

2025

Professional Insights into Yiwu Market Procurement, Industry Trends, and Global Trade Opportunities for 2025





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## Yiwu Market at a Glance

- Located in **Zhejiang Province**, **China**, serving as the epicenter of global small commodity trade
- Recognized as the world's largest small commodities market by the World Bank
- Houses more than 75,000 booths across multiple specialized districts
- Showcases over 2.1 million product types ranging from daily necessities to seasonal goods
- Attracts buyers from more than 210 countries and regions annually









210+
Countries & Regions



## Key Data & Statistics (2024-2025)

¥668.93B

Total import & export in 2024 +18.2% YoY

220,000+

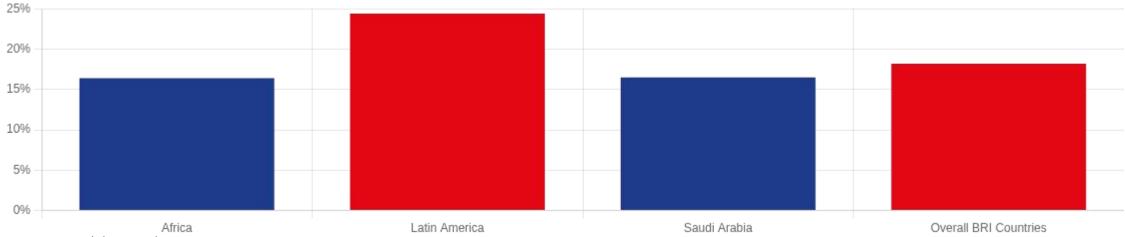
Daily visitors 3,900 international buyers 300,000+

Foreign nationals living and doing business in Yiwu

21,000+

Long-term foreign residents engaged in business activities

#### **Export Growth by Region (2024)**





## **Global Trade and Export Structure**

- Yiwu exports to almost every country, strategically diversified beyond traditional western markets
- Leading product categories: hardware, home goods, fashion accessories, tech gadgets, and seasonal products
- New focal markets with high growth:

Africa (+35%) Latin America (+28%)

Southeast Asia (+42%)

Resilient despite trade tensions: US market now represents less than 7% of Yiwu's total export volume

Trade Volume with BRI Countries (2024): 413.34 billion yuan (+18.2% YoY)

Representing over 51% of total trade volume

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Top Export Categories by Share (%)	
Hardware & Tools	28%
Home & Kitchen	25%
Fashion Accessories	20%
Electronics & Gadgets	15%
Seasonal & Holiday	12%



## **Sustainability Takes Center Stage**

- Growing demand for eco-friendly products across all categories, with bamboo alternatives, recycled materials, and biodegradable items leading the trend
- Suppliers actively pursuing FSC certification and ISO14001 environmental standards to meet global sustainability requirements
- Factories implementing cleaner production processes with reduced waste and emissions, enhancing product appeal to global markets
- Flexible MOQ options from small batches to large volumes, making sustainable procurement accessible for businesses of all sizes
- Customization capabilities for eco-friendly products, including private labeling, branded packaging, and bespoke designs



#### **Bamboo Products**

Utensils, home decor, office supplies



#### **Recycled Materials**

PET plastic, paper goods, textile products



#### Biodegradable Items

Packaging, tableware, compostable bags



FSC Certification



ISO 14001 Standard



Organic Products



### E-commerce & Digital Transformation



#### **Al-Powered Commerce**

Rapid adoption of AI technologies for product recommendations, market analysis, and automated translations to facilitate cross-border trade.



#### **Live E-commerce Explosion**

Merchants leverage live streaming to showcase products in real-time, creating immersive shopping experiences for global buyers.



#### Ready-to-Ship Inventory

Streamlined logistics with low minimum order quantities (MOQs) and pre-stocked popular items enable faster global delivery.



#### Yiwu Global Digital Trade Center

A \$1.2 billion investment transforming Yiwu into a digital trade hub

40%

Cross-border ecommerce entities 24/7

Digital marketplace access 200+

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65,000+

New e-commerce entities registered in Yiwu (Jan-June 2024)



## **Customization and Private Labeling**

Private Label Solutions

Create your own brand identity with Yiwu's comprehensive private labeling services. From cosmetics to electronics, suppliers offer flexible options to help your products stand out.

End-to-End Services

Yiwu suppliers provide complete customization services from design to delivery, catering to businesses of all sizes - from startups testing new concepts to global brands requiring consistent quality.

**Business Benefits** 

Custom products command premium prices, building brand loyalty and increasing market share. Yiwu's fast response times allow businesses to quickly adapt to market trends.

**Quick Customization Turnaround** 

Production lead times as short as 15-30 days for most custom products, enabling rapid market entry.

Logo Printing

Screen printing, embossing, digital printing, heat transfer

Custom Packaging

Eco-friendly options, premium finishes, retail-ready designs

Product Customization

Colors, materials, features, sizes, unique specifications

MOQ Requirements by Category

200+

Fashion Accessories

500+

Beauty Products

**300+** 

E-commerce Packaging

100+

Corporate Gifts



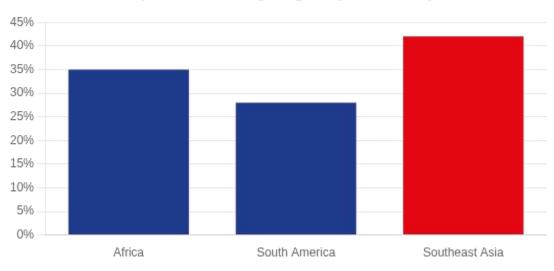
## **Diversification of Export Markets**

- US market now represents less than 7% of total
  Yiwu exports, showing significant market
  diversification beyond traditional Western buyers
- Rapid expansion in emerging markets:
  - Africa: +35% growth (total: 122B yuan)
  - South America: +28% growth (total: 111.7B yuan)
  - Southeast Asia: +42% growth
- 300,000+ foreign nationals living and trading in Yiwu, with over 21,000 long-term business residents creating a truly international market ecosystem

#### **Belt & Road Initiative Impact**

In 2024, Yiwu's trade with Belt & Road countries reached 413.34 billion yuan, representing an 18.2% year-on-year increase and accounting for over 60% of Yiwu's total export value

#### Export Growth by Region (2024-2025)



#### **Top Exported Product Categories by Region**

#### **Africa**

Electronics, Consumer Goods, Textiles

#### **South America**

Home Goods, Toys, Personal Care

#### **Southeast Asia**

Gadgets, Fashion, Packaging



# Response to Global Tariffs & Supply Chain Challenges



#### **Rapid Adaptation & Resilience**

Despite increasing US tariffs (up to 145% in April 2025), Yiwu merchants demonstrate remarkable resilience. Many report that US sales account for less than 7% of revenue, with diversified markets offsetting impacts.



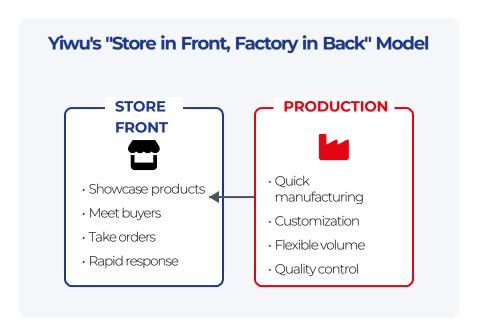
#### Flexible Production & Logistics

Yiwu's renowned "store in front, factory in back" model enables unmatched flexibility and speed. Businesses can quickly adjust production volumes, modify designs, and create custom solutions within days instead of weeks.



#### **Smart Shipping Solutions**

Less-than-Container Load (LCL) options enable small businesses to source efficiently. Combined with robust logistics partnerships across Belt and Road routes, Yiwu maintains



#### Success Metric

Despite global supply chain disruptions in 2024, Yiwu's trade volume grew by 18.2%, reaching 668.93 billion yuan.



## Micro-Trends Driving Yiwu's Trade Ecosystem



#### **Emerging Product Categories**

Rising demand for smart home gadgets (LED systems, smart plugs), ergonomic products (desk accessories, laptop stands) and DIY kits (craft supplies, home improvement) is creating lucrative opportunities for niche sellers. These categories show significant profit margin potential.



#### **Accelerated Turnaround Times**

Yiwu suppliers are adapting to market speed with shorter production cycles and ready-to-ship inventory for popular items. This rapid response capability enables businesses to capitalize on trends quickly and maintain competitive advantage during seasonal peaks.



#### **Order Flexibility for Growing Businesses**

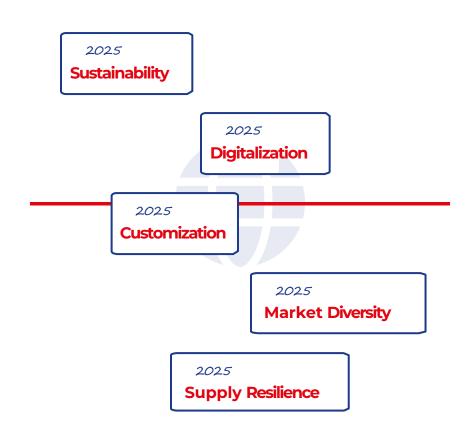
The rise of startups and lean e-commerce operations has shifted focus toward flexible order sizes and LCL shipping options. This evolution allows smaller businesses to experiment with products without overcommitting to large inventory investments, reducing barriers to market entry.



### **Conclusion & Outlook for 2025**

- Yiwu continues to serve as a barometer of global trade, adapting swiftly to changing market demands and geopolitical challenges
- Sustainability, digital transformation, and market diversification will define Yiwu's strategic direction in 2025
- International buyers benefit from unmatched sourcing agility, product variety, and resilient supply networks
- While navigating trade tensions, Yiwu's flexible "store in front, factory in back" model ensures continued stability and growth

"Despite global uncertainties, Yiwu market demonstrates remarkable resilience through adaptability, innovation, and strategic market diversification. The outlook for 2025 remains positive, with continued growth expected in emerging markets and sustainability-focused initiatives."





## The latest news about the market in Yiwu District 6

Yiwu District 6 Market has started public bidding and will be named Yiwu Global Digital Trade Center

Currently, the investment promotion for the jewelry industry has ended, and the leisure and entertainment projects in the East Plaza of District 5 are currently being actively promoted.

