

## • Building Products and Materials •

accounted for 7.7 percent of total apparent consumption, increasing to 13.7 percent in 1990. This market share is expected to grow to 17.7 percent by 1994, equivalent to U.S.\$780.2 million.

**Table 1: Imports of Building Products and Materials (U.S.\$ thousands)**

	1988	1989	1990	% Change Between 89 and 90
<b>Stone &amp; mineral</b>				
Slate	54.3	49.6	102.7	107
Marble	495.1	726.3	961.0	32
Granite	55.2	169.1	267.6	58
Gravel	250.5	275.1	127.8	-53
Gypsum	1,407.2	881.3	1,066.6	21
Caulking	1,778.3	681.8	511.2	-25
Cement	5,362.5	1,765.2	5,096.7	189
Asbestos	16,963.5	17,577.7	20,900.5	19
Worked building stone	2,209.8	3,837.6	5,286.2	38
Slate	16.7	18.0	31.1	73
Gypsum products	701.5	733.2	2,225.8	103
Cement & stone products	171.1	357.1	292.8	-18
Amianto-cement products	303.2	536.7	599.5	12
Ceramic products	482.5	626.6	524.8	-16
Refracting ceramic products	9,964.6	8,961.5	31,561.8	252
Construction bricks	73.0	54.1	42.9	-21
Ceramic tubes	32.2	87.1	200.2	130
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,321.2</b>	<b>37,338.0</b>	<b>69,799.2</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>Wood, plywood and cork</b>				
Lumber	26,763.1	29,619.7	44,328.9	50
Veneer	1,376.0	1,923.2	2,214.9	15
Shaped wood for construction	5,011.1	6,849.3	6,080.6	-11
Wood boards	986.3	2,162.0	4,083.6	89
Fibreboard	782.2	1,432.6	2,869.9	100
Plywood panels	13,707.5	15,893.5	30,165.3	90
Densified wood	429.5	171.7	285.6	66
Cork products	624.4	1,095.6	833.8	-24
<b>Total</b>	<b>49,680.1</b>	<b>59,147.6</b>	<b>90,862.6</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Glass</b>				
Glass sheets	181.8	477.7	151.5	-68
Blown glass	51.0	152.3	325.6	114
Mirrors	1,732.6	2,040.1	1,116.4	-45
Ornamental glass	231.0	227.5	298.2	31
Security glass	248.4	830.6	1,204.6	45
Insulating glass	24.8	13.8	53.5	288
Construction articles	542.3	1,034.3	1,528.9	48
Fibreglass		1,149.2	1,234.7	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,011.9</b>	<b>5,925.5</b>	<b>5,913.4</b>	<b>-1</b>
<b>Chemical &amp; petrochemical</b>				
Paints & varnishes	6,075.1	7,478.1	17,865.2	139
Mastic	770.4	683.6	868.5	27
Glues & adhesives	2,630.7	6,886.4	9,541.5	39
Solvents	925.3	1,384.3	1,504.3	9
Insulating materials	380.4	904.5	856.7	-5
Asphalt	133.2	329.6	562.3	71
Panels	479.8	364.1	911.8	150
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,394.9</b>	<b>18,030.6</b>	<b>32,110.3</b>	<b>78</b>

**Table 1: Cont'd**

	1988	1989	1990	% Change Between 89 and 90
<b>Fabricated structural metal and metal</b>				
Iron/steel bars & rods in coils	994.5	2,339.7	12,827.1	448
Concrete reinforcing bars	3,486.8	1,120.7	16,517.5	1,374
Iron straight angles/shapes/ sections	867.4	891.9	1,386.9	56
Netting & fencing	1,267.9	1,566.0	2,395.3	53
Steel cable	1,905.0	1,013.3	832.3	-18
Aluminium bars & shapes	1,047.1	1,129.3	1,761.9	56
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,568.7</b>	<b>8,060.9</b>	<b>35,721.0</b>	<b>343</b>
<b>Wall, floor &amp; roof coverings</b>				
Plastic floor covering	1,113.7	1,712.1	3,790.5	121
Wallpaper	679.8	2,347.4	3,572.9	52
Paper & linoleum floor covering	1,186.1	1,313.4	816.5	-38
Carpeting	3,743.9	11,966.2	24,862.3	108
Stone floor covering	23.1	24.3	166.0	543
Roofing tiles	29.9	67.6	146.8	117
Flags/paving tiles unglazed	123.5	134.5	396.7	195
Flags/paving tiles glazed	8,646.1	23,267.1	25,616.6	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,546.1</b>	<b>40,832.6</b>	<b>59,368.3</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Construction articles*</b>				
Blinds, plastic	247.8	1,074.6	1,897.6	77
Plastic articles	178.2	908.6	1,304.1	44
Wood articles	759.6	2,037.6	3,225.1	58
Steel articles	12,143.5	6,285.2	16,983.8	170
Aluminium articles	852.2	1,602.5	2,902.7	81
Zinc articles	151.2	500.1	1,836.3	267
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,332.5</b>	<b>12,408.6</b>	<b>28,149.6</b>	<b>127</b>
<b>Prefabricated buildings</b>				
	2,796.9	4,597.9	4,925.6	7
<b>Builders' hardware</b>				
Locks & padlocks	4,514.0	8,396.9	12,289.8	46
Hardware	8,125.1	12,872.6	37,542.5	192
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,639.1</b>	<b>21,269.5</b>	<b>49,832.3</b>	<b>134</b>
<b>Plumbing &amp; Pipe</b>				
Ethylene tubing	869.7	1,017.6	1,793.8	76
Polypropylene tubing	62.4	163.3	200.1	22
PVC tubing	6,061.6	10,906.0	11,755.3	8
Other plastic tubing	2,542.5	3,157.9	2,829.6	-10
Copper tubing	3,767.3	4,590.3	4,611.1	1
Copper tubing accessories	174.3	212.5	160.0	-25
Plastic sanitary hardware	695.0	1,224.8	1,721.4	41
Ceramic sanitary articles	377.8	835.6	3,703.3	343
Steel sanitary articles	1,477.4	1,748.2	2,604.9	49
Copper sanitary hardware	138.9	284.7	293.6	3
Aluminium sanitary hardware	252.7	221.0	130.0	-41
Steam boilers	1,765.8	1,475.9	1,971.6	34
Central heating boilers	145.8	123.8	155.5	26
Auxiliary equipment for boilers	1,120.2	1,066.7	6,555.3	515
Water heaters	1,101.7	1,980.3	1,673.5	-15
Water heaters, electric	731.0	692.4	720.4	4
Fittings & brass goods	3,048.0	6,129.3	9,364.2	53
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,332.1</b>	<b>35,830.3</b>	<b>50,243.6</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Electric lighting fixtures &amp; supplies</b>				
Insulated copper cable	1,004.5	380.5	2,537.5	567
Switches & wiring devices	31,580.0	42,909.6	57,554.8	34
Control & distribution panels	725.1	2,114.8	3,611.3	71
Electric cable	3,131.0	6,167.6	7,488.3	21
Lamps & lighting fixtures	7,587.9	13,402.5	16,340.4	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,028.5</b>	<b>64,975.0</b>	<b>87,532.3</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>227,652.0</b>	<b>308,416.5</b>	<b>514,458.2</b>	<b>67</b>

\* Includes doors, windows, cisternas, depositos, persianas.  
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