

TRADE AND INVESTMENT

CANADA–TAIWAN

COUNTRY PROFILE

Economic Indicators

- Gross domestic product (GDP) at purchasing power parity (PPP): US\$1.1 trillion (2015)
- GDP per capita at PPP: US\$46,800 (2015)
- Population: 23.5 million (2015)
- Canada's 12th largest merchandise trade partner (2015)
- Canada's 21st largest services trade partner (2014)
- Ease of Doing Business ranking: 11th among 189 countries (2015)

Notable Trade and Investment Agreements between Canada and Taiwan

- None



NOTES

The Library of Parliament Trade and Investment series provides information on Canada's trade and investment relationship with the world and with selected countries. It also describes the trade relationship of each of Canada's 10 provinces and three territories with the world.

All figures were prepared using Statistics Canada data available in summer 2016.

To see the data tables used to generate the figures, view the HTML version of this paper at [Trade and Investment Series 2015](#).

The merchandise trade data are customs-based; the services trade data and foreign direct investment data are balance of payments-based.

Numbers in this paper have been rounded.

Definitions appear at the end of this paper.

All dollar amounts are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

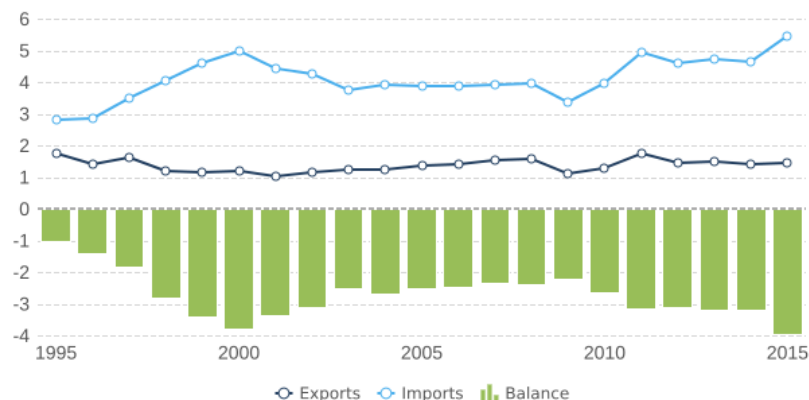
In relation to the Country Profile box, data for GDP at PPP, GDP per capita at PPP and population are from the International Monetary Fund's World Economic Outlook Database. The rankings are based on Statistics Canada data. The Ease of Doing Business ranking is from the World Bank's Doing Business project.

The five most highly valued merchandise export and import categories have been identified based on 2015 values.

CANADA'S MERCHANDISE TRADE WITH TAIWAN

Merchandise Trade

(\$ billions)

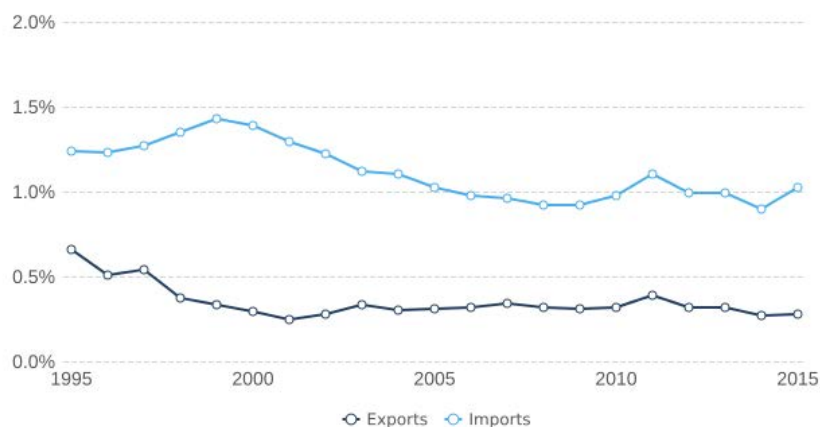


Bilateral merchandise trade in 2015: \$6.9 billion

- Exports: \$1.5 billion, a 4.0% increase from 2014
- Imports: \$5.5 billion, an 18.0% increase from 2014

Trade deficit in 2015: \$4.0 billion, an increase from \$3.2 billion in 2014

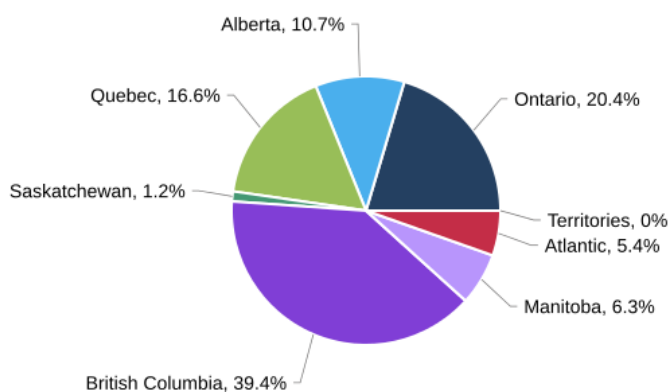
Share of the Total Value of Canadian Trade



Exports in 2015: 0.3% of the total value of Canadian exports, unchanged from 2014

Imports in 2015: 1.0% of the total value of Canadian imports, an increase from 0.9% in 2014

Share of Exports by Province/Territory

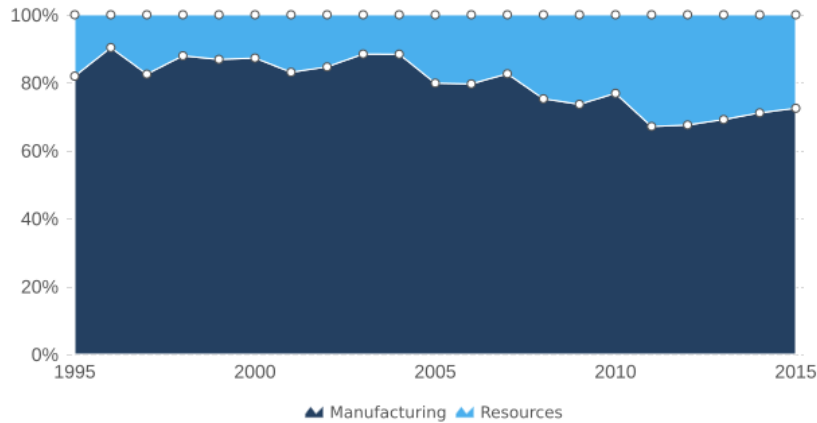


Highest-valued exporters in 2015:

- British Columbia – \$575.3 million, an increase from \$550.7 million in 2014
- Ontario – \$298.6 million, an increase from \$265.2 million in 2014

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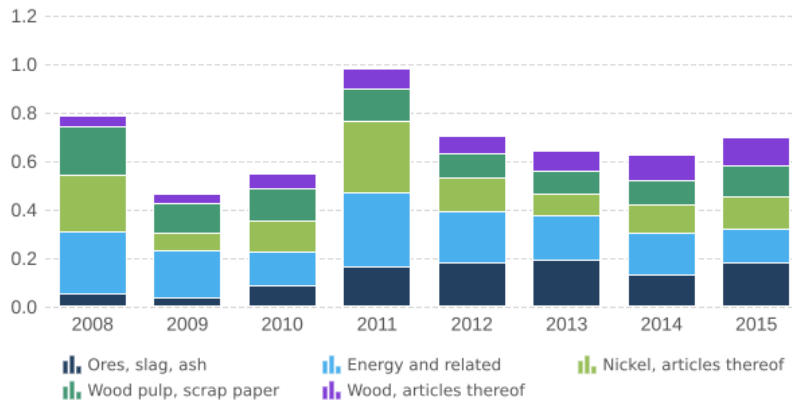
Share of Exports by Sector



Exports in 2015:

- Resource-based goods – 27.5%, a decrease from 28.9% in 2014
- Manufactured goods – 72.5%, an increase from 71.1% in 2014

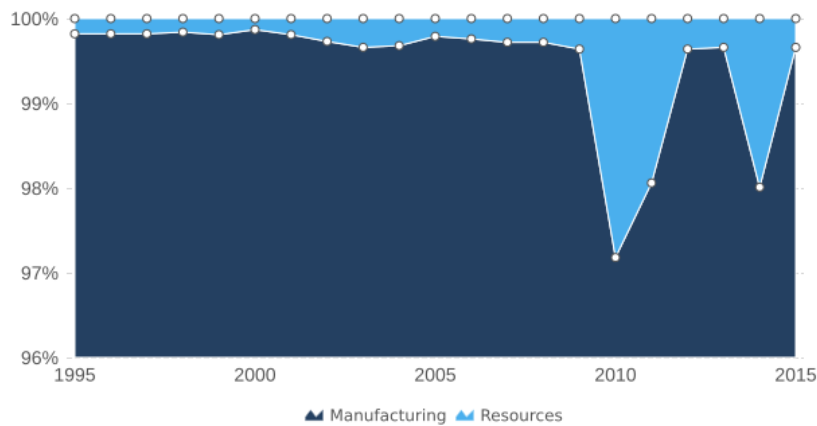
Most Highly Valued Exports by Product Category (\$ billions)



Highest-valued exports in 2015: Coal and lumber, together accounting for 16.7% of the total value of Canadian exports

- Coal exports: \$142.1 million, a decrease from \$172.0 million in 2014
- Lumber exports: \$101.9 million, an increase from \$96.8 million in 2014

Share of Imports by Sector

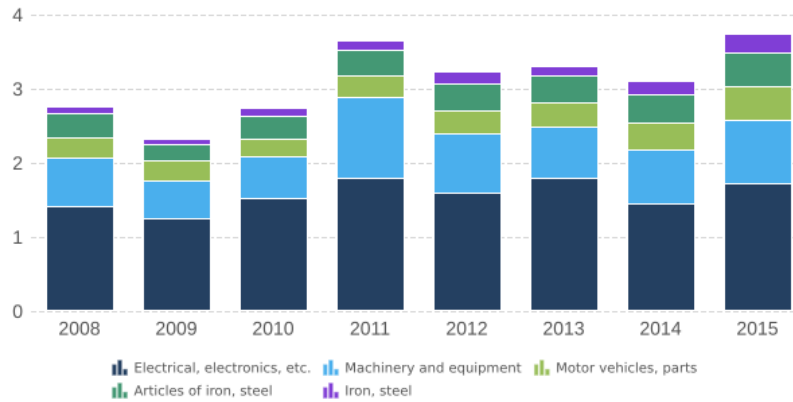


Imports in 2015:

- Resource-based goods – 0.3%, a decrease from 2.0% in 2014
- Manufactured goods – 99.7%, an increase from 98.0% in 2014

Most Highly Valued Imports by Product Category

(\$ billions)

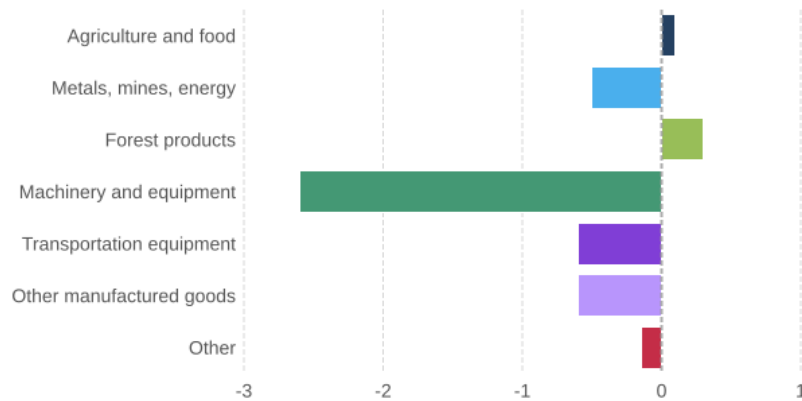


Highest-valued imports in 2015: Electronic integrated circuits, and screws, bolts, nuts and similar hardware, together accounting for 10.8% of the total value of Canadian imports

- Electronic integrated circuit imports: \$322.9 million, a decrease from \$324.6 million in 2014
- Screw, bolt, nut and similar hardware imports: \$269.2 million, an increase from \$215.0 million in 2014

Trade Balance by Product Category

(\$ billions)



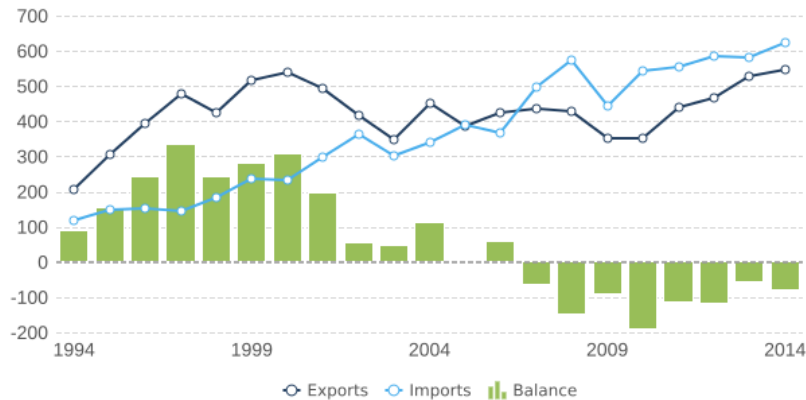
Largest merchandise trade deficit in 2015: Machinery and equipment, at \$2.6 billion

Largest merchandise trade surplus in 2015: Forest products, at \$265.3 million

CANADA'S SERVICES TRADE WITH TAIWAN

Services Trade

(\$ millions)



Bilateral services trade in 2014:
\$1.2 billion

- Exports:
\$545.0 million, a 3.4% increase from 2013
- Imports:
\$624.0 million, a 7.0% increase from 2013

Trade deficit in 2014:
\$79.0 million, an increase from \$56.0 million in 2013

Services Trade by Type

(\$ millions)



Services trade deficit in 2013, the most recent year for which services data are available by type: Largely due to transportation and government services trade

- Transportation and government services exports: \$228.0 million
- Transportation and government services imports: \$504.0 million

CANADA'S FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT WITH TAIWAN

Stock of Foreign Direct Investment
(\$ millions)



Stock of Canadian direct investment in Taiwan in 2015: \$115.0 million, a 17.3% increase from 2014

Taiwan as a destination for Canadian foreign direct investment among the 102 countries for which data were available for 2015: 68th largest

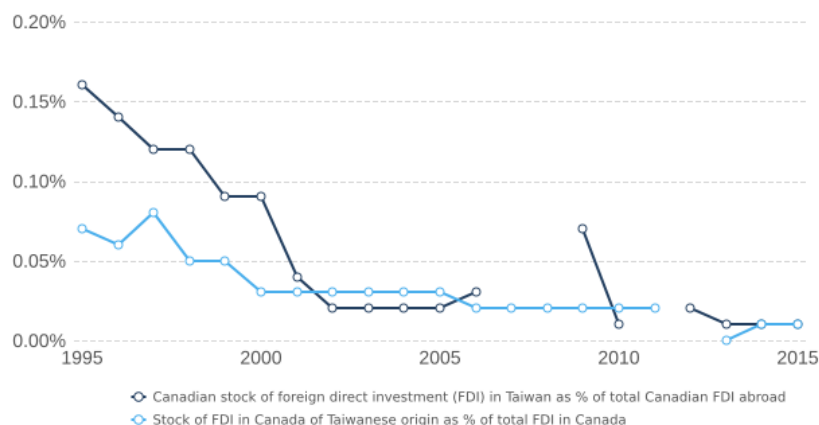
Stock of Taiwanese direct investment in Canada in 2015: \$108.0 million, a 1.9% increase from 2014

Taiwan as a source of foreign direct investment in Canada among the 56 countries for which data were available for 2015: 40th largest

Data on Canadian direct investment in Taiwan for 2007, 2008 and 2011 are not available

Data on Taiwanese direct investment in Canada for 2012 are not available

Share of Foreign Direct Investment Stock



0.01% of Canada's foreign direct investment stock was in Taiwan in 2015, unchanged from 2014

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Data on Canadian direct investment in Taiwan for 2007, 2008 and 2011 are not available

Data on Taiwanese direct investment in Canada for 2012 are not available

DEFINITIONS

Balance of payments–based data: Balance of payments–based data calculate trade flows using surveys of international trade and investment activity of firms and other entities.

Balance of trade: The trade balance is the difference between the value of exports and the value of imports. There is a trade surplus if the value of exports exceeds the value of imports. There is a trade deficit if the value of imports exceeds the value of exports.

Customs-based data: Customs-based data are compiled from declarations filed with the Canada Border Services Agency and are used to track the flow of goods into and out of Canada.

Foreign direct investment (FDI): FDI occurs when an investor residing in one country holds at least 10% equity in an enterprise resident in another country. The stock of FDI is the value of the accumulated equity owned by investors abroad; the stock changes from year to year based on flows of FDI.

Gross domestic product (GDP): GDP measures an economy's total production in a given year. As one entity's income is another entity's spending, GDP is equal to the total value of final sales or to the total value of incomes.

Manufactured goods: Manufactured goods are finished or semi-finished products resulting from the transformation of materials and substances into new products (North American Industry Classification System, or NAICS, codes 31 to 33) and the output of establishments primarily engaged in operating electric, gas and water utilities (NAICS code 22).

Merchandise trade: Merchandise trade refers to trade in physical goods, such as cars, wheat and iron ore.

Purchasing power parity (PPP): To adjust for price differences across countries for identical products, a calculation of GDP that uses PPP assumes that a given product has the same price in each country.

Resource-based goods: Resource-based goods are products of the agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting sector (NAICS code 11), as well as the mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction sector (NAICS code 21).

Services trade: Services trade is trade in travel, transportation and government, and commercial services. Travel services are goods and services purchased abroad by travellers, with one exception: cross-border transportation. Transportation services are the transportation of goods and cross-border travellers, and related services. Government services arise largely from official representation and military activities, and some governmental commercial activities. Commercial services are all other services, such as management, financial or engineering services; the category also includes charges for the use of intellectual property.