

# Canadian international trade in services, November 2021

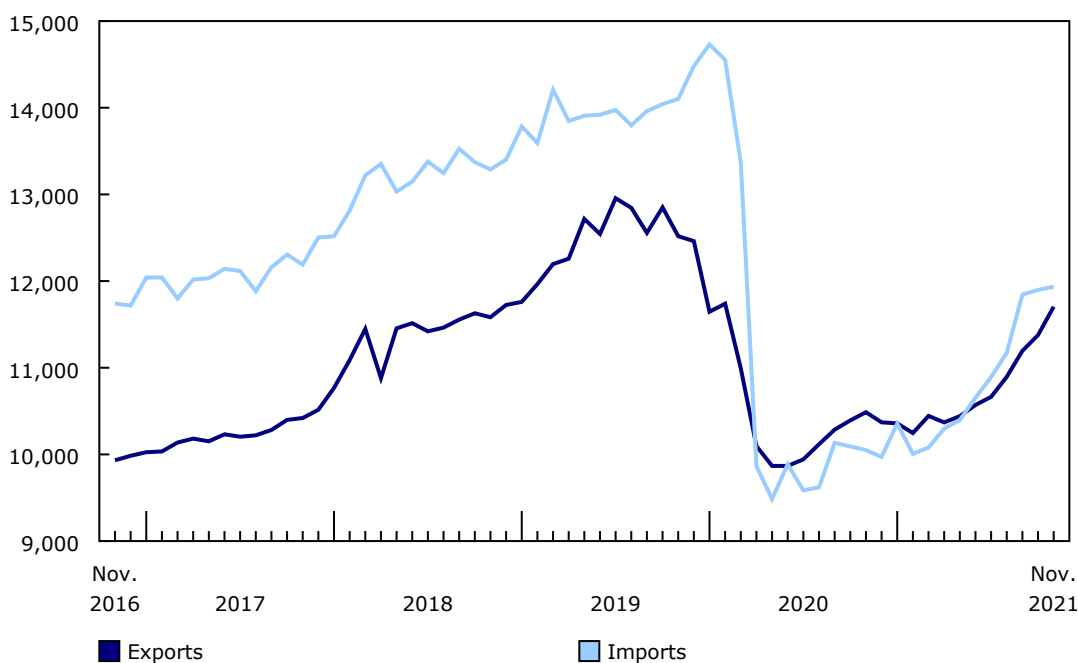
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Canada's monthly international trade in services deficit narrowed from \$520 million in October to \$230 million in November. Overall, exports of services increased 2.9% to \$11.7 billion while imports were up 0.3% to \$11.9 billion.

To explore the most recent results of Canada's international trade in services in an interactive format, see the [International trade monthly interactive dashboard](#).

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

millions of dollars



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

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

Travel services continued to recover in November as imports increased 21.1% to \$1.4 billion, an eighth consecutive monthly increase, and exports rose 9.0% to \$1.8 billion. The United States opened its land borders to all fully vaccinated travellers on November 8. All fully vaccinated non-Canadian resident travellers have been eligible to enter Canada since September 7. Despite recent increases, both imports (-68.6%) and exports (-26.3%) of travel services were still below their pre-pandemic February 2020 levels in November.

Imports of commercial services declined 2.5% to \$7.9 billion in November, entirely due to lower imports of financial services. Meanwhile, exports of commercial services were up 1.6% to \$8.4 billion.

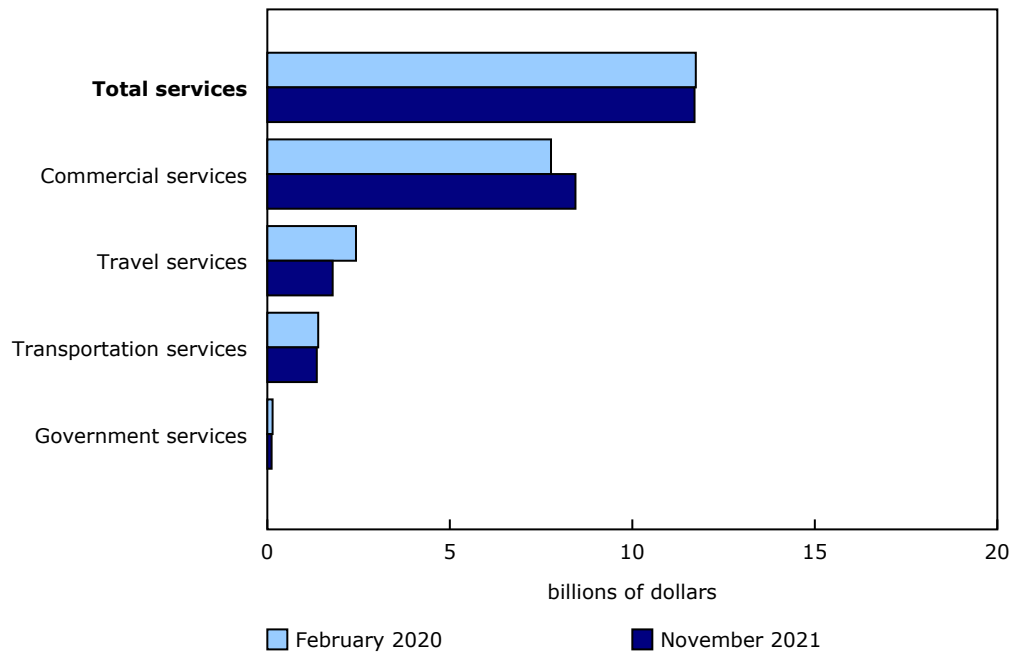
Exports of transportation services were up 3.2% to \$1.4 billion in November, mainly due to higher receipts of passenger fares. Imports of transportation services edged down 0.2% to \$2.5 billion. Transportation services remained 2.8% below their February 2020 level for exports, and 3.5% below their February 2020 level for imports.



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

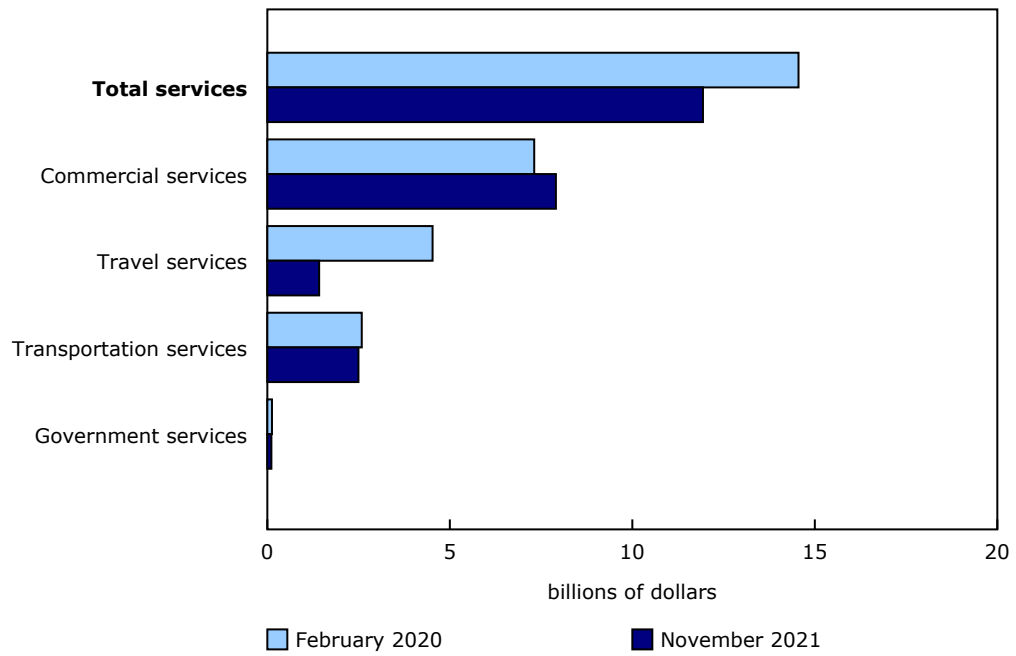
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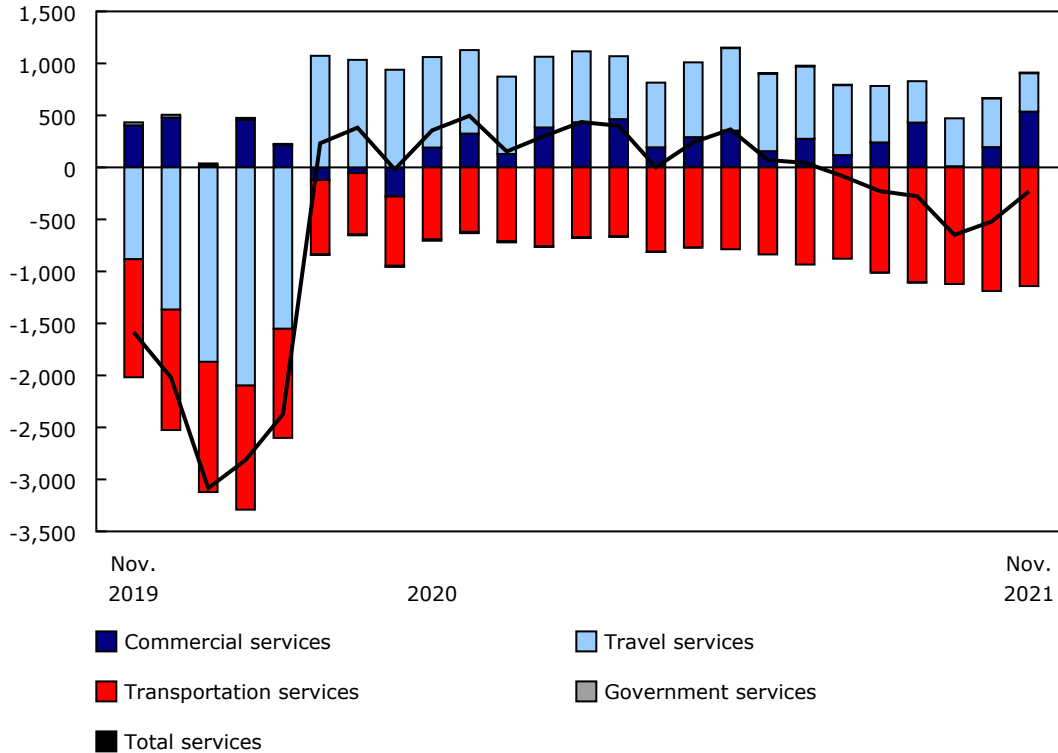
**Chart 3**  
**International trade in services, imports**



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

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

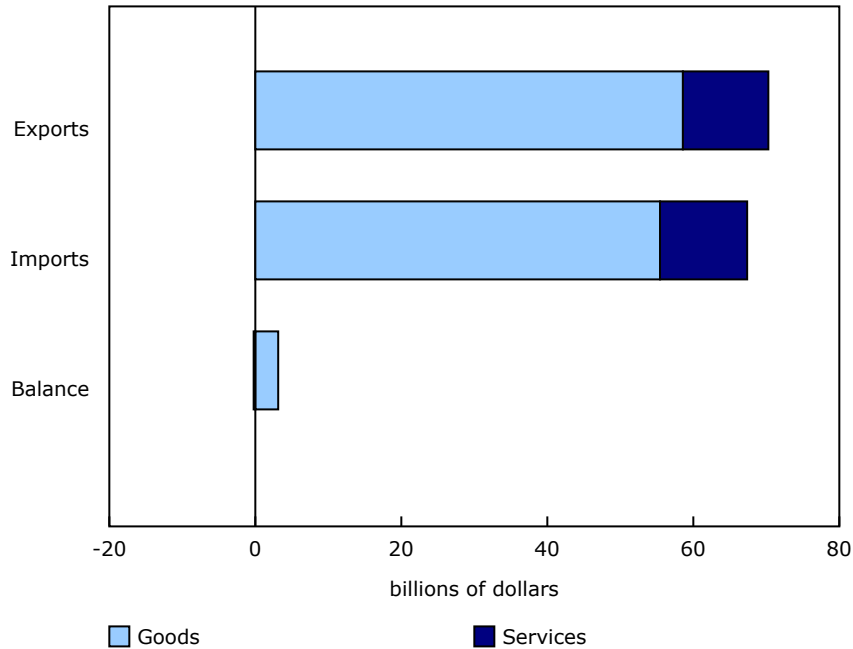
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**Source(s):** Table 12-10-0144-01.

By comparison, total exports of goods increased 3.8% to \$58.6 billion in November, and total imports of goods were up 2.4% to \$55.4 billion, resulting in a goods surplus of \$3.1 billion. Combined, the trade balance for goods and services amounted to a \$2.9 billion surplus in November, a \$1.2 billion increase from October.

**Chart 5**  
**International trade in goods and services, November 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 October, first reported at \$562 million, was revised down to \$520 million with this month's release. Imports of services were revised down by \$88 million, on downward revisions to commercial services, travel services, and transportation services. Exports of services were revised down by \$46 million, on downward revisions to travel services and transportation 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**

	July 2021 <sup>r</sup>	August 2021 <sup>r</sup>	September 2021 <sup>r</sup>	October 2021 <sup>r</sup>	November 2021
	millions of dollars				
<b>Total services, exports</b>	<b>10,664</b>	<b>10,895</b>	<b>11,195</b>	<b>11,377</b>	<b>11,704</b>
Commercial services	8,116	8,193	8,288	8,305	8,442
Travel services	1,223	1,347	1,532	1,642	1,790
Transportation services	1,205	1,238	1,260	1,313	1,355
Government services	120	117	116	116	117
<b>Total services, imports</b>	<b>10,893</b>	<b>11,172</b>	<b>11,844</b>	<b>11,897</b>	<b>11,935</b>
Commercial services	7,876	7,762	8,277	8,110	7,906
Travel services	679	949	1,070	1,173	1,420
Transportation services	2,218	2,344	2,381	2,501	2,496
Government services	120	118	115	113	111
<b>Total services, balances</b>	<b>-228</b>	<b>-277</b>	<b>-649</b>	<b>-520</b>	<b>-230</b>
Commercial services	240	431	11	195	536
Travel services	543	398	461	469	370
Transportation services	-1,012	-1,105	-1,121	-1,188	-1,141
Government services	0	-1	0	3	6

<sup>r</sup> revised

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

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

	July 2021 <sup>r</sup>	August 2021 <sup>r</sup>	September 2021 <sup>r</sup>	October 2021 <sup>r</sup>	November 2021
	millions of dollars				
<b>Exports</b>					
Goods	53,854	53,012	52,783	56,420	58,572
Services	10,664	10,895	11,195	11,377	11,704
Goods and services	64,518	63,907	63,978	67,797	70,276
<b>Imports</b>					
Goods	53,623	53,079	51,611	54,156	55,439
Services	10,893	11,172	11,844	11,897	11,935
Goods and services	64,516	64,251	63,455	66,053	67,374
<b>Balances</b>					
Goods	231	932	1,172	2,264	3,133
Services	-228	-277	-649	-520	-230
Goods and services	3	655	523	1,744	2,903

<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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