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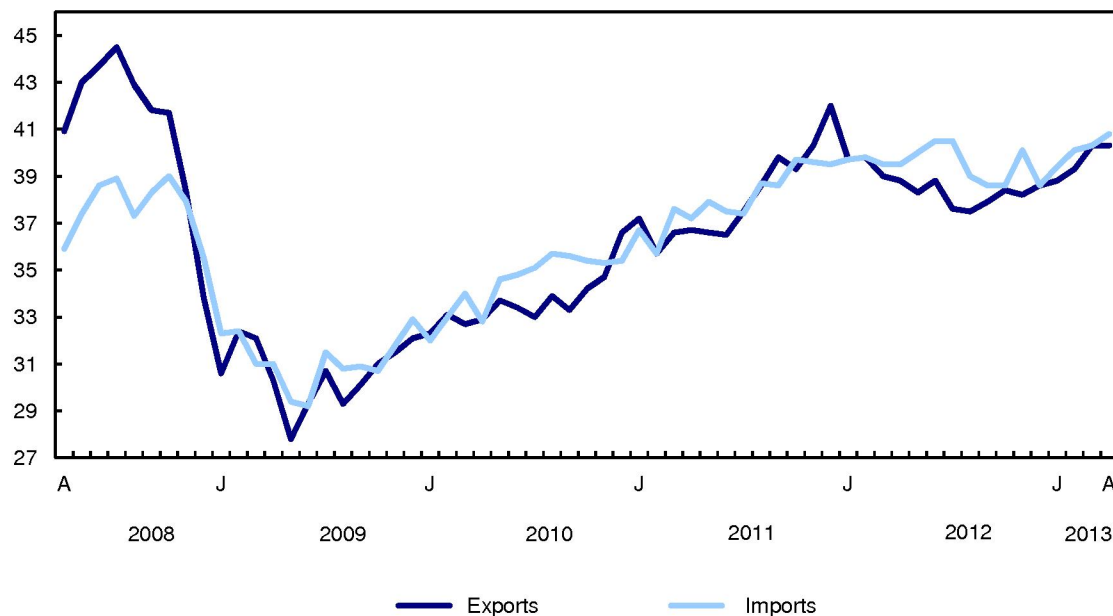
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Chart 1 Exports and imports

billions of dollars, seasonally adjusted



Imports rose for a fourth consecutive month to a record high of \$40.8 billion. The increase in imports was led by energy products, motor vehicles and parts, and metal ores and non-metallic minerals. Overall, volumes were up 1.5%.

Exports edged down to \$40.3 billion, as decreases in metal ores and non-metallic minerals, energy products, and industrial machinery, equipment and parts were partially offset by a large increase in metals and non-metallic mineral products. Overall, prices declined 0.7%, while volumes were up 0.5%.

Imports from the United States increased 1.9% to a record high of \$26.2 billion. The gain was led by metal ores and non-metallic minerals, as well as energy products. Exports to the United States grew 1.8% to \$30.1 billion. Consequently, Canada's trade surplus with the United States went from \$3.8 billion in March to \$3.9 billion in April.

Exports to countries other than the United States fell 5.6% to \$10.2 billion, as decreases were recorded in most principal trading areas. Imports from countries other than the United States were relatively unchanged in April at \$14.6 billion. As a result, Canada's trade deficit with countries other than the United States increased from \$3.8 billion in March to \$4.4 billion in April.

Energy products lead gain in imports

Imports of energy products increased 6.0% to \$3.9 billion in April, as volumes were up 5.7%. Refined petroleum energy products led the overall increase in energy products, rising 33.9% to a record high of \$1.2 billion. Imports of crude oil and crude bitumen declined for the fifth consecutive month, partially offsetting the section's increase.

Imports of motor vehicles and parts grew 1.9% to \$7.2 billion, led by passenger cars and light trucks, up 3.7%. Also contributing to the increase was medium and heavy trucks, buses and other motor vehicles, which rose 7.2% to a record high of \$887 million.

Imports of metal ores and non-metallic minerals increased 10.3% to \$1.3 billion, on the strength of other metal ores and concentrates, which grew 11.7% to \$888 million. Overall, volumes rose 8.2%.

Imports of industrial machinery, equipment and parts declined 3.5% to \$3.7 billion in April, as widespread decreases were recorded throughout the section. Volumes were down 3.2%.

Offsetting movements result in a slight decrease in exports

Exports of metal ores and non-metallic minerals declined 13.8% to \$1.5 billion in April, as volumes fell 9.8%. Copper ores and concentrates was the main contributor to the overall decrease, declining 62.0% to \$136 million.

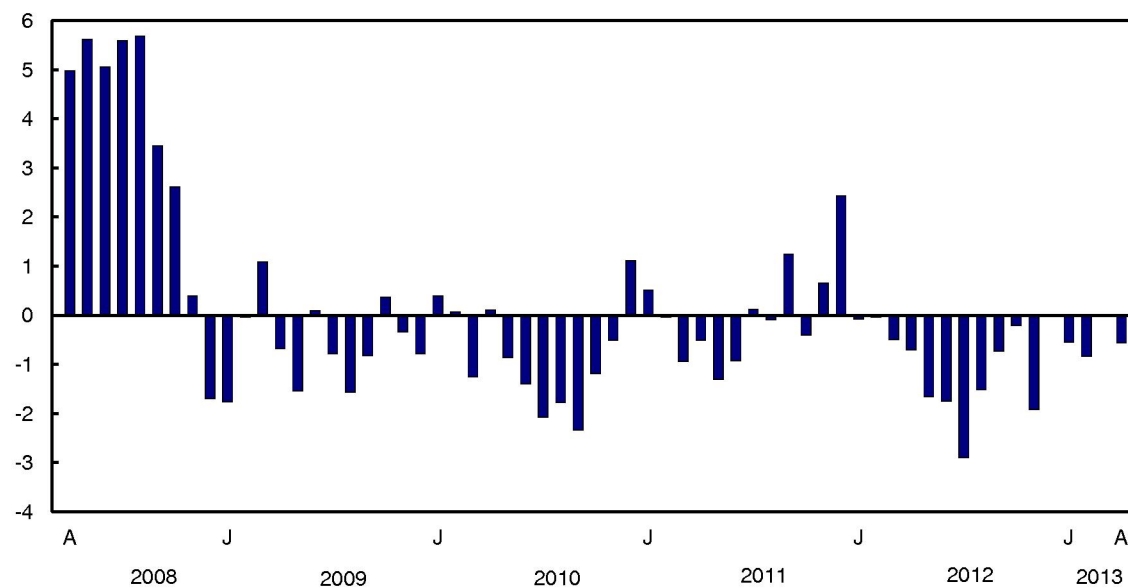
Exports of energy products decreased 1.7% to \$9.3 billion, as prices declined 1.4%. Exports of other energy products, mainly coal, fell 29.1%. After posting four consecutive monthly gains, exports of crude oil and crude bitumen fell 2.0% on lower prices. Higher exports of natural gas (+14.3%) partially offset the overall decrease in the section.

Exports of industrial machinery, equipment and parts fell 5.0% to \$2.1 billion. Widespread declines were recorded throughout the section, led by miscellaneous parts of machinery and equipment.

Exports of metal and non-metallic mineral products grew 10.6% to \$4.9 billion, as volumes (+5.6%) and prices (+4.7%) rose. An increase in exports of unwrought precious metals and precious metal alloys more than offset widespread decreases in the section.

Chart 2
Trade balance

billions of dollars, seasonally adjusted



Note to readers

Merchandise trade is one component of Canada's international balance of payments (BOP), which also includes trade in services, investment income, current transfers as well as capital and financial flows.

International merchandise trade data by country are available on both a BOP and a customs basis for the United States, Japan and the United Kingdom. Trade data for all other individual countries are available on a customs basis only. BOP data are derived from customs data by making adjustments for factors such as valuation, coverage, timing and residency. These adjustments are made to conform to the concepts and definitions of the Canadian System of National Accounts.

Data in this release are on a BOP basis, seasonally adjusted and in current dollars. Constant dollars are calculated using the Laspeyres volume formula (2007=100).

For more information on seasonal adjustment, see [Seasonal adjustment and identifying economic trends](#).

Revisions

In general, merchandise trade data are revised on an ongoing basis for each month of the current year. Current year revisions are reflected in both the customs and BOP based data.

The previous year's customs data are revised with the release of the January and February reference months as well as on a quarterly basis. The previous two years of customs based data are revised annually and are released in February with the December reference month.

The previous year's BOP based data are revised with the release of the January, February and March reference months. For this release, BOP based data have been revised for the previous four years.

Factors influencing revisions include late receipt of import and export documentation, incorrect information on customs forms, replacement of estimates produced for the energy section with actual figures, changes in classification of merchandise based on more current information, and changes to seasonal adjustment factors.

Revised data are available in the appropriate CANSIM tables.

Table 1
Merchandise trade: Principal trading areas – Seasonally adjusted, current dollars

	April 2012 ^r	March 2013 ^r	April 2013	March to April 2013	April 2012 to April 2013
	millions of dollars			% change	
Total exports	38,755	40,338	40,268	-0.2	3.9
United States	28,025	29,512	30,052	1.8	7.2
Japan	1,014	1,111	946	-14.8	-6.6
European Union ¹	3,606	3,332	3,025	-9.2	-16.1
Other OECD countries ²	1,431	1,731	1,462	-15.5	2.2
All other countries	4,679	4,651	4,782	2.8	2.2
Total imports	39,457	40,341	40,835	1.2	3.5
United States	24,580	25,690	26,186	1.9	6.5
Japan	908	768	783	1.9	-13.8
European Union ¹	3,531	3,676	4,023	9.4	13.9
Other OECD countries ²	3,030	3,224	3,260	1.1	7.6
All other countries	7,409	6,983	6,583	-5.7	-11.1
Trade balance	-703	-3	-567	...	...
United States	3,445	3,822	3,866	...	...
Japan	106	343	164	...	...
European Union ¹	75	-344	-998	...	...
Other OECD countries ²	-1,599	-1,493	-1,798	...	...
All other countries	-2,730	-2,332	-1,801	...	...

^r revised

... not applicable

1. The European Union includes Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.

2. Other countries in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) include Australia, Canada, Chile, Iceland, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, South Korea, Switzerland and Turkey.

Note(s): Totals may not equal the sum of their components.

Table 2

Merchandise trade: North American Product Classification¹ – Seasonally adjusted, current dollars

	April 2012 ^r	March 2013 ^r	April 2013	March to April 2013	April 2012 to April 2013
	millions of dollars			% change	
Total exports	38,755	40,338	40,268	-0.2	3.9
Farm, fishing and intermediate food products	2,309	2,417	2,347	-2.9	1.6
Energy products	8,861	9,489	9,326	-1.7	5.3
Metal ores and non-metallic minerals	1,594	1,743	1,502	-13.8	-5.7
Metal and non-metallic mineral products	4,636	4,473	4,948	10.6	6.7
Basic and industrial chemical, plastic and rubber products	2,777	2,903	2,929	0.9	5.5
Forestry products and building and packaging materials	2,520	2,821	2,832	0.4	12.4
Industrial machinery, equipment and parts	2,237	2,240	2,129	-5.0	-4.9
Electronic and electrical equipment and parts	1,932	1,914	1,913	0.0	-1.0
Motor vehicles and parts	5,581	5,677	5,707	0.5	2.3
Aircraft and other transportation equipment and parts	1,328	1,481	1,442	-2.7	8.6
Consumer goods	4,151	4,299	4,310	0.3	3.8
Special transactions trade ²	179	191	211	10.6	18.4
Other balance of payments adjustments	649	689	671	-2.6	3.3
Total imports	39,457	40,341	40,835	1.2	3.5
Farm, fishing and intermediate food products	997	1,112	1,066	-4.1	6.9
Energy products	3,546	3,680	3,899	6.0	10.0
Metal ores and non-metallic minerals	894	1,157	1,276	10.3	42.7
Metal and non-metallic mineral products	3,480	3,624	3,619	-0.1	4.0
Basic and industrial chemical, plastic and rubber products	3,099	3,186	3,200	0.4	3.2
Forestry products and building and packaging materials	1,743	1,778	1,734	-2.5	-0.5
Industrial machinery, equipment and parts	3,852	3,784	3,653	-3.5	-5.2
Electronic and electrical equipment and parts	4,636	4,560	4,609	1.1	-0.6
Motor vehicles and parts	7,085	7,026	7,160	1.9	1.1
Aircraft and other transportation equipment and parts	1,065	1,177	1,149	-2.4	7.8
Consumer goods	7,795	7,909	7,943	0.4	1.9
Special transactions trade ²	448	508	679	33.6	51.7
Other balance of payments adjustments	818	839	847	1.0	3.6

^r revised

1. International merchandise trade data are based on the North American Product Classification System 2007.

2. These are mainly low valued transactions, value of repairs to equipment, and goods returned to country of origin.

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Available in CANSIM: tables 228-0058 to 228-0068.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers 2201, 2202 and 2203.

These data are now available in the *Canadian International Merchandise Trade Database* (65F0013X). From the *Browse by key resource* module of our website, choose *Publications*.

The April 2013 issue of *Canadian International Merchandise Trade*, Vol. 67, no. 4 (65-001-X), is also available from the *Browse by key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

Current account data (which incorporate merchandise trade statistics, service transactions, investment income and transfers) are available quarterly in *Canada's Balance of International Payments* (67-001-X).

Data on Canadian international merchandise trade for May will be released on July 3.

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Aircraft Movement Statistics: Major airports – Annual Report, 2012

For the fourth consecutive year, the number of aircraft take-offs and landings at Canadian airports with NAV CANADA air traffic control towers and flight service stations decreased slightly compared with the previous year. These 93 airports reported almost 5.6 million movements in 2012, down 0.2% from 2011.

Over 4.0 million itinerant movements (flights from one airport to another) were recorded in 2012. These airports handled 0.4% more movements (+16,853 movements) in 2012 than in 2011. Local movements (flights that remain in the vicinity of the airport) declined 1.9% (-30,117 movements) in 2012 compared with 2011. This marked the fifth consecutive annual decline.

Available in CANSIM: tables 401-0023 to 401-0036.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2715.

The 2012 issue of *Aircraft Movement Statistics: NAV CANADA Towers and Flight Service Stations: Annual Report* (51-209-X) is now available from the *Browse by key resource* module of our website under *Publications*. This report is a joint publication of Statistics Canada and Transport Canada.

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Chain Fisher real export and import values, April 2013

The monthly chain Fisher real dollar values (reference year 2007) for Canadian international merchandise trade are now available for April.

Available in CANSIM: tables 228-0061 and 228-0062.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers 2201, 2202 and 2203.

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Export and import price indexes, April 2013

Current- and fixed-weighted export and import price indexes (2007=100) on a customs or balance of payments basis are now available based on the North American Product Classification System 2007.

Current- and fixed-weighted import and export price indexes (2007=100) for all countries and the United States on customs basis, by Standard International Trade Classification, are also available.

Available in CANSIM: tables 228-0063 to 228-0068.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers 2201, 2202 and 2203.

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Investment in non-residential building construction (revised data), first quarter 2013

Following the release of the "Canadian economic accounts" for the first quarter, revised data on investment in non-residential building for the first quarter are now available.

Note to readers

Data for the 2009 to 2012 period have also been revised.

Available in CANSIM: table 026-0016.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5014.

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Residential construction investment, first quarter 2013

Data on residential construction investment are now available for the first quarter.

Note to readers

Data for the 2009 to 2012 period have been revised.

Available in CANSIM: table 026-0013.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5016.

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