

# Canadian international trade in services, June 2021

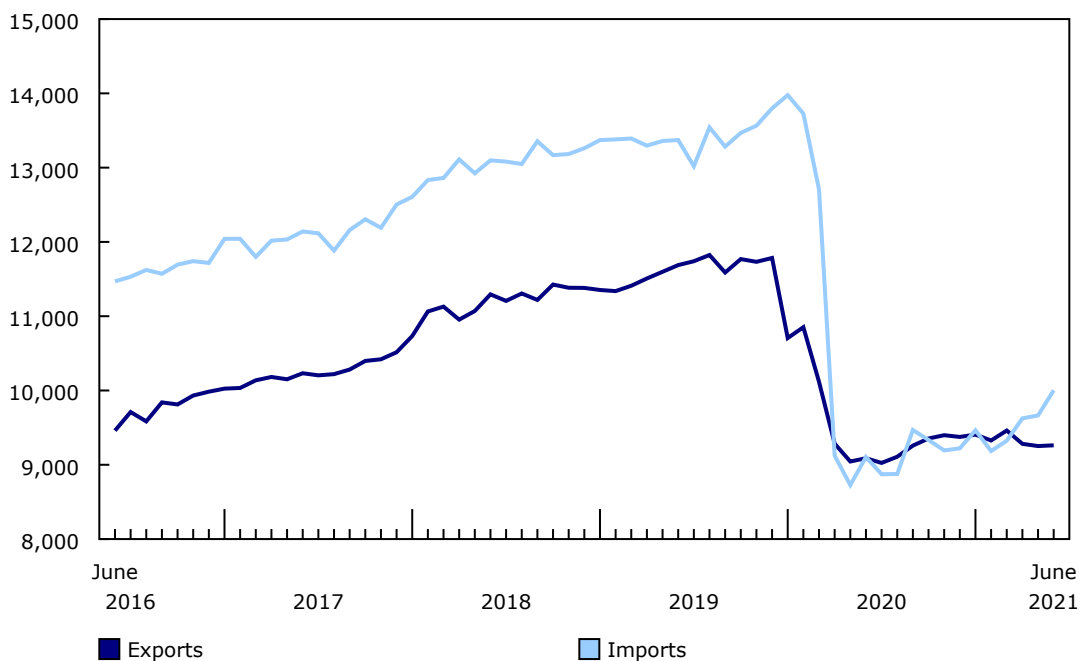
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Canada's monthly international trade in services deficit widened from \$412 million in May to \$740 million in June. Overall, imports of services increased 3.5% to \$10.0 billion, while exports edged up 0.1% to \$9.3 billion.

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**Chart 1**  
**International trade in services**

millions of dollars



**Note(s):** Data are seasonally adjusted.

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

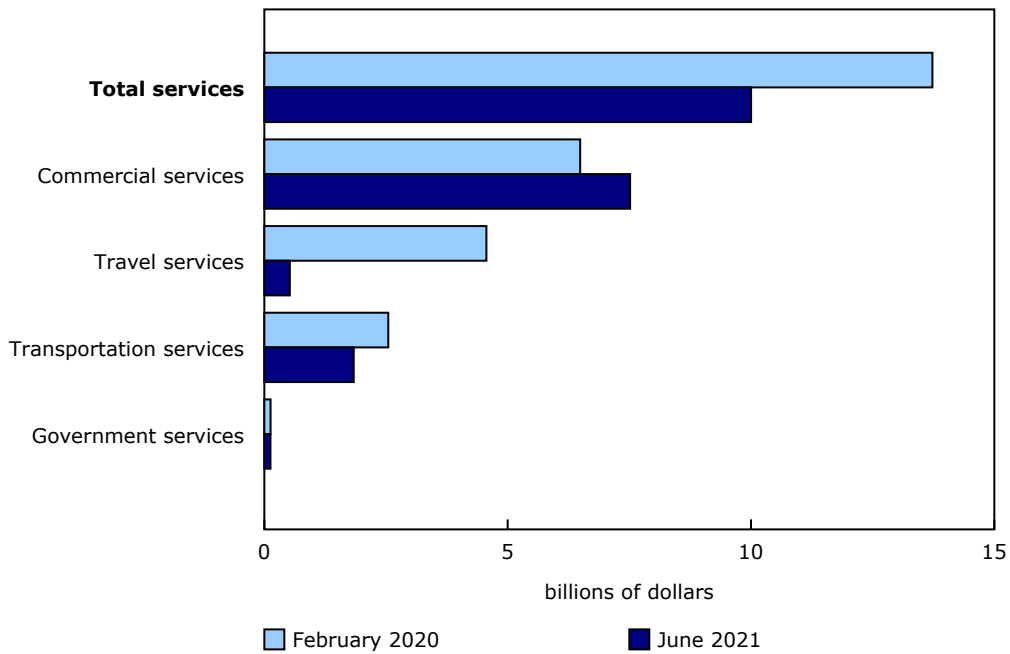
Imports of commercial services increased 4.2% to \$7.5 billion in June, entirely due to higher imports of financial services. Imports of travel services increased 16.2% to \$524 million, mainly due to an increase in the number of Canadians returning from non-US destinations. Meanwhile, imports of transportation services were down 1.9% to \$1.8 billion, on lower payments related to the marine shipment of imported goods.



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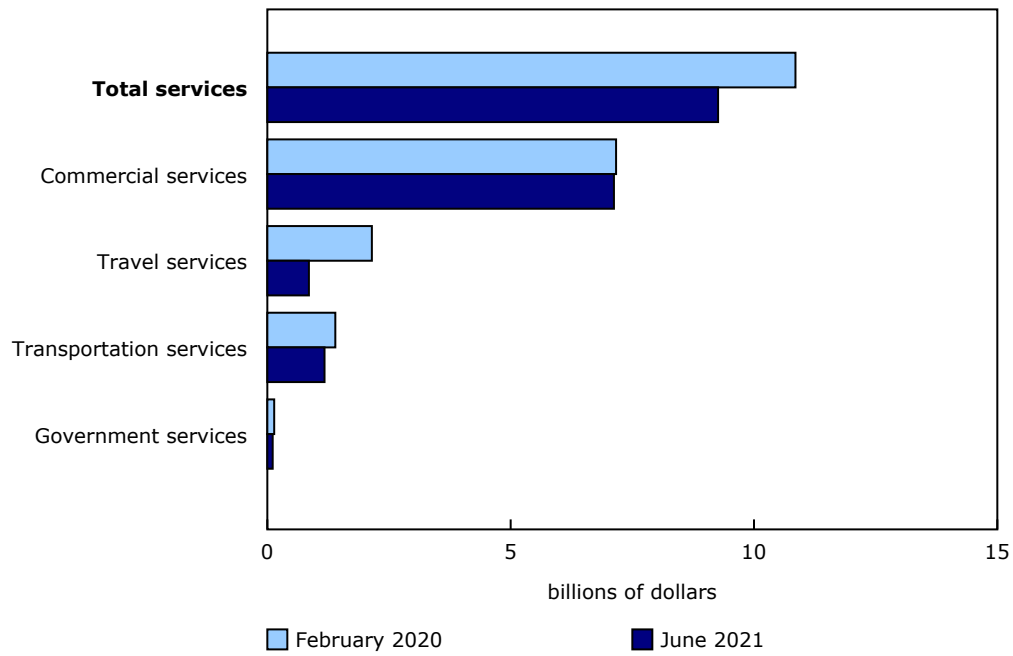
**Chart 2**  
**International trade in services, imports**



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

Exports of transportation services were up 1.5% to \$1.2 billion in June, led by small but widespread increases in the various components of transportation services. Exports of commercial services (-0.1%) and travel services (+0.1%) were relatively unchanged in the month.

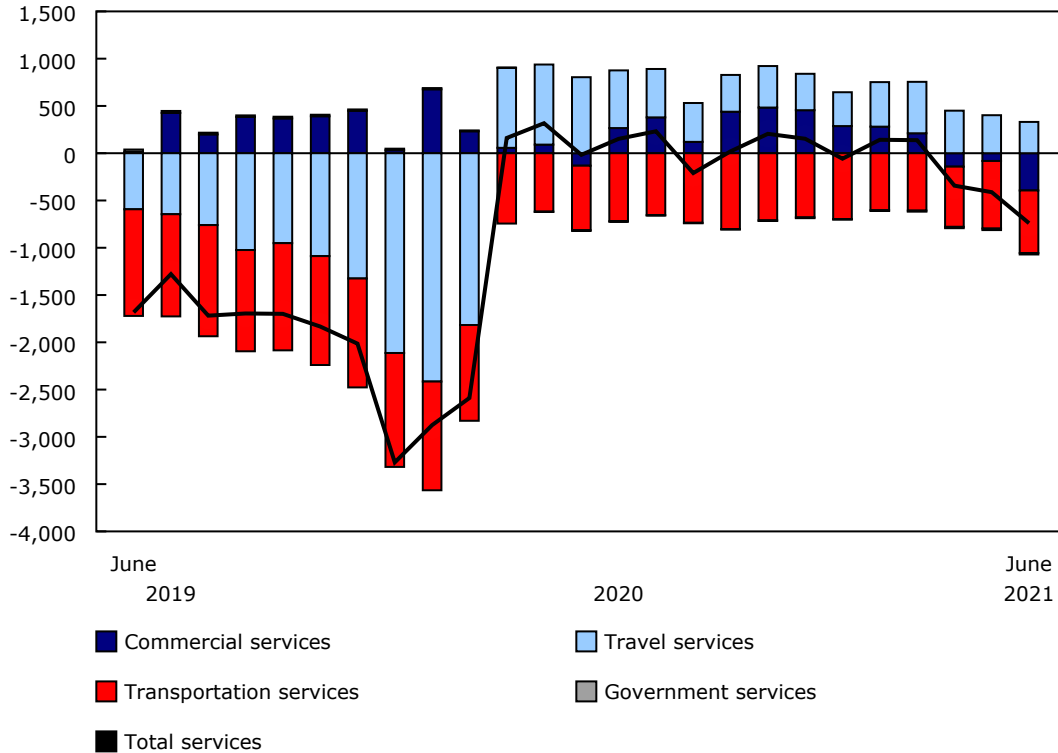
**Chart 3**  
**International trade in services, exports**



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

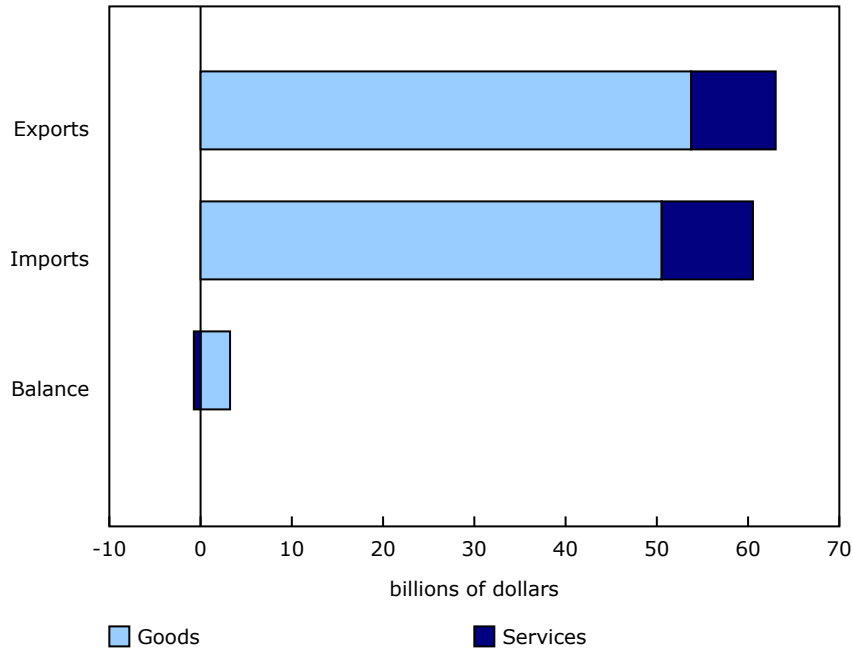
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By comparison, total exports of goods increased 8.7% to \$53.8 billion in June, while total imports of goods were down 1.0% to \$50.5 billion, resulting in a goods surplus of \$3.2 billion. Combined, the trade balance for goods and services amounted to a \$2.5 billion surplus in June—a \$4.5 billion change from a deficit of \$2.0 billion in May.

**Chart 5**  
**International trade in goods and services, June 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 May, first reported at \$384 million, was revised up to \$412 million with this month's release. Exports of services for May were revised down by \$15 million, on downward revisions to transportation services. Imports of services were revised up by \$13 million, on upward revisions to commercial services and travel services.

On a quarterly basis, imports of services increased 4.7% to \$29.3 billion in the second quarter of 2021, almost entirely due to higher imports of commercial services (+5.5%). Exports of services were down 1.4% to \$27.8 billion, on lower exports of commercial services (-1.2%) and travel services (-7.0%). The services trade balance for the second quarter of 2021 amounted to a deficit of \$1.5 billion—a \$1.7 billion change from a surplus of \$222 million in the first quarter.

**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**

	February 2021 <sup>r</sup>	March 2021 <sup>r</sup>	April 2021 <sup>r</sup>	May 2021 <sup>r</sup>	June 2021
	millions of dollars				
<b>Total services, exports</b>	<b>9,327</b>	<b>9,461</b>	<b>9,282</b>	<b>9,252</b>	<b>9,262</b>
Commercial services	7,161	7,271	7,110	7,132	7,122
Travel services	915	914	867	853	854
Transportation services	1,145	1,169	1,195	1,158	1,175
Government services	107	108	110	110	110
<b>Total services, imports</b>	<b>9,185</b>	<b>9,324</b>	<b>9,625</b>	<b>9,664</b>	<b>10,002</b>
Commercial services	6,879	7,060	7,251	7,214	7,516
Travel services	444	369	417	451	524
Transportation services	1,747	1,776	1,833	1,873	1,837
Government services	115	118	123	126	126
<b>Total services, balances</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>-343</b>	<b>-412</b>	<b>-740</b>
Commercial services	281	211	-142	-82	-394
Travel services	471	544	450	402	331
Transportation services	-603	-607	-637	-715	-662
Government services	-8	-11	-14	-16	-15

<sup>r</sup> revised

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

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

	February 2021 <sup>r</sup>	March 2021 <sup>r</sup>	April 2021 <sup>r</sup>	May 2021 <sup>r</sup>	June 2021
	millions of dollars				
<b>Exports</b>					
Goods	50,188	50,649	50,385	49,444	53,762
Services	9,327	9,461	9,282	9,252	9,262
Goods and services	59,515	60,110	59,667	58,696	63,024
<b>Imports</b>					
Goods	49,063	51,993	49,962	51,020	50,531
Services	9,185	9,324	9,625	9,664	10,002
Goods and services	58,248	61,317	59,587	60,684	60,533
<b>Balances</b>					
Goods	1,126	-1,344	424	-1,576	3,231
Services	142	138	-343	-412	-740
Goods and services	1,268	-1,206	81	-1,988	2,491

<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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