## Economic Indicator Database

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## U.S. Census Bureau

## Economic Indicators

Monthly Wholesale Trade: Sales and Inventories all CHART
July 2010 sales of merchant wholesalers were $\$ 350.1$ billion, up 0.6 percent ( $+/-0.5 \%$ ) from last month. End-ofmonth inventories were $\$ 405.0$ billion, up 1.3 percent $(+/-0.4 \%)$ from last month

U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services ail CHART

The Nation's international trade deficit in goods and sefices decreased to $\$ 42.8$ billion in July 2010 from $\$ 49.8$ billion in June (revised), as exports increased and impons decreased.

| Current Press Release: <br> \& PDF <br> 目 TXT XLS | Archived Releases - 1991 - present Historic Time Series <br> - US Trade Data (various) <br> - Country \& Product Data (various) Search Database | Released: September 9, 2010 <br> Next release: October 14, <br> 2010 <br> Frequency: Monthly <br> Program Overview |
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Quarterly Services Survey ail $\begin{aligned} & \text { FART }\end{aligned}$
U.S. Information sector revenue for the second quarts of 2010, adjusted for seasonal variation but not for price changes, was $\$ 290.9$ billion, a increase of 0.8 percent - - 0.3) from the fist quarter of 2010

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Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventaries, and Onders ail requR
New orders for manufactured goods in July increased $\$ 0.6$ sillion or 0.1 perchat to $\$ 4096$ billion
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## Archived Releases - Historic Time Series

- 1992 - present (NAICS)
- 1992-present (NA
- $1958-2001$ (SIC)


## Now Available

-U.S. International Trade -Manufacturer's Shipments, Inventories, and Orders -Monthly Retail Trade \& Food Services -Monthly Wholesale Trade -Quarterly Services Survey -Construction Spending -Advance Report for Monthly Retail Trade and Food Services -New Residential Construction New Home Sales -Manufacturing and Trade Inventories and Sales Quarterly Financial Report Manufacturing, Mining, Trade, and Services Quarterly Financial Report Retail Trade Housing Vacancies and Homeownership

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## Business and Industry

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| Data by Sector: |
| - Economy-Wide |
| - Construction |
| - Governments |
| - International Trade |
| - Manufacturing |
| - Retail Trade |
| - Services |
| - Wholesale Trade |
| - Other Sectors |

Source: U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services (Definitions)
Balance of Payment-Goods and Services - Seasonally Adjusted Balance [Millions of Dollars]
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| Year | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |  |
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| $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ | -27 | 418 | $-30,34$ | $-31,632$ | $-29,060$ | $-29,994$ | $-31,178$ | $-31,791$ | $-30,256$ | $-34,221$ | $-33,726$ | $-33,097$ | $-34,036$ |
| $\mathbf{2 0 0 1}$ | $-35,076$ | $-29,335$ | $-32,598$ | $-31,315$ | $-27,776$ | $-29,380$ | $-30,086$ | $-28,239$ | $-30,844$ | $-30,724$ | $-29,612$ | $-26,786$ |  |
| $\mathbf{2 0 0 2}$ | $-29,312$ | $-32,105$ | 30,790 | $-33,571$ | $-33,934$ | $-35,011$ | $-33,932$ | $-35,834$ | $-36,509$ | $-34,657$ | $-38,931$ | $-42,845$ |  |
| $\mathbf{2 0 0 3}$ | $-\mathbf{- 4} 0,653$ | $-39,188$ | $-\mathbf{4}, 3,272$ | $-41,990$ | $-40,739$ | $-39,616$ | $-41,044$ | $-39,453$ | $-41,308$ | $-40,801$ | $-39,329$ | $-43,594$ |  |
| $\mathbf{2 0 0 4}$ | $-44,216$ | $-43,963$ | $-46,161$ | $-46,873$ | $-47,803$ | $-54,432$ | $-50,957$ | $-52,868$ | $-50,997$ | $-54,583$ | $-58,374$ | $-54,130$ |  |
| $\mathbf{2 0 0 5}$ | $-\mathbf{- 5 5 , 3 9 7}$ | $-57,255$ | $-52, \mathbf{2 5}$ | $-56,796$ | $-55,835$ | $-57,733$ | $-57,546$ | $-57,838$ | $-64,192$ | $-66,428$ | $-63,381$ | $-63,800$ |  |
| $\mathbf{2 0 0 6}$ | 66,671 | $-62,120$ | $-61,569$ | $-61,949$ | $-64,003$ | $-62,798$ | $-66,007$ | $-67,351$ | $-64,311$ | $-58,139$ | $-57,618$ | $-60,749$ |  |
| $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ | $-57,124$ | $-58,172$ | $-61,399$ | $-59,818$ | $-58,812$ | $-59,097$ | $-59,043$ | $-56,109$ | $-56,808$ | $-55,600$ | $-58,640$ | $-56,105$ |  |
| $\mathbf{2 0 0 8}$ | $-60,040$ | $-63,259$ | $-59,236$ | $-62,641$ | $-61,277$ | $-59,928$ | $-65,743$ | $-60,900$ | $-59,491$ | $-59,541$ | $-44,156$ | $-42,126$ |  |
| $\mathbf{2 0 0 9}$ | $-37,201$ | $-27,034$ | $-28,579$ | $\mathbf{2 9 , 1 7 2}$ | $-25,524$ | $-26,690$ | $-33,378$ | $-31,025$ | $-34,890$ | $-32,797$ | $-36,293$ | $-38,690$ |  |
| $\mathbf{2 0 1 0}$ | $-37,490$ | $-41,011$ | $-41,142$ | $-4,1,466$ | $-42,166$ | $-46,890$ | $-41,564$ | $-45,536$ | $-44,013$ | $-39,452$ | $-38,842$ | $-40,454$ |  |

## U.S. Census Bureau

Source: U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services Balance of Payment Goods and Services Seasonally Adjusted Balance [Millions of Dollars]


Period
Value
-27,515
Feb-2000 -30,428
Mar-2000 -31,843
Apr-2000 -29,209
May-2000 -30,137
Jun-2000 -31,325
Jul-2000 -32,037
Aug-2000 -30,461
Sep-2000 -34,398
Oct-2000 -33,971
Nov-2000 -33,356
Dec-2000 -34,100
Jan-2001 -35,238
Feb-2001 -29,498
Mar-2001 -32,853
Apr-2001 -31,482
May-2001 -27,945
Jun-2001 -29,608
Jul-2001 -30,346
Aug-2001 -28,508
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Sep-2001 } & -31,058 \\ \text { Oct-2001 } & -31,019\end{array}$
Oct-2001 -31,019
Nov-2001 -29,860
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Dec-2001 } & -26,976 \\ \text { Jan-2002 } & -29,657\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Jan-2002 } & -29,657 \\ \text { Feb-2002 } & -32,283\end{array}$

People $\mid$ Business

Now available: Create bar or line charts when observing data representing total values. Also, create scatter charts when observing data representing percentage change (where applicable).


## Chart Option Availability by Indicator Program

All charts can be saved as images (.jpg, .pdf, and .png Files) Charts are NOT embeddable as HTML objects

| Survey | Bar Charts/ Line Charts | Scatter Charts | Options for Seasonally Adjusted Data* | Confidence Intervals** |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| US International Trade | Yes | No | Yes | N/A |
| Housing Vacancies and Homeownership | Yes | No | Yes | Yes |
| Manufacturers' Shipments, Inventories, and Orders | Yes | Yes | Yes | No |
| Advance Monthly Sales for Retail and Food Services | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Monthly Retail Trade and Food Services | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Manufacturing and Trade Inventories and Sales | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Monthly Wholesale Trade: Sales and Inventories | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Quarterly Financial Report*** | Bar Charts only | No | No | Yes |
| Quarterly Services Survey | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| New Residential Construction | Yes | No | Yes | Yes |
| New Home Sales | Yes | No | Yes | Yes |
| Construction Spending | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

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## Technical Documentation for Charts

## Total Estimates - Line Charts and Bar Charts


(Bar Chart without Error Bars)

(Line Chart without Error Bars)

## Chart Layout

## TITLE

- Source: Selected report/survey (\#1 in Database Search)
- Industry or Category (\#3 in Database Search)
- Geographic level (\#5 in Database Search)
- Date Range in years/quarters (\#2 in Database Search)
- Item (\#4 in Database Search) and Seasonal Adjustment (if available and selected)


## X-AXIS

- Starts with first month/quarter of selected date range
- Ends with last month/quarter of selected date range
- When selecting data through the current year, any months/quarters where data has not yet been collected will display as empty spaces at the end of the chart.
- Data can be viewed over long ranges of time, but for best clarity try to restrict your date range selection to no more than 8 years for monthly surveys, and 26 years for quarterly surveys.
- Date/time stamp of data extraction provided as footnote
- Source and accuracy statements provided as footnotes, with program-specific links


## Y-AXIS

- Axis label provides information on units of measure. For example, \$26,617 in millions represents \$26,617,000,000.
- Axis label indicates whether chart includes $90 \%$ confidence limits (error bars)

Total Estimates - Line Charts and Bar Charts

(Bar Chart with Error Bars)

(Line Chart with Error Bars)

## ERROR BARS (90\% CONFIDENCE INTERVALS)

- Included on bar or line chart for totals when Database Search selects "Show estimates of Sampling Variability"*
- Not available for line charts displaying CV/RSE data.
- Error bars are computed as
- Lower error bar endpoint (lower confidence interval limit) $=$ Total $-1.645 \times$ (Total $\times$ CV/RSE)
- Upper error bar endpoint (upper confidence interval limit) $=$ Total $+1.645 \times$ (Total $\times$ CV/RSE)
- Margin of error $=1.645 \times$ (Total $\times$ CV/RSE)

Note: The $90 \%$ confidence intervals (error bars) displayed on the charts are obtained under standard normality assumptions and may be rounded to the nearest unit. Consequently, they may differ somewhat from the program's published margins of error, which make use of survey design and estimation procedures and may employ finer degrees of precision in their reporting.

- Every chart will produce the entire requested time series, even when estimates of sampling variability are not available. In this case, there will be no error bars associated with the corresponding data value for bar or line charts.


## ANNOTATIONS/FLYOVERS

- Flyover annotations display time period and data value for all points on the chart.
- In addition, flyover annotations for charts with error bars will also display the Margin of Error for the $90 \%$ Confidence Interval. (For example, if the flyover displays "420 $\pm(50)$ ", then the Margin of Error would be 50, and the $90 \%$ Confidence Interval would be (370, 470).
- Flyover annotations of the error bars will display the absolute value of the Margin of Error.

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## Total Estimates and CV/RSE - Bar Charts



- Each month/quarter is represented by the same color when viewing data spanning multiple years.
- If Seasonally Adjusted data are chosen, this will be noted in the subtitle. These data are adjusted for seasonal variation, and holiday and trading-day differences (where applicable), but are not adjusted for price changes.
- Data can be viewed over long ranges of time, but for best clarity try to restrict your date range selection to no more than 8 years for monthly surveys, and 26 years for quarterly surveys.
- Error bars are NOT available for CV/RSE data.
- Note that when viewing seasonally vs. non-seasonally adjusted data over the same time frame, the $y$-axis min and max may be different for the two charts.


## Total Estimates - Line Charts



- If Seasonally Adjusted data are chosen, this will be noted in the subtitle. These data are adjusted for seasonal variation, and holiday and trading-day differences (where applicable), but are not adjusted for price changes.
- Data can be viewed over long ranges of time, but for best clarity try to restrict your date range selection to no more than 8 years for monthly surveys, and 26 years for quarterly surveys.
- You must select a date range with a minimum of 4 years.
- Line chart for totals is continuous, but error bars are provided at discrete locations corresponding to the applicable statistical period (confidence bands are not appropriate for these data)
- Note that when viewing seasonally vs. non-seasonally adjusted data over the same time frame, the $y$-axis min and max may be different for the two charts.


## Percentage Change - Scatter Charts


(Scatter Chart without Error Bars)

(Scatter Chart with Error Bars)

## Chart Layout

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## X-AXIS

- Starts with first month/quarter of selected date range
- Ends with last month/quarter of selected date range
- When selecting data through the current year, any months/quarters where data has not yet been collected will display as empty spaces at the end of the chart.
- Data can be viewed over long ranges of time, but for best clarity try to restrict your date range selection to no more than 8 years for monthly surveys, and 26 years for quarterly surveys.
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## Y-AXIS

- Axis label is displayed as a percentage.
- Axis label indicates whether chart includes $90 \%$ confidence limits (error bars)
- Note that when viewing seasonally vs. not seasonally adjusted data over the same time frame, the $y$-axis min and max may be different for the two charts.


## Percentage Change - Scatter Charts



## ERROR BARS (90\% CONFIDENCE INTERVALS)

- Included on scatter chart for percentage change when Database Search selects "Show estimates of Sampling Variability"*
- Not available for line charts displaying CV/RSE data
- Error bars are computed as
- Lower error bar endpoint (lower confidence interval limit) = Estimate - $1.645 \times$ standard error
- Upper error bar endpoint (upper confidence interval limit) = Estimate $+1.645 \times$ standard error
- Margin of error = $1.645 \times$ standard error

Note: The $90 \%$ confidence intervals used to determine whether a change estimate is significantly different from zero are obtained under standard normality assumptions. Program tests make use of survey design and estimation procedures in determining critical values. Consequently, it is possible that the chart results may differ from those presented in the press release.

- Every chart will produce the entire requested time series, even when estimates of sampling variability are not available. In this case, there will be no error bars associated with the corresponding data value for bar or line charts.

Rules for Determining the Significance of Percentage Change Estimates in Graphs

| Color | Definition | Rule |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Blue | Significant | CONFIDENCE INTERVAL/LIMIT DOES NOT INCLUDE ZERO <br> $0<$ (Estimate $-1.645 \times$ standard error) or <br> $0>$ (Estimate $+1.645 \times$ standard error) |
| Orange | Not Significant | CONFIDENCE INTERVAL/LIMIT INCLUDES ZERO <br> (Estimate $-1.645 \times$ standard error) $<0<$ (Estimate $+1.645 \times$ standard error) |
| Pink | Not Testable | Standard errors are not provided/available |


[^0]:    *Values may be adjusted for seasonal variation, and holiday and trading-day differences (where applicable), but are not adjusted for price changes.
    **The $90 \%$ Confidence Limits are displayed on graphs when estimates of sampling variability are available and requested.
    ***Line charts will be available for QFR after the $1^{\text {st }}$ Quarter 2014 data are released to the Economic Indicator Database. Sixteen or more statistical periods of estimates must be available to produce a line chart.

[^1]:    * CVs (coefficients of variation) and RSEs (relative standard errors), are provided as measures of variability for totals instead of standard errors. The CV/RSE = standard error / estimate.

