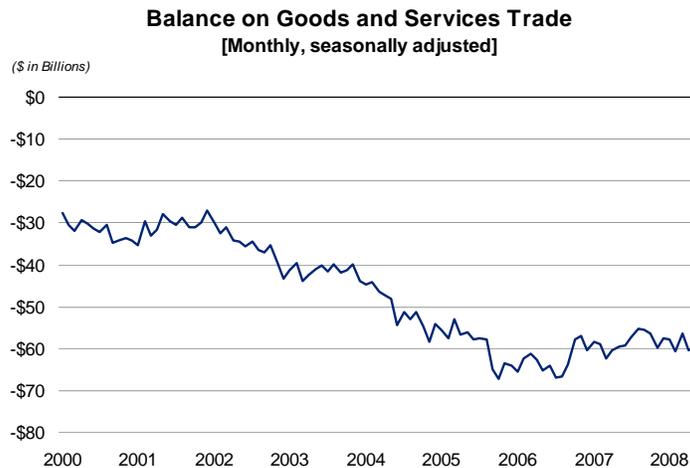


MAY 2008 TRADE GAP IS \$59.8 BILLION

U.S. international trade in goods and services

The U.S. monthly goods and services deficit decreased in May 2008, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census Bureau. The deficit decreased from \$60.5 billion (revised) in April to \$59.8 billion in May, as exports increased more than imports. The previously published April deficit was \$60.9 billion.



Exports

Exports of goods and services increased \$1.4 billion in May to \$157.5 billion, reflecting increases in goods exports and services exports.

- The increase in goods exports was more than accounted for by an increase in *industrial supplies and materials*. Decreases in *capital goods* and *foods, feeds, and beverages* were partly offsetting.
- The increase in services exports was mostly accounted for by increases in *other private services* (which includes items such as business, professional, and technical services, insurance services, and financial services), *travel*, and *royalties and license fees*.

Imports

Imports of goods and services increased \$0.7 billion in May to \$217.3 billion, reflecting increases in goods imports and services imports.

- The increase in goods imports was more than accounted for by increases in *consumer goods* and *capital goods*. Decreases in *automotive vehicles, parts, and engines* and *industrial supplies and materials* were partly offsetting.
- The increase in services imports was accounted for by increases in *other transportation* (which includes freight and port services), *other private services*, and *travel*.

Goods by geographic area (not seasonally adjusted)

- The goods deficit with Canada decreased from \$7.4 billion in April to \$5.4 billion in May. Exports increased \$0.8 billion to \$24.5 billion, while imports decreased \$1.1 billion to \$29.9 billion.
- The goods deficit with China increased from \$20.2 billion in April to \$21.0 billion in May. Exports increased \$0.9 billion to \$6.6 billion, while imports increased \$1.7 billion to \$27.7 billion.
- The goods deficit with Japan decreased from \$7.6 billion in April to \$5.0 billion in May. Exports increased \$0.8 billion to \$6.2 billion, while imports decreased \$1.7 billion to \$11.2 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. [E-mail alerts](#) are also available.

NOTE: This and more information is provided in the July 11 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: May 2008. The next release is August 12, 2008.