



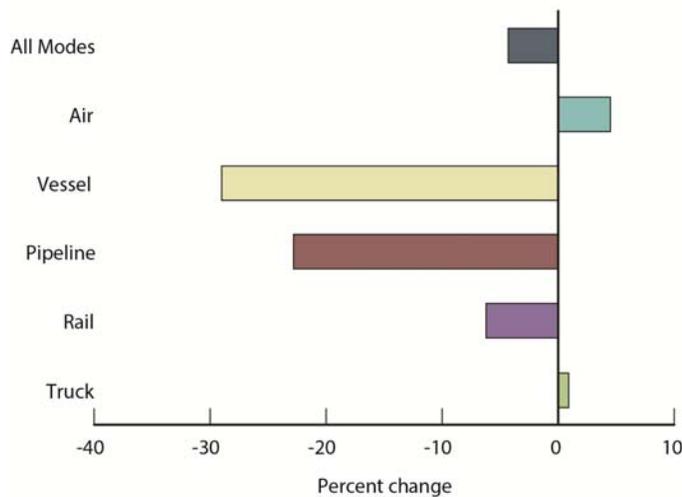
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February 2015 North American Freight Numbers

Figure 1. Percent Change in Value of U.S.-NAFTA Freight Flows by Mode:
February 2014 - 2015



SOURCE: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, [TransBorder Freight Data](#)

U.S.-NAFTA freight totaled \$85.7 billion in February 2015 as two out of five transportation modes – air and truck – carried more U.S.-NAFTA freight than in February 2014, according to the TransBorder Freight Data released today by the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) (Figure 1, Table 1). The \$85.7 billion total is the lowest February value for U.S.-NAFTA freight since 2011. Year-over-year, the value of U.S.-NAFTA freight flows by all modes decreased by 4.3 percent. The value of NAFTA trade by pipeline and vessel declined in February due to the reduced unit price of mineral fuel shipments.

Freight by Mode

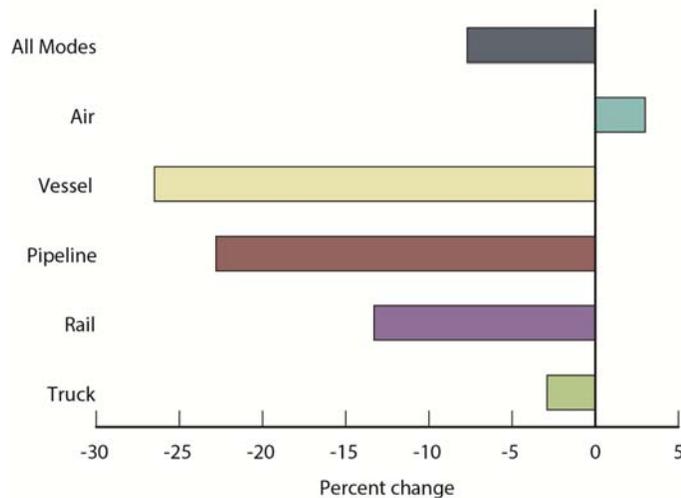
In February 2015 compared to February 2014, the value of commodities moving by air grew by the largest percentage of any mode, 4.5 percent. Truck freight increased by 0.9 percent (Figure 1, Table 2). Rail freight decreased by 6.2 percent. Pipeline freight decreased by 22.8 percent and vessel freight decreased by 29.0 mainly due to the lower unit price of mineral fuel shipments.

Trucks carried 63.1 percent of U.S.-NAFTA freight and are the most heavily utilized mode for moving goods to and from both U.S.-NAFTA partners. Trucks accounted for \$26.9 billion of the \$45.7 billion of imports (58.9 percent) and \$27.2 billion of the \$40.0 billion of exports (67.9 percent) (Table 2).

Rail remained the second largest mode, moving 14.4 percent of all U.S.-NAFTA freight, followed by vessel, 7.1 percent; pipeline, 6.1 percent; and air, 3.8 percent. The surface transportation modes of truck, rail and pipeline carried 83.7 percent of the total U.S.-NAFTA freight flows (Table 2).

U.S.-Canada Freight

Figure 2. Percent Change in Value of U.S.-Canada Freight Flows by Mode: February 2014 - 2015



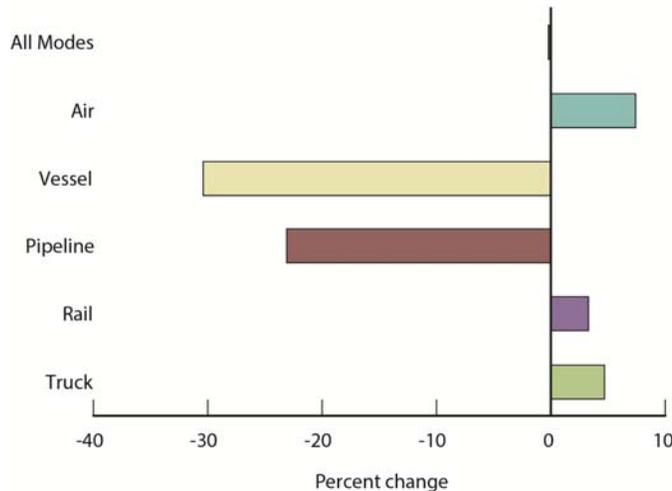
SOURCE: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, [TransBorder Freight Data](#)

U.S.-Canada freight totaled \$45.1 billion in February 2015 as only one out of five transportation modes –air– carried more U.S.-Canada freight than in February 2014. Year-over-year, the value of U.S.-Canada trade by air increased by 3.0 percent. Truck freight decreased by 2.9 percent and rail decreased by 13.3 percent. Pipeline freight decreased by 22.8 percent and vessel decreased by 26.5 percent, mainly due to lower mineral fuel prices (Figure 2, Table 3).

Trucks carried 57.2 percent of the \$45.1 billion of freight to and from Canada, followed by rail, 14.6 percent; pipeline, 11.0 percent; vessel, 4.9 percent and air, 4.7 percent. The surface transportation modes of truck, rail and pipeline carried 82.9 percent of the total U.S.-Canada freight flows (Table 3).

U.S.-Mexico Freight

Figure 3. Percent Change in Value of U.S.-Mexico Freight Flows by Mode: February 2014 - 2015



SOURCE: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, [TransBorder Freight Data](#)

U.S.-Mexico freight totaled \$40.6 billion in February 2015 as three out of five transportation modes –air, truck, and rail– carried more U.S.-Mexico freight than in February 2014. Year-over-year, the value of U.S.-Mexico air freight rose 7.4 percent, the largest percentage increase of any mode. Freight carried by truck increased by 4.7 percent and rail freight increased by 3.3 percent. Pipeline freight decreased by 23.1 percent and vessel freight decreased by 30.4 percent, mainly due to lower mineral fuel prices (Figure 3, Table 5).

Trucks carried 69.6 percent of the \$40.6 billion of freight to and from Mexico, followed by rail, 14.2 percent; vessel, 9.5 percent; air, 2.9 percent; and pipeline, 0.7 percent. The surface transportation modes of truck, rail and pipeline carried 84.5 percent of the total U.S.-Mexico freight flows (Table 5).

Commodities

In February 2015, the top commodity category transported between the U.S. and Canada was mineral fuels, of which \$4.9 billion, or 58.2 percent, moved by pipeline (Table 4). The top commodity category transported between the U.S. and Mexico in February 2015 was vehicles, of which \$3.6 billion, or 49.3 percent, moved by truck (Table 6).

Reporting Notes

Press releases and the BTS website define surface transportation modes as truck, rail and pipeline. See [North American TransBorder Freight Data](#) on the BTS website for additional data for surface modes since 1995 and all modes since 2004. The category of all modes of transportation cited in the following tables includes freight movements by truck, rail, vessel, pipeline, air, other and unknown modes of transport.

Data in this press release are not adjusted for inflation. Additional summary data adjusted for inflation and exchange rates can be found on the BTS website under [TransBorder Indexed Freight Flow Data](#). 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 more information, see [TransBorder Press Releases](#) for previous press releases and summary tables. See [TransBorder Freight Data](#) for data from previous months, and more state, port, or commodity data. BTS has scheduled the release of March TransBorder numbers for May 28.

Table 1. Value of Monthly U.S.-NAFTA Freight Flows

(millions of current dollars)

Month	2013	2014	2015	Percent Change 2013-2014	Percent Change 2014-2015
January	90,766	90,326	89,258	-0.5	-1.2
February	88,894	89,557	85,723	0.7	-4.3
March	95,757	101,478		6.0	
April	98,956	100,141		1.2	
May	98,742	103,942		5.3	
June	93,502	102,978		10.1	
July	93,080	101,075		8.6	
August	96,426	100,624		4.4	
September	94,465	102,245		8.2	
October	103,140	108,243		4.9	
November	96,136	96,252		0.1	
December	90,906	95,811		5.4	
Year-to-date	179,659	179,883	174,982	0.1	-2.7
Annual	1,140,770	1,192,671		4.5	

SOURCE: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, [TransBorder Freight Data](#)

NOTE: Numbers might not add to totals due to rounding. Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

Table 2. Value of Monthly U.S.-NAFTA Freight Flows by Mode of Transportation
(millions of current dollars)

Mode		February 2014	February 2015	Percent Change February 2014-2015
All Modes	Imports	47,721	45,734	-4.2
	Exports	41,835	39,990	-4.4
	Total	89,557	85,723	-4.3
All Surface Modes	Imports	40,094	39,268	-2.1
	Exports	33,503	32,456	-3.1
	Total	73,596	71,724	-2.5
Truck	Imports	25,797	26,933	4.4
	Exports	27,793	27,162	-2.3
	Total	53,590	54,094	0.9
Rail	Imports	8,540	7,966	-6.7
	Exports	4,646	4,396	-5.4
	Total	13,186	12,362	-6.2
Pipeline	Imports	5,756	4,369	-24.1
	Exports	1,064	898	-15.6
	Total	6,820	5,267	-22.8
Vessel	Imports	4,851	3,370	-30.5
	Exports	3,720	2,716	-27.0
	Total	8,571	6,086	-29.0
Air	Imports	1,284	1,397	8.7
	Exports	1,842	1,870	1.5
	Total	3,127	3,267	4.5

SOURCE: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, [TransBorder Freight Data](#)

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Table 3. Value of Monthly U.S.-Canada Freight Flows by Mode of Transportation
(millions of current dollars)

Mode		February 2014	February 2015	Percent Change February 2014-2015
All Modes	Imports	25,401	23,258	-8.4
	Exports	23,487	21,863	-6.9
	Total	48,888	45,120	-7.7
All Surface Modes	Imports	21,846	19,851	-9.1
	Exports	18,802	17,553	-6.6
	Total	40,648	37,404	-8.0
Truck	Imports	10,954	11,034	0.7
	Exports	15,646	14,796	-5.4
	Total	26,600	25,830	-2.9
Rail	Imports	5,152	4,454	-13.6
	Exports	2,453	2,144	-12.6
	Total	7,605	6,597	-13.3
Pipeline	Imports	5,740	4,363	-24.0
	Exports	702	613	-12.7
	Total	6,442	4,976	-22.8
Vessel	Imports	1,671	1,338	-19.9
	Exports	1,347	882	-34.6
	Total	3,018	2,219	-26.5
Air	Imports	810	876	8.2
	Exports	1,238	1,233	-0.4
	Total	2,048	2,109	3.0

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Table 4. Top Commodity Transported between the U.S. and Canada for Each Mode of Transportation, February 2015

(millions of current dollars)

Mode	Commodities	Exports	Imports	Total
All Modes	Mineral Fuels; Oils and Waxes	1,743	6,753	8,496
Truck	Vehicles Other than Railway	2,542	2,010	4,551
Rail	Vehicles Other than Railway	786	1,596	2,381
Pipeline	Mineral Fuels; Oils and Waxes	597	4,344	4,941
Vessel	Mineral Fuels; Oils and Waxes	819	1,149	1,968
Air	Aircraft; Spacecraft and Parts	213	198	411

SOURCE: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, [TransBorder Freight Data](#)

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Table 5. Value of Monthly U.S.-Mexico Freight Flows by Mode of Transportation
(millions of current dollars)

Mode		February 2014	February 2015	Percent Change February 2014-2015
All Modes	Imports	22,321	22,476	0.7
	Exports	18,348	18,127	-1.2
	Total	40,669	40,603	-0.2
All Surface Modes	Imports	18,247	19,417	6.4
	Exports	14,701	14,903	1.4
	Total	32,948	34,320	4.2
Truck	Imports	14,843	15,899	7.1
	Exports	12,147	12,365	1.8
	Total	26,989	28,264	4.7
Rail	Imports	3,388	3,512	3.7
	Exports	2,193	2,252	2.7
	Total	5,581	5,765	3.3
Pipeline	Imports	16	6	-63.5
	Exports	362	285	-21.3
	Total	378	291	-23.1
Vessel	Imports	3,180	2,032	-36.1
	Exports	2,373	1,834	-22.7
	Total	5,553	3,866	-30.4
Air	Imports	474	520	9.7
	Exports	604	637	5.5
	Total	1,078	1,158	7.4

SOURCE: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, [TransBorder Freight Data](#)

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Table 6. Top Commodity Transported between the U.S. and Mexico for Each Mode of Transportation, February 2015

(millions of current dollars)

Mode	Commodities	Exports	Imports	Total
All Modes	Vehicles Other than Railway	1,692	5,611	7,303
Truck	Electrical Machinery; Equipment and Parts	2,625	3,960	6,585
Rail	Vehicles Other than Railway	545	2,624	3,169
Pipeline	Mineral Fuels; Oils and Waxes	285	6	291
Vessel	Mineral Fuels; Oils and Waxes	993	1,247	2,240
Air	Electrical Machinery; Equipment and Parts	215	131	347

SOURCE: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, [TransBorder Freight Data](#)

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