

CANADIAN DIRECT INVESTMENT ABROAD (Billions US\$)

*A reduction of Canadian imports by US\$1.5 billion for goods priced above transaction value. This substantial increase over the 1983 adjustment of US\$0.8 billion was primarily attributable to the non-electrical machinery industry.

*An addition of nearly US\$1.0 billion to United States imports for trade definition, chiefly to account for United States imports of electricity from Canada.

*A reduction of United States imports by US\$0.6 billion for timing. Though significant, this adjustment was far smaller in absolute terms than in 1983 (US\$1.3 billion), when a change in the criterion for determining the month of importation took place in the United States.

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Year	U.S. Imports	Canadian Exports	U.S. Exports	Canadian Imports
1984	48.2	48.2	51.7	63.8
1983	38.9	33.7	38.1	48.8
1982	45.7	39.6	44.6	46.4
1981	41.4	35.4	40.7	41.2
1980	38.7	33.1	37.9	38.0
1979	35.9	24.1	28.2	28.2
1978	32.8	21.7	22.8	21.1
1977	21.7	19.9	21.1	22.3
1976	18.1	15.1	17.1	17.7
1975	13.4	12.6	12.1	14.9
1974	13.0	12.4	12.6	14.9
1973	13.0	12.4	12.6	14.9
1972	13.0	12.4	12.6	14.9
1971	13.0	12.4	12.6	14.9
1970	13.0	12.4	12.6	14.9

U.S. imports are measured on a Customs basis, except between 1976 and 1981 inclusive where imports were measured on a free alongside ship (f.a.s.) basis. Note: Each figure is rounded independently.

Reconciliation of merchandise trade data for Canada and the United States shows that Canada had a record surplus of US\$1.4 billion with the United States in 1984. The previous record of US\$1.7 billion was set in 1983.

The higher surplus was a result of a larger increase in exports (+US\$1.3 billion) than in imports (+US\$0.3 billion). The growth of Canada's surplus in 1983 had followed a similar pattern. Exports to the United States rose by US\$7.0 billion and imports from that country expanded by \$5.0 billion.

The largest reconciliation adjustments of the 1984 published values were as follows:

- *An addition of US\$5.2 billion to United States exports, representing a residual estimate for non-receipt of export documents. In absolute terms this adjustment was slightly higher than the one made in 1983 (US\$2.1 billion) but as a percentage of the published value it dropped from 13.3% in 1983 to 11.3% last year.
- *A corresponding Canadian non-response adjustment of US\$2.3 billion (2.3% of the published total), larger than the 1983 figure of US\$1.5 billion (2.7% of the published value).