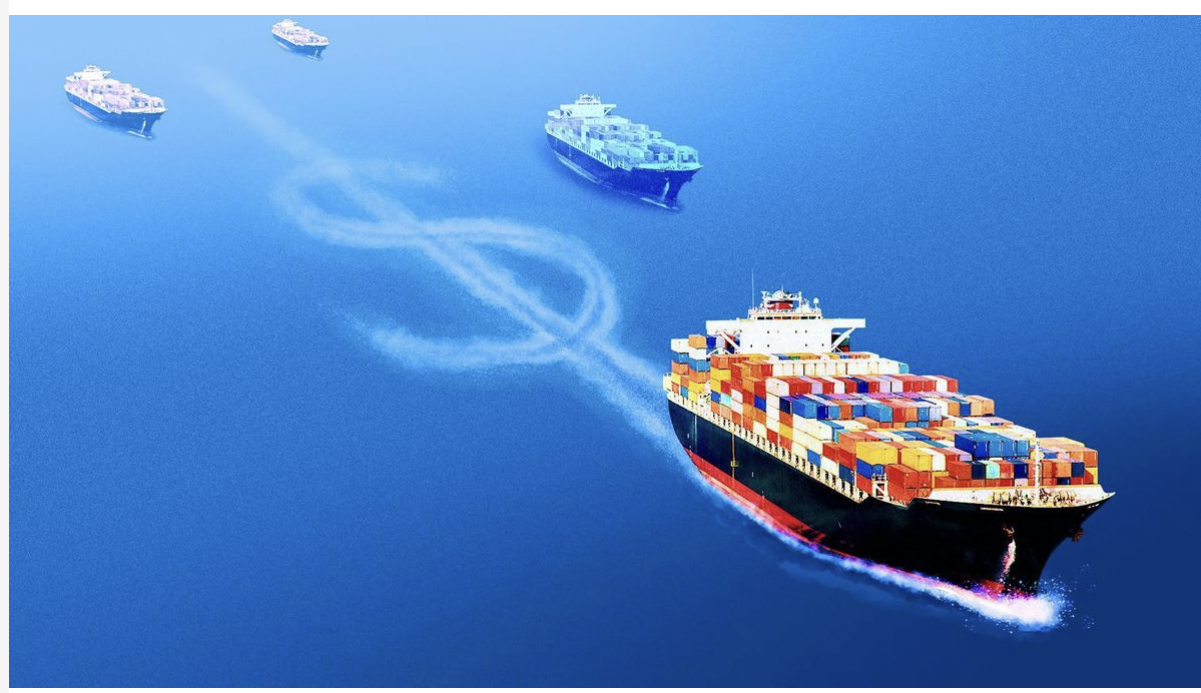
Boots: Bootwear imports reversed three straight months of gains, posting double-digit year-over-year declines in May.

Leather Footwear: The value and volume of leather footwear imports reversed course in May as tariffs took effect. Leather footwear imports retreated -8.4% in value terms and -9.8% in volume terms.

Sandals: Tariffs on sandal imports jumped to a record in May. The value and volume of these imports retreated to near-term lows.



Footwear Commodities Cost Report



Highlight Issue - A current issue that catches our attention this month: Cattle & leather prices.

Cotton/Textiles: nearby cotton futures traded on the Intercontinental Exchange bounced from a recent bottom as global and US fundamentals begin to tighten.

Ocean shipping costs: Our earlier outlook for transpacific shipping rates to fall closer to year-end came to fruition earlier than expected, with rates plunging from nine-month highs to the lowest since the spring.

Oil: After rocketing higher in June on the latest conflict between Israel and Iran, global oil prices have since retreated as regional tensions eased.

Rubber: Our month-ago outlook for natural rubber prices rubber prices to steadily firm into the second half of the year remains on track, as markets around the world have largely climbed.

Polyester Fiber & PET/Plastics: Weaker crude oil prices and the August 1st tariff deadline are weighing on price ideas across a range of synthetic fibers, with a few markets approaching near-term lows.

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