

Manitoba Electronics Electrical Equipment Exports Grow

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Bottom Line

On August 5, 2020, Statistics Canada released data on Canada's international merchandise trade for June 2020. While Canada's domestic exports rose sharply to 37.2 billion dollars, this is still 9 per cent below the pre-lockdown level in February 2020. At the same time, imports rose sharply month-over-month to 43.2 billion dollars, only 4 per cent below the February 2020 level.

Month-over-month **motor vehicles**, and **aircraft and transport equipment** saw the greatest increase in both Canadian domestic exports and imports. Domestic exports of **Mining and products, electronics, electrical equipment, forestry and products, consumer goods**, and **farm, fishing and food products** in June 2020 were above their February 2020 levels. Imports in seven of eleven product groups were higher in June than February 2020.

Canadian domestic exports in June 2020 to **Mexico** and the **USA** compared to Feb 2020 lagged the all destinations average. June 2020 domestic exports to **China** are up 64 per cent from February 2020. Canadian imports from Mexico and the USA are also lagging the all destinations average. June 2020 imports from China were up 42 per cent over their February level.

Manitoba's domestic exports did not decline to the same level as for Canada overall over the February to June 2020 period. June 2020 domestic exports of the following product groups in **Manitoba are above their February 2020 level**:

- **Farm, fishing and food products** (+11%),
- **Aircraft and transport equipment** (+21%), and
- **Electronics electrical equipment** (+44%).¹

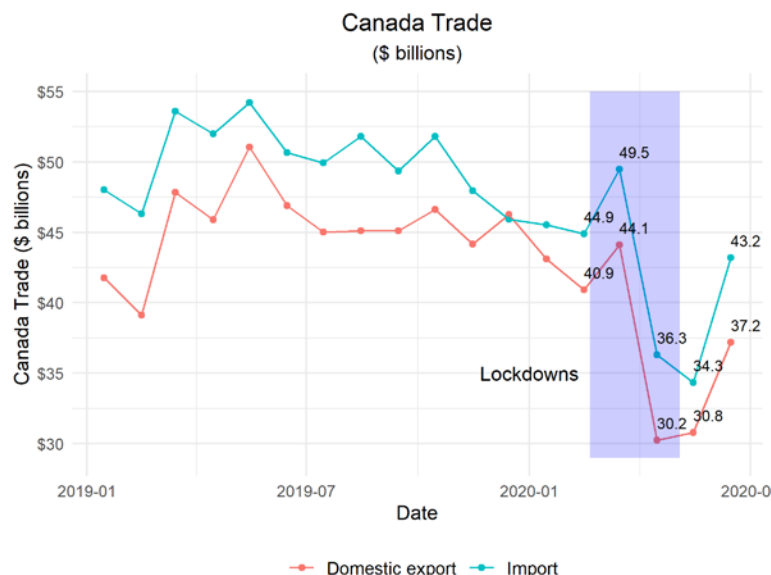
Manitoba's June 2020 imports of the following product groups are above their February 2020 level; forestry and products (+1%), and Industrial machinery (+14%).

Manitoba's June 2020 domestic exports are still below the February exports to Japan, USA, Mexico and EU select. Other Asia select and other Europe select reached 76 per cent over February exports.

¹ This appears to be related to shipments of electrical power related components. Looked at by month, some months have large dollar values, while others are low.

Trade – All Merchandise and All Destinations

Figure 1: Canada Trade (\$ Billions)

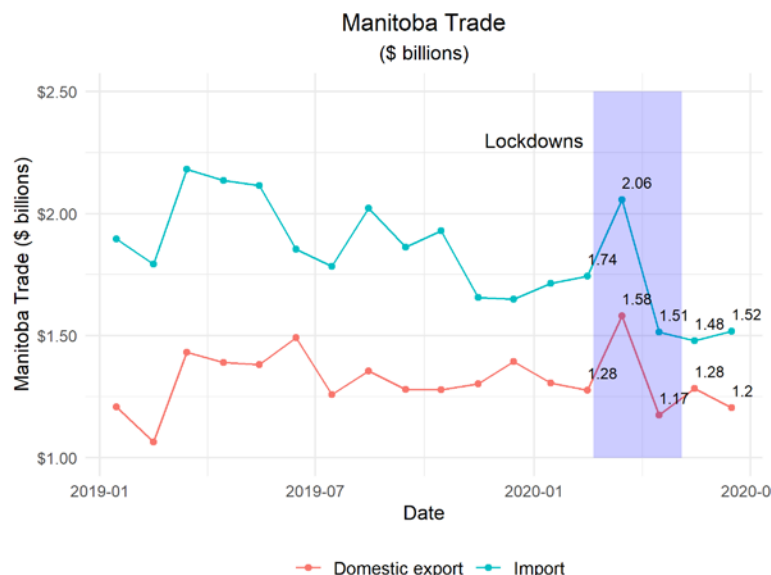


Source: Statistics Canada, Int'l Merchandise Trade by province, commodity and Principal Trading Partners, Monthly Table 12-10-0119-01, Chart by Chris Ferris

Canada's June 2020 trade numbers made a significant improvement month-over-month. Canada's domestic exports rose to 37.2 billion dollars, up from 30.8 billion in May. This is still 9 per cent below the pre-lockdown level in Feb 2020 (**Figure 1**).

Canada's imports rose to 43.2 billion dollars in June, up from 34.3 billion in May. June's import numbers are only 4 per cent below that of February 2020.

Figure 2: Manitoba's Trade (\$ Billions)



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Manitoba's domestic exports in June 2020 were 1.2 billion dollars, down slightly month-over-month (**Figure 2**).

Manitoba's domestic exports are 6 per cent below their Feb 2020 level. **Manitoba's domestic exports did not fall to the same extent as the Canadian average.**

Manitoba's June 2020 imports of 1.52 billion dollars were up slightly from 1.48 billion in May. Manitoba's June imports remain 13 per cent below their level in Feb 2020.

Trade by Product

Canada's June 2020 domestic exports and imports both saw significant improvements month-over-month for **motor vehicles**, and **aircraft and transport equipment**.

For Canada's **domestic exports**, five product groups are still lagging the all merchandise Jun/Feb 2020 index of 91 (**Table 1**). These include **energy** (50),

industrial machinery equipment (87), aircraft and transport equipment (88), motor vehicles (89), and chemicals, plastic and rubber (89).

Five product groups are doing better the all merchandise index for Canadian domestic exports. These are **mining and products (104), electronics, electrical equipment (105), forestry and products (107), consumer goods (119), and farm, fishing and food products (134).**

Table 1: Trade with all destinations by Products (\$ Millions, Index)

Trade	Product Group	Canada			Manitoba		
		2020-02 (\$M)	2020-06 (\$M)	Index (Feb20 = 100)	2020-02 (\$M)	2020-06 (\$M)	Index (Feb20 = 100)
Domestic export	All Merchandise	40,916	37,177	91	1,276	1,204	94
	Aircraft and Transport equip	1,692	1,490	88	32	39	121
	Chemicals, plastic and rubber	2,491	2,207	89	55	53	96
	Consumer goods	4,862	5,780	119	438	417	95
	Electronics electrical equipment	1,492	1,567	105	24	35	144
	Energy	9,205	4,637	50	78	21	27
	Farm, fishing and food products	2,611	3,509	134	305	338	111
	Forestry and products	3,062	3,267	107	53	53	99
	Industrial machinery equipment	2,490	2,177	87	115	112	98
	Mining and products	6,221	6,491	104	37	36	96
	Motor vehicles	6,317	5,621	89	100	72	72
	Special transactions trade	474	431	91	39	29	74
Import	All Merchandise	44,906	43,199	96	1,744	1,517	87
	Aircraft and Transport equip	2,465	2,226	90	226	98	43
	Chemicals, plastic and rubber	3,831	3,269	85	224	188	84
	Consumer goods	9,003	9,947	111	232	224	96
	Electronics electrical equipment	4,884	5,401	111	151	138	92
	Energy	2,522	1,661	66	64	28	45
	Farm, fishing and food products	1,632	1,760	108	75	72	95
	Forestry and products	1,974	2,202	112	97	98	101
	Industrial machinery equipment	4,915	4,921	100	374	425	114
	Mining and products	3,771	4,403	117	109	91	83
	Motor vehicles	9,100	6,402	70	179	146	82
	Special transactions trade	809	1,008	125	12	8	69

For Canada's **imports**, only four product groups are lagging the all merchandise Jun/Feb 2020 index value of 96. These include **energy** (66), **motor vehicles** (70), **chemicals, plastic and rubber** (85), and **aircraft and transport equipment** (90). Seven product groups are doing better than the all merchandise index.

For Manitoba, both domestic exports and imports of **motor vehicles** were up sharply month-over-month. Manitoba's domestic exports of **electronics electrical equipment** and **aircraft and transport equipment** were up sharply month-over-month.

For Manitoba's domestic exports, only three of eleven product groups were lagging the all merchandise Jun/Feb 2020 index of 94 (**Table 1**). These were **energy** (27), **motor vehicles** (72), and **special transaction trade** (74). Three of the eight product groups were above their Feb 2020 level. These are **farm, fishing and food products** (111), **aircraft and transport equipment** (121), and **electronics electrical equipment** (144).

As for Manitoba's imports, five of the product groups were above the all merchandise Jun/Feb 2020 index value of 87. These include **electronics electrical equipment** (92), **farm, fishing and food products** (95), **consumer goods** (96), **forestry and products** (101), and **industrial machinery equipment** (114).

Looking at the latest twenty-four months data from [Trade Data Online for HS codes 8501: 8548](#), it appears that the boost in trade in electronics and electrical equipment is related to power equipment.

Trade by Destination

When we look at Canada's domestic exports by destination, we see two countries were lagging the all merchandise Jun/Feb 2020 index of 91. These are **USA** (85) and **Mexico** (89). Canada's domestic exports to **China** in June 2020 were 64 per cent above the February 2020 level.

Canada's imports from four countries are below the all merchandise Jun/Feb 2020 index of 96. These are **Japan** (51), **Mexico** (82), **USA** (86) and **Other Europe Select** (91). Imports from China in June 2020 were up 42 per cent above the February 2020 level.

When we look at Manitoba's domestic exports by destination, we see four countries were lagging the all merchandise Jun/Feb 2020 index of 94. These are **Japan** (75), **USA** (90), **Mexico** (91), and **EU select** (93). Canada's domestic exports to **Other Asia select**, **Other Europe select** were both 76 per cent above their Feb 2020 level.

Manitoba's imports from four countries are below the all merchandise Jun/Feb 2020 index of 87. These are **Other Europe Select** (44), **Japan** (50), **Mexico** (77), and **USA** (81). Imports from **EU select** in June 2020 were up 82 per cent above the February 2020 level.

Table 2: Trade of All Merchandise by Destination (Millions of dollars and Index Jun/Feb 2020)²

Trade	PTP Grouped	Canada			Manitoba		
		2020-02	2020-06	Index (Feb20 =100)	2020-02	2020-06	Index (Feb20 =100)
Domestic export	All countries	40,916	37,177	91	1,276	1,204	94
	China	1,444	2,373	164	75	78	104
	EU select	3,239	3,335	103	31	29	93
	Japan	842	863	103	76	57	75
	Mexico	490	436	89	24	22	91
	Oth Asia select	1,198	1,152	96	14	24	176
	Oth Europe select	366	384	105	2	4	176
	Other	2,286	2,302	101	84	114	137
	United States	31,053	26,332	85	970	876	90
Import	All countries	44,906	43,199	96	1,744	1,517	87
	China	4,464	6,339	142	93	107	116
	EU select	4,007	4,564	114	71	130	182
	Japan	1,339	683	51	20	10	50
	Mexico	2,801	2,291	82	66	51	77
	Oth Asia select	1,668	1,808	108	29	31	108
	Oth Europe select	741	671	91	6	3	44
	Other	5,318	5,756	108	70	64	92
	United States	24,568	21,086	86	1,389	1,121	81

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² Custom groupings. **EU Select** = (Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, United Kingdom), **Other Europe select** = (Norway, Russian Federation, Switzerland), **Other Asia Select** = (Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan). **Other** is combines (Australia, Brazil, Peru, Algeria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and unnamed other countries).