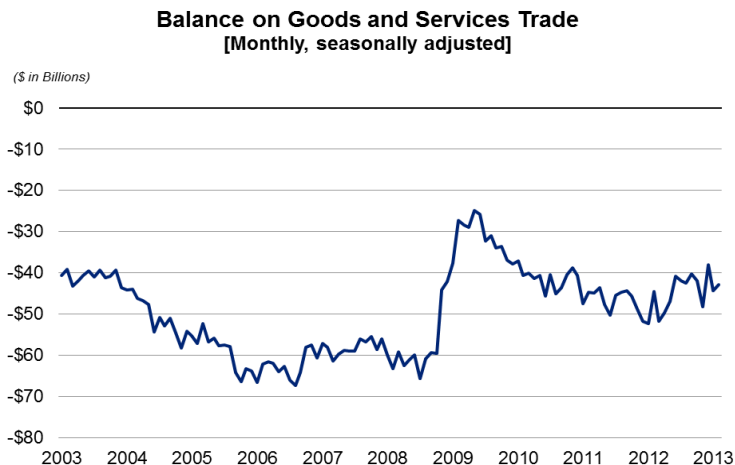


## FEBRUARY 2013 TRADE GAP IS \$43.0 BILLION

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

The U.S. monthly international trade deficit decreased in February 2013 according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census Bureau. The deficit decreased from \$44.5 billion (revised) in January to \$43.0 billion in February as exports increased more than imports. The previously published January deficit was \$44.4 billion. The goods deficit decreased \$1.5 billion from January to \$60.2 billion in February; the services surplus was virtually unchanged from January at \$17.3 billion.



### Exports

Exports of goods and services increased \$1.6 billion in February to \$186.0 billion mostly reflecting an increase in exports of goods. Exports of services also increased.

- The increase in exports of goods was more than accounted for by increases in *industrial supplies and materials* and *other goods*. Decreases in *capital goods* and *consumer goods* were partly offsetting.
- The increase in exports of services was mostly accounted for by increases in *other transportation*, which includes freight and port services, and *travel*.

### Imports

Imports of goods and services increased \$0.1 billion in February to \$228.9 billion reflecting an increase in imports of services. Imports of goods decreased.

- The decrease in imports of goods was more than accounted for by a decrease in *industrial supplies and materials*. Increases in *automotive vehicles, parts, and engines* and *consumer goods* were partly offsetting.
- The increase in imports of services was more than accounted for by increases in *other transportation, travel, and passenger fares*.

### Goods by geographic area (not seasonally adjusted)

- The goods deficit with Canada decreased from \$4.8 billion in January to \$2.6 billion in February. Exports were virtually unchanged at \$23.1 billion, while imports decreased \$2.2 billion to \$25.7 billion.
- The goods deficit with China decreased from \$27.8 billion in January to \$23.4 billion in February. Exports decreased \$0.1 billion to \$9.3 billion, while imports decreased \$4.5 billion to \$32.7 billion.
- The goods deficit with Mexico increased from \$3.6 billion in January to \$4.3 billion in February. Exports decreased \$0.3 billion to \$17.7 billion, while imports increased \$0.4 billion to \$21.9 billion.

BEA statistics—including GDP, personal income, the balance of payments, foreign direct investment, the input-output accounts, and economic statistics for states, local areas, and industries—are available on the BEA Web site: [www.bea.gov](http://www.bea.gov). [E-mail alerts](#) are also available.

NOTE: This and more information is provided in the April 5 news release, U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services: February 2013, issued by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census Bureau. The next release is May 2, 2013.