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January 2010 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 19.5 Percent from January 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 19.5 percent higher in January 2010 than in January 2009, reaching \$56.7 billion, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (*Table 1*). The 19.5 percent increase was the largest year over year rise since March 2000.

BTS, a part of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, reported that the value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico fell 3.0 percent in January 2010 from December 2009 (*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 January, 86.1 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 January was up 8.3 percent compared to January 2005, and up 31.6 percent compared to January 2000, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*). Imports in January were up 28.4 percent compared to January 2000, while exports were up 35.8 percent.

U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada

U.S.–Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$34.2 billion in January, up 18.0 percent compared to January 2009 (*Table 4*). The value of imports carried by truck was 7.2 percent higher in January 2010 compared to January 2009, while the value of exports carried by truck was 17.1 percent higher during this period.

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in January with \$4.0 billion (*Table 5*).

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U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Mexico

U.S.–Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$22.5 billion in January, up 21.7 percent compared to January 2009 (*Table 6*). The value of imports carried by truck was 18.9 percent higher in January 2010 than January 2009 while the value of exports carried by truck was 11.5 percent higher.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in January with \$8.1 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. January TransBorder numbers include data received by BTS as of March 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/transborder/>. BTS will release February TransBorder numbers on April 29.

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		-30.9	
March	70,787	51,055		-27.9	
April	74,317	49,729		-33.1	
May	74,128	47,881		-35.4	
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 (1 month)	65,160	47,459	56,697	-27.2	19.5
Annual	829,875	636,695		-23.3	

Source: BTS TransBorder Freight Data, <http://www.bts.gov/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		January 2009	December 2009	January 2010	Percent Change Dec. 2009 – Jan. 2010	Percent Change January 2009 - 2010
All Surface Modes	Imports	25,552	32,030	31,316	-2.2	22.6
	Exports	21,907	26,435	25,380	-4.0	15.9
	Total	47,459	58,465	56,697	-3.0	19.5
Truck	Imports	16,629	19,223	18,834	-2.0	13.3
	Exports	17,249	20,600	19,804	-3.9	14.8
Rail	Imports	4,017	6,451	6,609	2.4	64.5
	Exports	2,457	3,317	3,160	-4.7	28.6
Pipeline	Imports	3,809	5,125	4,915	-4.1	29.0
	Exports	366	373	452	21.3	23.7

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

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

Compared to January in...	Percent Change		Total Surface Trade
	Imports	Exports	
2009	22.6	15.9	19.5
2008	-14.5	-11.0	-13.0
2007	-10.5	-1.0	-6.5
2006	-13.1	1.0	-7.3
2005	4.1	14.1	8.3
2004	18.9	31.2	24.1
2003	24.1	37.0	29.6
2002	32.0	44.2	37.2
2001	16.4	30.7	22.4
2000	28.4	35.8	31.6

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

Mode		January 2009	December 2009	January 2010	Percent Change Dec. 2009 – Jan. 2010	Percent Change January 2009 - 2010
All	Imports	15,655	18,926	18,681	-1.3	19.3
Surface	Exports	13,317	16,521	15,508	-6.1	16.4
Modes	Total	28,972	35,447	34,189	-3.6	18.0
Truck	Imports	7,956	8,836	8,526	-3.5	7.2
	Exports	10,133	12,776	11,868	-7.1	17.1
Rail	Imports	3,050	4,121	4,528	9.9	48.4
	Exports	1,427	1,825	1,798	-1.5	25.9
Pipeline	Imports	3,800	5,107	4,901	-4.0	29.0
	Exports	321	251	352	40.0	9.7

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

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

Rank	State	January 2010
1	Michigan	4,004
2	Illinois	3,368
3	California	2,212
4	Ohio	2,167
5	New York	1,896
6	Texas	1,833
7	Washington	1,589
8	Pennsylvania	1,423
9	Indiana	1,148
10	Tennessee	935

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

Mode		January 2009	December 2009	January 2010	Percent Change Dec. 2009 – Jan. 2010	Percent Change January 2009 - 2010
All	Imports	9,897	13,104	12,635	-3.6	27.7
Surface	Exports	8,590	9,914	9,873	-0.4	14.9
Modes	Total	18,487	23,018	22,508	-2.2	21.7
Truck	Imports	8,673	10,387	10,309	-0.8	18.9
	Exports	7,116	7,824	7,936	1.4	11.5
Rail	Imports	967	2,330	2,081	-10.7	115.3
	Exports	1,030	1,491	1,362	-8.7	32.3
Pipeline	Imports	8	18	13	-24.2	59.2
	Exports	45	122	100	-17.4	122.7

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

Rank	State	January 2010
1	Texas	8,054
2	California	3,158
3	Michigan	2,459
4	Arizona	896
5	Illinois	751
6	Ohio	573
7	Tennessee	489
8	Indiana	405
9	North Carolina	393
10	Wisconsin	357

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