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Goods and Services

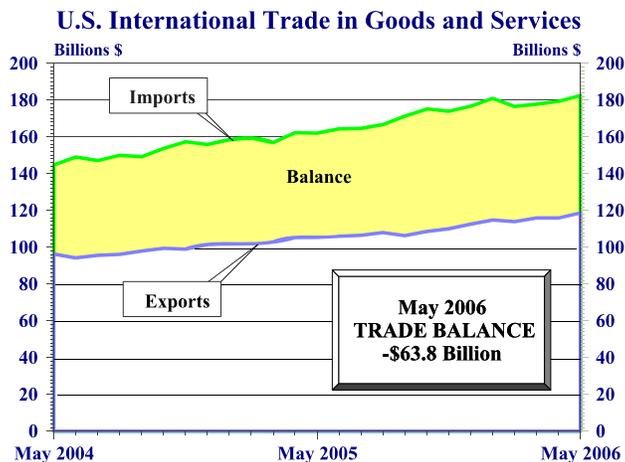
The U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, through the Department of Commerce, announced today that total May exports of **\$118.7 billion** and imports of **\$182.5 billion** resulted in a goods and services deficit of **\$63.8 billion**, \$0.5 billion more than the \$63.3 billion in April, revised. May exports were \$2.7 billion more than April exports of \$115.9 billion. May imports were \$3.2 billion more than April imports of \$179.3 billion.

In May, the goods deficit increased \$0.5 billion from April to \$70.1 billion, and the services surplus was virtually unchanged at \$6.2 billion. Exports of goods increased \$2.4 billion to \$84.2 billion, and imports of goods increased \$2.9 billion to \$154.3 billion. Exports of services increased \$0.4 billion to \$34.4 billion, and imports of services increased \$0.3 billion to \$28.2 billion.

In May, the goods and services deficit was up \$7.2 billion from May 2005. Exports were up \$13.3 billion, or 12.6 percent, and imports were up \$20.5 billion, or 12.7 percent.

Goods

The April to May change in exports of goods reflected increases in *capital goods* (\$0.8 billion); *industrial supplies and materials* (\$0.8 billion); *consumer goods* (\$0.5 billion); *foods, feeds, and beverages* (\$0.4 billion); and *other goods*



(\$0.1 billion). A decrease occurred in *automotive vehicles, parts, and engines* (\$0.1 billion).

The April to May change in imports of goods reflected increases in *industrial supplies and materials* (\$3.4 billion) and *capital goods* (\$0.2 billion). Decreases occurred in *automotive vehicles, parts, and engines* (\$0.5 billion) and *foods, feeds, and beverages* (\$0.1 billion). *Consumer goods* and *other goods* were virtually unchanged.

The May 2005 to May 2006 change in exports of goods reflected increases in *capital goods* (\$4.5 billion); *industrial supplies and materials* (\$3.3 billion); *consumer goods* (\$1.0 billion); *automotive vehicles, parts, and engines* (\$0.7 billion); *other goods* (\$0.4 billion); and *foods, feeds, and beverages* (\$0.3 billion).

The May 2005 to May 2006 change in imports of goods reflected increases in *industrial supplies and materials* (\$11.8 billion); *capital goods* (\$3.4 billion); *consumer goods* (\$1.3 billion); *automotive vehicles, parts, and engines* (\$1.1 billion); *foods, feeds, and beverages* (\$0.5 billion); and *other goods* (\$0.1 billion).

Services

Services exports increased \$0.4 billion from April to May. The increase was mostly accounted for by increases in *other private services* (which includes items such as business, professional, and technical services, insurance services, and financial services), *travel*, and *passenger fares*. Changes in other categories of services exports were small.

Services imports increased \$0.3 billion from April to May. The increase was mostly accounted for by increases in *other transportation* (which includes freight and port services) and *other private services*. Changes in other categories of services imports were small.

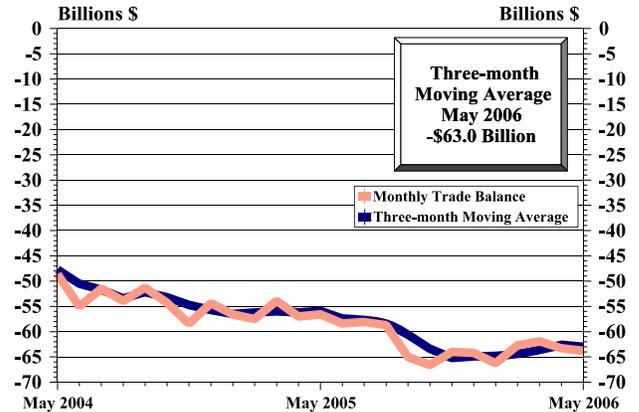
From May 2005 to May 2006, services exports increased \$3.1 billion. The largest increases were in *other private services* (\$1.4 billion), *other transportation* (\$0.7 billion), and *royalties and license fees* (\$0.5 billion).

From May 2005 to May 2006, services imports increased \$2.3 billion. The largest increases were in *other private services* (\$1.3 billion) and *other transportation* (\$0.4 billion).

Goods and Services Moving Average

For the three months ending in May, exports of goods and services averaged \$116.8 billion, while imports of goods and services averaged \$179.9 billion, resulting in an average trade deficit of \$63.0 billion. For the three months ending in April, the average trade deficit was \$62.6 billion, reflecting average exports of \$115.2 billion and average imports of \$177.9 billion.

Trade Balances



Selected Not Seasonally Adjusted Goods Details

The May figures showed surpluses, in billions of dollars, with Hong Kong \$0.8 (\$0.8 for April), Australia \$0.8 (\$0.8), Singapore \$0.6 (\$0.6), Egypt \$0.2 (\$0.1), and Argentina \$0.1 (\$0.1). Deficits were recorded, in billions of dollars, with China \$17.7 (\$17.0), Europe \$13.5 (\$11.2), the European Union \$10.8 (\$9.4), OPEC \$10.2 (\$8.1), Japan \$7.1 (\$7.8), Canada \$5.8 (\$6.2), Mexico \$5.5 (\$4.9), Korea \$1.7 (\$0.8), Taiwan \$1.4 (\$1.3), and Brazil \$0.4 (\$0.6).

Advanced technology products (ATP) exports were \$19.9 billion in May and imports were \$22.9 billion, resulting in a deficit of \$2.9 billion. May exports were \$0.2 billion more than the \$19.8 billion in April, while imports were \$1.4 billion more than the \$21.5 billion in April.

Revisions

Goods carry-over in May was \$0.2 billion (0.3 percent) for exports and \$1.0 billion (0.6 percent) for imports. For April, revised export carry-over was virtually zero, revised down from \$0.2 billion (0.2 percent). For April, revised import carry-over was \$0.1 billion (0.1 percent), revised down from \$0.8 billion (0.5 percent).

Services exports for April were revised up \$0.3 billion to \$34.1 billion; the revision was accounted for by upward revisions in *travel* and *other transportation*. Services imports for April were revised up \$0.1 billion to \$27.9 billion; the revision was mostly accounted for by an upward revision in *travel*.

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