

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

# 2021

JANUARY TO DECEMBER



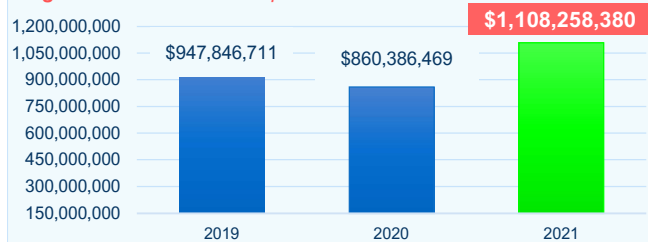
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The "Selected Imports Review" is an annual analysis of the goods imported to the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI) from both the United States and foreign countries. This report provides in-depth data on frequently imported items such as clothing, footwear, 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 2021

After falling 9.2% in 2020, selected USVI merchandise imports rebounded by 28.8% or increased \$248 million in 2021 to \$1.1 billion in value from \$860.3 million in 2020 for the same products, as seen in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Total Selected Imports 2019-2021



By dollar value, selected commodities that rose dramatically include Gasoline, whose value nearly doubled by 93% from \$68.7 million in the previous year to \$132.7 million in 2021. Jewelry imports also posted a large 52.2% increase to \$169.3 million from \$111.2 million in 2020. T-shirts and Handbags climbed by 58.6% and 58.8% in 2021, respectively, as shown in Table 1.

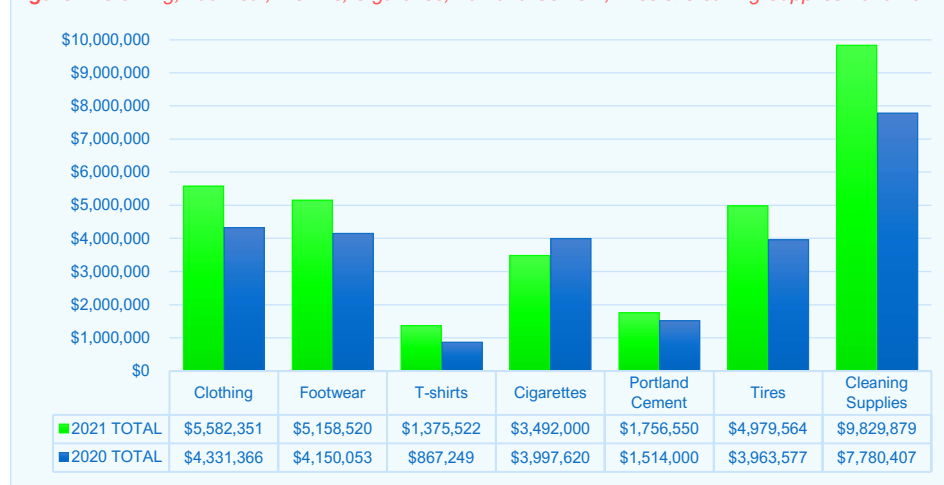
Despite increased value for several imported products, some values remained below 2020. This was the case for Cameras, which decreased by 42%, Toilet Paper by 52.4%, Insecticides by 57.1%, Handkerchiefs by 58.8%, and Bath Supplies by 69.3%, making it the most significant relative decline in value of selected imported commodities in 2021.

In 2021, growth in goods from the U.S. far outpaced that of other regions, representing 81% of selected imports and totaling \$895.7, with the remaining 19% or \$212.5 million from foreign areas.

Table 1: 2020 -2021 Selected Imports categorized by Regions (United States and Foreign)

Apparel	U.S.	Foreign	2021 TOTAL	2020 TOTAL	% Chg.
Clothing	\$5,424,000	\$158,351	\$5,582,351	\$4,331,366	28.9
Footwear	\$4,819,000	\$339,520	\$5,158,520	\$4,150,053	24.3
Handbag Items	\$204,397	\$38,397	\$242,794	\$153,670	58.0
Handkerchiefs	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000	\$97,043	-58.8
Hat & Headgear	\$260,000	\$5,183	\$265,183	\$420,568	-36.9
T-Shirts	\$1,354,000	\$21,522	\$1,375,522	\$867,249	58.6
Tourist Items	U.S.	Foreign	2021 TOTAL	2020 TOTAL	% Chg.
Cameras	\$83,000	\$0	\$83,000	\$143,000	-42.0
China	\$1,101,000	\$0	\$1,101,000	\$1,026,324	7.3
Cigarettes	\$3,492,000	\$0	\$3,492,000	\$3,997,620	-12.6
Crystal	\$95,000	\$26,227	\$121,227	\$87,727	38.2
Jewelry	\$161,102,000	\$8,243,903	\$169,345,903	\$111,242,452	52.2
Leather	\$2,244,000	\$74,961	\$2,318,961	\$1,360,516	70.4
Linen	\$986,000	\$35,679	\$1,021,679	\$1,281,692	-20.3
Make-up	\$1,021,000	\$8,815	\$1,029,815	\$1,072,000	-3.9
Perfume	\$3,970,000	\$195,856	\$4,165,856	\$4,371,541	-4.7
Watches	\$4,465,000	\$1,354,045	\$5,819,045	\$6,707,326	-13.2
Industrial Items	U.S.	Foreign	2021 TOTAL	2020 TOTAL	% Chg.
Crude Petroleum	\$503,911,000	\$200,715,718	\$704,626,718	\$591,705,548	19.1
Gasoline	\$132,698,000	\$0	\$132,698,000	\$68,756,265	93.0
Paint Varnish	\$6,025,000	\$6,455	\$6,031,455	\$6,784,000	-11.1
Portland Cement	\$1,539,000	\$217,550	\$1,756,550	\$1,514,000	16.0
Propane	\$44,456,000	\$0	\$44,456,000	\$34,960,008	27.2
Tires	\$4,043,000	\$936,564	\$4,979,564	\$3,963,577	25.6
Household Items	U.S.	Foreign	2021 TOTAL	2020 TOTAL	% Chg.
Bath Supplies	\$54,000	\$0	\$54,000	\$176,000	-69.3
Bed Linen	\$971,000	\$2,362	\$973,362	\$734,702	32.5
Carpeting	\$438,000	\$24,854	\$462,854	\$583,266	-20.6
Cleaning Supplies	\$9,758,000	\$71,879	\$9,829,879	\$7,780,407	26.3
Curtains & Drapes	\$331,000	\$731	\$331,731	\$208,077	59.4
Insecticides	\$126,000	\$0	\$126,000	\$294,000	-57.1
Toilet Paper	\$735,000	\$34,411	\$769,411	\$1,616,472	-52.4
Total	\$895,745,397	\$212,512,983	\$1,108,258,380	\$860,386,469	28.8

Figure 2: Clothing, Footwear, T-shirts, Cigarettes, Portland Cement, Tires & Cleaning Supplies 2020-2021



## 2020-2021 TOTAL IMPORTS TO THE USVI

Imports, including commodities not included in this report, to the U.S. Virgin Islands from the United States and other foreign regions totaled \$3.6B in 2021, up by 35.1% from the previous year as shown in Figure 3.

Figure 3: Total Imports 2020-2022

