New England: Price Movements of Top Exports and Other Highlights

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The total value of exports from New England reached $58.0 billion in 2018, a 4.9-percent advance from the 2017 trade-dollar value of $55.3 billion. Prices for the largest export industry, computer and electronic product manufacturing, decreased from May to August 2019. The export price index for transportation equipment manufacturing decreased over the same period, while prices for machinery manufacturing increased.

The six New England states accounted for 6.0 percent of the U.S total of computer and electronic product manufacturing exports. Massachusetts alone accounted for 3.6 percent.

New England accounted for 3.5 percent of U.S. transportation equipment manufacturing exports.

The top six New England export industries accounted for 74.0 percent of the region’s total exports.

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

- Computer and electronic product manufacturing export prices declined 0.6 percent from May to August.

- Export computer and electronic product manufacturing prices fell 2.0 percent over the past year.

- Lower prices for computer and peripheral equipment manufacturing, which decreased 2.0 percent, drove the 3-month decline in computer and electronic product manufacturing prices.

Export transportation equipment manufacturing prices fell 0.1 percent from May to August.

Prices for export transportation equipment manufacturing rose 1.5 percent over the past 12 months.

The 3-month decline in transportation equipment manufacturing prices was driven by lower prices for motor vehicle parts manufacturing, which declined 0.8 percent.

Export machinery manufacturing prices advanced 0.2 percent from May to August.

Prices for export machinery manufacturing increased 1.8 percent over the past year.

Prices for engine, turbine, and power transmission equipment manufacturing, which rose 5.0 percent, drove the 12-month advance in machinery manufacturing.

Exports of computer and electronic product manufacturing from Massachusetts were 60.2 percent of total New England exports in 2018.


The total value of computer and electronic product manufacturing exports from New England rose 2.0 percent from 2017.