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U.S. IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES - APRIL 2008 -

The U.S. Import Price Index increased 1.8 percent in April, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the second consecutive month, higher prices for both petroleum and nonpetroleum imports contributed to the advance. The rise followed a 2.9 percent increase in March. Export prices also increased in April, rising 0.3 percent after advancing at least 1.0 percent in each of the previous three months.

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
2007						
April.....	1.4	6.8	0.3	0.4	-1.4	0.5
May.....	0.9	2.7	0.6	0.3	-0.1	0.4
June.....	1.2	4.8	0.3	0.4	2.7	0.2
July.....	1.2	6.0	0.1	0.1	1.6	-0.1
August.....	-0.3	-1.5	0.0	0.2	1.0	0.1
September.....	0.6	3.1	-0.1	0.3	4.2	0.0
October.....	1.5	5.0	0.6	0.8	3.8	0.5
November.....	3.2	12.4	0.7	0.9	1.4	0.9
December.....	-0.2	-1.8	0.4	0.5	2.6	0.3
2008						
January.....	1.5	4.2	0.7 ^r	1.2	4.8 ^r	0.8 ^r
February.....	0.2	-1.5 ^r	0.6 ^r	1.0 ^r	4.5 ^r	0.6 ^r
March.....	2.9 ^r	9.2 ^r	1.1	1.5	4.2 ^r	1.3 ^r
April.....	1.8	4.4	1.1	0.3	-2.2	0.6
Apr. 2006 to 2007.....	2.1	-1.1	3.0	5.1	18.9	4.0
Apr. 2007 to 2008.....	15.4	57.2	6.2	7.7	32.3	5.6

^r Revised

Import Goods

The 1.8 percent rise in April followed increases of 2.9 percent, 0.2 percent, and 1.5 percent in March, February, and January, respectively. Petroleum prices advanced 4.4 percent in April after a 9.2 percent rise in March. Prices for petroleum rose 57.2 percent for the year ended in April following a 1.1 percent drop over the previous 12-month period. Nonpetroleum prices increased 1.1 percent for the second consecutive month, matching the largest one-month increase for the index since nonpetroleum prices were first published on a monthly basis in December 1988. The price indexes for overall imports and nonpetroleum imports advanced 15.4 percent and 6.2 percent, respectively, during the past year.

The largest contributor to the April increase in nonpetroleum prices was a 3.3 percent advance in the price index for nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials. That rise was mostly driven by a jump in unfinished metals prices, although higher prices for natural gas, finished metals, and chemicals also factored into the advance. Over the past 12 months, nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials prices rose 17.0 percent.

Prices for capital goods, automotive vehicles, and consumer goods were all up in April as well. Capital goods prices increased 0.8 percent, the largest increase for the index since an equivalent rise in May 1995. Prices for capital goods advanced 2.1 percent over the past 12 months. The price index for automotive vehicles rose 0.4 percent in April after advancing 0.2 percent in each of the previous two months. Over the past year, the index went up 3.3 percent, the largest rise since an identical increase in August 1995. Consumer goods prices advanced 0.2 percent in April after rising 0.4 percent in each of the previous two months. Prices for consumer goods rose 2.8 percent for the year ended in April, the largest increase since a 3.9 percent advance in November 1992.

Prices for foods, feeds, and beverages rose 0.4 percent in April, following a 2.8 percent rise in March, as rising fruit prices more than offset falling prices for coffee.

Export Goods

Export prices advanced a comparatively modest 0.3 percent in April following a 1.5 percent jump in March, which was the largest one-month increase since the index was first published in September 1983. Prices of overall exports advanced 7.7 percent over the past year. In April, a 0.6 percent advance in nonagricultural prices more than offset a 2.2 percent downturn in agricultural prices. Prices for nonagricultural exports rose for the seventh consecutive month and advanced 5.6 percent for the year ended in April.

The increase in nonagricultural prices was led by the continued rise in the price index for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials prices, which rose 1.3 percent in April after rising 3.8 percent in March. Higher prices for fuels, metals, and chemicals contributed to the increase.

Prices for each of the major finished goods indexes also rose in April. Capital goods prices advanced 0.3 percent after falling 0.1 percent in March. The price indexes for export automotive vehicles and consumer goods increased 0.4 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively.

Agricultural prices decreased 2.2 percent in April, the first decrease in 11 months and the largest decline since an 8.4 percent drop in August 2004. Soybean and wheat prices led the downturn in agricultural prices, falling 13.7 percent and 17.8 percent, respectively. Despite the decline, agricultural prices rose 32.3 percent over the past year.

Imports by Locality of Origin

The price indexes for imports from Canada, the European Union, and Mexico increased in April, led by higher fuel prices. Prices for imports from Canada rose 2.6 percent for the month and 18.1 percent for the year ended in April. Import prices from the European Union advanced 1.3 percent in April and 8.3 percent over the past year. The price index for imports from Mexico increased 2.2 percent following a 2.9 percent rise in March. Prices of imports from Mexico advanced 18.3 percent over the past 12 months.

Import prices from China also increased in April, rising 0.2 percent after a 0.6 percent gain the previous month. Prices for imports from China rose 4.1 percent for the April 2007-08 period, the largest 12-month increase recorded since the index was first published in December 2003.

The price index for imports from Japan edged up 0.2 percent in April and advanced 1.0 percent over the past year.

Import and Export Services

Import air passenger fares rose 9.1 percent in April after advancing 0.2 percent in March. A 17.3 percent increase in fares from Europe was the largest contributor to the overall increase, although prices also rose for Latin America-Caribbean and Asian fares. The price index for overall fares increased 12.6 percent for the year ended in April. In contrast, export air passenger fares decreased 5.0 percent in April following a 2.4 percent increase in March. The April decline was led by lower Asian fares. Over the past year, the index rose 3.3 percent.

The price index for import air freight advanced 4.5 percent in April, driven by a 9.6 percent increase in European air freight prices. Import air freight prices increased 15.1 percent for the year ended in April. Export air freight prices rose 2.4 percent in April after falling 0.2 percent the previous month. The index advanced 14.7 percent over the past year.

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Import and Export Price Index data for May are scheduled for release on June 12 at 8:30 A.M. (EDT)

Table 1. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: April 2007 to April 2008

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	End Use	Relative importance Mar. 2008 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	Annual Apr. 2007 to Apr. 2008	Monthly			
						Dec. 2007 to Jan. 2008	Jan. 2008 to Feb. 2008	Feb. 2008 to Mar. 2008	Mar. 2008 to Apr. 2008
All commodities.....		100.000	133.2	135.6	15.4	1.5	0.2	2.9	1.8
All imports excluding petroleum.....		77.135	111.6	112.8	6.2	0.7	0.6	1.1	1.1
All imports excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100)..		74.936	113.9	115.0	5.8	0.7	0.5	1.0	1.0
Foods, feeds, & beverages.....	0	4.340	141.6	142.2	12.6	2.8	-0.3	2.8	0.4
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	3.355	156.9	157.5	14.5	3.2	-0.4	2.9	0.4
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	0.985	106.9	107.6	6.6	1.3	0.1	2.4	0.7
Industrial supplies & materials.....	1	40.306	233.2	242.2	37.3	3.3	0.2	6.6	3.9
Industrial supplies & materials excluding petroleum.....		17.441	159.6	164.8	17.0	2.0	2.6	3.4	3.3
Industrial supplies & materials excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100).....		15.242	167.0	172.3	16.4	2.1	2.0	3.2	3.2
Industrial supplies & materials, durable.....		10.022	159.1	165.8	15.5	0.2	2.1	4.3	4.2
Industrial supplies & materials nondurable excluding petroleum.....		5.220	159.4	162.5	19.0	4.6	3.2	2.1	1.9
Fuels & lubricants.....	10	25.064	325.8	339.8	53.0	4.0	-0.8	8.8	4.3
Petroleum & petroleum products.....	100	22.864	343.8	358.8	57.2	4.2	-1.5	9.2	4.4
Crude.....	10000	17.062	359.8	377.1	66.9	4.4	0.7	9.0	4.8
Fuels, n.e.s.-coals & gas.....	101	1.887	214.7	226.6	28.8	2.3	7.9	6.1	5.5
Gas-natural.....	10110	1.731	211.7	224.3	30.0	2.2	8.9	6.6	6.0
Paper & paper base stocks.....	11	0.727	114.1	116.2	5.1	3.0	0.8	0.6	1.8
Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	12	4.562	148.0	149.7	20.2	6.1	2.1	1.0	1.1
Selected building materials.....	13	1.682	114.0	114.2	2.5	-0.1	-1.8	0.2	0.2
Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	14	4.896	241.9	259.1	23.7	-0.9	4.2	7.8	7.1
Finished metals related to durable goods. ...	15	1.863	146.2	150.5	17.7	2.1	2.1	3.9	2.9
Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	16	1.512	105.1	106.0	4.3	1.5	0.5	-0.8	0.9
Capital goods.....	2	20.492	92.1	92.8	2.1	-0.3	0.1	0.1	0.8
Electric generating equipment.....	20	2.618	109.3	111.7	6.5	-0.2	0.9	0.6	2.2
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	16.311	87.5	87.9	1.2	-0.3	0.0	0.1	0.5
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	1.563	115.4	115.5	4.3	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1
Automotive vehicles, parts & engines.....	3	12.808	107.5	107.9	3.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4
Consumer goods, excluding automotives..	4	22.054	103.9	104.1	2.8	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.2
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	10.221	107.4	107.5	3.3	0.9	0.3	0.6	0.1
Durables, manufactured.....	41	10.754	100.3	100.5	2.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2
Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	42	1.079	104.2	105.2	2.8	0.2	0.1	0.1	1.0

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Table 2. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: April 2007 to April 2008

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	End Use	Relative importance Mar. 2008 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	Annual Apr. 2007 to Apr. 2008	Monthly			
						Dec. 2007 to Jan. 2008	Jan. 2008 to Feb. 2008	Feb. 2008 to Mar. 2008	Mar. 2008 to Apr. 2008
All commodities.....		100.000	123.7	124.1	7.7	1.2	1.0	1.5	0.3
Agricultural commodities.....		10.194	193.2	189.0	32.3	4.8	4.5	4.2	-2.2
Nonagricultural commodities.....		89.806	118.8	119.5	5.6	0.8	0.6	1.3	0.6
Foods, feeds, & beverages.....	0	9.296	195.7	191.2	31.6	5.5	4.5	3.8	-2.3
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	8.600	201.3	196.4	33.8	5.6	4.8	3.9	-2.4
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	0.696	148.2	146.3	9.3	4.3	1.9	2.4	-1.3
Industrial supplies & materials.....	1	30.775	165.5	167.5	13.8	1.9	1.3	4.0	1.2
Industrial supplies & materials, durable.....		11.990	172.6	174.2	8.2	0.4	3.5	4.3	0.9
Industrial supplies & materials, nondurable.....		18.786	162.0	164.3	17.4	2.9	-0.1	3.7	1.4
Agricultural industrial supplies & materials.....	10	1.594	159.3	158.0	24.5	0.9	3.2	5.8	-0.8
Nonagricultural industrial supplies & materials.....		29.181	166.0	168.2	13.2	2.0	1.2	3.8	1.3
Fuels & lubricants.....	11	4.992	249.2	256.8	29.3	4.2	-2.8	10.5	3.0
Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	12	23.180	158.2	159.8	10.7	1.6	2.1	2.7	1.0
Selected building materials.....	13	1.009	114.1	114.0	1.0	-0.4	0.4	0.3	-0.1
Capital goods.....	2	38.628	101.2	101.5	2.2	0.3	0.4	-0.1	0.3
Electrical generating equipment.....	20	3.661	108.2	108.2	1.6	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	27.328	93.7	94.0	1.4	0.1	0.2	-0.2	0.3
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	7.639	128.1	128.7	5.7	1.5	0.6	0.3	0.5
Automotive vehicles, parts & engines.....	3	9.542	107.2	107.6	1.5	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4
Consumer goods, excluding automotives..	4	11.759	107.6	107.8	2.3	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	5.496	108.5	109.4	3.5	-0.1	0.1	0.3	0.8
Durables, manufactured.....	41	5.266	105.3	104.8	0.9	0.0	0.3	-0.2	-0.5

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Table 3. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: April 2007 to April 2008

[December 2005=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	NAICS	Relative importance Mar. 2008 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	Annual Apr. 2007 to Apr. 2008	Monthly			
						Dec. 2007 to Jan. 2008	Jan. 2008 to Feb. 2008	Feb. 2008 to Mar. 2008	Mar. 2008 to Apr. 2008
Nonmanufactured articles.....		21.325	159.9	166.9	55.3	3.9	0.9	8.0	4.4
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting...	11	1.620	132.4	130.9	15.3	8.6	-3.2	5.8	-1.1
Crop production.....	111	1.166	137.2	134.0	18.7	10.7	-5.6	7.4	-2.3
Mining.....	21	19.705	162.6	170.4	59.3	3.5	1.3	8.2	4.8
Mining (except oil and gas) (Dec. 2006=100).....	212	0.343	110.0	114.2	12.2	2.2	-0.4	1.1	3.8
Manufactured articles.....		78.083	111.1	112.2	7.4	0.9	0.1	1.6	1.0
Manufactured goods, part 1.....	31	9.497	107.8	108.2	5.3	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.4
Food manufacturing.....	311	2.374	123.7	124.5	15.6	1.4	1.7	2.5	0.6
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.782	104.5	105.3	2.6	0.7	-0.2	-0.4	0.8
Textile mills.....	313	0.423	110.3	111.7	5.8	1.0	1.1	-1.0	1.3
Textile product mills.....	314	0.719	101.5	102.2	1.8	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.7
Apparel manufacturing.....	315	3.830	102.4	102.3	1.6	0.1	0.0	0.1	-0.1
Leather and allied product manufacturing. . .	316	1.369	103.9	104.3	2.8	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.4
Manufactured goods, part 2.....	32	17.724	123.5	124.9	16.6	3.8	-1.7	3.7	1.1
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	1.036	90.6	90.8	0.7	-0.4	-3.0	0.6	0.2
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.217	108.6	110.3	6.6	3.9	0.8	0.3	1.6
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	4.719	150.1	154.7	36.4	6.5	-9.0	12.4	3.1
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	8.000	123.3	123.4	13.5	3.6	1.8	1.3	0.1
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	1.601	108.6	109.6	6.2	1.9	0.4	0.4	0.9
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	1.057	110.9	110.9	5.7	0.3	0.9	0.1	0.0
Manufactured goods, part 3.....	33	50.863	107.8	109.0	4.7	0.0	0.7	1.0	1.1
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	5.794	168.3	177.1	23.4	-0.9	4.9	8.3	5.2
Fabricated metal product manufacturing. . .	332	2.470	114.9	116.3	8.7	2.0	0.4	0.6	1.2
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	6.345	108.4	109.9	4.9	0.7	0.6	0.2	1.4
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	13.418	93.5	93.2	-1.9	-0.6	-0.3	-0.1	-0.3
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	3.531	110.1	112.0	6.2	0.2	0.7	0.5	1.7
Transportation equipment manufacturing. . .	336	13.495	104.1	104.5	3.5	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.4
Furniture and related product manufacturing.....	337	1.391	105.8	107.6	6.5	1.2	0.2	1.8	1.7
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	4.420	109.4	110.2	4.1	-0.1	0.7	0.4	0.7

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Table 4. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: April 2007 to April 2008

[December 2005=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	NAICS	Relative importance Mar. 2008 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	Annual Apr. 2007 to Apr. 2008	Monthly			
						Dec. 2007 to Jan. 2008	Jan. 2008 to Feb. 2008	Feb. 2008 to Mar. 2008	Mar. 2008 to Apr. 2008
Nonmanufactured articles.....		7.706	164.3	157.4	36.8	6.3	5.2	4.9	-4.2
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting...	11	6.293	188.9	179.2	47.5	7.7	6.3	5.0	-5.1
Crop production.....	111	5.930	197.4	187.1	53.6	7.7	6.7	5.3	-5.2
Mining.....	21	1.413	108.1	108.2	7.2	0.8	0.6	4.0	0.1
Mining (except oil and gas).....	212	0.891	102.1	99.6	0.3	-0.5	1.6	1.5	-2.4
Manufactured articles.....		89.168	110.4	111.3	6.3	0.8	0.5	1.0	0.8
Manufactured goods, part 1.....	31	6.606	118.9	120.5	11.7	0.8	1.3	1.5	1.3
Food manufacturing.....	311	4.316	132.0	134.3	18.2	1.3	1.9	2.3	1.7
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.488	105.6	106.8	4.6	-0.1	0.8	1.1	1.1
Apparel manufacturing.....	315	0.463	101.0	100.9	0.5	0.6	0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Manufactured goods, part 2.....	32	22.740	120.2	121.8	12.8	2.3	-0.2	2.6	1.3
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	0.519	112.6	111.3	1.8	0.7	1.5	0.3	-1.2
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.892	113.8	114.9	5.6	0.9	0.2	0.1	1.0
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	3.418	162.6	168.8	38.8	5.2	-4.4	14.2	3.8
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	13.922	117.3	118.6	11.4	2.3	0.6	0.8	1.1
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	2.099	107.4	107.7	3.7	0.0	0.6	0.7	0.3
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	0.805	109.0	108.5	2.3	1.4	0.2	0.0	-0.5
Manufactured goods, part 3.....	33	59.822	106.1	106.6	3.4	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.5
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	4.804	147.3	151.7	22.9	0.6	5.1	7.0	3.0
Fabricated metal product manufacturing.	332	2.631	114.4	114.7	3.8	1.0	0.3	-0.2	0.3
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	11.653	108.1	108.9	4.1	0.5	0.6	0.4	0.7
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	16.418	95.7	95.7	-0.7	-0.2	0.1	-0.6	0.0
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	3.565	106.9	106.8	2.8	0.2	0.4	0.3	-0.1
Transportation equipment manufacturing....	336	16.138	106.1	106.5	2.6	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.4
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	4.280	106.0	106.1	2.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.1

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Table 5. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: April 2007 to April 2008

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance Mar. 2008 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	Annual Apr. 2007 to Apr. 2008	Monthly			
						Dec. 2007 to Jan. 2008	Jan. 2008 to Feb. 2008	Feb. 2008 to Mar. 2008	Mar. 2008 to Apr. 2008
Live animals; animal products.....	I	1.045	130.0	131.8	6.8	-0.2	2.3	1.1	1.4
Meat and edible meat offal.....	02	0.239	152.3	150.5	5.0	0.4	1.3	1.7	-1.2
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.535	103.7	106.5	6.1	0.9	0.2	3.5	2.7
Vegetable products.....	II	1.278	150.6	152.1	16.2	8.2	-5.0	3.6	1.0
Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.....	07	0.330	212.9	206.0	0.4	29.5	-22.9	4.4	-3.2
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	0.348	95.0	106.2	24.6	-1.9	5.0	-1.8	11.8
Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	09	0.258	171.2	162.4	19.9	3.5	-0.1	8.6	-5.1
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....	IV	2.110	135.2	135.7	10.5	3.0	0.5	1.6	0.4
Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; bakers' wares (Dec. 2007=100).....	19	0.171	105.1	107.0	-	0.7	1.6	2.7	1.8
Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	20	0.232	140.6	141.8	16.4	0.9	2.1	1.4	0.9
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	22	0.766	115.2	117.2	5.4	3.2	-0.3	-0.5	1.7
Mineral products.....	V	24.721	321.4	335.7	53.3	4.0	-0.7	8.8	4.4
Salt; sulfur; earths and stone; plaster materials, lime & cement (Dec.2007=100)...	25	0.205	102.8	102.6	-	0.4	1.8	0.6	-0.2
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	24.188	322.9	337.3	54.4	4.1	-0.8	9.0	4.5
Products of the chemical or allied industries.....	VI	7.299	137.7	137.5	12.5	3.5	1.9	1.7	-0.1
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	0.987	262.8	259.0	24.3	12.2	7.0	3.2	-1.4
Organic chemicals.....	29	2.455	134.9	132.7	8.9	3.9	0.6	1.7	-1.6
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	2.186	112.2	112.9	5.3	1.1	-0.1	0.8	0.6
Tanning & dyeing extracts; dye & pigments; varnish & paints; putty.....	32	0.156	103.4	103.4	1.6	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.0
Essential oils and resinoids (Dec. 2001=100).....	33	0.389	122.3	124.0	10.5	2.4	3.4	1.0	1.4
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	0.397	99.3	99.5	5.5	-1.1	1.0	0.8	0.2
Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....	VII	2.732	129.5	131.2	8.3	2.1	0.6	0.5	1.3
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	1.804	127.0	129.3	9.7	2.4	0.6	0.2	1.8
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	0.928	134.5	135.1	6.0	1.3	0.7	0.9	0.4
Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....	VIII	0.555	111.2	111.9	5.1	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.6
Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	42	0.510	111.7	112.4	5.4	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.6
Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....	IX	1.075	111.1	111.3	0.0	-0.2	-3.1	0.5	0.2
Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....	X	1.372	113.1	114.5	6.3	4.2	0.7	0.0	1.2
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	0.937	108.0	110.0	5.8	5.7	0.7	-0.1	1.9
Printed matter.....	49	0.245	118.6	118.5	3.0	0.8	0.0	0.1	-0.1
Textile and textile articles.....	XI	4.824	103.6	103.7	1.9	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	61	1.746	100.8	100.2	-0.2	0.3	-0.2	0.0	-0.6
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	62	1.912	103.0	103.2	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2
Made-up or worn textile articles.....	63	0.489	95.3	95.9	2.1	0.5	0.3	1.8	0.6
Headgear, umbrellas, artificial flowers, etc. ...	XII	1.143	104.4	104.8	3.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.4
Footwear and parts of such articles.....	64	0.954	103.1	103.4	1.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 5. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: April 2007 to April 2008 — Continued

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance Mar. 2008 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	Annual Apr. 2007 to Apr. 2008	Monthly			
						Dec. 2007 to Jan. 2008	Jan. 2008 to Feb. 2008	Feb. 2008 to Mar. 2008	Mar. 2008 to Apr. 2008
Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc.....	XIII	0.913	115.0	115.3	5.1	0.2	0.8	0.2	0.3
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (Dec. 2001=100).....	68	0.323	106.5	107.0	4.2	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.5
Ceramic products.....	69	0.296	124.3	124.9	8.9	0.4	2.0	0.2	0.5
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.294	113.7	113.3	2.3	0.1	-0.1	0.3	-0.4
Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....	XIV	2.794	156.5	158.0	19.8	0.5	4.6	4.5	1.0
Base metals and articles of base metals.....	XV	6.693	183.5	195.0	15.5	0.4	2.0	4.6	6.3
Iron and steel.....	72	1.982	242.2	271.0	36.1	4.6	3.6	6.4	11.9
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.604	144.8	148.7	16.7	4.0	1.4	2.5	2.7
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.831	307.6	323.9	22.0	-8.9	5.3	8.6	5.3
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.984	149.6	158.2	8.4	-0.4	0.7	5.8	5.7
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.346	113.1	114.0	5.6	0.8	0.8	0.2	0.8
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.429	127.0	127.5	2.6	-0.2	-0.1	0.4	0.4
Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....	XVI	23.111	88.3	88.6	1.1	-0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	11.893	88.6	89.2	1.2	-0.6	0.0	0.0	0.7
Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	85	11.218	88.1	88.1	1.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....	XVII	11.811	108.8	109.3	3.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.5
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	10.953	108.1	108.5	3.6	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.4
Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (Dec. 2002=100).....	88	0.771	110.7	110.7	1.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Optical, photo, measuring, medical & musical instruments; & timepieces.....	XVIII	2.725	100.0	101.1	1.8	0.0	-0.2	0.4	1.1
Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	90	2.440	98.0	99.2	1.6	0.0	-0.3	0.3	1.2
Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	91	0.214	119.8	121.0	4.5	-0.1	0.4	1.4	1.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	XX	3.530	104.1	104.9	3.9	0.6	0.3	1.3	0.8
Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldgs.....	94	2.038	108.5	109.8	5.0	0.8	0.5	1.7	1.2
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	1.305	98.0	98.1	2.1	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	96	0.187	108.5	110.6	3.8	0.3	-0.1	0.3	1.9

¹ Relative importance figures are based on 2006 trade values.

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Dash = Not available

Table 6. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: April 2007 to April 2008

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance Mar. 2008 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	Annual Apr. 2007 to Apr. 2008	Monthly			
						Dec. 2007 to Jan. 2008	Jan. 2008 to Feb. 2008	Feb. 2008 to Mar. 2008	Mar. 2008 to Apr. 2008
Live animals; animal products.....	I	1.486	155.7	158.9	6.2	0.8	-0.5	-0.7	2.1
Meat & edible meat offal (Dec. 2006=100). . .	02	0.779	124.7	130.8	13.7	-1.4	1.1	0.2	4.9
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.439	152.8	150.6	14.5	5.6	2.8	3.1	-1.4
Vegetable products.....	II	5.818	245.3	234.8	50.7	8.4	6.4	5.1	-4.3
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	0.680	121.2	122.4	-2.6	1.4	-0.7	-0.7	1.0
Cereals.....	10	2.771	313.1	304.4	84.0	9.5	12.0	6.5	-2.8
Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	12	1.785	262.5	233.7	57.4	10.3	5.3	8.3	-11.0
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....	IV	2.356	134.7	134.7	11.7	1.9	1.4	1.4	0.0
Miscellaneous edible preparations.....	21	0.438	119.8	120.1	7.5	1.3	0.2	0.8	0.3
Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	23	0.590	197.8	194.9	36.5	4.8	3.9	3.3	-1.5
Mineral products.....	V	5.110	304.0	310.8	29.2	3.9	-2.2	10.8	2.2
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	4.506	298.2	306.4	33.4	4.6	-2.7	11.8	2.7
Products of the chemical or allied industries.....	VI	11.541	140.0	141.9	12.1	2.4	0.9	1.1	1.4
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	1.135	184.2	184.8	21.9	3.6	1.7	1.8	0.3
Organic chemicals.....	29	3.592	157.2	160.6	13.1	1.5	1.7	2.3	2.2
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	2.501	117.0	118.7	5.3	-0.3	0.3	0.3	1.5
Tanning or dyeing extracts, dyes, paints, varnish, putty, & inks.....	32	0.542	116.5	116.4	2.5	-1.0	0.1	0.5	-0.1
Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery cosmetic or toilet preparations.....	33	0.653	120.1	121.8	5.0	-0.2	0.8	0.9	1.4
Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	34	0.393	115.7	115.8	5.4	-0.4	2.6	0.2	0.1
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	1.581	122.9	124.4	4.1	0.9	0.2	0.2	1.2
Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....	VII	5.164	137.4	138.1	6.5	1.0	0.1	0.3	0.5
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	4.189	133.2	133.7	6.5	1.1	-0.2	0.2	0.4
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	0.975	155.3	157.0	6.2	0.7	1.0	0.7	1.1
Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....	VIII	0.395	116.9	117.2	-6.2	-0.3	-0.8	0.6	0.3
Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....	IX	0.636	112.1	111.0	-1.8	0.1	0.9	0.4	-1.0
Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....	X	2.510	116.8	117.7	7.1	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.8
Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	47	0.706	129.1	129.8	15.9	1.5	2.3	1.0	0.5
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	1.278	110.8	112.2	3.7	0.8	-0.4	0.0	1.3
Printed material.....	49	0.525	121.3	121.2	5.1	-0.7	-0.2	0.7	-0.1
Textile and textile articles.....	XI	2.239	109.1	108.4	6.0	0.7	0.7	2.2	-0.6
Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	52	0.728	114.6	111.3	18.8	2.0	1.8	6.7	-2.9
Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc.....	XIII	0.792	111.8	111.3	2.6	0.4	0.0	0.2	-0.4
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.428	99.7	100.0	3.2	0.1	-0.1	0.4	0.3
Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....	XIV	4.112	189.3	190.2	10.8	-0.9	4.9	6.0	0.5
Base metals and articles of base metals.....	XV	5.865	175.4	178.6	8.1	1.1	3.0	3.7	1.8

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: April 2007 to April 2008 — Continued

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance Mar. 2008 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	Annual Apr. 2007 to Apr. 2008	Monthly			
						Dec. 2007 to Jan. 2008	Jan. 2008 to Feb. 2008	Feb. 2008 to Mar. 2008	Mar. 2008 to Apr. 2008
Iron and steel.....	72	1.553	230.7	231.2	15.9	4.5	6.8	5.8	0.2
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.380	150.7	150.8	4.4	1.3	0.5	0.5	0.1
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.710	264.3	271.6	13.2	-1.7	7.4	7.1	2.8
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	1.009	150.2	155.5	4.6	-1.7	1.1	7.1	3.5
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.379	118.0	118.9	3.8	2.0	-0.1	0.3	0.8
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.351	124.7	124.7	-1.9	0.2	0.5	-3.7	0.0
Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....	XVI	30.276	95.1	95.3	1.2	0.3	0.2	-0.2	0.2
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	16.811	103.6	104.0	1.6	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.4
Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	85	13.465	85.9	85.8	0.7	0.2	0.3	-0.3	-0.1
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....	XVII	13.752	115.5	116.0	2.4	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.4
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	8.147	106.2	106.7	1.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.5
Optical, photo, measuring, medical & musical instruments; & timepieces.....	XVIII	5.980	106.1	106.6	3.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.5
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	XX	1.411	107.6	108.6	3.8	0.8	-0.1	0.1	0.9
Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	94	0.756	116.7	116.6	3.1	1.8	-0.3	0.2	-0.1
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	0.504	92.6	94.7	5.7	-0.3	0.0	0.0	2.3

¹ Relative importance figures are based on 2006 trade values.

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Table 7. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes by locality of origin: April 2007 to April 2008
 [2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Percent of U.S. imports ¹	Index		Percent change				
		Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	Annual	Monthly			
				Apr. 2007 to Apr. 2008	Dec. 2007 to Jan. 2008	Jan. 2008 to Feb. 2008	Feb. 2008 to Mar. 2008	Mar. 2008 to Apr. 2008
Industrialized Countries²	42.888	131.0	133.5	13.2	2.0	0.8	2.6	1.9
Nonmanufactured articles.....	4.201	282.3	295.2	56.4	4.2	6.0	12.0	4.6
Manufactured articles.....	38.251	119.8	121.3	8.1	1.5	0.2	1.3	1.3
Other Countries³	57.112	132.6	134.8	17.3	1.7	-0.4	2.6	1.7
Nonmanufactured articles.....	12.058	307.8	321.4	56.6	4.1	-0.7	6.8	4.4
Manufactured articles.....	44.837	107.9	108.5	6.1	0.9	-0.3	1.1	0.6
Canada	16.032	152.2	156.1	18.1	1.5	1.5	3.9	2.6
Nonmanufactured articles.....	3.711	280.2	292.4	54.5	4.4	7.0	12.8	4.4
Manufactured articles.....	12.028	127.9	129.9	6.8	0.3	-0.5	0.5	1.6
European Union⁴	17.355	129.5	131.2	8.3	2.1	0.7	1.5	1.3
Nonmanufactured articles.....	0.249	300.9	312.7	45.8	0.9	-3.0	0.9	3.9
Manufactured articles.....	16.987	126.5	128.1	7.4	2.1	0.8	1.5	1.3
France (Dec. 2003=100)	1.844	115.5	117.6	9.4	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.8
Germany (Dec. 2003=100)	4.732	111.7	113.4	6.0	1.4	0.3	0.5	1.5
United Kingdom (Dec. 2003=100)	2.684	134.8	135.0	13.9	2.0	2.2	2.3	0.1
Latin America⁵	18.032	171.2	175.6	24.5	2.7	-0.5	3.8	2.6
Nonmanufactured articles.....	5.151	318.3	332.7	56.9	3.9	-1.6	7.6	4.5
Manufactured articles.....	12.786	139.5	141.4	10.5	1.9	0.1	1.8	1.4
Mexico (Dec. 2003=100)	10.710	142.3	145.4	18.3	2.1	-1.5	2.9	2.2
Pacific Rim (Dec. 2003=100)⁶	33.822	101.0	101.5	3.4	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.5
China (Dec. 2003=100)	15.926	101.2	101.4	4.1	0.9	0.1	0.6	0.2
Japan	8.032	94.6	94.8	1.0	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.2
Asian NICs⁷	5.887	89.2	90.2	2.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.1
ASEAN (Dec. 2003=100)⁸	6.041	100.7	100.8	5.3	1.0	0.2	0.8	0.1
Asia Near East (Dec. 2003=100)⁹	3.928	250.1	259.4	45.7	2.3	1.9	5.1	3.7

1 Percentage of trade figures are based on 2006 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: April 2007 to April 2008

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Relative importance Mar. 2008 ¹	Index		Percent change				
		Mar. 2008	Apr. 2008	Annual	Monthly			
				Apr. 2007 to Apr. 2008	Dec. 2007 to Jan. 2008	Jan. 2008 to Feb. 2008	Feb. 2008 to Mar. 2008	Mar. 2008 to Apr. 2008
Air Freight								
Import Air Freight	100.000	144.4	150.9	15.1	0.1	0.6	1.1	4.5
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	28.585	150.3	164.7	28.6	0.6	0.4	0.4	9.6
Asia.....	61.482	123.8	126.5	10.3	-0.2	0.8	1.7	2.2
Export Air Freight	100.000	131.4	134.6	14.7	3.9	-0.3	-0.2	2.4
Europe (Dec. 2006=100).....	42.465	123.5	127.0	26.1	8.3	0.0	0.2	2.8
Inbound Air Freight	100.000	140.7	145.7	14.8	0.5	0.5	0.9	3.6
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	30.722	146.4	157.2	26.2	1.2	0.2	0.3	7.4
Asia.....	57.310	118.4	120.5	9.7	0.2	0.5	1.4	1.8
Outbound Air Freight	100.000	128.1	130.5	15.3	1.9	0.2	0.9	1.9
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	41.479	145.2	149.6	17.1	2.5	-0.1	0.3	3.0
Asia.....	40.806	114.7	115.6	11.7	1.5	0.3	1.6	0.8
Air Passenger Fares								
Import Air Passenger Fares	100.000	131.3	143.2	12.6	-2.1	-1.1	0.2	9.1
Europe.....	41.286	124.5	146.1	13.3	0.4	-0.4	0.3	17.3
Asia.....	25.688	117.0	120.5	4.4	-11.2	-1.6	0.3	3.0
Latin America/Caribbean.....	13.583	130.0	135.6	18.8	-0.5	0.6	1.2	4.3
Export Air Passenger Fares	100.000	156.4	148.6	3.3	4.0	-5.6	2.4	-5.0
Europe.....	28.335	178.0	184.7	3.5	0.8	-4.7	1.5	3.8
Asia.....	35.227	133.2	126.2	15.1	11.6	-8.2	2.9	-5.3
Latin America/Caribbean.....	19.780	155.2	151.0	-9.6	-0.8	-9.1	1.3	-2.7

¹ Relative importance figures for Air Passenger Fares Indexes are based on 2006 trade values, while the relative importance figures for the Air Freight Indexes are based on 2005 trade values.

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Dash = Not available

TECHNICAL NOTE

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.

Merchandise Goods Classification Systems -- The merchandise price indexes are published using three classification systems. Items are classified by end use according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis Classification System, by industry according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), and by product category according to the Harmonized System (HS). While classification by end use and product category are self-explanatory, some notes are in order for classifying items by industry. In the NAICS imports and exports tables, items are classified by output industry, not input industry. As an example, NAICS import index 326 (plastics and rubber products manufacturing) include outputs such as manufactured plastic rather than inputs such as petroleum. The NAICS classification structure also matches the classification system used by the PPI (Producer Price Index) to produce the NAICS primary products indexes.

Import Price Indexes -- Products have been classified by the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States Annotated (TSUSA). Import prices are based on U.S. dollar prices paid by the U.S. importer. The prices are generally either "free on board" (f.o.b.) foreign port or "cost, insurance, and freight" (c.i.f.) U.S. port transaction prices, depending on the practices of the individual industry. The index for crude petroleum is calculated from data collected by the U.S. Department of Energy.

Export Price Indexes -- Products have been classified by the Harmonized Schedule B classification system of the U.S. Bureau of the Census. The prices used are generally either "free alongside ship" (f.a.s.) factory or "free on board" (f.o.b.) transaction prices, depending on the practices of the individual industry. Prices used in the grain index, excluding rice, are obtained from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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