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STAT-USA, in conjunction with the Bureau of the Census and Beyond 20/20, is pleased to announce that we will be adding port-level data to the **USA Trade® Online** product starting with the December trade data release (*due February 10*).

This is a major addition to the database and is being made available at **no additional cost** to subscribers! This level of detail is currently not available anywhere else, including on the Census-released data DVDs.

What is Port Data?

Currently there are about 45 districts reported. Each district is made up of a collection of ports in the same geographical area. So the district of New York City consists of six individual ports, including Albany NY, Newark NJ, and two international airports (JFK and Morristown). Previously, all that was available was the aggregated district-level detail. Now you'll be able to see these individual ports!

What Level of Detail is Provided?

There are several differences between the port level data and the original 10-digit data. Imports report the port of unloading while export report the port of export. Another difference is that the 10-digit non-port data are measured in value and quantity while the port-level data are measured by method of transportation. You'll see Total value, Vessel value (by ship), Vessel shipping weight, Air value, and Air shipping weight instead of the normal value and quantity measurements. However, port-level data is only available up to six-digit due to data limitations rules explained at <http://www.usatradeonline.gov/Limitations>.

Current port-level data will be available within hours of the of the regular release and historical data will be available from 2003 through present. Customers can access the port-level data from the Data Source Selection Screen below the main options.

How Can You Use These Data?

Port-level data allows you to track how specific events – such as the recent Gulf Coast hurricanes – affect specific ports and not just an entire region. For example, according to a recent Census article based on these data, total export trade for the Gulf Region was down \$1.4 billion from August to September 2005. The port of New Orleans alone showed a decrease in exports by \$578 million and a decrease in imports by \$685 million, while imports of oil and gas through the district of Mobile, AL were down \$518 million from the previous month.

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