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**U.S. IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES  
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The U.S. Import Price Index declined 1.1 percent in January, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today, following decreases in each of the previous five months. In contrast, export prices rose for the first time in six months, advancing 0.5 percent in January.

**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>						
January.....	1.5	4.2	0.7	1.2	4.8	0.8
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 <sup>r</sup>	-22.2 <sup>r</sup>	-0.9 <sup>r</sup>	-2.1	-8.4 <sup>r</sup>	-1.4
November.....	-7.3 <sup>r</sup>	-29.9 <sup>r</sup>	-1.7 <sup>r</sup>	-3.2 <sup>r</sup>	-6.8 <sup>r</sup>	-2.8 <sup>r</sup>
December.....	-5.0 <sup>r</sup>	-27.2 <sup>r</sup>	-1.1	-2.2 <sup>r</sup>	-6.2 <sup>r</sup>	-1.9
<b>2009</b>						
January.....	-1.1	-2.4	-0.8	0.5	6.2	0.0
Jan. 2007 to 2008.....	13.6	65.2	3.9	6.8	28.5	4.9
Jan. 2008 to 2009.....	-12.5	-55.0	-0.6	-3.6	-9.7	-2.9

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## Import Goods

Import prices fell 1.1 percent in January and 23.4 percent over the past six months. For the sixth consecutive month, petroleum prices and nonpetroleum prices decreased, falling 2.4 percent and 0.8 percent, respectively, in January. However, prices for both overall imports and petroleum decreased at a smaller rate in January than in each of the previous five months since prices last rose in July. Petroleum prices fell 69.1 percent over the past six months and 55.0 percent over the past year, the largest 12-month decline since the index was first published in June 1982. Overall, import prices fell 12.5 percent for the year ended in January, the largest 12-month decline since the index was first published in September 1982. Nonpetroleum prices decreased 5.7 percent over the past six months and 0.6 percent over the past year.

The 0.8 percent January decrease in nonpetroleum prices was led by a 4.8 percent drop in the price index for nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials. Falling prices for chemicals and natural gas were the largest contributors to the decline. Nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials prices decreased 7.6 percent over the past year, led primarily by declining unfinished metals prices.

In contrast, prices for automotive vehicles increased in January, rising 0.2 percent after decreasing the previous two months. For the year ended in January, the index increased 0.7 percent.

The price indexes for consumer goods, capital goods, and foods, feeds, and beverages were unchanged in January. Over the past year, consumer goods prices increased 1.5 percent, capital goods prices advanced 0.9 percent, and prices for foods, feeds, and beverages rose 3.3 percent.

## Export Goods

Export prices rose 0.5 percent in January after declining in each of the previous five months. The increase was driven by a 6.2 percent rise in agricultural prices as nonagricultural prices were unchanged. The rise in agricultural prices followed decreases in four of the previous five months. Higher prices for corn, soybeans, and wheat accounted for the increase in January. Despite the January increase, agricultural prices fell 9.7 percent over the past 12 months. Nonagricultural prices recorded no change in January after falling in each of the previous five months. The price index for nonagricultural exports declined 2.9 percent for the year ended in January, the largest 12-month decrease since a 2.9 percent drop for the February 2001-2002 period. Similarly, overall export prices fell 3.6 percent over the past year, the largest 12-month decrease since the index fell 3.8 percent for the year ended in November 1998.

Finished goods prices also contributed to the rise in overall export prices in January. The price indexes for capital goods and automotive vehicles each advanced 0.3 percent in January. Capital goods prices and prices for automotive vehicles increased 0.9 percent and 1.3 percent, respectively, over the past year. Consumer goods prices rose 0.7 percent in January and 2.2 percent for the January 2008-2009 period.

In contrast, prices for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials continued to move lower in January, falling 1.2 percent. The index decreased in each of the past six months, dropping a cumulative 22.4 percent. Lower prices for chemicals, particularly organic chemicals and plastics, largely drove the January decline.

## Imports by Locality of Origin

Prices of imports from China decreased for the fifth consecutive month, falling 0.7 percent in January after a 0.5 percent decline in December. Despite the recent decreases, import prices from China advanced 1.2 percent over the past 12 months.

Import prices from Canada fell for the sixth consecutive month, declining 0.9 percent in January following a 4.8 percent drop the previous month. Falling fuel prices continued to lead the decrease. The index fell 11.3 percent for the year ended in January, the largest 12-month decline since an identical drop for the February 2001-2002 period. The price index for imports from Mexico also decreased in January, falling 2.3 percent. The index fell 9.5 percent over the past year, the largest 12-month decline since the index was first published in December 2003.

In contrast, prices of imports from Japan and from the European Union each rose in January, increasing 0.3 percent and 0.1 percent, respectively. The price index for imports from Japan increased 2.2 percent for the year ended in January, the largest 12-month advance since the index rose 2.3 percent for the July 1999-2000 period. Import prices from the European Union fell 1.8 percent over the past year.

## Import and Export Services

Import air passenger fares decreased 5.6 percent in January after a 0.2 percent decline in December. The January decrease was driven by an 11.7 percent drop in Asian fares and a 19.7 percent fall in Latin American/Caribbean fares. Despite the recent decreases, the index of import air passenger fares increased 12.2 percent for the January 2008-2009 period. In contrast, export air passenger fares advanced 3.2 percent in January as a 10.5 percent increase in Asian fares and a 7.0 percent rise in Latin American/Caribbean fares more than offset a 3.4 percent fall in European fares. Export air passenger fares rose 4.9 percent over the past 12 months.

The price index for import air freight fell for the sixth consecutive month, declining 1.4 percent in January. The index decreased 2.5 percent over the past 12 months. Similarly, export air freight prices fell for the fifth consecutive month, declining 1.7 percent in January. The recent decreases notwithstanding, export air freight prices advanced 0.8 percent for the year ended in January.

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Import and Export Price Index data for February 2009 are scheduled for release on March 13, 2009 at 8:30 A.M. (E.D.T.).

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

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	End Use	Relative importance Dec. 2008 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					Jan. 2008 to Jan. 2009	Sept. 2008 to Oct. 2008	Oct. 2008 to Nov. 2008	Nov. 2008 to Dec. 2008	Dec. 2008 to Jan. 2009
<b>All commodities.....</b>		100.000	114.2	113.0	-12.5	-6.0	-7.3	-5.0	-1.1
<b>All imports excluding petroleum.....</b>		89.002	109.9	109.0	-0.6	-0.9	-1.7	-1.1	-0.8
<b>All imports excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100)..</b>		86.741	112.7	111.9	-0.3	-0.8	-1.7	-1.1	-0.7
<b>Foods, feeds, &amp; beverages.....</b>	0	5.045	142.6	142.6	3.3	-1.3	-4.5	2.2	0.0
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	3.933	159.7	159.5	4.2	-1.4	-5.2	3.4	-0.1
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	1.112	103.8	104.4	0.1	-1.0	-2.0	-1.9	0.6
<b>Industrial supplies &amp; materials.....</b>	1	28.482	149.1	143.3	-34.3	-14.2	-18.0	-14.8	-3.9
Industrial supplies & materials excluding petroleum.....		17.484	146.0	139.0	-7.6	-3.3	-5.1	-4.9	-4.8
Industrial supplies & materials excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100).....		15.223	155.2	148.1	-6.7	-3.4	-5.3	-5.5	-4.6
Industrial supplies & materials, durable.....		9.287	142.1	138.1	-7.6	-4.4	-6.7	-6.1	-2.8
Industrial supplies & materials nondurable excluding petroleum.....		5.936	150.5	139.8	-7.5	-2.0	-2.9	-3.3	-7.1
Fuels & lubricants.....	10	13.260	150.8	146.2	-51.6	-20.8	-27.6	-24.0	-3.1
Petroleum & petroleum products.....	100	10.999	147.4	143.9	-55.0	-22.2	-29.9	-27.2	-2.4
Crude.....	10000	7.876	149.1	147.8	-54.9	-23.9	-30.9	-26.3	-0.9
Fuels, n.e.s.-coals & gas.....	101	2.048	178.6	166.6	-11.1	-3.1	-3.4	-0.1	-6.7
Gas-natural.....	10110	1.867	169.6	156.0	-14.5	-3.8	-3.8	-0.1	-8.0
Paper & paper base stocks.....	11	0.812	113.3	110.2	-2.0	-2.9	-1.1	-1.6	-2.7
Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	12	5.204	148.0	136.8	-4.7	-1.4	-3.1	-4.7	-7.6
Selected building materials.....	13	1.748	118.1	117.1	1.0	-1.9	-1.3	-0.6	-0.8
Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	14	3.695	185.7	175.7	-18.4	-7.3	-11.4	-11.4	-5.4
Finished metals related to durable goods. ...	15	2.050	141.7	139.4	1.2	-2.5	-5.3	-4.1	-1.6
Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	16	1.714	109.2	107.1	1.6	-0.4	-0.5	-1.1	-1.9
<b>Capital goods.....</b>	2	25.069	92.7	92.7	0.9	0.0	-0.4	-0.2	0.0
Electric generating equipment.....	20	3.232	111.3	111.4	3.4	-0.5	-0.5	-0.4	0.1
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	19.661	87.5	87.5	0.1	-0.1	-0.5	-0.2	0.0
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	2.176	120.2	121.1	5.1	1.4	0.3	0.0	0.7
<b>Automotive vehicles, parts &amp; engines.....</b>	3	14.650	107.7	107.9	0.7	0.2	-0.5	-0.1	0.2
<b>Consumer goods, excluding automotives..</b>	4	26.754	104.6	104.6	1.5	0.0	-0.5	0.0	0.0
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	12.316	108.2	109.1	2.4	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	0.8
Durables, manufactured.....	41	13.133	100.9	100.4	0.8	0.0	-0.5	-0.4	-0.5
Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	42	1.305	103.6	102.7	-1.3	-0.7	-2.5	0.4	-0.9

<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: January 2008 to January 2009**

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	End Use	Relative importance Dec. 2008 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					Jan. 2008 to Jan. 2009	Sept. 2008 to Oct. 2008	Oct. 2008 to Nov. 2008	Nov. 2008 to Dec. 2008	Dec. 2008 to Jan. 2009
<b>All commodities.....</b>		100.000	115.8	116.4	-3.6	-2.1	-3.2	-2.2	0.5
<b>Agricultural commodities.....</b>		8.367	150.8	160.2	-9.7	-8.4	-6.8	-6.2	6.2
<b>Nonagricultural commodities.....</b>		91.633	113.2	113.2	-2.9	-1.4	-2.8	-1.9	0.0
<b>Foods, feeds, &amp; beverages.....</b>	0	7.820	155.1	166.6	-7.7	-8.1	-5.8	-5.9	7.4
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	7.148	156.6	168.3	-9.0	-8.8	-6.4	-6.2	7.5
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	0.672	143.5	153.3	8.0	1.6	0.2	-3.1	6.8
<b>Industrial supplies &amp; materials.....</b>	1	27.324	139.6	137.9	-12.2	-4.5	-8.3	-5.9	-1.2
Industrial supplies & materials, durable.....		10.475	141.5	141.2	-11.7	-4.3	-6.5	-5.4	-0.2
Industrial supplies & materials, nondurable.....		16.848	139.2	136.6	-12.6	-4.7	-9.3	-6.2	-1.9
Agricultural industrial supplies & materials.....	10	1.219	126.3	125.3	-14.2	-5.7	-9.5	-6.0	-0.8
<b>Nonagricultural industrial supplies &amp; materials.....</b>		26.105	140.5	138.8	-12.2	-4.5	-8.2	-5.9	-1.2
Fuels & lubricants.....	11	3.752	166.7	165.9	-28.5	-10.5	-19.1	-13.8	-0.5
Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	12	21.296	138.9	136.9	-9.3	-3.3	-6.3	-4.7	-1.4
Selected building materials.....	13	1.057	114.9	114.3	0.9	1.0	-0.9	-0.6	-0.5
<b>Capital goods.....</b>	2	41.243	101.5	101.8	0.9	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.3
Electrical generating equipment.....	20	3.850	109.0	107.4	-0.3	0.2	-0.5	-0.2	-1.5
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	28.644	93.2	93.3	-0.4	-0.3	-0.1	-0.3	0.1
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	8.748	131.7	134.6	6.1	0.3	-0.1	0.5	2.2
<b>Automotive vehicles, parts &amp; engines.....</b>	3	10.514	108.0	108.3	1.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.3
<b>Consumer goods, excluding automotives..</b>	4	13.099	108.9	109.7	2.2	0.5	-0.8	-0.1	0.7
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	5.723	106.9	108.8	0.6	-0.1	-1.5	-0.4	1.8
Durables, manufactured.....	41	6.181	109.8	109.9	4.5	1.1	-0.1	0.0	0.1

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

[December 2005=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	NAICS	Relative importance Dec. 2008 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					Jan. 2008 to Jan. 2009	Sept. 2008 to Oct. 2008	Oct. 2008 to Nov. 2008	Nov. 2008 to Dec. 2008	Dec. 2008 to Jan. 2009
<b>Nonmanufactured articles.....</b>		12.314	81.2	79.4	-45.9	-20.5	-26.1	-18.5	-2.2
<b>Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting...</b>	11	1.923	140.5	138.9	7.3	-4.0	-6.6	12.0	-1.1
Crop production.....	111	1.443	154.9	153.7	13.5	-5.4	-5.1	20.3	-0.8
<b>Mining.....</b>	21	10.391	75.2	73.3	-50.6	-21.9	-28.1	-22.4	-2.5
Mining (except oil and gas) (Dec. 2006=100).....	212	0.468	128.0	126.5	15.8	1.1	-0.9	-0.8	-1.2
<b>Manufactured articles.....</b>		87.162	106.2	105.3	-3.7	-1.8	-2.9	-2.5	-0.8
<b>Manufactured goods, part 1.....</b>	31	11.018	107.3	107.5	0.7	-0.3	-1.4	-0.4	0.2
Food manufacturing.....	311	2.607	118.6	117.7	-0.8	-1.1	-5.2	-2.3	-0.8
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.980	106.2	106.6	1.4	-0.1	-0.3	0.4	0.4
Textile mills.....	313	0.465	110.3	111.5	1.2	-0.4	-1.1	-1.5	1.1
Textile product mills.....	314	0.868	101.9	101.1	0.1	-0.2	0.1	-0.2	-0.8
Apparel manufacturing.....	315	4.455	102.4	102.5	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.1
Leather and allied product manufacturing. . .	316	1.644	106.5	108.7	5.0	0.5	0.2	0.1	2.1
<b>Manufactured goods, part 2.....</b>	32	17.747	107.6	104.6	-13.6	-5.2	-7.1	-7.4	-2.8
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	1.049	92.9	90.9	-2.2	-4.3	-1.9	-0.9	-2.2
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.416	109.9	108.1	0.7	-1.6	-1.0	-1.3	-1.6
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	2.653	71.0	66.8	-54.5	-17.1	-25.6	-30.5	-5.9
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	9.332	123.7	119.7	0.1	-0.5	-1.7	-2.7	-3.2
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	1.976	113.3	113.4	5.2	-0.4	-0.3	0.0	0.1
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	1.207	117.7	118.1	7.6	2.3	-0.1	-0.3	0.3
<b>Manufactured goods, part 3.....</b>	33	58.397	105.4	104.9	-1.0	-0.8	-1.7	-1.3	-0.5
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	4.453	130.9	125.0	-15.7	-6.7	-10.5	-10.6	-4.5
Fabricated metal product manufacturing. . .	332	3.039	119.1	119.5	5.0	0.0	-1.0	-1.2	0.3
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	7.189	110.2	111.0	3.2	-0.3	-0.5	-0.2	0.7
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	16.388	91.0	90.1	-4.0	-0.3	-0.5	-0.3	-1.0
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	4.312	114.0	113.9	4.7	0.4	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1
Transportation equipment manufacturing. . .	336	15.841	104.7	105.0	1.2	0.2	-0.4	-0.2	0.3
Furniture and related product manufacturing.....	337	1.673	109.7	108.9	5.0	-0.3	-0.9	-0.5	-0.7
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	5.502	110.7	110.6	2.2	0.0	-0.5	0.3	-0.1

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

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<b>Nonmanufactured articles.....</b>		5.897	114.3	122.5	-17.8	-10.9	-6.6	-6.8	7.2
<b>Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting...</b>	11	4.528	128.7	143.0	-15.5	-12.3	-6.0	-7.3	11.1
Crop production.....	111	4.175	131.8	147.2	-16.2	-13.0	-6.4	-7.6	11.7
<b>Mining.....</b>	21	1.369	81.9	77.3	-25.2	-4.9	-8.7	-5.1	-5.6
Mining (except oil and gas).....	212	1.009	90.7	85.4	-13.7	-3.0	-4.6	-1.0	-5.8
<b>Manufactured articles.....</b>		92.593	107.3	107.4	-1.3	-1.1	-2.5	-1.6	0.1
<b>Manufactured goods, part 1.....</b>	31	6.534	117.1	117.9	2.0	-1.3	-3.4	-2.7	0.7
Food manufacturing.....	311	4.320	129.2	131.1	3.6	-1.8	-4.7	-3.6	1.5
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.508	103.0	102.8	-0.9	-0.4	-0.8	-0.2	-0.2
Apparel manufacturing.....	315	0.393	101.6	101.6	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0
<b>Manufactured goods, part 2.....</b>	32	22.139	109.9	108.9	-7.2	-2.8	-7.0	-4.4	-0.9
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	0.483	110.4	108.4	-2.0	0.1	-1.4	-0.5	-1.8
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.988	114.2	112.7	-0.7	0.0	-0.8	-1.2	-1.3
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	2.201	97.6	97.2	-34.8	-13.1	-23.3	-18.5	-0.4
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	14.330	111.7	110.3	-4.7	-1.4	-5.8	-3.3	-1.3
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	2.265	110.7	111.7	5.3	0.2	-0.4	-0.8	0.9
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	0.871	112.2	113.0	3.9	1.1	0.5	0.3	0.7
<b>Manufactured goods, part 3.....</b>	33	63.920	105.3	105.6	0.6	-0.3	-0.8	-0.5	0.3
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	4.230	119.6	119.7	-8.6	-5.2	-8.1	-5.3	0.1
Fabricated metal product manufacturing. ....	332	2.816	118.3	120.9	5.8	0.3	-0.2	-0.3	2.2
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	12.853	111.3	112.0	4.6	0.5	0.0	-0.1	0.6
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	16.667	92.8	91.7	-4.7	-1.0	-0.3	-0.3	-1.2
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	3.661	106.8	107.1	0.8	0.1	-0.5	-0.3	0.3
Transportation equipment manufacturing....	336	18.258	108.1	109.3	3.3	0.5	0.1	0.3	1.1
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	5.086	111.4	112.5	6.2	1.4	-0.4	-0.2	1.0

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

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmoni- zied system	Relative importance Dec. 2008 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					Jan. 2008 to Jan. 2009	Sept. 2008 to Oct. 2008	Oct. 2008 to Nov. 2008	Nov. 2008 to Dec. 2008	Dec. 2008 to Jan. 2009
<b>Live animals; animal products.....</b>	I	1.160	125.6	125.6	-0.1	-2.9	-6.3	-3.4	0.0
Meat and edible meat offal.....	02	0.263	148.9	148.5	0.4	-2.1	-7.8	-4.8	-0.3
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.589	99.4	99.8	-0.2	-1.5	-2.7	-2.8	0.4
<b>Vegetable products.....</b>	II	1.688	176.3	172.6	12.7	-3.1	-4.6	17.4	-2.1
Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.....	07	0.547	354.5	346.3	31.0	10.8	-1.1	49.3	-2.3
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	0.517	116.9	115.0	24.9	-6.6	-5.7	13.7	-1.6
Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	09	0.255	144.8	150.5	-4.6	-9.9	-4.2	-1.7	3.9
<b>Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....</b>	IV	2.406	134.6	134.9	1.9	-2.2	-2.1	0.2	0.2
Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; bakers' wares (Dec. 2007=100).....	19	0.252	106.9	107.1	6.4	-0.6	-3.4	-1.7	0.2
Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	20	0.314	133.3	132.0	-2.7	-0.4	-3.2	-1.4	-1.0
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	22	0.980	114.6	115.1	-0.9	-1.9	-0.3	-0.1	0.4
<b>Mineral products.....</b>	V	13.568	154.5	149.9	-49.6	-20.3	-26.6	-22.9	-3.0
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	13.142	150.6	146.1	-51.1	-20.9	-27.4	-23.8	-3.0
<b>Products of the chemical or allied industries.....</b>	VI	8.500	136.0	129.6	-2.5	-0.4	-2.2	-3.8	-4.7
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	0.949	251.2	159.9	-32.8	-0.5	-0.9	-13.6	-36.3
Organic chemicals.....	29	2.519	121.8	119.6	-9.3	-0.9	-4.5	-4.3	-1.8
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	2.868	113.3	115.4	3.6	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	1.9
Tanning & dyeing extracts; dye & pigments; varnish & paints; putty.....	32	0.183	105.6	105.5	2.6	-3.5	-0.4	0.3	-0.1
Essential oils and resinoids (Dec. 2001=100).....	33	0.451	120.6	121.6	3.8	0.6	-2.2	-1.3	0.8
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	0.487	97.6	96.5	-1.0	-0.8	-1.2	-0.9	-1.1
<b>Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....</b>	VII	3.157	130.3	128.7	0.5	-1.2	-2.6	-1.8	-1.2
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	2.064	128.4	126.2	0.2	-2.4	-1.9	-0.8	-1.7
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	1.093	134.1	133.5	0.8	0.7	-3.9	-3.5	-0.4
<b>Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....</b>	VIII	0.663	114.0	114.0	2.8	1.1	0.3	0.0	0.0
Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	42	0.615	114.8	114.9	3.0	1.2	0.3	0.3	0.1
<b>Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....</b>	IX	1.081	113.5	111.3	-2.5	-4.5	-1.9	-0.9	-1.9
<b>Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....</b>	X	1.596	113.8	112.8	0.4	-1.5	-0.8	-1.0	-0.9
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	1.119	113.7	113.8	6.1	0.5	-0.4	-0.4	0.1
Printed matter.....	49	0.300	119.3	119.8	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
<b>Textile and textile articles.....</b>	XI	5.607	103.4	103.4	0.1	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	0.0
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	61	2.108	99.8	100.2	-0.8	-0.3	-0.1	-0.5	0.4
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	62	2.145	103.6	103.4	0.7	0.3	0.0	1.1	-0.2
Made-up or worn textile articles.....	63	0.600	95.1	91.7	-1.7	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3	-3.6
<b>Headgear, umbrellas, artificial flowers, etc..</b>	XII	1.340	106.9	109.1	4.8	0.1	0.4	0.1	2.1
Footwear and parts of such articles.....	64	1.129	106.0	108.7	5.8	0.2	0.4	0.1	2.5

See footnotes at end of table.



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

Description	Harmoni- zied system	Relative importance Dec. 2008 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					Jan. 2008 to Jan. 2009	Sept. 2008 to Oct. 2008	Oct. 2008 to Nov. 2008	Nov. 2008 to Dec. 2008	Dec. 2008 to Jan. 2009
<b>Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc.....</b>	XIII	1.071	122.1	122.5	7.6	3.5	-0.2	-0.4	0.3
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (Dec. 2001=100).....	68	0.410	118.9	119.3	12.4	2.9	-0.2	-0.1	0.3
Ceramic products.....	69	0.327	131.9	132.4	8.9	7.7	-0.2	-0.1	0.4
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.333	114.1	114.3	0.7	0.0	-0.5	-1.0	0.2
<b>Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....</b>	XIV	2.588	130.7	132.3	-7.5	-2.1	-5.1	-1.2	1.2
<b>Base metals and articles of base metals.....</b>	XV	6.247	164.4	158.2	-8.0	-4.9	-8.3	-7.6	-3.8
Iron and steel.....	72	1.541	219.9	206.8	-5.8	-8.8	-8.2	-14.2	-6.0
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	2.133	158.7	157.0	12.7	-0.7	-1.8	-2.3	-1.1
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.471	188.1	171.7	-36.2	-8.0	-23.2	-12.7	-8.7
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.813	118.4	108.4	-22.8	-5.4	-12.0	-6.3	-8.4
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.412	116.4	118.1	5.4	0.5	-0.3	-0.3	1.5
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.508	131.6	131.7	4.0	0.9	-0.2	-0.2	0.1
<b>Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....</b>	XVI	27.730	87.8	87.5	-0.9	-0.2	-0.5	-0.3	-0.3
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	13.800	87.9	88.0	-0.7	-0.2	-0.6	-0.3	0.1
Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	85	13.930	87.8	87.0	-1.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-0.9
<b>Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....</b>	XVII	13.515	109.0	109.4	0.7	0.2	-0.5	-0.3	0.4
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	12.258	107.9	108.2	0.4	0.0	-0.6	-0.2	0.3
Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (Dec. 2002=100).....	88	1.142	115.5	116.5	5.4	2.8	0.2	-0.1	0.9
<b>Optical, photo, measuring, medical &amp; musical instruments; &amp; timepieces.....</b>	XVIII	3.369	101.2	101.3	1.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	90	3.030	99.1	99.2	1.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.1
Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	91	0.259	121.1	122.2	3.9	0.4	-0.7	-0.4	0.9
<b>Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....</b>	XX	4.465	106.9	106.8	4.2	0.0	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1
Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldgs.....	94	2.449	112.1	111.8	5.3	0.0	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	1.797	99.7	99.7	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	96	0.220	112.3	112.7	4.1	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.4

1 Relative importance figures are based on 2007 trade values.

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Dash = Not available

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

Description	Harmoni- zied system	Relative importance Dec. 2008 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					Jan. 2008 to Jan. 2009	Sept. 2008 to Oct. 2008	Oct. 2008 to Nov. 2008	Nov. 2008 to Dec. 2008	Dec. 2008 to Jan. 2009
<b>Live animals; animal products.....</b>	I	1.530	156.1	159.6	1.3	-1.1	-9.8	-3.1	2.2
Meat & edible meat offal (Dec. 2006=100). . .	02	0.762	120.2	123.2	0.0	-3.0	-14.9	-3.9	2.5
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.420	151.2	157.1	9.0	3.0	-0.5	-1.7	3.9
<b>Vegetable products.....</b>	II	4.304	171.5	191.1	-12.8	-11.6	-5.4	-8.6	11.4
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	0.614	107.2	105.2	-14.5	-6.1	-2.0	-2.3	-1.9
Cereals.....	10	1.789	177.7	210.9	-19.6	-15.0	-10.4	-12.8	18.7
Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	12	1.255	178.4	201.8	-12.3	-15.7	-4.0	-8.4	13.1
<b>Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....</b>	IV	2.406	132.2	135.8	3.6	-1.9	-0.7	-0.8	2.7
Miscellaneous edible preparations.....	21	0.384	121.8	124.7	5.1	1.0	-0.3	0.1	2.4
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar (Dec.2008=100).....	22	0.283	100.0	100.7	-	-	-	-	0.7
Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	23	0.461	168.6	183.5	-0.5	-10.4	-2.7	-4.5	8.8
<b>Mineral products.....</b>	V	3.847	203.7	194.6	-30.6	-11.2	-18.5	-13.1	-4.5
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	3.265	194.3	189.2	-31.0	-12.2	-19.6	-14.6	-2.6
<b>Products of the chemical or allied industries.....</b>	VI	11.817	134.9	133.9	-2.5	-1.2	-4.6	-2.2	-0.7
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	1.357	201.3	199.4	12.1	0.2	-1.7	-2.6	-0.9
Organic chemicals.....	29	3.193	132.1	125.9	-16.7	-3.4	-12.9	-5.4	-4.7
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	2.674	113.6	116.8	0.3	-0.4	-2.3	-0.6	2.8
Tanning or dyeing extracts, dyes, paints, varnish, putty, & inks.....	32	0.551	114.1	112.9	-2.5	-0.3	-1.0	0.2	-1.1
Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery cosmetic or toilet preparations.....	33	0.737	122.8	125.0	5.8	0.4	-0.9	0.4	1.8
Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	34	0.443	121.8	118.0	4.8	-0.2	-0.7	-0.1	-3.1
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	1.801	129.0	130.3	6.5	0.5	0.3	-1.5	1.0
<b>Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....</b>	VII	5.568	136.6	134.9	-1.5	-1.1	-4.1	-3.7	-1.2
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	4.474	130.1	128.6	-3.4	-1.7	-4.1	-3.6	-1.2
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	1.094	166.4	163.3	7.0	1.6	-3.9	-4.1	-1.9
<b>Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....</b>	VIII	0.324	95.1	83.5	-28.7	-1.6	-1.9	-14.4	-12.2
<b>Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....</b>	IX	0.610	108.8	105.8	-4.4	-0.2	-2.1	-0.8	-2.8
<b>Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....</b>	X	2.409	107.2	105.8	-8.6	-1.4	-5.5	-2.5	-1.3
Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	47	0.503	90.5	86.0	-31.1	-6.6	-18.8	-8.3	-5.0
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	1.369	113.5	112.9	1.5	0.9	-0.3	-0.8	-0.5
Printed material.....	49	0.537	115.4	115.4	-4.5	0.2	-1.5	-0.3	0.0
<b>Textile and textile articles.....</b>	XI	2.028	103.9	104.1	-1.8	-2.0	-2.6	-0.5	0.2
Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	52	0.551	92.3	92.5	-12.3	-7.1	-7.5	-2.8	0.2
<b>Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc. (Dec.2008=100).....</b>	XIII	0.843	114.4	116.4	4.3	1.0	0.4	0.4	1.7
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.450	99.7	100.7	1.3	0.6	0.0	0.2	1.0
<b>Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....</b>	XIV	3.637	161.1	166.3	-2.3	-1.7	-5.3	-2.8	3.2

See footnotes at end of table.

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

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance Dec. 2008 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
			Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					Jan. 2008 to Jan. 2009	Sept. 2008 to Oct. 2008	Oct. 2008 to Nov. 2008	Nov. 2008 to Dec. 2008	Dec. 2008 to Jan. 2009
<b>Base metals and articles of base metals.....</b>	XV	5.143	144.9	143.8	-12.4	-6.0	-7.0	-6.0	-0.8
Iron and steel.....	72	1.366	169.3	171.0	-16.3	-11.3	-10.2	-8.2	1.0
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.482	158.7	162.9	9.2	-0.6	-0.1	-0.5	2.6
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.353	127.7	117.1	-49.0	-9.3	-20.4	-29.1	-8.3
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.711	101.8	96.7	-30.3	-9.0	-13.7	-6.4	-5.0
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.407	121.7	121.4	3.1	1.1	0.0	0.1	-0.2
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.362	128.1	128.3	-0.5	-0.1	-1.1	-0.8	0.2
<b>Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....</b>	XVI	31.537	94.6	94.6	-0.5	-0.3	0.0	-0.2	0.0
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	18.133	104.3	105.0	1.4	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.7
Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	85	13.404	84.2	83.2	-3.1	-0.9	-0.1	-0.1	-1.2
<b>Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....</b>	XVII	15.781	118.1	118.9	3.1	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.7
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	9.209	107.5	107.6	1.4	0.5	0.0	-0.1	0.1
<b>Optical, photo, measuring, medical &amp; musical instruments; &amp; timepieces.....</b>	XVIII	6.271	106.1	107.3	1.5	-0.1	-0.7	0.1	1.1
<b>Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....</b>	XX	1.587	106.6	106.3	-1.2	0.0	-0.8	-1.0	-0.3
Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	94	0.775	116.0	116.1	-0.6	0.2	-0.4	-1.0	0.1
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	0.690	93.1	92.4	-0.2	0.2	-0.8	-0.7	-0.8

<sup>1</sup> 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: January 2008 to January 2009**  
 [2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Percent of U.S. imports <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
		Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Annual	Monthly			
				Jan. 2008 to Jan. 2009	Sept. 2008 to Oct. 2008	Oct. 2008 to Nov. 2008	Nov. 2008 to Dec. 2008	Dec. 2008 to Jan. 2009
<b>Industrialized Countries<sup>2</sup></b> .....	42.434	118.7	118.5	-6.5	-3.9	-5.6	-3.1	-0.2
Nonmanufactured articles.....	4.390	151.7	147.0	-38.2	-19.4	-18.5	-17.3	-3.1
Manufactured articles.....	37.621	115.5	115.6	-2.1	-1.5	-3.9	-1.7	0.1
<b>Other Countries<sup>3</sup></b> .....	57.566	111.0	109.2	-15.8	-7.7	-8.4	-5.5	-1.6
Nonmanufactured articles.....	12.442	158.3	155.7	-46.4	-21.3	-28.1	-16.7	-1.6
Manufactured articles.....	44.910	103.5	101.8	-4.9	-2.2	-2.0	-2.9	-1.6
<b>Canada</b> .....	15.963	129.3	128.1	-11.3	-6.7	-9.0	-4.8	-0.9
Nonmanufactured articles.....	3.979	148.0	144.9	-37.5	-18.2	-19.8	-17.3	-2.1
Manufactured articles.....	11.678	126.8	126.2	-1.4	-2.0	-5.3	-1.5	-0.5
<b>European Union<sup>4</sup></b> .....	17.447	124.3	124.4	-1.8	-1.4	-2.6	-1.5	0.1
Nonmanufactured articles.....	0.222	230.8	220.6	-28.2	-24.8	-10.6	3.4	-4.4
Manufactured articles.....	17.133	121.8	121.9	-1.4	-1.0	-2.4	-1.6	0.1
<b>France (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	1.954	118.0	120.1	6.7	0.4	-1.7	-0.8	1.8
<b>Germany (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	4.735	108.3	109.6	-1.1	-1.0	-1.5	-0.7	1.2
<b>United Kingdom (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	2.660	118.3	118.2	-8.4	-4.0	-5.5	-2.6	-0.1
<b>Latin America<sup>5</sup></b> .....	17.808	135.4	132.5	-20.1	-10.7	-10.5	-6.8	-2.1
Nonmanufactured articles.....	5.160	181.3	179.1	-40.5	-22.0	-27.4	-8.0	-1.2
Manufactured articles.....	12.547	127.7	124.5	-9.1	-4.0	-2.2	-6.4	-2.5
<b>Mexico (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	10.785	130.1	127.1	-9.5	-7.1	-7.1	0.5	-2.3
Nonmanufactured articles.....	1.947	100.0	94.1	-	-	-	-	-5.9
Manufactured articles.....	8.788	100.0	98.2	-	-	-	-	-1.8
<b>Pacific Rim (Dec. 2003=100)<sup>6</sup></b> .....	33.590	101.1	100.5	0.1	-0.1	-0.7	-0.6	-0.6
<b>China (Dec. 2003=100)</b> .....	16.852	102.4	101.7	1.2	-0.1	-0.7	-0.5	-0.7
<b>Japan</b> .....	7.488	96.0	96.3	2.2	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3
<b>Asian NICs<sup>7</sup></b> .....	5.647	90.5	87.9	-1.2	-0.8	-0.5	-1.6	-2.9
<b>ASEAN (Dec. 2003=100)<sup>8</sup></b> .....	5.729	97.3	95.8	-3.9	-1.3	-1.6	-1.3	-1.5
<b>Asia Near East (Dec. 2003=100)<sup>9</sup></b> .....	3.992	140.6	139.0	-40.5	-16.9	-22.7	-16.6	-1.1

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: January 2008 to January 2009**

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Relative importance Dec. 2008 <sup>1</sup>	Index		Percent change				
		Dec. 2008	Jan. 2009	Annual	Monthly			
				Jan. 2008 to Jan. 2009	Sept. 2008 to Oct. 2008	Oct. 2008 to Nov. 2008	Nov. 2008 to Dec. 2008	Dec. 2008 to Jan. 2009
<b>Air Freight</b>								
<b>Import Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	140.3	138.4	-2.5	-3.3	-4.1	-3.6	-1.4
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	22.138	131.8	131.5	-11.8	-6.4	-10.4	-6.8	-0.2
Asia.....	68.589	124.0	122.2	1.2	-1.4	-0.9	-1.4	-1.5
<b>Export Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	135.3	133.0	0.8	-1.9	-1.6	-2.9	-1.7
Europe (Dec. 2006=100).....	37.255	124.8	125.1	1.5	-3.7	-3.3	-4.1	0.2
<b>Inbound Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	137.8	134.9	-2.8	-2.6	-3.3	-3.5	-2.1
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	24.508	131.8	129.6	-11.0	-4.8	-8.4	-6.7	-1.7
Asia.....	63.421	120.3	118.5	2.0	-1.1	-0.4	-1.4	-1.5
<b>Outbound Air Freight</b> .....	100.000	132.8	127.3	0.5	-3.2	-2.5	-4.3	-4.1
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	39.766	152.1	148.8	2.7	-4.0	-2.2	-3.7	-2.2
Asia.....	40.466	119.0	111.5	-1.0	-3.0	-2.9	-4.0	-6.3
<b>Air Passenger Fares</b>								
<b>Import Air Passenger Fares</b> .....	100.000	157.3	148.5	12.2	2.9	-5.0	-0.2	-5.6
Europe.....	39.090	147.0	154.8	24.2	4.1	-7.0	-10.2	5.3
Asia.....	30.163	152.3	134.5	13.5	0.9	1.5	10.1	-11.7
Latin America/Caribbean.....	13.672	158.0	126.9	-0.5	-3.3	-0.2	22.1	-19.7
<b>Export Air Passenger Fares</b> .....	100.000	164.7	169.9	4.9	-5.6	-1.5	3.1	3.2
Europe.....	29.993	187.0	180.7	-1.8	-3.2	-5.7	-3.4	-3.4
Asia.....	34.594	142.5	157.5	11.7	-10.2	3.9	4.5	10.5
Latin America/Caribbean.....	21.873	178.9	191.5	13.6	-1.8	-1.2	9.2	7.0

<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

## 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.

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