

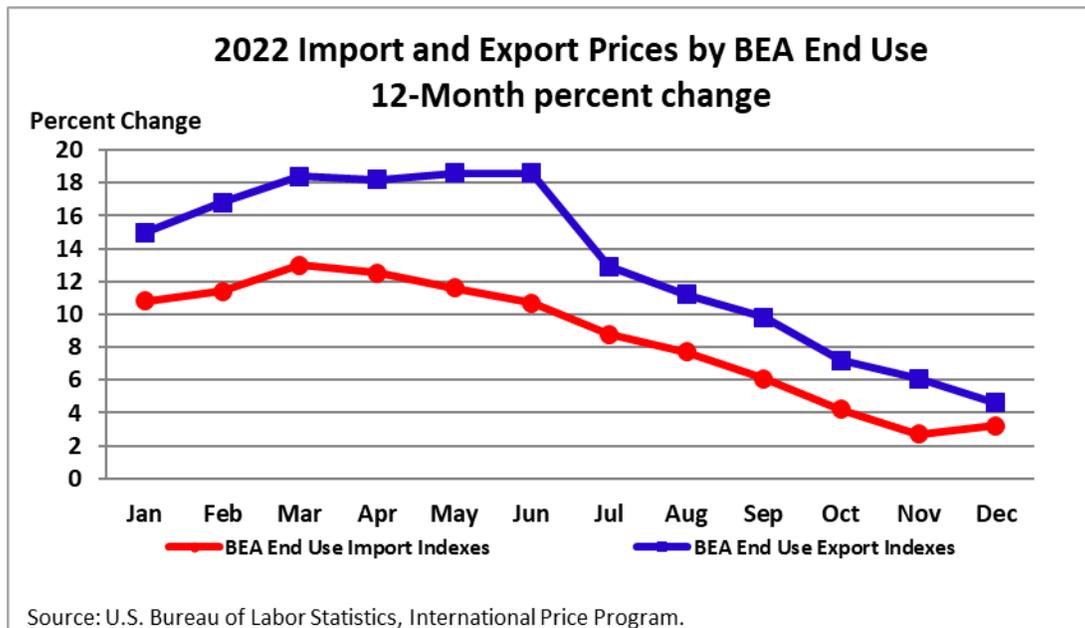
Overview of Import and Export Price Indexes

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What are Import and Export Price Indexes?

The Import/Export Price Indexes (MXPI) of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics contain data on changes in prices of nonmilitary goods and services traded between the United States and the rest of the world. The Import and Export Price Indexes are Principal Federal Economic Indicators. These measures show how prices for a market basket of imported or exported goods and services change from one period to the next.



How are the Import and Export Price Indexes used?

The import and export price indexes are used for a variety of purposes, including:

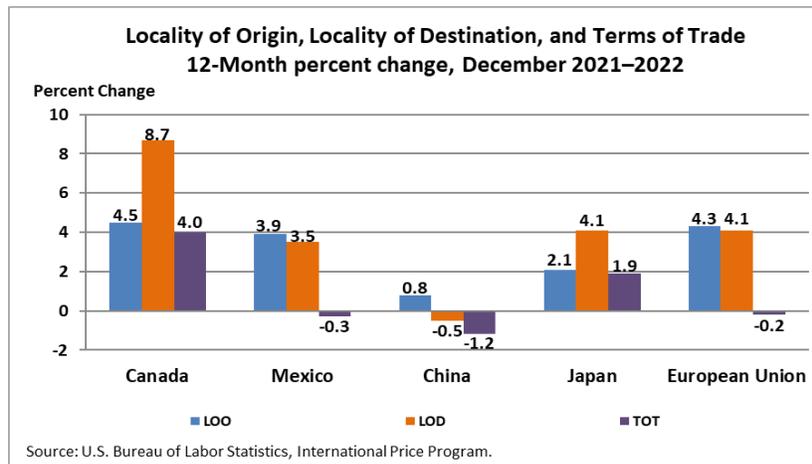
- To deflate government trade statistics
 - Monthly U.S. trade statistics
 - Quarterly Balance of Payments Account
 - Import and export components of the Gross Domestic Product
- To show price trends that could impact both domestic production and prices charged to consumers.
- An input to setting fiscal and monetary policy, to measure the impact of exchange rates, to forecast future prices using historical data, and to negotiate private trade contracts.
- To identify industry-specific and global price trends.

What price data are available?

- **Merchandise Goods** are classified by:
 - End Use for the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) End Use Classification System on a quarterly basis since 1980 and on a monthly basis since 1989
 - Industry for the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) on a monthly basis since 2005
 - Goods for the Harmonized Classification System on a monthly basis since 1992

- **Import and Export Price Indexes Specific to Locality:**
 - Import price indexes by locality of origin (LOO) and export price indexes by locality of destination (LOD) are available at the all-commodity levels and for select industries.
 - Terms of trade indexes (TOT) are available for select countries and groupings that have published LOO and LOD indexes.
 - **Countries:** Canada, China, Germany, Japan, Mexico, United Kingdom, * France,* and Taiwan*
 - **Groupings:** Industrialized Countries, European Union, Latin America, Pacific Rim, Asian Newly Industrialized Countries,* Association of Southeast Asian Countries,* and Asia Near East*

* Only available for Imports by Locality of Origin Indexes



- **International Transportation Services:**
 - Import and export Air Freight, on a quarterly basis since 1990 and on a monthly basis since 2006
 - Import and export Air Passenger Fares, on a quarterly basis since 1986 and on a monthly basis since 2001

Publications and Available Data:

- Monthly *U.S. Import and Export Price Indexes News Releases*
- *Beyond the Numbers* reports
- *Monthly Labor Review* articles
- *The Economics Daily* briefs
- *Commissioner’s Corner* blogs
- *The IPP Handbook of Methods*
- Complete data series, including index values and 1-month, 3-month, and 12-month percent changes, are available for download in HTML, Excel, and text formats at www.bls.gov/mxp

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—Jerome H. Powell, *Chairman*, Federal Reserve Board of Governors

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