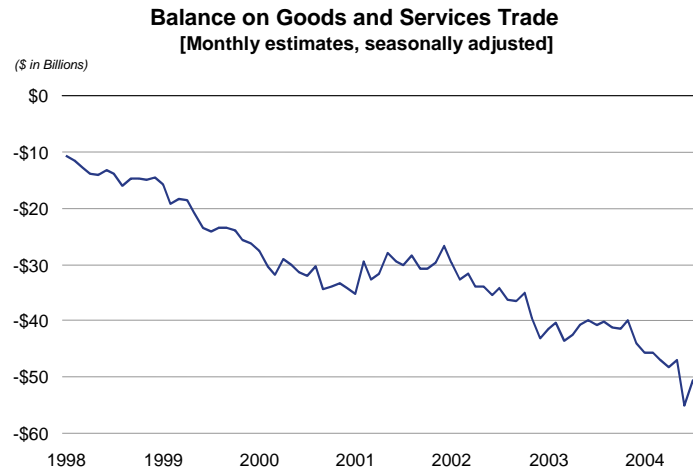




## TRADE GAP WIDENS IN AUGUST 2004

*Preliminary estimates of U.S. international trade in goods and services*

The U.S. monthly goods and services deficit widened in August 2004, according to estimates released today by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and the U.S. Census Bureau. The deficit increased \$3.5 billion from July to \$54.0 billion in August as imports increased while exports were almost flat.



### Exports

Exports of goods and services increased \$0.1 billion in August to \$96.0 billion, as a decrease in goods exports was more than offset by an increase in services exports.

- The decrease in goods exports was mostly accounted for by decreases in *industrial supplies and materials; foods, feeds, and beverages; and other goods* that were mostly offset by increases in *consumer goods and automotive vehicles, parts, and engines*.
- The increase in services exports was mostly accounted for by an increase in *other transportation*.

### Imports

Imports of goods and services increased \$3.6 billion in August to \$150.1 billion, as both goods imports and services imports increased.

- The increase in goods imports was almost entirely attributable to an increase in *industrial supplies and materials*.
- The increase in services imports was mostly accounted for by an increase in *royalties and license fees*, reflecting payments for the rights to broadcast the 2004 Summer Olympic Games.

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

- The goods deficit with China increased from \$14.9 billion in July to \$15.4 billion in August. Exports were virtually unchanged at \$2.7 billion, while imports increased \$0.5 billion to \$18.1 billion.
- The goods deficit with the European Union (25) decreased from \$10.5 billion in July to \$9.6 billion in August. Exports increased \$0.5 billion to \$13.5 billion, while imports decreased \$0.5 billion to \$23.1 billion.
- The goods deficit with Canada increased from \$5.9 billion in July to \$6.6 billion in August. Exports increased \$1.6 billion to \$15.4 billion, while imports increased \$2.3 billion to \$22.1 billion.

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BEA's 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 its Web site: <[www.bea.gov](http://www.bea.gov)>.

NOTE: This and more information is provided in the October 14 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: August 2004. The next release is November 10, 2004.