

6. TRADE AND FOREIGN TRADE

Consumer price index (CPI)

The CPI was equal to 124.1 in December 2007. If compared to the CPI of December 2007 which is equal to 113.5, it shows an increase of 9.3%.

Foreign trade

Total imports by section and by country were to 17,817,420 million LBP. Exports by section and by country were 4,246,807 million LBP.

<i>Foreign trade in million LBP in 2007</i>									
Imports	Peak Product	Peak Month	Peak Group	Exports	Peak Product	Peak Month	Peak Group	Balance	Peak Month
17,817,420	Mineral Products	October	Europe	4,246,807	Base metals & its articles	November	Arab Counties	(13,569,000)	October
	22.8%	10.1%	47.7%		17.5%	10.4%	(40.9%)		10.4%

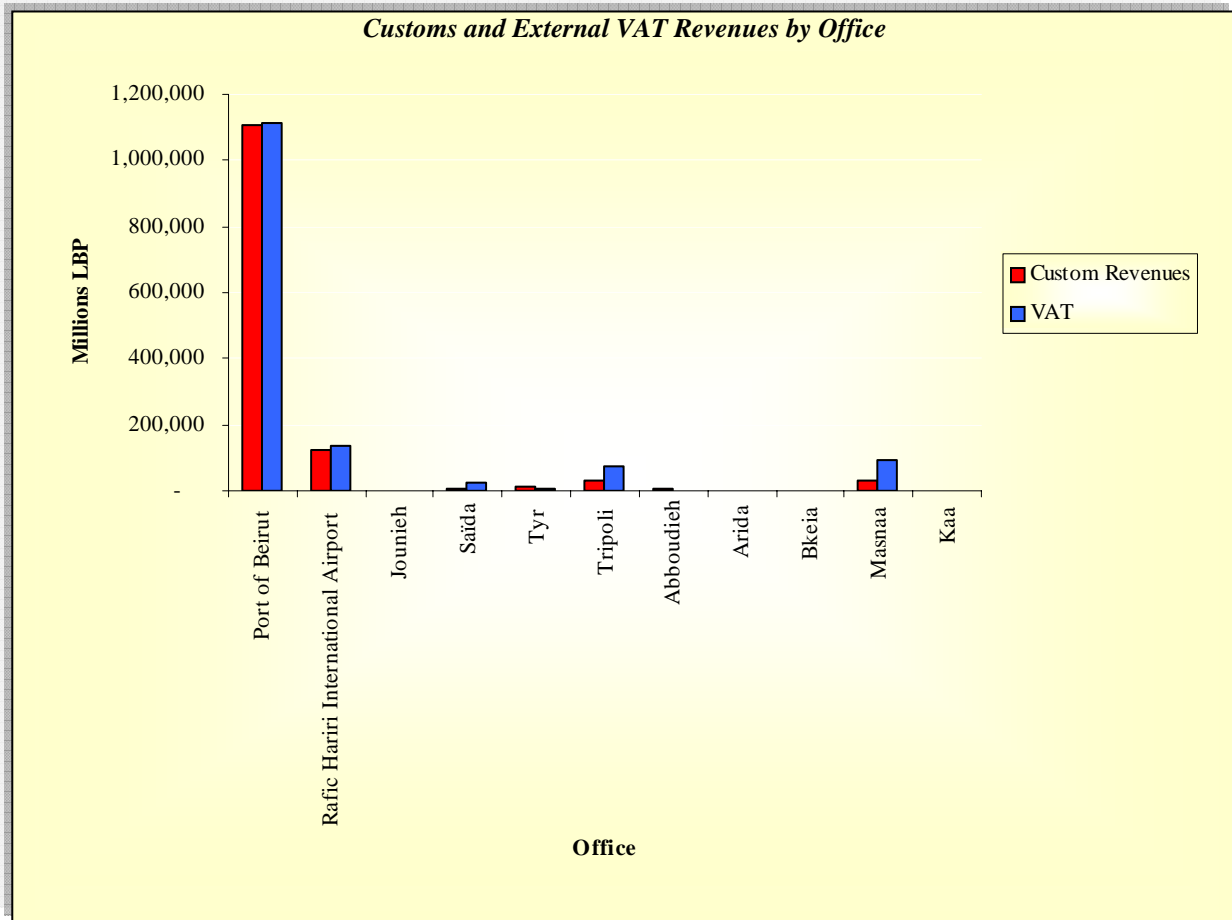
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Customs and external value added tax revenues

Customs Revenues were equal to 1,318,000 million LBP in 2007 and the peak month was March (9.6%).

As for customs revenues by office, Port of Beirut came first (84.3%).

External VAT revenues were equal to 1,450,000 million LBP in 2007 and the peak month was October (9.7%). As for VAT revenues by office, the Port of Beirut came also first (76.8%).



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Data Sources:

- Central Administration for Statistics (2007).
- Customs General Directorate (2007).