Selected Sources of Trade Data & Information
Maps, Data, & Government Information Centre, Stauffer Library

Search the Statistics Canada web site for research papers and statistics...

See the trade guide page at URL:

Canadian International Merchandise Trade
Includes highlights, definitions and occasional articles on Canadian trade as well as a series of summary tables showing monthly, quarterly, and annual data on both a customs and balance of payments basis. Data are presented by principal trading area, country, commodity category and province. Price and volume indexes and constant dollar information are also included.

See also: Canadian International Merchandise Trade Database at:
OR access Trade Data via http://odesi.ca – here’s a brief video showing how to do this:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=coODKRJUZMQ

Statistics Canada Summary Tables
http://www.statcan.gc.ca/tables-tableaux/sum-som/l01/ind01/l2_1130-eng.htm
Free trade data at the national and provincial levels in easy-to-read tables.

CANSIM
High-level summarized statistics on exports, imports, international trade, interprovincial trade, retail & wholesale trade.

CANSIM by Subject
International trade
As Canada is a trading nation, international trade information is invaluable to monitor and understand our economic activities. Canadians bring numerous goods and services into the country and export to foreign destinations. Show more...

- Merchandise exports (88 tables)
- Merchandise imports (87 tables)
- Service exports (9 tables)
- Service imports (9 tables)
- Trade patterns (4 tables)
- Show all (105 tables)
Retail Trade
This publication presents retail sales estimates for all retail locations in Canada, by trade group and by province/territory. It includes data analysis, definitions, methodology, data reliability and a bibliography.

Wholesale Trade
Provides estimates of % changes for sales and inventories and stocks/sales ratios for wholesale merchants. Data are presented separately for 11 major trade groups of wholesalers for Canada and in aggregate for each province and territory. Includes month-to-month, year-to-year and cumulative trends, a retrospective for the last six months and data analysis.

See “All topics” → Import, export, & investment
Or, “Just for businesses” → Find statistics by industry
Also consider: Trade Data Online
http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/tdo-dcd.nsf/eng/Home
Canadian and U.S. trade data at the 6-digit commodity level (Harmonized System. HS). Industry data are also available using the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes and the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). See this brief screencast: http://screencast.com/t/hTmBnAapC

3. Trade Analyzer (Canadian Imports & Exports, and World Trade Data)
http://datacentre2.chass.utoronto.ca/trade/
Trade Analyser is comprised of three tables: (i) Canadian imports (ii) Canadian exports, & (iii) World Trade Data. For each combination of import countries, export provinces, re-export indicators ('yes' or 'no'), and topics there is a quantity and value (possibly empty), for each month. Date coverage varies.

This database contains over 7000 monthly, quarterly, and annual time series from 1946 to current, including balance of payment statistics, retail, and wholesale trade.

5. World Trade Online http://www.insidetrade.com/

6. TradeStats Express http://tse.export.gov/
TradeStats Express provides access to U.S. National Trade Data (Merchandise Exports, Imports, Trade Balances) and State Export Data (State and Regional Exports of Merchandise).

Selected International Trade Information Sources
ITC is the joint agency of the **World Trade Organization** and the **United Nations**. ITC’s goal is to help developing and transition countries achieve sustainable human development through exports. This site has a useful “country” section, and “aggregated trade statistics” (tables of trade data).


Summary/analysis of WTO reports/arbitrations. Includes the title of the dispute, and the official WTO document reference number of the report (e.g., WT/DS114/R). Provides actual panel/AB report or arbitration decision.

9. **World Trade Organization (WTO) - International Trade Statistics**
   [http://www.wto.org/english/res_e/statis_e/its2006_e/its06_toc_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/res_e/statis_e/its2006_e/its06_toc_e.htm)

Provides comprehensive, comparable and up-to-date statistics on trade in merchandise and commercial services for an assessment of world trade flows by country, region and main product groups or service categories.

See also:

**WTO Statistics Database**

Includes:

- **Trade Profiles** – the trade situation of members, observers & selected economies
- **Tariff Profiles** – market access situation of members, observers & selected economies
- **Services Profiles** – statistics on key infrastructure services (transport, telecom, finance)
- **Time Series section** – interactive data retrieval of international trade statistics.

**World Trade Organization (WTO) - International Trade Law Monitor**
[http://www.wto.org/english/res_e/links_e/law_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/res_e/links_e/law_e.htm)

This site provides information and links related to international trade law. The ITL presents the full texts and where relevant country implementation details of several of the most important conventions and other documents used in International trade.

**Trade And Market Access Data For Policy Makers, January 2010**

This 40-page document focuses on trade and trade-policy related databases maintained by international agencies. The document is divided into six main sections: services, tariffs and trade, non-tariff measures, agriculture-specific issues, trade facilitation, and indicators and modeling. Information includes what kind of issues the data may help to resolve, present data coverage, how to get the data and who the contact person is.


Some free statistics – other data/publications are available at a cost. Please note -- many statistical yearbooks/publications held by the Documents Unit – check QCAT before paying.


12. OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation & Development) Trade Page

[Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development](http://www.oecd.org) → “By Topic” → Trade

See also: OECD iLibrary at [http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/](http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/)


Under “Databases” → Trade

Easy access to the “Commodity Trade Statistics Database”

Convenient access to national statistical agencies

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4. OECD:
   • OECD Main Economic Indicators (Monthly)          REF ZZ EC21 M12
   For current publications, see OECD iLibrary at http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/

5. WTO / GATT
   • WTO Annual Report                                  UN9 WTO A56
   • Trade Policy Review                                 UN9 TT3... by country

6. International Monetary Fund:
   • International Financial Statistics                 UN9 MF I52
     (See statistical notes at beginning of each volume)

7. European Union:
   • Eurostat Yearbook                                  ZZ EMS E79
   • External and Intra-European Union Trade: Statistical Yearbook (data back to 1958) ZZ EMS355 E83

8. Other:
   • World Competitiveness Report                       REF Desk SY7 WEF W51
     (includes a ranking of countries on a range of “competitiveness” factors, including trade-related factors)
   • International Historical Statistics, 1750 – 1993  REF ZZ AA 98I53
   • Americas
   • Africa – Asia
   • Europe

Other Trade-Related Information

1. Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade
   http://www.international.gc.ca/international/index.aspx
   This site has an “International Trade” section that includes information on “International Business Development” and “Trade and Economic Policy”.

   The Canadian International Trade Tribunal (the Tribunal) is an administrative tribunal operating within Canada’s trade remedies system. It is an independent quasi-judicial body that reports to Parliament through the Minister of Finance. While not strictly a source of trade data, the Tribunal is worth being aware of for Canadian trade issues. Their web site includes:
   • Appeal Decisions
   • Textile Cases
   • Dumping and Subsidizing Cases
   • Procurement Cases
   • Publications