

# THE USVI'S UNITED STATES & FOREIGN REGIONS SELECTED IMPORTS REVIEW

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# 2020

JANUARY TO DECEMBER

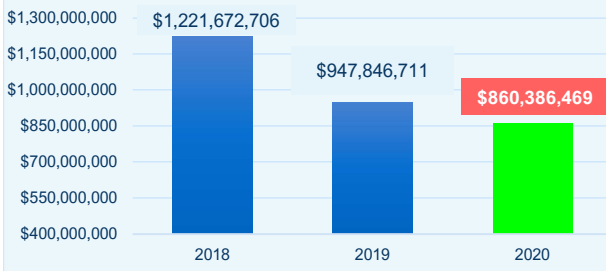


The "Selected Imports Review" is an annual analysis of the goods imported to the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI) from both the United States and foreign countries. This report provides in-depth data on frequently imported items such as clothing, footwear, and gasoline. It includes graphs and tables that illustrate the variations in imports from both regions to the USVI.

## U.S. & FOREIGN IMPORTED PRODUCTS TO THE USVI: JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2020

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the value of the USVI's annual selected merchandise imports decreased by 9.2% in 2020 to \$860.4 million from \$947.8 million in 2019, as shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Total Selected Imports 2018-2020



Most of the drop was driven by two sectors: energy-related Industrial Items and Tourist items. Jewelry had the most significant relative decline, falling \$194.7 million (63.6%) to \$111.2 million, and Watches fell \$11.6 million (63.4%) from \$18.3 million to \$6.7 million. Gasoline had the second-largest relative decline, falling \$121.4 million (63.8%) to \$68.8 million, and Propane value declined by \$115.6 million to \$35 million from \$150.6 million in 2019 (Table 1). Lower import values were observed for Clothing at 50.3%, Footwear at 38.3%, Handbags at 87%, T-shirts at 43.3%, China at 58.5%, Leather Goods at 60.4%, and Cigarettes at 6.4%.

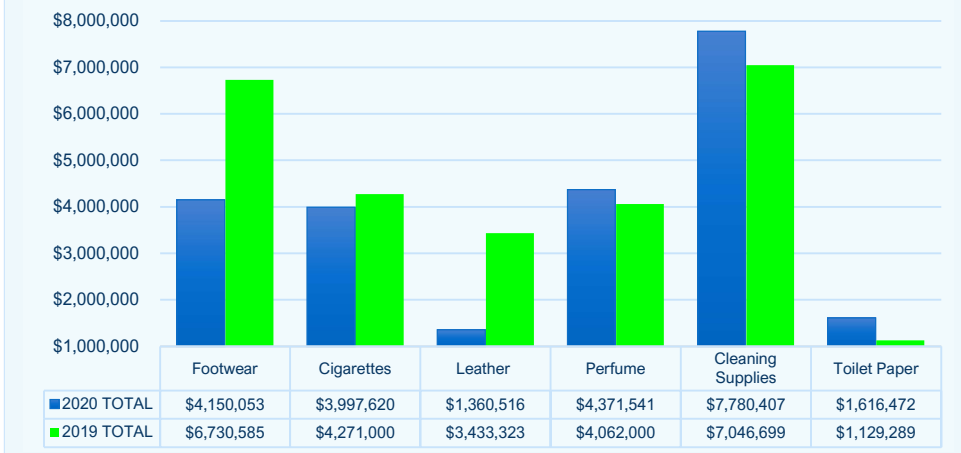
Other products increased in value, such as Handkerchiefs by 45.4%, Toilet Paper by 43.1%, Perfume by 7.6%, Cleaning Supplies by 10.4%, and Hats & Headgear by 2.5%.

The United States accounted for 81% of the selected imports, totaling \$696.8 million, and foreign regions accounted for the remaining 19% or \$163.5 million.

Table 1: 2019 -2020 Selected Imports categorized by Regions (United States and Foreign)

	U.S.	Foreign	2020 TOTAL	2019 TOTAL	% Chg.
<b>Apparel</b>					
Clothing	\$4,171,000	\$160,366	<b>\$4,331,366</b>	\$8,721,061	-50.3
Footwear	\$4,052,000	\$98,053	<b>\$4,150,053</b>	\$6,730,585	-38.3
Handbag Items	\$142,835	\$10,835	<b>\$153,670</b>	\$1,179,297	-87.0
Handkerchiefs	\$91,000	\$6,043	<b>\$97,043</b>	\$66,722	45.4
Hat & Headgear	\$406,000	\$14,568	<b>\$420,568</b>	\$410,490	2.5
T-shirts	\$762,000	\$105,249	<b>\$867,249</b>	\$1,529,996	-43.3
<b>Tourist Items</b>					
Cameras	\$143,000	\$0	<b>\$143,000</b>	\$291,006	-50.9
China	\$977,000	\$49,324	<b>\$1,026,324</b>	\$2,475,659	-58.5
Cigarettes	\$3,994,000	\$3,620	<b>\$3,997,620</b>	\$4,271,000	-6.4
Crystal	\$63,000	\$24,727	<b>\$87,727</b>	\$130,141	-32.6
Jewelry	\$106,453,000	\$4,789,452	<b>\$111,242,452</b>	\$305,991,282	-63.6
Leather	\$1,307,000	\$53,516	<b>\$1,360,516</b>	\$3,433,323	-60.4
Linen	\$1,096,000	\$185,692	<b>\$1,281,692</b>	\$1,355,063	-5.4
Make-up	\$1,072,000	\$0	<b>\$1,072,000</b>	\$1,531,770	-30.0
Perfume	\$4,346,000	\$25,541	<b>\$4,371,541</b>	\$4,062,000	7.6
Watches	\$6,306,000	\$401,326	<b>\$6,707,326</b>	\$18,315,575	-63.4
<b>Industrial Items</b>					
Crude Petroleum	\$462,894,000	\$128,811,548	<b>\$591,705,548</b>	\$219,719,498	169.3
Gasoline	\$41,063,000	\$27,693,265	<b>\$68,756,265</b>	\$190,183,699	-63.8
Paint Varnish	\$6,784,000	\$0	<b>\$6,784,000</b>	\$8,531,000	-20.5
Portland Cement	\$1,514,000	\$0	<b>\$1,514,000</b>	\$1,699,000	-10.9
Propane	\$34,461,000	\$499,008	<b>\$34,960,008</b>	\$150,573,000	-76.8
Tires	\$3,448,000	\$515,577	<b>\$3,963,577</b>	\$4,743,931	-16.4
<b>Household Items</b>					
Bath Supplies	\$176,000	\$0	<b>\$176,000</b>	\$168,759	4.3
Bed Linen	\$717,000	\$17,702	<b>\$734,702</b>	\$794,338	-7.5
Carpeting	\$572,000	\$11,266	<b>\$583,266</b>	\$983,616	-40.7
Cleaning Supplies	\$7,749,000	\$31,407	<b>\$7,780,407</b>	\$7,046,699	10.4
Curtains & Drapes	\$207,000	\$1,077	<b>\$208,077</b>	\$645,162	-67.7
Insecticides	\$294,000	\$0	<b>\$294,000</b>	\$854,000	-65.6
Toilet Paper	\$1,588,000	\$28,472	<b>\$1,616,472</b>	\$1,129,289	43.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$696,848,835</b>	<b>\$163,537,634</b>	<b>\$860,386,469</b>	<b>\$947,846,711</b>	<b>-9.2</b>

Figure 2: Footwear, Cigarettes, Leather, Perfume, Cleaning Supplies and Toilet Paper 2019-2020



## 2018-2020

### TOTAL IMPORTS TO THE USVI

The total import value of all items, including items not listed in this report, to the U.S. Virgin Islands totaled **\$2.7 billion** in 2020, down 25.6% from \$3.6 billion in 2019 (Fig. 3).

Figure 3: Total Imports 2018-2020

