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Structure of service imports

	Commercial service imports		Transport		Travel		Insurance and financial services		Computer, information, communications, and other commercial services	
	\$ millions		% of total		% of total		% of total		% of total	
	1995	2007	1995	2007	1995	2007	1995	2007	1995	2007
Afghanistan	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Albania	98	1,391	61.4	12.8	6.7	66.3	22.1	4.7	9.8	16.1
Algeria	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Angola	1,665	11,610	18.2	21.6	4.5	1.8	2.7	4.9	74.6	71.7
Argentina	6,992	10,522	30.1	28.6	46.9	37.3	7.1	4.4	15.9	29.7
Armenia	52	772	82.6	46.8	6.2	38.1	10.3	7.0	0.9	8.1
Australia	16,979	38,540	36.9	33.9	30.4	37.0	7.2	3.3	25.6	25.8
Austria	27,552	38,909	11.9	30.7	39.5	27.2	5.6	6.6	43.0	35.6
Azerbaijan	297	3,324	31.1	16.5	49.1	7.9	0.8	5.7	19.0	69.9
Bangladesh	1,192	2,673	65.0	78.6	19.6	5.8	5.6	8.4	9.7	7.2
Belarus	276	1,999	35.9	44.9	31.5	30.3	3.6	2.9	29.0	21.9
Belgium	32,511 ^a	72,383	24.1 ^a	28.2	27.7 ^a	23.9	10.2 ^a	4.8	38.0 ^a	43.2
Benin	235	342	59.2	63.4	14.7	10.0	10.4	9.9	15.7	16.7
Bolivia	321	810	65.9	35.6	15.0	30.8	9.3	13.8	9.9	19.9
Bosnia and Herzegovina	262	550	51.5	44.1	30.9	35.4	9.5	8.0	8.1	12.6
Botswana	440	970	42.6	41.1	33.0	28.7	8.1	4.3	16.3	25.8
Brazil	13,161	34,776	44.1	24.7	25.8	23.6	9.6	6.1	20.6	45.6
Bulgaria	1,278	4,812	41.5	33.9	15.3	38.0	9.1	4.9	43.2	23.2
Burkina Faso	116	..	56.0	..	19.6	..	4.8	..	19.6	..
Burundi	62	168	49.4	32.0	41.0	61.7	5.9	1.9	3.8	4.3
Cambodia	181	859	46.4	59.4	4.6	14.3	4.3	5.5	44.7	20.8
Cameroon	485	1,413	35.4	49.7	21.7	22.5	7.2	6.7	35.7	21.0
Canada	32,985	79,824	24.1	23.5	31.1	31.2	11.3	11.3	33.5	34.1
Central African Republic	114	..	43.7	..	38.0	..	7.9	..	10.4	..
Chad	174	..	55.0	..	14.9	..	1.5	..	28.6	..
Chile	3,524	9,718	54.0	54.3	19.9	18.1	4.1	8.7	21.9	18.9
China	24,635	129,255	38.7	33.5	15.0	23.0	17.3	8.7	29.0	34.8
Hong Kong, China	24,962	41,234	22.2	31.5	54.0	38.1	6.2	7.1	17.6	23.3
Colombia	2,813	6,170	42.4	42.5	31.2	24.9	11.9	8.1	14.5	24.5
Congo, Dem. Rep.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Congo, Rep.	690	3,523	18.6	15.0	7.5	4.8	7.3	5.2	66.6	75.0
Costa Rica	895	1,799	41.4	34.8	36.1	34.9	4.6	7.3	17.9	23.0
Côte d'Ivoire	1,235	2,223	50.5	57.3	15.4	17.8	11.0	9.3	23.2	24.9
Croatia	1,327	3,858	29.5	22.6	31.8	25.5	3.4	4.0	35.3	47.9
Cuba	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Czech Republic	4,860	14,308	16.5	25.3	33.7	25.5	5.2	6.9	44.7	42.3
Denmark	13,945	53,889	45.1	43.4	30.8	21.8	..	..	24.1	34.8
Dominican Republic	957	1,692	61.1	65.5	18.1	19.3	10.2	7.9	10.6	7.3
Ecuador	1,141	2,481	42.4	53.5	20.6	20.3	5.9	5.8	31.1	20.4
Egypt, Arab Rep.	4,511	13,088	35.1	46.0	28.3	18.7	4.6	10.4	32.0	24.9
El Salvador	488	1,706	55.1	42.6	14.9	35.5	11.0	8.7	19.0	13.2
Eritrea	45	..	1.6	..	6.9	..	0.3	..	93.1	..
Estonia	420	3,022	52.9	42.0	21.5	22.2	4.7	2.9	20.9	33.0
Ethiopia	337	1,740	63.4	64.7	7.5	6.2	7.4	4.1	21.7	25.1
Finland	9,418	21,745	22.8	24.2	24.2	18.3	5.0	2.2	48.0	55.3
France	64,523	129,464	32.9	29.1	25.4	28.4	6.1	4.6	35.6	37.9
Gabon	832	1,020	17.7	31.4	16.5	26.9	8.6	6.5	57.2	35.2
Gambia, The	47	77	59.6	47.2	30.4	9.6	5.8	8.1	4.2	35.1
Georgia	249	872	27.0	58.2	62.8	20.2	8.4	14.1	1.8	7.6
Germany	128,865	257,096	18.4	23.6	46.8	32.3	1.6	4.2	33.2	39.8
Ghana	331	1,808	61.3	47.3	6.2	30.9	6.5	4.6	26.0	17.3
Greece	4,003	19,783	29.9	54.0	33.1	17.3	4.5	8.5	32.5	20.2
Guatemala	672	2,005	41.4	52.2	21.0	29.8	8.7	10.6	28.9	7.5
Guinea	252	248	58.4	38.9	8.4	11.7	7.2	6.2	26.0	43.2
Guinea-Bissau	27	42	53.1	53.5	14.1	30.9	4.7	0.4	28.1	15.1
Haiti	236	476	77.6	83.9	14.7	11.7	1.7	1.5	5.9	3.0

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	Commercial service imports		Transport		Travel		Insurance and financial services		Computer, information, communications, and other commercial services	
	\$ millions		% of total		% of total		% of total		% of total	
	1995	2007	1995	2007	1995	2007	1995	2007	1995	2007
Honduras	326	1,027	60.4	60.9	17.5	29.8	2.5	1.5	19.7	7.8
Hungary	3,765	15,034	12.8	20.3	39.8	19.6	4.9	3.6	42.5	56.5
India	10,062	77,200	56.7	40.0	9.9	11.7	5.6	6.3	27.9	42.1
Indonesia	13,230	24,022	36.7	39.6	16.4	20.4	3.4	4.3	43.4	35.7
Iran, Islamic Rep.	2,192	..	43.0	..	11.0	..	9.9	..	36.1	..
Iraq	..	5,030	..	51.3	..	7.8	..	19.4	..	21.4
Ireland	11,252	94,472	15.9	3.0	18.1	9.2	1.4	17.2	64.6	70.6
Israel	8,131	17,587	44.9	33.1	26.1	18.5	3.0	2.2	26.0	46.2
Italy	54,613	118,261	24.5	23.2	27.2	23.1	9.7	4.0	38.6	49.7
Jamaica	1,073	2,205	..	..	13.8	13.5	9.2	10.5	77.1	76.0
Japan	121,547	148,685	29.6	33.0	30.2	17.8	2.4	5.2	37.8	44.0
Jordan	1,385	3,317	52.3	54.1	30.7	26.6	6.1	8.1	10.9	11.1
Kazakhstan	776	11,370	38.4	18.6	36.4	9.2	1.8	3.9	25.2	68.3
Kenya	900	1,268	46.4	63.8	21.4	20.7	10.4	-6.6	21.8	22.1
Korea, Dem. Rep.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Korea, Rep.	25,394	82,523	38.0	36.2	25.0	25.3	1.5	2.2	35.5	36.3
Kuwait	3,826	10,431	39.4	38.1	58.8	58.7	1.7	1.9	0.1	1.3
Kyrgyz Republic	193	577	27.1	58.4	3.4	15.6	4.3	3.2	65.3	22.8
Lao PDR	119	76	43.3	..	25.0	..	4.0	..	27.7	..
Latvia	225	2,678	68.2	29.3	10.8	34.6	7.0	4.0	14.0	32.0
Lebanon	..	9,970	..	17.2	..	31.2	..	3.0	..	48.6
Lesotho	58	88	74.9	78.5	22.6	18.5	0.2	..	2.4	3.1
Liberia	..	214	..	57.3	..	9.8	..	2.3	..	30.6
Libya	510	2,438	60.4	51.8	15.0	36.4	..	7.8	24.7	3.9
Lithuania	457	3,282	63.9	47.7	23.3	34.8	1.1	3.2	11.7	14.3
Macedonia, FYR	300	548	49.6	42.3	8.8	12.9	20.7	4.4	20.9	40.4
Madagascar	277	462	55.6	48.5	21.1	15.9	3.7	1.0	19.6	34.7
Malawi	151	..	66.8	..	26.0	..	0.1	..	7.2	..
Malaysia	14,821	27,784	37.8	39.5	15.6	18.9	..	3.2	46.5	38.3
Mali	412	672	59.6	60.3	11.9	17.9	1.4	5.0	27.1	16.7
Mauritania	197	..	61.5	..	11.6	..	1.4	..	25.4	..
Mauritius	630	1,538	39.9	37.4	25.2	23.5	4.6	5.5	30.3	33.6
Mexico	9,021	22,990	38.0	12.0	35.1	36.4	12.5	48.7	14.4	2.9
Moldova	193	593	51.6	41.3	29.2	35.9	9.3	2.1	9.9	20.7
Mongolia	87	514	69.6	49.5	22.3	36.5	1.8	3.9	8.1	10.1
Morocco	1,350	4,527	48.1	48.8	22.4	19.4	3.5	2.5	25.9	29.2
Mozambique	350	819	32.7	36.0	..	22.0	2.2	2.9	65.1	39.2
Myanmar	233	635	11.0	48.6	7.7	5.8	0.5	..	80.8	45.6
Namibia	538	505	36.5	47.7	16.7	26.2	9.5	6.3	37.3	19.8
Nepal	305	716	36.3	40.1	44.7	38.2	3.0	4.3	15.9	17.4
Netherlands	43,618	83,769	28.9	24.9	26.8	22.8	3.0	3.2	41.3	49.2
New Zealand	4,571	8,940	41.2	33.1	27.5	34.3	5.2	4.1	26.1	28.6
Nicaragua	207	525	39.1	54.3	19.3	23.0	3.3	10.8	38.3	11.9
Niger	120	327	74.4	69.4	11.1	8.5	2.6	3.1	12.0	19.0
Nigeria	4,398	11,837	22.4	28.5	20.6	20.6	2.5	0.0	54.4	50.8
Norway	13,052	38,941	38.2	33.8	32.4	36.1	5.6	3.5	23.7	26.7
Oman	985	4,996	41.8	34.5	4.8	14.9	4.6	7.7	48.8	42.9
Pakistan	2,431	8,409	67.0	38.7	18.4	18.9	4.3	3.2	10.3	39.2
Panama	1,049	2,050	71.0	59.1	11.5	15.0	8.8	14.3	8.7	11.7
Papua New Guinea	642	1,151	25.2	24.2	9.1	4.8	2.8	10.3	63.0	60.7
Paraguay	676	442	66.4	59.1	19.7	24.6	12.4	12.0	1.4	4.3
Peru	1,781	4,133	50.8	45.7	16.7	24.4	10.2	8.1	22.3	21.8
Philippines	6,906	7,245	29.7	52.7	6.1	22.3	1.6	6.7	62.6	18.3
Poland	7,008	23,696	25.2	23.9	5.9	32.7	13.6	3.9	55.3	39.5
Portugal	6,339	13,686	26.8	32.3	33.1	28.7	8.9	4.1	31.1	35.0
Puerto Rico



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	Commercial service imports		Transport		Travel		Insurance and financial services		Computer, information, communications, and other commercial services	
	\$ millions		% of total		% of total		% of total		% of total	
	1995	2007	1995	2007	1995	2007	1995	2007	1995	2007
Romania	1,801	10,047	33.5	32.6	38.7	15.3	5.3	17.8	22.4	34.3
Russian Federation	20,205	57,810	16.4	16.2	57.4	38.5	0.4	4.0	25.9	41.3
Rwanda	58	259	72.8	33.2	17.1	26.7	0.8	0.7	10.1	39.4
Saudi Arabia	8,670	30,798	25.3	28.9	..	..	2.8	3.2	71.9	67.8
Senegal	405	805	57.1	58.5	17.7	6.7	7.0	9.8	18.2	25.0
Serbia	..	3,456	..	28.7	..	30.2	..	2.5	..	38.6
Sierra Leone	79	86	17.4	56.3	62.5	16.5	3.8	9.9	16.3	17.3
Singapore	20,728	72,214	44.8	34.5	22.5	16.4	10.1	6.7	22.6	42.4
Slovak Republic	1,800	6,449	17.0	28.5	17.8	23.8	4.9	9.6	60.2	38.1
Slovenia	1,429	4,186	30.6	24.0	40.2	26.3	1.8	2.6	27.4	47.1
Somalia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
South Africa	5,756	16,258	39.9	46.9	32.1	24.2	14.1	5.1	13.8	23.9
Spain	22,354	98,431	31.1	25.1	20.3	20.0	7.4	8.1	41.2	46.8
Sri Lanka	1,169	2,569	58.1	62.8	15.9	15.3	5.4	6.0	20.5	15.9
Sudan	150	2,873	27.3	45.6	28.7	51.4	0.3	0.3	43.7	2.7
Swaziland	206	494	15.7	11.7	20.7	10.4	4.3	12.2	59.2	65.7
Sweden	17,112	47,813	28.4	15.9	31.8	29.2	1.4	2.8	38.4	52.1
Switzerland	14,899	33,209	35.2	21.3	49.8	30.9	1.1	8.1	13.9	39.7
Syrian Arab Republic	1,358	2,437	57.2	51.5	36.7	22.2	5.6	15.2	6.1	11.2
Tajikistan	..	590	..	24.1	..	1.1	..	4.7	..	70.1
Tanzania	729	1,424	29.8	34.1	49.4	45.3	2.7	5.4	18.0	15.2
Thailand	18,629	38,173	41.8	47.6	22.9	13.5	5.2	5.0	30.2	33.9
Timor-Leste	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Togo	148	295	70.8	78.6	12.5	1.8	4.4	11.4	12.3	8.2
Trinidad and Tobago	223	471	..	..	31.0	38.2	7.9	6.5	61.0	55.3
Tunisia	1,245	2,662	45.3	54.8	20.1	16.4	6.5	8.3	28.1	20.5
Turkey	4,654	14,160	30.3	46.0	19.6	23.0	8.4	15.3	41.7	15.6
Turkmenistan	403	..	40.4	..	18.2	..	6.9	..	34.6	..
Uganda	563	1,159	38.2	53.8	14.3	9.7	4.2	6.9	43.3	29.6
Ukraine	1,334	11,055	34.0	35.3	15.7	32.3	7.3	9.5	42.9	22.9
United Arab Emirates	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
United Kingdom	62,524	197,188	27.1	19.1	39.9	36.3	4.4	8.1	28.7	36.5
United States	129,227	341,673	32.3	28.0	35.8	23.7	5.9	18.1	26.0	30.3
Uruguay	814	1,208	46.2	51.4	29.0	19.8	4.5	5.3	20.2	23.5
Uzbekistan	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Venezuela, RB	4,654	7,243	30.7	51.3	36.8	19.2	2.6	9.8	29.9	19.6
Vietnam	2,304	6,924	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Bank and Gaza	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Yemen, Rep.	604	2,069	35.6	42.7	12.5	8.9	7.1	7.9	44.8	40.5
Zambia	282	886	78.9	46.5	9.2	6.3	0.0	8.7	11.9	38.6
Zimbabwe	645	..	56.0	..	18.7	..	2.9	..	22.5	..
World	1,218,748 t	3,075,521 t	31.2 w	28.4 w	30.9 w	25.7 w	6.2 w	9.7 w	32.1 w	36.3 w
Low income	22,663	59,403	49.0	47.4	18.0	15.7	4.8	..	29.0	31.4
Middle income	214,348	676,675	38.7	33.7	23.0	25.8	9.9	13.8	29.4	26.8
Lower middle income	107,442	386,677	41.8	40.9	16.3	21.8	10.4	7.5	31.5	29.8
Upper middle income	106,960	291,319	36.0	28.2	28.7	28.9	9.3	18.5	27.6	24.6
Low & middle income	236,387	735,826	39.2	34.4	22.7	25.4	9.6	13.4	29.4	27.0
East Asia & Pacific	82,593	239,360	38.0	38.8	15.5	20.6	12.1	6.7	36.7	34.0
Europe & Central Asia	43,870	165,739	29.3	31.2	26.4	29.7	7.1	8.0	37.7	31.1
Latin America & Carib.	52,171	116,734	41.3	25.9	31.2	30.5	10.1	27.7	17.8	16.1
Middle East & N. Africa	19,235	52,758	44.9	46.4	21.4	18.8	..	9.9	28.2	24.9
South Asia	15,377	92,697	58.6	45.4	13.4	13.1	5.3	6.1	22.6	35.3
Sub-Saharan Africa	24,584	73,653	39.6	43.8	24.1	22.2	8.8	4.0	28.1	30.2
High income	981,892	2,345,145	29.1	27.0	33.1	25.8	5.4	8.9	32.7	38.5
Euro area	421,783	1,001,166	24.9	25.8	31.8	26.0	5.4	5.0	37.9	43.2

a. Includes Luxembourg.

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 and consumed in another. For further discussion of the problems of measuring trade in services, see *About the data* for table 4.6.

The data on imports of services in the table and on exports of services in table 4.6, unlike those in editions before 2000, include only commercial services and exclude the category "government services not included elsewhere." The data are compiled by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) based on returns from national sources.

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.

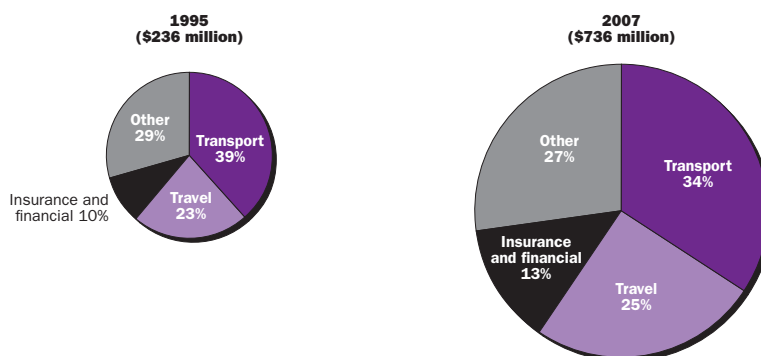
Travel services include the goods and services consumed by travelers, such as meals, lodging, and transport (within the economy visited), including car rental.

Definitions

- **Commercial service imports** are total service imports minus imports of government services not included elsewhere.
- **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 harbors, railway facilities, 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.
- **Insurance and financial services** cover freight insurance on goods imported and other direct insurance such as life insurance; financial intermediation services such as commissions, foreign exchange transactions, and brokerage services; and auxiliary services such as financial market operational and regulatory services.
- **Computer, information, communications, and other commercial services** cover such activities as 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.

The mix of commercial service imports by developing economies is changing

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Between 1995 and 2007 developing economies' commercial service imports more than doubled. Insurance and financial services and travel services are displacing transport and other services as the most important services imported.

Source: International Monetary Fund balance of payments data files.

Data sources

Data on imports of commercial services are from the IMF, which publishes balance of payments data in its *International Financial Statistics* and *Balance of Payments Statistics Yearbook*.