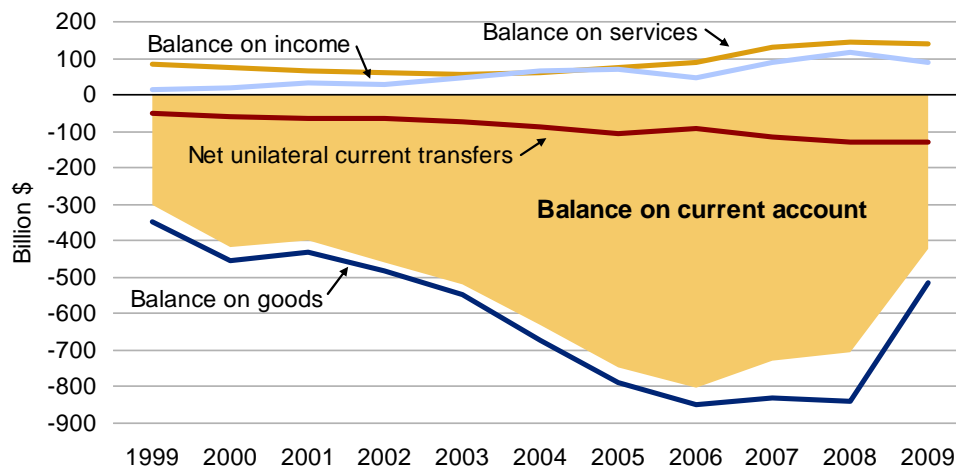


## U.S. CURRENT-ACCOUNT DEFICIT DECREASES IN 2009

*Preliminary estimates of U.S. international transactions*

The U.S. current-account deficit, the broadest measure of U.S. international trade in goods and services, receipts and payments of income, and net unilateral current transfers (such as gifts), decreased to \$419.9 billion (preliminary) in 2009 from \$706.1 billion in 2008. As a share of U.S. GDP, the deficit decreased to 2.9 percent in 2009 from 4.9 percent in 2008.

### Current-Account Balance and Its Components



- The deficit on international trade in goods decreased to \$517.0 billion from \$840.3 billion, as goods imports decreased more than goods exports.
- The surplus on international trade in services decreased to \$138.4 billion from \$144.3 billion, as services receipts decreased more than services payments.
- The surplus on income decreased to \$89.0 billion from \$118.2 billion, as income receipts decreased more than income payments.
- Net unilateral current transfers to foreign residents were \$130.2 billion, up from \$128.4 billion.

Net financial inflows were \$197.8 billion in 2009, down from \$505.1 billion in 2008.

- U.S.-owned assets abroad increased \$237.5 billion in 2009 after increasing \$0.1 billion in 2008.
- Foreign-owned assets in the United States increased \$435.2 billion in 2009 after increasing \$534.1 billion in 2008.

BEA statistics—including GDP, personal income, the balance of payments, foreign direct investment, the input-output accounts, and economic data for states, local areas, and industries—are available on the BEA Web site: [www.bea.gov](http://www.bea.gov). [E-mail alerts](#) are also available.

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