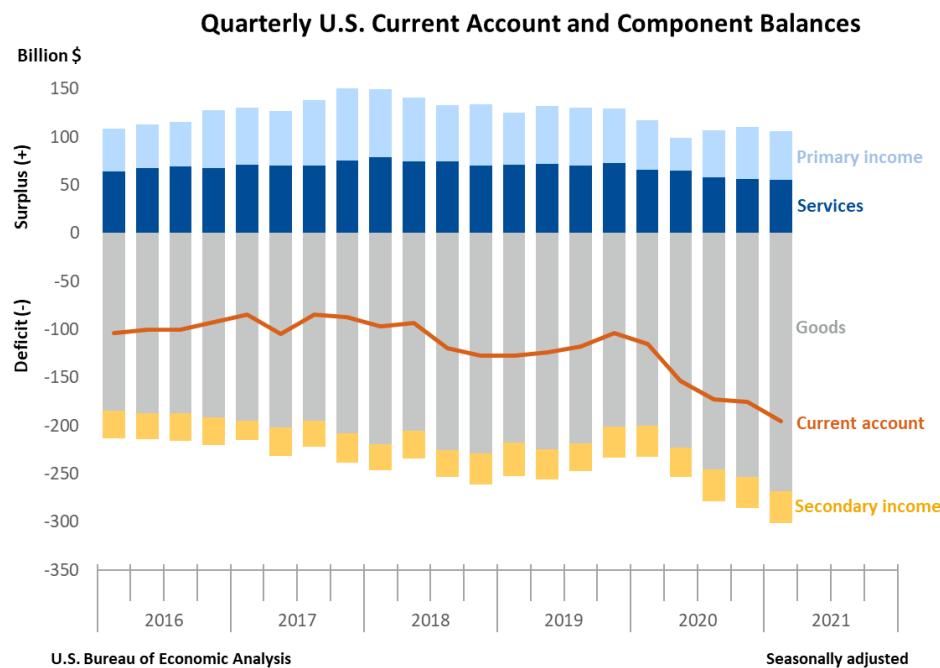


U.S. Current Account Deficit Widens in First Quarter 2021

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The U.S. current account deficit, which reflects the combined balances on trade in goods and services and income flows between U.S. residents and residents of other countries, widened by \$20.7 billion, or 11.8 percent, to \$195.7 billion in the first quarter of 2021. The widening mostly reflected an increased deficit on goods and a reduced surplus on primary income. The first quarter deficit was 3.6 percent of current dollar gross domestic product, up from 3.3 percent in the fourth quarter.



- Exports of goods increased \$24.5 billion, to \$408.6 billion, while imports of goods increased \$39.9 billion, to \$677.0 billion.
- Exports of services increased \$1.1 billion, to \$175.9 billion, while imports of services increased \$1.8 billion, to \$120.2 billion.
- Receipts of primary income increased \$9.6 billion, to \$261.7 billion, while payments of primary income increased \$13.5 billion, to \$211.4 billion.
- Receipts of secondary income increased \$1.6 billion, to \$42.6 billion, while payments of secondary income increased \$2.3 billion, to \$75.9 billion.
- Net financial account transactions were -\$175.2 billion, reflecting net U.S. borrowing from foreign residents.

All major categories of current account transactions increased in the first quarter of 2021, the third consecutive quarter of broad-based growth following notable COVID-19-related declines in the second quarter of 2020. The effects of the pandemic cannot be separately identified in the statistics. For more information, see [U.S. International Transactions, First Quarter 2021 and Annual Update](#).