



**Figure 1-1**

**Exports and Imports as a Percentage of U.S. National Income**

Both imports and exports have risen as a share of the U.S. economy, but imports have risen more.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

**Average of Exports and Imports as Percentages of National Income in 2007**

International trade is even more important to most other countries than it is to the United States.

Source: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

