

# Canadian international trade in services, April 2023

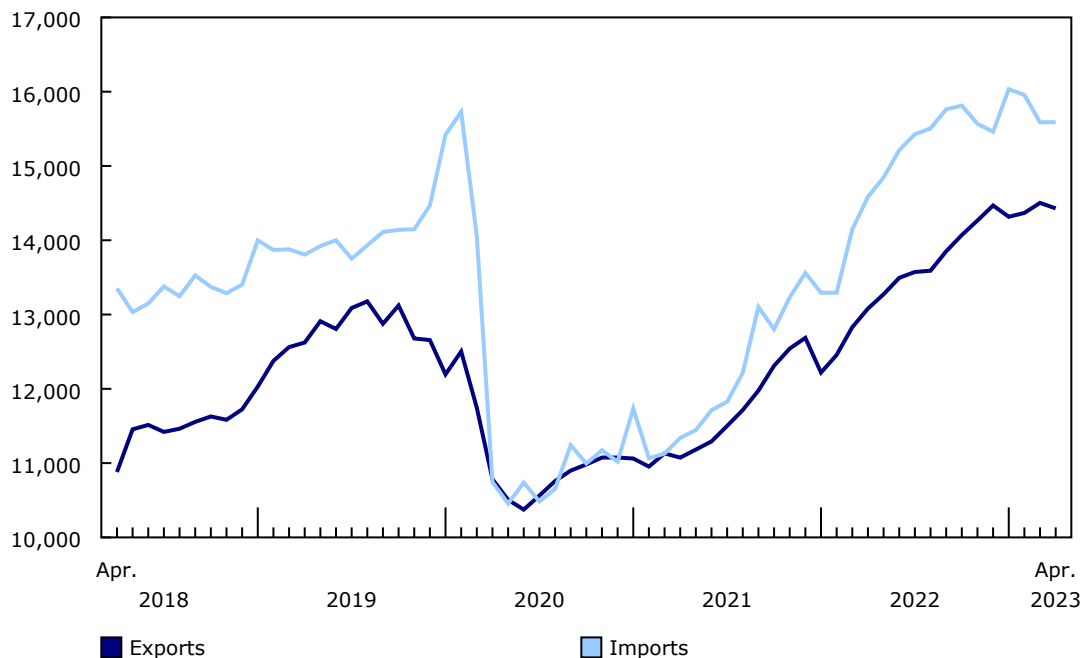
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Canada's monthly international trade in services deficit widened from \$1.1 billion in March to \$1.2 billion in April. Overall, exports of services were down 0.5% to \$14.4 billion, as declines in commercial services (-0.8%) and travel services (-1.3%) were moderated by an increase in transportation services (+3.0%). Imports were essentially unchanged at \$15.6 billion. Higher imports of commercial services (+1.3%) were almost entirely offset by lower travel services (-3.2%) and transportation services (-0.3%). The decline in travel services imports in April occurred following high levels reported at the start of 2023.

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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.

Total exports of goods increased 2.5% from March to \$64.8 billion in April, and total imports of goods edged down 0.2% to \$62.9 billion, resulting in a surplus of \$1.9 billion. Combined, the trade balance for goods and services amounted to a surplus of \$779 million in April compared with a deficit of \$853 million in March.

The services trade deficit in March, originally reported at \$2.0 billion in the previous release, was revised to \$1.1 billion with the current reference month's release. Exports were revised up by \$506 million because of upward revisions to commercial services and travel services. Imports were revised down by \$367 million because of



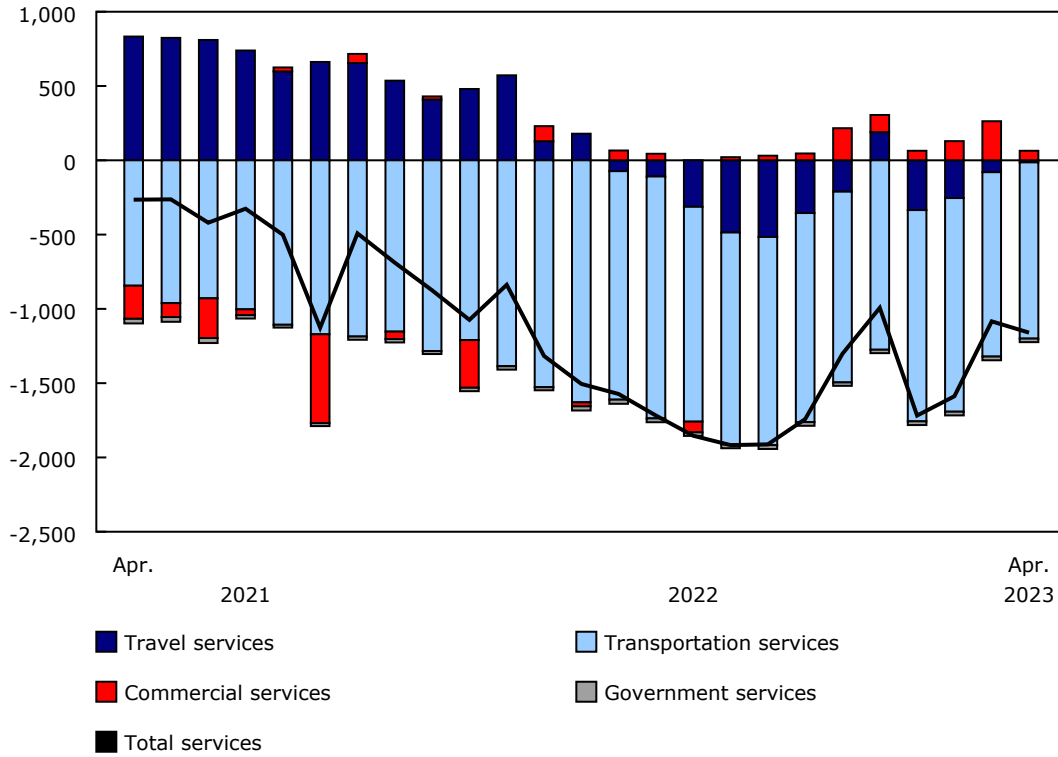
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downward revisions to transportation services and travel services. The revisions reflected in the current reference month's release are primarily because of the integration of quarterly benchmark data from the balance of payments for the first quarter of 2023, as well as revisions to the data for all four quarters of 2022.

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

millions of dollars

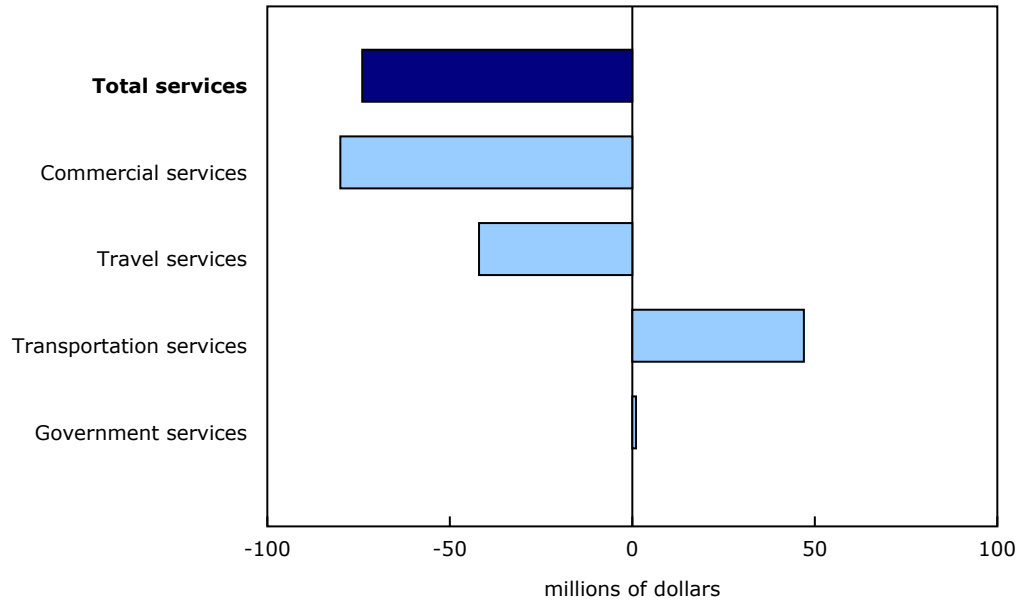


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**Chart 3**  
**Contribution to the monthly change in exports, April 2023**

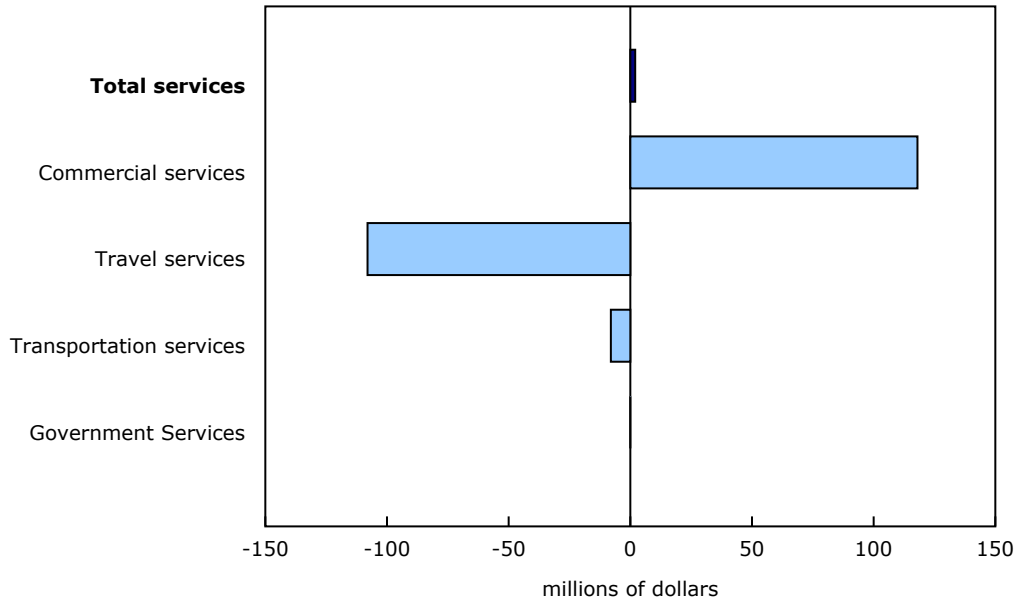
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**Chart 4**  
**Contribution to the monthly change in imports, April 2023**



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**Note to readers**

**Next release**

Data on Canadian international trade in services for May will be released on July 6.

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

	December 2022 <sup>r</sup>	January 2023 <sup>r</sup>	February 2023 <sup>r</sup>	March 2023 <sup>r</sup>	April 2023
	millions of dollars				
<b>Total services, exports</b>	<b>14,468</b>	<b>14,316</b>	<b>14,368</b>	<b>14,503</b>	<b>14,429</b>
Commercial services	9,435	9,401	9,408	9,550	9,470
Travel services	3,236	3,179	3,272	3,254	3,212
Transportation services	1,671	1,609	1,559	1,568	1,615
Government services	127	127	129	131	132
<b>Total services, imports</b>	<b>15,461</b>	<b>16,034</b>	<b>15,956</b>	<b>15,587</b>	<b>15,589</b>
Commercial services	9,319	9,337	9,279	9,288	9,406
Travel services	3,047	3,514	3,526	3,334	3,226
Transportation services	2,945	3,032	2,997	2,809	2,801
Government services	150	151	154	156	156
<b>Total services, balances</b>	<b>-993</b>	<b>-1,718</b>	<b>-1,588</b>	<b>-1,084</b>	<b>-1,160</b>
Commercial services	116	64	129	263	64
Travel services	189	-335	-254	-80	-14
Transportation services	-1,275	-1,422	-1,438	-1,241	-1,186
Government services	-23	-25	-25	-25	-24

<sup>r</sup> revised

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

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

	December 2022 <sup>r</sup>	January 2023 <sup>r</sup>	February 2023 <sup>r</sup>	March 2023 <sup>r</sup>	April 2023
	millions of dollars				
<b>Exports</b>					
Goods	64,218	66,527	64,092	63,244	64,848
Services	14,468	14,316	14,368	14,503	14,429
Goods and services	78,686	80,843	78,460	77,747	79,277
<b>Imports</b>					
Goods	63,004	65,028	64,347	63,013	62,908
Services	15,461	16,034	15,956	15,587	15,589
Goods and services	78,465	81,062	80,303	78,600	78,497
<b>Balances</b>					
Goods	1,214	1,499	-255	231	1,939
Services	-993	-1,718	-1,588	-1,084	-1,160
Goods and services	221	-219	-1,843	-853	779

<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.

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