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Chinese leapfrog

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JUST as sports fans care deeply about their team's position in the league, countries feel the same about their economic ranking. In 2007, there was much leapfrogging in league tables, with America often a loser to China. China's exports exceeded America's for the first time last year. Yet more table-topping is expected in 2008. However, China may be less proud to overtake America as the world's largest carbon-dioxide emitter. But measured per person, the average Chinese will be responsible for much lower emissions than the average American.

Exports and CO₂ emissions

Share of world exports, %

United States in China

14

12

16

16

19

19

1990

1995

2000

2005

2008

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