

Foxconn shipped 97% of iPhones from India to US in March-May

Surpasses 2024 average; efforts to bypass high US tariffs on China

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Nearly all the iPhones exported by Foxconn from India went to the United States (US) between March and May, customs data showed, far above the 2024 average of 50 per cent and a clear sign of Apple's efforts to bypass high US tariffs imposed on China.

The numbers, being reported by *Reuters* for the first time, show Apple has realigned its India exports to almost exclusively serve the US market, when previously the devices were more widely distributed to countries, including the Netherlands, the Czech Republic, and Britain.

During March-May, Foxconn exported iPhones worth \$3.2 billion from India, with an average 97 per cent shipped to the United States, compared to a 2024 average of 50.3 per cent, according to commercially available customs data.

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India iPhone shipments by Foxconn to the US in May 2025 were worth nearly \$1 billion, the second-highest ever after the record \$1.3 billion worth of devices shipped in March, the data showed.

Apple declined to comment, while Foxconn did not respond to a *Reuters* request for comment.

US President Donald Trump on Wednesday said China will face 55 per cent tariffs after the two countries agreed on a plan, subject to both leaders' approval, to ease levies that had reached triple digits.

India is subject, like most US trading partners, to a baseline 10 per cent tariff and is trying to negotiate an agreement to avert a 26 per cent "reciprocal" levy that Trump announced and then paused in April.

Apple's increased production in India drew a strong rebuke from Trump in May. "We are not interested in you building in India, India can take care of themselves, they are doing very well, we want you to build here," Trump recalled telling Apple Chief Executive Officer Tim Cook.

In the first five months of this year, Foxconn has already sent iPhones worth \$4.4 billion to the US from India, compared to \$3.7 billion in the whole of 2024.

Apple has been taking steps to speed up production from India to bypass tariffs, which would make phones shipped from China to the US much more expensive. In March, it chartered planes to transport iPhone 13, 14, 16 and 16e models worth roughly \$2 billion to the US.

"We expect made-in-India iPhones to account for 25 per cent to 30 per cent of global iPhone shipments in 2025, as compared to 18 per cent in 2024," said Prachir Singh, senior analyst at Counterpoint Research.