

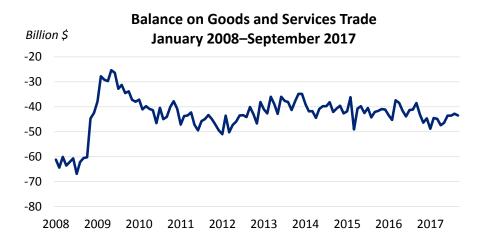


September 2017 Trade Gap is \$43.5 Billion

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U.S. international trade in goods and services

The U.S. monthly international trade deficit increased in September 2017 according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census Bureau. The deficit increased from \$42.8 billion in August (revised) to \$43.5 billion in September, as imports increased more than exports. The previously published August deficit was \$42.4 billion. The goods deficit increased \$0.6 billion in September to \$65.4 billion. The services surplus decreased \$0.2 billion in September to \$21.9 billion.



Exports

Exports of goods and services increased \$2.1 billion, or 1.1 percent, in September to \$196.8 billion. Exports of goods increased \$1.8 billion and exports of services increased \$0.3 billion.

- The increase in exports of goods mostly reflected increases in *industrial supplies and materials* (\$1.9 billion) and in *other goods* (\$0.8 billion). A decrease in *consumer goods* (\$0.2 billion) partly offset the increases.
- The increase in exports of services mostly reflected an increase in transport (\$0.3 billion)

Imports

Imports of goods and services increased \$2.8 billion, or 1.2 percent, in September to \$240.3 billion. Imports of goods increased \$2.4 billion and imports of services increased \$0.4 billion.

- The increase in imports of goods mostly reflected increases in *capital goods* (\$1.5 billion), in *industrial supplies and materials* (\$1.1 billion), and in *consumer goods* (\$0.4 billion). A decrease in *automotive vehicles, parts, and engines* (\$0.6 billion) partly offset the increases.
- The increase in imports of services mostly reflected an increase in transport (\$0.3 billion).

For more detailed information on trade by type of good or service and with major trading partners, see U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services: September 2017.

BEA statistics—including GDP, personal income, the balance of payments, foreign direct investment, the input-output accounts, and economic statistics for states, local areas, and industries—are available at <u>www.bea.gov</u>. <u>E-mail alerts</u> are also available. NOTE: This and more information is provided in the November 3 news release, U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services: September 2017, issued by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census Bureau. The next release is December 5, 2017.