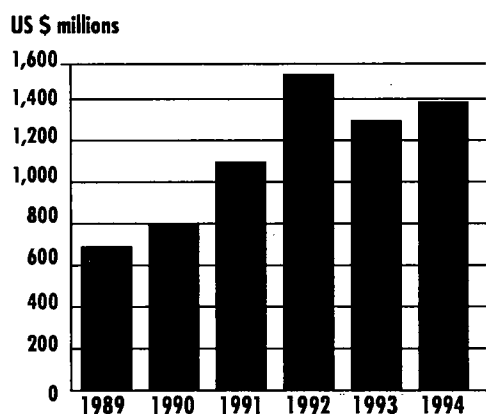


THE ROLE OF IMPORTS

MACHINE TOOLS, DIES AND MOULDS, AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, MEXICAN IMPORTS FROM THE WORLD



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There is virtually no Mexican production of numerically-controlled machine tools. The United States and Japan dominate the market, but Canada has achieved significant sales of some products.

There is a wide variety of estimates of the size of the Mexican import market for machine tools and related equipment. Although the Mexican import statistics follow the Harmonized System (HS) of commodity classification, there is no clear definition of which products define this industry. Some published estimates are limited to metalworking tools, and others focus only on numerically-controlled (NC) equipment.

The statistics presented in this section present a very broad view of the industry. They include equipment for both metalworking and plastics manufacture. They include both NC and conventional machine types. In addition, they include tools, dies and moulds as well as the machines that use them. By this definition, imports totalled US \$1.4 billion in 1994.

This total can be divided into three major categories of roughly equal proportions: machine tools for metalworking; machine tools for working non-metals; and tools, dies and parts.

Imports of all categories grew steadily following the introduction of liberalized trade rules in the late 1980s. They fell by almost 16 percent during the recession of 1993, but rebounded by 8 percent the following year.

TOOLS, MOULDS AND DIES, PARTS AND ACCESSORIES, 1994 US \$ '000s

	World	Canada
Interchangeable tools for hand tools or machine tools		
Dies for drawing or extruding	2,167.6	29.9
Tools for tapping, stamping or punching	87,920.9	6,387.3
Tools for tapping or threading	9,259.5	195.9
Tools for drilling, not rock drilling	17,969.0	131.6
Tools for boring or broaching	10,243.7	17.6
Tools for milling	7,394.1	69.8
Tools for turning	1,787.2	0.4
Other interchangeable tools and parts	27,377.8	684.3
Sub-total	164,119.8	7,516.8

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