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Culture Goods Trade: Data Tables



2008

Introduction

These tables provide data on trade in culture goods, along with cross-tabulations for trade between Canada and selected countries. Culture goods include books, magazines, newspapers, postcards, calendars, films, videos, digital videodiscs (DVDs), sheet music, compact discs (CDs), cassettes, vinyl long-playing phonograph records (LPs), paintings (original and reproductions), photographs, sculptures, ornaments and figurines, architectural plans, designs and drawings, advertising materials, museum exhibits, coin and stamp collections, and antiques. Unrecorded media, such as blank CDs, are not included.

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Statistical tables

Table 1 International trade in culture goods, Canada

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
			thousands	of dollars / \$ co	urrent		
Imports							
Writing and published works							
Books	1,525,891	1.452.666	1,429,695	1,412,761	1.404.446	1.410.994	1.443.816
Newspapers and periodicals	1,004,600	1,120,124	1.126.665	1,157,726	1,164,205	1,142,373	1.129.952
Other printed materials	263.137	272,223	266.480	247.186	282,856	281.853	291.058
Subtotal	2,793,628	2,845,012	2,822,840	2,817,672	2,851,507	2,835,220	2,864,826
Film and video							
Film	13.414	10.160	8.698	6.141	6.188	6.694	7.600
Video	373,100	381.007	353.438	355.371	280.354	287.469	319.263
Subtotal	386,514	391,167	362,136	361,512	286,542	294,163	326,863
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Sound recording and music publishing Sound recordings) 123,607	128,710	137,043	148,385	131,566	140,438	143,112
Printed music	17,196	15,813	15,432	15,121	13,970	11,887	12,488
Subtotal	140,802	144,523	152,475	163,506	145,536	152,325	155,600
	140,002	144,020	102,470	100,000	140,000	102,020	100,000
Visual arts Original art	108.864	136.508	119.131	219.896	136.137	178.345	176.865
Other visual arts	160,714	149.031	136,023	124,820	117,031	125.738	113,339
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Subtotal	269,578	285,539	255,155	344,716	253,168	304,083	290,204
Architecture	2,706	3,324	2,580	1,527	1,563	1,899	1,288
Advertising	198,157	184,071	175,713	174,518	195,529	173,918	217,018
Heritage	51,378	56,717	34,346	34,424	39,658	58,229	53,009
Photography	182,602	151,552	125,275	143,633	146,926	141,176	153,071
Total	4,025,365	4,061,904	3,930,519	4,041,508	3,920,429	3,961,013	4,061,879
Exports							
Writing and published works		450.000		222.254		00=010	
Books	486,745	459,982	430,802	398,851	398,805	385,246	394,954
Newspapers and periodicals	228,252	224,090	183,078	211,197	205,903	154,020	112,259
Other printed materials	254,567	256,596	248,647	243,139	183,020	154,998	120,854
Subtotal	969,565	940,668	862,527	853,187	787,728	694,265	628,067
Film and video							
Film	241,123	339,540	344,430	384,577	367,174	353,043	353,652
Video	247,620	278,794	300,736	290,432	188,352	177,959	152,748
Subtotal	488,743	618,334	645,166	675,010	555,526	531,002	506,400
Sound recording and music publishing	3						
Sound recordings	152,783	154,879	145,040	138,991	122,817	144,869	113,404
Printed music	387	189	112	200	210	381	1,249
Subtotal	153,169	155,069	145,152	139,191	123,027	145,250	114,653
Visual arts							
Original art	57,739	55,599	63,231	83,895	72,717	109,378	73,841
Other visual arts	17,629	18,362	16,529	13,864	17,818	12,012	10,736
Subtotal	75,368	73,960	79,761	97,759	90,535	121,390	84,576
Architecture	2,928	2,111	1,332	2,381	3,048	1,077	657
Advertising	527,973	440,585	417,952	387.022	321,282	274,577	229.846
Heritage	23,921	18,479	17,655	18.561	22,156	33,388	23,205
Photography	216,375	216,761	228,878	200,993	169,154	154,721	122,680
Total	2,458,042	2,465,968	2,398,422	2,374,104	2,072,455	1,955,670	1,710,083
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Table 2
Culture goods trade with the United States

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
_			thousands	of dollars / \$ cu	urrent		
Imports							
Writing and published works	4.450.004	4.074.000	4.057.040	4 004 075	4 004 040	4 000 000	4 0 40 050
Books	1,158,884	1,074,000	1,057,912	1,034,275 1.073.082	1,024,648	1,023,993	1,043,853
Newspapers and periodicals Other printed materials	923,685 222,594	1,034,139 219,504	1,041,973 205,096	181,298	1,086,065 212,818	1,055,871 199,167	1,039,775 196,133
Subtotal	2,305,163	2,327,643	2,304,981	2,288,655	2,323,531	2,279,031	2,279,761
Film and video							
Film	10,274	6,557	5,944	4,888	4,894	5,622	5,591
Video	358,891	356,262	325,785	333,862	252,742	246,941	262,632
Subtotal	369,165	362,820	331,729	338,750	257,637	252,563	268,223
Sound recording and music publishing	84,242	89,239	89,040	98,196	96,224	99,167	112,786
Sound recordings Printed music	16,372	69,239 14,762	14,609	14,372	13,327	11,329	112,760
Subtotal	100,615	104,001	103,649	112,568	109,551	110,496	124,503
Visual arts							
Original art	56,682	33,798	32,424	46,625	45,731	55,344	56,912
Other visual arts	15,315	12,953	11,233	9,586	9,942	11,735	12,817
Subtotal	71,998	46,751	43,657	56,212	55,673	67,079	69,729
Architecture	2,078	1,723	1,657	1,135	1,265	1,472	931
Advertising	179,377	166,735	158,115	154,883	174,921	152,168	194,334
Heritage Photography	10,621 162,509	11,556 130,088	9,239 105,351	9,906 106,800	11,988 114,119	22,317 102,535	19,795 108,425
Total	3,201,525	3,151,316	3,058,380	3,068,910	3,048,685	2,987,660	3,065,702
Exports							
Writing and published works	440.005	404.070	000 570	050 400	040.750	040 440	0.47.007
Books	446,225	404,872	386,576	352,499	340,758	340,118	347,297
Newspapers and periodicals Other printed materials	226,968 250.852	221,572 249.548	182,084 233.947	205,767 217.006	203,795 165.029	149,142 131.700	110,548 97.520
Subtotal	924,046	875,992	802,607	775,272	709,582	620,959	555,365
Film and video	•	•	•		•	•	
Film	240,433	338,359	342,838	383,284	365,709	350,417	347,564
Video	231,932	247,288	240,974	207,216	133,410	149,979	115,122
Subtotal	472,365	585,647	583,812	590,500	499,119	500,396	462,686
Sound recording and music publishing	440.700	104 150	404 400	400.000	400 400	400.000	05.704
Sound recordings Printed music	142,766 377	131,158	124,463 40	126,828 121	106,432 187	128,880 355	95,794
Subtotal	143.143	113 131,270	124,503	126,949	106.619	129,235	1,006 96,799
Visual arts	,	,		1_2,010	,	,	,
Original art	50.669	45.465	51,996	56.636	49.576	85.600	53.407
Other visual arts	17,006	16,894	15,644	12,412	16,687	10,945	9,461
Subtotal	67,675	62,359	67,640	69,048	66,263	96,545	62,868
Architecture	2,886	1,971	1,236	1,114	400	320	297
Advertising	524,369	436,288	409,213	369,691	310,623	264,121	221,239
Heritage Photography	11,592 212,014	10,518 206,280	10,557 210,718	11,410 182,597	13,068 157,750	8,500 144,725	9,521 115,591
Total	2,358,089	2,310,326	2,210,286	2,126,582	1,863,425	1,764,801	1,524,367

Table 3 Culture goods trade with China*

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
_			thousands	of dollars / \$ cu	rrent		
Imports Writing and published works Books Newspapers and periodicals Other printed materials Subtotal	93,961 1,812 17,242 113,016	109,881 1,551 28,609 140,041	114,397 1,475 41,028 156,900	118,427 1,149 43,500 163,076	127,203 1,252 48,057 176,512	136,052 1,553 56,499 194,104	146,112 1,530 69,385 217,028
Film and video Film Video Subtotal	143 4,689 4,831	538 6,067 6,605	654 6,684 7,338	237 5,340 5,577	104 6,816 6,920	68 5,494 5,561	213 8,143 8,356
Sound recording and music publishing Sound recordings Printed music Subtotal	3,363 23 3,386	2,141 193 2,334	2,699 51 2,750	2,454 83 2,537	2,134 107 2,241	4,369 49 4,418	4,487 311 4,798
Visual arts Original art Other visual arts Subtotal	4,410 107,675 112,085	2,732 100,497 103,229	2,969 93,424 96,394	3,834 84,484 88,318	6,710 75,778 82,488	8,497 85,142 93,639	7,081 74,530 81,611
Architecture Advertising Heritage Photography	66 1,751 3,098 5,194	90 2,916 9,144 4,922	203 2,670 2,512 6,856	188 4,788 2,024 12,051	35 8,084 2,383 16,291	19 7,986 2,457 19,848	11 9,707 1,893 17,295
Total	243,427	269,281	275,624	278,559	294,954	328,032	340,698
Exports Writing and published works Books Newspapers and periodicals Other printed materials Subtotal	4,405 0 s 86 4,491	2,694 0 s 236 2,930	2,257 51 1,742 4,050	1,660 20 1,495 3,175	3,706 57 1,511 5,274	1,805 34 1,193 3,032	1,147 20 940 2,107
Film and video Film Video Subtotal	0 2,598 2,598	0 5,065 5,065	42 9,183 9,225	0 2,779 2,779	0 3,408 3,408	9 3,365 3,374	0 3,038 3,038
Sound recording and music publishing Sound recordings Printed music Subtotal	251 0 251	1,549 4 1,553	196 16 212	37 21 58	1,516 4 1,520	1,586 9 1,595	1,688 26 1,713
Visual arts Original art Other visual arts Subtotal	177 4 181	308 36 344	345 59 404	775 483 1,258	1,515 122 1,637	673 12 685	554 426 980
Architecture Advertising Heritage Photography	0 217 356 236	0 s 148 506 393	12 224 545 827	7 4,292 83 1,613	0 s 240 615 1,084	0 s 1,304 1,059 654	0 s 1,672 1,000 398
Total	8,331	10,940	15,499	13,266	13,777	11,704	10,908

Note(s): Data used for culture goods trade tabulations are revised by the International Trade Division of Statistics Canada, on a monthly, quarterly, and annual basis. Due to these ongoing quality improvements, data in this table may differ from data found in previous published versions. Due to changes in the Harmonized System of Classification in 2007, adjustments were made to the video and sound recording data for 2007 and 2008 to reflect the product break down of the Canadian Framework for Culture Statistics.

China - for consistency with pre-1998 data, includes the trade boundary of Mongolia. Trade data for the special administrative areas of Hong Kong and Macao (formerly Macau) are also included.

Table 4
Culture goods trade with France

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
			thousands	of dollars / \$ cu	rrent		
Imports Writing and published works Books	94.486	90.728	91.125	90.836	87,115	90.105	89.697
Newspapers and periodicals	31,863	30,322	30,442	28,471	27,778	28,005	29,351
Other printed materials	1,654	2,271	1,908	2,626	1,710	1,361	1,279
Subtotal	128,004	123,321	123,475	121,933	116,603	119,472	120,327
Film and video							
Film	1,057	1,145	775	364	495	320	287
Video	775	1,195	1,460	824	1,110	1,114	1,005
Subtotal	1,833	2,340	2,236	1,188	1,605	1,434	1,291
Sound recording and music publishing	2.042	0.444	2.450	2.407	0.050	2.445	0.005
Sound recordings Printed music	3,943 54	3,411 67	3,150 112	3,127 105	2,958 112	3,145 79	2,825 84
Subtotal	3.996	3,477	3.262	3,231	3,071	3,224	2,909
	0,000	0,4.1	0,202	0,201	0,07.1	0,224	2,000
Visual arts Original art	18.168	29.312	48,202	84.648	30.713	58.743	34.547
Other visual arts	1,127	851	1,549	1,042	4,842	1,305	535
Subtotal	19,294	30,163	49,751	85,690	35,555	60,048	35,083
Architecture	65	59	44	32	14	33	39
Advertising	3,761	2,401	2,442	1,847	1,945	1,860	1,571
Heritage	11,240	14,902	6,990	8,360	7,599	10,499	4,528
Photography	2,360	2,147	1,457	9,162	1,329	2,826	1,950
Total	170,553	178,811	189,657	231,444	167,720	199,396	167,698
Exports							
Writing and published works Books	6,921	20.513	18.110	16,240	18.148	17.711	19,928
Newspapers and periodicals	216	154	90	6	34	70	35
Other printed materials	204	231	238	2,040	1,838	1,542	1,522
Subtotal	7,341	20,897	18,438	18,286	20,020	19,323	21,485
Film and video							
Film	36	50	322	162	202	139	48
Video	304	1,207	1,544	5,687	2,833	2,021	1,454
Subtotal	340	1,257	1,866	5,848	3,035	2,159	1,502
Sound recording and music publishing		=10	4.050	4.400	4.040		
Sound recordings Printed music	708 0	718 8	1,250 2	1,120 0	1,043 0	964 5	968 0
Subtotal	708	726	1,252	1,120	1,043	970	968
	700	720	1,202	1,120	1,040	510	300
Visual arts Original art	292	572	1.615	9.351	2.856	1.949	1.700
Other visual arts	66	50	1,613 52	9,331	342	1,949	1,700
Subtotal	359	622	1,667	9,369	3,198	1,975	1,852
Architecture	2	0	0	380	0 s	0 s	0 :
Advertising	304	205	851	1,540	1,342	417	538
Heritage	3	29	61	90	92	217	_13
Photography	669	2,153	2,697	1,822	1,722	875	750
	9,726				30,451		27,108

Table 5
Culture goods trade with the United Kingdom

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
_			thousands	of dollars / \$ cu	rrent		
Imports Writing and published works Books	70.051	68,647	60,359	60.422	55.638	59.055	57.156
Newspapers and periodicals Other printed materials Subtotal	37,905 5,994 113,950	41,046 4,729 114,422	40,742 3,846 104,947	42,057 4,439 106,918	37,168 3,038 95,844	44,494 4,042 107,591	46,621 3,864 107,642
Film and video	516	504	252	169	100	167	125
Video Subtotal	1,217 1,732	1,136 1,640	1,036 1,288	1,477 1,647	1,414 1,513	2,249 2,416	3,200 3,324
Sound recording and music publishing Sound recordings	11.710	9.816	9.500	8,484	7,088	6.000	4.759
Printed music Subtotal	249 11,960	367 10,183	235 9,735	255 8,739	156 7,244	158 6,159	178 4,937
Visual arts Original art	13,679	41,976	8,248	18,794	19,440	19,213	25,163
Other visual arts Subtotal	8,042 21,721	6,096 48,072	5,508 13,756	1,406 20,200	915 20,356	1,142 20,355	2,137 27,300
Architecture Advertising Heritage Photography	88 1,059 15,915 2,929	148 946 10,406 3,312	162 2,500 6,143 2,871	28 2,922 6,634 3,716	33 834 6,597 5,176	107 783 9,956 3,994	69 1,198 10,279 6,839
Total	169,354	189,130	141,403	150,804	137,597	151,360	161,588
Exports Writing and published works							
Books Newspapers and periodicals	6,505 340	6,312 2.014	6,548 316	9,072 4,973	6,307 1,030	4,631 3,928	4,349 920
Other printed materials Subtotal	1,413 8,259	2,139 10,465	6,857 13,721	10,895 24,940	5,875 13,213	7,686 16,245	5,711 10,980
Film and video	0,200	10,400	10,721	24,040	10,210	10,240	10,500
Film Video Subtotal	8 2,401 2,409	109 5,000 5,108	204 23,040 23,244	442 19,752 20,193	158 8,946 9,104	1,656 4,103 5,759	4,597 2,681 7,278
Sound recording and music publishing							
Sound recordings Printed music	658 0	1,890 13	1,694 11	2,298 9	4,079 0	2,377 0	2,110 2
Subtotal Visual arts	658	1,903	1,704	2,307	4,079	2,377	2,112
Original art Other visual arts	1,951 253	3,180 541	5,547 191	10,297 221	6,012 133	12,575 64	8,672 48
Subtotal	2,205	3,721	5,738	10,519	6,145	12,638	8,719
Architecture Advertising Heritage Photography	7 284 1,490 1,214	5 647 270 3,711	1 3,978 479 5,507	3 1,630 1,705 5,688	5 1,362 265 1,984	1 869 317 1,914	2 689 107 1,698
Total	16,526	25,831	54,374	66,986	36,157	40,120	31,586

Table 6
Culture goods trade with Germany

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
			thousands o	of dollars / \$ cur	rent		
Imports Writing and published works Books Newspapers and periodicals Other printed materials Subtotal	13,046	13,877	13,270	14,894	12,182	12,939	12,760
	1,849	2,529	2,453	1,973	1,402	1,273	1,313
	1,997	2,150	1,576	1,612	2,594	3,800	4,503
	16,892	18,557	17,299	18,479	16,178	18,012	18,576
Film and video Film Video Subtotal	28	5	95	17	46	14	14
	1,136	1,457	1,263	1,528	1,981	2,716	2,053
	1,164	1,462	1,358	1,545	2,027	2,730	2,066
Sound recording and music publishing Sound recordings Printed music Subtotal	5,773 171 5,945	5,962 166 6,129	4,888 183 5,071	5,292 164 5,456	4,734 116 4,850	6,521 112 6,633	4,684 56 4,739
Visual arts Original art Other visual arts Subtotal	1,410	4,501	3,928	5,972	6,936	7,587	19,171
	1,055	835	625	593	706	794	1,164
	2,465	5,336	4,552	6,565	7,642	8,381	20,335
Architecture	81	103	147	48	16	69	63
Advertising	4,003	2,489	2,323	1,696	2,983	2,681	2,765
Heritage	2,316	1,251	775	801	1,021	1,360	7,185
Photography	1,115	1,314	1,198	1,093	1,083	1,361	1,979
Total	33,980	36,641	32,723	35,682	35,801	41,226	57,709
Exports Writing and published works Books Newspapers and periodicals Other printed materials Subtotal	595	674	765	1,365	2,988	1,276	1,450
	66	13	9	37	3	9	13
	245	259	199	3,319	1,954	5,051	6,510
	906	946	973	4,720	4,945	6,335	7,974
Film and video Film Video Subtotal	0 405 405	17 1,803 1,819	28 1,443 1,471	18 9,219 9,237	17 5,481 5,499	31 1,149 1,181	254 2,061 2,315
Sound recording and music publishing Sound recordings Printed music Subtotal	278 0 278	316 0 s 316	1,032 0 s 1,033	770 0 770	2,638 0 2,638	830 0 830	1,116 198 1,314
Visual arts Original art Other visual arts Subtotal	1,115	479	506	608	994	653	661
	50	2	8	89	4	216	2
	1,165	481	514	697	998	869	663
Architecture	0 s	4	0 s	45	3	63	1
Advertising	88	284	376	1,657	2,514	2,988	654
Heritage	5,198	3,555	2,549	1,432	1,161	5,115	2,670
Photography	127	286	1,026	1,093	838	1,280	408
Total	8,167	7,690	7,943	19,652	18,596	18,660	15,999

Table 7
Culture goods trade for top twenty trading partners

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
			thousands	of dollars / \$ cu	urrent		
Imports							
United States	3,201,525	3,151,316	3,058,380	3,068,910	3,048,685	2,987,660	3,065,702
China*	243,427	269,281	275,624	278,559	294,954	328,032	340,698
France	170,553	178,811	189,657	231,444	167,720	199,396	167,698
United Kingdom	169,354	189,130	141,403	150,804	137,597	151,360	161,588
Germany	33,980	36,641	32,723	35,682	35,801	41,226	57,709
Mexico	13,414	16,079	18,652	15,231	12,897	20,156	35,297
Italy	34,646	45,441	31,397	33,378	36,553	36,577	31,417
Singapore	17,341	18,211	19,279	18,919	18,221	19,872	21,329
Japan Switzerland	17,020 5,912	22,137 7,527	32,999 9,337	35,485 19.969	23,650 6,803	22,990 6.759	17,494 17.000
Spain	12,782	17,085	9,337 21,298	43,044	21,325	15,936	16,728
Taiwan	8,183	7,494	7,036	6,891	7,059	15,930	13,349
Belgium	13,591	13,992	12,976	14,818	14,126	19,408	11,666
Netherlands	6.861	8,232	6,566	7,050	6,657	6.423	11,188
Korea, South	10.542	10,785	7,931	8,730	17,429	10,741	10,654
Austria	3,147	2,650	2.744	3,424	2,616	7.411	10,131
Indonesia	6,411	5.763	6,522	4,839	5.750	4,880	9,843
Thailand	6.716	6.466	6.048	7,387	7.440	7.028	7.257
India	4,155	5,258	6,348	6,239	6,376	6,647	5,993
Australia	4,117	6,424	4,317	4,937	5,022	6,051	5,933
Rest of the World	41,692	43,180	39,283	45,769	43,750	46,828	43,204
Total	4,025,365	4,061,904	3,930,519	4,041,508	3,920,429	3,961,013	4,061,879
Exports							
United States	2,358,089	2,310,326	2,210,286	2,126,582	1,863,425	1,764,801	1,524,367
United Kingdom	16,526	25,831	54,374	66,986	36,157	40,120	31,586
France	9,726	25,890	26,833	38,455	30,451	25,936	27,108
Germany	8,167	7,690	7,943	19,652	18,596	18,660	15,999
Netherlands	2,418	4,823	5,768	7,919	8,828	8,311	11,054
China*	8,331	10,940	15,499	13,266	13,777	11,704	10,908
Japan	9,473	19,291	12,618	11,276	8,703	6,927	7,545
Switzerland	4,885	10,784	9,048 1.762	7,980	8,952	5,912	6,932
India Korea, South	425 3,631	1,199 2,601		2,986	3,228 3,658	2,904 3,397	5,782 5,398
Mexico	1.613	2,601 1.547	3,237 1,674	2,280 2.593	3,658 3.696	3,397 2.783	5,398
	4,020	2.072	3,227	2,593 3,863	3,696 1,924	2,763 1,853	5,397 4,791
Singapore Australia	2.010	6.129	6.816	7,210	5.709	5.323	4,791
Brazil	488	629	1,003	7,210	733	1,218	4,154
Belgium	1,887	3,675	2,782	3,590	7,870	2,993	3,596
Italy	1,260	1.306	2,196	3.747	4,553	3.051	3.441
Spain	1,010	1,045	1,364	8,074	3,888	4,586	3,149
Russian Federation	99	1,348	257	778	782	482	2.238
United Arab Emirates	1,372	822	1,899	2,421	2,448	1,391	1,799
Romania	684	29	319	1,046	4,896	222	1,514
Rest of the World	21,927	27,990	29,519	42,656	40,182	43,094	28,601
Total	2,458,042	2,465,968	2,398,422	2,374,104	2,072,455	1,955,670	1,710,083

China - for consistency with pre-1998 data, includes the trade boundary of Mongolia. Trade data for the special administrative areas of Hong Kong and Macao (formerly Macau) are also included.

Table 8
Culture goods trade by province and territory in Canada

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008		
	thousands of dollars / \$ current								
Imports									
Newfoundland and Labrador	259	169	178	284	194	118	132		
Prince Edward Island	49	64	40	37	19	9	17		
Nova Scotia	4,011	2,926	2,823	2,790	4,346	3,833	3,666		
New Brunswick	18,396	15,503	17,302	18,420	17,281	18,349	14,862		
Quebec	431,546	397,138	406,982	500,238	393,829	430,132	450,414		
Ontario	2,887,301	2,953,846	2,838,697	2,841,644	2,801,266	2,791,111	2,840,987		
Manitoba	308,407	283,404	267,567	288,586	298,376	287,989	294,007		
Saskatchewan	11,745	35,553	30,095	13,436	12,284	14,807	27,167		
Alberta	60,162	56,170	46,222	45,515	50,836	59,599	74,085		
British Columbia	303,473	317,091	320,564	330,537	341,974	355,051	356,475		
Yukon	10	35	48	23	24	16	68		
North-West Territories	5	6	0	0 s	0 s	0 s	0		
Nunavut	0	0	0	0	0	0	0 s		
Total	4,025,365	4,061,904	3,930,519	4,041,508	3,920,429	3,961,013	4,061,879		
Exports									
Newfoundland and Labrador	453	369	220	368	233	293	511		
Prince Edward Island	267	65	127	139	217	94	144		
Nova Scotia	8,740	10,965	8,700	6,548	5,308	3,175	2,190		
New Brunswick	7,662	8,024	5,417	2,556	3,022	2,033	1,073		
Quebec	694,082	737,703	724,140	778,467	672,482	578,913	527,959		
Ontario	1,319,616	1,291,588	1,248,693	1,230,270	1,064,816	1,076,451	923,373		
Manitoba	98,033	97,737	93,424	94,425	88,952	73,097	66,940		
Saskatchewan	7,027	7,704	9,630	2,837	2,515	3,612	1,549		
Alberta	40,216	47,259	41,564	43,586	40,291	39,769	37,933		
British Columbia	281,177	263,765	265,658	214,244	193,687	177,405	147,779		
Yukon	175	263	172	219	174	85	92		
North-West Territories	475	462	515	234	393	275	225		
Nunavut	118	65	162	209	364	467	313		
Total	2,458,042	2,465,968	2,398,422	2,374,104	2,072,455	1,955,670	1,710,083		

Methodology

Survey description

This statistical activity is conducted to provide information and analysis of the value of imports and exports of Canada 's merchandise trade data in the culture sector. The unit of analysis is the commodity as described in the "Canadian Framework for Culture Statistics". Culture goods include original and mass produced goods which contain culture content, as defined by this framework. Culture goods include creative goods that warrant intellectual property rights and goods, which support creation, production or transmission of other creative goods.

This derived survey is funded by the Department of Canadian Heritage. The survey produces estimates on the overall trade of culture goods in Canada by commodity groupings and trade partners.

These survey estimates are used by various departments and agencies such as the Department of Canadian Heritage (DCH), the Cultural Industries Development Fund of the Business Development Bank of Canada, and the International Markets Program of Telefilm Canada and Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada. In addition, the data are useful to international agencies such as the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Frequency

Annual

Target population

Importers and exporters of culture goods

Data sources

International trade data on culture goods are obtained from the International Trade Division (ITD) at Statistics Canada.

Canadian trade statistics are compiled according to the "General" system of trade as defined by the United Nations Statistical Office. The general trade system, in principle, presents all goods entering the country (imports) and all goods leaving the country (exports). It differs from the "Special" system of trade in the treatment of imported goods into Customs bonded warehouses. Under the special trade system, these goods are counted only if and when they are withdrawn from Customs warehouses for home consumption. They are not counted in export statistics unless they have first cleared Customs.

Import data are captured by Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) from B3 forms and from electronic import transaction entries. Data for Canadian exports to countries other than the United States are compiled by the International Trade Division from B-13A forms received via the CBSA and from Summary Reports and Canadian Automated Export Declarations (CAED) submitted directly to Statistics Canada.

Canadian exports to the United States are compiled using United States import statistics (from the U.S. Customs Service via the U.S. Census Bureau) and account for approximately 85% of the value of Canada's export trade.

Error detection / editing

Error detection activities are conducted by International Trade Division during capture.

Import transactions are captured by Canada Customs and Revenue Agency. Exports to countries other than the United States are captured and edited by Statistics Canada.

Validation, combination, unit value and "reasonableness" edits are performed on both imports and exports data during the edit and imputation process. Validation edits use a number of metadata tables which allow the comparison of a reported variable to a list of valid codes. Other validity checks ensure that a reported variable respects the characteristics it is supposed to, e.g., numeric variables are reported as numeric. Records that are found to be invalid are replaced with valid ones, mainly through an automatic imputation process. Combination edits include commodity/country, commodity/trader and commodity/province. Unit value lows and highs are calculated for each Harmonized System (HS) code. Data that fall within this range are accepted while those that fail are rejected. The imports processing system of the International Trade Division (ITD) also performs a number of edits and imputations on imports from the United States on behalf of the United States Census Bureau (USBC).

Imputation

Imputation activities are conducted by International Trade Division during processing.

Both manual and automated imputations are performed on imports and exports data. Data that fail an edit and are beyond an established threshold are manually reviewed and corrected. The method of correction usually takes the form of telephone follow-up to the importer, exporter or their representative, the broker. Sometimes a link to the electronic invoice will suffice to obtain the necessary information to take corrective action.

Data that fail the edits and are below a value threshold are automatically imputed. In the case of a unit value failure the quantity is the variable automatically imputed. Quantity is imputed by randomly selecting a unit value between a high and a low unit value range.

Export documents received too late for incorporation in the current month are assigned to the month the transaction took place. If a monthly summary report from a high volume exporter is not received on time, the data are imputed for the current month and revised with the trade value in the following statistical month.

Estimation

Culture goods are grouped and allocated to categories in accordance with the Canadian Framework for Culture Statistics. Specifically, goods trade microdata, which classify goods using the Harmonized System (HS), are grouped in accordance with the Standard Classification of Goods (SCG) and category headings used in the Framework.

Quality evaluation

Quality evaluations are performed by the Culture Statistics Program in the form of historical trend analysis using subject-matter expert judgement. This method is used to identify anomalies in the data for a given period. This error detection process is conducted at the final stage of aggregation of the culture goods trade categories.

In terms of the source data, International Trade Division's (ITD) customs-based trade statistics are more accurate for measuring imports than they are for measuring exports. This is because Customs are typically more vigilant with respect to goods entering the country than they are with goods leaving the country.

Customs-based export statistics may understate and/or incorrectly portray the destination of exports. They are understated when the proper documentation is not filed with Customs and are incorrectly portrayed when the country of final destination is inaccurately reported on the customs documentation. The latter occurs most frequently when goods are routed through an intermediary country before continuing on to their final destination.

ITD calculates a monthly estimate for export under-coverage that is applied to the aggregated Balance of Payments-based data. ITD also periodically conducts reconciliation exercises with its major trading partners other than the United States.

Disclosure control

Statistics Canada is prohibited by law from releasing any data which would divulge information obtained under the Statistics Act that relates to any identifiable person, business or organization without the prior knowledge or the consent in writing of that person, business or organization. Various confidentiality rules are applied to all data that are released or published to prevent the publication or disclosure of any information deemed confidential. If necessary, data are suppressed to prevent direct or residual disclosure of identifiable data."

Culture goods trade data from the International Trade Division of Statistics Canada are subjected to a "passive suppression" approach for confidentiality. Passive suppression is based on the principle that confidential data will not knowingly be released. It requires that appropriate measures be taken only at the request of importers or exporters who feel that their interests would be harmed by the dissemination of data. The onus of notifying ITD of suspected instances of the release of confidential data rests with the affected companies.

On the other hand, "active suppression" requires the review of data to determine the confidentiality status of data prior to dissemination. In ITD, the Exporter Register takes this approach. In ITD's general program importers and exporters do not have a company identification that is as complete or reliable as in a formal sample frame and therefore cannot provide an adequate basis for the application of active suppression mechanisms. However, in the case of the Exporter Register, a company's identification is obvious and is linked to the Statistics Canada Business Register, making the use of "active suppression" appropriate.

Revisions and seasonal adjustment

The source data that are used to create tabular data for the culture goods sector are revised by International Trade Division, on a monthly, quarterly, and annual basis.

Data accuracy measures

Data quality of culture goods estimates are dependent on the data quality of the underlying sources, and in the way that these sources are combined. Statistics Canada makes every effort to ensure that administrative data are conceptually correct for the use to which they are put. Any anomalies or inconsistencies detected are verified with the source, by ITD, and where necessary, adjustments are made to reconcile data with the conceptual framework of the international trade series. The administrative agencies used by ITD are considered to be the best source available, and data received from them is judged to be of very good quality, even in those circumstances where adjustments have been made.

Note to users

The international trade data on culture goods are obtained from the International Trade Division of Statistics Canada. Trade data are regrouped into culture categories according to the Canadian Framework for Culture Statistics. Therefore, the categories of culture goods presented here are not compatible with the International Trade Division's publication.

The revised versions of the ITD data used for the Culture goods trade are: February 11, 2009 annual revision for 2007 and prior, and the August 12, 2009 revision for 2008.

When one thinks of goods moving into or out of Canada, it is natural to picture trucks arriving at border stations along our physical frontier with the United States. Yet Canada's border is really a collection of locations within Canada and around the world at airports and seaports. Technology, however, has defeated the border to some extent for specialized goods such as news clips, television boradcasts (reducing shipments of film stock), and music samples (possibly reducing shipments of compact discs and other recorder media). Electronic shipments such as these are not reflected in goods trade estimates, nor are internet downloads. To be counted in terms of culture goods trade, a good must have physically crossed the border.

Exports from Canada do not necessarily represent "Canadian content" and imports to Canada do not necessarily represent "Foreign content". This characteristic cannot be measured. The country of origin represents where the good was produced. Exports and imports are valued in current Canadian dollars. Changes may be driven by changes in both prices and volume.

Imports coming from Canada (mainly returns) are excluded from the total value.

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Due to changes in the Harmonized System of Classification in 2007, adjustments were made to the video and sound recording data for 2007 and 2008 to reflect the product break down of the Canadian Framework for Culture Statistics.

For additional information, "The Culture Goods Trade User Guide" (81-595-MIE2006040, free) is available through the publications link above.

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- .. not available for a specific reference period
- ... not applicable
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- 0s value rounded to 0 (zero) where there is a meaningful distinction between true zero and the value that was rounded
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- r revised
- x suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act
- x suppressed to m
 E use with caution
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