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In 2018, California ranked second among U.S. states and territories in total exports. The export dollar value from California totaled $178.4 billion, an increase of 3.8 percent from the 2017 value of $171.9 billion. The price index for the top export industry in California, computer and electronic product manufacturing, declined over the fourth quarter of 2019. Over the same period, export prices for machinery manufacturing and chemical manufacturing decreased and transportation equipment manufacturing prices were unchanged.

Top Six California Exports by Trade Dollar Value, 2018

- In 2018, California accounted for 6.7 percent of total U.S. exports of transportation equipment.
- The top 6 export industries from California accounted for roughly 70.2 percent of the state’s total export dollars.

U.S. Export Price Indexes: Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing

- The price index for export computer and electronic product manufacturing fell 0.9 percent for the fourth quarter of 2019.
- Computer and electronic product manufacturing export prices decreased 1.7 percent over the past year.
- The 12-month decline in computer and electronic product manufacturing was led by a 6.8-percent drop in prices for computer and electronic peripheral manufacturing and a 1.4-percent decrease in communications equipment manufacturing prices.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics.

• Prices for export transportation equipment manufacturing recorded no change for the 3-month period ended in December.

• In 2019, export transportation equipment manufacturing prices increased 1.2 percent.

• A 1.6-percent increase in prices for body and trailer manufacturing in 2019 more than offset price decreases for parts manufacturing and vehicles manufacturing.

• Machinery manufacturing export prices decreased 0.2 percent for the final quarter of 2019.

• A 1.4-percent drop in engine, turbine, and power transmission equipment manufacturing prices led the decline in machinery manufacturing prices over the last 3 months of 2019.

• In 2019, prices for machinery manufacturing exports advanced 1.3 percent.

• Chemical manufacturing export prices fell 1.2 percent for the 3 months ended in December.

• The quarterly decline was led by a 3.7-percent drop in prices for pesticide, fertilizer, and other agricultural chemical manufacturing.

• Prices for chemical manufacturing exports decreased 1.9 percent in 2019.