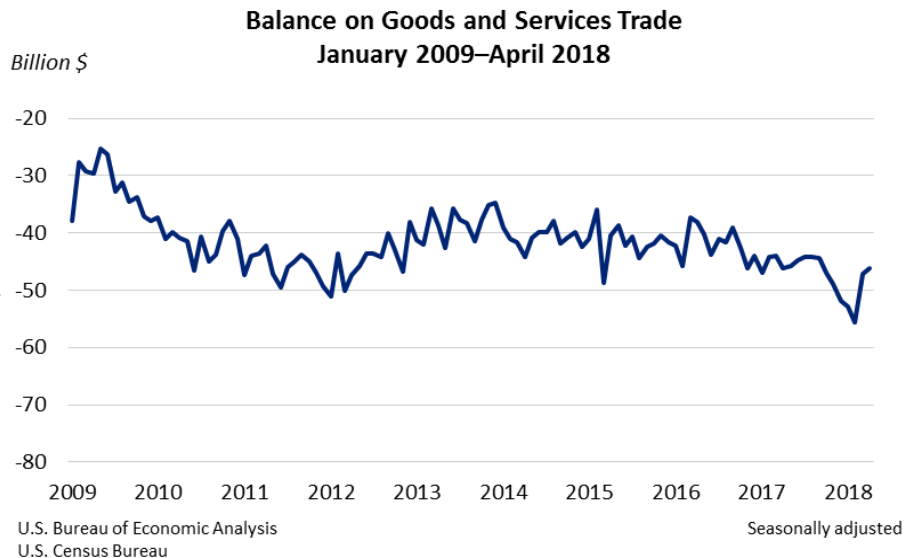


## April 2018 Trade Gap is \$46.2 Billion

*U.S. international trade in goods and services*

The U.S. monthly international trade deficit decreased in April 2018 according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census Bureau. The deficit decreased from \$47.2 billion in March (revised) to \$46.2 billion in April, as exports increased and imports decreased. The previously published March deficit was \$49.0 billion. The goods deficit decreased \$1.0 billion in April to \$68.3 billion. The services surplus decreased less than \$0.1 billion in April to \$22.1 billion.



### Exports

Exports of goods and services increased \$0.6 billion, or 0.3 percent, in April to \$211.2 billion. Exports of goods increased \$0.3 billion and exports of services increased \$0.3 billion.

- The increase in exports of goods mostly reflected increases in *industrial supplies and materials* (\$1.3 billion) and in *foods, feeds, and beverages* (\$0.7 billion). A decrease in *capital goods* (\$1.4 billion) partly offset the increases.
- The increase in exports of services mostly reflected increases in *other business services* (\$0.1 billion), which includes research and development services; professional and management services; and technical, trade-related, and other services, in *financial services* (\$0.1 billion), and in *charges for the use of intellectual property* (\$0.1 billion).

### Imports

Imports of goods and services decreased \$0.4 billion, or 0.2 percent, in April to \$257.4 billion. Imports of goods decreased \$0.7 billion and imports of services increased \$0.3 billion.

- The decrease in imports of goods mostly reflected decreases in *consumer goods* (\$2.8 billion) and in *automotive vehicles, parts, and engines* (\$0.9 billion). Increases in *other goods* (\$1.3 billion) and in *industrial supplies and materials* (\$1.2 billion) partly offset the decreases.
- The increase in imports of services mostly reflected increases in *transport* (\$0.1 billion), in *other business services* (\$0.1 billion), and in *charges for the use of intellectual property* (\$0.1 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: April 2018](#).