



State of U.S. Tariffs: August 7, 2025

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Key Takeaways

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The Budget Lab (TBL) estimated the effects all US tariffs and foreign retaliation implemented in 2025 through August 6, including the higher 50% tariff rate on India. TBL analyzed the August 6 tariff rates as if they stayed in effect in perpetuity.

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Current Tariff Rate: Consumers face an overall average effective tariff rate of 18.6%, the highest since 1933. After consumption shifts, the average tariff rate will be 17.7%, the highest since 1934.

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Overall Price Level & Distributional Effects: The price level from all 2025 tariffs rises by 1.8% in the short-run, the equivalent of an average per household income loss of \$2,400 in 2025\$. This assumes the Federal Reserve does not react to tariffs and so the real income adjustment comes primarily through prices rather than nominal incomes; if the Federal Reserve reacted, the adjustment could in part come in the form of lower nominal incomes. Annual pre-substitution losses for households at the bottom of the income distribution are \$1,300. The post-substitution price increase settles at 1.5%, a \$2,100 loss per household.

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Commodity Prices: The 2025 tariffs disproportionately affect clothing and textiles, with consumers facing 39% higher shoe prices and 37% higher apparel prices in the short-run. Shoes and apparel prices stay 19% and 18% higher in the long-run respectively.

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Real GDP Effects: US real GDP growth over 2025 and 2026 is -0.5 pp lower each year from all 2025 tariffs. In the long-run, the US economy is persistently -0.4% smaller, the equivalent of \$125 billion annually in 2024\$.

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Labor Market Effects: The unemployment rate rises 0.3 percentage point by the end of 2025 and 0.7 percentage point by the end of 2026. Payroll employment is 505,000 lower by the end of 2025.

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Long-Run Sectoral GDP & Employment Effects: In the long-run, tariffs present a trade-off. US manufacturing output expands by 2.1% , but these gains are more than crowded out by other sectors: construction output contracts by 3.6% and agriculture declines by 0.8%.

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Fiscal Effects: All tariffs to date in 2025 raise \$2.7 trillion over 2026-35 , with \$475 billion in negative dynamic revenue effects, bringing dynamic revenues to \$2.2 trillion.

Changes Since the Last Report

Since the [August 1](#) report:

- On Wednesday, August 6, the Trump Administration [increased the tariff rate for India](#) to 50%, up from 25% previously.

TBL analyzes tariffs on a “real-time current policy” basis, where policy as it stands as of date certain is assumed to continue in perpetuity, even if framed as a temporary policy.

Current Tariff Policy through August 6

| U.S. Tariffs**** | Retaliatory/Deal Tariffs |
|--|--|
| 20% broad tariff on all Chinese imports (effective February 4; increased March 4) | China 10%/15% list (announced February 4) |
| 10% tariff on Canadian potash and energy (effective April 2) | Canada 25% list (announced March 4) |
| 25% tariff on all Mexican imports. 35% on other Canadian imports* (prior 25% rates effective March 4, 35% rate effective August 7) | China 10%/15% list (announced March 4) |
| 25% tariff on all automobiles, with an exemption for US content and a discount through April 2027 on parts tariffs for US-assembled autos** (effective April 3), reduced to 10% on the first 100K UK imports (announced May 8), 15% on the EU (announced July 31). | Canada 25% list (announced March 13) |
| 50% tariff on all steel and aluminum imports (effective March 12, raised May 30), 0% on the UK (announced May 8), extended to steel derivative products (effective June 23) | China broad 125%, lowered to 10% for 90 days (announced April 4; increased April 11; lowered May 12) |
| 50% tariff on copper imports, clarified to exclude refined copper and copper ore (announced July 8, effective August 7). | UK reduction in ethanol tariff on the US to 0% (announced May 8) |
| Modified April 2 announcement: 10% minimum tariffs on all countries ex. China, Canada, & Mexico; 125% tariff on China lowered to 10% for 90 days on May 12 (effective April 9, modified April 9, 90-day duration)***. July 31 unilateral announcements and bilateral deals with Japan, Indonesia, the Philippines, & the EU (effective August 7). 50% tariff on India. | |
| US-Vietnam July 2 framework: 20% broad tariff, 40% tariff on goods transshipped from China | |

* USMCA-compliant trade remains duty-free. TBL assumes that 48% of imports by value from Mexico are USMCA-compliant, while 50% of imports from Canada are compliant.

** TBL assumes that 40% of automobile content in imported motor vehicles from Canada and Mexico are of US origin. For the purposes of the auto tariff rebate, TBL assumes that 1/3 of imported autos are assembled in the US.

*** The tariffs announced on April 2 apply to most imported goods but exempt steel, aluminum, and autos—which have already been tariffed separately this year—as well as copper, pharmaceuticals, semiconductors, lumber, energy, and critical minerals. The Administration clarified the scope of the semiconductor exemption on April 13. TBL carved out these commodities in its analysis of the April 2 announcement but does stack tariffs on those commodities from earlier announcements where applicable.

**** [Executive Order 14289](#) prevents many tariffs from stacking with one another and establishes the stacking order for tariffs, with the Section 232 automobile tariffs being the highest priority.

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Results

The table below summarizes the effects of current tariff policy through August 6, **assuming it stays in force indefinitely.**

Table 1. Summary Economic & Fiscal Effects of 2025 Tariffs through August 6

| | 2026-35 | | Conventional Score**** | |
|--------------------------|------------|----------|-------------------------------|--|
| | \$billions | % of GDP | % Change in PCE Price Level** | In Equilibrium Decline in Average Post-Tax-And-Transfer Income per Household (2025\$) |
| All 2025 Tariffs to Date | \$2,723 | 0.7% | 1.83% | -\$2,433 |

** Pre-substitution. *** Post-substitution.

**** Under relaxed conventional assumptions.

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Average Effective Tariff Rate

The distinction between *pre-substitution* metrics (before consumers and businesses shift purchases in response to the tariffs) and *post-substitution* (after they shift) is a crucial one. One metric where the difference is meaningful is the average effective tariff rate.

Measured pre-substitution—assuming there are no shifts in the import shares of different countries—the 2025 tariffs to date are the equivalent of a 16.2 percentage point increase in the US average effective tariff rate. That calculation assumes that, for example, the share of imports from China remains at 14%, where it was in 2024. This is the right way to think about the tariffs from the perspective of consumer welfare, since it reflects the full cost faced by consumers before they start making difficult spending choices. This increase would bring the overall US average effective tariff rate to 18.6%, the highest since 1933.

The effective tariff rate implied by policy has fluctuated substantially this year, starting at 2.4% in early January and peaking at 28% in the wake of the April 9 and 13 announcements.

Post-substitution—after imports shift in response to the tariffs—the 2025 tariffs are a 15.3 percentage point increase in the US average effective tariff rate, which brings the overall US effective tariff rate to 17.7%, the highest since 1934.

The timing of the transition from “pre” to “post” substitution is highly uncertain. Some shifts are likely to happen quickly—within days or weeks—while others may take longer.¹

Table 2. Average Effective US Tariff Rate, New 2025 Policy through August 6

Pre- and post-substitution

| | Effective Tariff | Import Share | | Average Effective Tariff | |
|---------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| | | Pre-Substitution | Post-Substitution | Pre-Substitution | Post-Substitution |
| China | 27.9 | 14% | 8% | 3.8 | 2.3 |
| Canada | 13.1 | 13% | 17% | 1.7 | 2.2 |
| Mexico | 10.6 | 15% | 19% | 1.6 | 2.0 |
| Rest of World | 15.6 | 58% | 56% | 9.1 | 8.8 |
| Total | | 100% | 100% | 16.2 | 15.3 |

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Figure 1. Average Effective US Tariff Rate, New 2025 Policy through August 6

By Country Contribution and Pre/Post Substitution Percentage points

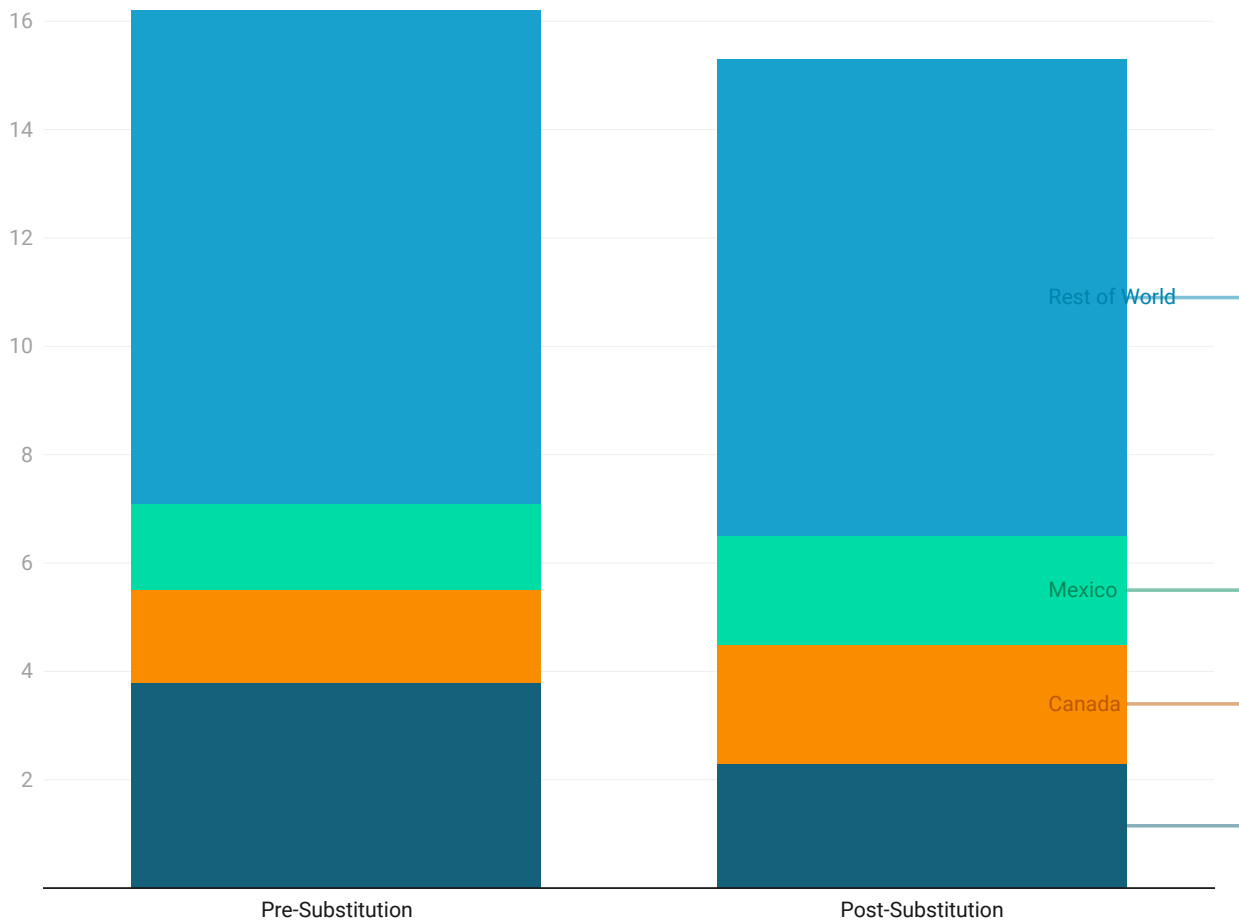


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Figure 2. U.S. Average Effective Tariff Rate Since 1790

Customs duty revenue as a percent of goods imports

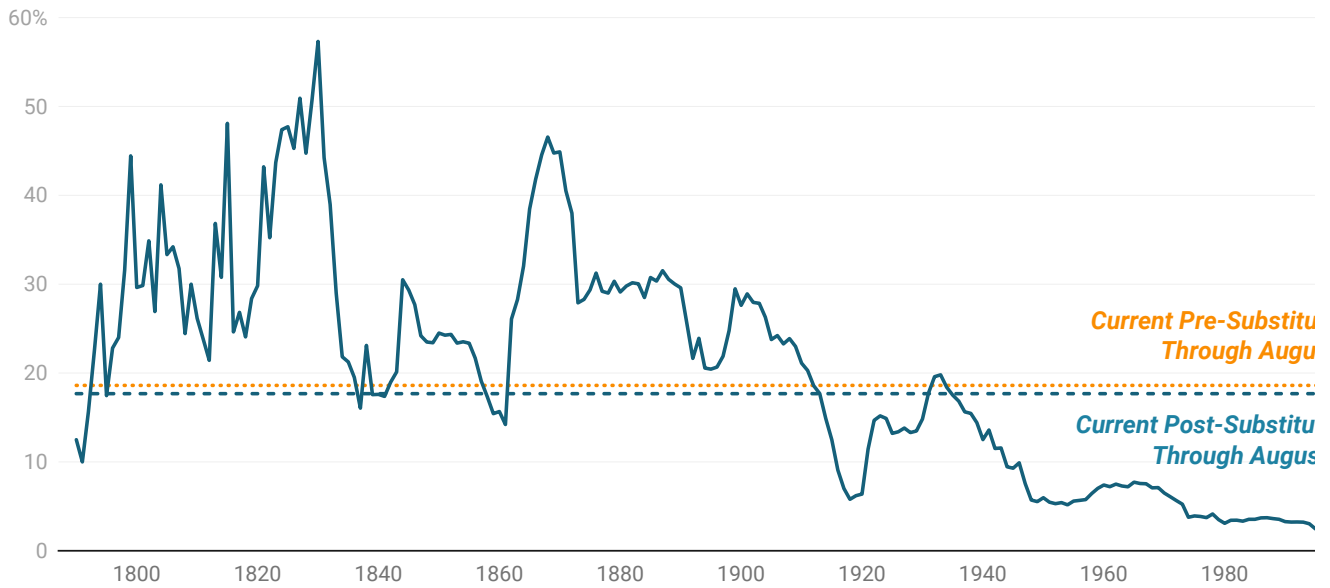


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Figure 3. U.S Average Effective Tariff Rate Since January 1, 2025

Policy through August 6, Pre-Substitution
Percent of goods import

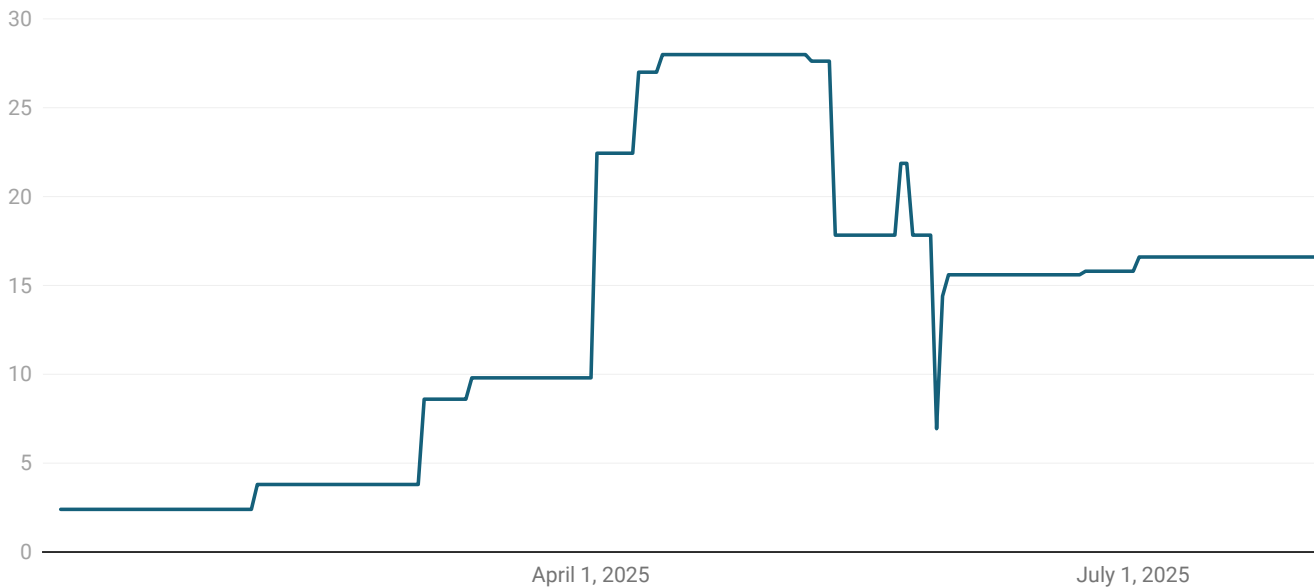


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Average Aggregate Price Impact

The 2025 tariffs imply an increase in consumer prices of 1.8% in the short-run, assuming no policy reaction from the Federal Reserve and full passthrough of tariffs to consumers. As a result, TBL assumes the real income adjustment comes primarily through prices rather than nominal incomes. If the Federal Reserve reacted, the adjustment could in part come in the form of lower nominal incomes. This is a pre-substitution number that captures consumer

welfare effects. It is the equivalent of a short-run income loss² of \$2,400 per household on average in 2025 dollars. The post-substitution price increase settles at 1.5%, a \$2,100 short-run loss per household.

US Real GDP & Labor Market Effects

All 2025 US tariffs plus foreign retaliation lower real GDP growth by -0.5pp each over calendar years 2025 and 2026 (Q4-Q4). The unemployment rate ends 2025 0.3 percentage point higher and 2026 0.7 percentage point higher, and payroll employment is 505,000 lower by the end of 2025. The level of real GDP remains persistently -0.4% smaller in the long run, the equivalent of \$125 billion 2024\$ annually, while exports are -16.1% lower.

Figure 4. U.S. Real GDP Level Effects of 2025 Tariffs to Date

U.S. tariffs implemented through August 6
 Percentage point change against baseline

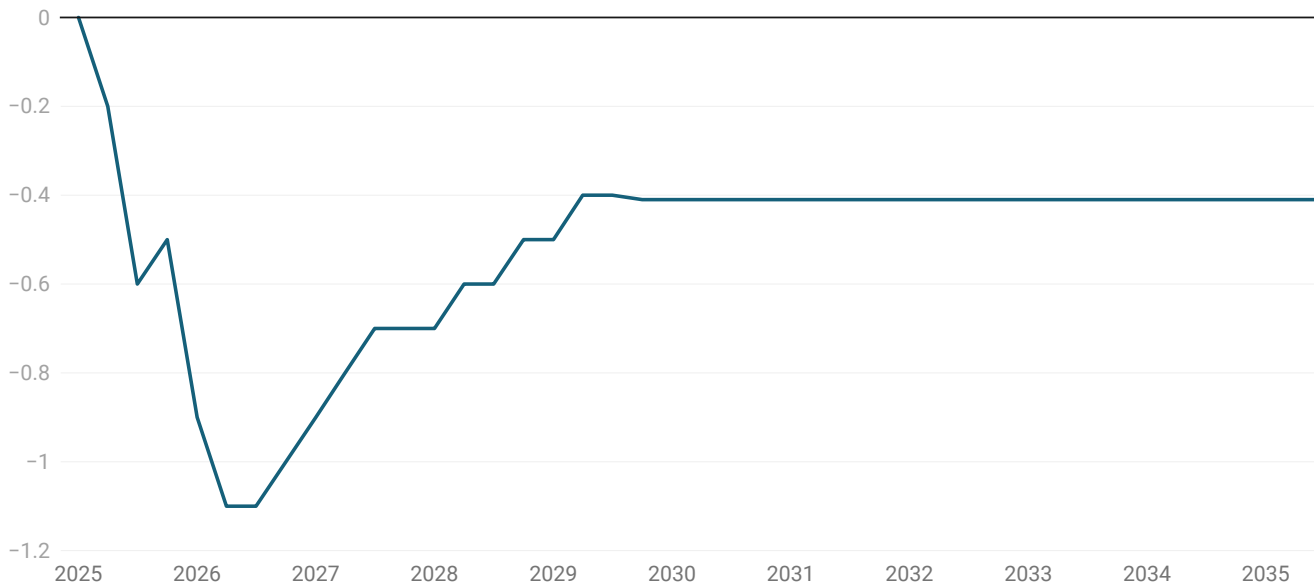


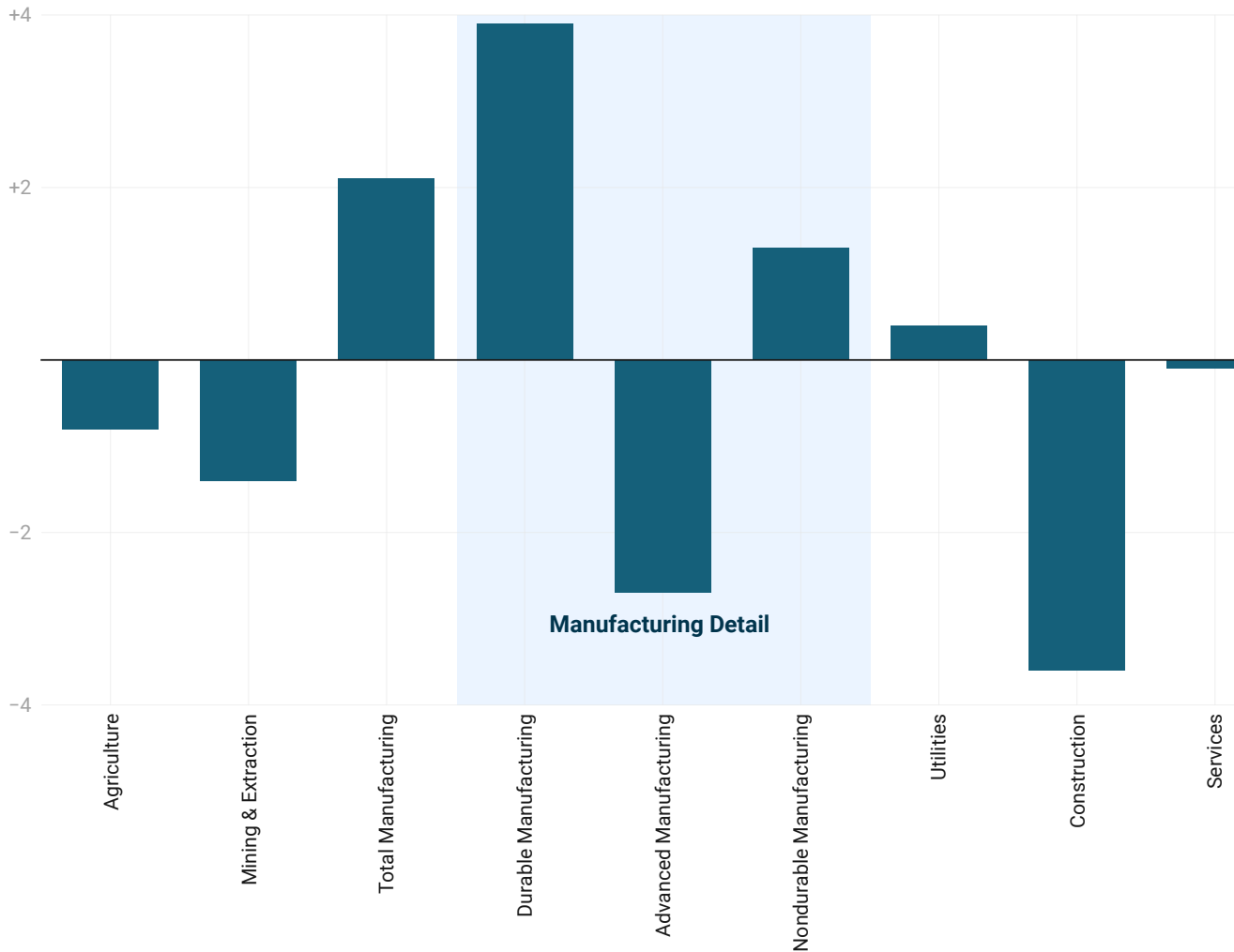
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Long-run US Sectoral Output & Employment Effects

Tariffs shrink the overall size of the US economy in the long-run by 0.41%, but beneath aggregate GDP they also drive reallocation across US sectors. Long-run output in the manufacturing sector expands by 2.1% under the tariffs, with nonadvanced durable manufacturing output 3.9% larger and nondurable manufacturing 1.3% larger. However, advanced manufacturing is down by 2.7%. Moreover, the expansion of the overall manufacturing sector more than crowds out the rest of the economy: construction contracts by 3.6%, agriculture by 0.8%, and mining & extraction by 1.4%.

Figure 5. Change in Long-Run Real U.S. GDP by Sector from 2025 Tariffs

U.S. tariffs implemented through August 6, plus foreign retaliation
Percentage Points



Real value added by sector.

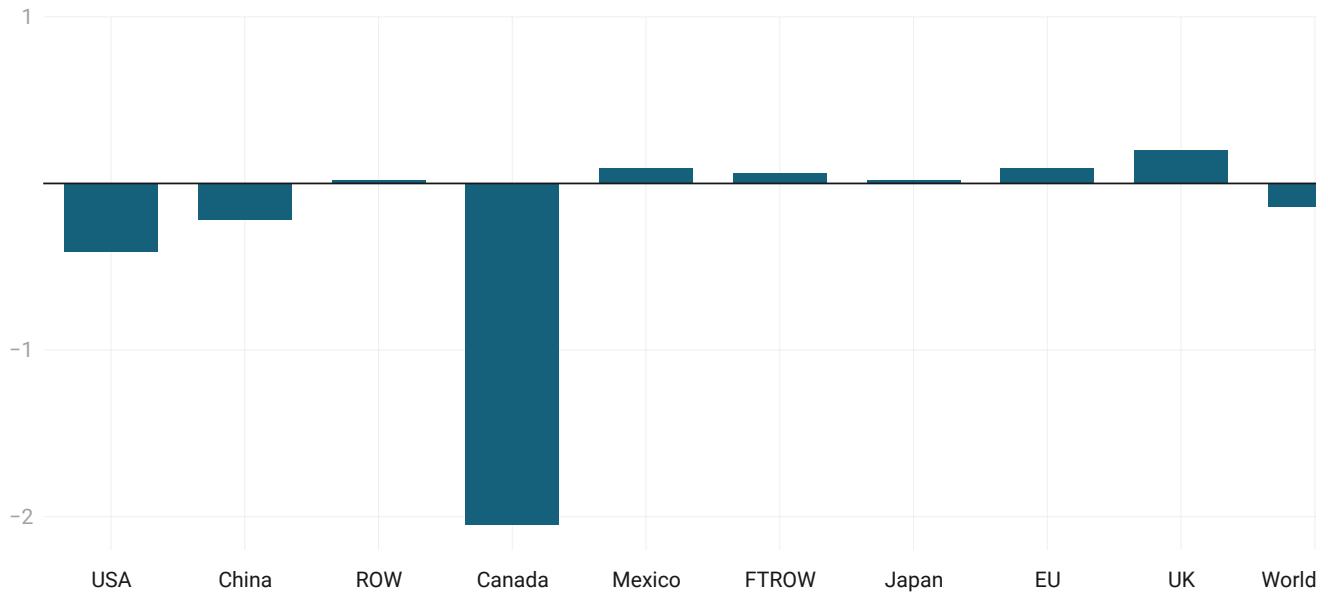
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Global Long-run Real GDP Effects

Canada has borne the brunt of the damage from US tariffs so far, with its long-run economy -2.1% smaller in real terms (reflecting both US tariffs and Canadian retaliation to date). China's economy is -0.2% smaller, roughly half as large as the hit to the US. The EU's economy is 0.1 percentage point larger in the long-run, while the UK's is 0.2% bigger thanks in part to the benefits of US-UK trade deal.

Figure 6. Long-Run Change in Real GDP Level from 2025 Tariffs to Date

U.S. tariffs implemented through August 6
Percentage point change



FTROW = countries with a comprehensive free trade agreement with the US
ROW = all other countries

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Fiscal Impact & Historical Context

The 2025 tariffs to date, were they to remain in place, would raise \$2.7 trillion over 2026-35 conventionally-scored (\$2.6 trillion over 2025-34).³ Given the negative output effects of the tariffs, there would be additional dynamic reductions in tax revenue as a result. Based on Congressional Budget Office rules-of-thumb, TBL estimates that these effects would total -\$475 billion over the decade (-\$431 billion over 2025-34), bringing total dynamic revenue to \$2.2 trillion over 2026-35 (\$2.1 trillion over 2025-34).

Table 3. Estimated Revenue Effects of All 2025 Tariffs

Through August 6, By Fiscal Year
Billions of dollars

| | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 | 2031 | 2032 | 2033 | 2034 |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Conventional | 151 | 247 | 237 | 246 | 254 | 263 | 273 | 284 | 295 | 306 |
| Dynamic | 142 | 201 | 178 | 194 | 211 | 223 | 232 | 240 | 248 | 257 |
| <i>Dynamic effect</i> | -9 | -46 | -60 | -52 | -43 | -40 | -42 | -44 | -47 | -49 |

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Short-run Distributional Impact

Tariffs are a regressive tax, especially in the short-run. This means that tariffs burden households at the bottom of the income ladder more than those at the top as a share of income. The regressivity is about the same when looking at all 2025 tariffs: the short-run burden on the 1st decile is more than 3x that of the top decile (-3.5% versus -1.0%). The average annual cost to households in the 1st and top decile rise to \$1,300 and \$5,000 respectively in 2025\$. The median cost is \$2,200 per household.

Figure 7. Short-Run Distributional Impact of 2025 Tariffs to Date

Through August 6

Percentage points of disposable income by household income decile

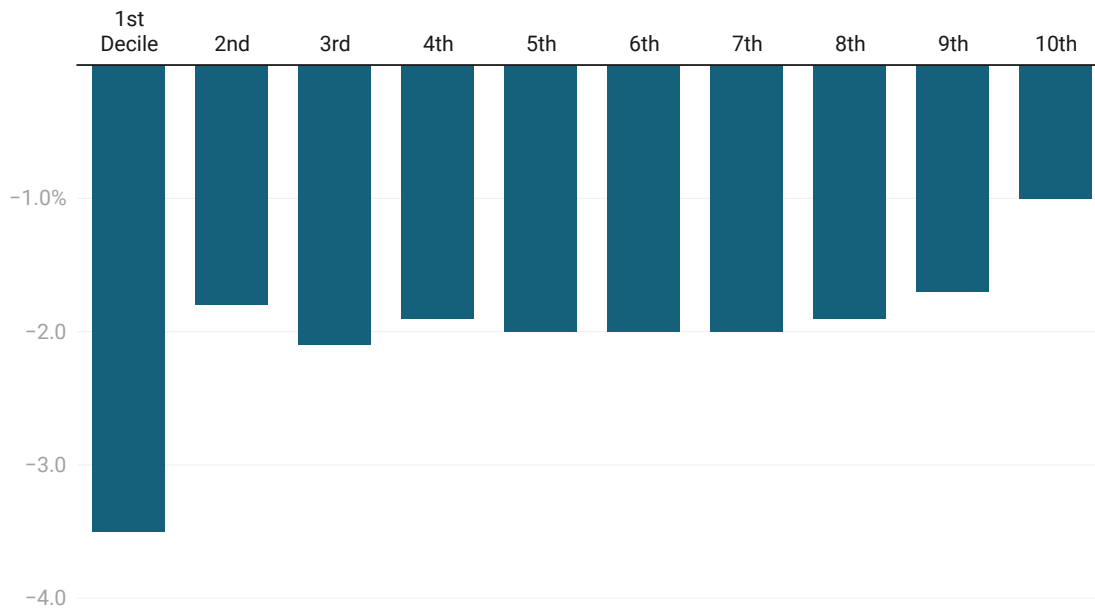


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Constant 2025\$ of Average Disposable Income per Household

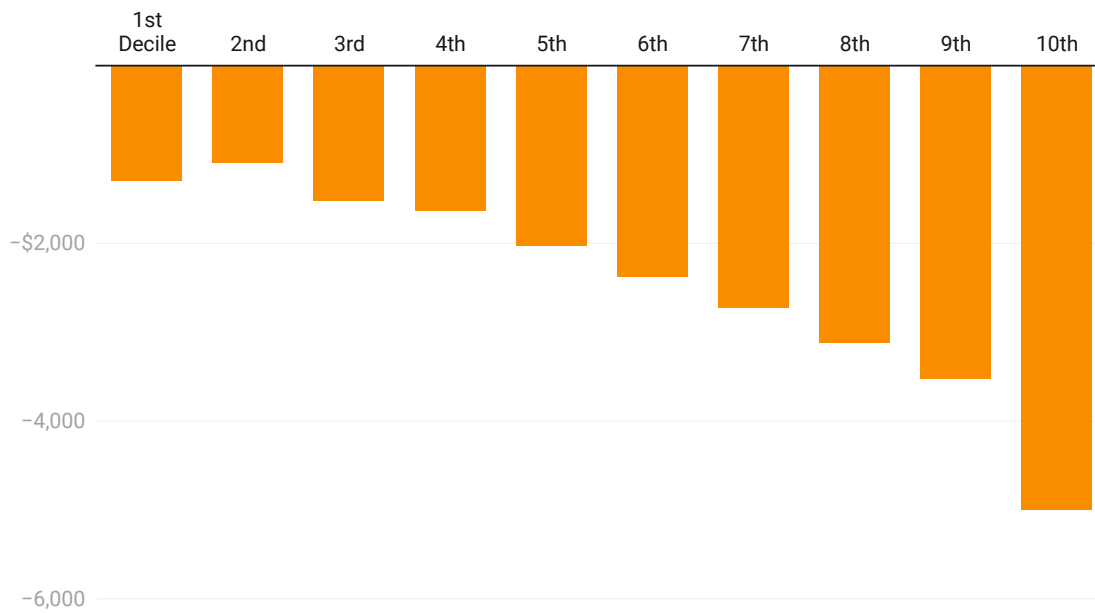


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Tariffs are more distributionally-ambiguous in the longer-run. Tariffs reduce both labor income and above-normal returns to capital, or rents. We assume that owners of capital hold rents rather than consume them in the short-run, but do consume them over their lifecycle in the long-run. The implication is that the tariff burden is more regressive in the short-run and more evenly-distributed across households in the long-run.

Commodity Price Effects

The charts below show how the 1.8% price level increase from the 2025 tariffs to date would look across individual commodities in the short-run (pre-substitution), as well as the 1.5% long-run price increase (post-substitution).

Some high level takeaways:

- Consumers face particularly high increases in clothing and textile prices in the short-run: prices increase 39% for leather products (shoes and hand bags), 37% for apparel, and 21% for textiles. After substitution and global supply shifts in the long-run, prices remain 19%, 18%, and 11% higher, respectively.
- Food prices rise 3.2% in the short-run and stay 2.9% higher in the long-run. Fresh produce is initially 7.0% more expensive while stabilizing at 3.6% higher.
- Motor vehicle prices rise 12.4% in the short-run and 9.4% in the long-run, the equivalent of an additional \$6,000 and \$4,500 respectively to the price of an average 2024 new car.

Figure 8. Commodity Price Effects from 2025 Tariffs through August 6

Percent change to price level

| name | Short Run | Long-Run |
|----------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Metals nec | 41.0 | 17.3 |
| Leather products | 39.0 | 19.3 |
| Wearing apparel | 36.6 | 18.0 |
| Crops nec | 31.5 | 15.1 |
| Electrical equipment | 26.4 | 12.5 |
| Ferrous metals | 21.8 | 10.3 |
| Textiles | 21.3 | 10.5 |
| Computer, electronic and optical | 17.0 | 7.7 |
| Mineral products nec | 14.7 | 7.3 |
| Machinery and equipment nec | 14.2 | 8.5 |
| Motor vehicles and parts | 12.4 | 9.4 |
| Metal products | 12.1 | 6.9 |
| Rubber and plastic products | 11.9 | 6.2 |
| Manufactures nec | 11.0 | 5.8 |
| Transport equipment nec | 10.8 | 6.4 |
| Fishing | 10.2 | 6.3 |
| Wood products | 7.4 | 4.3 |
| Processed rice | 6.4 | 11.2 |
| Vegetables, fruit, nuts | 6.0 | 3.5 |
| Chemical products | 5.6 | 3.9 |
| Paper products, publishing | 5.4 | 3.9 |
| Vegetable oils and fats | 4.6 | 2.4 |
| Food products nec | 4.0 | 3.1 |
| Beverages and tobacco products | 3.2 | 3.7 |
| Paddy rice | 2.4 | 1.7 |
| Animal products nec | 2.0 | 1.4 |
| Cereal grains nec | 1.6 | 1.5 |
| Forestry | 1.4 | 1.2 |
| Basic pharmaceutical products | 1.3 | 1.2 |
| Natural gas | 1.3 | 0.1 |
| Sugar | 1.3 | 2.2 |
| Bovine meat products | 1.2 | 1.5 |
| Oil | 1.0 | 0.2 |
| Minerals nec | 0.7 | 0.5 |
| Dairy products | 0.6 | 1.7 |
| Meat products nec | 0.6 | 1.1 |

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|---------------------------------|-----|------|
| Oil seeds | 0.5 | 0.0 |
| Petroleum, coal products | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| Wool, silk-worm cocoons | 0.3 | 11.4 |
| Electricity | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| Bovine cattle, sheep and goats | 0.1 | 0.8 |
| Plant-based fibers | 0.1 | 0.9 |
| Wheat | 0.1 | 0.9 |
| Construction | 0.1 | 1.5 |
| Raw milk | 0.1 | 1.3 |
| Sugar cane, sugar beet | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| Water | 0.0 | 1.2 |
| Coal | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Gas manufacture, distribution | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| Air transport | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Accommodation & food services | 0.0 | 0.8 |
| Communication | 0.0 | 0.8 |
| Water transport | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| Financial services nec | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Insurance | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Business services nec | 0.0 | 0.8 |
| Transport nec | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| Warehousing and support | 0.0 | 1.1 |
| Recreational and other services | 0.0 | 0.8 |
| Human health and social work | 0.0 | 0.9 |
| Public Administration | 0.0 | 0.8 |
| Real estate activities | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| Trade | 0.0 | 0.8 |
| Dwellings | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Education | 0.0 | 0.6 |

"nec" = "Not elsewhere classified"

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Footnotes

1. TBL assumes throughout its tariff analysis that the transition to longer-run GTAP equilibria occurs after three years.

2. TBL defines “income” as CBO-concept post-tax-and-transfer income. “Short-run” refers to the effect over the next couple of years; TBL proxies for this definition by using CBO projections of the distribution of income in 2027, expressed in 2025 dollars.
3. TBL employs a “relaxed conventional” assumption for the retaliation scenario, whereby foreign income is permitted to fall but US income remains fixed.