



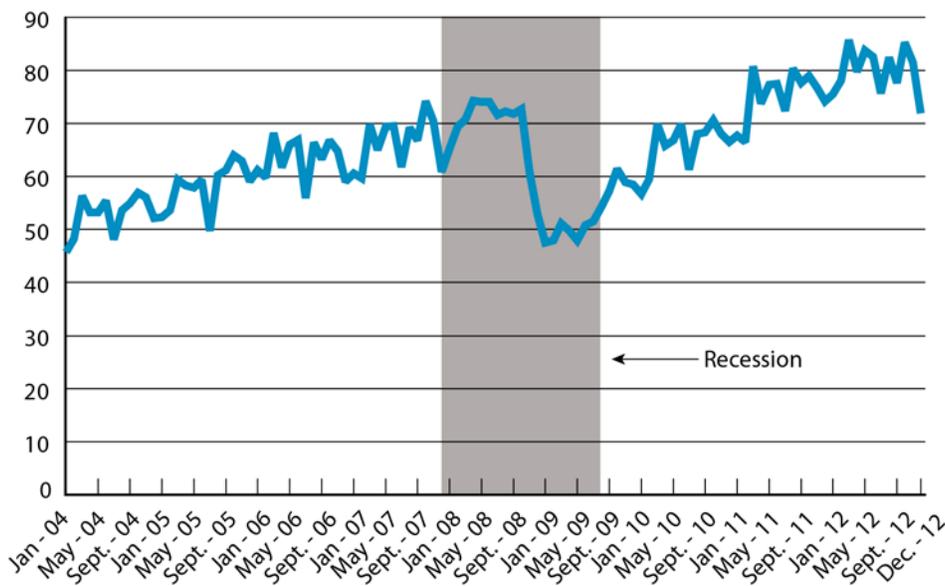
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December 2012 U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada and Mexico Totalled \$71.9 Billion

Figure 1: North American Surface Transportation Trade: January 2004 - December 2012
(billions of current U.S. dollars)



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

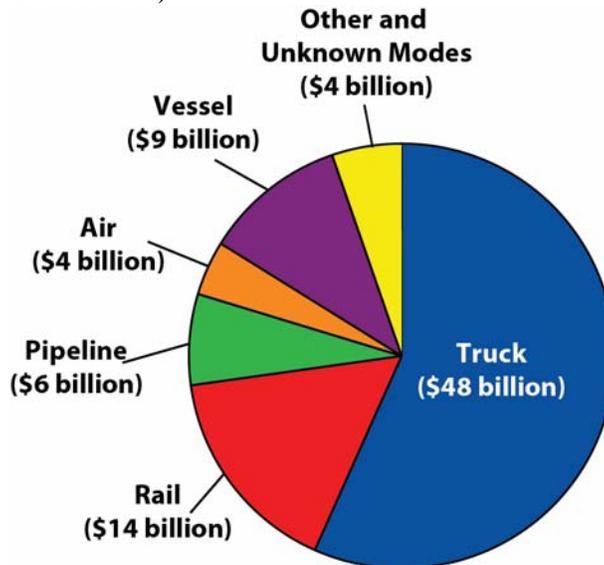
Trade using surface transportation between the United States and its North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) partners, Canada and Mexico, decreased 3.2 percent in December 2012 compared to December 2011, totaling \$71.9 billion, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (*Figure 1 and Table 1*).

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BTS, a part of the Department's Research and Innovative Technology Administration, reported that in December 2012, \$48 billion of U.S. trade with Canada and Mexico moved by truck, \$14 billion moved by rail, and \$6 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 17 percent of total U.S. foreign trade in December 2012.

Figure 2: North American Freight by Mode, December 2012
(current U.S. dollars)



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U.S.-Canada surface trade was \$42.1 billion in December 2012, while U.S.-Mexico surface trade was \$29.8 billion. For trade statistics by mode, see Table 3 for Canada and Table 5 for Mexico.

In December, Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada, at \$5.6 billion (*Table 4*). The top commodity category transported between the U.S. and Canada by surface modes of transportation in December was vehicles and parts, valued at \$7.8 billion (*Table 7*).

Texas continued to lead all states in surface trade with Mexico at \$10.3 billion (*Table 6*). The top commodity category transported between the U.S. and Mexico by surface modes of transportation in December was electrical machinery with \$6.3 billion in trade (*Table 8*).

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 January TransBorder numbers for March 27. Additionally, the North American Surface Freight Data 2012 Annual Report will be released on March 21.

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

(millions of current U.S. 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	71,886	11.6	-3.2
Annual	791,329	904,133	960,135	14.3	6.2

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

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

Mode		December 2011	November 2012	December 2012	Percent Change November 2012 - December 2012	Percent Change December 2011 - 2012
All Surface Modes	Imports	40,469	43,616	38,884	-10.9	-3.9
	Exports	33,761	37,837	33,002	-12.8	-2.2
	Total	74,230	81,453	71,886	-11.7	-3.2
Truck	Imports	23,999	27,235	23,239	-14.7	-3.2
	Exports	26,126	28,945	24,796	-14.3	-5.1
Rail	Imports	8,689	9,621	9,006	-6.4	3.6
	Exports	4,463	5,236	4,697	-10.3	5.2
Pipeline	Imports	6,398	5,160	5,101	-1.2	-20.3
	Exports	583	772	607	-21.4	4.0

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Table 3. December 2012 U.S. Trade with Canada by Mode

(millions of current U.S. dollars)

Mode		December 2011	November 2012	December 2012	Percent Change	Percent Change
					November 2012 - December 2012	December 2011 - 2012
All Surface Modes	Imports	23,819	24,364	22,377	-8.2	-6.1
	Exports	20,404	22,306	19,750	-11.5	-3.2
	Total	44,223	46,670	42,127	-9.7	-4.7
Truck	Imports	10,541	11,738	10,130	-13.7	-3.9
	Exports	15,702	17,063	14,803	-13.2	-5.7
Rail	Imports	5,805	6,242	5,903	-5.4	1.7
	Exports	2,355	2,569	2,664	3.7	13.1
Pipeline	Imports	6,375	5,141	5,082	-1.1	-20.3
	Exports	348	552	343	-37.9	-1.4

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Table 4. Top 10 States Trading with Canada by All Surface Modes of Transportation

Ranked by December 2012 Surface Trade Value

(millions of current U.S. dollars)

State	December 2011		December 2012		Percent Change December 2011-2012
	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	
Michigan	5,592	1	5,599	1	0.1
Illinois	4,756	2	4,056	2	-14.7
California	2,844	3	2,754	3	-3.2
Ohio	2,626	4	2,525	4	-3.9
Texas	2,518	5	2,487	5	-1.2
New York	2,336	6	2,177	6	-6.8
Pennsylvania	1,687	7	1,597	7	-5.3
Washington	1,635	8	1,471	8	-10.0
Indiana	1,425	10	1,386	9	-2.8
Minnesota	1,617	9	1,339	10	-17.2

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Table 5. December 2012 U.S. Trade with Mexico by Mode

(millions of current U.S. dollars)

Mode		December 2011	November 2012	December 2012	Percent Change	Percent Change
					November 2012 - December 2012	December 2011 - 2012
All Surface Modes	Imports	16,649	19,252	16,507	-14.3	-0.9
	Exports	13,357	15,531	13,252	-14.7	-0.8
	Total	30,007	34,783	29,759	-14.4	-0.8
Truck	Imports	13,458	15,496	13,110	-15.4	-2.6
	Exports	10,424	11,882	9,993	-15.9	-4.1
Rail	Imports	2,884	3,379	3,102	-8.2	7.6
	Exports	2,108	2,667	2,033	-23.8	-3.6
Pipeline	Imports	22	19	19	-3.4	-16.3
	Exports	236	220	264	19.8	11.9

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Table 6. Top 10 States Trading with Mexico by All Surface Modes of Transportation

Ranked by December 2012 Surface Trade Value

(millions of current U.S. dollars)

State	December 2011		December 2012		Percent Change December 2011-2012
	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	
Texas	10,282	1	10,263	1	-0.2
California	4,459	2	4,242	2	-4.9
Michigan	3,649	3	3,795	3	4.0
Arizona	994	5	1,002	4	0.9
Illinois	1,021	4	979	5	-4.1
Ohio	746	6	783	6	5.1
Tennessee	627	7	629	7	0.3
Georgia	387	12	531	8	37.3
Indiana	509	9	479	9	-5.8
North Carolina	560	8	475	10	-15.2

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Table 7. Top Five Commodities Transported between the U.S. and Canada by All Surface Modes of Transportation, December 2012

(millions of current U.S. dollars)

Commodities	Exports	Imports	Total
Vehicles Other than Railway	3,508	4,337	7,845
Oil and Gas	889	6,527	7,416
Computer-Related Machinery and Parts	3,291	1,442	4,732
Electrical Machinery; Equipment and Parts	1,872	486	2,358
Plastics	854	743	1,598

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Table 8. Top Five Commodities Transported between the U.S. and Mexico by All Surface Modes of Transportation, December 2012

(millions of current U.S. dollars)

Commodities	Exports	Imports	Total
Electrical Machinery; Equipment and Parts	2,220	4,075	6,295
Vehicles Other than Railway	1,465	4,035	5,500
Computer-Related Machinery and Parts	2,428	2,707	5,135
Plastics	1,018	249	1,266
Measuring and Testing Instruments	371	679	1,049

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