

TRADE GAP NARROWS IN OCTOBER 2006

U.S. international trade in goods and services

The U.S. monthly goods and services deficit narrowed in October 2006, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census Bureau. The deficit decreased from \$64.3 billion (revised) in September to \$58.9 billion in October, as exports increased and imports decreased. The September deficit was virtually the same as its previously published value of \$64.3 billion.



Exports

Exports of goods and services increased \$0.3 billion in October to \$123.6 billion, as services exports increased and goods exports decreased.

- The decrease in goods exports mostly reflected a decrease in *industrial supplies and materials* that was partly offset by an increase in *consumer goods*.
- The increase in services exports mainly reflected increases in other *private services* and *travel*.

Imports

Imports of goods and services decreased \$5.1 billion in October to \$182.5 billion, reflecting a decrease in goods imports. Services imports increased.

- The decrease in goods imports mostly reflected a decrease in *industrial supplies and materials*.
- The increase in services imports reflected increases in *other private services*, *travel*, and *passenger fares*.

Goods by geographic area (not seasonally adjusted)

- The goods deficit with China increased from \$23.0 billion in September to \$24.4 billion in October. Exports increased \$0.3 billion to \$4.9 billion, while imports increased \$1.7 billion to \$29.3 billion.
- The goods deficit with Japan increased from \$6.7 billion in September to \$8.3 billion in October. Exports increased \$0.4 billion to \$5.5 billion, while imports increased \$1.9 billion to \$13.7 billion.
- The goods deficit with Mexico decreased from \$5.8 billion in September to \$5.2 billion in October. Exports increased \$1.4 billion to \$12.4 billion, while imports increased \$0.7 billion to \$17.6 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 December 12 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: October 2006. The next release is January 10, 2007.