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## U.S. IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES - FEBRUARY 2009 -

The U.S. Import Price Index edged down 0.2 percent in February, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today, as declining nonpetroleum prices more than offset an upturn in petroleum prices. Export prices also recorded a modest decrease in February, falling 0.1 percent.

### Percent changes in import and export price indexes by End Use category - not seasonally adjusted -

Month	IMPORTS			EXPORTS		
	All imports	Petroleum imports	Non-petroleum imports	All exports	Agricultural exports	Non-agricultural exports
<b>2008</b>						
February.....	0.2	-1.3	0.6	0.9	4.6	0.6
March.....	3.1	10.1	1.1	1.6	4.7	1.3
April.....	2.8	8.1	1.3	0.5	-2.0	0.7
May.....	2.8	9.7	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.4
June.....	3.0	9.2	0.9	1.0	2.3	0.9
July.....	1.4	3.3	0.6	1.5	6.7	0.9
August.....	-3.1	-9.8	-0.4	-1.6	-9.6	-0.7
September.....	-3.6	-11.4	-1.0	-0.8	0.1	-0.9
October.....	-6.0	-22.2	-0.9	-2.1	-8.4	-1.4
November.....	-7.4 <sup>r</sup>	-30.2 <sup>r</sup>	-1.7	-3.2	-6.9 <sup>r</sup>	-2.8
December.....	-4.6 <sup>r</sup>	-25.2 <sup>r</sup>	-1.1	-2.2	-6.2	-1.9
<b>2009</b>						
January.....	-1.2 <sup>r</sup>	-4.2 <sup>r</sup>	-0.8	0.5	6.2	0.1 <sup>r</sup>
February.....	-0.2	3.9	-0.6	-0.1	-1.7	0.1
Feb. 2007 to 2008.....	13.5	60.4	4.5	6.9	30.7	4.8
Feb. 2008 to 2009.....	-12.8	-52.4	-1.9	-4.5	-15.2	-3.3

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## Import Goods

Import prices fell 0.2 percent in February after declining 1.2 percent in January. The index decreased every month since July 2008 and fell 12.8 percent for the year ended in February, the largest 12-month decline since the index was first published in 1982. The February decrease was led by a 0.6 percent drop in nonpetroleum prices which fell for the seventh consecutive month. Nonpetroleum import prices declined 1.9 percent over the past year. In contrast, petroleum prices advanced 3.9 percent in February after falling 68.9 percent from July through January. The price index for import petroleum fell 52.4 percent for the February 2008-2009 period.

The continued decline in nonpetroleum prices was led by a 2.0 percent drop in nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials prices. That decrease was driven by a sharp fall in natural gas prices, although lower prices for chemicals and some metals also contributed to the decline. The price index for nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials fell 4.5 percent in January and has not recorded an increase since July 2008. Lower prices for foods, feeds, and beverages and capital goods also contributed to the drop in nonpetroleum prices in February, decreasing 3.2 percent and 0.4 percent, respectively.

In contrast, prices for automotive vehicles rose for the second consecutive month, increasing 0.2 percent in February following a 0.3 percent advance in January.

The price index for consumer goods was unchanged in February as price declines for jewelry and diamonds were offset by price increases for nonmanufactured consumer goods. Consumer goods prices also recorded no change in January.

## Export Goods

Export prices edged down 0.1 percent in February as a 1.7 percent drop in agricultural prices more than offset a 0.1 percent increase in nonagricultural prices. The drop in export prices followed a 0.5 percent increase in January; however, the index declined in each of the previous five months and decreased 4.5 percent for the year ended in February. Agricultural prices fell for the fourth time in the past five months in February after rising 6.2 percent in January. The February decrease was led by lower prices for corn, wheat, and soybeans, all of which turned down after rising in January. Agricultural export prices fell 15.2 percent over the past year, the largest annual decrease since the index was first published in 1985.

Nonagricultural prices ticked up 0.1 percent for the second consecutive month in February, the first monthly advances for the index since July 2008. Despite the modest upturn, the index declined 3.3 percent for the February 2008-2009 period. The February increase was driven by a 0.3 percent rise in capital goods prices that was led in turn by higher semiconductor prices. The February increase in capital goods prices followed a 0.5 percent advance the previous month.

In contrast, the price indexes for consumer goods, automotive vehicles, and nonagricultural supplies and materials all declined in February. Consumer goods prices and prices for automotive vehicles each decreased 0.3 percent. The 0.3 percent drop in automotive vehicles prices was the largest one-month drop since the index was first published monthly in December 1988. Nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials prices fell 0.1 percent in February, the seventh consecutive month the index was down.

## Imports by Locality of Origin

Prices for imports from China fell 0.5 percent in February after decreasing in each of the previous five months. Despite the recent downward trend, import prices from China rose 1.0 percent for the year ended in February.

Import prices from Canada and from Mexico also continued to decline in February, falling 1.6 percent and 1.3 percent, respectively. Prices for imports from Canada fell for the seventh consecutive month, and decreased 14.4 percent over the past year, the largest annual decline since January 2002. The price index for imports from Mexico fell 8.6 percent for the February 2008-2009 period.

In contrast, prices for imports from Japan rose for the fifth consecutive month in February, advancing 0.2 percent for the month. The index increased 1.9 percent over the past 12 months.

The price index for imports from the European Union was unchanged in February and declined 2.5 percent over the past year.

## Import and Export Services

Import air passenger fares decreased 4.6 percent in February following a 5.6 percent drop the previous month. The February decrease was led by lower European fares which fell 5.7 percent after rising 5.3 percent in January. Despite the recent drop, the index for import air passenger fares rose 8.1 percent for the year ended in February. Export air passenger fares also decreased in February, falling 10.7 percent as lower fares from Asia, Europe, and the Latin America/Caribbean region all contributed to the overall decrease. Fares for export air passengers decreased 1.9 percent over the past 12 months.

Import air freight prices fell 1.1 percent in February, partially attributable to a 2.3 percent drop in European air freight prices. The price index for import air freight decreased 4.8 percent over the past year. Prices for export air freight declined 3.3 percent in February and 4.0 percent for the February 2008-2009 period.

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Import and Export Price Index data for March 2009 are scheduled for release on April 9, 2009 at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

**Table 1. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: February 2008 to February 2009**

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	End Use	Relative importance Jan. 2009 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					Feb. 2008 to Feb. 2009	Oct. 2008 to Nov. 2008	Nov. 2008 to Dec. 2008	Dec. 2008 to Jan. 2009	Jan. 2009 to Feb. 2009
<b>All commodities.....</b>		100.000	113.1	112.9	-12.8	-7.4	-4.6	-1.2	-0.2
<b>All imports excluding petroleum.....</b>		89.109	109.0	108.3	-1.9	-1.7	-1.1	-0.8	-0.6
<b>All imports excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100)..</b>		86.981	111.9	111.5	-1.2	-1.7	-1.1	-0.7	-0.4
<b>Foods, feeds, &amp; beverages.....</b>	0	5.096	142.6	138.1	0.2	-4.5	2.2	0.0	-3.2
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	3.966	159.5	153.6	0.7	-5.2	3.4	-0.1	-3.7
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	1.130	104.4	103.2	-1.1	-2.0	-1.9	0.6	-1.1
<b>Industrial supplies &amp; materials.....</b>	1	27.753	143.8	144.3	-34.1	-18.2	-13.9	-4.4	0.3
Industrial supplies & materials excluding petroleum.....		16.862	139.5	136.7	-11.5	-5.2	-4.8	-4.5	-2.0
Industrial supplies & materials excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100).....		14.734	148.8	147.8	-8.7	-5.4	-5.4	-4.1	-0.7
Industrial supplies & materials, durable.....		9.108	138.1	137.6	-9.8	-6.8	-6.2	-2.6	-0.4
Industrial supplies & materials nondurable excluding petroleum.....		5.626	141.0	135.5	-13.1	-3.1	-3.0	-6.5	-3.9
Fuels & lubricants.....	10	13.018	146.7	148.9	-50.4	-27.8	-22.2	-4.6	1.5
Petroleum & petroleum products.....	100	10.890	144.5	150.1	-52.4	-30.2	-25.2	-4.2	3.9
Crude.....	10000	7.842	146.9	153.0	-53.8	-31.1	-23.7	-4.6	4.2
Fuels, n.e.s.-coals & gas.....	101	1.920	165.8	146.2	-27.6	-3.4	-0.1	-7.2	-11.8
Gas-natural.....	10110	1.726	155.2	134.7	-32.1	-3.8	-0.1	-8.5	-13.2
Paper & paper base stocks.....	11	0.799	110.5	108.9	-4.0	-1.1	-1.7	-2.4	-1.4
Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	12	4.925	138.8	137.2	-6.4	-3.2	-4.2	-6.5	-1.2
Selected building materials.....	13	1.749	117.1	116.6	2.5	-1.3	-0.6	-0.8	-0.4
Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	14	3.543	176.4	176.5	-21.4	-11.6	-11.4	-4.9	0.1
Finished metals related to durable goods. ...	15	2.022	138.4	137.4	-2.3	-5.5	-4.5	-1.7	-0.7
Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	16	1.696	107.0	106.4	0.5	-0.5	-1.1	-2.0	-0.6
<b>Capital goods.....</b>	2	25.318	92.7	92.3	0.3	-0.4	-0.2	0.0	-0.4
Electric generating equipment.....	20	3.269	111.4	110.9	2.0	-0.4	-0.4	0.0	-0.4
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	19.836	87.5	87.1	-0.3	-0.5	-0.2	0.0	-0.5
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	2.213	121.1	121.0	4.9	0.3	0.0	0.7	-0.1
<b>Automotive vehicles, parts &amp; engines.....</b>	3	14.853	108.1	108.3	1.0	-0.4	-0.1	0.3	0.2
<b>Consumer goods, excluding automotives..</b>	4	26.980	104.4	104.4	0.9	-0.5	-0.2	0.0	0.0
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	12.522	108.9	108.9	2.0	-0.1	0.2	0.6	0.0
Durables, manufactured.....	41	13.152	100.1	99.9	-0.1	-0.7	-0.4	-0.6	-0.2
Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	42	1.306	102.7	104.4	0.3	-2.5	0.4	-0.9	1.7

<sup>1</sup> Relative importance figures are based on 2007 trade values.

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**Table 2. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: February 2008 to February 2009**

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	End Use	Relative importance Jan. 2009 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					Feb. 2008 to Feb. 2009	Oct. 2008 to Nov. 2008	Nov. 2008 to Dec. 2008	Dec. 2008 to Jan. 2009	Jan. 2009 to Feb. 2009
<b>All commodities.....</b>		100.000	116.4	116.3	-4.5	-3.2	-2.2	0.5	-0.1
<b>Agricultural commodities.....</b>		8.827	160.0	157.3	-15.2	-6.9	-6.2	6.2	-1.7
<b>Nonagricultural commodities.....</b>		91.173	113.3	113.4	-3.3	-2.8	-1.9	0.1	0.1
<b>Foods, feeds, &amp; beverages.....</b>	0	8.337	166.3	163.3	-13.5	-5.8	-5.9	7.3	-1.8
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	7.623	168.0	164.6	-15.1	-6.4	-6.2	7.3	-2.0
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	0.714	153.4	153.7	6.2	0.3	-3.1	6.8	0.2
<b>Industrial supplies &amp; materials.....</b>	1	26.909	138.3	138.2	-13.1	-8.4	-5.9	-0.9	-0.1
Industrial supplies & materials, durable.....		10.402	141.3	141.9	-14.3	-6.6	-5.4	0.1	0.4
Industrial supplies & materials, nondurable.....		16.507	137.2	136.6	-12.5	-9.3	-6.2	-1.4	-0.4
Agricultural industrial supplies & materials.....	10	1.204	125.5	126.2	-16.2	-9.6	-6.0	-0.5	0.6
<b>Nonagricultural industrial supplies &amp; materials.....</b>		25.705	139.2	139.0	-13.1	-8.3	-5.9	-0.9	-0.1
Fuels & lubricants.....	11	3.741	167.2	163.9	-27.3	-19.1	-14.0	0.5	-2.0
Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	12	20.911	137.2	137.4	-10.8	-6.4	-4.7	-1.2	0.1
Selected building materials.....	13	1.053	115.2	115.2	1.2	-0.9	-0.6	0.3	0.0
<b>Capital goods.....</b>	2	41.194	102.0	102.3	1.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.5	0.3
Electrical generating equipment.....	20	3.787	107.8	107.5	-0.7	-0.5	-0.3	-1.0	-0.3
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	28.527	93.4	93.8	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.1	0.4
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	8.880	134.5	135.0	5.7	-0.1	0.5	2.1	0.4
<b>Automotive vehicles, parts &amp; engines.....</b>	3	10.489	108.4	108.1	1.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.4	-0.3
<b>Consumer goods, excluding automotives..</b>	4	13.071	109.3	109.0	1.5	-0.7	-0.1	0.3	-0.3
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	5.801	109.0	109.0	0.7	-1.4	-0.2	1.7	0.0
Durables, manufactured.....	41	6.138	109.7	109.5	3.8	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.2

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**Table 3. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: February 2008 to February 2009**

[December 2005=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	NAICS	Relative importance Jan. 2009 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					Feb. 2008 to Feb. 2009	Oct. 2008 to Nov. 2008	Nov. 2008 to Dec. 2008	Dec. 2008 to Jan. 2009	Jan. 2009 to Feb. 2009
<b>Nonmanufactured articles.....</b>		12.107	79.1	79.7	-46.3	-26.3	-16.4	-4.8	0.8
<b>Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting...</b>	11	1.920	139.0	130.7	4.5	-6.6	12.0	-1.1	-6.0
Crop production.....	111	1.448	153.9	142.6	11.6	-5.1	20.3	-0.6	-7.3
<b>Mining.....</b>	21	10.187	73.0	74.5	-50.5	-28.3	-20.1	-5.4	2.1
Mining (except oil and gas) (Dec. 2006=100).....	212	0.467	126.5	127.2	16.9	-0.9	-0.8	-1.2	0.6
<b>Manufactured articles.....</b>		87.362	105.4	105.1	-3.9	-2.9	-2.5	-0.7	-0.3
<b>Manufactured goods, part 1.....</b>	31	11.141	107.5	107.2	0.0	-1.4	-0.4	0.2	-0.3
Food manufacturing.....	311	2.613	117.8	115.8	-4.1	-5.2	-2.3	-0.7	-1.7
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.995	106.7	106.7	1.7	-0.3	0.5	0.4	0.0
Textile mills.....	313	0.479	112.7	113.8	2.2	-1.1	-1.3	1.9	1.0
Textile product mills.....	314	0.869	101.1	100.9	-0.4	0.1	-0.3	-0.7	-0.2
Apparel manufacturing.....	315	4.501	102.5	102.7	0.4	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.2
Leather and allied product manufacturing. . .	316	1.683	108.0	108.1	4.1	0.2	0.1	1.4	0.1
<b>Manufactured goods, part 2.....</b>	32	17.553	105.4	104.7	-12.1	-7.4	-7.2	-2.0	-0.7
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	1.040	91.2	90.5	0.3	-1.9	-0.9	-1.8	-0.8
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.408	108.2	106.7	-1.5	-1.0	-1.3	-1.5	-1.4
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	2.601	69.0	68.5	-48.7	-26.2	-30.6	-1.8	-0.7
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	9.167	120.3	119.6	-1.7	-1.8	-2.4	-2.9	-0.6
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	2.004	113.8	113.2	4.6	-0.3	0.0	0.4	-0.5
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	1.218	117.6	117.6	6.1	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	0.0
<b>Manufactured goods, part 3.....</b>	33	58.669	104.9	104.7	-1.9	-1.7	-1.4	-0.4	-0.2
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	4.274	124.4	124.1	-20.1	-10.8	-10.8	-4.4	-0.2
Fabricated metal product manufacturing. . .	332	3.074	119.3	118.6	3.9	-1.0	-1.2	0.2	-0.6
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	7.324	111.2	111.1	2.7	-0.5	-0.3	0.9	-0.1
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	16.341	89.8	89.5	-4.4	-0.5	-0.5	-1.1	-0.3
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	4.347	113.9	113.5	3.7	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4
Transportation equipment manufacturing. . .	336	16.057	105.1	105.3	1.3	-0.4	-0.1	0.3	0.2
Furniture and related product manufacturing.....	337	1.678	109.0	108.9	4.7	-0.9	-0.5	-0.6	-0.1
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	5.573	111.0	110.4	1.3	-0.5	0.3	0.3	-0.5

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**Table 4. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: February 2008 to February 2009**

[December 2005=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	NAICS	Relative importance Jan. 2009 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					Feb. 2008 to Feb. 2009	Oct. 2008 to Nov. 2008	Nov. 2008 to Dec. 2008	Dec. 2008 to Jan. 2009	Jan. 2009 to Feb. 2009
<b>Nonmanufactured articles.....</b>		6.275	122.3	118.4	-24.4	-6.6	-6.9	7.2	-3.2
<b>Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting...</b>	11	5.004	143.0	138.0	-23.3	-6.0	-7.3	11.1	-3.5
Crop production.....	111	4.639	147.2	141.7	-24.4	-6.4	-7.6	11.7	-3.7
<b>Mining.....</b>	21	1.271	76.5	74.9	-27.9	-8.7	-5.6	-6.1	-2.1
Mining (except oil and gas).....	212	0.935	84.5	84.3	-16.2	-4.6	-0.9	-6.9	-0.2
<b>Manufactured articles.....</b>		92.152	107.4	107.3	-1.8	-2.5	-1.6	0.1	-0.1
<b>Manufactured goods, part 1.....</b>	31	6.533	117.8	118.4	1.1	-3.4	-2.7	0.6	0.5
Food manufacturing.....	311	4.349	130.8	131.9	2.1	-4.8	-3.6	1.3	0.8
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.507	103.5	103.2	-1.2	-0.6	0.0	0.1	-0.3
Apparel manufacturing.....	315	0.391	101.6	101.6	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
<b>Manufactured goods, part 2.....</b>	32	21.891	109.2	108.4	-7.5	-7.0	-4.4	-0.5	-0.7
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	0.473	108.8	108.7	-3.2	-1.4	-0.5	-1.4	-0.1
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.951	112.7	112.3	-1.2	-0.7	-1.2	-1.4	-0.4
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	2.179	97.1	93.0	-34.7	-23.3	-18.6	-0.3	-4.2
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	14.175	111.1	110.9	-4.6	-5.7	-3.3	-0.6	-0.2
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	2.239	110.0	108.9	2.1	-1.3	-1.2	0.6	-1.0
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	0.874	113.1	111.8	2.6	0.5	0.3	0.8	-1.1
<b>Manufactured goods, part 3.....</b>	33	63.728	105.6	105.6	0.0	-0.8	-0.5	0.3	0.0
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	4.211	119.7	118.8	-13.8	-8.1	-5.3	0.1	-0.8
Fabricated metal product manufacturing. ....	332	2.848	120.3	120.4	5.1	-0.2	-0.3	1.6	0.1
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	12.835	111.7	111.8	3.7	0.0	-0.1	0.4	0.1
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	16.439	92.1	92.5	-3.8	-0.3	-0.2	-0.9	0.4
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	3.659	107.3	107.1	0.5	-0.5	-0.2	0.4	-0.2
Transportation equipment manufacturing....	336	18.334	109.1	109.3	3.1	0.1	0.2	1.0	0.2
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	5.054	111.3	110.8	4.7	-0.4	-0.2	-0.1	-0.4

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**Table 5. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: February 2008 to February 2009**

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmoni- zied system	Relative importance Jan. 2009 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					Feb. 2008 to Feb. 2009	Oct. 2008 to Nov. 2008	Nov. 2008 to Dec. 2008	Dec. 2008 to Jan. 2009	Jan. 2009 to Feb. 2009
<b>Live animals; animal products.....</b>	I	1.172	125.6	123.7	-3.8	-6.3	-3.4	0.0	-1.5
Meat and edible meat offal.....	02	0.264	148.3	148.2	-1.1	-7.9	-4.9	-0.3	-0.1
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.598	100.0	98.1	-2.1	-2.7	-2.8	0.6	-1.9
<b>Vegetable products.....</b>	II	1.671	172.7	160.9	10.5	-4.6	17.3	-2.0	-6.8
Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.....	07	0.539	346.3	257.9	26.5	-1.1	49.3	-2.3	-25.5
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	0.515	115.2	112.4	16.2	-5.7	13.7	-1.5	-2.4
Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	09	0.268	150.7	149.2	-6.2	-4.1	-1.7	4.0	-1.0
<b>Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....</b>	IV	2.439	135.0	134.4	1.0	-2.1	0.2	0.3	-0.4
Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; bakers' wares (Dec. 2007=100).....	19	0.255	107.0	106.1	3.7	-3.4	-1.7	0.1	-0.8
Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	20	0.314	131.9	131.4	-5.2	-3.1	-1.7	-0.8	-0.4
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	22	0.995	115.2	115.2	-0.5	-0.3	0.0	0.4	0.0
<b>Mineral products.....</b>	V	13.319	150.2	152.2	-48.6	-26.9	-21.2	-4.6	1.3
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	12.908	146.5	148.5	-50.0	-27.6	-22.0	-4.6	1.4
<b>Products of the chemical or allied industries.....</b>	VI	8.295	131.3	131.1	-3.2	-2.4	-3.3	-3.7	-0.2
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	0.735	192.4	186.4	-26.8	-2.6	-9.7	-25.5	-3.1
Organic chemicals.....	29	2.500	119.6	121.3	-8.5	-4.4	-4.4	-1.8	1.4
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	2.944	115.0	115.2	3.5	-0.2	0.1	1.5	0.2
Tanning & dyeing extracts; dye & pigments; varnish & paints; putty.....	32	0.185	105.5	105.5	2.3	-0.4	0.3	-0.1	0.0
Essential oils and resinoids (Dec. 2001=100).....	33	0.461	122.1	121.0	0.0	-2.2	-1.3	1.2	-0.9
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	0.486	96.5	95.5	-3.0	-1.2	-0.9	-1.1	-1.0
<b>Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....</b>	VII	3.155	128.9	127.6	-1.1	-2.6	-1.8	-1.1	-1.0
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	2.049	126.2	125.1	-1.3	-1.9	-0.8	-1.7	-0.9
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	1.106	134.2	132.4	-0.7	-3.9	-3.6	0.1	-1.3
<b>Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....</b>	VIII	0.670	114.0	114.0	2.5	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	42	0.622	114.9	114.8	2.9	0.3	0.3	0.1	-0.1
<b>Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....</b>	IX	1.074	111.6	110.7	0.0	-1.9	-0.9	-1.7	-0.8
<b>Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....</b>	X	1.601	112.9	111.7	-1.2	-0.8	-1.0	-0.7	-1.1
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	1.134	114.1	113.0	4.5	-0.4	-0.4	0.4	-1.0
Printed matter.....	49	0.304	119.8	119.8	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0
<b>Textile and textile articles.....</b>	XI	5.652	103.2	103.4	0.0	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2	0.2
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	61	2.136	100.2	100.1	-0.7	-0.1	-0.5	0.4	-0.1
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	62	2.164	103.4	103.9	1.2	0.0	1.1	-0.2	0.5
Made-up or worn textile articles.....	63	0.585	91.8	91.7	-1.9	-0.2	-0.3	-3.5	-0.1
<b>Headgear, umbrellas, artificial flowers, etc..</b>	XII	1.373	108.4	108.4	3.8	0.4	0.0	1.5	0.0
Footwear and parts of such articles.....	64	1.160	107.8	107.8	4.7	0.4	0.1	1.7	0.0

See footnotes at end of table.



**Table 5. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: February 2008 to February 2009 — Continued**  
 [2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmoni- zied system	Relative importance Jan. 2009 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					Feb. 2008 to Feb. 2009	Oct. 2008 to Nov. 2008	Nov. 2008 to Dec. 2008	Dec. 2008 to Jan. 2009	Jan. 2009 to Feb. 2009
<b>Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc.....</b>	XIII	1.085	122.5	122.3	6.5	-0.2	-0.4	0.3	-0.2
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (Dec. 2001=100).....	68	0.416	119.3	119.1	11.8	-0.2	-0.2	0.4	-0.2
Ceramic products.....	69	0.332	132.4	132.3	6.7	-0.2	-0.1	0.4	-0.1
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.337	114.1	114.1	0.6	-0.5	-1.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....</b>	XIV	2.645	132.2	132.3	-11.6	-5.0	-1.2	1.1	0.1
<b>Base metals and articles of base metals.....</b>	XV	6.055	157.7	155.8	-11.2	-8.6	-7.7	-3.6	-1.2
Iron and steel.....	72	1.483	209.4	203.8	-10.5	-8.6	-14.3	-4.3	-2.7
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	2.091	153.9	152.2	7.9	-2.4	-2.7	-2.0	-1.1
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.435	171.7	177.4	-37.4	-23.2	-12.7	-8.7	3.3
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.752	108.4	103.2	-27.0	-12.0	-6.3	-8.4	-4.8
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.428	119.4	119.4	5.6	-0.3	-0.3	2.6	0.0
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.514	131.8	129.5	2.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.2	-1.7
<b>Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....</b>	XVI	27.887	87.4	87.2	-1.4	-0.6	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	13.982	88.1	87.9	-0.8	-0.6	-0.3	0.2	-0.2
Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	85	13.905	86.8	86.5	-1.8	-0.5	-0.3	-0.9	-0.3
<b>Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....</b>	XVII	13.712	109.5	109.5	0.7	-0.5	-0.2	0.4	0.0
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	12.429	108.3	108.3	0.4	-0.6	-0.2	0.3	0.0
Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (Dec. 2002=100).....	88	1.163	116.4	116.1	5.0	0.2	-0.1	0.8	-0.3
<b>Optical, photo, measuring, medical &amp; musical instruments; &amp; timepieces.....</b>	XVIII	3.412	101.4	101.6	2.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.3	0.2
Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	90	3.067	99.3	99.4	1.7	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.1
Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	91	0.264	122.2	122.8	4.0	-0.7	-0.4	0.9	0.5
<b>Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....</b>	XX	4.530	107.4	107.4	4.4	-0.3	-0.3	0.5	0.0
Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldgs.....	94	2.472	112.0	112.0	5.0	-0.5	-0.4	-0.1	0.0
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	1.835	100.8	100.9	3.5	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	96	0.223	112.8	112.7	4.1	-0.2	-0.1	0.4	-0.1

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2007 trade values.

NOTES: Data may be revised in each of the three months after original publication.

Dash = Not available

**Table 6. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: February 2008 to February 2009**

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance Jan. 2009 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					Feb. 2008 to Feb. 2009	Oct. 2008 to Nov. 2008	Nov. 2008 to Dec. 2008	Dec. 2008 to Jan. 2009	Jan. 2009 to Feb. 2009
<b>Live animals; animal products.....</b>	I	1.545	158.4	157.0	-0.1	-9.8	-3.6	1.9	-0.9
Meat & edible meat offal (Dec. 2006=100). . .	02	0.766	121.5	119.9	-3.7	-14.8	-4.8	1.9	-1.3
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.434	157.1	157.3	6.1	-0.5	-1.7	3.9	0.1
<b>Vegetable products.....</b>	II	4.771	191.1	184.0	-21.1	-5.4	-8.6	11.4	-3.7
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	0.601	105.3	103.8	-15.0	-2.0	-2.3	-1.8	-1.4
Cereals.....	10	2.113	210.9	197.0	-33.0	-10.4	-12.8	18.7	-6.6
Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	12	1.412	201.8	198.5	-18.1	-4.0	-8.4	13.1	-1.6
<b>Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....</b>	IV	2.458	135.7	137.0	3.1	-0.6	-0.8	2.6	1.0
Miscellaneous edible preparations.....	21	0.390	124.4	124.8	5.0	-0.3	0.1	2.1	0.3
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar (Dec.2008=100).....	22	0.284	100.7	100.1	-	-	-	0.7	-0.6
Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	23	0.498	183.2	191.7	0.1	-2.7	-4.1	8.1	4.6
<b>Mineral products.....</b>	V	3.685	196.1	191.6	-30.2	-18.5	-13.7	-3.0	-2.3
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	3.208	191.8	187.4	-29.7	-19.6	-15.3	-0.4	-2.3
<b>Products of the chemical or allied industries.....</b>	VI	11.749	134.8	134.6	-2.7	-4.6	-2.0	-0.3	-0.1
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	1.441	204.7	204.6	13.1	-1.6	-2.5	1.4	0.0
Organic chemicals.....	29	3.199	126.8	127.6	-16.6	-12.9	-5.2	-4.2	0.6
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	2.871	116.8	118.6	1.6	-2.2	-0.6	2.7	1.5
Tanning or dyeing extracts, dyes, paints, varnish, putty, & inks.....	32	0.569	112.9	113.0	-2.5	-1.0	0.2	-1.1	0.1
Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery cosmetic or toilet preparations.....	33	0.799	127.5	119.7	0.6	0.1	1.1	2.2	-6.1
Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	34	0.448	118.0	116.7	1.0	-0.7	-0.1	-3.1	-1.1
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	1.912	131.2	128.8	5.1	0.3	-1.5	1.7	-1.8
<b>Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....</b>	VII	5.439	134.2	133.3	-2.7	-4.5	-3.9	-1.3	-0.7
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	4.371	127.7	127.7	-3.9	-4.6	-3.9	-1.1	0.0
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	1.068	163.3	157.8	2.3	-3.9	-4.1	-1.9	-3.4
<b>Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....</b>	VIII	0.284	83.9	83.6	-28.1	-2.6	-14.4	-11.2	-0.4
<b>Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....</b>	IX	0.592	106.1	106.3	-4.8	-2.1	-0.8	-2.5	0.2
<b>Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....</b>	X	2.367	105.8	106.7	-8.3	-5.4	-2.5	-1.4	0.9
Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	47	0.477	86.1	88.2	-31.0	-18.4	-8.4	-5.3	2.4
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	1.355	112.9	113.4	2.3	-0.3	-0.8	-0.5	0.4
Printed material.....	49	0.535	115.4	115.5	-4.1	-1.5	-0.3	0.0	0.1
<b>Textile and textile articles.....</b>	XI	2.023	104.1	103.8	-2.7	-2.6	-0.5	0.2	-0.3
Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	52	0.549	92.5	91.1	-15.2	-7.5	-2.8	0.2	-1.5
<b>Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc. (Dec.2008=100).....</b>	XIII	0.853	116.3	117.3	5.1	0.4	0.4	1.7	0.9
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.453	100.7	100.7	1.4	0.0	0.2	1.0	0.0
<b>Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....</b>	XIV	3.687	164.1	167.5	-6.2	-5.3	-2.8	1.9	2.1

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 6. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: February 2008 to February 2009 — Continued**  
 [2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance Jan. 2009 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					Feb. 2008 to Feb. 2009	Oct. 2008 to Nov. 2008	Nov. 2008 to Dec. 2008	Dec. 2008 to Jan. 2009	Jan. 2009 to Feb. 2009
<b>Base metals and articles of base metals.....</b>	XV	5.086	144.0	143.4	-15.2	-7.0	-6.0	-0.6	-0.4
Iron and steel.....	72	1.372	171.0	170.8	-21.9	-10.2	-8.2	1.0	-0.1
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.513	162.8	161.3	7.5	-0.1	-0.5	2.6	-0.9
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.322	117.1	119.6	-51.5	-20.4	-29.1	-8.3	2.1
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.674	96.9	96.1	-31.5	-13.7	-6.4	-4.8	-0.8
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.405	121.7	121.9	3.6	0.2	0.1	-0.2	0.2
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.360	128.3	127.2	-1.8	-1.1	-0.8	0.2	-0.9
<b>Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....</b>	XVI	31.395	94.7	95.0	-0.3	0.0	-0.2	0.1	0.3
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	18.162	105.0	105.2	1.5	0.1	-0.2	0.7	0.2
Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	85	13.233	83.5	83.9	-2.8	-0.1	-0.1	-0.8	0.5
<b>Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....</b>	XVII	15.807	118.9	119.1	3.2	0.1	0.3	0.7	0.2
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	9.177	107.6	107.5	1.3	0.0	-0.1	0.1	-0.1
<b>Optical, photo, measuring, medical &amp; musical instruments; &amp; timepieces.....</b>	XVIII	6.308	107.2	107.2	1.2	-0.7	0.1	1.0	0.0
<b>Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....</b>	XX	1.576	106.4	106.3	-0.9	-0.8	-1.0	-0.2	-0.1
Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	94	0.771	116.1	115.7	-0.7	-0.4	-1.0	0.1	-0.3
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	0.683	92.6	92.6	0.0	-0.8	-0.7	-0.5	0.0

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2007 trade values.

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Dash = Not available

**Table 7. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes by locality of origin: February 2008 to February 2009**  
 [2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Percent of U.S. imports <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
		Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	Annual	Monthly			
				Feb. 2008 to Feb. 2009	Oct. 2008 to Nov. 2008	Nov. 2008 to Dec. 2008	Dec. 2008 to Jan. 2009	Jan. 2009 to Feb. 2009
<b>Industrialized Countries<sup>2</sup></b> .....	42.434	118.3	118.1	-7.6	-5.5	-2.9	-0.7	-0.2
Nonmanufactured articles.....	4.390	145.0	139.5	-44.7	-18.5	-15.7	-6.1	-3.8
Manufactured articles.....	37.621	115.5	115.6	-2.4	-3.8	-1.7	-0.2	0.1
<b>Other Countries<sup>3</sup></b> .....	57.566	108.9	108.9	-15.8	-8.6	-5.2	-2.1	0.0
Nonmanufactured articles.....	12.442	152.4	154.7	-46.5	-28.3	-15.4	-4.9	1.5
Manufactured articles.....	44.910	101.9	101.6	-4.7	-2.2	-2.8	-1.5	-0.3
<b>Canada</b> .....	15.963	127.4	125.4	-14.4	-9.0	-4.4	-1.8	-1.6
Nonmanufactured articles.....	3.979	143.1	136.2	-45.2	-19.8	-15.8	-5.1	-4.8
Manufactured articles.....	11.678	125.7	124.7	-2.0	-5.3	-1.5	-0.9	-0.8
<b>European Union<sup>4</sup></b> .....	17.447	124.4	124.4	-2.5	-2.6	-1.5	0.1	0.0
Nonmanufactured articles.....	0.222	221.8	229.1	-23.2	-10.6	3.4	-3.9	3.3
Manufactured articles.....	17.133	121.9	122.0	-2.1	-2.4	-1.6	0.1	0.1
<b>France (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	1.954	119.9	118.6	3.9	-1.7	-0.8	1.6	-1.1
<b>Germany (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	4.735	109.4	109.4	-1.5	-1.5	-0.7	1.0	0.0
<b>United Kingdom (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	2.660	118.3	119.4	-9.4	-5.4	-2.7	0.0	0.9
<b>Latin America<sup>5</sup></b> .....	17.808	133.9	132.4	-19.7	-11.1	-6.1	-1.2	-1.1
Nonmanufactured articles.....	5.160	184.8	180.5	-39.1	-28.0	-7.0	1.6	-2.3
Manufactured articles.....	12.547	124.8	123.9	-9.4	-2.8	-6.0	-2.2	-0.7
<b>Mexico (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	10.785	127.6	125.9	-8.6	-7.5	0.5	-1.5	-1.3
Nonmanufactured articles.....	1.947	98.5	92.7	-	-	-	-1.5	-5.9
Manufactured articles.....	8.788	98.2	97.8	-	-	-	-1.8	-0.4
<b>Pacific Rim (Dec. 2003=100)<sup>6</sup></b> .....	33.590	100.2	99.8	-0.7	-0.7	-0.9	-0.6	-0.4
<b>China (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	16.852	102.0	101.5	1.0	-0.7	-0.5	-0.4	-0.5
<b>Japan</b> .....	7.488	96.2	96.4	1.9	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
<b>Asian NICs<sup>7</sup></b> .....	5.647	86.8	86.4	-3.0	-0.5	-3.2	-2.6	-0.5
<b>ASEAN (Dec. 2003=100)<sup>8</sup></b> .....	5.729	95.9	95.6	-4.3	-1.6	-1.3	-1.4	-0.3
<b>Asia Near East (Dec. 2003=100)<sup>9</sup></b> .....	3.992	130.6	133.6	-44.2	-22.7	-16.3	-7.4	2.3

1 Percentage of trade figures are based on 2007 trade values.

2 Includes Western Europe, Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

3 Includes Eastern Europe, Latin America, OPEC countries, and other countries in Asia, Africa and the Western Hemisphere.

4 Includes European Union countries.

5 Includes Mexico, Central America, South America and the Caribbean.

6 Includes China, Japan, Australia, Brunei, Indonesia, Macao, Malaysia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines and Asian Newly Industrialized Countries.

7 Asian Newly Industrialized Countries. Includes Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan.

8 Association of Southeast Asian Nations. Includes Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

9 Includes Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

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Regions are not mutually exclusive.

Dash = Not available

**Table 8. U.S. international price indexes and percent changes for selected transportation services: February 2008 to February 2009**

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Relative importance Jan. 2009 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
		Jan. 2009	Feb. 2009	Annual	Monthly			
				Feb. 2008 to Feb. 2009	Oct. 2008 to Nov. 2008	Nov. 2008 to Dec. 2008	Dec. 2008 to Jan. 2009	Jan. 2009 to Feb. 2009
<b>Air Freight</b>								
<b>Import Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	137.4	135.9	-4.8	-4.1	-4.5	-1.2	-1.1
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	22.683	132.1	129.0	-13.8	-10.4	-6.8	0.2	-2.3
Asia.....	68.211	120.7	120.6	-0.9	-0.9	-2.8	-1.3	-0.1
<b>Export Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	130.6	126.3	-4.0	-1.6	-3.1	-3.3	-3.3
Europe (Dec. 2006=100).....	38.674	125.1	120.8	-1.9	-3.3	-4.1	0.2	-3.4
<b>Inbound Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	133.7	131.1	-6.0	-3.3	-4.0	-2.5	-1.9
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	24.919	130.0	127.0	-13.0	-8.4	-6.6	-1.4	-2.3
Asia.....	63.416	116.7	114.1	-2.4	-0.4	-2.2	-2.2	-2.2
<b>Outbound Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	126.8	122.8	-3.4	-2.5	-4.3	-4.4	-3.2
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	40.476	147.8	144.2	-0.4	-2.2	-3.7	-2.8	-2.4
Asia.....	39.559	111.0	110.6	-2.4	-2.9	-4.2	-6.6	-0.4
<b>Air Passenger Fares</b>								
<b>Import Air Passenger Fares</b> .....	100.000	148.5	141.6	8.1	-5.0	-0.2	-5.6	-4.6
Europe.....	43.587	154.8	146.0	17.6	-7.0	-10.2	5.3	-5.7
Asia.....	28.223	134.5	128.3	10.0	1.5	10.1	-11.7	-4.6
Latin America/Caribbean.....	11.632	126.9	121.9	-5.1	-0.2	22.1	-19.7	-3.9
<b>Export Air Passenger Fares</b> .....	100.000	167.9	149.9	-1.9	-1.5	3.1	1.9	-10.7
Europe.....	28.734	182.7	165.0	-5.9	-5.7	-3.4	-2.3	-9.7
Asia.....	36.759	154.4	128.3	-0.9	3.9	4.5	8.4	-16.9
Latin America/Caribbean.....	21.642	180.5	153.3	0.1	-1.2	9.2	0.9	-15.1

<sup>1</sup> Relative importance figures for Air Passenger Fares Indexes are based on 2007 trade values, while the relative importance figures for the Air Freight Indexes are based on 2006 trade values.

NOTES: Data may be revised in each of the three months after original publication.

Dash = Not available

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**Import and Export Merchandise and Services Price Indexes** -- All indexes use a modified Laspeyres formula and are not seasonally adjusted. Price indexes for merchandise goods are reweighted annually, with a two-year lag in the weights. Published series use a base year of 2000=100 where possible. More detailed index series and additional information may be obtained at <http://www.bls.gov/mxp>, or by calling (202) 691-7101.

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