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U.S. IMPORT AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES – APRIL 2014

U.S. import prices fell 0.4 percent in April following a 0.4-percent advance the previous month, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Declining fuel prices drove the April decrease. U.S. export prices decreased 1.0 percent in April, after rising 1.0 percent in March.

Chart 1. One-month percent change in the Import Price Index: April 2013 – April 2014

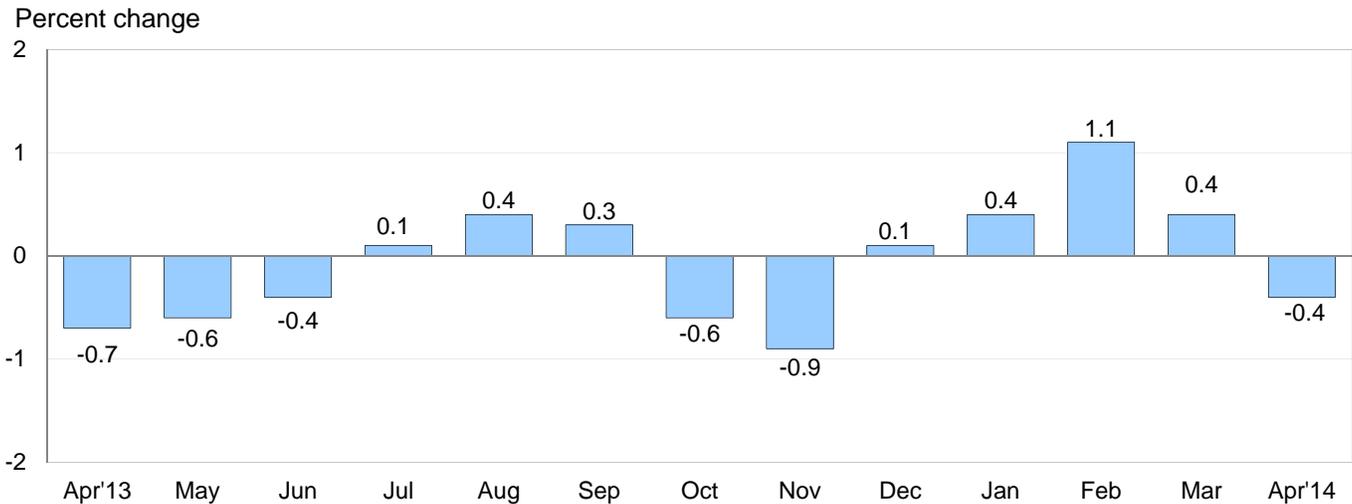


Chart 2. 12-month percent change in the Import Price Index: April 2013 – April 2014



All Imports: Import prices declined 0.4 percent in April, after increasing 1.8 percent in the first quarter of 2014. The April drop was the first monthly decrease since the index fell 0.9 percent in November 2013. Import prices also fell 0.3 percent over the past 12 months and have not recorded a year-over-year advance since the index increased 0.9 percent from July 2012 to July 2013.

Fuel Imports: Fuel prices declined 1.7 percent in April, the first decrease for the index since a 4.2-percent drop in November 2013. Falling prices for both petroleum and natural gas contributed to the April drop in import prices. Overall fuel prices advanced 1.3 percent for the year ended in April driven by rising prices for both petroleum and natural gas. Petroleum prices declined 0.7 percent in April following a 5.5 percent increase over the previous 3 months. Prices for petroleum ticked up 0.1 percent over the past year, the first overall advance since a 1.1-percent rise for the year ended in September 2013. The price index for natural gas fell 18.5 percent in April following a 6-month period between September 2013 and March 2014 when the index jumped 157.8 percent. Despite the downturn in April, natural gas prices increased 41.1 percent over the past 12 months.

All Imports Excluding Fuel: The price index for nonfuel imports recorded no change in April, after rising 0.3 percent in March. Prices for nonfuel imports decreased 0.7 percent over the past year led by lower prices for nonfuel industrial supplies and materials, automotive vehicles, and capital goods. The price indexes for foods, feeds, and beverages and consumer goods rose between April 2013 and April 2014, up 4.2 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively.

Table A. Percent change in import and export price indexes, selected categories

Month	IMPORTS			EXPORTS		
	All imports	Fuel imports	Nonfuel imports	All exports	Agricultural exports	Non-agricultural exports
2013						
April.....	-0.7	-2.4	-0.2	-0.6	-2.1	-0.5
May.....	-0.6	-1.7	-0.4	-0.5	1.1	-0.7
June.....	-0.4	-0.7	-0.3	-0.1	0.8	-0.2
July.....	0.1	1.7	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2
August.....	0.4	2.6	-0.2	-0.5	-4.2	0.0
September.....	0.3	1.0	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.3
October.....	-0.6	-3.3	0.1	-0.6	-1.3	-0.5
November.....	-0.9	-4.2	0.0	0.2	-0.2	0.1
December.....	0.1	0.7	-0.1	0.4	0.3	0.4
2014						
January.....	0.4	0.8 ^f	0.3	0.3	0.0 ^f	0.4
February.....	1.1 ^f	6.0 ^f	-0.1	0.8 ^f	1.4	0.6
March.....	0.4 ^f	0.6 ^f	0.3	1.0 ^f	2.8 ^f	0.8 ^f
April.....	-0.4	-1.7	0.0	-1.0	1.4	-1.2
Apr. 2012 to 2013.....	-2.7	-8.1	-0.7	-0.8	4.3	-1.5
Apr. 2013 to 2014.....	-0.3	1.3	-0.7	0.1	2.1	-0.1

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Chart 3. One-month percent change in the Export Price Index: April 2013 – April 2014

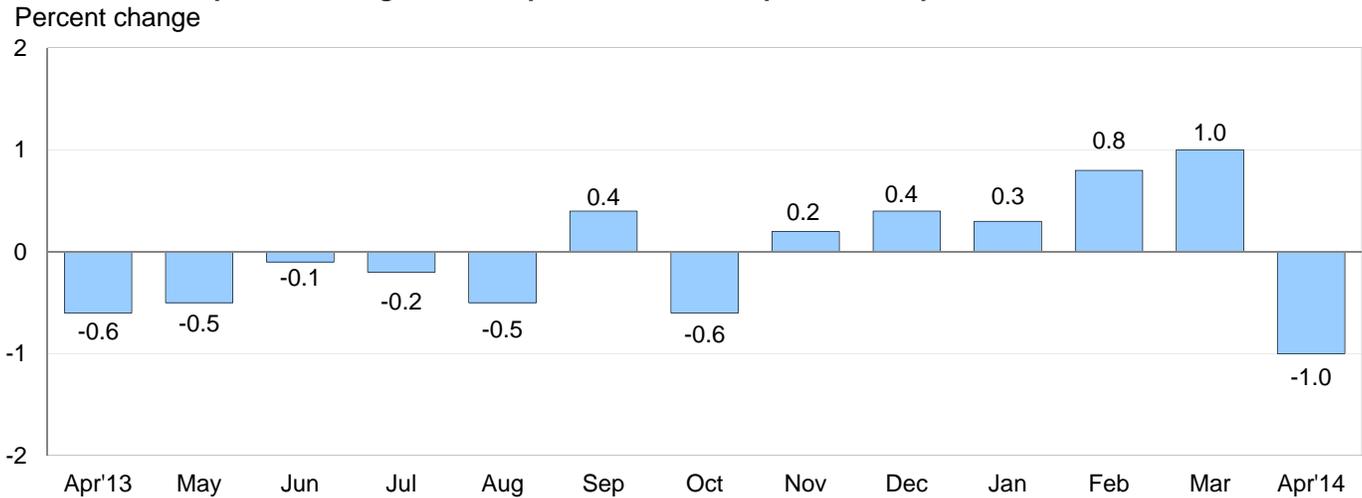


Chart 4. 12-month percent change in the Export Price Index: April 2013 – April 2014



All Exports: Export prices fell 1.0 percent in April, after rising in each of the previous 5 months. The April decrease was the largest monthly decline since the index fell 1.7 percent in June 2012, and was led by lower nonagricultural prices which more than offset rising agricultural prices. The price index for overall exports increased 0.1 percent for the year ended in April following a 0.4-percent year-over-year rise the previous month.

Agricultural Exports: Prices for agricultural exports increased 1.4 percent in April following a 2.8-percent rise in March. A 6.0-percent advance in meat prices drove the increase in agricultural prices, although higher prices for soybeans, wheat, and corn also contributed to the overall advance. The price index for agricultural exports increased 2.1 percent over the past 12 months led by higher fruit, meat, and soybeans prices.

All Exports Excluding Agriculture: The price index for nonagricultural exports fell 1.2 percent in April, after rising in each of the previous 5 months. The decrease was driven by a 3.6-percent drop in nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials prices which more than offset rising prices for each of the major finished goods categories. Overall nonagricultural export prices fell 0.1 percent between April 2013 and April 2014, driven by lower prices for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials and consumer goods.

SELECTED APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

Import Prices

Imports by Locality of Origin: Prices for imports from China edged down 0.1 percent for the second consecutive month in April. Import prices from China declined 0.4 percent over the past 12 months. The price index for imports from Japan fell 0.1 percent in April, after rising 0.2 percent in March. Import prices from Canada declined 1.6 percent in April, led by lower fuel prices. In contrast, the price index for imports from the European Union advanced 0.3 percent in April following a 0.2-percent increase the previous month. Import prices from Mexico were unchanged in April after a 1.1-percent rise in March.

Nonfuel Industrial Supplies and Materials: The price index for nonfuel industrial supplies and materials rose 0.1 percent in April, after a 0.6-percent increase in March. The April advance was mostly led by a 3.5-percent rise in fertilizer, pesticides, and insecticides prices, although a 2.0-percent increase in nonmonetary gold prices also contributed to the increase.

Finished Goods: Each of the major finished goods prices increased in April. The price indexes for consumer goods and automotive vehicles each rose 0.2 percent in April, after recording no change the previous month. Capital goods prices ticked up 0.1 percent in April.

Foods, Feeds, and Beverages: Prices for foods, feeds, and beverages declined 0.7 percent in April following a 3.4-percent advance in March. A 10.7-percent downturn in coffee prices in April, which had increased 10.1 percent in March, more than offset a 3.4-percent April increase in meat prices.

Transportation Services: Import air passenger fares advanced 0.3 percent in April, after a 3.4-percent decrease the previous month. The April increase was led by a 3.2-percent rise in Latin American/Caribbean fares which more than offset lower European and Asian fares. The index for import air passenger fares increased 4.8 percent over the past 12 months. Import air freight prices fell 0.5 percent in April following a 0.2-percent advance in March. Prices for import air freight rose 1.8 percent for the year ended in April.

Export Prices

Nonagricultural Industrial Supplies and Materials: The price index for nonagricultural industrial supplies and materials fell 3.6 percent in April, the largest monthly decline for the index since a 3.9-percent drop in June 2012. The April 2014 decrease was driven by a 10.4-percent decline in fuel prices.

Finished Goods: Finished goods prices increased for each of the major end-use categories. Capital goods prices advanced 0.1 percent in April, after rising 0.2 percent in March. The price indexes for consumer goods and automotive vehicles each advanced 0.3 percent in April. The rise in consumer goods prices followed a 0.3-percent advance in March while prices for automotive vehicles were unchanged over the same period.

Transportation Services: Export air passenger fares rose 3.2 percent in April, after a 4.1-percent increase the previous month. The April advance was led by a 3.8-percent increase in European fares and a 2.2-percent rise in Asian fares. The index for export air passenger fares advanced 2.7 percent over the past 12 months. Export air freight prices increased 0.2 percent in April and 1.4 percent over the past year.

Import and Export Price Index data for May 2014 are scheduled for release on Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. (EDT).

Table 1. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: April 2013 to April 2014

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	End Use	Relative importance Mar. 2014 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Mar. 2014	Apr. 2014	Annual Apr. 2013 to Apr. 2014	Monthly			
						Dec. 2013 to Jan. 2014	Jan. 2014 to Feb. 2014	Feb. 2014 to Mar. 2014	Mar. 2014 to Apr. 2014
All commodities		100.000	140.3	139.8	-0.3	0.4	1.1	0.4	-0.4
All imports excluding food and fuels (Dec. 2010=100)		74.463	102.1	102.2	-1.0	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.1
All imports excluding petroleum		81.253	116.4	116.2	-0.3	0.4	0.2	0.4	-0.2
All imports excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100)		79.801	119.6	119.6	-0.7	0.3	-0.1	0.3	0.0
Foods, feeds, & beverages	0	5.338	181.7	180.5	4.2	0.6	-0.7	3.4	-0.7
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	4.051	198.4	197.2	2.4	-0.1	-1.0	4.4	-0.6
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	1.287	143.9	142.6	10.2	3.1	0.3	0.1	-0.9
Industrial supplies & materials	1	33.078	253.9	251.3	-0.8	0.5	3.7	0.6	-1.0
Industrial supplies & materials excluding petroleum.....		14.330	166.9	164.3	-1.6	1.3	1.6	1.3	-1.6
Industrial supplies & materials excluding fuels (Dec. 2001=100).....		12.878	180.0	180.2	-3.7	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.1
Industrial supplies & materials, durable....		7.770	168.0	168.1	-4.7	-0.6	0.7	0.6	0.1
Industrial supplies & materials nondurable excluding petroleum.....		5.108	164.7	159.0	2.1	3.5	2.7	2.1	-3.5
Fuels & lubricants.....	10	20.201	348.6	342.5	1.3	0.8	6.0	0.6	-1.7
Petroleum & petroleum products.....	100	18.749	377.3	374.6	0.1	0.1	5.3	0.1	-0.7
Crude.....	10000	14.169	388.4	388.3	0.7	0.5	5.3	0.6	0.0
Fuels, n.e.s.-coals & gas.....	101	1.280	221.1	184.5	32.4	17.0	19.8	8.2	-16.6
Gas-natural.....	10110	1.138	218.9	178.4	41.1	21.2	22.3	10.0	-18.5
Paper & paper base stocks.....	11	0.530	112.7	112.5	-0.2	-0.5	0.3	-0.8	-0.2
Materials associated with nondurable supplies & materials.....	12	4.651	169.8	170.1	-2.4	1.3	-0.9	0.7	0.2
Selected building materials.....	13	1.043	143.0	142.0	-5.9	0.1	0.5	-0.1	-0.7
Unfinished metals related to durable goods.....	14	3.511	239.1	240.4	-6.9	-0.7	1.2	1.0	0.5
Finished metals related to durable goods.....	15	1.629	157.4	156.4	-2.0	0.0	0.3	0.8	-0.6
Nonmetals related to durable goods.....	16	1.514	111.6	111.8	-2.1	-1.0	0.3	0.1	0.2
Capital goods	2	24.748	92.3	92.4	-0.4	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.1
Electric generating equipment.....	20	2.971	119.0	119.1	-0.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.1
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	19.852	85.0	85.0	-0.6	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.0
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	1.925	136.3	136.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Automotive vehicles, parts & engines	3	13.462	113.1	113.3	-1.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.2
Consumer goods, excluding automobiles	4	23.375	108.0	108.2	0.2	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.2
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	11.276	117.9	118.1	1.3	1.3	0.1	0.0	0.2
Durables, manufactured.....	41	10.915	97.8	97.9	-1.3	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.1
Nonmanufactured consumer goods.....	42	1.184	120.4	121.8	4.5	1.2	1.4	0.2	1.2

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Table 2. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: April 2013 to April 2014

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	End Use	Relative importance Mar. 2014 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Mar. 2014	Apr. 2014	Annual Apr. 2013 to Apr. 2014	Monthly			
						Dec. 2013 to Jan. 2014	Jan. 2014 to Feb. 2014	Feb. 2014 to Mar. 2014	Mar. 2014 to Apr. 2014
All commodities.....		100.000	135.0	133.7	0.1	0.3	0.8	1.0	-1.0
Agricultural commodities.....		10.017	221.6	224.7	2.1	0.0	1.4	2.8	1.4
All exports excluding food and fuels (Dec. 2010=100).....		79.817	102.5	102.6	-0.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1
Nonagricultural commodities.....		89.983	128.7	127.2	-0.1	0.4	0.6	0.8	-1.2
Foods, feeds, & beverages.....	0	9.125	220.9	224.6	2.0	-0.4	1.3	2.7	1.7
Agricultural foods, feeds & beverages, excluding distilled beverages.....	00	8.518	224.7	228.3	2.0	-0.3	1.3	2.9	1.6
Nonagricultural foods (fish, distilled beverages).....	01	0.607	186.9	191.8	0.7	-2.5	1.5	-0.3	2.6
Industrial supplies & materials.....	1	34.353	186.1	179.8	-0.8	0.9	1.8	1.8	-3.4
Industrial supplies & materials, durable....		11.032	171.7	172.2	-5.4	-0.3	0.0	0.8	0.3
Industrial supplies & materials, nondurable.....		23.321	194.7	184.7	1.7	1.4	2.6	2.3	-5.1
Agricultural industrial supplies & materials.....	10	1.499	210.0	209.8	2.4	0.9	1.9	2.3	-0.1
Nonagricultural industrial supplies & materials.....		32.854	185.4	178.8	-1.0	0.9	1.7	1.8	-3.6
Fuels & lubricants.....	11	11.058	294.4	263.7	2.6	1.9	4.6	4.1	-10.4
Nonagricultural supplies & materials excluding fuels & building materials.....	12	20.782	167.2	167.1	-2.7	0.4	0.4	0.7	-0.1
Selected building materials.....	13	1.014	128.8	128.9	5.6	1.7	0.1	0.0	0.1
Capital goods.....	2	35.726	107.1	107.2	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.1
Electrical generating equipment.....	20	3.613	115.2	115.2	0.3	0.3	-0.1	0.3	0.0
Nonelectrical machinery.....	21	25.242	95.5	95.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	-0.1
Transportation equipment excluding motor vehicles (Dec. 2001=100).....	22	6.872	155.9	156.4	3.2	0.8	1.5	0.3	0.3
Automotive vehicles, parts & engines.....	3	9.273	113.6	113.9	0.4	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.3
Consumer goods, excluding automotives.....	4	11.523	114.9	115.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.3	0.3	0.3
Nondurables, manufactured.....	40	5.269	111.0	111.0	-3.0	-1.5	-1.2	-0.2	0.0
Durables, manufactured.....	41	4.897	112.2	112.4	0.1	0.5	0.0	-0.2	0.2

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Table 3. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: April 2013 to April 2014

[December 2005=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	NAICS	Relative importance Mar. 2014 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Mar. 2014	Apr. 2014	Annual	Monthly			
					Apr. 2013 to Apr. 2014	Dec. 2013 to Jan. 2014	Jan. 2014 to Feb. 2014	Feb. 2014 to Mar. 2014	Mar. 2014 to Apr. 2014
Nonmanufactured articles.....		17.796	176.2	173.6	3.7	1.4	5.6	1.9	-1.5
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting.....	11	1.940	192.5	190.9	9.8	-0.1	-1.8	12.4	-0.8
Crop production.....	111	1.502	203.1	199.8	12.6	-0.7	-2.7	16.3	-1.6
Forestry and logging (Dec. 2012=100).....	113	0.152	87.0	83.8	-18.9	1.2	-1.9	-3.4	-3.7
Mining.....	21	15.856	174.1	171.4	3.0	1.5	6.5	0.8	-1.6
Mining (except oil and gas) (Dec. 2006=100).....	212	0.250	124.8	125.4	-6.1	-4.8	1.2	-0.6	0.5
Manufactured articles.....		81.804	116.4	116.3	-0.8	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.1
Manufactured goods, part 1.....	31	10.428	125.3	125.3	1.5	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.0
Food manufacturing.....	311	3.068	160.2	159.4	3.4	1.1	0.6	0.9	-0.5
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.918	115.5	115.6	2.0	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1
Textile mills (Dec. 2011=100).....	313	0.354	102.1	102.1	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Textile product mills.....	314	0.760	114.5	114.4	-0.9	0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
Apparel manufacturing.....	315	3.691	110.6	110.8	0.3	0.0	-0.3	0.3	0.2
Leather and allied product manufacturing.....	316	1.637	122.9	123.3	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.3
Manufactured goods, part 2.....	32	17.527	138.3	137.6	-1.1	0.7	1.2	-0.1	-0.5
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	0.630	122.7	121.4	-8.8	0.1	0.6	-0.2	-1.1
Paper manufacturing.....	322	0.968	110.2	110.3	0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.5	0.1
Printing and related support activities (Dec. 2013=100).....	323	0.187	100.1	100.1	-	0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	4.106	163.9	160.0	-2.9	-1.8	5.4	-0.8	-2.4
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	8.870	137.1	137.3	0.3	2.5	-0.1	0.2	0.1
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	1.935	123.1	123.0	-2.5	-0.7	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	0.831	130.3	130.4	1.1	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.1
Manufactured goods, part 3.....	33	53.849	107.9	108.0	-1.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	4.115	157.2	157.5	-6.7	-0.5	1.0	0.9	0.2
Fabricated metal product manufacturing.....	332	2.650	126.4	126.8	-1.9	0.0	-0.1	0.2	0.3
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	6.842	121.4	121.4	0.2	0.5	-0.2	0.0	0.0
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	15.860	80.1	80.2	-1.1	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.1
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	4.055	118.4	118.3	-1.1	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Transportation equipment manufacturing.....	336	14.300	111.6	111.8	-0.4	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.2
Furniture and related product manufacturing.....	337	1.339	115.1	115.2	0.7	0.3	-0.1	0.3	0.1
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	4.688	122.0	121.7	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.6	-0.2

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Table 4. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: April 2013 to April 2014

[December 2005=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	NAICS	Relative importance Mar. 2014 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Mar. 2014	Apr. 2014	Annual Apr. 2013 to Apr. 2014	Monthly			
						Dec. 2013 to Jan. 2014	Jan. 2014 to Feb. 2014	Feb. 2014 to Mar. 2014	Mar. 2014 to Apr. 2014
Nonmanufactured articles.....		8.604	195.3	174.2	3.0	5.2	6.9	8.2	-10.8
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting.....	11	5.094	203.6	204.7	-1.2	-0.1	1.2	3.8	0.5
Crop production.....	111	4.690	210.6	212.1	-0.8	0.2	1.4	3.9	0.7
Mining.....	21	3.510	145.3	105.7	12.9	16.6	17.5	15.1	-27.3
Mining (except oil and gas).....	212	1.320	100.2	99.0	-7.0	0.1	-0.9	-0.2	-1.2
Manufactured articles.....		89.485	121.4	120.8	-0.2	-0.1	0.4	0.5	-0.5
Manufactured goods, part 1.....	31	6.961	154.3	156.9	3.5	0.0	0.7	1.2	1.7
Food manufacturing.....	311	4.875	176.9	181.1	4.1	-0.1	0.6	1.5	2.4
Beverage and tobacco product manufacturing.....	312	0.543	124.9	124.8	-2.0	-2.1	2.7	0.0	-0.1
Leather and allied product manufacturing (Dec. 2013=100).....	316	0.281	104.9	106.5	-	1.4	0.8	2.6	1.5
Manufactured goods, part 2.....	32	26.233	135.1	131.9	-1.3	-0.4	0.5	0.6	-2.4
Wood product manufacturing.....	321	0.461	127.1	131.3	12.0	0.8	-0.3	2.7	3.3
Paper manufacturing.....	322	1.798	125.5	124.8	3.1	0.5	1.3	0.4	-0.6
Petroleum and coal products manufacturing.....	324	7.773	178.5	164.2	0.1	-0.6	1.9	1.8	-8.0
Chemical manufacturing.....	325	13.067	127.9	127.8	-2.8	-0.4	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Plastics and rubber products manufacturing.....	326	2.105	118.1	118.4	-1.9	-0.7	-0.3	-0.5	0.3
Nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing.....	327	0.754	112.7	113.1	1.7	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.4
Manufactured goods, part 3.....	33	56.291	112.8	113.1	-0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
Primary metal manufacturing.....	331	4.584	148.8	150.4	-9.2	-1.7	1.2	1.7	1.1
Fabricated metal product manufacturing.....	332	2.718	131.1	131.4	-0.7	0.0	0.0	-0.5	0.2
Machinery manufacturing.....	333	11.446	123.4	123.4	1.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0
Computer and electronic product manufacturing.....	334	13.522	87.9	87.8	-1.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.2	-0.1
Electrical equipment, appliance, and component manufacturing.....	335	3.406	114.6	114.8	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2
Transportation equipment manufacturing.....	336	15.282	119.5	119.8	1.6	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.3
Furniture and related product manufacturing (Dec. 2011=100).....	337	0.353	107.2	107.9	2.0	0.3	-1.4	1.0	0.7
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	339	4.979	125.2	125.8	2.9	1.0	0.4	1.2	0.5

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Table 5. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: April 2013 to April 2014

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance Mar. 2014 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Mar. 2014	Apr. 2014	Annual	Monthly			
					Apr. 2013 to Apr. 2014	Dec. 2013 to Jan. 2014	Jan. 2014 to Feb. 2014	Feb. 2014 to Mar. 2014	Mar. 2014 to Apr. 2014
Live animals; animal products.....	I	1.307	198.5	202.4	15.3	2.8	1.1	1.6	2.0
Meat and edible meat offal.....	02	0.281	237.1	246.6	12.4	0.9	2.1	3.3	4.0
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.734	149.2	149.5	16.0	4.1	0.5	0.1	0.2
Vegetable products.....	II	1.733	211.1	209.2	-0.4	-0.1	-3.1	7.8	-0.9
Edible vegetables, roots, and tubers.....	07	0.372	352.9	353.8	7.0	2.1	-18.2	7.6	0.3
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	0.512	127.8	128.1	2.2	-1.4	-1.1	16.8	0.2
Coffee, tea, mate and spices.....	09	0.355	254.1	230.2	-4.1	-2.7	7.1	7.9	-9.4
Animal or vegetable fats and oils (Dec. 2009=100).....	III	0.250	116.8	115.3	-2.2	-2.2	-0.7	4.4	-1.3
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....	IV	2.472	160.1	160.4	2.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2
Sugars and sugar confectionary (Dec. 2012=100).....	17	0.163	87.6	87.5	-10.2	-1.9	0.8	1.4	-0.1
Cocoa and cocoa preparations (Dec. 2009=100).....	18	0.231	106.2	108.4	26.6	0.4	-1.7	7.1	2.1
Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk; bakers' wares (Dec. 2007=100).....	19	0.243	131.2	131.3	-0.5	0.5	0.0	-0.1	0.1
Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.....	20	0.304	168.5	169.0	4.7	1.9	2.4	-0.1	0.3
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar.....	22	0.933	126.0	126.0	1.5	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0
Mineral products.....	V	20.052	350.3	344.7	1.3	0.7	6.1	0.7	-1.6
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	19.788	347.4	341.7	1.4	0.8	6.2	0.6	-1.6
Products of the chemical or allied industries.....	VI	8.099	152.2	152.8	0.5	2.2	0.1	0.2	0.4
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	0.598	305.2	323.9	-9.6	-0.4	-2.2	1.1	6.1
Organic chemicals.....	29	2.413	137.2	136.4	-0.2	0.1	0.5	-0.2	-0.6
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	3.313	132.8	133.2	5.4	5.5	0.2	-0.2	0.3
Fertilizers (Dec. 2009=100).....	31	0.328	113.9	112.4	-12.5	3.7	-1.0	5.4	-1.3
Tanning extracts; dye, pigments, varnish, paints & putty (Dec. 2011=100).....	32	0.173	101.4	102.2	9.0	6.2	0.6	0.9	0.8
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	0.462	93.2	93.4	-8.1	-2.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.2
Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....	VII	3.131	147.5	147.1	-3.8	0.5	-1.0	-0.1	-0.3
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	1.979	147.7	147.7	-0.5	1.2	-1.2	0.1	0.0
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	1.152	148.5	147.5	-8.9	-0.7	-0.6	-0.8	-0.7
Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....	VIII	0.614	128.4	128.2	1.3	0.7	0.2	0.8	-0.2
Articles of leather; travel goods, bags, etc. of various materials.....	42	0.568	129.8	129.7	1.7	0.9	0.1	0.8	-0.1
Wood, wood charcoal, cork, straw, basketware and wickerwork.....	IX	0.660	148.8	147.3	-9.5	0.1	0.5	-0.1	-1.0
Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....	X	1.034	113.5	113.2	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	-0.4	-0.3
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	0.683	107.2	107.3	0.2	-0.4	-0.2	0.0	0.1
Printed matter (Dec. 2013=100).....	49	0.193	99.6	99.6	-	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.0
Textile and textile articles.....	XI	4.689	114.0	114.1	0.1	0.0	-0.3	0.3	0.1
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted.....	61	1.829	102.8	102.7	-1.2	-0.1	-0.5	0.6	-0.1

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 5. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: April 2013 to April 2014 — Continued

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmoni- zied system	Relative importance Mar. 2014 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Mar. 2014	Apr. 2014	Annual Apr. 2013 to Apr. 2014	Monthly			
						Dec. 2013 to Jan. 2014	Jan. 2014 to Feb. 2014	Feb. 2014 to Mar. 2014	Mar. 2014 to Apr. 2014
Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted.....	62	1.701	118.8	119.2	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Made-up or worn textile articles.....	63	0.546	107.9	107.9	-0.3	0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Headgear, umbrellas, artificial flowers, etc...	XII	1.315	121.3	121.8	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.4
Footwear and parts of such articles.....	64	1.135	120.7	121.2	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.4
Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc.....	XIII	0.770	133.2	133.1	0.9	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, or mica (Dec. 2001=100).....	68	0.254	126.2	125.9	0.6	0.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.2
Ceramic products.....	69	0.236	140.9	141.1	0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.280	130.2	130.1	1.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....	XIV	2.656	183.6	183.7	-7.6	-1.0	1.2	2.8	0.1
Base metals and articles of base metals. ...	XV	5.274	181.2	180.8	-1.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	-0.2
Iron and steel.....	72	1.259	221.5	221.4	1.1	0.3	1.1	0.1	0.0
Articles of iron or steel.....	73	1.670	154.1	153.1	-2.2	-0.7	-0.3	1.2	-0.6
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.443	334.3	323.5	-5.5	3.3	0.3	-3.4	-3.2
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.697	136.1	136.4	-1.4	0.3	0.9	0.1	0.2
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.390	128.7	129.4	0.2	-0.7	0.0	-0.2	0.5
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.439	135.9	136.6	0.4	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.5
Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....	XVI	26.927	84.4	84.4	-0.9	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	13.978	89.3	89.2	-0.6	0.1	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Electrical machinery and equip, sound and TV recorders & reproducers, parts.....	85	12.949	79.6	79.9	-1.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.4
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....	XVII	12.000	115.9	116.1	-0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.2
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	10.987	114.6	114.8	-0.3	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.2
Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof (Dec. 2002=100).....	88	0.913	120.4	120.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Optical, photo, measuring, medical & musical instruments; & timepieces.....	XVIII	3.416	104.6	104.7	0.9	0.4	-0.4	0.4	0.1
Optical, photographic, measuring and medical instruments.....	90	3.118	101.4	101.4	0.7	0.3	-0.4	0.4	0.0
Clocks and watches and parts thereof.....	91	0.241	144.0	144.8	2.8	1.6	-0.3	0.3	0.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	XX	3.520	113.0	113.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	0.1	0.1
Furniture & stuffed furnishings; lamps & lighting fittings, nesoi; prefab bldgs.....	94	2.050	117.3	117.4	0.3	0.1	-0.1	0.3	0.1
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	1.238	105.1	105.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	96	0.232	135.5	135.4	-2.2	-2.1	0.1	-0.4	-0.1

¹ Relative importance figures are based on 2012 trade values.

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Dash = Not available

Table 6. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: April 2013 to April 2014

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmoni- zied system	Relative importance Mar. 2014 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Mar. 2014	Apr. 2014	Annual	Monthly			
					Apr. 2013 to Apr. 2014	Dec. 2013 to Jan. 2014	Jan. 2014 to Feb. 2014	Feb. 2014 to Mar. 2014	Mar. 2014 to Apr. 2014
Live animals; animal products.....	I	2.079	234.0	243.8	11.1	-1.7	2.1	3.1	4.2
Meat & edible meat offal (Dec. 2006=100)...	02	1.170	172.1	181.3	7.4	-1.6	1.1	2.8	5.3
Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates.....	03	0.347	202.3	208.2	2.7	-2.6	2.4	-0.6	2.9
Vegetable products.....	II	4.711	256.4	255.2	-2.3	0.6	0.4	3.8	-0.5
Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.....	08	1.200	190.3	172.7	15.3	6.9	1.8	-0.5	-9.2
Cereals.....	10	1.151	257.9	265.5	-10.7	-2.9	1.8	6.7	2.9
Oilseeds and misc. grains, seeds, fruits, plants, straw and fodder.....	12	1.920	283.3	289.8	3.4	-1.6	0.6	5.7	2.3
Animal or vegetable fats and oils (Dec. 2009=100).....	III	0.247	115.1	117.1	-14.8	-1.6	-3.0	3.5	1.7
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, and tobacco.....	IV	2.872	167.9	169.8	1.7	0.1	0.6	0.5	1.1
Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts or other parts of plants (Dec. 2009=100).....	20	0.340	116.9	119.2	5.2	1.1	-0.3	1.8	2.0
Beverages, spirits, and vinegar (Dec. 2008=100).....	22	0.475	110.9	111.5	-1.6	-0.5	-1.3	0.3	0.5
Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal feed.....	23	0.752	280.0	284.3	6.4	-0.9	4.7	1.6	1.5
Mineral products.....	V	10.987	347.2	305.5	2.1	2.3	4.7	4.5	-12.0
Ores, slag and ash (Dec. 2012=100).....	26	0.424	92.6	91.7	-4.6	3.3	-1.3	-0.2	-1.0
Mineral fuels, oils and residuals, bituminous substances and mineral waxes.....	27	10.387	347.5	303.5	2.5	2.3	5.1	4.8	-12.7
Products of the chemical or allied industries.....	VI	10.610	149.6	149.2	-3.3	-0.3	-0.6	0.0	-0.3
Inorganic chemicals.....	28	0.875	174.7	171.8	-7.8	-0.7	0.6	-0.7	-1.7
Organic chemicals.....	29	3.055	162.6	161.9	-2.9	1.4	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4
Pharmaceutical products.....	30	2.523	115.4	115.5	-5.7	-2.6	-2.0	-0.1	0.1
Fertilizers (Dec. 2012=100).....	31	0.267	75.9	85.3	-13.1	-5.2	3.2	2.6	12.4
Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery cosmetic or toilet preparations.....	33	0.693	133.4	133.4	-3.8	-0.1	-1.8	0.1	0.0
Soap; lubricants; waxes, polishing or scouring products; candles, pastes.....	34	0.453	119.8	119.8	0.1	0.0	0.0	-1.3	0.0
Miscellaneous chemical products.....	38	1.776	158.1	155.2	1.6	1.0	-0.1	0.6	-1.8
Plastics and articles thereof; rubber and articles thereof.....	VII	5.100	150.3	150.4	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.1
Plastics and articles thereof.....	39	4.139	145.0	145.0	1.3	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.0
Rubber and articles thereof.....	40	0.961	173.1	173.6	-5.3	-0.9	-0.2	0.6	0.3
Raw hides, skins, leather, furskins, travel goods, etc.....	VIII	0.435	157.0	158.6	8.6	1.5	1.3	2.1	1.0
Woodpulp, recovered paper, and paper products.....	X	2.259	126.1	125.1	3.0	0.9	1.6	0.5	-0.8
Woodpulp and recovered paper.....	47	0.680	131.3	132.1	3.1	0.9	2.6	0.3	0.6
Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, paper or paperboard.....	48	1.158	124.9	122.6	3.4	1.2	1.6	0.7	-1.8
Textile and textile articles.....	XI	1.925	137.0	136.4	4.8	2.6	0.7	0.8	-0.4
Cotton, including yarns and woven fabrics thereof.....	52	0.636	159.0	157.4	8.9	5.2	2.0	3.2	-1.0
Stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, ceramics, glass etc.....	XIII	0.727	119.5	119.8	1.4	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.3
Glass and glassware.....	70	0.372	97.9	98.1	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2

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Table 6. U.S. export price indexes and percent changes for selected categories of goods: April 2013 to April 2014 — Continued

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Harmonized system	Relative importance Mar. 2014 ¹	Index		Percent change				
			Mar. 2014	Apr. 2014	Annual	Monthly			
					Apr. 2013 to Apr. 2014	Dec. 2013 to Jan. 2014	Jan. 2014 to Feb. 2014	Feb. 2014 to Mar. 2014	Mar. 2014 to Apr. 2014
Pearls, stones, precious metals, imitation jewelry, and coins.....	XIV	4.354	249.7	254.4	-7.1	-0.8	1.3	3.2	1.9
Base metals and articles of base metals. ...	XV	5.249	165.4	164.5	-2.4	0.8	-0.8	-0.1	-0.5
Iron and steel.....	72	1.389	189.8	191.3	-0.6	1.7	-2.0	1.7	0.8
Copper and articles thereof.....	74	0.603	233.0	223.0	-9.1	2.1	-2.5	0.1	-4.3
Aluminum and articles thereof.....	76	0.816	119.9	117.1	-5.6	0.5	1.1	-1.6	-2.3
Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof.....	82	0.397	139.4	137.3	3.5	1.2	0.0	0.4	-1.5
Miscellaneous articles of base metal.....	83	0.306	147.0	147.1	0.5	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Machinery, electrical equipment, TV image and sound recorders, parts, etc.....	XVI	27.314	97.4	97.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0
Machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.....	84	16.475	112.5	112.6	1.1	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.1
Electrical machinery and equipment and parts and accessories thereof.....	85	10.839	81.1	80.9	-1.2	-0.1	0.0	0.2	-0.2
Vehicles, aircraft, vessels and associated transport equipment.....	XVII	13.155	129.4	129.8	1.3	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.3
Motor vehicles and their parts.....	87	8.561	114.6	114.9	0.9	0.5	-0.2	0.0	0.3
Optical, photo, measuring, medical & musical instruments; & timepieces.....	XVIII	5.893	107.5	107.7	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles.....	XX	1.390	110.5	111.0	0.1	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.5
Furniture; stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings nesoi;.....	94	0.770	121.8	122.5	1.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.6
Toys, games and sports equipment; parts and accessories thereof.....	95	0.469	89.6	89.8	-1.2	1.4	-0.1	0.0	0.2

¹ Relative importance figures are based on 2012 trade values.

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Dash = Not available

Table 7. U.S. import price indexes and percent changes by locality of origin: April 2013 to April 2014
 [2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Relative importance Mar. 2014 ¹	Index		Percent change				
		Mar. 2014	Apr. 2014	Annual	Monthly			
				Apr. 2013 to Apr. 2014	Dec. 2013 to Jan. 2014	Jan. 2014 to Feb. 2014	Feb. 2014 to Mar. 2014	Mar. 2014 to Apr. 2014
Industrialized Countries²	100.000	134.6	133.9	1.2	0.8	2.1	0.6	-0.5
Nonmanufactured articles.....	13.745	269.1	260.5	13.2	5.5	15.0	3.2	-3.2
Manufactured articles.....	85.704	124.0	123.8	-0.5	0.2	0.4	0.2	-0.2
Other Countries³	100.000	138.5	138.3	-0.7	0.1	0.7	0.0	-0.1
Nonmanufactured articles.....	20.034	348.0	347.4	-0.7	-0.1	2.2	0.9	-0.2
Manufactured articles.....	79.709	110.0	109.8	-0.5	0.1	0.3	-0.2	-0.2
Canada	100.000	159.1	156.5	2.5	1.9	4.7	1.3	-1.6
Nonmanufactured articles.....	34.982	261.5	252.6	14.6	6.4	15.4	3.4	-3.4
Manufactured articles.....	64.193	135.6	134.7	-3.0	0.0	-0.1	0.3	-0.7
European Union⁴	100.000	137.9	138.3	1.9	0.8	0.1	0.2	0.3
Manufactured articles.....	99.319	134.1	134.5	1.9	0.8	0.1	0.1	0.3
France (Dec. 2003=100)	100.000	122.3	122.3	0.5	0.2	0.4	-0.8	0.0
Germany (Dec. 2003=100)	100.000	118.7	119.3	3.0	1.0	-0.2	0.3	0.5
United Kingdom (Dec. 2003=100)	100.000	129.6	130.5	1.9	0.3	-0.2	0.2	0.7
Latin America⁵	100.000	173.4	172.7	-1.5	0.1	0.8	0.1	-0.4
Nonmanufactured articles.....	28.950	368.5	367.7	-2.3	-0.3	1.8	1.1	-0.2
Manufactured articles.....	70.632	131.2	130.6	-1.0	0.2	0.5	-0.4	-0.5
Mexico (Dec. 2003=100)	100.000	142.3	142.3	-1.5	0.1	-0.3	1.1	0.0
Nonmanufactured articles (Dec. 2008=100).....	17.224	202.1	202.7	-1.1	0.4	-0.7	6.6	0.3
Manufactured articles (Dec. 2008=100)...	82.531	92.8	92.7	-1.5	0.1	-0.2	0.0	-0.1
Pacific Rim (Dec. 2003=100)⁶	100.000	102.8	102.7	-1.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
China (Dec. 2003=100)	100.000	103.8	103.7	-0.4	-0.1	0.2	-0.1	-0.1
Japan	100.000	99.2	99.1	-2.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.2	-0.1
Asian NICs⁷	100.000	89.3	89.3	-1.9	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.0
ASEAN (Dec. 2003=100)⁸	100.000	104.5	104.1	-0.4	-0.2	-0.4	0.2	-0.4
Asia Near East (Dec. 2003=100)⁹	100.000	267.2	267.1	-1.5	1.2	3.4	0.8	0.0

¹ Relative importance figures are based on 2012 trade values.

² Western Europe, Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

³ Eastern Europe, Latin America, OPEC countries, and other countries in Asia, Africa and the Western Hemisphere.

⁴ European Union countries.

⁵ Mexico, Central America, South America and the Caribbean.

⁶ China, Japan, Australia, Brunei, Indonesia, Macao, Malaysia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Philippines and the Asian Newly Industrialized Countries.

⁷ Asian Newly Industrialized Countries - Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan.

⁸ Association of Southeast Asian Nations - Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

⁹ Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

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Regions are not mutually exclusive.

Dash = Not available

Table 8. U.S. international price indexes and percent changes for selected transportation services: April 2013 to April 2014

[2000=100, unless otherwise noted]

Description	Relative importance Mar. 2014 ¹	Index		Percent change				
		Mar. 2014	Apr. 2014	Annual	Monthly			
				Apr. 2013 to Apr. 2014	Dec. 2013 to Jan. 2014	Jan. 2014 to Feb. 2014	Feb. 2014 to Mar. 2014	Mar. 2014 to Apr. 2014
Air Freight								
Import Air Freight	100.000	176.6	175.8	1.8	0.1	-0.6	0.2	-0.5
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	28.278	181.3	180.2	10.6	1.7	-0.5	-0.2	-0.6
Asia.....	67.467	152.2	151.5	-0.8	-0.6	-0.7	0.4	-0.5
Export Air Freight	100.000	151.2	151.5	1.4	2.4	0.2	0.0	0.2
Europe (Dec. 2006=100).....	35.694	135.7	135.9	1.3	2.3	0.4	-0.1	0.1
Inbound Air Freight	100.000	164.7	164.3	0.9	-0.4	-0.7	1.0	-0.2
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	27.308	159.7	159.3	7.4	2.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.3
Asia.....	62.267	146.8	146.4	-1.2	-1.4	-1.0	1.7	-0.3
Outbound Air Freight	100.000	148.6	148.3	-0.2	0.9	0.0	0.4	-0.2
Europe (Dec. 2003=100).....	33.263	165.8	165.7	3.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Asia.....	47.351	141.5	141.0	-1.3	0.8	0.1	0.7	-0.4
Air Passenger Fares								
Import Air Passenger Fares	100.000	190.4	191.0	4.8	-6.4	0.3	-3.4	0.3
Europe.....	42.903	212.4	209.4	0.1	-0.7	3.2	-5.1	-1.4
Asia.....	23.737	147.9	146.1	-2.9	-8.2	-3.4	-3.4	-1.2
Latin America/Caribbean.....	8.960	168.7	174.1	3.7	-10.4	-1.4	1.8	3.2
Export Air Passenger Fares	100.000	179.5	185.3	2.7	2.5	-12.5	4.1	3.2
Europe.....	27.199	216.6	224.8	6.0	-2.7	0.0	3.0	3.8
Asia.....	28.433	149.3	152.6	-0.7	11.9	-21.3	4.1	2.2
Latin America/Caribbean.....	21.108	207.5	199.2	3.9	2.9	-7.6	4.1	-4.0

¹ Relative importance figures are based on 2012 trade values.

NOTES: Data may be revised in each of the three months after original publication.

Dash = Not available

TECHNICAL NOTE

Import and Export Merchandise and Services Price Indexes -- All indexes use a modified Laspeyres formula and are not seasonally adjusted. Price indexes are reweighted annually, with a two-year lag in the weights. Published series use a base year of 2000=100 where possible. More detailed index series and additional information may be obtained at <http://www.bls.gov/mxp>, or by calling (202) 691-7101.

Merchandise Goods Classification Systems -- The merchandise price indexes are published using three classification systems. Items are classified by end use according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis Classification System, by industry according to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), and by product category according to the Harmonized System (HS). While classification by end use and product category are self-explanatory, some notes are in order for classifying items by industry. In the NAICS imports and exports tables, items are classified by output industry, not input industry. As an example, NAICS import index 326 (plastics and rubber products manufacturing) include outputs such as manufactured plastic rather than inputs such as petroleum. The NAICS classification structure also matches the classification system used by the PPI (Producer Price Index) to produce the NAICS primary products indexes.

Import Price Indexes -- Products have been classified by the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States Annotated (TSUSA). Import prices are based on U.S. dollar prices paid by the U.S. importer. The prices are generally either "free on board" (f.o.b.) foreign port or "cost, insurance, and freight" (c.i.f.) U.S. port transaction prices, depending on the practices of the individual industry. The index for crude petroleum is calculated from data collected by the U.S. Department of Energy.

Export Price Indexes -- Products have been classified by the Harmonized Schedule B classification system of the U.S. Bureau of the Census. The prices used are generally either "free alongside ship" (f.a.s.) factory or "free on board" (f.o.b.) transaction prices, depending on the practices of the individual industry. Prices used in the grain index, excluding rice, are obtained from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Services Price Indexes -- Starting in September 2008 the Import Air Passenger Fares Indexes represent changes in the average revenue per passenger received by foreign carriers from U.S. residents and are calculated from data obtained from an airline consulting service. These data include tickets sold by travel agencies and travel websites. Tickets sold directly by the airlines are excluded, as are frequent flyer tickets generally. Starting in January 2008 the Export Air Passenger Fares Indexes represent changes in the average revenue per passenger received by U.S. carriers from foreign residents and are calculated from data collected directly from airlines. These data include frequent flyer tickets and those sold by consolidators. Taxes and fees are included in the Import Air Passenger Fares Index and excluded from the Export Air Passenger Fares Index. The Air Freight Indexes are calculated from data collected directly from airlines. These data exclude mail and passenger baggage. The scope of the service being priced is the movement of freight from airport to airport only, and does not include any ground transportation or port service. The Air Freight Indexes are presented using two definitions: Balance of Payments (which represent transactions between U.S. and foreign residents) and International (which represent transactions inbound to and outbound from the U.S.). Fact sheets specifying detailed information for each services industry are available at <http://www.bls.gov/mxp> under "MXP Publications."

Import Indexes by Locality of Origin -- Prices used in these indexes are a subset of the data collected for the Import Price Indexes. Beginning with January 2002, the indexes are defined by locality of origin using a nomenclature based upon the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Nonmanufactured goods are defined as NAICS 11 and 21 and manufactured goods are defined as NAICS 31-33.

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Uses of the Data -- The primary use of the indexes is to deflate trade statistics, notably the foreign trade sector of the National Income and Product Accounts constructed by the Department of Commerce. Other published indexes are useful for general market analysis. For trade in international services, Balance of Payments indexes are used for deflating National Income and Product Accounts, while International indexes are more appropriate for market analysis. Merchandise and services indexes also can be used to study U.S. competitiveness and to compute price elasticities, and the merchandise import indexes by country or region of origin are useful in terms of trade analysis.

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