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### **November 2009 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Fell 2.9 Percent from November 2008 (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 2.9 percent lower in November 2009 than in November 2008, dropping to \$58.9 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 fell 4.0 percent in November 2009 from October 2009 (*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. About 88 percent of U.S. trade by value with Canada and Mexico moves on land.

The value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico in November was up 5.0 percent compared to November 2004, and up 28.5 percent compared to November 1999, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*). Imports in November were up 25.1 percent compared to November 1999, while exports were up 32.7 percent.

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

U.S.–Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$35.0 billion in November, down 7.2 percent compared to November 2008 (*Table 4*). The value of imports carried by truck was 6.1 percent lower in November 2009 compared to November 2008, while the value of exports carried by truck was 1.8 percent lower during this period.

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in November with \$4.3 billion (*Table 5*).

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

U.S.–Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$23.9 billion in November, up 4.4 percent compared to November 2008 (*Table 6*). The value of imports carried by truck was 11.5 percent higher in November 2009 than November 2008 while the value of exports carried by truck was 1.7 percent higher.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in November with \$8.2 billion (*Table 7*).

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. November TransBorder numbers include data received by BTS as of Jan. 14.

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/transborder/>. BTS will release December TransBorder numbers on March 2.

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

Month	2007	2008	2009	Percent Change 2007-2008	Percent Change 2008-2009
January	60,649	65,160	47,459	7.4	-27.2
February	59,667	69,406	47,938	16.3	-30.9
March	69,768	70,787	51,055	1.5	-27.9
April	65,015	74,317	49,729	14.3	-33.1
May	69,423	74,128	47,881	6.8	-35.4
June	69,526	74,139	50,753	6.6	-31.5
July	61,823	71,628	51,545	15.9	-28.0
August	69,158	72,254	54,254	4.5	-24.9
September	66,771	71,801	57,294	7.5	-20.2
<b>October</b>	74,249	72,683	61,400	-2.1	-15.5
November	<b>70,352</b>	<b>60,661</b>	<b>58,922</b>	<b>-13.8</b>	<b>-2.9</b>
December	60,902	52,910		-13.1	
<b>Year-to-date</b>	<b>736,401</b>	<b>776,965</b>	<b>578,231</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>-25.6</b>
<b>Annual</b>	<b>797,303</b>	<b>829,875</b>		<b>4.1</b>	

Source: BTS TransBorder Freight Data, <http://www.bts.gov/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		November 2008	October 2009	November 2009	Percent Change October 2009 - November 2009	Percent Change November 2008 -2009
All Surface Modes	Imports	32,808	33,104	31,693	-4.3	-3.4
	Exports	27,853	28,296	27,229	-3.8	-2.2
	Total	60,661	61,400	58,922	-4.0	-2.9
Truck	Imports	19,714	21,464	20,236	-5.7	2.6
	Exports	21,328	22,511	21,225	-5.7	-0.5
Rail	Imports	6,673	6,292	6,126	-2.6	-9.4
	Exports	3,949	3,382	3,480	2.9	-11.9
Pipeline	Imports	5,140	4,218	4,187	-0.8	-18.5
	Exports	343	237	281	18.4	-18.3

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

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**Table 3. November 2009 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Compared with November of Prior Years**

Compared to November in...	Percent Change		Total Surface Trade
	Imports	Exports	
2008	-3.4	-2.2	-2.9
2007	-20.1	-11.3	-16.2
2006	-13.9	-2.8	-9.1
2005	-12.9	2.7	-6.3
2004	-1.0	12.8	5.0
2003	15.9	28.9	21.6
2002	20.9	35.4	27.2
2001	26.2	41.0	32.7
2000	12.5	26.0	18.3
1999	25.1	32.7	28.5

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

Mode		November 2008	October 2009	November 2009	Percent Change October 2009 - November 2009	Percent Change November 2008 -2009
All	Imports	20,433	19,009	18,168	-4.4	-11.1
Surface	Exports	17,349	17,250	16,880	-2.1	-2.7
Modes	Total	37,782	36,260	35,048	-3.3	-7.2
Truck	Imports	9,907	9,865	9,299	-5.7	-6.1
	Exports	13,267	13,669	13,026	-4.7	-1.8
Rail	Imports	4,546	4,143	3,923	-5.3	-13.7
	Exports	2,143	1,739	1,899	9.2	-11.4
Pipeline	Imports	5,132	4,201	4,172	-0.7	-18.7
	Exports	255	138	208	50.1	-18.7

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**Table 5. Top 10 States Trading with Canada**  
**by Surface Modes of Transportation**  
Ranked by November 2009 Surface Trade Value  
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	November 2009
1	Michigan	4,331
2	Illinois	3,087
3	California	2,571
4	Ohio	2,255
5	New York	2,154
6	Texas	1,788
7	Washington	1,531
8	Indiana	1,285
9	Pennsylvania	1,278
10	Tennessee	975

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

Mode		November 2008	October 2009	November 2009	Percent Change October 2009 - November 2009	Percent Change November 2008 -2009
All	Imports	12,375	14,095	13,525	-4.0	9.3
Surface	Exports	10,504	11,045	10,349	-6.3	-1.5
Modes	Total	22,879	25,140	23,875	-5.0	4.4
Truck	Imports	9,807	11,599	10,937	-5.7	11.5
	Exports	8,061	8,842	8,199	-7.3	1.7
Rail	Imports	2,217	2,149	2,203	2.5	-0.6
	Exports	1,805	1,643	1,580	-3.8	-12.5
Pipeline	Imports	8	18	15	-17.9	92.8
	Exports	88	99	73	-26.0	-17.1

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**Table 7. Top 10 States Trading with Mexico by Surface Modes of Transportation**  
Ranked by November 2009 Surface Trade Value  
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	November 2009
1	Texas	8,232
2	California	3,932
3	Michigan	2,651
4	Arizona	766
5	Illinois	700
6	Ohio	605
7	Tennessee	521
8	Indiana	507
9	North Carolina	392
10	New Jersey	345

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