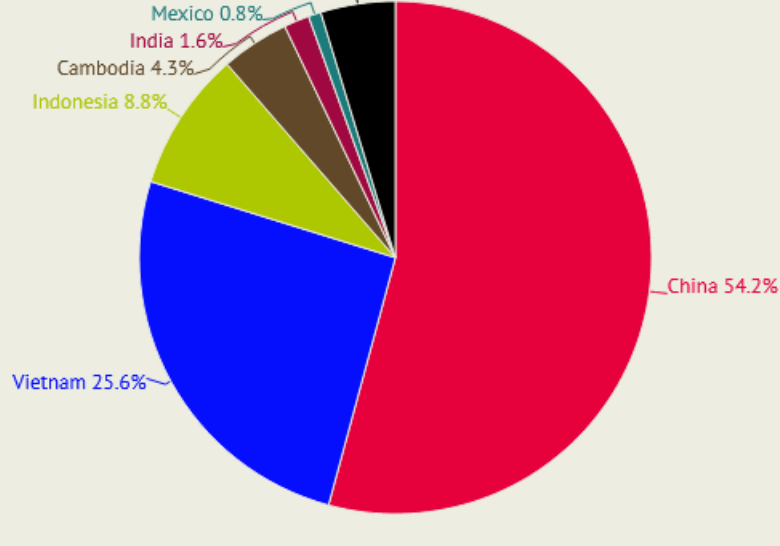


FDRA SHOE SOURCING & SUPPLY CHAIN UPDATE

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 April 2025

By the numbers: Both the *value* and *volume* of US footwear imports continued to rise year over year deeper into 2025, higher for the eleventh straight month for each metric.

At \$2.5 billion, the Customs value of shipments surged 34.3% from April 2024, the biggest advance in thirty-four months. Jumping 27.6%, the volume of imports grew nearly as robustly, the biggest gain also in thirty-four 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.

- Retail footwear prices remain well contained for now.
- But we maintain our earlier caution that as 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 rose impressively again in April, surging 75.4% year over year in value terms and a record 81.0% in volume terms, higher for the sixteenth straight month for the latter.

Men's Footwear: Volume and value of men's footwear imports rose again in April, climbing 21.8% year over year in volume terms and 21.2% in value terms.

Women's Footwear: The value and volume of women's footwear imports rose year over year in April, with the latter rising for the tenth straight month.

Children's Footwear: The value and volume of US children's footwear imports jumped year over year in April. The value of imports expanded 35.3% while the volume of these imports climbed 17.9%.

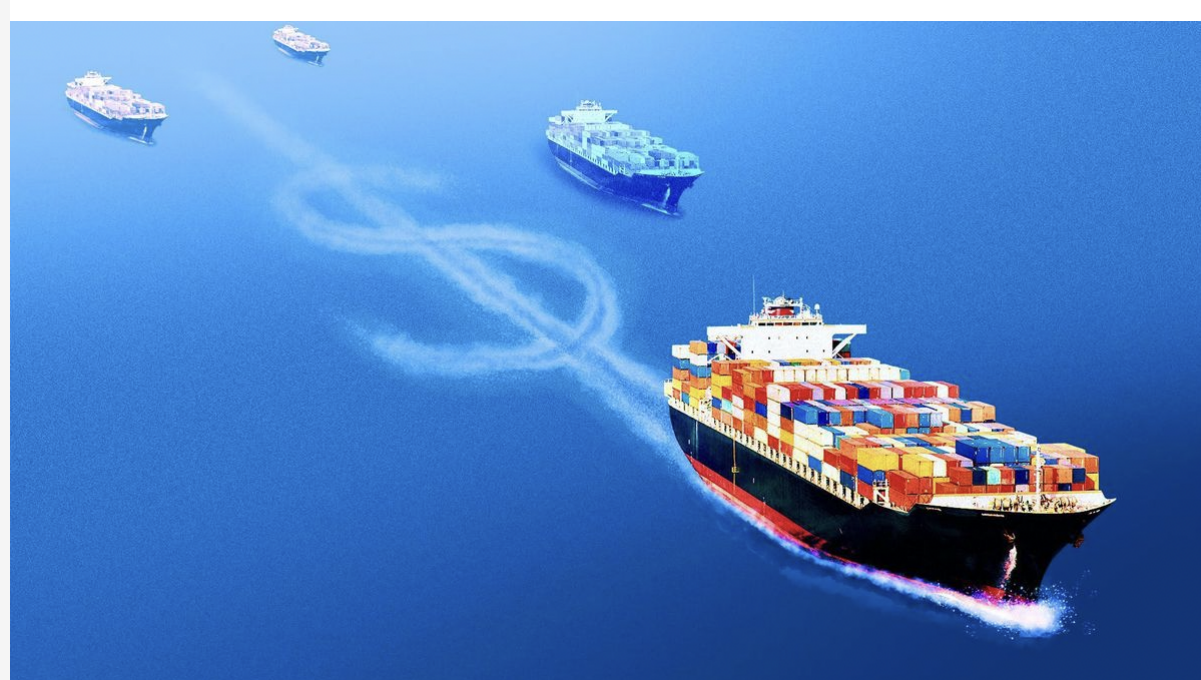
Boots: US bootwear imports rose again in April, climbing 21.4% year over year in value terms and 25.8% in volume terms.

Leather Footwear: Leather footwear imports jumped year over year in April the most in at least thirty months, advancing 25.1% in value terms and 40.1% in volume terms.

Sandals: The *value* and *volume* of sandal imports grew year over year in April, up 8.9% in value terms and 3.4% in volume terms, with the former higher for the tenth straight month.



Footwear Commodities Cost Report



Highlight Issue - A current issue that catches our attention this month: Oil prices.

Cotton/Textiles: After remaining little changed over the last few months, global cotton prices are poised to strengthen into the new marketing year as global and US fundamentals tighten.

Ocean shipping costs: Our earlier caution about increased volatility in transpacific shipping rates is ringing true, with freight rates sharply higher over the last month as the US/China trade war lingers.

Oil: Bucking forecasts calling for crude oil prices to gradually taper into 2026, prices rocketed higher in June on the latest conflict between Israel and Iran.

Rubber: Rubber prices faked lower then higher over recent weeks on mixed signals from the market, settling little changed in mid-June from both one month and two months ago.

Polyester Fiber & PET/Plastics: Our earlier neutrality on near-term price prospects across a range of synthetic fibers appears substantiated, with little price movement across key fibers in recent weeks.

Go deeper: [Read the full report here with charts & analysis](#)

