



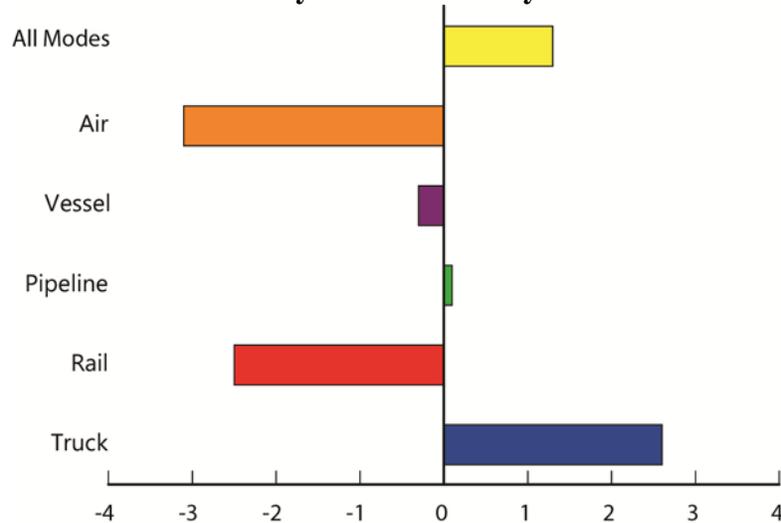
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Two of Five Modes Carried More U.S.-NAFTA Trade in February 2014 than in February 2013

Figure 1. Percent Change in Value of U.S.-NAFTA Freight Flows by Mode: February 2013 - February 2014



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

NOTE: Pipeline percent change was 0.1 percent.

Two of five transportation modes – truck and pipeline – carried more U.S.-NAFTA trade in February 2014 than in February 2013, according to the TransBorder freight data released today by the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) (Table 1).

Trade using truck grew the most of any mode, 2.6 percent, as the value of overall U.S. trade with its North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) partners Canada and Mexico rose 1.3 percent from year to year (Table 2).

Trade by Mode

While trade by truck rose 2.6 percent, trade using other modes declined 0.6 percent from year to year. Air declined 3.1 percent, rail declined 2.5 percent and vessel declined 0.3 percent. Pipeline rose 0.1 percent. (Figure 1, Table 2).

Truck carries nearly three-fifths of U.S.-NAFTA trade and is the most heavily utilized mode for moving goods to and from both U.S.-NAFTA partners. Truck carried 59.8 percent of the \$89.6 billion of U.S.-NAFTA trade in February 2014, accounting for \$27.8 billion of exports and \$25.8 billion of imports.

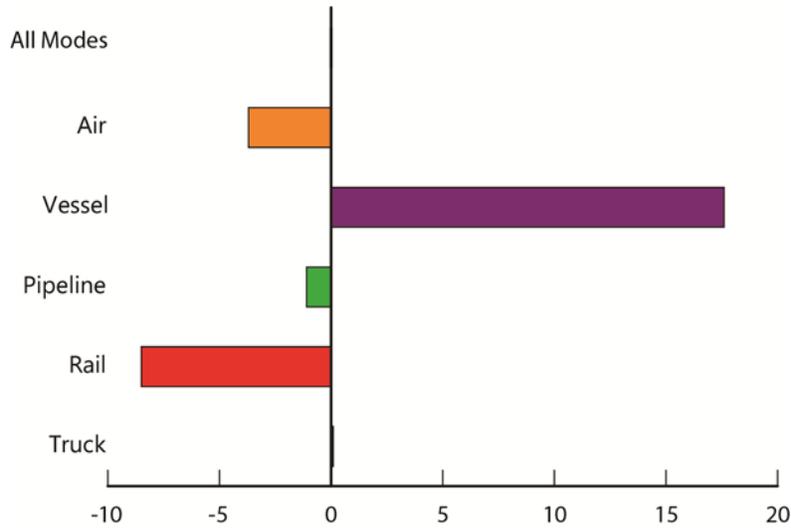
The value of freight carried by rail decreased from year to year but rail was still the second largest mode, at 14.7 percent, followed by vessel at 9.6 percent, pipeline at 7.6 percent and air at 3.5 percent. The surface transportation modes of truck, rail and pipeline carried 82.2 percent of the total NAFTA freight flows (Table 2).

Trade with Canada

Year to year, the value of U.S.-Canada trade by vessel increased the most of any mode, growing 17.6 percent. Vessel freight exports to Canada increased 66.5 percent due to an increase in exports of mineral fuels. Meanwhile, U.S.-Canada trade by pipeline decreased by 1.1 percent. U.S.-Canada pipeline trade comprised 94.5 percent of total U.S.-NAFTA pipeline trade in February (Figure 2, Tables 2, 4).

Truck carried 54.4 percent of the \$48.9 billion of freight to and from Canada, followed by rail at 15.6 percent, pipeline at 13.2 percent, vessel at 6.2 percent and air at 4.2 percent. The surface transportation modes of truck, rail and pipeline carried 83.1 percent of the total U.S.-Canada freight flows (Table 4).

**Figure 2. Percent Change in Value of U.S.-Canada Freight Flows by Mode:
February 2013 - February 2014**



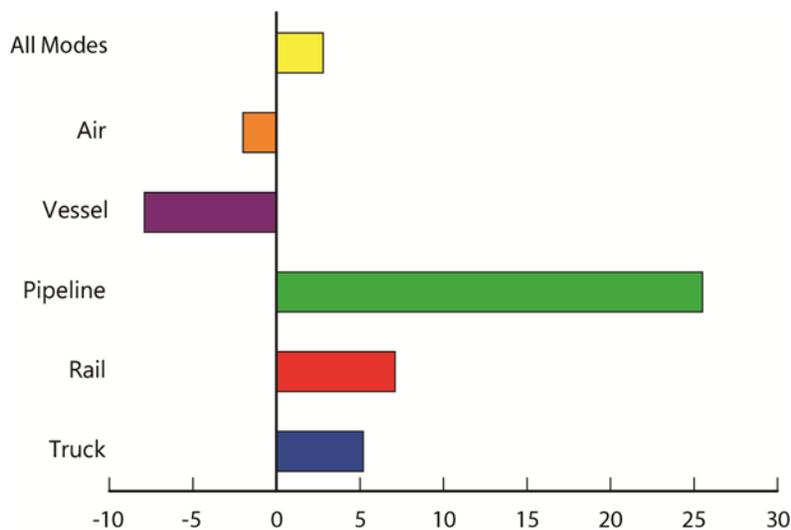
SOURCE: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, [TransBorder Freight Data](#)
NOTE: All Modes and Truck percent change were 0.029 and 0.053 percent, respectively.

Trade with Mexico

Year-to-year, the value of trade by pipeline increased the most of any mode, growing 25.5 percent, but pipeline trade remained less than 1 percent of total U.S.-Mexico trade (Table 6). Trade using rail rose 7.1 percent while truck freight increased 5.2 percent. Freight moved by vessel declined 7.9 percent while air freight decreased 2.0 percent (Figure 3).

Truck carried 66.4 percent of the \$40.7 billion of freight to and from Mexico, followed by vessel at 13.7 percent, rail at 13.7 percent, air at 2.7 percent and pipelines at 0.9 percent. The surface transportation modes of truck, rail and pipeline carried 81.0 percent of the total U.S.-Mexico freight flows (Table 6).

**Figure 3. Percent Change in Value of U.S.-Mexico Freight Flows by Mode:
February 2013 - February 2014**



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

Commodities

In February 2014, the top commodity category transported between the U.S. and Canada was mineral fuels, of which \$6.4 billion, or 56.3 percent, moved by pipeline (Table 5). The top commodity category transported between the U.S. and Mexico in February 2014 was electrical machinery, of which \$6.3 billion, or 91.4 percent, moved by truck (Table 7).

Reporting Notes

Beginning with February 2013, BTS monthly TransBorder press releases contain data for all modes of transportation. 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 29.

Table 1. Value of Monthly U.S.-NAFTA Freight Flows
(millions of current dollars)

Month	2012	2013	2014	Percent Change 2012-2013	Percent Change 2013- 2014
January	87,490	90,512	90,326	3.5	-0.2
February	89,385	88,449	89,557	-1.0	1.3
March	99,510	95,566		-4.0	
April	92,199	98,984		7.4	
May	96,840	98,577		1.8	
June	94,200	93,483		-0.8	
July	87,691	93,192		6.3	
August	94,593	96,526		2.0	
September	89,875	94,350		5.0	
October	98,632	103,089		4.5	
November	94,877	96,120		1.3	
December	84,695	90,083		6.4	
Annual	1,109,988	1,138,931		2.6	

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 2013	February 2014	Percent Change February 2013-2014
All Modes	Imports	47,648	47,721	0.2
	Exports	40,801	41,835	2.5
	Total	88,449	89,557	1.3
All Surface Modes	Imports	39,573	40,094	1.3
	Exports	33,009	33,503	1.5
	Total	72,582	73,596	1.4
Truck	Imports	25,008	25,797	3.2
	Exports	27,239	27,793	2.0
	Total	52,247	53,590	2.6
Rail	Imports	8,770	8,540	-2.6
	Exports	4,751	4,646	-2.2
	Total	13,521	13,186	-2.5
Pipeline	Imports	5,795	5,756	-0.7
	Exports	1,018	1,064	4.5
	Total	6,813	6,820	0.1
Vessel	Imports	5,401	4,851	-10.2
	Exports	3,199	3,720	16.3
	Total	8,600	8,571	-0.3
Air	Imports	1,378	1,284	-6.8
	Exports	1,849	1,842	-0.3
	Total	3,227	3,127	-3.1

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

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http://www.bts.gov/programs/international/TransBorder/TBDR_DataFields.html

Table 3. Percent Change in Value of U.S.-NAFTA Freight Flows by Mode

February 2014 Compared to February in...	Percent Change					
	Truck	Rail	Pipeline	Air	Vessel	All Modes
2013	2.6	-2.5	0.1	-3.1	-0.3	1.3
2012	0.0	-1.7	-5.0	-10.2	10.3	0.2
2011	16.9	19.9	8.9	-6.6	20.2	16.3
2010	31.5	27.4	28.2	-0.3	63.3	31.9
2009	56.8	90.0	80.2	3.3	131.3	63.8
2008	15.2	11.9	-3.8	-1.7	38.1	13.7
2007	26.3	34.7	60.4	15.5	107.5	34.7
2006	30.8	29.9	22.6	19.3	73.0	32.9
2005	41.6	39.1	97.2	29.6	135.5	50.2
2004	56.1	54.4	133.6	32.5	188.4	67.4

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

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Table 4. Value of Monthly U.S.-Canada Freight Flows by Mode of Transportation
(millions of current dollars)

Mode		February 2013	February 2014	Percent Change February 2013-2014
All Modes	Imports	25,733	25,401	-1.3
	Exports	23,141	23,487	1.5
	Total	48,874	48,888	0.0
All Surface Modes	Imports	22,215	21,846	-1.7
	Exports	19,195	18,802	-2.0
	Total	41,410	40,648	-1.8
Truck	Imports	10,779	10,954	1.6
	Exports	15,807	15,646	-1.0
	Total	26,586	26,600	0.1
Rail	Imports	5,663	5,152	-9.0
	Exports	2,648	2,453	-7.3
	Total	8,311	7,605	-8.5
Pipeline	Imports	5,773	5,740	-0.6
	Exports	739	702	-5.0
	Total	6,512	6,442	-1.1
Vessel	Imports	1,758	1,671	-5.0
	Exports	809	1,347	66.5
	Total	2,567	3,018	17.6
Air	Imports	850	810	-4.7
	Exports	1,277	1,238	-3.0
	Total	2,127	2,048	-3.7

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Table 5. Top Commodity Transported between the U.S. and Canada for Each Mode of Transportation, February 2014

(millions of current dollars)

Mode	Commodities	Exports	Imports	Total
All Modes	Mineral Fuels; Oils and Waxes	2,549	8,855	11,405
Truck	Vehicles Other than Railway	2,980	2,244	5,224
Rail	Vehicles Other than Railway	771	1,911	2,682
Pipeline	Mineral Fuels; Oils and Waxes	697	5,726	6,423
Vessel	Mineral Fuels; Oils and Waxes	1,272	1,523	2,795
Air	Electrical Machinery; Equipment and Parts	306	129	434

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

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Table 6. Value of Monthly U.S.-Mexico Freight Flows by Mode of Transportation
(millions of current dollars)

Mode		February 2013	February 2014	Percent Change February 2013-2014
All Modes	Imports	21,915	22,321	1.9
	Exports	17,660	18,348	3.9
	Total	39,574	40,669	2.8
All Surface Modes	Imports	17,358	18,247	5.1
	Exports	13,814	14,701	6.4
	Total	31,172	32,948	5.7
Truck	Imports	14,229	14,843	4.3
	Exports	11,432	12,147	6.3
	Total	25,660	26,989	5.2
Rail	Imports	3,107	3,388	9.1
	Exports	2,103	2,193	4.2
	Total	5,210	5,581	7.1
Pipeline	Imports	22	16	-27.6
	Exports	279	362	29.8
	Total	301	378	25.5
Vessel	Imports	3,642	3,180	-12.7
	Exports	2,390	2,373	-0.7
	Total	6,032	5,553	-7.9
Air	Imports	529	474	-10.3
	Exports	572	604	5.6
	Total	1,101	1,078	-2.0

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Table 7. Top Commodity Transported between the U.S. and Mexico for Each Mode of Transportation, February 2014

(millions of current dollars)

Mode	Commodities	Exports	Imports	Total
All Modes	Electrical Machinery; Equipment and Parts	2,839	4,030	6,869
Truck	Electrical Machinery; Equipment and Parts	2,530	3,746	6,275
Rail	Vehicles Other than Railway	503	2,540	3,043
Pipeline	Mineral Fuels; Oils and Waxes	362	16	378
Vessel	Mineral Fuels; Oils and Waxes	1,443	2,661	4,104
Air	Electrical Machinery; Equipment and Parts	216	138	354

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

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