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Merchandise Trade

In 2012, Ontario's trade with the world was valued at \$448.8 billion, comprised of \$187.0 billion in exports from Ontario to, and \$261.8 billion in imports to the province from, the world.

The value of Ontario's exports increased by 3.2% between 2011 and 2012, while the value of the province's imports grew by 2.7%.

Ontario was Canada's largest provincial/territorial exporter in 2012. In that year, it was also Canada's largest provincial/territorial importer.

Over the 2007 to 2012 period, the value of Ontario's exports decreased at an average annual rate of 1.6%, compared to an increase of 0.2% for Canada's global exports. The value of Ontario's exports as a share of the value of Canada's global exports decreased from 45.0% in 2007 to 41.2% in 2012.

The value of Ontario's imports increased at an average annual rate of 1.7% over the 2007 to 2012 period, compared to 2.6% for Canada's global imports. The value of Ontario's imports as a share of the value of Canada's global imports declined from 59.1% in 2007 to 56.7% in 2012.

In 2011, the most recent year for which data are available, the value of Ontario's merchandise exports as a proportion of the province's gross domestic product (GDP) was 27.7%. In that year, the value of Canada's global merchandise exports as a proportion of the country's GDP was 25.4%.

The value of Ontario's merchandise imports as a proportion of the province's GDP was 39.0% in 2011. In that year, the value of Canada's global merchandise imports as a proportion of the country's GDP was 25.3%.

Figure 1

Merchandise Trade

(\$ billions)

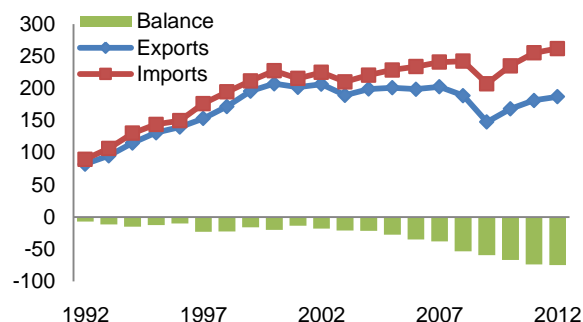


Figure 2

Importance to Canada

Average yearly growth (%): Share of Canada's trade (%):
2007–2012

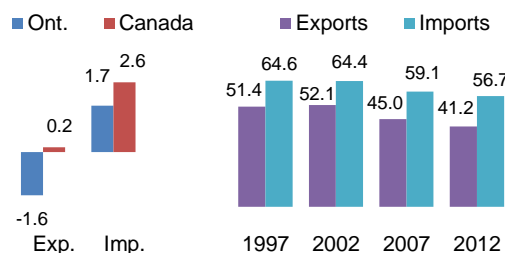
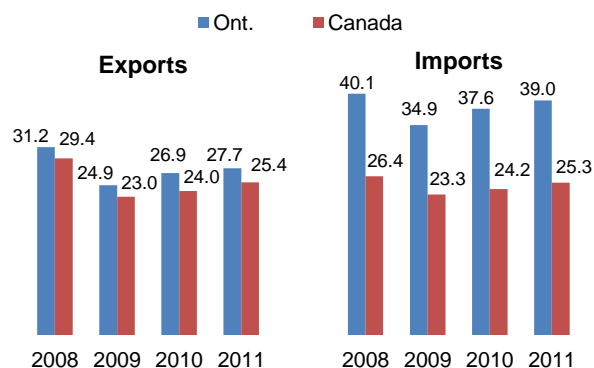


Figure 3

Merchandise Trade as a Percentage of Gross Domestic Product



All figures were prepared using Statistics Canada data available in spring 2013. The merchandise trade data are customs-based.

Products

In 2012, manufactured goods accounted for 88.9% of the value of Ontario's exports, with resource-based goods representing the remaining 11.1%. This composition had changed since 2007, when manufactured goods and resource-based goods accounted for 95.5% and 4.5% respectively of the value of the province's exports.

Ontario's highest-valued exports in 2012 were motor vehicles, gold and motor vehicle parts, which together accounted for 37.7% of the value of the province's exports. The value of Ontario's motor vehicle and gold exports increased from \$39.8 billion and \$5.9 billion respectively in 2007 to \$46.4 billion and \$15.1 billion respectively in 2012. The value of Ontario's motor vehicle part exports decreased from \$13.3 billion in 2007 to \$9.1 billion in 2012.

In 2012, manufactured goods represented 92.0% of the value of Ontario's imports, with resource-based goods accounting for the remaining 8.0%. This composition was relatively unchanged from 2007, when manufactured goods and resource-based goods represented 95.1% and 4.9% respectively of the value of the province's imports.

Ontario's highest-valued imports in 2012 were motor vehicles, motor vehicle parts and trucks, which together accounted for 19.6% of the value of the province's imports. The value of Ontario's motor vehicle and truck imports increased from \$19.4 billion and \$9.9 billion respectively in 2007 to \$20.5 billion and \$11.1 billion respectively in 2012. The value of Ontario's motor vehicle part imports decreased from \$20.9 billion in 2007 to \$19.6 billion in 2012.

In 2012, Ontario had a trade surplus in the product categories of transportation equipment and metals, mines and energy. It had a trade deficit in all other product categories in that year.

Figure 4

Major Export Products

(\$ billions)

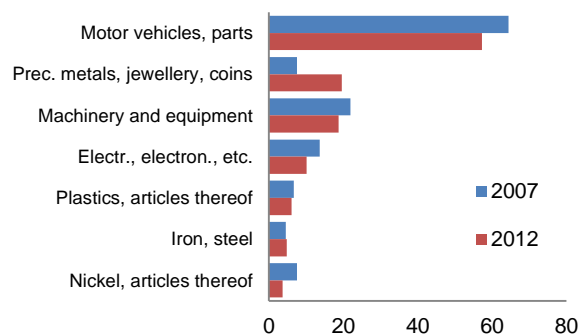


Figure 5

Major Import Products

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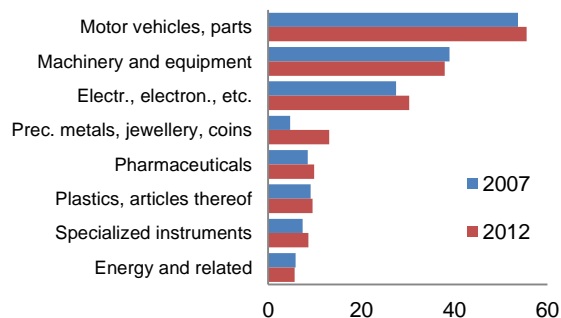
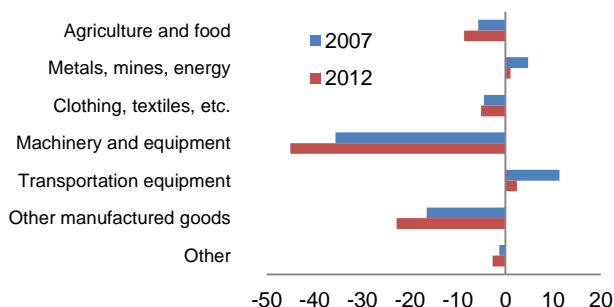


Figure 6

Balance by Category

(\$ billions)



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Trading Partners

In 2012, the United States was Ontario's most significant export destination, with exports valued at \$148.2 billion. The country accounted for 79.2% of the value of the province's exports in that year, compared to 83.6% in 2007.

The United Kingdom, Mexico, China and Norway were also among the top five destinations for Ontario's exports in 2012. Together, these four countries accounted for 11.4% of the value of the province's exports in that year, compared to 7.8% in 2007.

In 2012, the United States was Ontario's most significant source of imports, with imports valued at \$147.5 billion. The country accounted for 56.3% of the value of the province's imports in that year, compared to 63.1% in 2007.

China, Mexico, Japan and Germany were also among the top five sources of Ontario's imports in 2012. Together, these four countries accounted for 24.7% of the value of the province's imports in that year, compared to 20.2% in 2007.

In 2012, Ontario had trade surpluses with the United States and Oceania. It had trade deficits with Africa, the Americas (excluding the United States), Asia, Europe and the Middle East in that year.

Figure 7



Figure 8

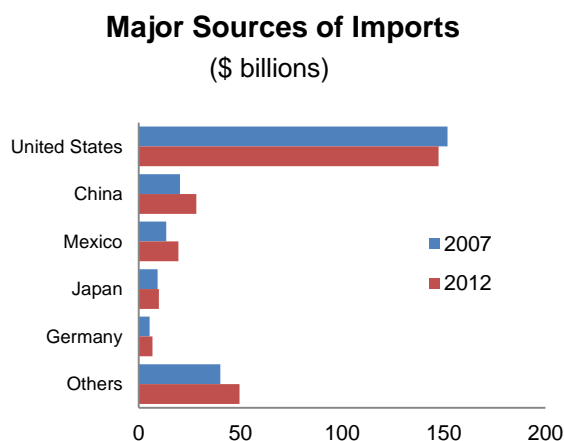
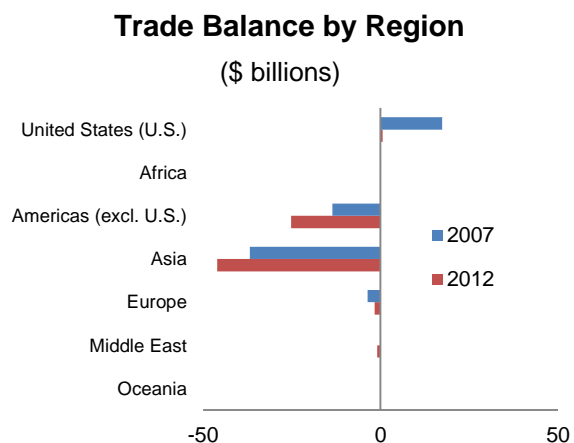


Figure 9



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