

## **DIRECT REVENUE IMPACTS OF TARIFFS ON U.S. SEAFOOD IMPORTS**

### **ABSTRACT**

- This newsletter examines the annual calculated duties and revenue impacts of tariffs on U.S. seafood imports from 1989 to 2025.
- The average rates of calculated duties imposed on major countries of origin are compiled in 2018, 2024, and 2025.
- This newsletter also identifies the major countries of origin subject to the highest calculated duties in 2018, 2024, and 2025.

### **KEYWORDS**

- Seafood imports, calculated duties, and countries of origin.

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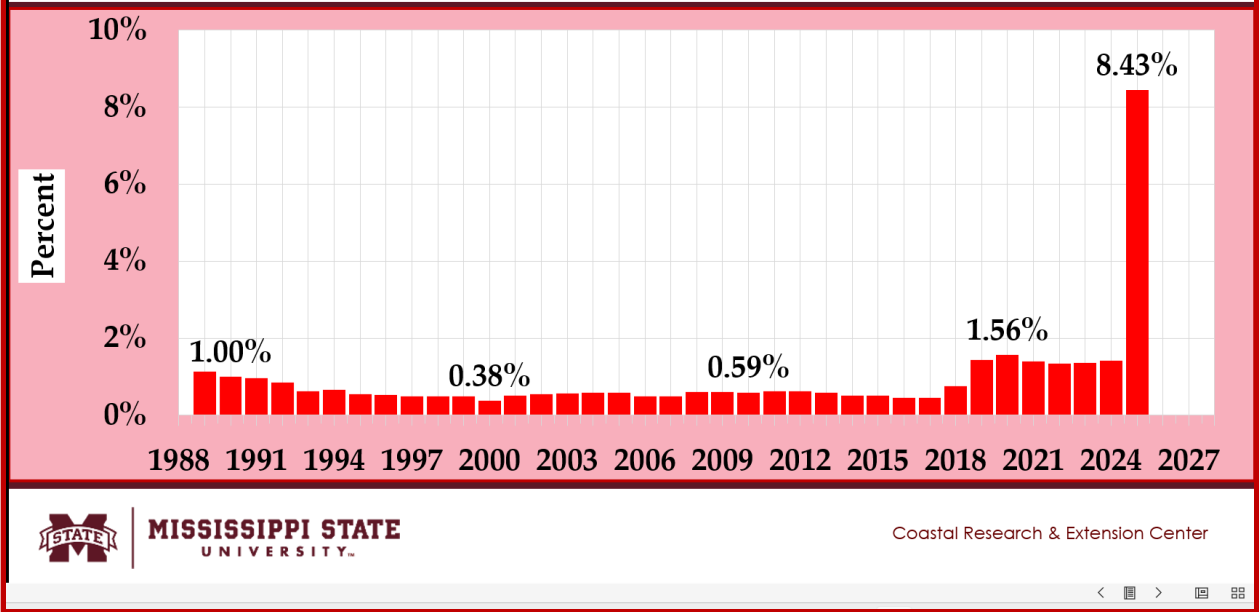
## **METHODS**

- The direct revenue impacts of all U.S. seafood imports are the sum of the calculated duties imposed on imported products.
- Annual data on calculated duties on U.S. seafood imports are compiled from the NOAA Fisheries website from 1989 to 2025.
- The calculated duties on major countries of origin are compared in 2018, 2024, and 2025.
- Source of raw data: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/foss>.

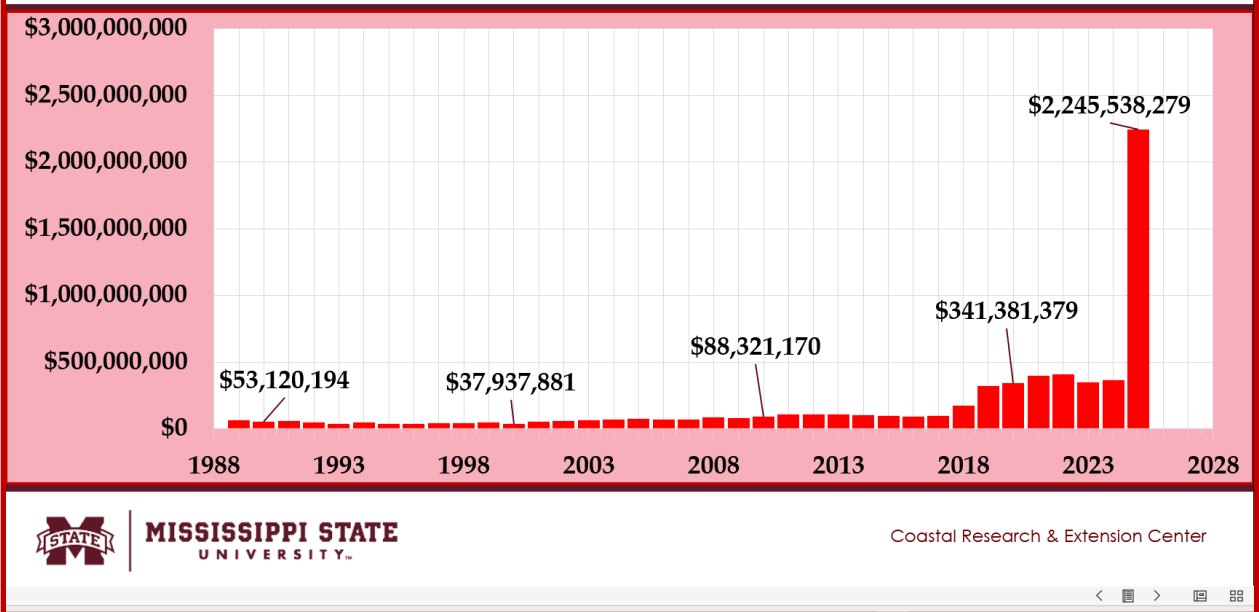
## **CALCULATED DUTIES ON U.S. SEAFOOD IMPORTS, 1989-2025**

- Fig. 1 shows the average percentage rates of calculated duties on the total U.S. imports since 1989.
- The average rates of calculated duties on U.S. seafood imports were generally below 1% from 1989 to 2017.
- After the US-China trade war began in July 2018, the average rate rose to about 1.5%.
- In 2025, the average percentage rate of calculated duties was about 8.43%.
- Figure 2 shows the total calculated duties on U.S. seafood imports since 1989.
- Between 1989 and 2017, calculated duties ranged from \$35 to \$100 million per year.
- After the U.S.-China trade war began in July 2018, calculated annual duties rose to \$319.27 million in 2019 and peaked in 2022 at \$407.29 million.
- The total calculated duties of total U.S. seafood imports in 2025 reached \$2.24 billion, more than five times the previous peak in 2022.

### Figure 1. Average percentage rates of calculated duties on U.S. seafood imports



### Figure 2. Total calculated duties on U.S. seafood imports



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## AVERAGE PERCENTAGE RATE OF CALCULATED DUTIES ON U.S. SEAFOOD IMPORTS, 2025

- In 2025, the average percentage rate of calculated duties on U.S. import values was 8.43% (Fig. 3).
- **China** levied an average rate of 30.18%.
- **Thailand** got an average rate of 13.89%.
- **India** received an average rate of 13.81%.
- **Vietnam** received an average rate of 10.57%.
- **Ecuador** imposed an average rate of 9.06%.
- **Indonesia** levied an average rate of 7.99%.
- **Japan** got an average rate of 7.28%.
- **Chile** got an average rate of 6.47%.
- **South Korea** received an average rate of 6.42%.
- **Canada** got an average rate of 0.04%.
- **Mexico** imposed an average rate of 0.03%.

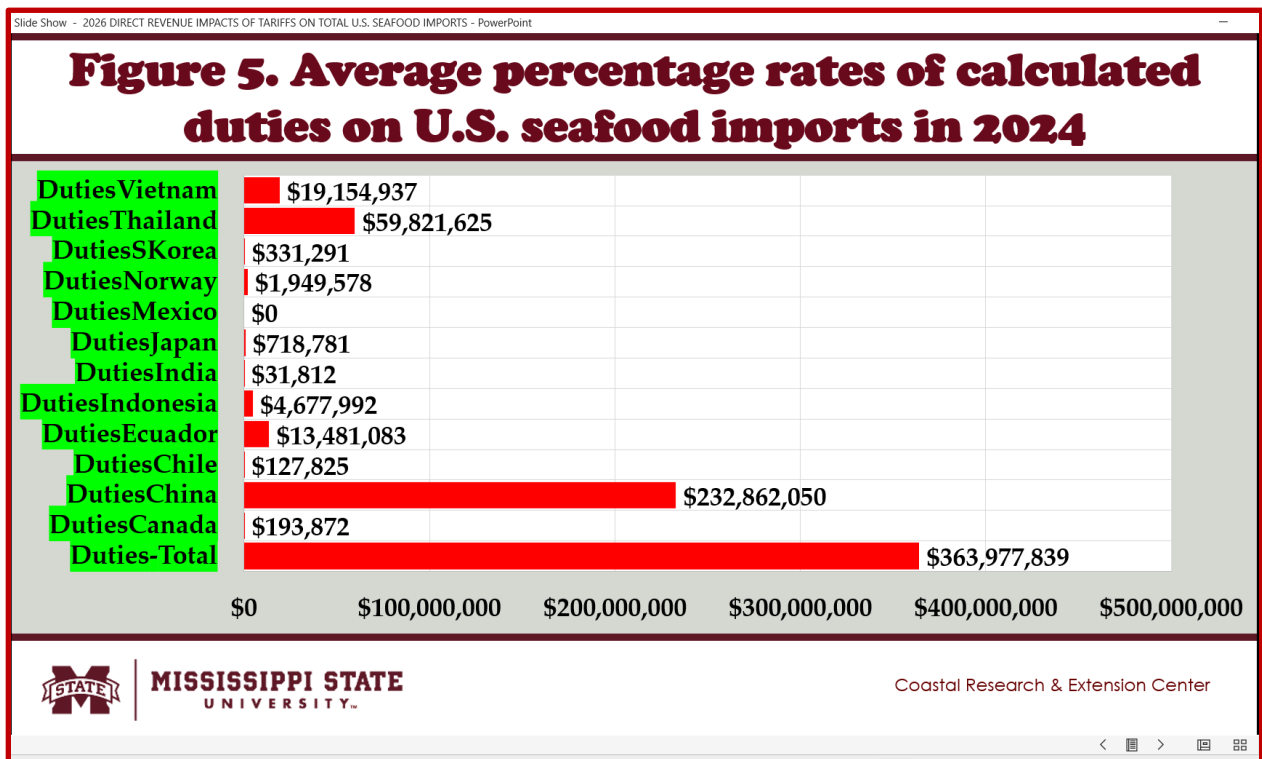
## CALCULATED DUTIES ON U.S. SEAFOOD IMPORTS, 2018

- In 2018, the total calculated duties imposed on all U.S. seafood imports reached \$174.13 million (Figure 4).
- The bulk of duties collected from U.S. imports in 2018 was imposed on **China**, accounting for 39.84% of the total, or \$69.36 million.
- U.S. seafood imports from **Thailand** accounted for 28.67% of total imports, or \$49.92 million, in 2018.
- U.S. imports from **Ecuador** were subject to calculated duties amounting to 10.08% of the total, or \$17.55 million, in 2018.



## CALCULATED DUTIES ON U.S. SEAFOOD IMPORTS, 2024

- In 2024, the total calculated duties imposed on all U.S. seafood imports reached \$363.97 million (Fig. 5).
- The bulk of duties collected from U.S. imports in 2024 was imposed on **China**, accounting for 63.98% of the total, or \$232.86 million.
- U.S. seafood imports from **Thailand** accounted for 16.44% of total imports, or \$59.81 million, in 2024.
- U.S. imports from **Vietnam** were subject to calculated duties amounting to 5.26% of the total, or \$19.14 million, in 2024.

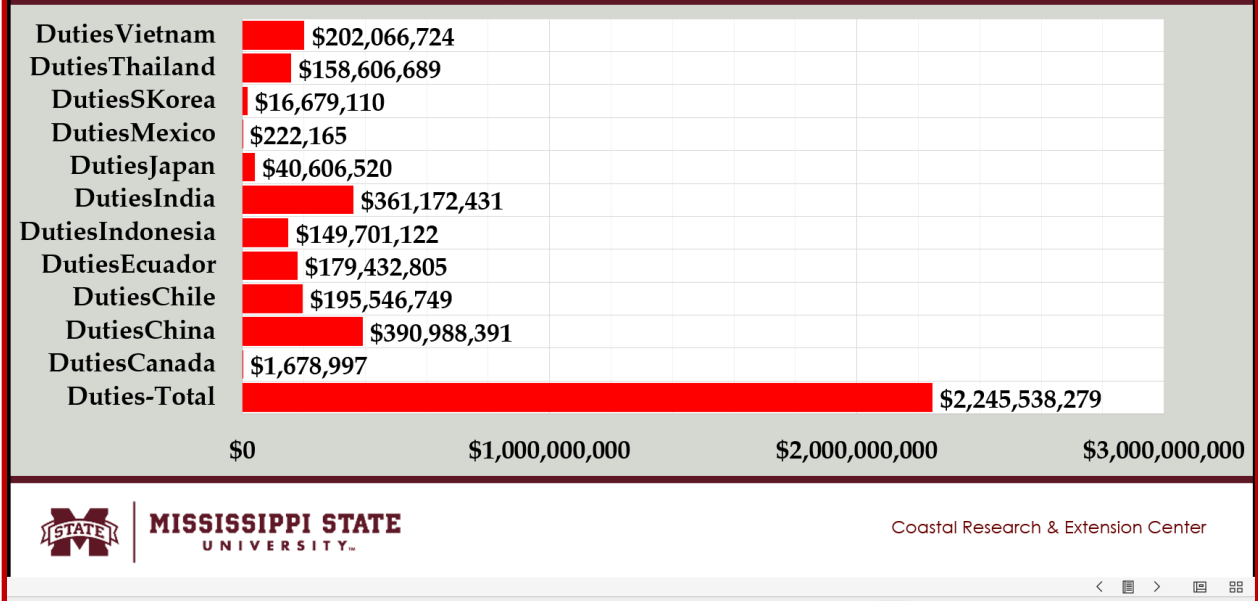


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## CALCULATED DUTIES ON U.S. SEAFOOD IMPORTS, 2025

- In 2025, the total calculated duties imposed on all U.S. seafood imports reached \$2.245 billion (Fig. 6).
- The bulk of duties collected from U.S. imports in 2025 was imposed on **China**, accounting for 17.41% of the total, or \$390.98 million.
- U.S. imports from **India** were subject to calculated duties amounting to 16.18% of the total, or \$361.17 million, in 2025.
- U.S. seafood imports from **Vietnam** accounted for 9.00% of the total, or \$202.06 million, in 2025.
- U.S. seafood imports from **Chile** accounted for 8.71% of total imports, or \$195.54 million, in 2025.
- U.S. seafood imports from **Ecuador** accounted for 7.99% of total imports, or \$179.43 million, in 2025.
- U.S. imports from **Thailand** were subject to calculated duties amounting to 7.06% of the total, or \$158.60 million, in 2025.
- U.S. seafood imports from **Indonesia** were levied with calculated duties amounting to 6.67% of the total, or \$149.70 million, in 2025.

## Figure 6. Calculated duties on U.S. seafood imports in 2025



### SUMMARY, LIMITATIONS, AND IMPLICATIONS

- The average rates of calculated duties on U.S. seafood imports were generally below 1% from 1989 to 2017.
- After the start of the US-China trade war in July 2018, the average rate of calculated duties on U.S. seafood imports rose to about 1.5%.
- In 2025, the average percentage rate of calculated duties on U.S. seafood imports was about 8.43%.
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