

September 2020 Press Highlights

All values in billions of dollars. Goods and services monthly BOP series began with January 1992 statistics.

Goods and Services (BOP Basis, seasonally adjusted)

	September 2020	August 2020	Percent Change from Prior Month	Larger Increase or Decrease by Percent Change / When it Occurred	
Goods and Services					
Balance	-63.9	-67.0	-4.7	-7.6	May 2020 - June 2020
Exports	176.4	172.0	2.6	8.3	June 2020 - July 2020
Imports	240.2	239.0	0.5	3.2	July 2020 - August 2020
Goods (BOP Basis)					
Balance	-80.7	-83.8	-3.7	-5.8	May 2020 - June 2020
Exports	122.8	119.1	3.1	12.1	June 2020 - July 2020
Imports	203.5	202.9	0.3	3.3	July 2020 - August 2020
	September 2020	August 2020	Dollar Change from Prior Month	Larger Increase or Decrease by Dollar Change / When it Occurred	
Goods and Services					
Balance	-63.9	-67.0	3.2	4.4	May 2020 - June 2020
Exports	176.4	172.0	4.4	12.8	June 2020 - July 2020
Imports	240.2	239.0	1.2	7.3	July 2020 - August 2020
Goods (BOP Basis)					
Balance	-80.7	-83.8	3.1	4.4	May 2020 - June 2020
Exports	122.8	119.1	3.7	12.4	June 2020 - July 2020
Imports	203.5	202.9	0.6	6.5	July 2020 - August 2020

* September imports of goods (\$203.5 billion) were the highest since December 2019 (\$207.6 billion).

Goods (Census Basis, seasonally adjusted)

Exports

* September exports of foods, feeds, and beverages (\$12.9 billion) were the highest since July 2012 (\$13.1 billion).

Imports

* September imports of foods, feeds, and beverages (\$13.5 billion) were the highest on record.

* September imports of capital goods (\$55.5 billion) were the highest since December 2019 (\$55.9 billion).

* September imports of automotive vehicles, parts, and engines (\$31.2 billion) were the highest since August 2019 (\$31.8 billion).

* September non-petroleum imports (\$192.7 billion) were the highest since August 2019 (\$194.5 billion).

Country and Other Highlights (Census Basis, not seasonally adjusted)

Exports

* September exports to China (\$11.5 billion) were the highest since March 2018 (\$12.7 billion).

* September exports to South Korea (\$3.8 billion) were the lowest since January 2018 (\$3.7 billion).

Imports

* September imports from China (\$41.2 billion) were the highest since July 2019 (\$41.4 billion).

* September imports from Taiwan (\$5.6 billion) were the highest on record.

* The September quantity of crude oil imports (157.9 million barrels) was the lowest since February 1992 (155.0 million barrels).

NOTE: Based on the November 4, 2020, U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services, September 2020 report, released by the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.