California: Price Movements of Top Exports and Other Highlights

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In 2017 California ranked second among U.S. states and territories in total exports. California’s export dollar value totaled $171.9 billion, an increase of 5.1 percent from the 2016 value of $163.5 billion. The export price index for California’s top export industry, computer and electronic product manufacturing, fell during the fourth quarter of 2018, while export prices for transportation equipment manufacturing, machinery manufacturing, and crop production advanced during the same period.

- California accounted for 21.0 percent of total U.S. exports of computer and electronic product manufacturing by trade dollar value in 2017, ranking second among all states.
- In 2017, California accounted for 6.8 percent of total U.S. exports of transportation equipment.
- California’s top 6 export industries accounted for slightly more than 70.2 percent of the state’s total export dollars.

### Top Six California Exports by Trade Dollar Value, 2017

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<td>Computer &amp; Electronic Product Manufacturing</td>
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<td>Transportation Equipment Manufacturing</td>
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<td>Nonelectrical Machinery Manufacturing</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous Manufacturing</td>
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<td>Crop Production</td>
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics.

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

- Export computer and electronic product manufacturing prices fell 0.7 percent for the last quarter of 2018.
- Computer and electronic product manufacturing export prices fell 0.6 percent in 2018.
- Export prices for computer and peripheral equipment, a significant contributor to the index, drove the over-the-year decrease, falling 1.4 percent.

Export Price Indexes and California Highlights

U.S. Export Price Indexes: Transportation Equipment Manufacturing

- Transportation equipment manufacturing export prices increased 0.2 percent over the past 3 months.
- Prices for transportation equipment manufacturing exports rose 2.0 percent in 2018.
- Prices for export motor vehicle body and trailer manufacturing, a contributor to the index, increased 1.4 percent for the year ended in September; this was the largest 12-month rise since December 2015.


U.S. Export Price Indexes: Machinery Manufacturing

- Export prices for machinery manufacturing rose 0.4 percent over the past quarter.
- Export machinery manufacturing prices advanced 2.0 percent in 2018.
- The 2.0-percent increase is the largest calendar-year rise since the index advanced 2.8 percent in 2012. The machinery manufacturing export price index has never recorded a calendar-year decline.


U.S. Export Price Indexes: Crop Production

- Prices for export crop production rose 9.9 percent over the past 3 months.
- Crop production export prices rose 4.5 percent in 2018, the largest calendar year rise since a 17.4-percent increase in 2012.
- The 9.9-percent rise over the fourth quarter more than offset the 4.9-percent drop over the previous 3 quarters.