

Manitoba Net Exports Remain Narrow

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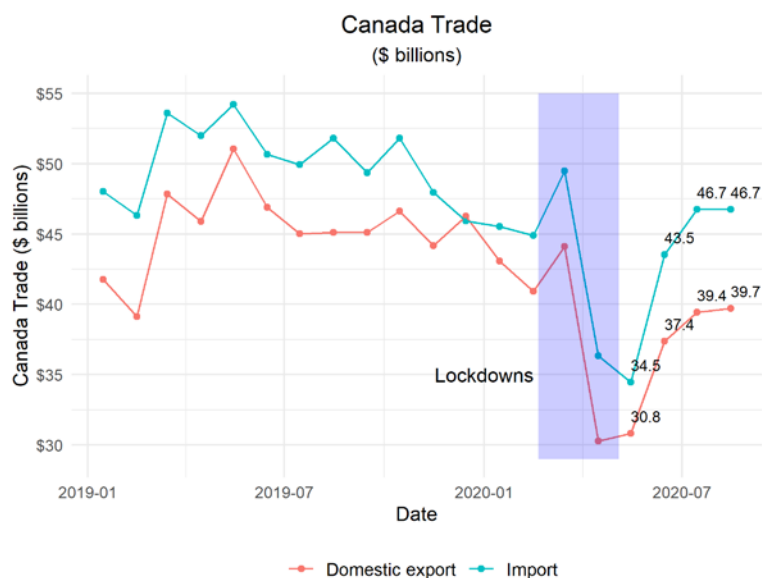
Canada's domestic exports are about 3 per cent below last February, and imports are down 4 per cent according to Statistics Canada's trade data released in August 2020.

Manitoba's domestic exports are up about 6 per cent above February 2020 attributable to stronger trade in farm, fishing and food products and consumer goods. Imports in the Province are still about 6 per cent below the February level. This is due to continuing weakness in aircraft and transportation equipment, chemicals, and mining and associated products.

The weakness in the use of passenger aircraft GDP for Manitoba continues to weigh on the upstream aircraft and parts industry. While GDP numbers in [WED #34](#) reveals a continued weakness for bus manufacturing, the investments made clear by the federal Speech from the Throne should add support to this supply chain after orders are in the pipeline.

Trade – All Merchandise and Destinations

Figure 1: Canada Trade (\$Billions)

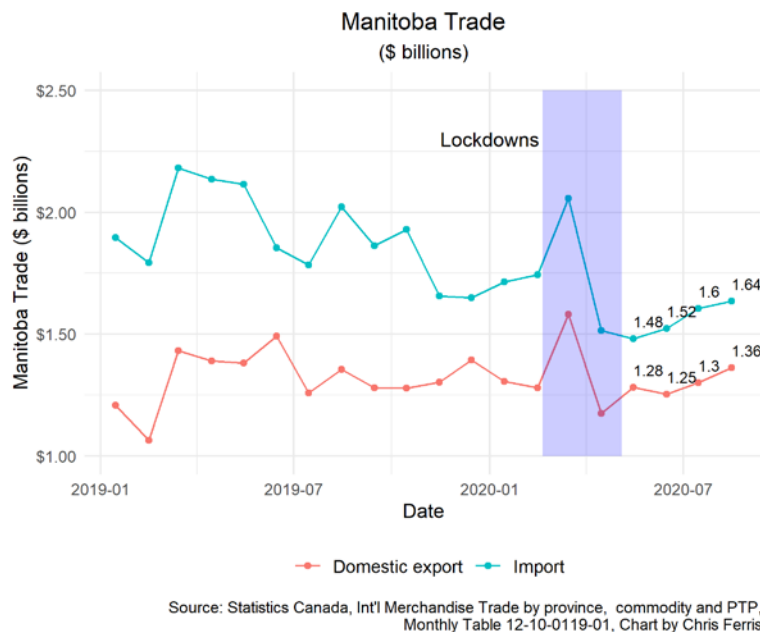


Canada's August 2020 trade was flat to slightly recovering over July numbers. Canada's domestic exports rose to \$39.7 billion, about 3 per cent below their pre-lockdown level in February 2020 (**Figure 1**).

Canada's imports were flat at \$46.7 billion. This is 4 per cent above their pre-lockdown level in February 2020. Net exports for Canada are -\$7 billion.

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

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

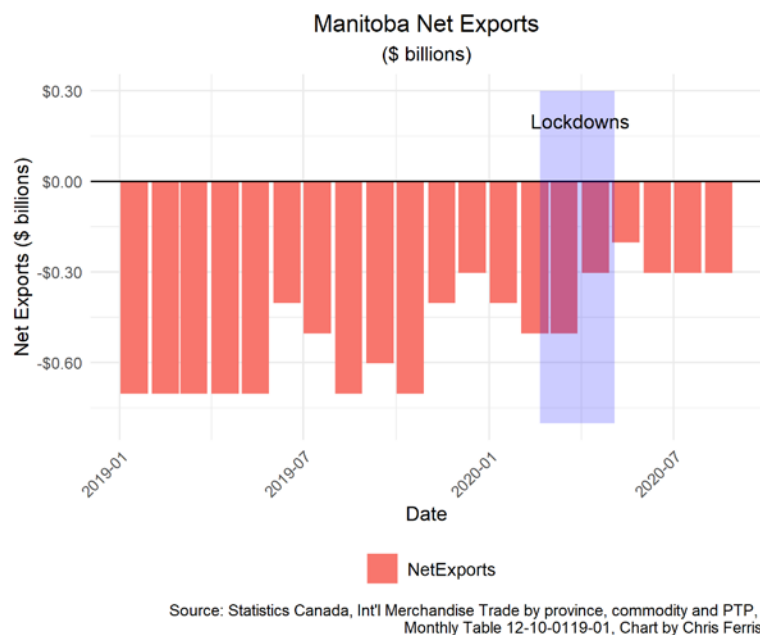


Manitoba, domestic exports in August 2020 were \$1.36 billion, up slightly month-over-month and up 6 per cent over February 2020 (**Figure 2**).

Manitoba's imports in August were \$1.64 billion, continuing to rise month-over-month. August imports are still 6 per cent below February.

Manitoba's net exports have remained narrow post-lockdown, at -\$274 million in August (**Figure 3**).

Figure 3: Manitoba Net Exports (\$billions)



Trade by Product

Support for Manitoba's domestic exports has primarily come from two of the largest product export categories (**Table 1**):

- **farm, fishing, and intermediate food products** (index of 117),
- **Consumer goods** (index of 110).

Domestic export weakness came from Aircraft and parts (index of 69), motor vehicles and parts (index of 82), chemicals (index of 85), and industrial machinery (index of

86).

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

Trade	North American Product Classification System (NAPCS)2	Canada			Manitoba		
		2020-02 (\$M)	2020-08 (\$M)	index	2020-02 (\$M)	2020-08 (\$M)	Index
Domestic Exports	Total of all merchandise	40,922	39,717	97	1,281	1,362	106
	Farm, fishing and intermediate food products [C11]	2,611	3,434	132	305	357	117
	Energy products [C12]	9,203	7,176	78	83	96	116
	Mining and products	7,008	6,710	96	92	92	101
	Basic and industrial chemical, plastic and rubber products [C15]	2,491	2,275	91	55	47	85
	Forestry products and building and packaging materials [C16]	3,071	3,589	117	53	62	116
	Industrial machinery, equipment and parts [C17]	2,490	2,234	90	115	98	86
	Electronic and electrical equipment and parts [C18]	1,491	1,438	96	24	24	100
	Motor vehicles and parts [C19]	6,317	6,270	99	100	82	82
	Aircraft and other transportation equipment and parts [C21]	1,692	1,037	61	32	22	69
	Consumer goods [C22]	4,861	5,500	113	438	483	110
Special transactions trade [C23]	474	435	92	39	43	111	
Imports	Total of all merchandise	44,909	46,742	104	1,744	1,635	94
	Farm, fishing and intermediate food products [C11]	1,632	1,598	98	75	72	96
	Energy products [C12]	2,526	1,624	64	64	88	137
	Mining and products	6,721	6,710	100	314	253	81
	Basic and industrial chemical, plastic and rubber products [C15]	3,828	2,987	78	224	176	78
	Forestry products and building and packaging materials [C16]	1,976	2,209	112	97	103	106
	Industrial machinery, equipment and parts [C17]	4,915	4,858	99	374	410	109
	Electronic and electrical equipment and parts [C18]	4,886	5,875	120	151	144	95
	Motor vehicles and parts [C19]	9,099	8,741	96	179	177	99
	Aircraft and other transportation equipment and parts [C21]	2,466	1,156	47	226	92	41
	Consumer goods [C22]	9,003	11,097	123	232	253	109
Special transactions trade [C23]	809	1,107	137	12	12	100	

Manitoba's imports were strengthened by imports of energy products (index of 137). Weakness originated from a sharp reduction in imports of aircraft and transportation equipment (index of 41), chemicals (index of 78), and mining and products (index of 81).

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