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Monthly Trade Update

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Balance of payments

In February 2025:

- In February, the United States ran a total trade deficit of \$122.66 billion.
 - The trade deficit is down \$7.99 billion from January and is 42.22 percent higher than the 12-month average.
 - In trade of goods, the U.S. ran a trade deficit of \$146.99 billion.
 - In trade of services, the U.S. ran a trade surplus of \$24.33 billion.
- Total exports was **\$278.46 billion**.
 - Total exports of goods was **\$181.94 billion**.
 - Total exports of services was **\$96.52 billion**.

From February 2024 to February 2025:

- Over the 12 months through February 2025, the U.S. ran a total trade deficit of \$1.03 trillion.
 - In trade of goods, the U.S. ran a trade **deficit of \$1.33 trillion**.
 - In trade of services, the U.S. ran a trade **surplus of \$295.81 billion**.
- Total exports was \$3.21 trillion.
 - Total exports of goods was **\$2.09 trillion**.
 - Total exports of services was \$1.12 trillion.

• Total imports was \$401.12 billion.

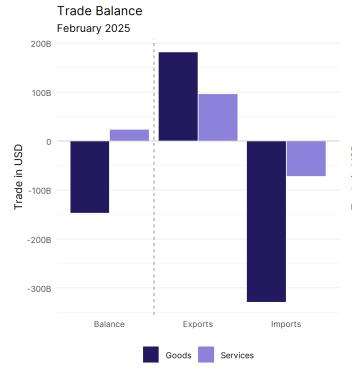
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- Total imports was \$4.25 trillion.
 - Total imports of goods was **\$3.42 trillion**.

• Total imports of goods was \$328.93 billion.

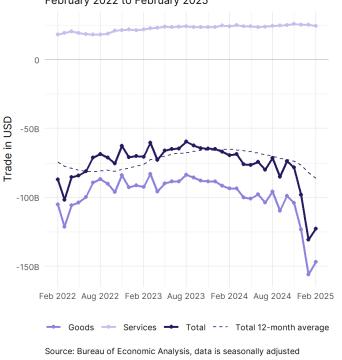
• Total imports of services was \$72.19 billion.

• Total imports of services was **\$826.42 billion**.

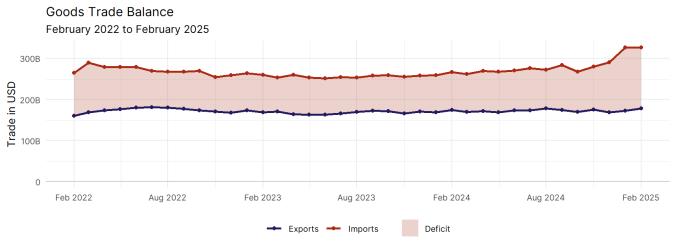


Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, data is seasonally adjusted





Census basis

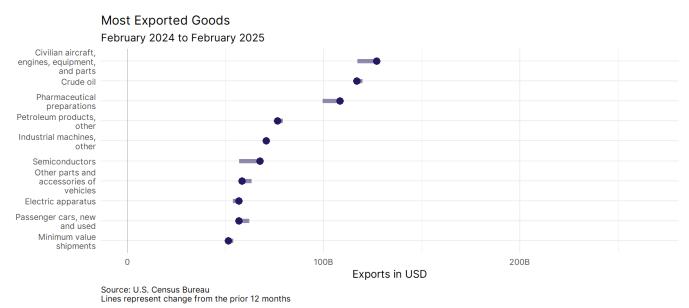


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- Over the 12 months through February 2025, the U.S. had the largest goods trade deficits with:
 - China, with net exports of -\$304.71 billion, 23.29 percent of the total goods trade deficit.
 - Mexico, with net exports of -\$175.42 billion, 13.41 percent of the total goods trade deficit.
 - Vietnam, with net exports of -\$128.96 billion, 9.86 percent of the total goods trade deficit.
- Over the 12 months through February 2025, the U.S. had the largest goods trade surpluses with:
 - Netherlands, with net exports of \$55.48 billion, -4.24 percent of the total goods trade deficit.
 - Hong Kong, with net exports of \$19.24 billion, -1.47 percent of the total goods trade deficit.
 - United Arab Emirates, with net exports of \$19.05 billion, -1.46 percent of the total goods trade deficit.

Exports

• Over the 12 months through February 2025, the most exported goods by value were civilian aircraft, engines, equipment, and parts; crude oil; and pharmaceutical preparations.

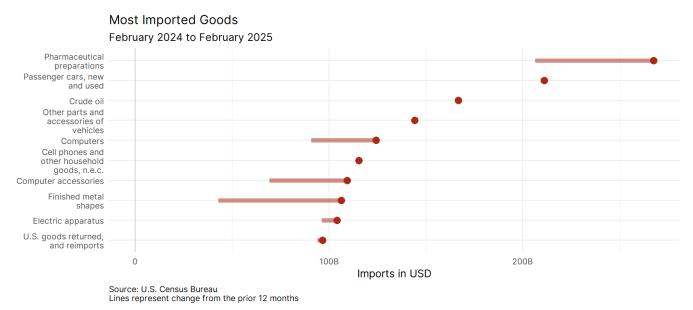


- Over the 12 months through February 2025, the U.S. exported the most to Canada (\$348.44 billion); Mexico (\$335.46 billion); and China (\$139.82 billion).
- Over the 12 months through February 2025, the port districts with the highest exports were **Houston-Galveston**, **TX** (\$250.73 billion), **Laredo**, **TX** (\$172.80 billion), and **New York City**, **NY** (\$165.94 billion).

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Imports

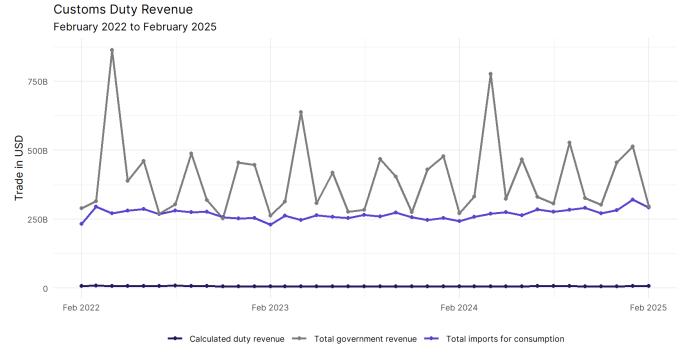
• Over the 12 months through February 2025, the most imported goods by value were **pharmaceutical preparations**; **passenger cars, new and used**; and **crude oil**.



- Over the 12 months through February 2025, the U.S. imported the most from Mexico (\$510.88 billion); China (\$444.53 billion); and Canada (\$419.25 billion).
- Over the 12 months through February 2025, the port districts with the highest imports were Los Angeles, CA (\$398.75 billion), New York City, NY (\$389.97 billion), and Chicago, IL (\$325.21 billion).

Import duties

- In February 2025, the U.S. calculated \$6.76 billion in import duties, which is 4.00 percent higher than the 12month average.
- Over the 12 months through February 2025, the U.S. calculated **\$77.97 billion** in import duties.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Notes

Sources: Bureau of Economic Analysis; U.S. Census Bureau; U.S. Department of the Treasury; Bureau of Labor Statistics; JEC Republicans calculations

Terminology

Duty: Customs duties are calculated by Customs and Border Protection and may overstate or understate the final total that is ultimately collected by the U.S. Treasury. These duties include tariffs.

Average applied duty rate: The sum of calculated duties as a share of total imports for consumption.

Imports for consumption: The total value of goods cleared through U.S. Customs either by entering consumption channels immediately or by entering via a bonded warehouse or Foreign Trade Zone under CBP custody.

Bonded warehouses: Private warehouses that hold goods after arrival to the U.S. under a bond that indemnifies the government until import duties are paid for those goods.

Foreign Trade Zones: Areas in or around ports where goods brought to the U.S. can be processed and modified before entering customs territory. If these goods leave the U.S. instead of entering U.S. customs territory, they are considered **re-exports**.

This type of imports include only those goods that enter U.S. customs territory, not all goods that physically arrive in U.S. ports. Duties are only paid on those goods that enter customs territory, so this type of imports is used in the "Import duties" section of this update.

Port district: Groups of air, land, and sea ports, typically in close geographical proximity to one another, categorized by CBP. The full list of districts and their ports are published in Schedule D, a statistical annex in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule, and can be found here (https://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/schedules/d/distcode.html).

N.E.C.: "Not elsewhere classified"

Y/Y difference: The change from the same month one year prior.

Adjustments

Census basis: All data on the international trade of goods comes from the U.S. Census Bureau, which gathers data from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Canadian Customs, and Statistics Canada. The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) makes some adjustments to this data to create the headline trade figures shown in the section above, such as including nonmonetary gold trade, goods procured in foreign ports by U.S. carriers, goods procured in U.S. ports by foreign carriers, imports by U.S. military agencies, and more. The full list of adjustments can be found here (https://www.bea.gov/system/files/2018-02/info0316.pdf).

Balance of payments: The data adjusted by the BEA to align with its concepts and definitions used in the international and national economic accounts.

Corrections to exports to Canada: The data for exports to Canada in the current year are estimates of late arrivals and corrections. These values are adjusted to the actual value annually.

Totals: Totals of values "from February 2024 to February 2025" are the sum over 12 months, inclusive of the latter month but not the former. Year-over-year values represent the change from February 2024 to February 2025.