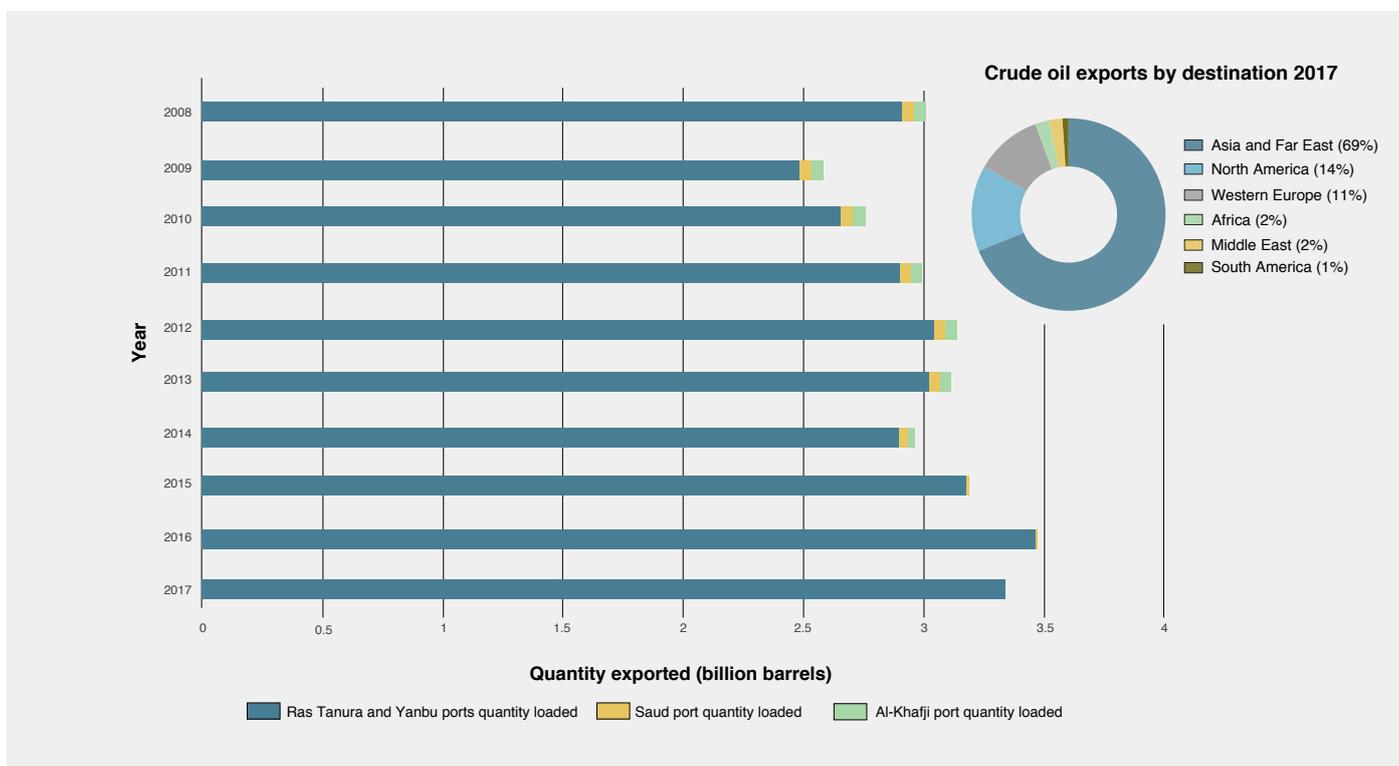


Data Insight

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Crude Oil and Refined Products

Oil and oil-related products exported via Saudi ports



Source: Data from the General Authority for Statistics (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia), and SAMA.

Saudi Arabia ranks as the world's largest exporter of crude oil and petroleum products; the oil and gas sector accounts for about 70 percent of export earnings. Ras Tanura and Yanbu are the major oil-exporting ports in Saudi Arabia, accounting for nearly 99 percent of total exports. The Port of Yanbu is located on the Red Sea Coast while several terminals form the Port of Ras Tanura, situated in the Eastern Province on the shore of the Arabian Gulf. Other smaller ports include Al-Khafji port* and Saud port*.

Key insights:

- Saudi Arabia exported around 8.8 million barrels per day (3.2 billion barrels) of crude oil and refined products in 2017.
- Crude oil exported was approximately 7 million barrels per day. The majority of exports went to Asia and the Far East (69 percent), followed by North America (14 percent), Western Europe (11 percent) and other regions (6%).
- The amount of crude oil exported was almost 7 percent less than 2016, in line with the OPEC agreement to cut production. Saudi Arabia has trimmed its oil production to balance oil markets, however, it remains the world's highest exporter.
- Exports of refined products were 1.8 million barrels per day, which is almost 20 percent higher than in 2016. This figure is expected to rise once the Jazan refinery project becomes operational, which will add 400,000 barrels per day of refining capacity. The project is currently [90 percent complete](#) and is expected to become operational in 2019.
- Around 38 percent of the oil products last year went to Asia and the Far East, 28 percent to the Middle East, 19 percent to Africa, and 15 percent to Western Europe and other regions.
- From January to August 2018, export of refined products soared by 40 percent at nearly 1.3 million barrels per day, while crude oil exports increased by 2 percent.

Access the related [dataset](#) from the KAPSARC data portal for further analysis of oil tankers and oil exported by port.

View more maritime transportation ports-related data at the [KAPSARC Transportation Analysis Framework](#)

* There were no exports from Saud port and Al-Khafji port in 2017 due to cuts in production and exports. Similarly, there were no exports from Saud port in 2016 and Al-Khafji port during 2015.

Source: General Authority for Statistics, OPEC, JODI, and SAMA.

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