

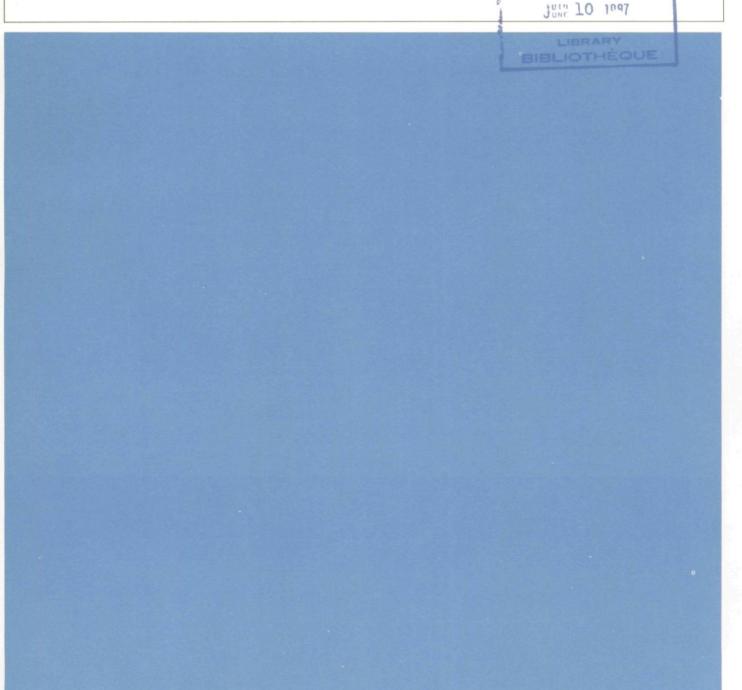
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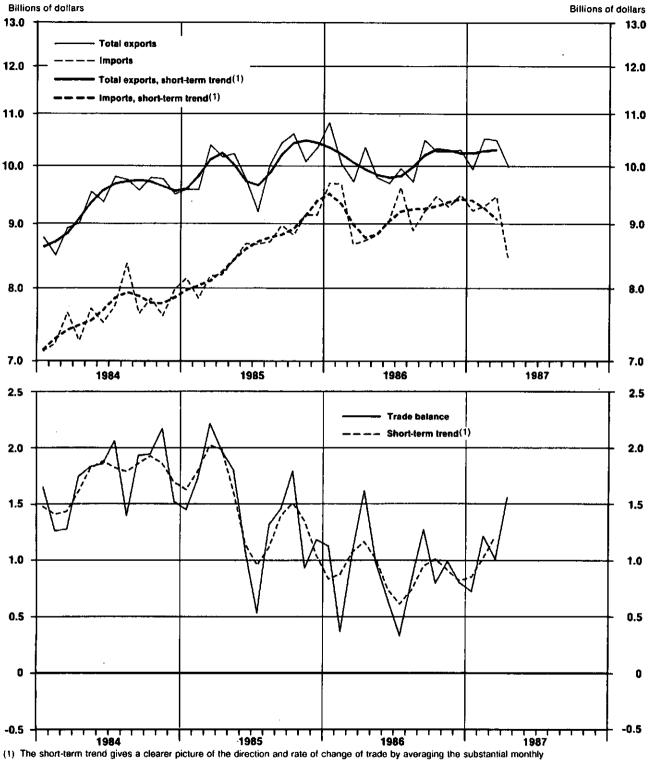
HIGHLIGHTS

- The \$650 million decline in Canadian imports from the United States was the main factor contributing to the drop of more than \$1 billion in the total seasonally adjusted value of imports for April 1987.
- Exports also dropped, but not as much, decreasing by \$480 million.

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- The merchandise trade surplus rose by more than \$500 million to \$1.6 billion as a result of a larger drop in imports than exports.
- In terms of the commodities, the largest drop in exports was recorded in exports of passenger cars (-\$212 million) whereas for imports, motor vehicle parts registered the largest decline (-\$290 million).

Imports, Total Exports, and Trade Balance, All Countries, Seasonally Adjusted Balance of Payments Basis



(1) The short-term trend gives a clearer picture of the direction and rate of change of trade by averaging the substantial monthly fluctuations which frequently occur in trade. The trend for the last month is not shown in the charts above since it frequently changes significantly with the addition of succeeding months of data.

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Seasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis April 1987

Month-to-month Overview

The decline of \$650 million in Canadian imports from the United States largely explains the drop of more than \$1 billion in the total seasonally adjusted value of imports for April 1987. This decrease pulled the value of imports down to \$8.4 billion, the lowest level since April 1985, and contrasts with the average of \$9.3 billion recorded between September 1986 and March 1987. Total exports also dropped, but not as much, falling by \$480 million to a level of \$10.0 billion. With the decrease in imports more pronounced than that in exports, the merchandise trade surplus grew by more than \$500 million, reaching \$1.6 billion. This is the largest surplus in the Canadian trade balance in twelve months.

Short-Term Trend (excludes latest month)

Exports

There was an upward short-term trend for exports for a third consecutive month, although the rate of increase was lower than that the month before. Among the goods that contributed most to this increase for exports were fabricated materials, trucks and wheat. The largest decreases were in exports of passenger autos, steel bars, rods and plates, iron ores and barley.

Imports

The short-term trend continued downward for a third straight month and at a faster rate than the month before. End products (especially aircraft), fabricated materials and crude petroleum were the main commodities contributing to the decrease. The most important exceptions to this downward trend were imports of passenger autos and precious metals.

Commodity Highlights

Exports

The drop of 4.6% in exports noted for April 1987 is attributable primarily to the decline recorded in exports of transportation equipment. Exports of passenger autos alone fell by \$212 million, dropping to \$1.0 billion, the lowest level since November 1983. Exports of motor vehicle parts and aircraft (including parts) fell by \$78 million and \$55 million, dropping to \$952 million and \$219 million. The total decrease in exports of passenger autos for March and April 1987 was \$450 million. The most notable increases were recorded for exports of trucks (+\$72 million), wood pulp (+\$61 million) and crude petroleum (+\$51 million). Wheat exports totalled \$397 million, their highest level in the last nineteen months.

Imports

Imports fell by 11%, following increases of 1% and 2% in February and March 1987. Imports of motor vehicle parts posted the largest decrease (-\$290 million), following increases of \$153 million and \$113 million in February and March. Imports of passenger autos fell for a second straight month, dropping by \$127 million, while imports of crude petroleum declined by \$111 million from the figure a month before. Aircraft imports, which had fluctuated around the \$200 million mark in the previous few months, dropped by \$106 million in April, falling to \$118 million. The downward movement for imports was reflected in most of the commodity groups; only imports of precious metals posted an increase worthy of mention namely, a gain of \$31 million from the figure a month before.

Trading Partner Highlights

Exports

Exports to the United States dropped from \$7.9 billion in March to \$7.5 billion in April, a second consecutive decrease. Exports to Japan and the United Kingdom fell by \$83 million and \$74 million respectively. However, there were increases in exports to "Other Countries" (+\$39 million), "Other OECD Countries" (+\$12 million) and the EEC, excluding the United Kingdom (+\$4 million). Exports to "Other Countries", which have continued to grow since January 1987 and rose to \$1.0 billion in April, represent 10% of all Canadian exports.

Imports

Imports from the United States fell by \$650 million in April, dropping to \$5.8 billion, a distinctly lower level than the \$6.4 billion recorded in February and March. There were also decreases in imports from Japan (-\$224 million), the EEC (excluding the United Kingdom) (-\$110 million) and the United Kingdom (-\$54 million). Imports from "Other OECD Countries" and "Other Countries" rose slightly, by \$3.0 million and \$4.0 million respectively.

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International trade statistics are subject to monthly fluctuations due to seasonal and irregular factors. To better isolate turning points and bring out the fundamental trend in the data, trade statistics are seasonally adjusted monthly. The X-11 ARIMA seasonal adjustment method allows for the forecasting a year in advance of factors to be used to remove the effect of seasonality of individual series. Every year, the latest data are incorporated into the calculation to derive new projected seasonal factors for the coming year. The addition of this new information may result in noticeable revisions to the seasonally adjusted data for prior years. In particular, the 1986 July trade figures were subject to large revisions.

For further information on the statistics, concepts and definitions, order the April 1987 issue of **Summary of Canadian International Trade** (65-001, \$15/\$150), available the fourth week of June 1987, or contact G Blaney (613-990-9647), Trade Information Unit, or Jean-Pierre Simard (613-990-9787) (for analysis information) or John Butterill (613-991-4804) (for price index information), Trade Measures and Analysis Section, International Trade Division.

Table 1 **Merchandise Trade of Canada** April 1987 **Balance of Payments Basis**

						Perio	d-to-period	change ²
	Total exports ¹ raw	Imports raw	Total exports ¹ S.A. ³	Imports S.A. ³	Balance S.A. ³	Total exports ¹ S.A. ³	Imports S.A. ³	Balance S.A. ³
			\$ millions			%	%	\$ millions
1981	84,432	77,140	84,432	77,140	7,292	10.1	13.6	-1,486
1982	84,728	66,739	84,728	66,739	17,990	0.4	-13.5	10,698
1983	90,793	73,098	90,793	73,098	17,695	7.2	9.5	-295
1984 .	112,086	91,493	112,086	91,493	20,593	23.5	25.2	2,898
1985	120,028	102,641	120,028	102,641	17,387	7.1	12.2	-3,206
1986	120,965	110,205	120,965	110,205	10,760	0.8	7.4	-6,627
1985								
First quarter	28,842	23,676	29,475	24,106	5,369	1.7	3.1	-247
Second quarter	31,525	27,180	30,060	25,226	4,833	2.0	4.6	-536
Third quarter	28,097	25,352	29,571	26,274	3,297	-1.6	4.2	-1,536
Fourth quarter	31,564	26,433	30,922	27,034	3,888	4.6	2.9	591
1986								
First quarter	29,642	27,031	30,477	27,943	2,533	-1.4	3.4	-1,355
Second quarter	31,277	28,936	29,723	26,495	2,555	-2.5	-5.2	-1,355 694
Third quarter	28,654	26,350	30,050	20,495	3,228 2,419	-2.5		-808
Fourth quarter	31,393	20,709	30,030	28,137	2,419	2.2	4.3 1.8	-808
1987								
First Quarter	30,046	27,448	30,809	27,876	2,932	0.3	-0.9	353
1986								
January	10,220	9,079	10,782	9,665	1,117	4.7	5.9	-58
February	9,532	9,385	10,010	9,647	363	-7.2	-0.2	-754
March	9,890	8,566	9,685	8,632	1,053	-3.2	-10.5	689
April	10,711	10,098	10,309	8,698	1,611	6.4	0.8	559
May	10,276	9,374	9,757	8,783	974	-5.4	1.0	-637
June	10,290	9,463	9,656	9,014	642	-1.0	2.6	-332
July	9,343	9,672	9,921	9,594	327	2.7	6.4	-315
August	8,643	8,221	9,684	8,859	825	2.4	7.7	498
September	10,668	8,877	10,444	9,177	1,267	7.8	3.6	442
October	10,823	9,763	10,226	9,430	796	-2.1	2.8	-471
November	10,527	9,136	10,234	9,249	985	0.1	-1.9	189
December	10,043	8,569	10,256	9,458	798	0.2	2.3	-186
1987	1							
January	9,277	8,500	9,904	9,184	720	-3.4	-2.9	-79
February	10,016	9,027	10,471	9,264	1,207	5.7	0.9	488
March	10,753	9,921	10,433	9,429	1,207	-0.4	1.8	-203
April	10,248	9,340	9,953	8,398	1,555	-4.6	-10.9	550
Year-to-date								
1986	40,353	37,129	40,786	36,641	4,145	3.0	13.5	-3,187
1987	40,333	36,788	40,762	36,274	4,145	-0.1	-1.0	-3,187
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Total Exports = Domestic Exports + Re-exports.
Year-to-year, quarter-to-quarter, month-to-month.
Seasonally Adjusted.
Note: Due to rounding monthly data may not add up to quarterly data and quarterly data may not add up to annual data.

Table 2 Merchandise Trade by Principal Trading Areas April 1987

Seasonally Adjusted, Balance of Payments Basis

			Pe	riod-to-p	eriod cha					
	Mar.	April	Mar.	April	Mar.	April	Year-to- date		Change over previous year	
	\$ m	illions	%	%	\$ mill	ions	\$ millions	%	\$ millions	
Total exports to:										
United States	7,884.3	7,505.7	-2.3	-4.8	-184.1	-378.6	30,993.5	-2.6	-833.0	
Japan	519.0	435.6	5.1	-16.1	25.0	-83.4	1,976.6	2.8	53.7	
United Kingdom	327.9	254.1	22.1	-22.5	59.4	-73.8	1.110.7	29.5	252.9	
Other EEC Countries	532.9	537.1	4.2	0.8	21.5	4.3	2,108.5	26.5	441.3	
Other OECD Countries*	203.8	216.2	17.2	6.1	29.9	12.3	766.6	2.2	16.5	
Other Countries	9 65.5	1,004.2	1.1	4.0	10.4	38.7	3,805.7	1.2	44.3	
Total	10,433.4	9,952.9	-0.4	-4.6	-37.9	-480.5	40,761.6	-0.1	-24.4	
Imports from:										
United States	6,427.2	5,777.4	-0.4	-10.1	-22.9	-649.7	24.892.5	-2.9	-752.6	
Japan	713.7	490.0	12.4	-31.4	78.7	-223.8	2,485.6	2.6	63.8	
United Kingdom*	412.4	358.0	42.8	-13.2	123.6	-54.4	1.416.9	14.0	174.2	
Other EEC Countries	764.2	654.7	-1.3	-14.3	-10.4	-109.5	2,971.6	0.4	13.1	
Other OECD Countries*	252.9	255.8	3.7	1.1	9 .0	2.9	996.6	20.4	168.6	
Other Countries*	858.1	861.8	-1.5	0.4	-13.1	3.7	3,510.7	-1.0	-34.1	
Total	9,428.5	8,397.7	1.8	-10.9	164.9	-1030.8	36,273.9	-1.0	-367.0	
Balance with:										
United States	1,457.2	1,728.3			-161.2	271.1	6.101.0		-80.4	
Japan	-194.7	-54.4			-53.8	140.4	-509.1		-10.1	
United Kingdom	-84.5	-103.9			-64.3	-19.4	-306.2		78.7	
Other EEC Countries	-231.4	-117.6			32.0	113.8	-863.1		428.2	
Other OECD Countries*	-49.1	-39.6			20.9	9.5	-230.0		-152.1	
Other Countries	107.4	142.4			23.5	34.9	295.0		78.4	
Total	1,004.9	1,555.3			-202.9	550.3	4,487.7		342.6	

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* Series has no seasonality. Figures are unadjusted. Note: Prior to 1986 Portugal and Spain were not included in the EEC.

Table 3 Total Exports by Commodity Groupings April 1987 Balance of Payments Basis

		Se	asonally a	Raw values Percentage changes				
				Year	to-date	Perc	entage char	iges
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Value	% change	Apr. '87/ Apr. '86	Apr. '86/ Apr. '85	Apr. '85/ Apr. '84
		\$ mill	ions					
Agricultural and fishing products	971.5	1,054.1	1,056.6	4,047.6	11.0	20.9	-5.4	-4.1
Wheat Other agricultural and fishing products	269.0 702.5	358.5 695.6	396.8 659.8	1,317.7	17.3	86.0	-33.7	-1.9
Other agricultural and fishing products	916.9	943.4	941.4	2,729.9	8.2 -12.5	0.2 7.4	9.5 -44.1	-5.3 1 6.2
Energy products Crude petroleum*	304.0	943.4 314.5	941.4 365.1	3,746.5 1,304.8	-12.5	27.7	-44.1 -52.7	36.7
Natural gas	184.6	217.8	183.9		-16.7	7.4	-51.6	2.5
Other energy products	428.4	411.1	392.4	1,664.3	-13.4	-6.7	-31.3	7.7
Forestry products	1,705.2	1,632.9	1,633.1	6,587.1	13.2	2.5	18.5	17.4
Lumber and sawmill products	592.7	559.9	503.3	2,192.0	0.2	-11.8	27.5	7.8
Wood pulp and other wood products Newsprint and other paper and paperboard	461.8 650.6	440.1 632.9	501.4 628.4	1,843.2	42.6 9.2	32.7 1.5	22.7 8.8	7.3 33.6
Industrial goods and materials	1,861.2	2.008.6	028.4 1,913.5	2,551.9 7,727.9	9.2 -2.0	-9.3	0.0 7.6	33.0 11.5
Metal ores	339.6	387.3	378.0	1,515.5	12.8	-9.5	7.5	-7.0
Chemicals, plastics and fertilizers	422.4	455.5	446.2	1,721.0	-2.5	-7.3	6.0	8.7
Metals and alloys	679.5	744.9	691.3	2,832.9	-5.1	-6.1	2.6	20.4
Other industrial goods and materials	419.7	420.9	398.0	1,658.6	-7.3	-20.5	17.8	18.6
Machinery and equipment	1,534.1	1,655.2	1,496.6	6,147.3	0.8	-7.7	15.4	27.5
Industrial and agricultural machinery	375.2	366.1	336.2	1,377.4	-4.6	-10.3	13.8	5.8
Aircraft and other transportation equip. Other machinery and equipment	367.1 791.8	425.5 863.6	376.8 783.6	1,526.4 3,243.4	1.3 2.9	-13.8 -3.2	50.0 3.2	37.7 36.1
Automotive products	3.104.5	2.747.3	2.529.1	3,243.4 11.008.4	-6.0	-5.2	5.2 15.3	11.2
Passenger autos and chassis	1,480.0	1.242.1	1.030.1	5,005.4	-0.0	-15.1	27.9	8.4
Trucks and other motor vehicles	545.0	474.9	546.6	1.944.3	-12.3	0.1	4.4	8.8
Motor vehicle parts	1,079.4	1,030.3	952.4	4,058.8	6.3	3.4	4.8	16.9
Other consumer goods	216.3	209.8	203.4	838.1	12.6	5.1	20.2	9.7
Special transactions trade*	25.9	34.1	32.5	116.8	1.0	8.2	-5.9	13.8
Unallocated BOP adjustments*	135.8	148.0	146.6	541.9	10.8	140.8	-58.1	47.9
Total exports	10,471,4	10,433.4	9,952.9	40,761.6	-0.1	-4.3	2.8	13.7

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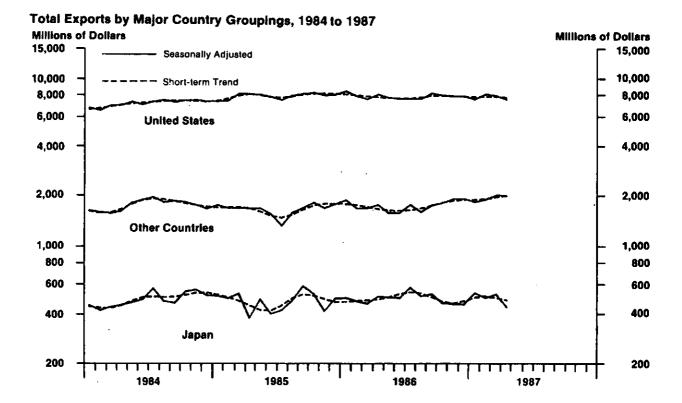


Table 4 Imports by Commodity Groupings April 1987 Balance of Payments Basis

	Seasonally adjusted					Raw values Percentage changes			
				Year-	to-date		5	Ŷ	
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Value	% change	Apr. '87/ Apr. '86	Apr. '86/ Apr. '85	Apr. '85/ Apr. '84	
		\$ mill	ions						
Agricultural and fishing products	591.0	620.1	570.2	2,408.5	3.2	-11.7	17.5	14.7	
Fruits and vegetables	197.8	206.4	191.9	811.8	6.7	-12.3	15.3	21.2	
Other agricultural and fishing products	393.2	413.7	378.3	1,596.7	1.5	-11.5	18.7	11.3	
Energy products	417.5	452.8	320.9	1,691.4	-17.0	20.7	-39.0	-7.5	
Crude petroleum*	253.8	274.1	163.7	985.5	-10.2	62.3	-55.6	-19.4	
Other energy products	163.7	178.7	157.2	705.9	-25.0	-8.4	-17.7	14.4	
Forestry products	83.7	88.0	79.5	353.9	10.8	-9.4	32.9	7.3	
Industrial goods and materials	1.561.3	1.626.4	1,603.7	6.460.1	-0.4	0.4	4.4	23,2	
Metals and metal ores	405.4	483.1	516.6	1,908.7	-3.3	39.2	-30.0	38.9	
Chemicals and plastics	487.8	498.7	442.1	1,930.0	-0.3	-16.2	20.5	19.8	
Other industrial goods and materials	668.0	644.6	645.1	2,621.4	1.9	-3.7	18.3	15.5	
Machinery and equipment	2,617.2	2,696.6	2,420.5	10,440.7	3.6	-8.7	16.2	13.0	
Industrial and agricultural machinery	926.5	927.3	871.9	3,675.0	2.0	-11.2	27.5	24.5	
Aircraft and other transportation equip.	332.0	368.9	230.8	1,315.4	-2.7	-16.1	-3.5	12.8	
Office machines and equipment	392.9	411.3	397.0	1,602.5	9.8	0.9	15.9	-1.4	
Other machinery and equipment	965.7	989.2	920.8	3,847.9	5.1	-6.5	16.9	9.9	
Automotive products	2,884.6	2,829.9	2,365.4	10,522.3	-5.5	-10.8	11.6	14.0	
Passenger autos and chassis	1,102.3	962.7	836.2	3,715.7	-8.6	-10.3	14.5	30.3	
Trucks and other motor vehicles	332.5	304.7	256.5	1,224.6	11.4	-6.6	19.8	13.7	
Motor vehicle parts	1,449.7	1,562.5	1,272.7	5,582.0	-6.4	-12.0	8.1	4.9	
Other consumer goods	1,039.0	1,032.9	949.3	4,068.8	3.7	-10.9	29.1	5.9	
Apparel and footwear	256.4	251.2	241.5	1,005.3	6.8	-4.4	44.3	-4.6	
Miscellaneous consumer goods	782.6	781.7	707.7	3,063.5	2.7	-12.4	25.8	8.5	
Special transactions trade	131.8	149.4	153.4	585.9	1.9	9.1	8.5	6.8	
Unallocated BOP adjustments*	-62.4	-67.6	-65.2	-257.7	7.2	38.7	-36.0	-66.0	
Total imports	9,263.6	9,428.5	8,397.7	36,273.8	-1.0	-7.5	11.8	15.4	

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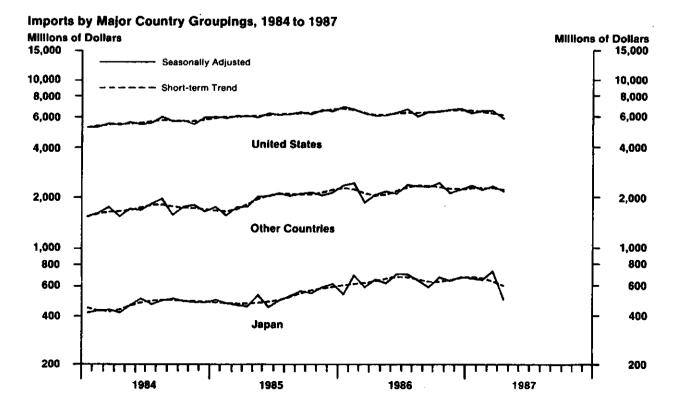


Table 5 **Merchandise Trade of Canada Constant Dollars and Laspeyres Price Indexes** April 1987

Seasonally adjusted, Balance of Payment basis

•		Unit value (Laspeyres) price indexes ²						
	·		Period-t chai	o-period 1ge ⁴	1981 =	= 100.0	Period-to-period change ⁴	
	Total exports ³	³ Imports	Total exports ³	Imports	Total exports ³	Imports	Total exports ³	Imports
		llions	9	•			9%	•
1981	84,432	77,140	,	0	100.0	100.0	7.6	, 11.9
1982	84,000	64,408	-0.5	-16.5	101.2	104.3	1.2	4.3
1983 1984	90,193	71,526	7.4	11.1	101.1	103.7	-0.1	-0.6
1985	108,161 115,130	85,496 93,864	19.9 6.4	19.5 9.8	104.9 106.1	109.6 113.6	$\begin{array}{c} 3.8\\ 1.1 \end{array}$	5.7 3.6
1986	120,080	101,403	4.3	8.0	104.0	113.0	-2.0	-0.5
1985								
First quarter	28,740	22,234	1.8	2.9	105.4	112.3	0.3	0.4
Second quarter Third quarter	28,714 28,036	22,948 24,088	-0.1 -2.4	3.2 5.0	107.0 106.6	114.2 113. 6	1.5 -0.3	1.6 -0.5
Fourth quarter	29,640	24,594	5.7	2.1	106.1	115.1	-0.5	1.3
1986								
First quarter	29,621	25,303	-0.1	2.9	105.1	115.7	-0.9	0.6
Second quarter Third quarter	29,524 30,004	24,323 25,596	-0.3 1.6	-3.9 5.2	103.7 103.6	$112.5 \\ 112.6$	-1.3 -0.1	-2.8 0.1
Fourth quarter	30,930	26,181	3.1	2.3	103.8	112.9	0.5	0.1
1987								
First quarter	31,488	26,070	1.8	-0.4	102.5	111.9	-1.5	-0. 9
1986								
January February	10,360 9,683	8,717	4.4	5.5	105.9	116.8	-0.2	0.4
March	9,578	8,716 7,871	-6.5 -1.1	-0.0 -9.7	$105.1 \\ 104.1$	116.0 113.6	-0.7 -1.0	-0.6 -2.1
April	10,215	7,837	6.6	-0.4	103.6	112.4	-0.4	-1.1
May	9,760	8,125	-4.4	3.7	103.4	112.4	-0.2	0.0
June July	9,549 9,898	8,361 8,851	-2.2 3.7	2.9 5.9	104.2 103.6	$112.5 \\ 112.3$	0.7 -0.6	0.1 -0.2
August	9,738	8,238	-1.6	-6.9	103.4	112.3	-0.0	0.1
September	10,369	8.508	6.5	3.3	103.8	113.3	0.4	0.8
October November	10,194	8,736	-1.7	2.7	104.4	113.1	0.6	-0.2
December	10,341 10,395	8,483 8,962	1,4 0.5	-2.9 5.6	104.2 103.7	112.9 113.0	-0.2 -0.5	-0.2 0.0
1987	•							
January	10,141	8,678	-2.4	-3.2	103.2	112.9	-0.5	-0.1
February March	10,545	8,700	4.0	0.3	102.2	111.7	-0.9	-1.1
March April	10,713 10,280	8,929 8,010	1.6 -4.0	2.6 -10.3	102.1 102.1	$111.1 \\ 111.1$	-0.1 -0.0	-0.5 -0.0
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Year-to-date 1986	39,836	33,140	3.4	11.7				•
1987	41,679	34,316	3.4 4.6	3.5				

1 The Paasche current weighted price index used to calculate constant dollars can be derived by dividing current values by the constant dollars above. The Laspeyres price index uses fixed weights based on 1981 trade and therefore reflects changes in price only.

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³ Total exports = domestic exports + re-exports.

4 Year-to-year, quarter-to-quarter, month-to-month.

Note: Due to rounding monthly data may not add up to quarterly data and quarterly data may not add up to annual data.