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August 2010 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 25.3 Percent from August 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 25.3 percent higher in August 2010 than in August 2009, reaching \$68.0 billion, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (*Table 1*). The value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico in August 2010 remained 5.9 percent below the August 2008 level despite the 2009-2010 increase (*Table 3*).

BTS, a part of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, reported that the value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico rose 10.9 percent in August 2010 from July 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 August, 86.3 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 August was up 12.9 percent compared to August 2005, and up 35.1 percent compared to August 2000, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*). Imports in August were up 29.3 percent compared to August 2000, while exports were up 42.5 percent.

U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada

U.S.–Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$39.9 billion in August, up 21.1 percent compared to August 2009 (*Table 4*). The value of imports carried by truck was 23.2 percent higher in August 2010 compared to August 2009, while the value of exports carried by truck was 19.8 percent higher during this period.

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in August with \$5.4 billion (*Table 5*).

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U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Mexico

U.S.–Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$28.1 billion in August, up 31.7 percent compared to August 2009 (*Table 6*). The value of imports carried by truck was 29.1 percent higher in August 2010 than August 2009 while the value of exports carried by truck was 30.6 percent higher.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in August with \$10.2 billion. This is the first time in the 15-year history of the TransBorder Freight Data that a state has exceeded \$10 billion of surface trade with Mexico.

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. August TransBorder numbers include data received by BTS as of Oct. 14.

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 September TransBorder numbers on Nov. 30.

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	67,964	-24.9	25.3
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	571,819	400,614	517,851	-29.9	29.3
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		August 2009	July 2010	August 2010	Percent Change July-August 2010	Percent Change August 2009 - 2010
All Surface Modes	Imports	28,862	32,499	36,465	12.2	26.3
	Exports	25,392	28,761	31,500	9.5	24.1
	Total	54,254	61,260	67,964	10.9	25.3
Truck	Imports	18,380	21,345	23,227	8.8	26.4
	Exports	20,065	22,903	24,861	8.5	23.9
Rail	Imports	5,350	5,560	7,480	34.5	39.8
	Exports	3,074	3,283	3,844	17.1	25.1
Pipeline	Imports	4,130	4,805	4,662	-3.0	12.9
	Exports	147	229	413	80.0	180.6

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

Compared to August in...	Percent Change		Total Surface Trade
	Imports	Exports	
2009	26.3	24.1	25.3
2008	-10.7	0.2	-5.9
2007	-7.3	5.7	-1.7
2006	-3.4	10.1	2.4
2005	5.7	22.7	12.9
2004	16.7	41.0	26.9
2003	40.5	65.2	51.0
2002	36.3	57.6	45.4
2001	36.4	54.3	44.2
2000	29.3	42.5	35.1

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

Mode		August 2009	July 2010	August 2010	Percent Change July-August 2010	Percent Change August 2009 - 2010
All	Imports	16,955	18,599	20,725	11.4	22.2
Surface	Exports	15,971	17,732	19,155	8.0	19.9
Modes	Total	32,925	36,331	39,880	9.8	21.1
Truck	Imports	8,511	9,293	10,488	12.9	23.2
	Exports	12,423	13,670	14,882	8.9	19.8
Rail	Imports	3,589	3,988	4,856	21.8	35.3
	Exports	1,783	1,997	2,162	8.3	21.2
Pipeline	Imports	4,115	4,788	4,646	-3.0	12.9
	Exports	100	181	227	25.2	126.9

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

Rank	State	August 2010
1	Michigan	5,358
2	Illinois	3,700
3	California	2,971
4	Ohio	2,304
5	Texas	2,266
6	New York	2,201
7	Pennsylvania	1,655
8	Washington	1,467
9	Indiana	1,355
10	Minnesota	1,197

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

Mode		August 2009	July 2010	August 2010	Percent Change July-August 2010	Percent Change August 2009 - 2010
All	Imports	11,907	13,900	15,740	13.2	32.2
Surface	Exports	9,421	11,029	12,345	11.9	31.0
Modes	Total	21,328	24,929	28,085	12.7	31.7
Truck	Imports	9,869	12,052	12,740	5.7	29.1
	Exports	7,641	9,233	9,979	8.1	30.6
Rail	Imports	1,761	1,572	2,624	67.0	49.0
	Exports	1,291	1,287	1,682	30.8	30.3
Pipeline	Imports	15	17	16	-7.9	9.2
	Exports	47	48	186	285.3	294.0

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

Rank	State	August 2010
1	Texas	10,177
2	California	4,002
3	Michigan	3,322
4	Illinois	969
5	Ohio	736
6	Arizona	703
7	Tennessee	572
8	Indiana	485
9	North Carolina	448
10	Wisconsin	434

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