

## **RIMP -- Real Imports of Goods & Services**

1. Expressed in billions of real dollars, seasonally adjusted, annual rate.
2. First Vintage: 1965:Q4
3. First Observation: 1947:Q1
4. High-Frequency Source: BEA's *Survey of Current Business*
5. Deep-History Source: BEA's *Survey of Current Business* or Special Supplements to *Survey of Current Business* or *National Income & Product Accounts*
6. Vintage Names: RIMP<sub>yyQq</sub>, where *yy* is the year of the vintage (two digits), *Q* represents the word quarter, and *q* is the quarter of the vintage (one digit).
7. Vintage Dates: Quarterly vintages reflect the data available in the middle of the quarter. This corresponds to the advance report of the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

### *Special Notes*

1. This series is real, fixed-weight imports of goods & services measured on a GNP basis in all vintages prior to that of 1992:Q1; real, fixed-weight imports of good and services measured on a GDP basis in all vintages between those of 1992:Q1 and 1995:Q4 (inclusive); and real, chain-weight imports of goods & services measured on a GDP basis in vintages starting with that of 1996:Q1.
2. **RIMP65Q2 to RIMP69Q4 – Missing Observations.** Because of delays in BEA reporting, vintages for Q2, Q3, and Q4 over the years 1965 to 1969 do not include the last observation.
3. **RIMP65Q4 – Missing Observations.** In the 1965:Q4 vintage, the prior two observations (1965Q1 and Q2) are unavailable for RIMP.
4. **RIMP82Q3 – BEA Corrections.** The 1982:Q3 vintage incorporates BEA corrections (published in the 7/82 *Survey of Current Business*) to originally published data for RIMP for observations 1973:Q1 to 1976:Q4. These corrections are not incorporated into vintages prior to that of 1982:Q3.
5. **RIMP92Q1 to RIMP92Q4 – Short Time Series History.** In vintages from 1992:Q1 to 1992:Q4, RIMP is only available starting from 1959:Q1 because data prior to 1959 were not reported in our deep-history source.
6. **RIMP96Q1 – Missing Observation.** Due to a delay in the release of statistical data caused by the federal government shutdown, the 1995:Q4 observation for RIMP is missing in the 1996:Q1 vintage.

7. **RIMP96Q1 to RIMP97Q1 – Short Time Series History.** In vintages from 1996:Q1 to 1997:Q1, RIMP is only available starting from 1959:Q3 because data prior to 1959:Q3 were not reported in our deep-history source.
8. **RIMP99Q4 to RIMP00Q1 – Short Time Series History.** On October 28, 1999, the BEA released a comprehensive revision to the NIPA. However, not all revised observations were released. In the vintages 1999:Q4 to 2000:Q1, observations for RIMP are available starting in 1959:Q1. Beginning with the vintage 2000:Q2, the observations start in 1947:Q1.
9. **RIMP11Q3 – Flexible Annual Revision.** On July 29, 2011, the BEA released a flexible annual revision to the national income and product accounts. Flexible annual revisions may affect more observations than those of the past three years. In addition, flexible annual revisions can incorporate methodological changes to the way in which the BEA constructs the data in the national accounts.