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	Commercial service imports		Transport		Travel		Others	
	\$ millions		% of total		% of total		% of total	
	1980	1998	1980	1998	1980	1998	1980	1998
Albania	18	119	44.4	63.0	0.0	4.2	55.6	32.8
Algeria	2,560	..	42.0	..	13.1	..	44.9	..
Angola	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Argentina	3,640	8,825	34.9	32.0	49.2	47.9	15.9	20.0
Armenia	..	175	..	62.9	..	23.4	..	13.7
Australia	6,319	16,913	49.0	35.1	29.1	31.8	21.9	33.1
Austria	5,685	30,035	13.9	10.4	55.3	31.7	30.8	57.9
Azerbaijan	..	692	..	28.0	..	24.6	..	47.4
Bangladesh	444	1,180	69.6	72.9	3.6	12.8	26.8	14.3
Belarus	..	444	..	30.0	..	27.9	..	42.1
Belgium ^a	12,388	33,938	30.7	21.5	26.6	26.1	42.7	52.5
Benin	97	..	63.9	..	8.2	..	28.9	..
Bolivia	238	423	58.0	63.8	23.1	14.2	18.9	22.0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Botswana	191	517	48.2	42.2	29.3	24.4	22.5	33.5
Brazil	4,442	15,743	61.9	32.3	8.3	34.2	29.8	33.5
Bulgaria	549	1,103	51.4	48.2	8.6	20.0	40.1	31.6
Burkina Faso	192	..	63.0	..	16.7	..	19.8	..
Burundi	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cambodia	..	185	..	53.5	..	3.8	..	42.7
Cameroon	702	..	39.9	..	11.7	..	48.4	..
Canada	10,110	35,249	31.5	22.6	32.6	30.6	35.9	46.7
Central African Republic	129	..	51.9	..	27.1	..	20.9	..
Chad	20	..	10.0	..	70.0	..	20.0	..
Chile	1,492	4,077	55.6	53.3	13.4	23.1	31.0	23.6
China	..	28,775	..	31.5	..	32.0	..	36.5
Hong Kong, China	3,296	22,706	42.2	21.8	32.8	54.6	25.0	23.6
Colombia	1,134	3,446	46.7	37.0	21.2	32.6	32.1	30.4
Congo, Dem. Rep.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Congo, Rep.	474	..	27.4	..	6.1	..	66.5	..
Costa Rica	280	1,168	59.6	42.6	21.4	35.0	18.9	22.3
Côte d'Ivoire	1,390	1,341	42.5	42.4	17.3	17.7	40.1	40.0
Croatia	..	1,889	..	17.9	..	31.8	..	50.3
Cuba	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Czech Republic	..	5,665	..	12.4	..	33.2	..	54.4
Denmark	3,486	15,496	35.1	43.4	33.1	29.6	31.8	27.0
Dominican Republic	395	1,300	40.0	60.1	42.0	19.5	18.0	20.4
Ecuador	661	1,178	38.4	52.8	34.5	20.5	27.1	26.7
Egypt, Arab Rep.	2,186	5,886	43.2	34.5	7.7	19.6	49.1	45.9
El Salvador	251	539	31.9	47.5	42.2	21.5	25.9	31.0
Eritrea	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Estonia	..	814	..	50.2	..	19.0	..	30.7
Ethiopia	186	405	80.6	56.0	2.7	11.4	16.7	32.6
Finland	2,488	8,111	40.4	25.6	23.8	27.7	35.9	46.7
France	31,048	65,420	29.4	30.4	19.4	27.2	51.2	42.3
Gabon	765	..	22.7	..	12.5	..	64.8	..
Gambia, The	28	..	82.1	..	3.6	..	14.3	..
Georgia	..	335	..	23.9	..	67.5	..	8.7
Germany ^b	40,773	125,039	26.1	19.7	42.8	37.5	31.1	42.8
Ghana	186	433	57.5	61.9	17.7	5.5	24.7	32.6
Greece	1,276	..	46.4	..	24.2	..	29.4	..
Guatemala	464	759	38.8	55.2	35.3	20.7	25.9	24.1
Guinea	..	274	..	54.7	..	9.9	..	35.4
Guinea-Bissau
Haiti	129	370	62.0	88.1	31.8	10.0	6.2	1.9
Honduras	170	396	54.7	62.6	18.2	15.4	27.1	22.0



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	Commercial service imports		Transport		Travel		Others	
	\$ millions		% of total		% of total		% of total	
	1980	1998	1980	1998	1980	1998	1980	1998
Hungary	..	3,941	..	11.5	..	24.7	..	63.8
India	2,915	14,192	61.3	50.0	3.9	12.1	34.8	38.0
Indonesia	..	11,596	..	32.2	..	18.1	..	49.7
Iran, Islamic Rep.	5,061	2,392	45.0	54.5	33.6	6.4	21.4	39.1
Iraq	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ireland	1,569	20,005	44.6	11.1	37.1	11.8	18.3	77.0
Israel	2,221	9,626	45.8	40.9	37.1	24.7	17.1	34.4
Italy	15,699	62,887	45.3	21.7	12.2	28.0	42.5	50.4
Jamaica	356	1,233	57.6	42.9	9.3	16.1	33.1	41.0
Japan	32,100	110,705	52.6	25.6	14.3	26.0	33.1	48.3
Jordan	844	1,588	42.5	37.8	42.9	28.4	14.6	33.9
Kazakhstan	..	1,128	..	36.4	..	43.8	..	19.8
Kenya	461	603	72.0	51.2	5.0	24.4	23.0	24.4
Korea, Dem. Rep.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Korea, Rep.	3,144	23,523	64.2	38.2	11.1	12.3	24.7	49.5
Kuwait	2,634	4,243	45.2	38.3	50.8	59.3	3.9	2.4
Kyrgyz Republic	..	177	..	52.5	..	1.7	..	45.8
Lao PDR	..	92	..	41.3	..	25.0	..	33.7
Latvia	..	717	..	30.8	..	42.5	..	26.6
Lebanon	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lesotho	27	50	59.3	74.0	29.6	26.0	11.1	0.0
Libya	1,986	..	59.6	29.7	23.7	59.4	16.8	10.9
Lithuania	..	816	..	32.6	..	35.8	..	31.6
Macedonia, FYR	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Madagascar	259	326	68.7	43.6	12.0	36.5	19.3	19.9
Malawi	179	..	81.6	..	5.6	..	12.8	..
Malaysia	2,865	12,353	45.7	31.9	25.3	12.9	29.0	55.1
Mali	196	..	70.9	..	10.2	..	18.9	..
Mauritania	115	130	66.1	36.9	14.8	32.3	19.1	30.8
Mauritius	168	717	67.3	36.4	13.7	27.1	19.0	36.5
Mexico	6,341	12,621	29.0	42.0	48.3	33.8	22.8	24.2
Moldova	..	178	..	43.3	..	27.5	..	29.2
Mongolia	..	142	..	57.0	..	31.7	..	11.3
Morocco	720	1,414	68.6	40.1	13.6	29.9	17.8	30.0
Mozambique	124	401	79.0	27.9	0.0	0.0	21.0	72.1
Myanmar	68	429	61.8	32.9	4.4	6.3	33.8	60.8
Namibia	..	449	..	33.4	..	19.6	..	47.0
Nepal	84	189	31.0	29.6	31.0	41.3	38.1	29.1
Netherlands	17,772	46,616	44.9	32.1	27.1	23.6	28.0	44.3
New Zealand	1,674	4,508	43.4	40.7	31.1	31.2	25.5	28.1
Nicaragua	92	264	57.6	36.7	33.7	26.5	8.7	36.7
Niger	265	..	45.3	..	6.8	..	47.9	..
Nigeria	5,285	4,054	33.7	17.4	18.7	38.7	47.6	44.0
Norway	6,948	15,211	52.5	33.9	21.3	30.0	26.2	36.1
Oman	518	..	34.2	..	6.2	..	59.7	..
Pakistan	747	2,129	77.1	76.2	11.5	9.7	11.4	14.0
Panama	564	1,129	68.1	57.9	9.9	15.6	22.0	26.5
Papua New Guinea	271	794	67.2	20.3	6.6	6.5	26.2	73.2
Paraguay	159	535	60.4	60.6	22.0	26.7	17.6	12.7
Peru	825	2,191	59.0	43.0	13.0	19.6	28.0	37.4
Philippines	1,318	10,087	56.8	19.7	8.0	19.3	35.1	61.0
Poland	2,023	6,559	59.9	25.4	12.9	11.8	27.3	62.9
Portugal	1,360	6,708	54.7	28.4	21.4	36.2	23.9	35.4
Puerto Rico	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Romania	1,045	1,838	76.8	34.4	7.0	24.9	16.2	40.6
Russian Federation	..	16,127	..	15.7	..	53.8	..	30.5



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	Commercial service imports		Transport		Travel		Others	
	\$ millions		% of total		% of total		% of total	
	1980	1998	1980	1998	1980	1998	1980	1998
Rwanda	99	115	78.8	60.9	11.1	14.8	10.1	24.3
Saudi Arabia	14,771	8,678	35.0	29.1	16.6	13.1	48.4	57.8
Senegal	294	..	54.1	..	20.4	..	25.5	..
Sierra Leone	83	..	56.6	..	9.6	..	33.7	..
Singapore	2,890	17,884	38.5	33.4	11.5	28.2	49.9	38.4
Slovak Republic	..	2,272	..	19.5	..	20.9	..	59.6
Slovenia	..	1,520	..	26.6	..	37.8	..	35.5
South Africa	3,762	5,278	48.9	42.6	20.5	34.9	30.6	22.5
Spain	5,393	27,495	41.0	28.3	22.8	18.2	36.2	53.4
Sri Lanka	344	1,325	61.6	59.8	9.6	15.2	28.8	24.9
Sudan	315	200	38.4	80.5	18.7	14.5	42.9	5.0
Sweden	6,952	21,620	36.2	19.2	31.9	35.7	31.9	45.1
Switzerland	4,885	15,273	30.4	23.9	48.8	46.6	20.9	29.6
Syrian Arab Republic	335	1,297	41.5	48.7	52.8	44.7	5.7	6.6
Tajikistan	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tanzania	295	885	62.0	23.6	6.8	55.7	31.2	20.7
Thailand	1,608	11,874	65.9	38.8	15.2	16.5	19.0	44.7
Togo	153	..	68.6	..	15.0	..	16.3	..
Trinidad and Tobago	622	235	47.4	52.8	22.5	28.5	30.1	18.7
Tunisia	489	1,153	62.8	51.3	21.7	20.3	15.5	28.4
Turkey	466	9,441	61.6	27.6	22.3	18.6	16.1	53.9
Turkmenistan	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Uganda	104	..	69.2	..	17.3	..	13.5	..
Ukraine	..	2,545	..	19.1	..	13.4	..	67.5
United Arab Emirates	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
United Kingdom	25,223	76,669	52.6	29.5	25.4	43.5	22.0	27.0
United States	28,890	165,827	53.2	30.3	36.0	34.9	10.7	34.8
Uruguay	434	866	34.8	48.6	46.8	30.6	18.4	20.8
Uzbekistan	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Venezuela, RB	4,201	4,824	32.1	30.9	47.6	50.8	20.3	18.3
Vietnam	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Bank and Gaza	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Yemen, Rep.	..	510	..	55.7	..	16.3	..	28.0
Yugoslavia, FR (Serb./Mont.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zambia	638	..	54.5	..	8.8	..	36.7	..
Zimbabwe	389	..	44.0	..	40.9	..	15.2	..
World	396,454 t	1,304,705 t	44.7 w	28.6 w	27.3 w	31.3 w	28.0 w	40.1 w
Low income	26,334	83,585	61.1	38.6	7.7	24.7	31.2	36.8
Excl. China & India	21,409	40,156	52.5	43.9	13.5	19.5	34.0	36.7
Middle income	90,527	219,053	53.5	33.7	19.9	24.4	26.7	41.9
Lower middle income	39,722	86,635	55.6	34.4	17.6	27.7	26.9	37.9
Upper middle income	50,782	132,428	52.3	33.2	21.1	22.2	26.5	44.6
Low & middle income	116,852	302,725	54.2	34.8	18.8	24.5	27.0	40.7
East Asia & Pacific	16,264	103,579	54.1	33.9	15.6	19.1	30.4	47.0
Europe & Central Asia	17,615	59,318	..	21.9	..	30.4	..	47.6
Latin America & Carib.	27,961	64,677	46.2	40.3	28.5	32.9	25.3	26.9
Middle East & N. Africa	32,147	29,886	45.8	..	20.5	..	33.7	..
South Asia	4,724	19,308	64.8	58.0	6.4	12.8	28.7	29.3
Sub-Saharan Africa	19,463	26,076	49.8	39.8	18.9	31.2	31.5	29.4
High income	279,815	1,001,849	42.5	26.7	29.2	33.3	28.3	40.0
Europe EMU	134,175	426,254	34.0	24.1	29.6	29.6	36.4	46.3

a. Includes Luxembourg. b. Data prior to 1990 refer to the Federal Republic of Germany before unification.



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About the data

Trade in services differs from trade in goods because services are produced and consumed at the same time. Thus services to a traveler may be consumed in the producing country (for example, use of a hotel room) but are classified as imports of the traveler's country. In other cases services may be supplied from a remote location; for example, insurance services may be supplied from one location but consumed in another. For further discussion on the problems of measuring trade in services see *About the data* for table 4.7.

The data on exports of services in table 4.7 and imports of services in table 4.8, unlike those in previous editions, include only commercial services and exclude the category "government services not included elsewhere." The data are compiled by the World Trade Organization (WTO) from balance of payments statistics provided by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and from national statistics. Estimates of missing data provided by the WTO are used to compute regional and income group aggregates but are not shown in the tables.

Definitions

- **Commercial service imports** are total service imports minus imports of government services not included elsewhere. International transactions in services are defined by the IMF's *Balance of Payments Manual* (1993) as the economic output of intangible commodities that may be produced, transferred, and consumed at the same time. Definitions may vary among reporting economies.
- **Transport** covers all transport services (sea, air, land, internal waterway, space, and pipeline) performed by residents of one economy for those of another and involving the carriage of passengers, movement of goods (freight), rental of carriers with crew, and related support and auxiliary services. Excluded are freight insurance, which is included in insurance services; goods procured in ports by nonresident carriers and repairs of transport equipment, which are included in goods; repairs of railway facilities, harbors, and airfield facilities, which are included in construction services; and rental of carriers without crew, which is included in other services.
- **Travel** covers goods and services acquired from an economy by travelers in that economy for their own use during visits of less than one year for business or personal purposes. Travel services include the goods and services consumed by travelers, such as lodging, meals, and transport (within the economy visited).
- **Other commercial services** include such activities as insurance and financial services, international telecommunications, and postal and courier services; computer data; news-related service transactions between residents and nonresidents; construction services; royalties and license fees; miscellaneous business, professional, and technical services; and personal, cultural, and recreational services.

Data sources

The data on imports of commercial services come from the WTO. Selected data appear in the WTO's *Annual Report*. The IMF publishes balance of payments data in its *International Financial Statistics* and *Balance of Payments Statistics Yearbook*.