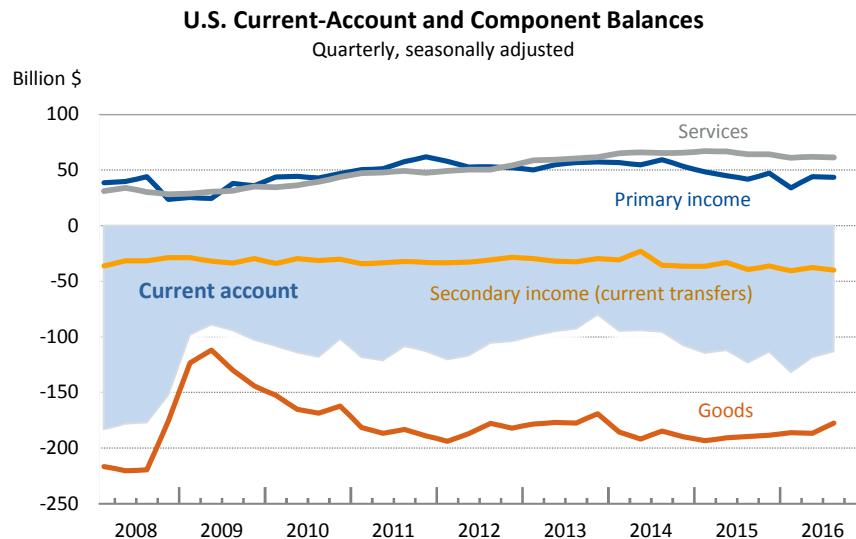


## U.S. Current-Account Deficit Decreases in Third Quarter 2016

*Preliminary Estimates of U.S. International Transactions*

The U.S. current-account deficit decreased to \$113.0 billion (preliminary) in the third quarter of 2016 from \$118.3 billion (revised) in the second quarter of 2016. As a percentage of U.S. GDP, the deficit decreased to 2.4 percent from 2.6 percent. The previously published current-account deficit for the second quarter was \$119.9 billion.



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- The deficit on international trade in goods decreased to \$177.7 billion from \$186.7 billion as goods exports increased more than goods imports.
- The surplus on international trade in services decreased to \$61.3 billion from \$62.0 billion as services imports increased more than services exports.
- The surplus on primary income decreased to \$43.4 billion from \$44.2 billion as primary income payments increased more than primary income receipts.
- The deficit on secondary income (current transfers) increased to \$39.9 billion from \$37.7 billion as secondary income payments increased and secondary income receipts decreased.

Net U.S. borrowing from financial-account transactions was \$207.9 billion in the third quarter, up from \$41.0 billion in the second.

- Net U.S. acquisition of financial assets excluding financial derivatives was \$31.5 billion in the third quarter, down from \$323.4 billion in the second.
- Net U.S. incurrence of liabilities excluding financial derivatives was \$251.5 billion in the third quarter, down from \$367.3 billion in the second.
- Net lending in financial derivatives other than reserves was \$12.1 billion in the third quarter, up from \$2.9 billion in the second.

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NOTE: The next release of U.S. international transactions will be on March 21, 2017.

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