China has retaliated in three tranches in early 2025, lifting its average tariff on US exports to 147.6 percent, while increasing the scope of covered US exports initially from 58.3 percent to 63.0 percent, and then to 100 percent on April 10, when its retaliatory tariff of 84 percent affecting all imports from the United States went into effect.

As a result of numerous Trump administration actions, the average US tariff on all goods imports from the rest of the world increased from 3.0 percent to 10.3 percent between January 20, 2025 and April 11. (Note: the US tariff on all goods imports from the rest of the world temporarily increased to 15.7 percent for one day—on April 9—before President Trump, on that same day, reversed some of his earlier tariffs and paused their increase for 90 days.)

Under the Biden administration, which spanned January 20, 2021, to January 20, 2025, US-China tariffs remained fairly stable. The main exceptions were the increases in US tariffs on imports from China in September 2024 and January 2025, which raised the average US tariff on Chinese exports from 19.3 percent to 20.8 percent. (The product coverage was little changed; the US policy was primarily to increase tariff rates on already-covered products.)