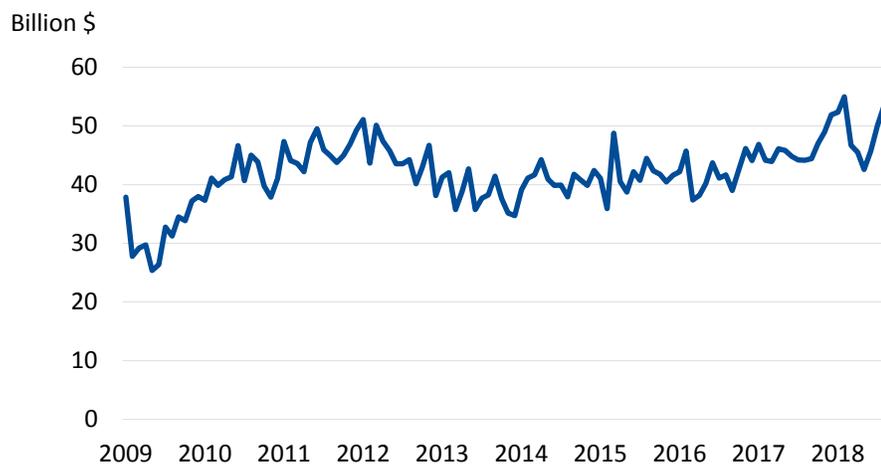


September 2018 Trade Gap is \$54.0 Billion

U.S. international trade in goods and services

The U.S. monthly international trade deficit increased in September 2018 according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census Bureau. The deficit increased from \$53.3 billion in August (revised) to \$54.0 billion in September, as imports increased more than exports. The previously published August deficit was \$53.2 billion. The goods deficit increased \$0.6 billion in September to \$77.2 billion. The services surplus decreased \$0.1 billion in September to \$23.2 billion.

Monthly Goods and Services Trade Deficit January 2009–September 2018



U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis
U.S. Census Bureau

Seasonally adjusted

Exports

Exports of goods and services increased \$3.1 billion, or 1.5 percent, in September to \$212.6 billion. Exports of goods increased \$2.9 billion and exports of services increased \$0.3 billion.

- The increase in exports of goods mostly reflected increases in *industrial supplies and materials* (\$2.8 billion) and in *capital goods* (\$1.1 billion). A decrease in *foods, feeds, and beverages* (\$1.0 billion) partly offset the increases.
- The increase in exports of services mostly reflected an increase in *transport* (\$0.2 billion).

Imports

Imports of goods and services increased \$3.8 billion, or 1.5 percent, in September to \$266.6 billion. Imports of goods increased \$3.5 billion and imports of services increased \$0.4 billion.

- The increase in imports of goods mostly reflected increases in *capital goods* (\$2.4 billion) and in *consumer goods* (\$2.0 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* (\$0.4 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 2018](#).