

October 2021 Press Highlights

All values in billions of dollars. Goods and services monthly BOP series began with January 1992 statistics.

Goods and Services (BOP Basis, seasonally adjusted)

	October 2021	September 2021	Percent Change from Prior Month	Larger Increase or Decrease by Percent Change / When it Occurred	
Goods and Services					
Balance	-67.1	-81.4	-17.6	-18.2	March 2015 - April 2015
Exports	223.6	206.8	8.1	8.7	May 2020 - June 2020
Imports	290.7	288.2	0.9	1.3	July 2021 - August 2021
Goods (BOP Basis)					
Balance	-83.9	-98.0	-14.3	-20.8	January 2009 - February 2009
Exports	158.7	142.9	11.1	11.7	June 2020 - July 2020
Imports	242.7	240.9	0.7	0.8	August 2021 - September 2021
	October 2021	September 2021	Dollar Change from Prior Month	Larger Increase or Decrease by Dollar Change / When it Occurred	
Goods and Services					
Balance	-67.1	-81.4	14.3	15.7	October 2008 - November 2008
Exports	223.6	206.8	16.8	16.8	No larger increase on record.
Imports	290.7	288.2	2.5	3.6	July 2021 - August 2021
Goods (BOP Basis)					
Balance	-83.9	-98.0	14.0	16.5	October 2008 - November 2008
Exports	158.7	142.9	15.8	15.8	No larger increase on record.
Imports	242.7	240.9	1.8	1.8	August 2021 - September 2021

- * October exports of goods and services (\$223.6 billion) were the highest on record.
- * October exports of goods (\$158.7 billion) were the highest on record.
- * October imports of goods and services (\$290.7 billion) were the highest on record.
- * October imports of goods (\$242.7 billion) were the highest on record.

Goods (Census Basis, seasonally adjusted)

Exports

- * October exports of goods (\$157.9 billion) were the highest on record.
- * October exports of foods, feeds, and beverages (\$14.1 billion) were the highest on record.
- * October exports of industrial supplies (\$58.0 billion) were the highest on record.
- * October exports of consumer goods (\$21.5 billion) were the highest on record.
- * October exports of other goods (\$6.4 billion) were the highest on record.
- * October petroleum exports (\$19.1 billion) were the highest on record.
- * October non-petroleum exports (\$138.8 billion) were the highest on record.

Imports

- * October imports of goods (\$241.1 billion) were the highest on record.
- * October imports of other goods (\$11.1 billion) were the highest on record.
- * October non-petroleum imports (\$221.8 billion) were the highest on record.

Real Dollar Basis (Chained 2012 Dollars, seasonally adjusted)

Exports

- * October real dollar exports of goods (\$152.2 billion) were the highest on record.
- * October real dollar exports of consumer goods (\$22.4 billion) were the highest on record.

Country and Other Highlights (Census Basis, not seasonally adjusted)

Balance

- * The October surplus with South and Central America (\$6.1 billion) was the highest on record.

Exports

- * October exports to South and Central America (\$17.3 billion) were the highest on record.
- * October exports to Germany (\$6.1 billion) were the highest on record.
- * October exports to China (\$16.6 billion) were the highest on record.
- * October exports to Taiwan (\$3.4 billion) were the highest on record.
- * October exports to Japan (\$7.0 billion) were the highest on record.

Imports

- * October imports from Mexico (\$34.4 billion) were the highest on record.
- * October imports from Taiwan (\$7.7 billion) were the highest on record.
- * The October import average price per barrel of crude oil (\$68.77) was the highest since December 2014 (\$73.60).

NOTE: Based on the December 7, 2021, U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services, October 2021 report, released by the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.