

# Canadian international trade in services, May 2021

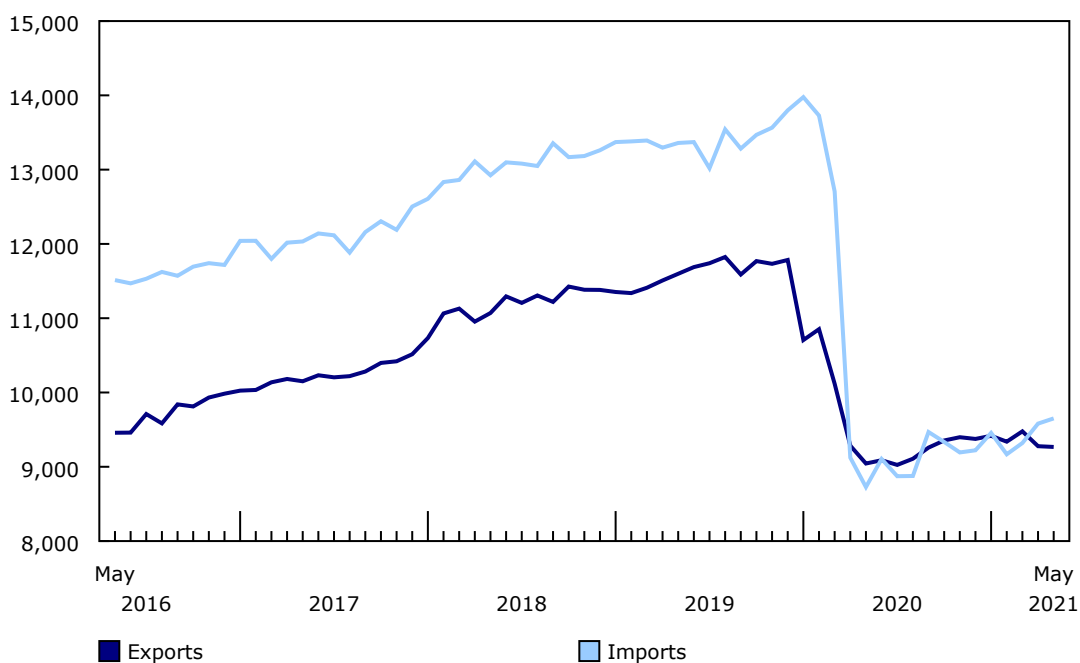
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Canada's monthly international trade in services deficit widened from \$303 million in April to \$384 million in May. Overall, imports of services increased 0.7% to \$9.7 billion, while exports edged down 0.1% to \$9.3 billion.

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## Chart 1 International trade in services

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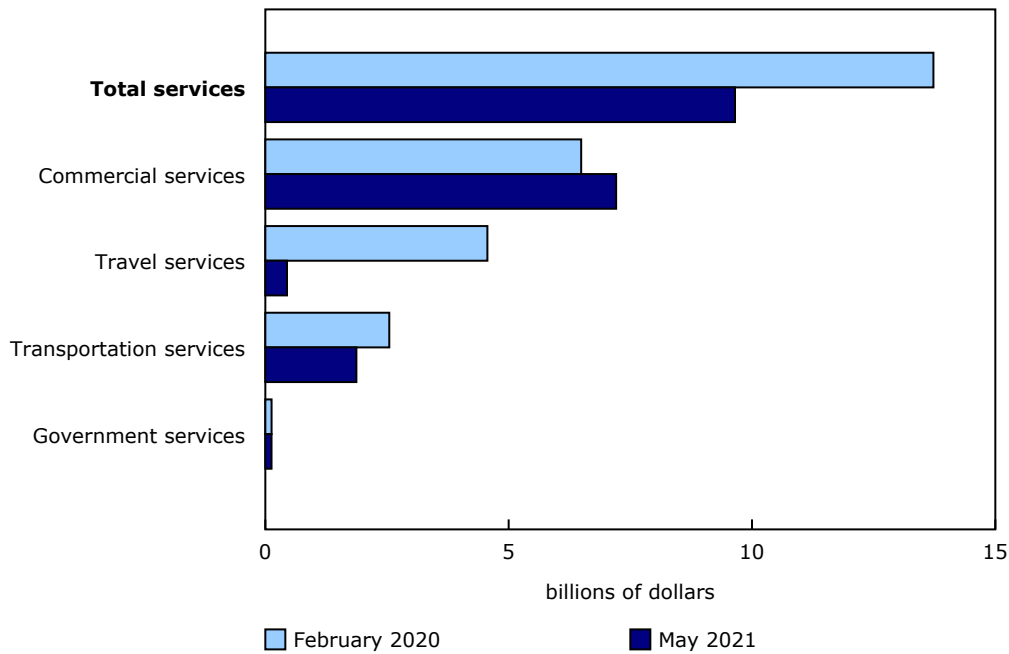
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**Source(s):** Table 12-10-0144-01.

Imports of transportation services rose 4.2% to \$1.9 billion in May, on higher payments related to the marine shipment of imported goods. Imports of travel services increased 7.0% to \$445 million, mainly due to an increase in the number of Canadians returning from trips to non-US destinations. Imports of commercial services declined 0.5% to \$7.2 billion.



**Chart 2**  
**International trade in services, imports**



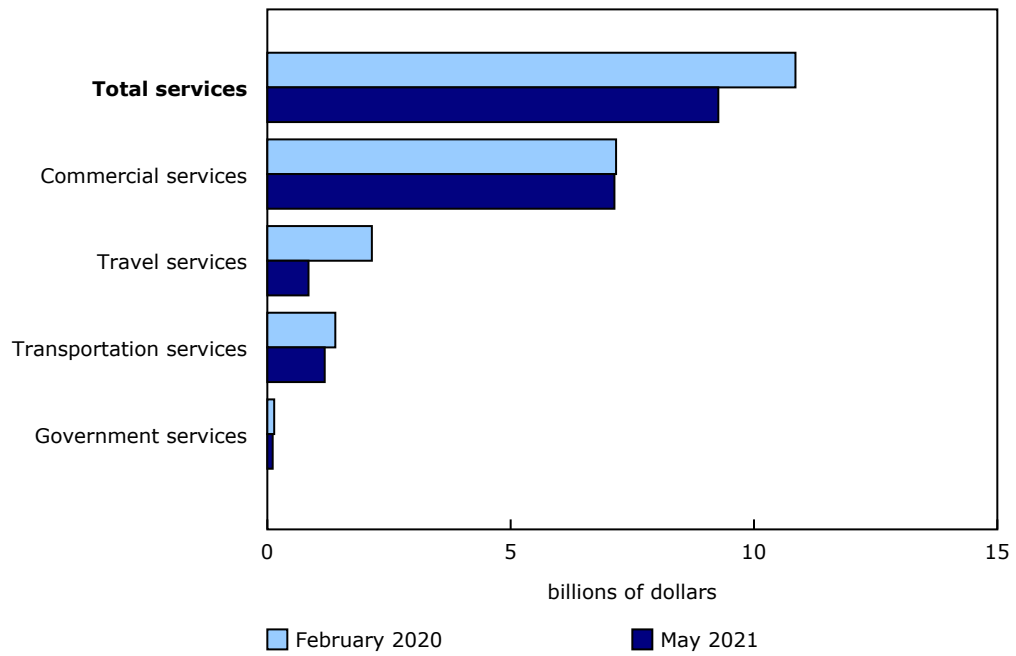
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Exports of travel services were down by 4.7% to \$846 million in May, as the number of non-resident travellers visiting Canada declined. Restrictions on international travel into and out of Canada remained in place in May, as did COVID-19 testing and quarantine regulations for travellers entering Canada. The government of Canada also imposed a ban on direct flights from India and Pakistan that came into effect on April 22. Exports of commercial services were up 0.5% to \$7.1 billion.

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**Chart 3**  
**International trade in services, exports**

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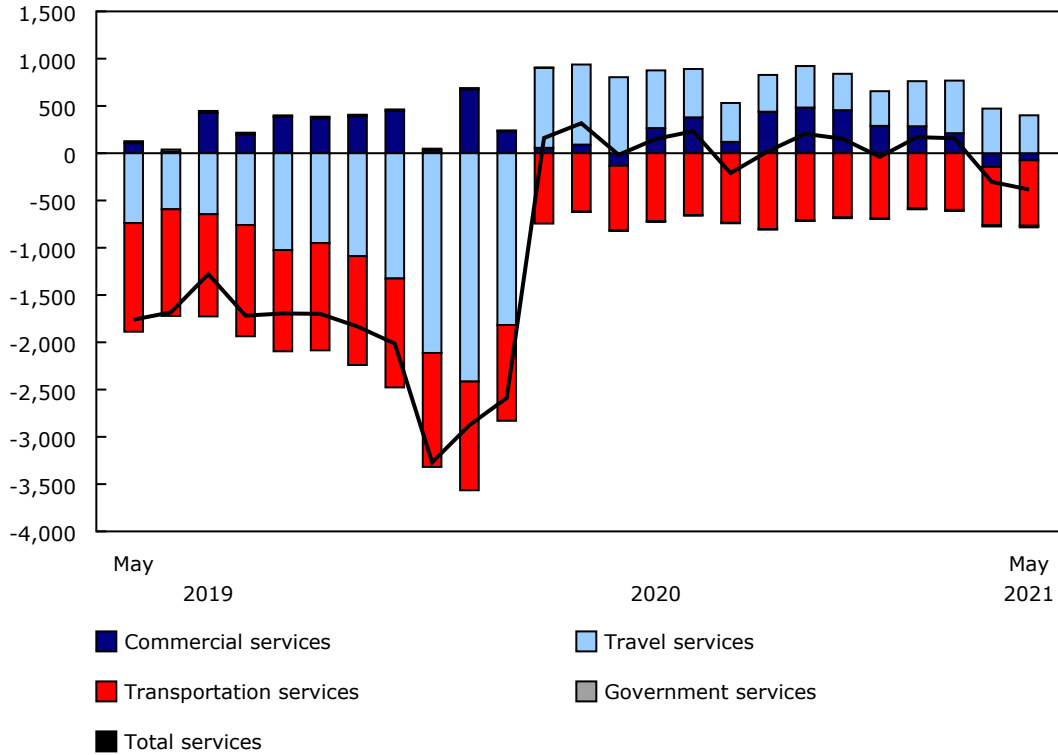


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**Chart 4**  
**International trade in services, balances**

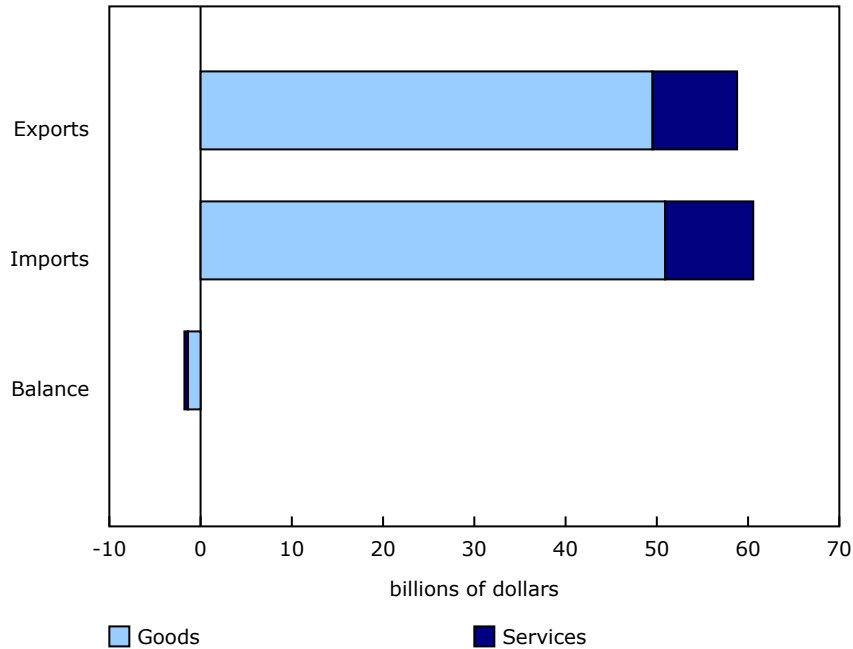
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**Source(s):** Table 12-10-0144-01.

By comparison, total imports of goods increased 2.1% to \$50.9 billion in May, while total exports of goods were down 1.6% to \$49.5 billion, resulting in a goods deficit of \$1.4 billion. Combined, the trade balance for goods and services amounted to a \$1.8 billion deficit in May—a \$1.9 billion change from a surplus of \$159 million in April.

**Chart 5**  
**International trade in goods and services, May 2021**



**Note(s):** Data are seasonally adjusted. Trade in goods data are on a balance of payments basis.  
**Source(s):** Tables [12-10-0011-01](#) and [12-10-0144-01](#).

The services trade deficit for April, first reported at \$226 million, was revised up to \$303 million with this month's release. Imports of services for April were revised up by \$96 million, on upward revisions to travel services and transportation services. Exports of services were revised up by \$18 million, on upward revisions to commercial services.

**Note to readers**

**COVID-19 and additional data sources**

*Circumstances surrounding COVID-19 pose issues for the production of monthly international trade-in-services statistics, particularly for travel and transportation services.*

*To better capture the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, Statistics Canada is incorporating data from the Canada Border Services Agency's primary inspection kiosks into its monthly international trade-in-services program. These are electronic customs declaration kiosks that have been installed in most major Canadian airports. While these data represent only a subset of total travellers, they provide relevant and timely insights.*

*Further information on the estimation methodology is available upon request.*

**Table 1**  
**International trade in services – seasonally adjusted**

	January 2021 <sup>r</sup>	February 2021 <sup>r</sup>	March 2021 <sup>r</sup>	April 2021 <sup>r</sup>	May 2021
	millions of dollars				
<b>Total services, exports</b>	<b>9,417</b>	<b>9,338</b>	<b>9,477</b>	<b>9,277</b>	<b>9,267</b>
Commercial services	7,189	7,162	7,270	7,098	7,132
Travel services	948	922	926	888	846
Transportation services	1,172	1,147	1,173	1,181	1,179
Government services	108	107	108	110	110
<b>Total services, imports</b>	<b>9,456</b>	<b>9,168</b>	<b>9,320</b>	<b>9,581</b>	<b>9,651</b>
Commercial services	6,900	6,877	7,058	7,245	7,208
Travel services	580	444	370	416	445
Transportation services	1,861	1,731	1,773	1,796	1,871
Government services	115	115	119	124	127
<b>Total services, balances</b>	<b>-39</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>-303</b>	<b>-384</b>
Commercial services	289	285	212	-146	-75
Travel services	367	477	556	472	401
Transportation services	-689	-584	-600	-615	-692
Government services	-7	-9	-11	-14	-17

<sup>r</sup> revised

Source(s): Table [12-10-0144-01](#).

**Table 2**  
**International trade in goods and services – seasonally adjusted**

	January 2021 <sup>r</sup>	February 2021 <sup>r</sup>	March 2021 <sup>r</sup>	April 2021 <sup>r</sup>	May 2021
	millions of dollars				
<b>Exports</b>					
Goods	51,315	50,146	50,545	50,333	49,530
Services	9,417	9,338	9,477	9,277	9,267
Goods and services	60,732	59,484	60,022	59,610	58,797
<b>Imports</b>					
Goods	50,188	49,053	51,987	49,871	50,916
Services	9,456	9,168	9,320	9,581	9,651
Goods and services	59,644	58,221	61,307	59,452	60,567
<b>Balances</b>					
Goods	1,127	1,093	-1,442	462	-1,386
Services	-39	170	158	-303	-384
Goods and services	1,088	1,263	-1,284	159	-1,770

<sup>r</sup> revised

Source(s): Tables [12-10-0011-01](#) and [12-10-0144-01](#).

**Available tables: table [12-10-0144-01](#).**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [1536](#).**

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The *Methodological Guide: Canadian System of Macroeconomic Accounts* ([13-607-X](#)) is available.

The *User Guide: Canadian System of Macroeconomic Accounts* ([13-606-G](#)) is also available. This publication will be updated to maintain its relevance.

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