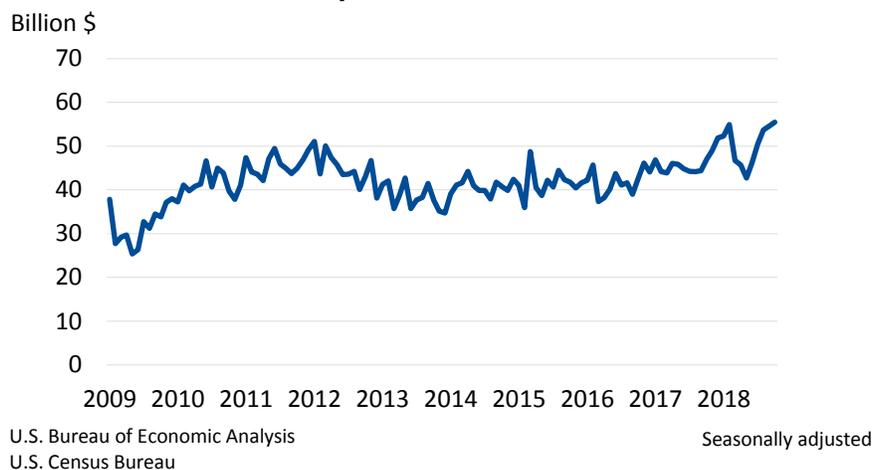


October 2018 Trade Gap is \$55.5 Billion

U.S. international trade in goods and services

The U.S. monthly international trade deficit increased in October 2018 according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census Bureau. The deficit increased from \$54.6 billion in September (revised) to \$55.5 billion in October, as exports decreased and imports increased. The previously published September deficit was \$54.0 billion. The goods deficit increased \$0.9 billion in October to \$78.1 billion. The services surplus decreased \$0.1 billion in October to \$22.6 billion.

Monthly Goods and Services Trade Deficit January 2009–October 2018



Exports

Exports of goods and services decreased \$0.3 billion, or 0.1 percent, in October to \$211.0 billion. Exports of goods decreased \$0.4 billion and exports of services increased \$0.1 billion.

- The decrease in exports of goods mostly reflected decreases in *foods, feeds, and beverages* (\$0.7 billion) and in *capital goods* (\$0.5 billion). Increases in *other goods* (\$0.5 billion) and in *industrial supplies and materials* (\$0.3 billion) partly offset the decreases.
- The increase in exports of services mostly reflected increases in *financial services* (\$0.1 billion) and in *other business services* (\$0.1 billion), which includes research and development services; professional and management services; and technical, trade-related, and other services. A decrease in *transport* (\$0.1 billion) partly offset the increases.

Imports

Imports of goods and services increased \$0.6 billion, or 0.2 percent, in October to \$266.5 billion. Imports of goods increased \$0.5 billion and imports of services increased \$0.2 billion.

- The increase in imports of goods mostly reflected increases in *consumer goods* (\$2.0 billion), in *other goods* (\$0.8 billion), and in *automotive vehicles, parts, and engines* (\$0.7 billion). A decrease in *capital goods* (\$3.2 billion) partly offset the increases.
- The increase in imports of services mostly reflected an increase in *travel (for all purposes including education)* (\$0.2 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: October 2018](#).