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U.S. IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES - JUNE 2009 -

The U.S. Import Price Index rose 3.2 percent in June, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today, led by higher petroleum prices. The June increase followed a 1.4 percent advance in May. Export prices also increased in June, rising 1.1 percent after advancing 0.5 percent in the previous month.

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
2008						
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	-30.2	-1.7	-3.2	-6.9	-2.8
December.....	-4.6	-25.2	-1.1	-2.2	-6.1	-1.9
2009						
January.....	-1.3	-4.6	-0.8	0.7	5.9	0.3
February.....	0.0	5.4	-0.7	-0.3	-1.7	-0.2
March.....	0.5	11.1	-0.8	-0.7	-3.4 ^r	-0.4
April.....	1.1	10.1 ^r	-0.2	0.5 ^r	3.7	0.2
May.....	1.4 ^r	9.3 ^r	0.1 ^r	0.5 ^r	3.7 ^r	0.3
June.....	3.2	20.3	0.2	1.1	4.8	0.8
June 2007 to 2008.....	21.3	83.3	7.3	8.7	33.1	6.5
June 2008 to 2009.....	-17.4	-45.9	-6.5	-6.4	-12.5	-5.7

^r Revised

Import Goods

U.S import prices increased 3.2 percent in June, the largest monthly advance since a 3.2 percent rise in November 2007. Import prices have risen for each of the past four months but decreased overall for the year ended in June, declining 17.4 percent. The June increase in import prices was driven by a 20.3 percent jump in petroleum prices, the largest monthly advance for that index since a 20.5 percent increase in April 1999. Petroleum prices have risen 69.5 percent since January but, despite the recent advances, fell 45.9 percent over the past 12 months. Nonpetroleum import prices ticked up 0.2 percent in June, and decreased 6.5 percent over the past year.

The advance in nonpetroleum prices was led by a 0.7 percent increase in the price index for nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials. Higher prices for unfinished metals were the primary contributor to the June increase in nonpetroleum industrial supplies and materials prices, which followed a 0.8 percent rise in May.

Prices for foods, feeds, and beverages, for consumer goods, and for automotive vehicles also rose in June. Foods, feeds, and beverages prices increased 0.5 percent as higher prices for meat and coffee more than offset lower vegetable prices. The price indexes for consumer goods and automotive vehicles each ticked up 0.1 percent.

In contrast, capital goods prices edged down 0.1 percent in June, led by a 0.5 percent decrease in computer prices. Excluding computer prices, capital goods prices advanced 0.1 percent.

Export Goods

Export prices rose for the third consecutive month in June, advancing 1.1 percent following 0.5 percent increases in each of the two previous months. Higher prices for both agricultural and nonagricultural exports contributed to the overall increase in June which was the largest monthly rise in export prices since a 1.5 percent increase in July 2008. Despite the advance, export prices declined 6.4 percent over the past year. Prices for agricultural exports increased 4.8 percent in June and 12.7 percent for the second quarter of 2009, the largest three-month gain since the first quarter of 2008. Both advances were led by rising prices for soybeans, corn, and wheat. Even with the increase over the past three months, agricultural prices fell 12.5 percent for the June 2008-2009 period. Nonagricultural prices rose 0.8 percent in June, but decreased 5.7 percent over the past 12 months.

A 2.2 percent increase in the price index for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials led the overall advance in nonagricultural prices in June. Higher prices for fuels, chemicals, and metals all contributed to the advance.

Capital goods prices and consumer goods prices also rose in June, advancing 0.2 percent and 0.5 percent, respectively. The increase in capital goods prices was driven by a 0.4 percent rise in the price index for transportation equipment while higher consumer goods prices were led by a 0.9 percent advance in medicinal, dental, and pharmaceutical prices.

In contrast, the price index for automotive vehicles edged down 0.1 percent in June after remaining unchanged in May.

Imports by Locality of Origin

Led by higher fuel prices in June, the price indexes for imports from Canada and from Mexico rose 2.8 percent and 1.6 percent, respectively. Despite rising in June, each index remained down over the past year; import prices from Canada fell 24.8 percent for the year ended in June while prices for imports from Mexico decreased 13.5 percent for the same period.

Import prices from the European Union and from Japan both advanced 0.7 percent in June after falling 0.2 percent and remaining unchanged, respectively, the previous month. The price index for imports from the European Union fell 7.2 percent for the year ended in June, while prices for imports from Japan rose 1.9 percent.

In contrast, prices for imports from China decreased 0.1 percent in June after recording no change in May. Overall import prices from China decreased 2.4 percent for the June 2008-2009 period, the largest 12-month drop since the index was first published in December 2003.

Import and Export Services

Import air passenger fares increased for the first time since October 2008, rising 13.0 percent in June. The advance was led by a 28.6 percent seasonal increase in European fares. Export air passenger fares rose in June, advancing 2.1 percent, which was the first increase for the index since January and was also driven by higher European fares. Despite the increases, both import air passenger fares and export air passenger fares fell over the past 12 months, declining 14.2 percent and 20.7 percent, respectively.

The price index for import air freight advanced 1.4 percent in June after a 0.9 percent increase the previous month. The index fell 15.6 percent for the year ended in June. In contrast, export air freight prices fell 1.2 percent in June, led by a 2.2 percent drop in European air freight prices. Overall, export air freight prices declined 16.6 percent over the past year.

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Import and Export Price Index data for July 2009 are scheduled for release on August 13, 2009 at 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

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

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	End Use	Relative importance May 2009 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			May 2009	June 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					June 2008 to June 2009	Feb. 2009 to Mar. 2009	Mar. 2009 to Apr. 2009	Apr. 2009 to May 2009	May 2009 to June 2009
All commodities		100.000	116.5	120.2	-17.4	0.5	1.1	1.4	3.2
All imports excluding petroleum		85.161	107.2	107.4	-6.5	-0.8	-0.2	0.1	0.2
All imports excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100) ..		83.752	111.0	111.2	-4.5	-0.6	0.1	0.2	0.2
Foods, feeds, & beverages	0	4.833	139.3	140.0	-5.2	-0.6	1.5	0.2	0.5
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	3.746	155.2	155.8	-5.6	-1.1	2.1	0.5	0.4
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	1.087	103.4	104.1	-4.0	1.4	-0.9	-0.5	0.7
Industrial supplies & materials	1	30.295	161.7	178.3	-37.0	3.0	3.3	4.8	10.3
Industrial supplies & materials excluding petroleum.....		15.455	131.4	132.3	-23.8	-2.6	-2.0	0.8	0.7
Industrial supplies & materials excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100).....		14.046	146.1	146.9	-17.8	-1.3	-0.8	1.2	0.5
Industrial supplies & materials, durable.....		8.595	134.2	135.9	-21.7	-1.8	-0.6	0.2	1.3
Industrial supplies & materials nondurable excluding petroleum.....		5.451	128.0	127.9	-26.1	-3.6	-3.7	1.4	-0.1
Fuels & lubricants.....	10	16.249	188.6	223.8	-47.2	7.8	7.5	8.1	18.7
Petroleum & petroleum products.....	100	14.840	202.7	243.8	-45.9	11.1	10.1	9.3	20.3
Crude.....	10000	10.829	208.9	249.4	-47.4	13.7	10.0	10.6	19.4
Fuels, n.e.s.-coals & gas.....	101	1.221	108.6	111.3	-58.8	-13.3	-12.9	-3.3	2.5
Gas-natural.....	10110	1.010	93.6	96.3	-64.5	-15.2	-15.1	-4.1	2.9
Paper & paper base stocks.....	11	0.725	103.3	101.9	-13.1	-2.0	-2.0	-1.1	-1.4
Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	12	4.807	139.5	138.7	-9.3	-0.3	-1.0	3.1	-0.6
Selected building materials.....	13	1.661	114.5	115.8	-2.9	-0.3	-0.8	-0.7	1.1
Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	14	3.353	171.9	176.5	-35.4	-2.4	-0.4	0.6	2.7
Finished metals related to durable goods. ...	15	1.902	134.1	134.7	-15.1	-2.5	-0.2	1.2	0.4
Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	16	1.598	103.8	103.7	-3.6	-0.9	-0.6	-0.8	-0.1
Capital goods	2	24.371	91.9	91.8	-1.5	-0.5	0.1	0.0	-0.1
Electric generating equipment.....	20	3.133	110.0	110.2	-1.6	-0.8	-0.2	0.7	0.2
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	19.094	86.7	86.6	-1.8	-0.7	0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	2.144	120.8	120.7	2.5	0.0	0.1	0.1	-0.1
Automotive vehicles, parts & engines	3	14.394	107.9	108.0	0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1
Consumer goods, excluding automotives ..	4	26.108	104.1	104.2	-0.7	-0.5	0.2	0.0	0.1
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	12.081	108.2	108.3	0.4	-0.5	0.0	-0.2	0.1
Durables, manufactured.....	41	12.776	100.1	100.3	-1.2	-0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	42	1.251	101.3	101.4	-4.9	-3.1	1.5	-1.4	0.1

1 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: June 2008 to June 2009

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	End Use	Relative importance May 2009 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			May 2009	June 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					June 2008 to June 2009	Feb. 2009 to Mar. 2009	Mar. 2009 to Apr. 2009	Apr. 2009 to May 2009	May 2009 to June 2009
All commodities.....		100.000	116.7	118.0	-6.4	-0.7	0.5	0.5	1.1
Agricultural commodities.....		8.972	163.0	170.8	-12.5	-3.4	3.7	3.7	4.8
Nonagricultural commodities.....		91.027	113.4	114.3	-5.7	-0.4	0.2	0.3	0.8
Foods, feeds, & beverages.....	0	8.355	167.0	175.2	-11.5	-3.3	3.9	2.6	4.9
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	7.697	170.0	178.9	-12.3	-3.5	4.2	3.0	5.2
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	0.658	141.7	143.7	-1.6	-0.9	0.7	-2.5	1.4
Industrial supplies & materials.....	1	26.801	138.1	141.2	-18.5	-1.0	0.3	0.9	2.2
Industrial supplies & materials, durable.....		10.515	143.2	144.4	-16.5	0.4	-1.0	0.8	0.8
Industrial supplies & materials, nondurable.....		16.286	135.7	139.9	-19.7	-1.8	1.1	0.9	3.1
Agricultural industrial supplies & materials...	10	1.275	133.3	136.2	-13.8	-2.6	0.5	7.9	2.2
Nonagricultural industrial supplies & materials.....		25.525	138.6	141.7	-18.7	-0.9	0.3	0.5	2.2
Fuels & lubricants.....	11	3.582	160.5	174.1	-41.4	-6.0	6.8	2.3	8.5
Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	12	20.921	137.6	139.3	-13.8	0.0	-0.7	0.3	1.2
Selected building materials.....	13	1.022	112.0	112.1	-1.5	-1.1	-0.6	-1.1	0.1
Capital goods.....	2	41.513	103.0	103.2	1.2	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.2
Electrical generating equipment.....	20	3.745	106.9	106.8	-1.9	0.1	-0.1	0.2	-0.1
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	28.754	94.4	94.5	0.3	-0.2	0.5	0.1	0.1
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	9.014	136.9	137.5	5.5	0.4	1.0	0.4	0.4
Automotive vehicles, parts & engines.....	3	10.440	108.1	108.0	0.6	0.1	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
Consumer goods, excluding automotives..	4	12.891	108.0	108.5	0.3	-0.7	-0.8	0.4	0.5
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	5.734	108.0	108.8	-1.2	-1.7	0.2	0.7	0.7
Durables, manufactured.....	41	6.024	107.9	108.0	2.7	0.1	-2.1	0.3	0.1

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

[December 2005=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	NAICS	Relative importance May 2009 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			May 2009	June 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					June 2008 to June 2009	Feb. 2009 to Mar. 2009	Mar. 2009 to Apr. 2009	Apr. 2009 to May 2009	May 2009 to June 2009
Nonmanufactured articles.....		14.353	96.5	111.6	-45.9	6.6	7.1	6.9	15.6
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting...	11	1.823	135.8	134.0	-2.4	-1.8	7.7	-1.8	-1.3
Crop production.....	111	1.314	143.8	142.5	2.4	-3.7	8.3	-2.6	-0.9
Mining.....	21	12.530	92.5	109.1	-48.7	8.1	7.0	8.3	17.9
Mining (except oil and gas) (Dec. 2006=100).....	212	0.464	129.5	130.2	6.0	-1.1	0.1	-0.2	0.5
Manufactured articles.....		85.131	105.7	106.8	-7.4	-0.3	0.2	0.5	1.0
Manufactured goods, part 1.....	31	10.720	106.4	106.7	-2.6	-0.1	-0.6	0.0	0.3
Food manufacturing.....	311	2.473	114.7	116.3	-10.5	-0.4	-1.6	0.7	1.4
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.970	107.1	107.2	1.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Textile mills.....	313	0.460	111.3	111.5	-1.2	-0.2	-1.6	0.0	0.2
Textile product mills.....	314	0.825	98.7	98.8	-2.9	-0.2	-2.0	0.0	0.1
Apparel manufacturing.....	315	4.365	102.3	102.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	-0.3	-0.1
Leather and allied product manufacturing. . .	316	1.627	107.5	107.4	2.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Manufactured goods, part 2.....	32	17.865	110.4	114.9	-15.0	0.6	1.3	2.0	4.1
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	0.976	88.2	89.4	-7.6	-0.4	-0.9	-1.0	1.4
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.303	103.1	102.4	-8.2	-1.5	-1.6	-0.6	-0.7
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	3.419	93.3	112.5	-42.1	7.1	9.3	7.2	20.6
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	8.927	120.6	120.8	-3.7	-0.8	-0.2	1.7	0.2
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	1.923	112.4	112.3	1.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.4	-0.1
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	1.205	119.8	120.6	7.6	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.7
Manufactured goods, part 3.....	33	56.546	104.1	104.2	-5.4	-0.5	0.0	0.1	0.1
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	3.992	119.6	121.5	-34.7	-2.4	-0.7	0.0	1.6
Fabricated metal product manufacturing. . .	332	2.915	116.5	116.3	-2.9	-1.0	-0.5	0.2	-0.2
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	7.103	111.0	111.5	0.6	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.5
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	15.729	89.0	88.8	-4.6	-0.7	0.1	0.0	-0.2
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	4.171	112.5	112.6	-0.4	-0.5	0.0	0.2	0.1
Transportation equipment manufacturing. . .	336	15.582	105.0	105.2	0.4	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Furniture and related product manufacturing.....	337	1.644	109.9	109.9	0.1	0.1	-0.2	-0.3	0.0
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	5.409	110.9	111.3	0.4	-0.2	0.5	0.4	0.4

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

[December 2005=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	NAICS	Relative importance May 2009 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			May 2009	June 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					June 2008 to June 2009	Feb. 2009 to Mar. 2009	Mar. 2009 to Apr. 2009	Apr. 2009 to May 2009	May 2009 to June 2009
Nonmanufactured articles.....		6.288	122.8	127.0	-20.7	-5.5	6.0	3.5	3.4
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting...	11	5.042	144.5	151.8	-15.9	-6.5	7.2	4.4	5.1
Crop production.....	111	4.694	149.4	157.5	-16.4	-6.9	7.9	5.0	5.4
Mining.....	21	1.246	75.2	72.8	-36.8	-1.3	1.6	-0.3	-3.2
Mining (except oil and gas).....	212	0.962	87.2	87.1	-12.1	3.0	2.0	-1.5	-0.1
Manufactured articles.....		91.996	107.5	108.5	-4.2	-0.4	0.3	0.2	0.9
Manufactured goods, part 1.....	31	6.534	118.1	120.8	-3.5	0.0	-0.4	1.2	2.3
Food manufacturing.....	311	4.377	132.0	136.1	-4.1	0.0	-0.1	1.8	3.1
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.517	105.8	107.6	0.7	1.2	0.0	0.4	1.7
Apparel manufacturing.....	315	0.393	102.5	102.5	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
Manufactured goods, part 2.....	32	21.562	107.9	110.8	-13.2	-1.6	0.8	0.5	2.7
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	0.448	103.4	103.4	-7.7	-1.0	-1.0	-2.5	0.0
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.900	110.0	110.6	-4.3	-0.5	-0.4	-1.3	0.5
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	2.066	92.3	106.3	-47.0	-8.6	11.8	2.2	15.2
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	14.069	110.5	112.7	-7.7	-1.0	-0.4	0.5	2.0
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	2.206	108.7	108.1	-1.2	-0.5	0.5	0.1	-0.6
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	0.872	113.2	113.4	4.4	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.2
Manufactured goods, part 3.....	33	63.900	106.1	106.4	-0.6	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.3
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	4.158	118.5	120.5	-20.9	1.8	-1.4	-1.0	1.7
Fabricated metal product manufacturing.	332	2.858	121.0	121.0	4.1	-0.8	0.2	-0.1	0.0
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	12.829	112.0	112.1	2.5	-0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	16.686	93.7	93.8	-2.1	-0.2	0.5	0.1	0.1
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	3.619	106.4	106.5	-0.3	0.2	0.3	-0.1	0.1
Transportation equipment manufacturing....	336	18.455	110.2	110.3	3.3	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.1
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	4.951	109.3	109.5	2.5	0.2	-2.1	0.4	0.2

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

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmoni- zied system	Relative importance May 2009 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			May 2009	June 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					June 2008 to June 2009	Feb. 2009 to Mar. 2009	Mar. 2009 to Apr. 2009	Apr. 2009 to May 2009	May 2009 to June 2009
Live animals; animal products.....	I	1.142	126.3	129.3	-8.7	2.2	-0.3	0.2	2.4
Meat and edible meat offal.....	02	0.256	148.0	153.2	-7.4	-0.8	0.6	2.0	3.5
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.567	97.9	99.0	-6.9	2.1	-1.7	-0.9	1.1
Vegetable products.....	II	1.533	163.4	161.3	1.1	-4.1	8.3	-1.7	-1.3
Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.....	07	0.478	316.5	293.1	44.7	5.4	23.9	-5.9	-7.4
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	0.450	103.8	104.1	-7.7	-5.0	-2.8	2.7	0.3
Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	09	0.265	153.1	161.4	-3.2	-6.3	5.5	4.3	5.4
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....	IV	2.343	133.7	134.6	-3.9	-0.4	-0.2	0.1	0.7
Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; bakers' wares (Dec. 2007=100).....	19	0.246	106.6	109.9	1.1	0.3	-0.6	0.9	3.1
Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	20	0.286	124.2	124.9	-12.1	-2.6	-2.8	0.0	0.6
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	22	0.969	115.8	116.1	-2.4	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.3
Mineral products.....	V	16.489	191.7	226.1	-46.0	7.6	7.2	7.8	17.9
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	16.091	188.3	222.9	-47.1	7.8	7.4	8.0	18.4
Products of the chemical or allied industries.....	VI	8.095	132.2	131.6	-5.5	-0.8	-0.5	2.2	-0.5
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	0.931	251.4	229.1	-10.2	1.3	3.2	27.4	-8.9
Organic chemicals.....	29	2.470	121.8	123.7	-6.9	0.3	0.6	-0.2	1.6
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	2.804	113.0	113.3	-0.7	-2.1	0.0	0.0	0.3
Tanning & dyeing extracts; dye & pigments; varnish & paints; putty.....	32	0.176	103.7	103.5	-1.6	-1.0	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Essential oils and resinoids (Dec. 2001=100).....	33	0.429	117.2	118.7	-5.3	-1.7	-1.3	0.0	1.3
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	0.443	90.7	90.7	-10.3	-0.8	-1.7	-0.3	0.0
Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....	VII	3.067	129.3	129.9	-2.5	-0.5	0.9	1.3	0.5
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	2.019	128.2	129.2	-0.6	-0.5	1.9	1.8	0.8
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	1.048	131.3	131.3	-6.0	-0.5	-1.0	0.3	0.0
Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....	VIII	0.649	114.0	114.0	1.4	-0.1	-0.2	0.4	0.0
Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	42	0.603	115.0	115.0	1.9	-0.1	-0.2	0.4	0.0
Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....	IX	1.010	108.3	109.5	-7.6	-0.5	-0.6	-0.9	1.1
Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....	X	1.497	108.9	108.2	-6.2	-1.2	-1.2	-0.4	-0.6
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	1.051	109.0	107.9	-2.7	-1.5	-1.3	-0.6	-1.0
Printed matter.....	49	0.295	119.9	119.7	0.9	0.0	-0.1	0.2	-0.2
Textile and textile articles.....	XI	5.448	102.6	102.6	-0.9	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2	0.0
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	61	2.059	99.6	99.3	-1.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	62	2.101	103.6	103.6	1.2	0.1	0.0	-0.3	0.0
Made-up or worn textile articles.....	63	0.558	90.3	90.3	-4.8	-1.3	-0.2	0.0	0.0
Headgear, umbrellas, artificial flowers, etc..	XII	1.323	107.8	107.8	1.9	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.0
Footwear and parts of such articles.....	64	1.117	107.1	106.9	2.1	0.0	0.1	-0.3	-0.2

See footnotes at end of table.

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

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmoni- zied system	Relative importance May 2009 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			May 2009	June 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					June 2008 to June 2009	Feb. 2009 to Mar. 2009	Mar. 2009 to Apr. 2009	Apr. 2009 to May 2009	May 2009 to June 2009
Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc.....	XIII	1.071	124.6	125.7	8.9	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.9
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (Dec. 2001=100).....	68	0.397	117.3	117.8	10.2	0.0	-0.9	-0.6	0.4
Ceramic products.....	69	0.335	137.7	140.4	11.6	0.8	0.5	1.5	2.0
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.339	118.6	118.9	5.0	0.0	1.1	0.3	0.3
Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....	XIV	2.648	136.5	140.5	-10.6	1.7	0.8	0.7	2.9
Base metals and articles of base metals.....	XV	5.614	150.8	151.5	-26.8	-3.0	-0.6	0.5	0.5
Iron and steel.....	72	1.186	172.6	171.9	-44.3	-6.2	-4.6	-5.5	-0.4
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.897	144.0	142.1	-11.0	-2.9	-0.9	-0.9	-1.3
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.550	224.0	234.9	-28.0	1.6	9.2	12.7	4.9
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.706	104.9	105.8	-32.1	-2.4	0.0	4.2	0.9
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.410	118.1	118.1	2.7	-0.3	-0.3	0.1	0.0
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.493	130.3	129.9	0.4	-0.1	-0.2	0.1	-0.3
Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....	XVI	26.814	86.7	86.7	-2.5	-0.6	0.1	0.1	0.0
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	13.503	87.7	87.8	-1.7	-0.5	0.0	0.1	0.1
Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	85	13.311	85.7	85.6	-3.3	-0.7	0.1	0.1	-0.1
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....	XVII	13.304	109.6	109.7	0.2	-0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	12.077	108.5	108.7	0.0	-0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (Dec. 2002=100).....	88	1.119	115.6	115.3	3.2	-0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.3
Optical, photo, measuring, medical & musical instruments; & timepieces.....	XVIII	3.314	101.6	101.8	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	90	2.975	99.3	99.5	0.1	-0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.2
Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	91	0.257	122.9	124.0	1.9	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	XX	4.407	107.7	107.7	1.2	0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.0
Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldgs.....	94	2.414	112.8	112.8	0.8	0.2	-0.3	-0.1	0.0
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	1.772	100.4	100.2	1.5	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	96	0.222	115.7	116.0	4.2	-0.6	3.6	0.1	0.3

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: June 2008 to June 2009

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance May 2009 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			May 2009	June 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					June 2008 to June 2009	Feb. 2009 to Mar. 2009	Mar. 2009 to Apr. 2009	Apr. 2009 to May 2009	May 2009 to June 2009
Live animals; animal products.....	I	1.513	155.3	158.8	-9.0	-0.1	0.3	-0.4	2.3
Meat & edible meat offal (Dec. 2006=100). . .	02	0.777	123.5	128.2	-11.8	1.4	0.1	0.5	3.8
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.400	145.0	145.1	-2.7	-1.8	1.6	-2.1	0.1
Vegetable products.....	II	4.842	194.3	205.5	-14.1	-5.2	6.8	4.2	5.8
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	0.567	99.7	102.3	-16.8	-3.7	1.2	-1.5	2.6
Cereals.....	10	2.055	205.4	222.1	-24.4	-5.2	8.6	1.3	8.1
Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	12	1.539	220.5	238.1	-8.2	-7.5	9.3	9.9	8.0
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....	IV	2.498	138.1	142.1	4.3	-0.5	0.7	1.5	2.9
Miscellaneous edible preparations.....	21	0.373	118.9	118.8	-1.2	0.0	-0.8	0.2	-0.1
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar (Dec.2008=100).....	22	0.283	100.5	102.6	-	-0.2	-0.6	0.7	2.1
Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	23	0.545	200.6	224.7	10.1	-4.4	4.2	6.5	12.0
Mineral products.....	V	3.503	186.8	200.5	-44.4	-6.2	7.3	3.0	7.3
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	3.001	179.8	195.2	-46.1	-8.0	8.4	3.3	8.6
Products of the chemical or allied industries.....	VI	11.773	135.3	137.9	-5.2	-0.6	-0.2	0.4	1.9
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	1.259	188.6	186.7	-3.0	-2.4	-2.8	-2.6	-1.0
Organic chemicals.....	29	3.305	138.1	144.6	-13.1	1.8	0.7	2.3	4.7
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	2.695	115.6	116.7	-2.6	-2.9	0.3	0.8	1.0
Tanning or dyeing extracts, dyes, paints, varnish, putty, & inks.....	32	0.537	112.3	114.0	-0.6	0.4	-1.8	0.4	1.5
Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery cosmetic or toilet preparations.....	33	0.735	123.7	125.8	3.2	-0.3	0.2	1.6	1.7
Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	34	0.410	113.8	114.2	-3.7	-0.9	-1.7	0.4	0.4
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	1.779	128.7	131.7	4.7	-0.4	0.2	-0.9	2.3
Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....	VII	5.213	128.8	130.8	-8.0	-1.9	-1.1	-0.1	1.6
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	4.232	123.8	126.4	-7.9	-2.1	0.0	0.0	2.1
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	0.981	150.3	149.2	-8.9	-0.9	-5.4	-0.4	-0.7
Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....	VIII	0.257	76.0	79.1	-32.6	-4.2	-4.0	-1.9	4.1
Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....	IX	0.568	101.9	102.1	-9.1	-1.9	-0.8	-1.6	0.2
Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....	X	2.368	106.1	107.5	-8.5	-0.4	0.0	-0.2	1.3
Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	47	0.497	90.0	93.8	-26.9	0.9	1.1	0.4	4.2
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	1.339	111.8	112.2	-0.3	-0.5	-0.4	-0.6	0.4
Printed material.....	49	0.532	115.0	116.2	-4.3	-1.0	0.0	0.5	1.0
Textile and textile articles.....	XI	1.992	102.8	101.9	-5.6	-1.2	-0.2	1.8	-0.9
Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	52	0.560	94.4	91.0	-17.0	-5.7	3.6	6.1	-3.6
Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc. (Dec.2008=100).....	XIII	0.848	115.8	115.9	4.3	0.0	-0.4	0.1	0.1
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.452	100.6	100.8	1.9	-0.1	-0.2	0.3	0.2
Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....	XIV	3.741	166.8	171.3	-6.4	3.7	-3.5	-1.0	2.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance May 2009 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			May 2009	June 2009	Annual	Monthly			
					June 2008 to June 2009	Feb. 2009 to Mar. 2009	Mar. 2009 to Apr. 2009	Apr. 2009 to May 2009	May 2009 to June 2009
Base metals and articles of base metals.....	XV	5.092	144.4	144.3	-20.4	-1.3	-0.6	2.0	-0.1
Iron and steel.....	72	1.214	151.6	148.6	-38.9	-3.2	-5.5	-2.9	-2.0
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.519	163.8	163.4	4.3	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.491	179.0	184.5	-29.4	0.5	16.6	27.5	3.1
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.697	100.4	101.6	-32.5	-0.4	-1.8	6.8	1.2
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.405	121.9	121.9	2.5	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.342	122.0	122.0	-6.2	-5.6	-0.2	-0.1	0.0
Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....	XVI	31.538	95.3	95.4	0.1	-0.2	0.4	0.0	0.1
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	18.161	105.2	105.2	1.4	-0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0
Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	85	13.377	84.6	84.7	-1.7	-0.1	0.7	-0.2	0.1
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....	XVII	15.964	120.3	120.5	3.3	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.2
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	9.162	107.7	107.7	0.9	0.0	-0.1	0.2	0.0
Optical, photo, measuring, medical & musical instruments; & timepieces.....	XVIII	6.305	107.4	107.7	0.6	-0.1	-0.2	0.7	0.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	XX	1.578	106.7	106.7	-1.7	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	94	0.772	116.4	116.1	-0.8	0.6	0.2	0.0	-0.3
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	0.683	92.7	92.8	-1.9	0.1	-0.4	0.0	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 7. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes by locality of origin: June 2008 to June 2009
 [2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Percent of U.S. imports ¹	Index		Percent change				
		May 2009	June 2009	Annual	Monthly			
				June 2008 to June 2009	Feb. 2009 to Mar. 2009	Mar. 2009 to Apr. 2009	Apr. 2009 to May 2009	May 2009 to June 2009
Industrialized Countries²	42.434	117.3	119.2	-14.6	-0.3	-0.6	0.4	1.6
Nonmanufactured articles.....	4.390	151.4	168.7	-51.4	2.0	1.9	3.2	11.4
Manufactured articles.....	37.621	114.0	114.9	-7.6	-0.3	-0.8	0.0	0.8
Other Countries³	57.566	114.3	118.8	-19.3	1.0	1.8	1.8	3.9
Nonmanufactured articles.....	12.442	196.1	227.1	-43.5	8.1	9.1	7.8	15.8
Manufactured articles.....	44.910	102.4	103.5	-7.4	-0.2	0.2	0.5	1.1
Canada	15.963	125.2	128.7	-24.8	-0.3	-0.6	1.3	2.8
Nonmanufactured articles.....	3.979	144.4	161.6	-53.2	2.0	0.5	2.8	11.9
Manufactured articles.....	11.678	122.5	123.1	-10.5	-0.9	-1.0	0.8	0.5
European Union⁴	17.447	123.4	124.3	-7.2	-0.4	0.0	-0.2	0.7
Nonmanufactured articles.....	0.222	200.6	223.1	-44.3	0.4	6.5	0.0	11.2
Manufactured articles.....	17.133	121.3	122.0	-6.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1	0.6
France (Dec. 2003=100)	1.954	119.8	120.5	1.0	0.2	0.6	0.0	0.6
Germany (Dec. 2003=100)	4.735	108.2	108.9	-3.9	-0.7	-0.1	-0.1	0.6
United Kingdom (Dec. 2003=100)	2.660	118.6	120.3	-15.6	0.3	0.5	-0.2	1.4
Latin America⁵	17.808	140.7	146.7	-24.3	-0.1	3.4	3.0	4.3
Nonmanufactured articles.....	5.160	227.6	254.0	-37.9	5.2	11.1	8.4	11.6
Manufactured articles.....	12.547	123.6	125.0	-14.4	-1.8	0.6	1.0	1.1
Mexico (Dec. 2003=100)	10.785	131.3	133.4	-13.5	-1.0	2.8	2.6	1.6
Nonmanufactured articles (Dec. 2008=100).....	1.947	124.4	135.3	-	6.7	15.5	9.6	8.8
Manufactured articles (Dec. 2008=100)....	8.788	96.5	96.2	-	-2.6	0.4	0.8	-0.3
Pacific Rim (Dec. 2003=100)⁶	33.590	99.2	99.5	-3.1	-0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.3
China (Dec. 2003=100)	16.852	100.4	100.3	-2.4	-0.6	-0.5	0.0	-0.1
Japan	7.488	96.2	96.9	1.9	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.7
Asian NICs⁷	5.647	84.8	85.6	-6.0	-0.9	-0.6	-0.1	0.9
ASEAN (Dec. 2003=100)⁸	5.729	95.8	97.0	-6.0	-0.1	0.3	0.2	1.3
Asia Near East (Dec. 2003=100)⁹	3.992	172.2	194.4	-37.6	15.1	6.1	6.8	12.9

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: June 2008 to June 2009

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Relative importance May 2009 ¹	Index		Percent change				
		May 2009	June 2009	Annual	Monthly			
				June 2008 to June 2009	Feb. 2009 to Mar. 2009	Mar. 2009 to Apr. 2009	Apr. 2009 to May 2009	May 2009 to June 2009
Air Freight								
Import Air Freight	100.000	132.0	133.9	-15.6	-2.1	-1.6	0.9	1.4
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	21.972	122.9	126.3	-27.7	-3.5	-2.6	1.2	2.8
Asia.....	69.049	117.3	119.0	-8.0	-1.7	-1.4	0.4	1.4
Export Air Freight	100.000	118.8	117.4	-16.6	-2.3	-1.3	-3.0	-1.2
Europe (Dec. 2006=100).....	36.764	108.1	105.7	-22.1	-2.9	-1.6	-4.6	-2.2
Inbound Air Freight	100.000	125.4	125.9	-17.2	-3.0	-1.8	0.2	0.4
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	24.258	118.7	119.6	-27.6	-4.4	-3.0	0.8	0.8
Asia.....	64.252	110.9	111.8	-9.4	-1.9	-1.6	0.3	0.8
Outbound Air Freight	100.000	114.1	111.7	-22.3	-2.0	-3.6	-1.1	-2.1
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	40.189	132.1	126.1	-23.3	-1.0	-5.4	-1.5	-4.5
Asia.....	41.013	103.6	103.1	-20.0	-2.5	-1.3	-0.1	-0.5
Air Passenger Fares								
Import Air Passenger Fares	100.000	130.3	147.3	-14.2	-4.7	-1.3	-2.1	13.0
Europe.....	40.089	124.9	160.6	-13.9	-7.8	-1.3	-6.0	28.6
Asia.....	30.487	127.5	135.9	-9.1	-4.1	-0.2	3.8	6.6
Latin America/Caribbean.....	11.799	112.9	113.9	-22.7	-3.0	2.0	-6.4	0.9
Export Air Passenger Fares	100.000	133.1	135.9	-20.7	-3.9	-3.9	-2.3	2.1
Europe.....	30.016	151.8	176.6	-21.4	-7.1	0.3	-1.5	16.3
Asia.....	36.264	121.2	109.0	-20.1	0.2	-8.3	3.1	-10.1
Latin America/Caribbean.....	20.075	133.2	135.0	-18.6	-7.6	1.6	-12.4	1.4

¹ Relative importance figures are based on 2007 trade values.

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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.

Services Price Indexes -- Starting in September 2008 the Import Air Passenger Fares Indexes represent changes in the average revenue per passenger received by foreign carriers from U.S. residents and are calculated from data obtained from an airline consulting service. These data include tickets sold by travel agencies and travel websites. Tickets sold directly by the airlines are excluded, as are frequent flyer tickets generally. Starting in January 2008 the Export Air Passenger Fares Indexes represent changes in the average revenue per passenger received by U.S. carriers from foreign residents and are calculated from data collected directly from airlines. These data include frequent flyer tickets and those sold by consolidators. Taxes and fees are excluded from both indexes. The Air Freight Indexes are calculated from data collected directly from airlines. These data exclude mail and passenger baggage. The scope of the service being priced is the movement of freight from airport to airport only, and does not include any ground transportation or port service. The Air Freight Indexes are presented using two definitions: Balance of Payments (which represent transactions between U.S. and foreign residents) and International (which represent transactions inbound to and outbound from the U.S.). Fact sheets specifying detailed information for each services industry are available at <http://www.bls.gov/mxp> under "MXP Publications".

Import Indexes by Locality of Origin -- Prices used in these indexes are a subset of the data collected for the Import Price Indexes. Beginning with January 2002, the indexes are defined by locality of origin using a nomenclature based upon the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Nonmanufactured goods are defined as NAICS 11 and 21 and manufactured goods are defined as NAICS 31-33.

Revision Policy -- To reflect the availability of late reports and corrections by respondents, monthly data may be revised in each of the three months after original publication. After three months, no further data revisions take place. So, for example, data released in the January release will be subject to revision in the releases for February, March, and April.

Uses of the Data -- The primary use of the indexes is to deflate trade statistics, notably the foreign trade sector of the National Income and Product Accounts constructed by the Department of Commerce. Other published indexes are useful for general market analysis. For trade in international services, Balance of Payments indexes are used for deflating National Income and Product Accounts, while International indexes are more appropriate for market analysis. Merchandise and services indexes also can be used to study U.S. competitiveness and to compute price elasticities, and the merchandise import indexes by country or region of origin are useful in terms of trade analysis.

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