

## **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>yy</sub>Q<sub>q</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.