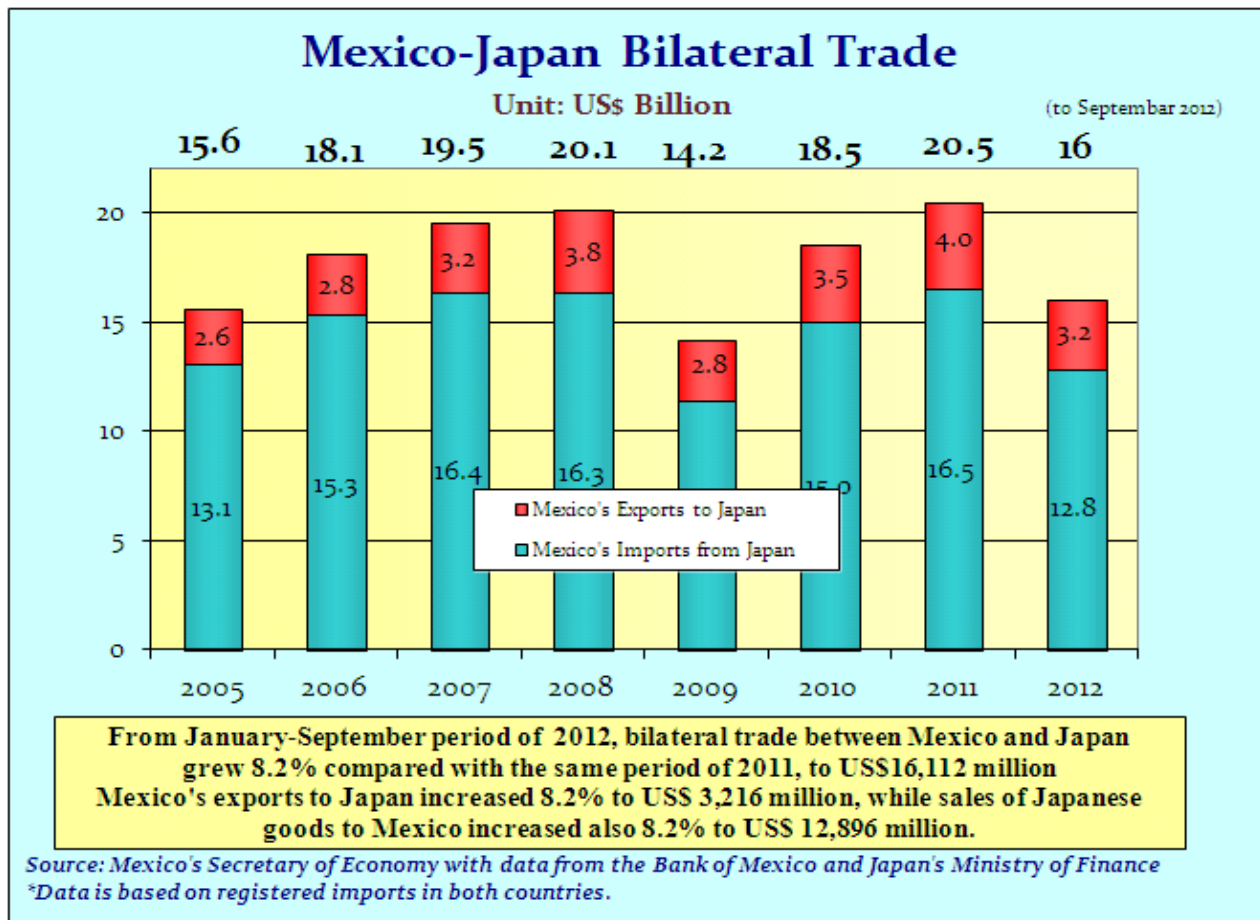


## Mexico-Japan Trade Statistics

*With data to September 2012*

Mexico-Japan bilateral trade continues its upward trend during the January-September, 2012 period, despite the global economic slowdown that has impacted the Japanese export sector negatively. Since January, two-way trade has reached US\$ 16.1 billion, an increase of 8.2% over the same period of last year. Mexico's exports to Japan were US\$ 3,216 million, posting an 8.2% growth during the period. Japanese sales to Mexico were US\$ 12,896 million, also an increase of 8.2% in annual terms.

With Japan's main trading partners, exports fell more than expected in September, as sales to China and Europe dropped and domestic demand, led by rebuilding from last year's earthquake lost momentum. Japanese exports to China have fallen 14.1 percent in September and 8.1% in the period January–September, while exports to the European Union continue their drop felling 12.3% cumulative in the nine months of the year. On the brighter side, exports to the United States jumped 17.2% on the year amid signs of a modest recovery in demand there.



**Japan's trade with its main commercial partners**  
(Selected countries)

*January-September, 2012*

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Total Trade Jan-Sep. 2012 (US\$ billion)</b>	<b>Total Trade Jan-Sep. 2011 (US\$ billion)</b>	<b>Annual Percentage Change</b>
1	China	249.8	253.9	<b>-1.5</b>
2	U.S.A.	163.1	144.6	12.8
3	European Union	124.2	130.6	<b>-4.6</b>
4	South Korea	76.8	78.8	<b>-2.5</b>
11	Germany	34.2	34.3	<b>-0.2</b>
19	<b>Mexico</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>8.2</b>
21	United Kingdom	15.4	17.3	<b>-11.2</b>
23	Brazil	13.5	13.6	<b>-0.3</b>
24	India	13.3	13.4	<b>-0.9</b>
26	Panama	11.9	12.1	<b>-0.8</b>
29	Chile	8.6	8.9	<b>-3.9</b>

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