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July 2010 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 18.8 Percent from July 2009 (State Rankings in Tables 5 and 7)

Trade using surface transportation between the United States and its North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) partners Canada and Mexico was 18.8 percent higher in July 2010 than in July 2009, reaching \$61.3 billion, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (*Table 1*).

BTS, a part of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, reported that the value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico in July 2010 remained 14.5 percent below the July 2008 level despite the 2009-2010 increase (*Table 3*). North American surface freight value fell 12.3 percent in July 2010 from June 2010 (*Table 2*). Month-to-month changes can be affected by seasonal variations and other factors.

Surface transportation consists largely of freight movements by truck, rail and pipeline. In July, 84.6 percent of U.S. trade by value with Canada and Mexico moved on land.

The value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico in July was up 23.3 percent compared to July 2005, and up 45.6 percent compared to July 2000, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*). Imports in July were up 34.5 percent compared to July 2000, while exports were up 60.7 percent.

U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada

U.S.–Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$36.3 billion in July, up 17.1 percent compared to July 2009 (*Table 4*). The value of imports carried by truck was 12.6 percent higher in July 2010 compared to July 2009, while the value of exports carried by truck was 20.8 percent higher during this period.

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in July with \$3.5 billion (*Table 5*).

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U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Mexico

U.S.–Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$24.9 billion in July, up 21.5 percent compared to July 2009 (*Table 6*). The value of imports carried by truck was 22.4 percent higher in July 2010 than July 2009 while the value of exports carried by truck was 22.8 percent higher.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in July with \$9.2 billion

The TransBorder Freight Data are a unique subset of official U.S. foreign trade statistics released by the U.S. Census Bureau. New data are tabulated monthly and historical data are not adjusted for inflation. July TransBorder numbers include data received by BTS as of Sept. 10.

The news release and summary tables can be found at www.bts.gov. More information on TransBorder Freight Data and data from previous months are posted on the BTS website at <http://www.bts.gov/programs/international/transborder/>. BTS will release August TransBorder numbers on Nov. 3.

Table 1. Value of Monthly U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada and Mexico
(millions of dollars)

Month	2008	2009	2010	Percent Change 2008-2009	Percent Change 2009-2010
January	65,160	47,459	56,697	-27.2	19.5
February	69,406	47,938	59,492	-30.9	24.1
March	70,787	51,055	69,943	-27.9	37.0
April	74,317	49,729	65,831	-33.1	32.4
May	74,128	47,881	66,805	-35.4	39.5
June	74,139	50,753	69,859	-31.5	37.6
July	71,628	51,545	61,260	-28.0	18.8
August	72,254	54,254		-24.9	
September	71,801	57,294		-20.2	
October	72,683	61,400		-15.5	
November	60,661	58,922		-2.9	
December	52,910	58,465		10.5	
Year-to-date	499,569	346,360	449,886	-30.7	29.9
Annual	829,875	636,695		-23.3	

Source: BTS TransBorder Freight Data, <http://www.bts.gov/programs/international/transborder/>

Note: Numbers may not add to totals due to rounding. Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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Table 2. U.S. Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico by Mode of Transportation
(millions of dollars)

Mode		July 2009	June 2010	July 2010	Percent Change June-July 2010	Percent Change July 2009 - 2010
All Surface Modes	Imports	27,611	37,857	32,499	-14.2	17.7
	Exports	23,934	32,003	28,761	-10.1	20.2
	Total	51,545	69,859	61,260	-12.3	18.8
Truck	Imports	18,102	24,512	21,345	-12.9	17.9
	Exports	18,829	25,401	22,903	-9.8	21.6
Rail	Imports	4,239	7,290	5,560	-23.7	31.2
	Exports	2,681	3,827	3,283	-14.2	22.4
Pipeline	Imports	4,225	5,121	4,805	-6.2	13.7
	Exports	259	290	229	-21.0	-11.3

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Table 3. July 2010 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Compared with July of Prior Years

Compared to July in...	Percent Change		Total Surface Trade
	Imports	Exports	
2009	17.7	20.2	18.8
2008	-19.2	-8.4	-14.5
2007	-7.5	7.8	-0.9
2006	1.4	20.5	9.5
2005	13.2	37.1	23.3
2004	15.4	44.2	27.4
2003	31.8	60.3	43.8
2002	35.0	65.9	47.9
2001	34.6	72.0	49.9
2000	34.5	60.7	45.6

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Table 4. U.S. Merchandise Trade with Canada by Surface Modes of Transportation
(millions of dollars)

Mode		July 2009	June 2010	July 2010	Percent Change June-July 2010	Percent Change July 2009 - 2010
All	Imports	16,317	21,880	18,599	-15.0	14.0
Surface	Exports	14,703	20,130	17,732	-11.9	20.6
Modes	Total	31,020	42,010	36,331	-13.5	17.1
Truck	Imports	8,252	11,302	9,293	-17.8	12.6
	Exports	11,313	15,709	13,670	-13.0	20.8
Rail	Imports	3,060	4,830	3,988	-17.4	30.3
	Exports	1,471	2,248	1,997	-11.2	35.7
Pipeline	Imports	4,208	5,108	4,788	-6.3	13.8
	Exports	166	223	181	-19.0	9.2

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Table 5. Top 10 States Trading with Canada
by Surface Modes of Transportation
Ranked by July 2010 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	July 2010
1	Michigan	3,544
2	Illinois	3,431
3	California	2,514
4	Ohio	2,417
5	New York	2,168
6	Texas	2,046
7	Pennsylvania	1,585
8	Washington	1,507
9	Indiana	1,273
10	Minnesota	1,128

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Table 6. U.S. Merchandise Trade with Mexico by Surface Modes of Transportation
(millions of dollars)

Mode		July 2009	June 2010	July 2010	Percent Change June-July 2010	Percent Change July 2009 - 2010
All Surface Modes	Imports	11,294	15,977	13,900	-13.0	23.1
	Exports	9,230	11,873	11,029	-7.1	19.5
	Total	20,524	27,850	24,929	-10.5	21.5
Truck	Imports	9,850	13,211	12,052	-8.8	22.4
	Exports	7,516	9,691	9,233	-4.7	22.8
Rail	Imports	1,178	2,460	1,572	-36.1	33.4
	Exports	1,210	1,578	1,287	-18.5	6.3
Pipeline	Imports	18	13	17	33.9	-0.8
	Exports	93	67	48	-27.8	-47.9

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Table 7. Top 10 States Trading with Mexico
by Surface Modes of Transportation
Ranked by July 2010 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	July 2010
1	Texas	9,225
2	California	3,696
3	Michigan	2,166
4	Illinois	902
5	Arizona	756
6	Ohio	680
7	Tennessee	506
8	North Carolina	484
9	Indiana	435
10	Pennsylvania	401

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