

**HEAVYWEIGHT MOTORCYCLES:
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OF 1986) ON SELECTED
ECONOMIC INDICATORS**

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Highlights

The following are highlights of the economic data collected on the heavyweight motorcycle industry for the first quarter of 1986, compared with data collected for the first quarter of 1985. Since most data obtained by the Commission regarding the domestic heavyweight motorcycle industry are business confidential (even in the aggregate), little information concerning the domestic industry is available in the public report.

- o U.S. production of heavyweight motorcycles decreased to 23,627 units during January–March 1986 from 25,331 units during January–March 1985, or by 6.7 percent (table 1). U.S. shipments of heavyweight motorcycles increased from 17,031 units, valued at \$76 million during January–March 1985 to 20,902 units, valued at \$96 million during January–March 1986. Dealers' inventories and export values decreased during January–March 1986, compared with the corresponding period of 1985, while retail sales increased.
- o The average unit net selling price for U.S.–produced heavyweight motorcycles increased slightly from \$4,492 during January–March 1985, to \$4,661 during January–March 1986.
- o Total employment decreased from 3,173 workers as of March 1985 to 2,965 workers as of March 1986, and total hours worked by production and related workers increased in March 1986, compared with the same period in 1985.
- o U.S. shipments of imported heavyweight motorcycles fell from 23,152 units in January–March 1985, to 20,682 units in January–March 1986, or by 10.7 percent (table 2).
- o U.S. importers' retail sales of imported heavyweight motorcycles decreased from 16,273 units in January–March 1985, to 14,662 units in January–March 1986, or by 9.9 percent (table 3).
- o Combined importers' and dealers' inventories of imported heavyweight motorcycles decreased from 124,508 units as of March 31, 1985, to 87,795 units as of March 31, 1986, or by 29.5 percent (tables 4 and 5).

Table 1.—Heavyweight motorcycles: U.S. production,
January–March 1985, and January–March 1986

(In units)	
Period	Quantity
January–March 1985.....	25,331
January–March 1986.....	23,627

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 2.—Heavyweight motorcycles: U.S. import shipments,
January–March 1985, and January–March 1986

(Quantity in units; value in thousands of dollars)		
Period	Quantity	Value
January–March 1985.....	23,152	70,442
January–March 1986.....	20,682	84,272

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 3.—Heavyweight motorcycles: U.S. importers' retail sales, by
engine sizes, January–March 1985, and January–March 1986

(In units)		
Item	January– March 1985	January– March 1986
Over 700 cc but not over 790 cc.....	7,420	7,542
Over 790 cc but not over 970 cc.....	2,187	1,376
Over 970 cc.....	6,666	5,744
Total.....	16,273	14,662

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 4.—Heavyweight motorcycles: U.S. importers' end-of-period inventories, by engine sizes, March 31, 1985, and March 31, 1986

(In units)		
Item	March 31, 1985	March 31, 1986
Over 700 cc but not over 790 cc.....	20,535	4,802
Over 790 cc but not over 970 cc.....	13,417	4,329
Over 970 cc.....	13,785	8,946
Total.....	47,737	18,077

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Table 5.—Heavyweight motorcycles: Dealers' end-of-period inventories of imported motorcycles, by engine sizes, March 31, 1985, and March 31, 1986

(In units)		
Item	March 31, 1985	March 31, 1986
Over 700 cc but not over 790 cc.....	39,628	38,288
Over 790 cc but not over 970 cc.....	7,964	5,116
Over 970 cc.....	29,179	26,294
Total.....	76,771	69,718

Source: Compiled from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

