

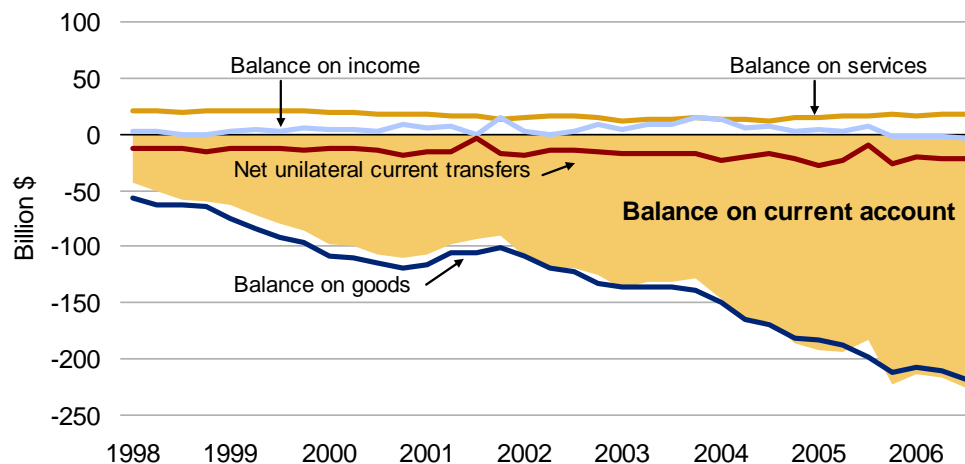
U.S. CURRENT-ACCOUNT DEFICIT INCREASES IN THIRD QUARTER 2006

Preliminary estimates of U.S. international transactions

The U.S. current-account deficit, the broadest measure of U.S. international trade in goods and services, receipts and payments of income, and net unilateral current transfers (such as gifts) increased to \$225.6 billion (preliminary) in the third quarter of 2006 from \$217.1 billion (revised) in the second quarter. As a share of U.S. GDP, the deficit increased to 6.8 percent from 6.6 percent. The previously published estimate for the second quarter was \$218.4 billion.

Current-Account Balance and Its Components

[Seasonally adjusted]



- The deficit on international trade in goods increased to \$218.6 billion from \$210.6 billion, as goods imports increased more than goods exports.
- The surplus on international trade in services increased to \$18.3 billion from \$17.5 billion, as receipts for services increased more than payments for services.
- The deficit on income increased to \$3.8 billion from \$2.2 billion, as income payments increased more than income receipts.
- Net unilateral current transfers to foreign residents were \$21.5 billion, down from \$21.9 billion.

Net financial inflows—net acquisitions by foreign residents of assets in the United States less net acquisitions by U.S. residents of assets abroad—were \$176.4 billion in the third quarter, up from \$153.2 billion in the second.

- U.S.-owned assets abroad increased \$223.8 billion in the third quarter after they had increased \$211.4 billion in the second.
- Foreign-owned assets in the United States increased \$400.2 billion in the third quarter after they had increased \$364.6 billion in the second.

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: The next release of U.S. international transactions will be on March 14, 2007.