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## The United States Census Bureau

<b>Directions:</b> Visit "The United States Census Bureau" page that compares trade between the
United States and Mexico and the United States and Canada. The link to the page comparing
Mexican / U.S. trade can be found at
https://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/balance/c2010.html#1993
The link to the page comparing Canadian / U.S. trade can be found at
https://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/balance/c1220.html#1994
Access the files and examine the export data.

1. Compare and contrast the United States' exports to Mexico and Canada in 1993 (before NAFTA took effect), 1997, 2002, 2007, 2012, and 2017 (when NAFTA began renegotiations).

Exports to Mexico:	<b>Exports to Canada:</b>
1993 – \$	1993 – \$
1997 – \$	1997 – \$
2002 – \$	2002 – \$
2007 – \$	2007 – \$
2012 – \$	2012 – \$
2017 – \$	2017 – \$

What trend has occurred with exports with the U.S. and Mexico and U.S. and Canada in these years?

2. Compare and contrast the United States' imports from Mexico and Canada in 1993 (before NAFTA took effect), 1997, 2002, 2007, 2012, and 2017 (when NAFTA began renegotiations).

Imports from Mexico:	Imports from Canada:
1993 – \$	1993 – \$
1997 – \$	1997 – \$
2002 – \$	2002 – \$
2007 – \$	2007 – \$
2012 – \$	2012 – \$
2017 – \$	2017 – \$

What trend has occurred with imports with the U.S. and Mexico and U.S. and Canada in these years?



## NAFTA: Did Jobs Get Sucked Out of the United States?



Finally, an examination of employment data over the last several decades gives some indication whether the United States' economic performance has been affected negatively by trade with Mexico and Canada. Data on employment at the national level can be found on the Bureau of Labor Statistics' website at https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS14000000

Once you are at the website, change the "OutPut Options" to: "From 1993" and "To 2017." Then hit "Go"

- **3.** What was the unemployment rate in January 1994 when NAFTA went into effect?
- **4.** Compare unemployment rates from January 1994 until December 2000. What trend has happened to unemployment rates over that time span?
- 5. While many factors impact unemployment rates (recessions, advances in technology, job creation, and catastrophic events) many politicians claim increased international trade and subsequent outsourcing will negatively impact unemployment rates. What relationship do the data show between unemployment and trade with Canada and Mexico since January 1994?

