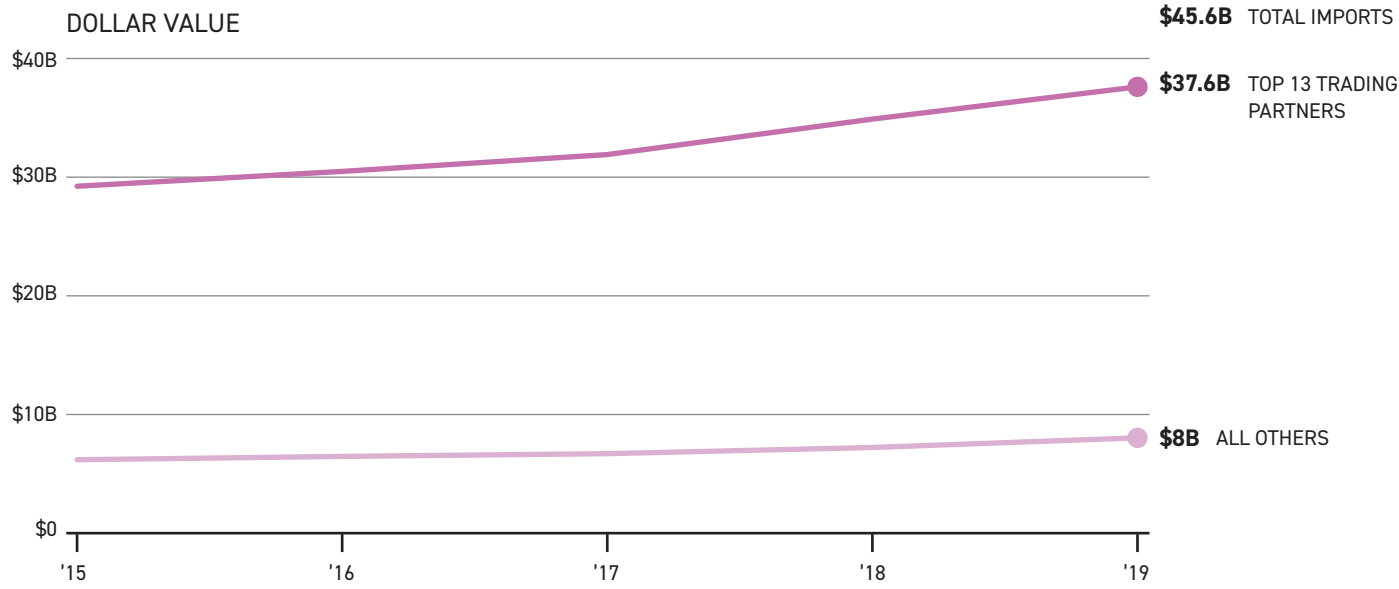


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Where the U.S. gets its medical supplies

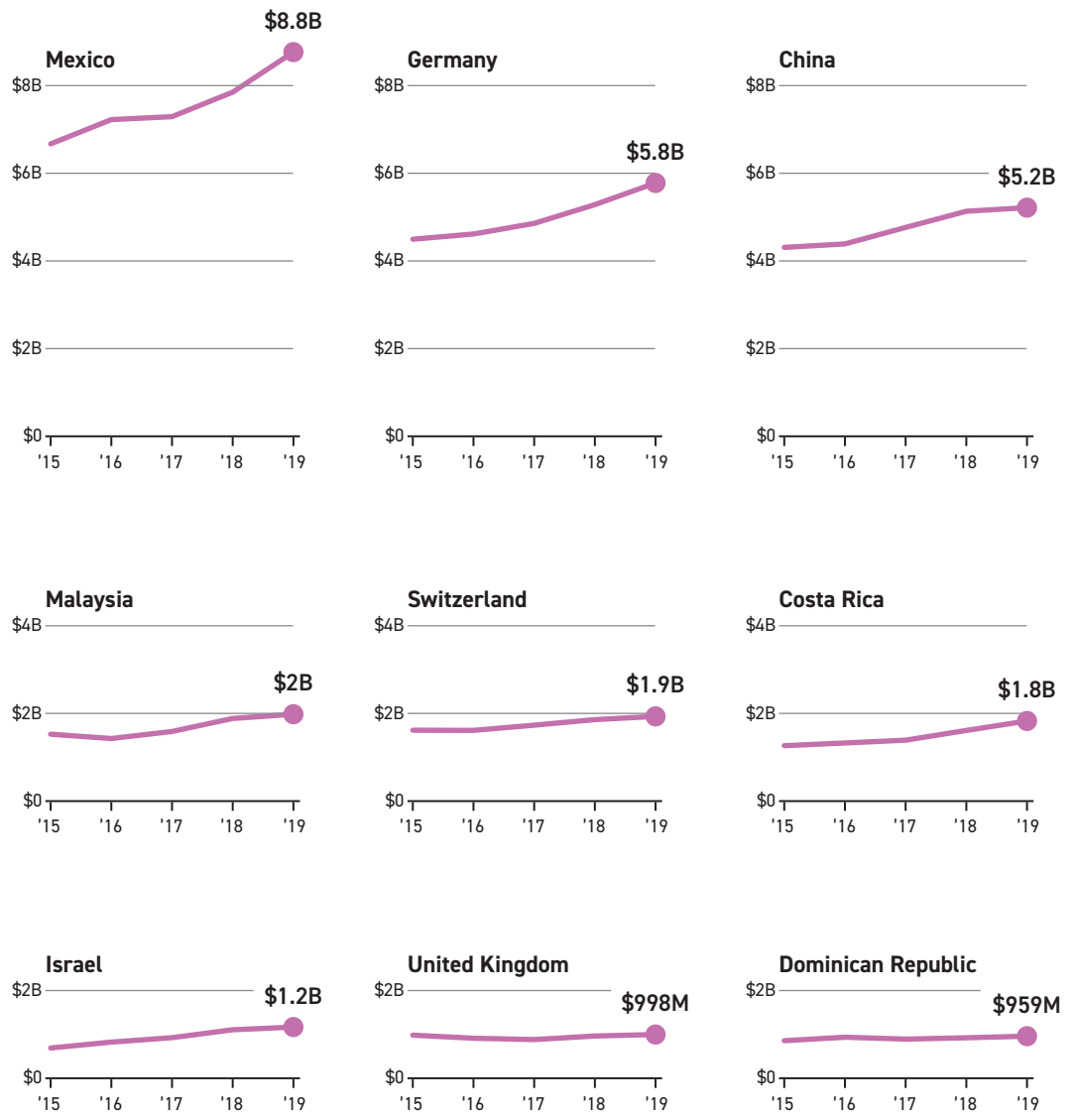
The U.S. imported \$45.6 billion in medical supplies in 2019, based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau. Imports have increased annually for at least the past five years. Top countries for U.S. imports include Mexico, Germany, China and Japan. In 2019, the U.S. imported more than or close to \$1 billion in medical supplies from each of 13 countries. Assorted surgical and medical instruments, intubation and probe instruments (like bougies, drains and sondes) and respiratory equipment led imports of goods in 2019.

Total U.S. imports of medical supplies



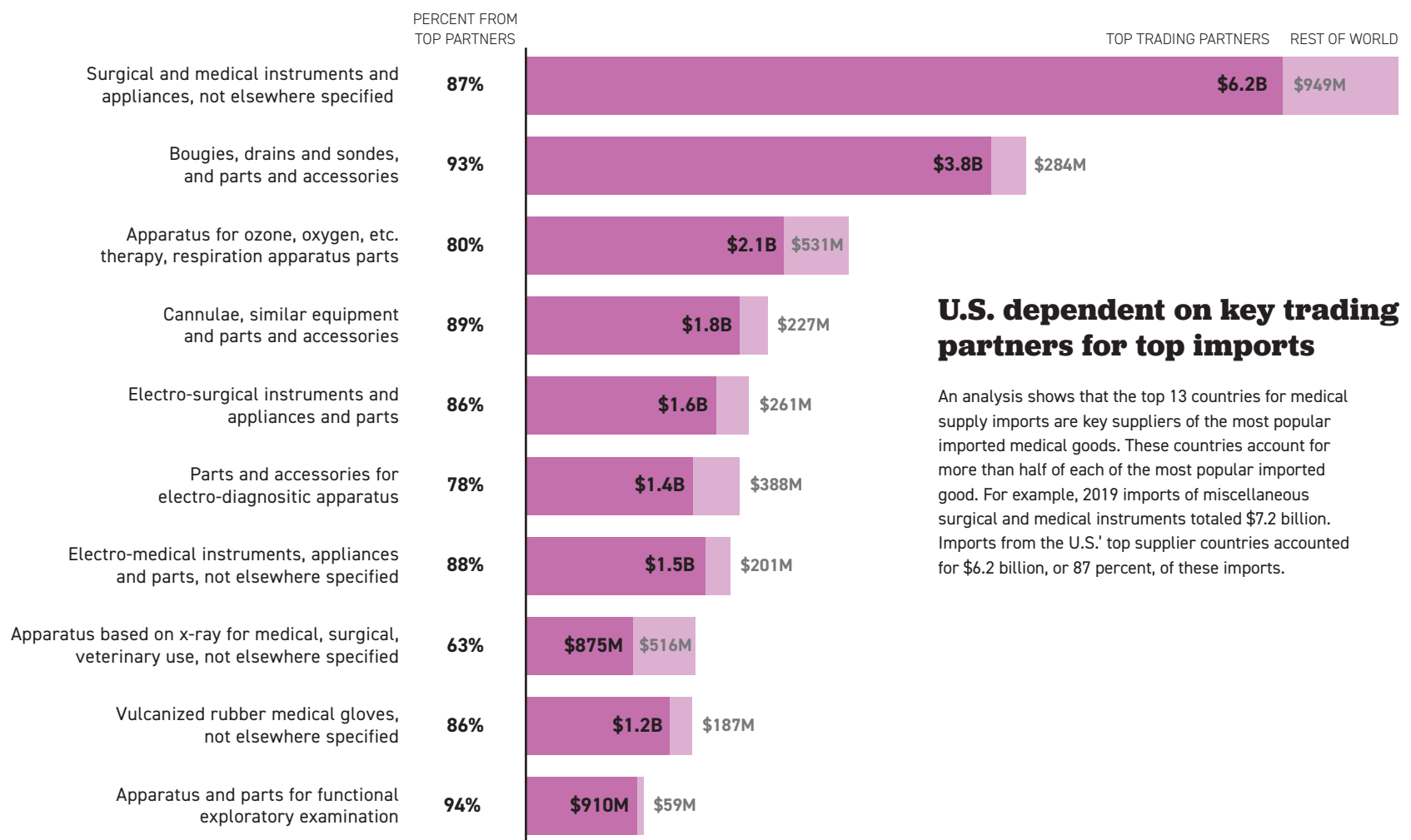
Top countries by 2019 imports

In 2019, the U.S. imported more than \$1 billion in medical supplies from each of the following 11 countries: Canada, China, Costa Rica, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Singapore and Switzerland. The U.S. imported almost \$1 billion in medical supplies from two other countries — the Dominican Republic and the United Kingdom. Combined, these 13 countries represented 82 percent of the U.S.' medical supply imports in 2019.



Top medical supply imports

2019 GOODS IMPORTS FOR END-USE CODE 21610



U.S. dependent on key trading partners for top imports

An analysis shows that the top 13 countries for medical supply imports are key suppliers of the most popular imported medical goods. These countries account for more than half of each of the most popular imported good. For example, 2019 imports of miscellaneous surgical and medical instruments totaled \$7.2 billion. Imports from the U.S.' top supplier countries accounted for \$6.2 billion, or 87 percent, of these imports.

Notes: Data based on goods classified under end-use code 21610, which includes surgical equipment. End-use code 21610 does not include personal medical devices, which are classified under consumer goods. Goods cited in the bar chart correspond to the following Harmonized System codes, in descending order: 9018908000 (Inst & Appliances For Medical, surgical, Etc., nesoi); 9018390040 (Bougies, Drains And Sondes, & Parts & Accessories); 9019200000 (Ozone, oxygen, etc. Therapy, Respiration Apparatus, pt); 9018390050 (Cannulae And The Like And Part And Accessories); 9018906000 (Electro-surgical Instruments & Appliances & Parts); 9018199560 (Parts & accessories For Electro-diagnostic Apparatus); 9018907580 (Electro-medical Inst & Appliances & Parts, Nesoi); 9022140000 (Appts Based On X-ray For Med/surgical/vet Use, Nes); 4015190550 (Medical Gloves, Vulcanize Rubber, Nesoi); 9018194000 (Apparatus, Functional Exploratory Examination & Pts)