

TRADE GAP WIDENS IN SEPTEMBER 2005

U.S. international trade in goods and services

The U.S. monthly goods and services deficit widened in September 2005, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census Bureau. The deficit increased from \$59.3 billion in August (revised) to \$66.1 billion in September, as imports increased and exports decreased.



Exports

Exports of goods and services decreased \$2.8 billion in September to \$105.2 billion; the decrease was more than accounted for by a decrease in goods exports. Services exports increased.

- The decrease in goods exports was more than accounted for by decreases in *capital goods* and *industrial supplies and materials*.
- The increase in services exports mostly reflected increases in *other private services, travel, and other transportation*.

Imports

Imports of goods and services increased \$4.0 billion in September to \$171.3 billion, mostly as a result of an increase in goods imports. Services imports increased slightly.

- The increase in goods imports mostly reflected increases in *industrial supplies and materials* and *consumer goods*. *Automotive vehicles, parts, and engines* decreased.
- The increase in services imports was more than accounted for by increases in *other transportation, travel, and other private services*.

Goods by geographic area (not seasonally adjusted)

- The goods deficit with China increased from \$18.5 billion in August to \$20.1 billion in September. Exports decreased \$0.7 billion to \$3.2 billion, while imports increased \$0.9 billion to \$23.3 billion.
- The goods deficit with the European Union decreased from \$11.3 billion in August to \$10.1 billion in September. Exports increased \$0.3 billion to \$14.7 billion, while imports decreased \$0.9 billion to \$24.9 billion.
- The goods deficit with Mexico increased from \$4.2 billion in August to \$4.3 billion in September. Exports decreased \$0.3 billion to \$10.3 billion, while imports decreased \$0.2 billion to \$14.6 billion.

BEA data—including GDP, personal income, the balance of payments, foreign direct investment, the input-output accounts, and economic data for states, local areas, and industries—are available on the BEA Web site: www.bea.gov.

NOTE: This and more information is provided in the November 10 press release issued by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services: September 2005. The next release is December 14, 2005.