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2. The term “affiliates” in this article refers to majority-owned affiliates. The statistics on services supplied through affiliates cover the full value of services provided by majority-owned affiliates, irrespective of the percentage of ownership.
3. The statistics on trade in services and services supplied through affiliates are not directly comparable because of differences in coverage and classification. For example, wholesale and retail trade distributive services are included in services supplied through affiliates but not in trade in services statistics. For more information, see “[Definition of International Services](#)” on BEA’s website.
4. More information on the [definitions, coverage, and methodology of trade in services and services supplied through affiliates](#) is available on the BEA website.
5. The UBO of a U.S. affiliate is that person or entity that ultimately owns or controls the U.S. affiliate and therefore ultimately derives the benefits and assumes the risks from ownership or control. For more information, see the [definition of UBO](#) on BEA’s website.
6. “Travel (for all purposes including education),” the name used in the trade in services statistics to encompass a broadly defined travel category, includes business travel and personal travel. Business travel includes expenditures by border, seasonal, and other short-term workers and other business travel. Personal travel includes health-related travel, education-related travel, and other personal travel. Note that airfares or other expenditures associated with transporting travelers between the United States and foreign countries are not classified in travel; these expenditures are included in transport services.
7. U.S. restrictions on foreign travel were eased on November 8, 2021. For more information, see President Biden’s “[A Proclamation on Advancing the Safe Resumption of Global Travel During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#).”
8. BEA statistics on trade in ICT and potentially ICT-enabled services complement BEA’s standard presentation of international trade in services statistics by providing insight into the extent to which ICT may be used to facilitate trade in services. For more information, see the box “[Key Terms](#)” in this article.
9. See the box “[Calculating Ranges for Suppressed Values](#)” in this article.
10. A U.S. affiliate may have a UBO located in the United States when the affiliate is directly foreign owned and that foreign entity is in turn ultimately owned or controlled by a U.S. entity.
11. Services supplied through foreign affiliates to the U.S. market are mostly classified as U.S. imports of services. However, data from BEA direct investment surveys on these services supplied are not used to estimate U.S. imports of services; data on these services are collected along with data on other U.S. services imports in BEA’s services trade collection program. Of the services supplied through foreign affiliates to U.S. persons, distributive services in wholesale and retail trade are generally not included as U.S. imports of services. Services supplied through foreign affiliates to the U.S. market are used to adjust U.S. imports in chart 1 and in international services table 1.1 to compute services supplied to U.S. persons by foreign-based firms.
12. Services supplied through U.S. affiliates to foreign markets are mostly classified as U.S. exports of services. However, data from BEA direct investment surveys on these services supplied are not used to estimate U.S. exports of services; data on these services are collected along with data on other U.S. services exports in BEA’s services trade collection program. Of the services supplied through U.S. affiliates to foreign persons, distributive services in wholesale and retail trade are generally not included as U.S. exports of services. Services supplied through U.S. affiliates to foreign markets are used to adjust U.S. exports in chart 1 and in international services table 1.1 to compute services supplied by U.S.-based firms to foreign persons.