

The results show that a U.S. trade deficit in 1986 of U.S. \$144.4 billion on a residency basis becomes a U.S. \$56.7 billion trade surplus on an ownership basis, while for Japan a trade surplus of U.S. \$31.6 billion (residency-based) in 1983 expands to U.S. \$41.7 billion (ownership-based). This broader measure of a country's balance of payments also provides a measure of a country's real competitiveness.