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May 2010 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 39.5 Percent from May 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 39.5 percent higher in May 2010 than in May 2009, reaching \$66.8 billion, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (*Table 1*). The 39.5 percent increase was the largest percentage year over year increase in total U.S.-NAFTA trade by surface modes on record back to April 1994. May was the third month in the last four with a record percentage year-over-year increase.

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 May 2010 remained 9.9 percent below the May 2008 level despite the 2009-2010 increase (*Table 3*). North American surface freight value rose 1.5 percent in May 2010 from April 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 May, 86.2 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 May was up 15.4 percent compared to May 2005, and up 36.2 percent compared to May 2000, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*). Imports in May were up 31.8 percent compared to May 2000, while exports were up 41.8 percent.

U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada

U.S.-Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$40.2 billion in May, up 37.5 percent compared to May 2009 (*Table 4*). The value of imports carried by truck was 32.0 percent higher in May 2010 compared to May 2009, while the value of exports carried by truck was 34.5 percent higher during this period.

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in May with \$5.5 billion (*Table 5*).

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U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Mexico

U.S.–Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$26.6 billion in May, up 42.7 percent compared to May 2009 (*Table 6*). The value of imports carried by truck was 36.1 percent higher in May 2010 than May 2009 while the value of exports carried by truck was 43.2 percent higher.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in May with \$9.4 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. May TransBorder numbers include data received by BTS as of July 12.

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 June TransBorder numbers on Aug. 31.

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		-31.5	
July	71,628	51,545		-28.0	
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	353,798	244,063	318,767	-31.0	30.6
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		May 2009	April 2010	May 2010	Percent Change April-May 2010	Percent Change May 2009 - 2010
All Surface Modes	Imports	25,595	35,785	36,160	1.0	41.3
	Exports	22,286	30,045	30,646	2.0	37.5
	Total	47,881	65,831	66,805	1.5	39.5
Truck	Imports	17,233	22,776	23,121	1.5	34.2
	Exports	17,447	23,404	24,021	2.6	37.7
Rail	Imports	4,448	7,222	7,430	2.9	67.1
	Exports	2,750	4,020	4,045	0.6	47.1
Pipeline	Imports	2,904	4,922	4,959	0.8	70.8
	Exports	304	380	308	-19.0	1.3

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

Compared to May in...	Percent Change		Total Surface Trade
	Imports	Exports	
2009	41.3	37.5	39.5
2008	-12.6	-6.4	-9.9
2007	-7.1	0.5	-3.8
2006	-2.9	6.6	1.2
2005	11.3	20.8	15.4
2004	19.7	33.5	25.7
2003	30.4	45.4	36.9
2002	31.2	46.2	37.7
2001	27.4	44.5	34.7
2000	31.8	41.8	36.2

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

Mode		May 2009	April 2010	May 2010	Percent Change April-May 2010	Percent Change May 2009 - 2010
All	Imports	14,799	20,908	20,936	0.1	41.5
Surface	Exports	14,435	19,018	19,269	1.3	33.5
Modes	Total	29,234	39,926	40,204	0.7	37.5
Truck	Imports	8,022	10,497	10,586	0.8	32.0
	Exports	11,091	14,654	14,918	1.8	34.5
Rail	Imports	3,098	4,892	5,025	2.7	62.2
	Exports	1,661	2,319	2,333	0.6	40.5
Pipeline	Imports	2,892	4,906	4,946	0.8	71.0
	Exports	259	293	248	-15.3	-4.0

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

Rank	State	May 2010
1	Michigan	5,465
2	Illinois	3,550
3	California	2,773
4	Ohio	2,696
5	New York	2,283
6	Texas	2,228
7	Pennsylvania	1,622
8	Indiana	1,424
9	Washington	1,421
10	Minnesota	1,212

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

Mode		May 2009	April 2010	May 2010	Percent Change April-May 2010	Percent Change May 2009 - 2010
All	Imports	10,796	14,878	15,224	2.3	41.0
Surface	Exports	7,851	11,027	11,377	3.2	44.9
Modes	Total	18,647	25,905	26,601	2.7	42.7
Truck	Imports	9,211	12,279	12,535	2.1	36.1
	Exports	6,356	8,750	9,103	4.0	43.2
Rail	Imports	1,350	2,330	2,405	3.2	78.2
	Exports	1,098	1,700	1,711	0.7	57.2
Pipeline	Imports	12	16	13	-19.3	10.1
	Exports	45	87	59	-31.6	31.2

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

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

Rank	State	May 2010
1	Texas	9,391
2	California	4,001
3	Michigan	2,879
4	Arizona	989
5	Illinois	887
6	Ohio	708
7	Tennessee	509
8	Indiana	446
9	North Carolina	409
10	Pennsylvania	393

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