

Statistical bulletin

# UK trade in services by partner country experimental data: October to December 2018

Trade in services data, including breakdown of exports and imports by country and geographical region, EU and non-EU.

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# 1 . Main points

- This release covers all the UK economy's trade in services, presenting UK trade in services by 67 countries and 31 service types, on a non-seasonally adjusted basis.
- Exports and imports of services were higher in Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2018 compared with Quarter 4 2017, by £2.6 billion and £4.4 billion respectively.
- The top five service types for exports and imports all increased in Quarter 4 2018 compared with the same quarter a year ago.
- Exports of services grew by £4.6 billion between 2017 and 2018, while imports of services grew by £10.6 billion, leading to a narrowing of the trade in services surplus.
- In 2018, the largest country by service type export was of other business services to the US, at £24.2 billion.
- In 2018, the largest country by service type import was of travel services from Spain, at £11.2 billion.

## 2 . Things you need to know about this release

The UK trade in services data have been produced as part of planned improvements to our trade statistics described in Section 3.3 of the [trade development plan](#). In response to user needs, one of our main priorities is to publish detailed trade figures across more dimensions; for example, across industries, geographic trade partners and service types. A large focus for the trade development plan is also making improvements to the quality of the trade figures.

This is the third of our more detailed quarterly services releases containing 31 service types by 67 countries. While we currently publish service type by partner country annually in [Pink Book](#), we have increased the level of detail available and produced quarterly data for Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2016 to Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2018.

We have made significant quality improvements to the UK trade in services by partner country experimental dataset, partly through fuller use of the improved quarterly country breakdown derived from the increased and optimised quarterly International Trade in Services Survey (ITIS). To deliver at the pace required, the data are closely aligned to the balance of payments but are not fully consistent for 2016. The improvements in the 2016 data will be incorporated into Pink Book 2019, the first opportunity to revise this time period within the wider accounts.

Data in this release have been revised back to Quarter 1 2018 when compared with figures published in our previous [Trade in services by partner country bulletin](#) on 23 January 2019.

Data are provided in as much detail as possible without disclosing the details of any individual companies, however, this means some figures have been suppressed to protect confidentiality.

You are advised to be cautious when interpreting changes between quarters given that the series are not seasonally adjusted and few data points are presented. It is therefore recommended that comparisons are made with the same quarter a year ago or between years. We plan to develop these statistics to be seasonally adjusted in the future.

These data are our best estimates of bilateral UK trade flows, compiled following internationally agreed standards and using a wide range of robust data sources. However, in some cases alternative estimates of bilateral trade flows are available from the statistical agencies for those countries or through central databases such as [UN Comtrade](#). Differences between estimates are known as trade asymmetries and are a known aspect of international trade statistics, affecting bilateral estimates across the globe, not just the UK.

We are heavily engaged in analysis of these asymmetries, developing strong bilateral relationships with other countries to understand, explain and potentially reduce them. We have published a [series of analyses](#) showing comparisons and the relative strengths of different estimates, which users may wish to reference to help them better understand the quality of our bilateral trade estimates.

### 3 . The value of UK exports and imports of services increased in Quarter 4 2018 compared with Quarter 4 2017

Exports and imports of services were higher in Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2018 compared with the same quarter a year ago (Table 1). Exports increased by 3.5%, from £72.4 billion in Quarter 4 2017 to £75.0 billion in Quarter 4 2018. The value of imports increased by 11.4%, from £38.8 billion in Quarter 4 2017 to £43.2 billion in Quarter 4 2018.

Table 1: Exports and imports of services were higher in Quarter 4 2018 compared with the same quarter a year ago

Total UK trade in services exports and imports, Quarter 1 (Jan to Mar) 2016 to Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2018, £ million, non-seasonally adjusted

	Q1 2016	Q2 2016	Q3 2016	Q4 2016	Q1 2017	Q2 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2017	Q1 2018	Q2 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2018
UK exports	57,710	64,135	66,455	69,588	64,217	70,185	71,996	72,402	64,918	71,586	71,952	74,955
UK imports	33,576	38,164	46,017	38,366	37,715	41,584	47,589	38,810	39,091	43,614	50,344	43,238

Source: Office for National Statistics - UK trade in services

#### Notes

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### 4 . Exports of services in Quarter 4 2018 were higher than those reported in Quarter 4 2017 for most geographical regions

Compared with the same quarter a year ago, exports to Asia saw the largest increase of the geographical regions, rising from £10.3 billion in Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2017 to £11.7 billion in Quarter 4 2018 (Figure 1). This was driven primarily by increasing exports of intellectual property, telecommunications, computer and information services, and other business services, which rose by £0.4 billion each.

Exports to the EU saw the second-largest rise of the geographical regions between Quarter 4 2017 and Quarter 4 2018, increasing by £0.8 billion. Insurance and pension services, and travel services both increased by £0.3 billion.

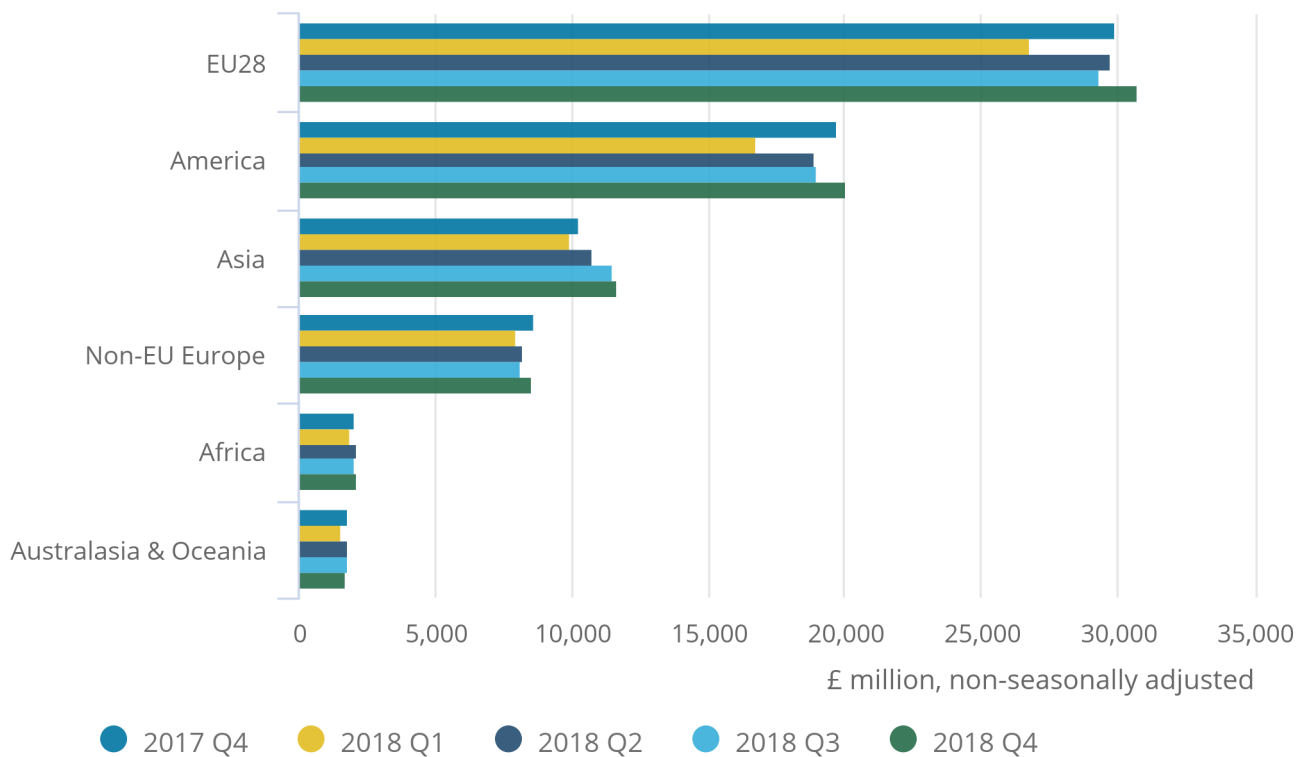
The only geographical regions that saw a decrease between Quarter 4 2017 and Quarter 4 2018 were non-EU Europe, falling by £0.1 billion, and Australasia and Oceania, which remained broadly flat.

**Figure 1: Compared with the same quarter a year ago, exports to Asia saw the largest increase of the geographical regions**

UK exports of services by geographical region, Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2017 to Quarter 4 2018

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It is important to note that these estimates for UK services exports are not seasonally adjusted. Therefore, some variation from quarter to quarter will be explained by the time of the year, where trade in some services could be more common than at other times of the year.

## 5 . The US remains the UK's largest trading partner for services exports

The US remains the UK's largest services export partner, accounting for £17.0 billion, or 22.7% of all UK exports of services in Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2018 (Table 2). The value of exports to Germany was the second-highest at £5.0 billion, with exports to the Netherlands being the third-highest at £4.7 billion.

Exports to Germany and the Netherlands were equivalent to 6.7% and 6.2% of total UK services exports, respectively. Taken together, UK exports to the top three countries accounted for 35.6% of all UK services exports in Quarter 4 2018.

Table 2: The US accounted for 22.7% of all UK exports of services in Quarter 4 2018

UK's largest export partner countries, Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2017 to Quarter 4 2018, non-seasonally adjusted

Country	£ million					Cumulative percentages of total services exports	
	Q4 2017	Q1 2018	Q2 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2018	Q4 2017	Q4 2018
United States	16,572	14,184	15,772	16,292	16,996	22.9	22.7
Germany	4,790	4,414	4,743	4,717	5,010	29.5	29.4
Netherlands	4,398	4,102	4,459	4,294	4,650	35.6	35.6
France	4,309	4,110	4,476	4,383	4,627	41.5	41.7
Ireland	4,956	3,625	4,151	3,851	4,466	48.4	47.7
Switzerland	3,147	3,088	2,841	3,071	3,270	52.7	52.1
Italy	2,166	1,937	2,352	2,456	2,272	55.7	55.1
Japan	1,704	1,765	1,821	1,836	1,860	58.1	57.6
Spain	1,736	1,653	1,828	1,925	1,844	60.5	60.0
Australia	1,390	1,231	1,428	1,448	1,384	62.4	61.9
Rest of the World	27,234	24,809	27,715	27,679	28,576	100.0	100.0

Source: Office for National Statistics - UK trade in services

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## 6 . Exports of other business services remains the UK's largest export service type

The top five export service types all saw an increase in Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2018 compared with Quarter 4 2017 (Table 3). Comparing Quarter 4 2018 with the same quarter a year ago, other business services and travel both had the largest increase in exports of £0.7 billion each. Of the top five export service types, the largest percentage rise of exports when comparing Quarter 4 2018 with Quarter 4 2017 is from telecommunications, computer and information services, increasing by 10.8%, followed by a 7.2% rise in travel services being exported.

Other business services, which includes research and development, professional and management consulting services, and technical, trade-related and other business services not included elsewhere, continues to be the largest export service type, accounting for 30.7% of total services exports in Quarter 4 2018.

Table 3: Other business services accounted for 30.7% of total services exports in Quarter 4 2018  
UK's largest service type exports, Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2017 to Quarter 4 2018, non-seasonally adjusted

Service type	£ million					Cumulative percentages of total services exports	
	Q4 2017	Q1 2018	Q2 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2018	Q4 2017	Q4 2018
Other business services	22,335	18,579	20,074	19,648	23,015	30.8	30.7
Financial	15,182	15,302	15,935	14,782	15,392	51.8	51.2
Travel	9,106	6,972	10,547	11,606	9,765	64.4	64.3
Transportation	7,315	6,956	7,495	8,190	7,578	74.5	74.4
Telecommunications, computer and information services	5,130	5,048	4,941	5,106	5,683	81.6	82.0
Other service types	13,334	12,061	12,594	12,620	13,522	100.0	100.0

Source: Office for National Statistics - UK trade in services

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Figure 2 shows the value for each component of other business services in Quarter 4 2018. Other business services not included elsewhere accounted for 35.2% of total exports of other business services, followed by legal, accounting, management consulting and public relations, which made up 30.8%.

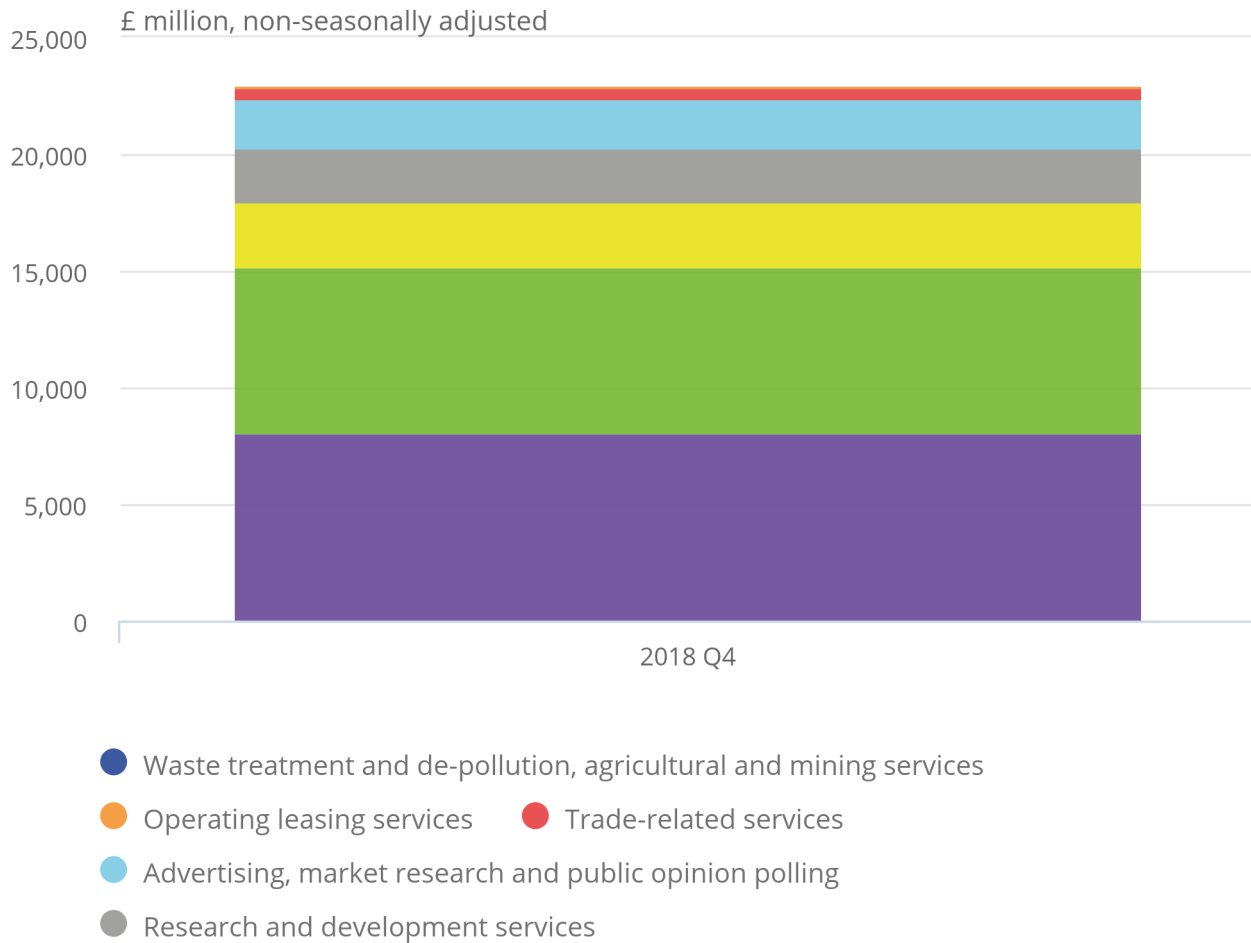
Legal, accounting, management consulting and public relations is a subcomponent of professional and management consulting services.

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Total UK exports of other business services, Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2018

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Total UK exports of other business services, Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2018



Source: Office for National Statistics - UK trade in services

In Quarter 4 2018, the US was the largest export partner for other business services, accounting for 31.1%. The £7.2 billion export of other business services to the US was driven primarily by £3.1 billion of exports of professional and management consulting services.

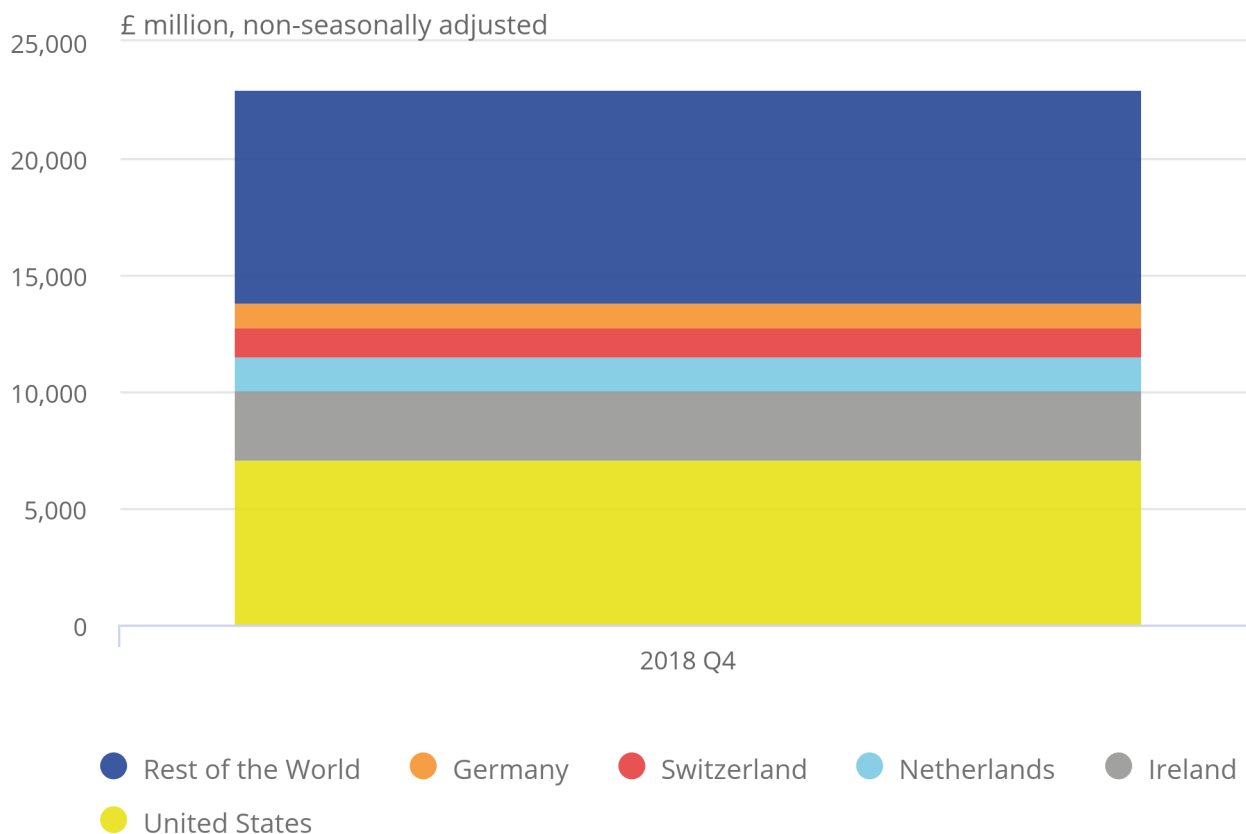
Ireland was the second-largest export partner for other business services, followed by the Netherlands, Switzerland and Germany, as shown in Figure 3. The top five export partners accounted for 60.0% of total exports of other business services.

**Figure 3: The US was the largest export partner for other business services, accounting for 31.1%**

UK exports of other business services by partner country, Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2018

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UK exports of other business services by partner country, Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2018



Source: Office for National Statistics - UK trade in services

Notes:

1. United States including Puerto Rico.



## **7 . Imports of services in Quarter 4 2018 were higher than those reported in Quarter 4 2017 for most geographical regions**

Compared with the same quarter a year ago, imports from the EU saw the largest increase among geographical regions of £2.4 billion, rising from £18.8 billion in Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2017 to £21.2 billion in Quarter 4 2018 (Figure 4). This was driven primarily by imports of other business services, which increased by £1.2 billion. Of this, France had the largest increase of imports of other business services, accounting for £0.6 billion.

Imports from Asia saw the second-largest increase of £1.4 billion in Quarter 4 2018, compared with Quarter 4 2017. Services imports from Japan increased by £0.5 billion, driven by imports of financial services, which rose by £0.3 billion.

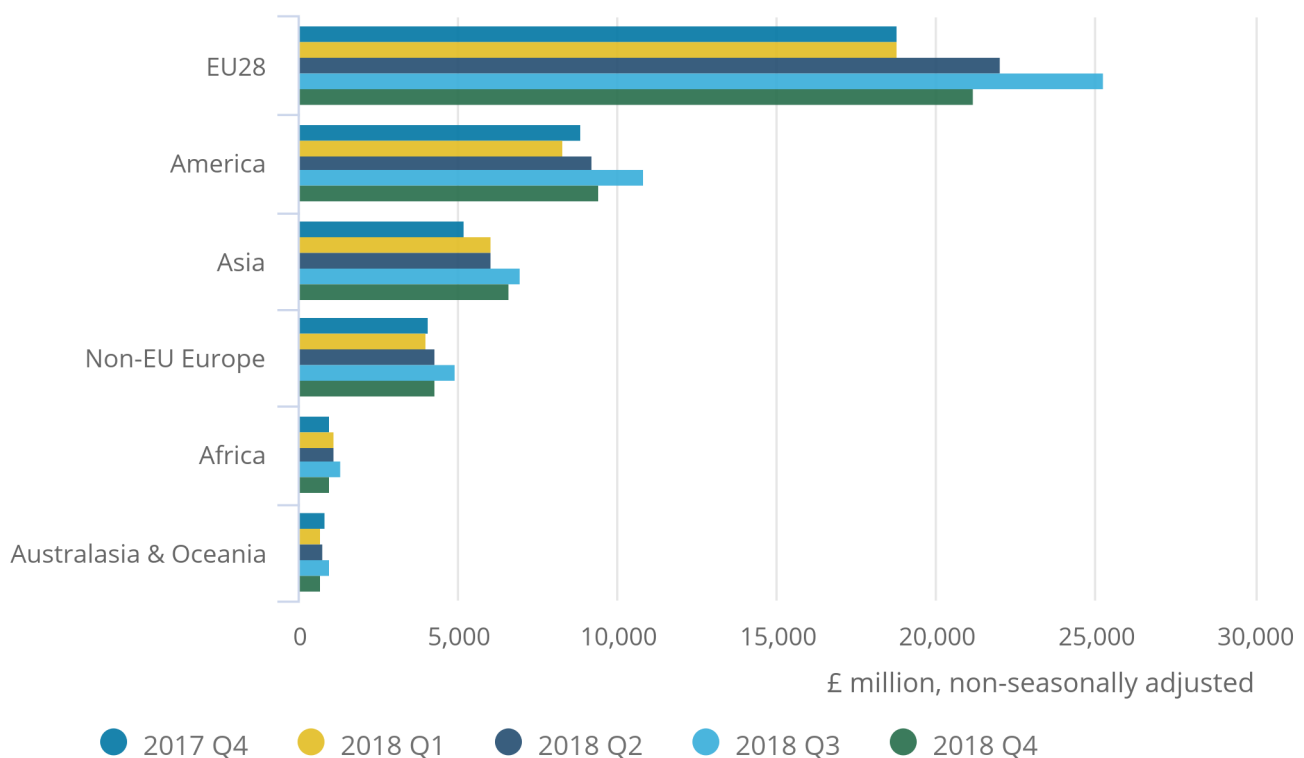
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**Figure 4: Compared with the same quarter a year ago, imports from the EU saw the largest increase of £2.4 billion**

UK imports of services by geographical region, Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2017 to Quarter 4 2018

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Source: Office for National Statistics - UK trade in services

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## 8 . The three highest-value trading partners for services imports accounted for over one-third of total services imports

Of the top 10 countries, the US and France saw the largest value increase in Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2018 compared with the same quarter a year ago, both rising by £0.8 billion. Japan saw the largest percentage increase in services imports to the UK of 43.5% between Quarter 4 2017 and Quarter 4 2018 (Table 4).

The US remains the UK's largest import partner, accounting for £7.7 billion, or 17.9%, of total imports of services. The value of imports from France was the second-highest, with imports from Spain the third-highest. Imports from France and Spain were equivalent to 8.9% and 7.9% of total UK services imports respectively, as shown in Table 4. The top three countries accounted for 34.7% of all UK services imports.

Table 4: The US remains the UK's largest import partner, accounting for £7.7 billion of total imports of services in Quarter 4 2018

UK's largest import partner countries, Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2017 to Quarter 4 2018, non-seasonally adjusted

Country	£ million					Cumulative percentages of total services imports	
	Q4 2017	Q1 2018	Q2 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2018	Q4 2017	Q4 2018
United States	6,959	6,738	7,383	8,587	7,718	17.9	17.9
France	3,030	3,003	3,569	4,211	3,839	25.7	26.7
Spain	3,177	3,206	3,877	5,168	3,426	33.9	34.7
Germany	2,433	2,143	2,386	2,350	2,471	40.2	40.4
Ireland	1,794	1,630	2,399	1,810	1,925	44.8	44.8
Netherlands	1,535	1,504	1,771	1,865	1,768	48.8	48.9
Japan	1,158	1,180	1,149	1,343	1,662	51.8	52.8
Italy	1,181	1,226	1,354	1,760	1,300	54.8	55.8
India	883	1,163	1,189	1,157	1,260	57.1	58.7
Switzerland	1,052	966	1,016	1,258	1,168	59.8	61.4
Rest of the World	15,608	16,332	17,521	20,835	16,701	100.0	100.0

Source: Office for National Statistics - UK trade in services

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## 9 . Imports of travel services in Quarter 4 2018 accounted for 27.2% of total UK imports

The top five import service types all saw an increase in Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2018 compared with Quarter 4 2017 (Table 5). Comparing Quarter 4 2018 with the same quarter a year ago, other business services had the largest increase in imports of £1.6 billion, followed by financial services, which rose by £1.3 billion over the same period.

Travel continues to be the largest import service type, accounting for 27.2% of total service imports in Quarter 4 2018.

Table 5: Travel accounted for 27.2% of total services imports in Quarter 4 2018  
UK's largest service type imports, Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2017 to Quarter 4 2018, non-seasonally adjusted

Service type	£ million					Cumulative percentages of total services imports	
	Q4 2017	Q1 2018	Q2 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2018	Q4 2017	Q4 2018
Travel	10,903	10,908	14,369	19,805	11,750	28.1	27.2
Other business services	9,475	9,252	10,322	10,150	11,081	52.5	52.8
Transportation	5,162	5,659	5,676	6,861	5,713	65.8	66.0
Financial	4,038	4,199	4,353	4,579	5,311	76.2	78.3
Telecommunications, computer and information services	3,007	3,405	3,172	3,120	3,168	84.0	85.6
Other service types	6,225	5,668	5,722	5,829	6,215	100.0	100.0

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In Quarter 4 2018, Spain was the largest import partner for travel services, accounting for 19.8% of total travel services imported. The £2.3 billion imports of travel to Spain was predominantly from £2.0 billion of personal travel.

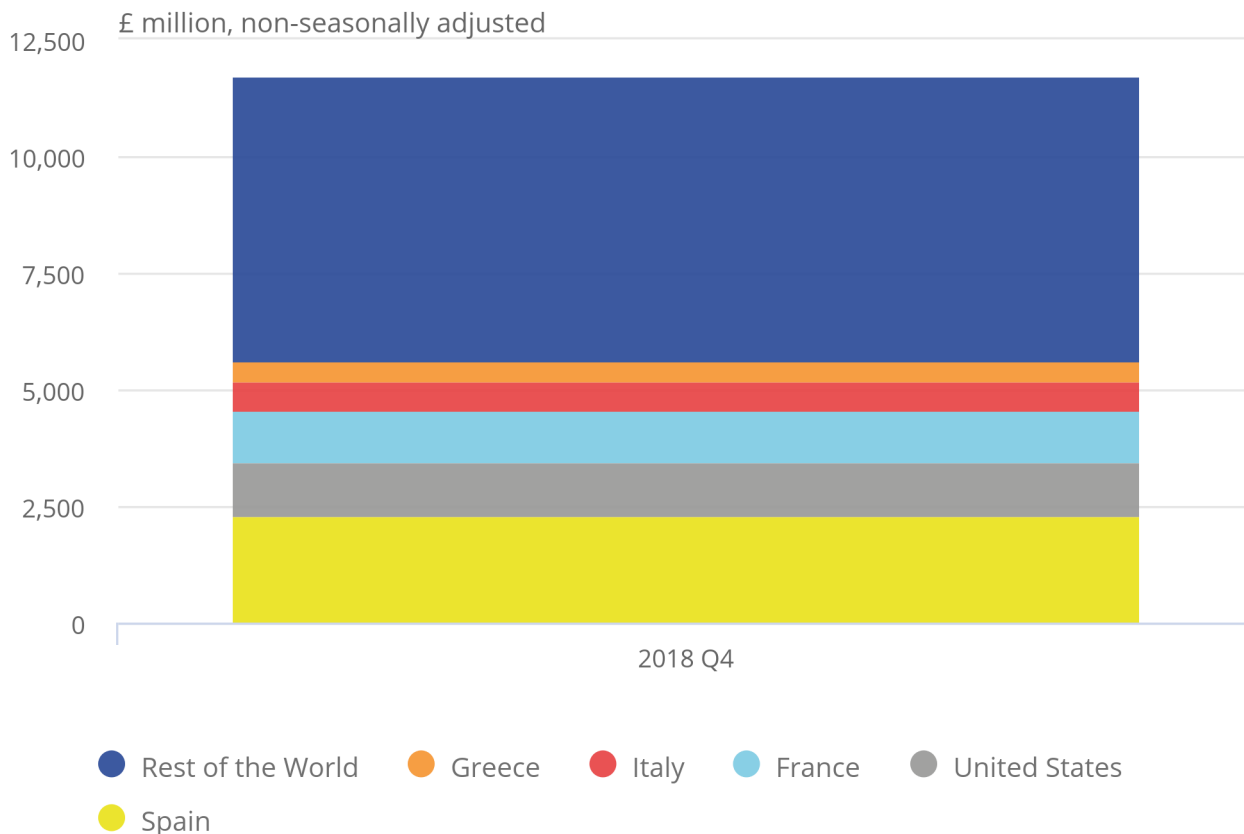
The US was the second-largest import partner of travel services, followed by France, Italy and Greece. The top five import partners accounted for 47.9% of total imports of travel services (Figure 5).

**Figure 5: Spain was the largest import partner for travel services, accounting for 19.8% of total travel service imports**

UK imports of travel by partner country, Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2018

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UK imports of travel by partner country, Quarter 4 (Oct to Dec) 2018



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## 10 . In 2018 the largest country by service type export was other business services to the US

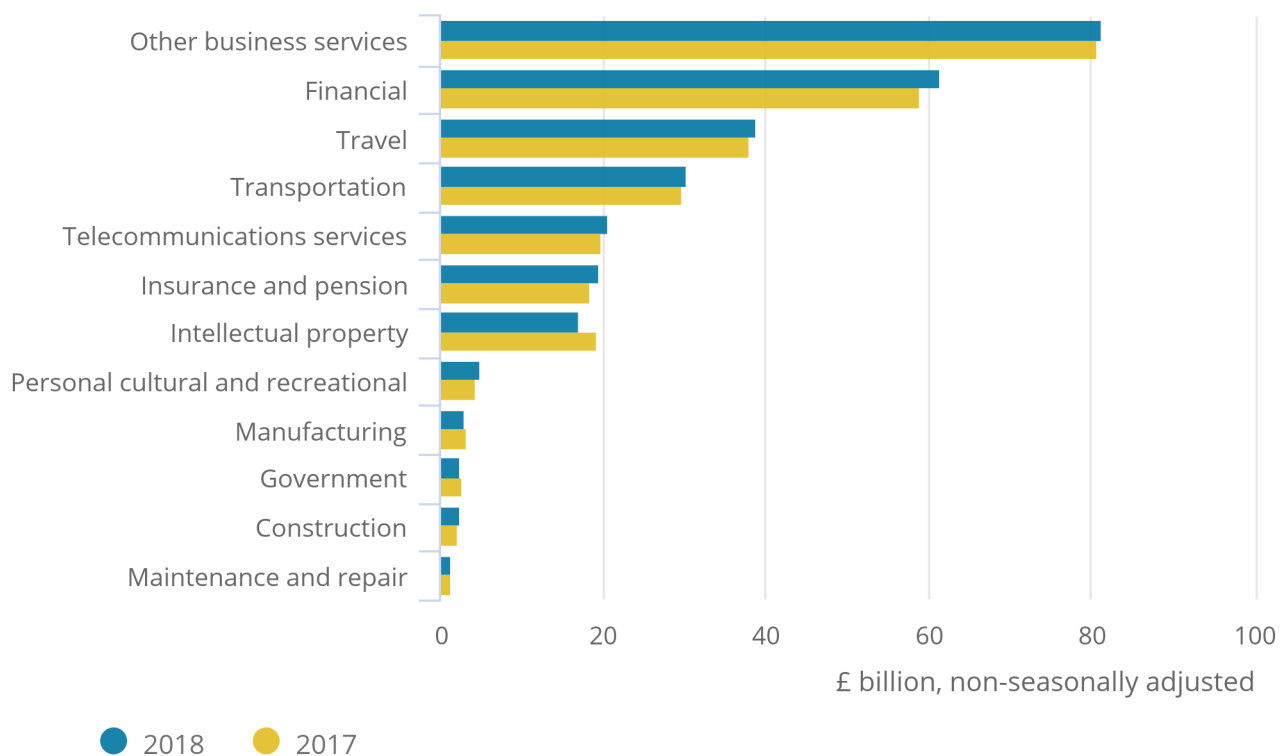
The UK exported £283.4 billion of services in 2018, an increase of £4.6 billion compared with 2017. The largest service type exported in 2018 was other business services at £81.3 billion (Figure 6), which represents 28.7% of total UK exports. This was followed by financial services at £61.4 billion, which represents 21.7% of total UK exports.

**Figure 6: The largest service type exported in 2018 was other business services at £81.3 billion, which represents 28.7% of total UK exports**

Value of UK exports by service type in 2017 and 2018

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Value of UK exports by service type in 2017 and 2018



Source: Office for National Statistics - UK trade in services

Table 6 shows the UK's top 10 export trading partners in 2018. Analysing UK trade in services by country, the US is the UK's top export trading partner, with £63.2 billion exported to the US in 2018. This represented 22.3% of all UK exports. This was followed by Germany, who the UK exported £18.9 billion to in 2018.

Table 6: The US is the UK's top export trading partner, with £63.2 billion exported to the US in 2018  
Top 10 UK export trading partners in 2018

<b>Country</b>	<b>2018 £ billion</b>	<b>% of total UK exports</b>
United States	63.2	22.3
Germany	18.9	6.7
France	17.6	6.2
Netherlands	17.5	6.2
Ireland	16.1	5.7
Switzerland	12.3	4.3
Italy	9.0	3.2
Japan	7.3	2.6
Spain	7.3	2.6
Australia	5.5	1.9

Source: Office for National Statistics - UK trade in services

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Table 7 shows the top 10 country by service type exports. In 2018, the largest country by service type export was other business services to the US, at £24.2 billion. This represented 8.5% of total UK exports. This was followed by exports of financial services, also to the US, at £14.6 billion, and exports of other business services to Ireland, at £10.2 billion. These were the three largest exports transactions by a substantial margin, with the next largest country by service export to France of financial services at £6.1 billion.

Table 7: Other business services to the US was the largest country by service type export in 2018  
Top 10 UK service type exports by country in 2018

Rank	Service type	Country	2018 £ billion	% of total UK exports
1	Other business services	United States	24.2	8.5
2	Financial	United States	14.6	5.1
3	Other business services	Ireland	10.2	3.6
4	Financial	France	6.1	2.2
5	Transportation	United States	5.5	1.9
6	Financial	Germany	5.0	1.8
7	Other business services	Netherlands	4.9	1.7
8	Travel	United States	4.8	1.7
9	Insurance and pension	United States	4.8	1.7
10	Financial	Netherlands	4.8	1.7

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# 11 . In 2018 the largest country by service type import was travel services from Spain

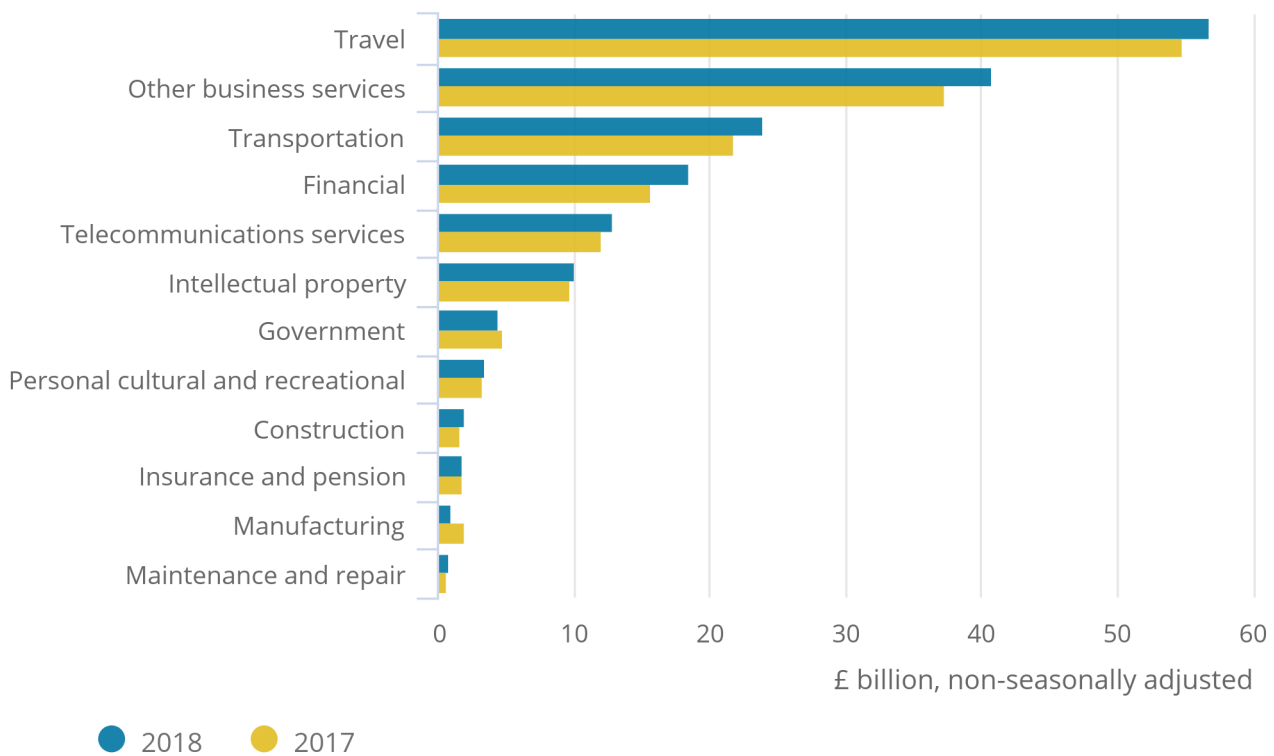
The UK imported £176.3 billion of services in 2018, an increase of £10.6 billion compared with 2017. The largest service type imported in 2018 was travel services at £56.8 billion (Figure 7), which represented 32.2% of total UK imports. This was followed by other business services at £40.8 billion, which represented 23.1% of total UK imports.

**Figure 7: The largest service type imported in 2018 was travel services at £56.8 billion, which represents 32.2% of total UK imports**

Value of UK imports by service type in 2017 and 2018

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Table 8 shows the UK's top 10 import trading partners in 2018. Analysing UK trade in services by country, the US is the UK's top import trading partner, with £30.4 billion imported in 2018. This represented 17.3% of all UK imports. This was followed by Spain, with £15.7 billion imported in 2018.

Table 8: The US is the UK's top import trading partner, with £30.4 billion imported in 2018  
Top 10 UK import trading partners in 2018

<b>2018 £ billion % of total UK imports</b>		
United States	30.4	17.3
Spain	15.7	8.9
France	14.6	8.3
Germany	9.4	5.3
Ireland	7.8	4.4
Netherlands	6.9	3.9
Italy	5.6	3.2
Japan	5.3	3.0
India	4.8	2.7
Jersey	4.6	2.6

Source: Office for National Statistics - UK trade in services

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Table 9 shows the top 10 country by service type imports. In 2018, the largest country by service type import was travel services from Spain, at £11.2 billion. This represented 6.4% of total UK imports. This was followed by imports of other business services from the US at £11.0 billion. These were the two largest import transactions by a substantial margin. The third-largest country by service type import was travel services from the US, at £5.6 billion.

The US appears the most frequently in the top 10 country by service type imports seen in Table 9. As shown before, the US is the UK's largest import partner, with the UK importing a wide range of US services. Whereas, imports from Spain, our second-largest import partner, are mainly comprised of travel services, which make up 71.7% of all the UK's imports from Spain.

Table 9: In 2018, the largest country by service type import was travel services from Spain at £11.2 billion  
Top 10 UK service type imports by country in 2018

Rank	Service type	Country	2018 £ billion	% of total UK imports
1	Travel	Spain	11.2	6.4
2	Other business services	United States	11.0	6.2
3	Travel	United States	5.6	3.2
4	Financial	United States	5.3	3.0
5	Travel	France	5.2	2.9
6	Other business services	France	3.3	1.9
7	Travel	Italy	3.1	1.7
8	Other business services	Ireland	3.1	1.7
9	Intellectual property	United States	2.8	1.6
10	Other business services	Germany	2.7	1.5

Source: Office for National Statistics - UK trade in services

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## 12 . Explore the new trade in services data with our interactive tools

We have produced some interactive tools to help explore the data.

Data are provided in as much detail as possible without disclosing the details of any individual companies, however, this means some figures have been suppressed to protect confidentiality. The interactive will show no data available if the data are zero, suppressed or unavailable at this level of detail. Select a country by hovering over it or using the drop-down menu.

### Figure 8: UK trade in services with the rest of the world, exports and imports, 2018

#### What about trade in a particular service type?

Use our interactive tools to understand UK trade of a particular service type.

Select a service type from the drop-down menu, or click through the levels to explore the data.

### Figure 9: UK exports, 2018

## Figure 10: UK imports, 2018

What questions do you have about the new data? Do you find these tools helpful? Please email [trade@ons.gov.uk](mailto:trade@ons.gov.uk) with your comments.

# 13 . Quality and methodology

Trade in services covers export and import activity across 12 categories:

- manufacturing
- maintenance and repair services
- transportation
- travel
- construction
- insurance and pension
- financial
- intellectual property
- telecommunications services
- other business services
- personal, cultural and recreational
- government

Trade in services statistics are derived from a variety of sources, though the International Trade in Services (ITIS) Survey and the International Passenger Survey (IPS) form the bulk of these data. Most of our data sources are supplied with geographical breakdowns to enable the production of trade in services statistics by country and service type. However, if the data source does not include geographical breakdowns the data are estimated using a closely aligned source.

Detailed methodological notes are published in the [UK Balance of Payments, The Pink Book 2018](#).

The [UK trade methodology webpages](#) have been developed to provide detailed information about the methods used to produce UK trade statistics.

The [UK trade Quality and Methodology Information report](#) contains important information on:

- the strengths and limitations of the data and how it compares with related data
- uses and users of the data
- how the output was created
- the quality of the output including the accuracy of the data