



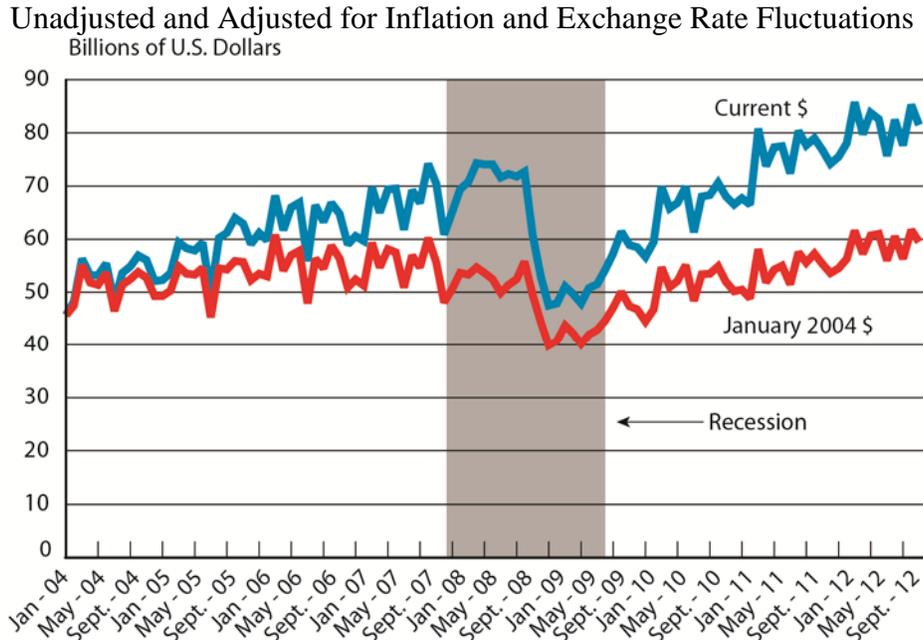
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November 2012 U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada and Mexico Totaled \$81.5 Billion

Figure 1: North American Surface Transportation Trade: January 2004 - November 2012



SOURCE: BTS TransBorder Freight Data, <http://transborder.bts.gov/programs/international/transborder/>
 U.S. export data adjusted based on Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), [U.S. Exports by End Use Category for All Commodities](#). U.S. imports adjusted based on BLS [U.S. Import Price Indexes for Canada and Mexico](#).
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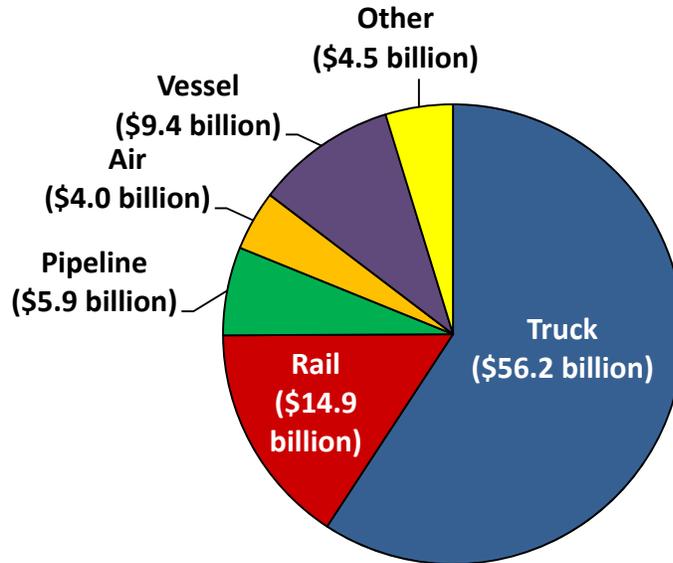
Trade using surface transportation between the United States and its North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) partners, Canada and Mexico, rose 6.2 percent in November 2012 compared to November 2011, totaling \$81.5 billion, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (*Figure 1 and Table 1a*). Adjusted for inflation and exchange rates and presented in January 2004 dollars, the November 2012 total was \$59.5 billion, up 7.6 percent from November 2011 (*Figure 1 and Table 1b*).

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BTS, a part of the Department's Research and Innovative Technology Administration, reported that in November 2012, \$56.2 billion of U.S. trade with Canada and Mexico moved by truck, \$14.9 billion moved by rail, and \$5.9 billion moved by pipeline (*Figure 2*). Surface transportation includes freight movements by truck, rail, pipeline, mail, [other modes](#) of transport, and goods moving into Foreign Trade Zones. Surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico accounted for 21 percent of total U.S. foreign trade in November 2012.

Figure 2: North American Freight by Mode, November 2012 (current dollars)



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

U.S.-Canada surface trade was \$46.7 billion in current dollars in November 2012, while U.S.-Mexico surface trade was \$34.8 billion. For trade statistics by mode, see Table 3 for Canada and Table 5 for Mexico.

In November, Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada, at \$6.6 billion in current dollars (*Table 4*). The top commodity category transported between the U.S. and Canada by surface modes of transportation in November was vehicles and parts, valued at \$9.6 billion in current dollars (*Table 7*).

Texas continued to lead all states in surface trade with Mexico at \$12.4 billion in current dollars (*Table 6*). The top commodity category transported between the U.S. and Mexico by surface modes of transportation in November was electrical machinery with \$7.9 billion in trade in current dollars (*Table 8*).

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For more information, see [Transborder Press Releases](#) for previous press releases and summary tables. See [TransBorder Freight Data](#) for data from previous months, and individual state data. BTS has scheduled the release of December 2012 TransBorder numbers for Feb 28.

Technical Note: The BLS indexes used in the adjustments for inflation and exchange rates may be revised in each of the three months after original publication. For example, index values released in January 2012 were subject to revision in February, March and April of that year.

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

Month	2010	2011	2012	Percent Change 2010-2011	Percent Change 2011-2012
January	56,697	67,734	75,534	19.5	11.5
February	59,492	66,534	78,135	11.8	17.4
March	69,943	80,822	85,827	15.6	6.2
April	65,831	73,767	79,784	12.1	8.2
May	66,805	77,318	83,770	15.7	8.3
June	69,859	77,521	82,601	11.0	6.6
July	61,260	72,363	75,694	18.1	4.6
August	67,964	80,406	82,480	18.3	2.6
September	68,324	77,725	77,680	13.8	-0.1
October	70,565	79,040	85,290	12.0	7.9
November	68,060	76,672	81,453	12.7	6.2
December	66,530	74,230		11.6	
Year-to-date	724,800	829,902	888,249	14.5	7.0
Annual	791,329	904,133		14.3	

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Table 1b. Adjusted Value of Monthly U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada and Mexico

(millions of January 2004 dollars adjusted for inflation and exchange rates)

Month	2010	2011	2012	Percent Change 2010-2011	Percent Change 2011-2012
January	44,505	50,454	54,454	13.4	7.9
February	46,812	48,897	56,321	4.5	15.2
March	54,714	58,088	61,613	6.2	6.1
April	51,028	51,912	57,349	1.7	10.5
May	52,061	54,296	60,657	4.3	11.7
June	55,063	54,980	60,991	-0.2	10.9
July	48,406	51,494	56,046	6.4	8.8
August	53,391	57,496	60,499	7.7	5.2
September	53,548	55,555	56,310	3.7	1.4
October	54,856	57,344	61,714	4.5	7.6
November	52,020	55,302	59,478	6.3	7.6
December	50,154	53,593		6.9	
Year-to-date	566,404	595,816	645,431	5.2	8.3
Annual	616,558	649,410		5.3	

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

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Table 2. November 2012 U.S. Trade with Canada and Mexico by Mode
(millions of current dollars)

Mode	Imports	Exports	Total
All Surface Modes	43,616	37,837	81,453
Truck	27,235	28,945	56,180
Rail	9,621	5,236	14,858
Pipeline	5,160	772	5,933

SOURCE: SOURCE: BTS TransBorder Freight Data,

<http://transborder.bts.gov/programs/international/transborder/>

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**Table 3. November 2012 U.S. Trade with Canada by Mode
(millions of current dollars)**

Mode	Imports	Exports	Total
All Surface Modes	24,364	22,306	46,670
Truck	11,738	17,063	28,801
Rail	6,242	2,569	8,812
Pipeline	5,141	552	5,693

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**Table 4. Top 10 States Trading with Canada by All Surface Modes of Transportation
Ranked by November 2012 Surface Trade Value in Millions of Current Dollars**

State	November 2012	
	Value	Rank
Michigan	6,637	1
Illinois	4,215	2
California	3,394	3
Ohio	2,918	4
Texas	2,598	5
New York	2,428	6
Pennsylvania	1,666	7
Indiana	1,612	8
Washington	1,580	9
Minnesota	1,489	10

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**Table 5. November 2012 U.S. Trade with Mexico by Mode
(millions of current dollars)**

Mode	Imports	Exports	Total
All Surface Modes	19,252	15,531	34,783
Truck	15,496	11,882	27,379
Rail	3,379	2,667	6,046
Pipeline	19	220	240

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**Table 6. Top 10 States Trading with Mexico by All Surface Modes of Transportation
Ranked by November 2012 Surface Trade Value in Millions of Current Dollars**

State	November 2012	
	Value	Rank
Texas	12,412	1
California	5,095	2
Michigan	4,455	3
Illinois	1,101	4
Arizona	1,015	5
Ohio	930	6
Tennessee	742	7
Indiana	584	8
North Carolina	548	9
Georgia	485	10

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Table 7. Top Five Commodities Transported between the U.S. and Canada by All Surface Modes of Transportation, November 2012
(millions of current dollars)

Commodities	Exports	Imports	Total
Vehicles Other than Railway	4,121	5,501	9,623
Oil and Gas	1,030	6,452	7,482
Computer-Related Machinery and Parts	3,570	1,516	5,086
Electrical Machinery; Equipment and Parts	2,089	490	2,579
Plastics	1,023	795	1,818

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Table 8. Top Five Commodities Transported between the U.S. and Mexico by All Surface Modes of Transportation, November 2012
(millions of current dollars)

Commodities	Exports	Imports	Total
Electrical Machinery; Equipment and Parts	2,749	5,168	7,917
Vehicles Other than Railway	1,965	4,589	6,554
Computer-Related Machinery and Parts	2,881	3,149	6,030
Plastics	1,161	291	1,452
Measuring and Testing Instruments	454	842	1,296

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