

How has U.S. importation of Chinese car parts changed, and how is it affecting American auto manufacturers?

Why is this relevant or important?

My research question is important because it explores how trade patterns between the US and China directly impact one of America's largest industries, the auto sector. Changes in the importation of Chinese car parts can affect production costs, jobs, and the competitiveness of American manufacturers. Understanding these shifts helps reveal how global trade policies and supply chains influence the U.S. economy.

I will use hybrid data, combining quantitative trade statistics with qualitative industry analysis. This mix will let me track numerical changes in import levels while also interpreting how policy shifts and manufacturing trends have influenced those patterns.



How will it be different than past research?

My research will differ from past studies by examining how US importation of Chinese car parts has evolved over time, rather than focusing on a single event or period. It will trace long term trends and shifts in trade policies, technology, and manufacturing strategies to show how these changes have shaped the relationship between Chinese suppliers and American auto manufacturers.

U.S. Car Industry Most Reliant on Chinese Parts

Chinese exports of motor vehicle parts and accessories in 2018

