

## U.S. Bicycle Imports Through February 2007 Year-to-Date

Commerce Numbers	China	Taiwan	Canada	Italy	Other	Total	Change	Percentage	Value C.I.F.	Unit value
Kids' 2005	678,938	2,426	0	0	1,287	682,651	220,292	48%	16,040,526	23.50
2006	602,703	5,226	0	15	1,046	608,990	-73,661	-11%	14,013,593	23.01
2007	581,476	6,310	0	0	0	587,786	-21,204	-3%	16,128,586	27.44
20", 2005	749,976	78,342	0	0	11	828,329	217,751	36%	31,150,278	37.61
2006	555,856	28,054	0	0	39	583,949	-244,380	-30%	22,993,698	39.38
2007	617,585	10,467	0	0	444	628,496	44,547	8%	24,100,223	38.35
24", 2005	247,763	31,457	634	0	0	279,854	100,950	56%	13,343,507	47.68
2006	225,681	16,000	266	0	48	241,995	-37,859	-14%	11,666,289	48.21
2007	140,378	6,648	1,364	0	1	148,391	-93,604	-39%	10,700,606	72.11
Mtn, Comfort, 2005	710,876	79,969	1,516	43	5,241	797,645	164,097	26%	74,517,377	93.42
2006	657,281	41,902	1,075	16	933	701,207	-96,438	-12%	64,149,190	91.48
2007	723,459	37,768	307	0	2,273	763,807	62,600	9%	72,675,693	95.15
27", 700C, 2005	57,809	41,263	235	485	648	100,440	60,752	153%	30,300,890	301.68
2006	70,341	39,362	1,022	2	550	111,277	10,837	11%	35,797,330	321.70
2007	127,446	45,397	160	502	686	174,191	62,914	57%	43,412,903	249.23
Other, 2005	82,213	2,658	17	1	224	85,113	79,218	1344%	6,107,886	71.76
2006	3,884	1,908	2	295	390	6,479	-78,634	-92%	448,910	69.29
2007	30,196	686	30	537	1,293	32,742	26,263	405%	1,221,741	37.31
Totals '05	2,527,575	236,115	2,402	529	7,411	2,774,032	843,157	44%	171,460,464	61.81
Totals '06	2,115,746	132,452	2,365	328	3,006	2,253,897	-520,135	-19%	149,069,010	66.14
Totals '07	2,220,540	107,276	1,861	1,039	4,697	2,335,413	81,516	4%	168,239,752	72.04
Difference '06/'07	104,794	-25,176	-504	711	1,691	81,516			19,170,742	
Percent Change, '06-'07	5%	-19%	-21%	217%	56%	4%			13%	

## Import Numbers Nudge Up in February, Show 4 Percent Gain

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. bicycle imports through February at least hinted at their expected recovery, ticking up 4 percent above the opening two months of 2006 and reversing January's slow start. January was down 3 percent for all categories combined.

The numbers did not reverse January's negative trend for 24-inch wheeled bikes, though, which were off 36 percent in the opening month and slipped a little farther to minus 39 percent, a loss of nearly 94,000 units for

the category, through February.

The news was better for 20-inch bikes, which were down 1 percent in January but up 8 percent in February of this year.

Tots' bikes regained some ground: They were still down, but by 3 percent and 21,000 units in February, compared with 54,000 bikes and minus 19 percent in January.

The mountain/comfort group stayed comfortably steady, up 9 percent through February, relatively un-

changed from the 10 percent gain in the previous month.

Chinese exporters garnered the business there, gaining about 33,000 units in each of the two months for a total 10 percent increase. Taiwan, which lost a lot of that category last year, was still off by 10 percent there through February.

Importers still have confidence in road bikes, and that category was up a hefty 57 percent through February, compared with a 19 percent gain in

January. The Chinese manufacturers gained more than 57,000 units, getting an average price of \$159. The Taiwanese still hold a big lead in value, however; their bikes fetched an average of \$483.

The "other" category, a catch-all for cruisers and other bikes that don't fit into the more sharply defined groups, was predictable only in that it continues to be predictably erratic, showing a 26,000-unit gain that quadrupled the numbers from February '06. **BRAIN**