

1. **Appendix**

Major U.S. Government Providers of Data on International Trade or Finance

1. As noted earlier, numerous U.S. Government agencies or organizations collect, publish, or compile statistics on U.S. international trade and finance. Several of them provide source data that BEA uses in compiling the official U.S. BOP and IIP accounts. The agencies that provide widely used or frequently requested data are listed below, along with brief summaries of the types of data or information that they provide and their Web site addresses.

Department of Commerce Agencies:

2. **Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA):** BEA provides data on the International Transactions Accounts (quarterly), the International Investment Position (annually), GDP (quarterly estimates are released monthly), and U.S. direct investment abroad and foreign direct investment in the United States (quarterly and annually). BEA also prepares annual and benchmark I-O accounts (that include data on imports and exports), and a travel and tourism satellite account. For some components of international services trade, it calculates price indices used to develop constant dollar or “real” estimates. BEA also prepares analytical articles on these topics, usually published in its monthly periodical, the *Survey of Current Business*. Also, with the Census Bureau, BEA issues a monthly press release on goods and services trade, as well as quinquennial establishment-level industry detail on foreign direct investment in the United States. www.bea.gov

3. **Bureau of the Census:** The Bureau of the Census processes, tabulates, and releases the data collected by the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection on exports and imports of goods. The Census Bureau also conducts a multitude of monthly, quarterly, annual, and less frequent business surveys, including the quinquennial Economic Census. Census surveys may cover the operations of individual establishments or companies, or they may pertain to transactions in particular products and other types of activities. www.census.gov

4. **U.S. International Trade Administration (ITA):** ITA is responsible for administering a voluntary survey of international travelers (on-going basis, tabulated monthly), which provides data on expenditures and country of destination. It also conducts analytical studies of individual industries and of foreign countries. It supports trade promotion, such as by assisting exporters, and helps to develop and administer trade agreements and policies. www.tinet.ita.doc.gov and www.trade.gov/td/tic and www.ita.doc.gov

Department of the Treasury:

5. **Internal Revenue Service (IRS):** The Statistics of Income Division of the IRS prepares tabulations of statistical data and conducts tax studies, including of foreign source income and the use of foreign tax credits. www.irs.gov (click on Tax Statistics)

6. ***Treasury International Capital Reporting System:*** The Department of Treasury has legal authority for collecting data on international portfolio investment flows and positions, under the Treasury International Capital (TIC) reporting system. It has entrusted operational responsibility for the TIC system to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, as discussed below. www.ustreas.gov/tic

Federal Reserve System and the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council:

7. ***Federal Reserve Board (FRB):*** The FRB publishes the quarterly Flow of Funds Accounts (which contain data on all sectors of the economy, including international transactions of MNC's). It also issues data on foreign exchange rates (updated daily) and issues monthly releases on U.S. reserve assets and foreign official assets held at Federal Reserve banks. www.federalreserve.gov

8. ***Federal Reserve Bank of New York (FRBNY):*** The FRBNY, which is one of several regional Federal Reserve Banks in the United States, administers the TIC reporting system for the Department of the Treasury. The TIC reporting system covers monthly and quarterly data on international financial flows. The FRBNY also collects annual and benchmark survey data on portfolio investment asset and liability positions. These data are provided to BEA for compilation in the BOP and IIP accounts. www.ny.frb.org

9. ***Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC):*** The FFIEC is a formal interagency body that prescribes standards, report forms, and the like for the federal supervision of financial institutions. Its members are the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the National Credit Union Administration, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and the Office of Thrift Supervision. It issues the quarterly Country Exposure Lending Survey (filed by banking institutions). www.ffiec.gov

Other U.S. Government Departments or Organizations:

10. ***Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS):*** The BLS is responsible for providing import and export price data. Separate monthly indexes are prepared for imports and exports of major categories of goods and services trade; for imports, data by geographic region are also available. Its Foreign Labor Statistics Program provides international comparisons for key labor market variables. www.bls.gov

11. ***U.S. Department of Agriculture:*** The Department of Agriculture provides annual and monthly data on U.S. and world agricultural trade, including data by type of commodity. Its Economic Research Service also conducts analytical studies on agricultural issues. www.ers.usda.gov

12. ***Energy Information Administration (EIA; part of the U.S. Department of Energy):*** EIA provides annual and monthly data on U.S. and world trade in fossil fuels and electricity. It publishes "International Energy Outlook", which contains information on trends in energy production and consumption. By going to its home page and clicking on "geography" and then on "international", information by individual foreign country may be obtained. www.eia.doe.gov

13. ***U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID):*** USAID is an independent federal agency that provides economic assistance to foreign countries and receives overall policy guidance from the Secretary of State. Much of the statistical data on U.S. Government grants to foreign countries is provided to BEA by USAID. www.usaid.gov
14. ***Department of Homeland Security (DHS):*** Estimates of the number of travelers entering the United States are provided by the Office of Immigration Statistics in DHS. Estimates of the number of travelers leaving the United States are provided by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Bureau in DHS. Both sets of statistics may be accessed at: uscis.gov/graphics/shared/aboutus/statistics/index.htm
15. In addition, the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (Customs) collects data on goods exports and imports, which are processed and tabulated by the Census Bureau. (This agency was previously named the U.S. Customs Service and was part of the U.S. Department of Treasury; it now is part of DHS.) www.customs.gov
16. ***U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC):*** The ITC publishes the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States and regular summaries and analyses of U.S. Department of Commerce trade statistics. www.usitc.gov
17. ***Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR):*** USTR provides on-going information on international trade agreements and on foreign barriers to U.S. exports. www.ustr.gov
18. ***FedStats:*** The Office of Management and Budget maintains the FedStats Web site. It has links to statistics from over 100 U.S. Federal agencies, including those producing international trade and financial data. www.fedstats.gov
19. ***Stat-USA:*** Stat-USA is a subscription-based service of the Department of Commerce that releases business, economic, and trade data on its Web site. (It is not a data collector.) It maintains the National Trade Data Bank (NTDB). www.stat-usa.gov