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### **October 2010 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 14.9 Percent from October 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 14.9 percent higher in October 2010 than in October 2009, reaching \$70.6 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 October 2010 remained 2.9 percent below the October 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 3.3 percent in October 2010 from September 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 October, 86.1 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 October was up 10.3 percent compared to October 2005, and up 36.4 percent compared to October 2000, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*). Imports in October were up 28.0 percent compared to October 2000, while exports were up 47.5 percent.

#### **U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada**

U.S.–Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$40.7 billion in October, up 12.2 percent compared to October 2009 (*Table 4*). The value of imports carried by truck was 11.6 percent higher in October 2010 compared to October 2009, while the value of exports carried by truck was 13.7 percent higher during this period.

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in October with \$5.3 billion (*Table 5*).

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### U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Mexico

U.S.–Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$29.9 billion in October, up 18.8 percent compared to October 2009 (*Table 6*). The value of imports carried by truck was 17.2 percent higher in October 2010 than October 2009 while the value of exports carried by truck was 13.8 percent higher.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in October with \$10.9 billion. October was the third straight month in which Texas trade with Mexico by surface modes exceeded \$10 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. October TransBorder numbers include data received by BTS as of Dec. 10. The news release and summary tables can be found at [www.bts.gov](http://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 November TransBorder numbers on Feb. 1.

**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	68,324	-20.2	19.3
<b>October</b>	<b>72,683</b>	<b>61,400</b>	<b>70,565</b>	<b>-15.5</b>	<b>14.9</b>
November	60,661	58,922		-2.9	
December	52,910	58,465		10.5	
<b>Year-to-date</b>	<b>716,304</b>	<b>519,308</b>	<b>656,740</b>	<b>-27.5</b>	<b>26.5</b>
<b>Annual</b>	<b>829,875</b>	<b>636,695</b>		<b>-23.3</b>	

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		October 2009	September 2010	October 2010	Percent Change September - October 2010	Percent Change October 2009 - 2010
All Surface Modes	Imports	33,104	36,573	37,490	2.5	13.2
	Exports	28,296	31,752	33,074	4.2	16.9
	Total	61,400	68,324	70,565	3.3	14.9
Truck	Imports	21,464	23,484	24,603	4.8	14.6
	Exports	22,511	24,981	25,607	2.5	13.8
Rail	Imports	6,292	7,466	7,615	2.0	21.0
	Exports	3,382	3,858	4,149	7.5	22.7
Pipeline	Imports	4,218	4,489	4,104	-8.6	-2.7
	Exports	237	281	861	206.1	263.5

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

Compared to October in...	Percent Change		Total Surface Trade
	Imports	Exports	
<b>2009</b>	13.2	16.9	14.9
<b>2008</b>	-6.1	0.9	-2.9
<b>2007</b>	-10.7	2.5	-5.0
<b>2006</b>	-1.2	14.4	5.6
<b>2005</b>	0.8	23.5	10.3
<b>2004</b>	15.1	36.1	24.1
<b>2003</b>	25.6	47.0	34.8
<b>2002</b>	33.0	54.1	42.2
<b>2001</b>	39.9	58.6	48.1
<b>2000</b>	28.0	47.5	36.4

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

Mode		October 2009	September 2010	October 2010	Percent Change September - October 2010	Percent Change October 2009 - 2010
All	Imports	19,009	20,604	20,796	0.9	9.4
Surface	Exports	17,250	19,616	19,894	1.4	15.3
Modes	Total	36,260	40,220	40,690	1.2	12.2
Truck	Imports	9,865	10,550	11,014	4.4	11.6
	Exports	13,669	15,293	15,543	1.6	13.7
Rail	Imports	4,143	4,757	4,884	2.7	17.9
	Exports	1,739	2,136	2,219	3.9	27.6
Pipeline	Imports	4,201	4,474	4,085	-8.7	-2.8
	Exports	138	130	208	59.8	50.3

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

Rank	State	October 2010
1	Michigan	5,267
2	Illinois	3,356
3	California	2,912
4	Ohio	2,479
5	New York	2,384
6	Texas	2,362
7	Pennsylvania	1,606
8	Washington	1,502
9	Indiana	1,406
10	Minnesota	1,279

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

Mode		October 2009	September 2010	October 2010	Percent Change September - October 2010	Percent Change October 2009 - 2010
All Surface Modes	Imports	14,095	15,969	16,695	4.5	18.4
	Exports	11,045	12,136	13,180	8.6	19.3
	Total	25,140	28,105	29,875	6.3	18.8
Truck	Imports	11,599	12,934	13,589	5.1	17.2
	Exports	8,842	9,688	10,064	3.9	13.8
Rail	Imports	2,149	2,709	2,731	0.8	27.1
	Exports	1,643	1,721	1,929	12.1	17.4
Pipeline	Imports	18	15	19	23.6	6.2
	Exports	99	151	653	331.9	562.3

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**Table 7. Top 10 States Trading with Mexico by Surface Modes of Transportation**

Ranked by October 2010 Surface Trade Value  
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	October 2010
1	Texas	10,910
2	California	4,465
3	Michigan	3,430
4	Illinois	997
5	Ohio	805
6	Arizona	783
7	Tennessee	567
8	Indiana	516
9	Wisconsin	444
10	North Carolina	435

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