

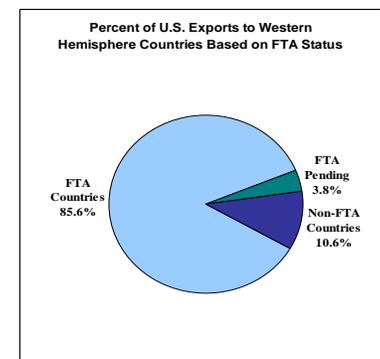


EXPORT OVERVIEW:

- In June 2007, U.S. exports of goods and services grew by 11.2 % over June 2006 to \$134.5 billion, while imports increased 3.8 % to \$192.7 billion.
- The largest export markets for U.S. goods in the first half of 2007 (with percent increase over the first half 2006) were Canada (\$121.9 billion, up 4.4%), Mexico (\$67.0 billion, up 0.7 %), Japan (\$31.4 billion, up 8.7 %) and China (\$30.5 billion, up 18.8 %).
- Exports comprised 11.5% of U.S. GDP in the second quarter of 2007. To put in historical terms, exports were 9.4 % of U.S. GDP five years earlier (Q2 2002), and 5.0% 40 years ago (Q2 1967).
- Exports of goods and services grew 11.0% in the first half of 2007 to \$779.2 billion, including a 10.7% gain in goods exports on a balance of payments basis to \$549.7 billion and an 11.5 % gain in services exports to \$229.5 billion.

TRADE SPOTLIGHT: WESTERN HEMISPHERE

- Total trade in merchandise between the U.S. and 33 countries in the Western Hemisphere (excluding the U.S.) in the first half of 2007 was \$553.1 billion, a 2.6 % increase over the first half of 2006. Exports were \$235.8 billion in the first half of 2007, while imports were \$317.3 billion during the same period.
- U.S. exports have increased dramatically to the Western Hemisphere. Between 1988 and 2006, U.S. merchandise exports to the Western Hemisphere increased by 296 %, while U.S. exports to the rest of the world have grown by only 181 %.
- The Bush Administration has been fully engaged in the Western Hemisphere. We have implemented FTAs with six countries in the Western Hemisphere -- Chile, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Exports to these countries grew 13.3 % in the first half of 2007 compared to the first half of 2006.
- Cumulatively, U.S. exports to 33 Western Hemisphere countries last year were larger than U.S. exports to the entire world just 19 years ago (1988).
- Colombia, Costa Rica, Peru and Panama, with whom Free Trade Agreements are now pending, will add markets representing more than 82 million people with a GDP of more than \$260 billion to our free trade partnerships in the Americas.
- Currently more than 90 % of exports from Peru, Colombia and Panama enter the U.S. duty free. These Free Trade Agreements would eliminate tariffs on 80 % of U.S. consumer and industrial goods immediately.
- U.S. merchandise exports to the four pending FTA countries totaled \$9.4 billion in the first half of 2007, a 20.4. % increase over the first half of 2006.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau.
Year-to-date-through June 2007