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September 2010 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 19.3 Percent from September 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 19.3 percent higher in September 2010 than in September 2009, reaching \$68.3 billion, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (*Table 1*). The value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico in September 2010 remained 4.8 percent below the September 2008 level despite the 2009-2010 increase (*Table 3*).

BTS, a part of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, reported that the value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico rose 0.5 percent in September 2010 from August 2010 (*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 September, 86.9 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 September was up 11.7 percent compared to September 2005, and up 38.9 percent compared to September 2000, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*). Imports in September were up 30.6 percent compared to September 2000, while exports were up 49.9 percent.

U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada

U.S.–Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$40.2 billion in September, up 15.7 percent compared to September 2009 (*Table 4*). The value of imports carried by truck was 10.7 percent higher in September 2010 compared to September 2009, while the value of exports carried by truck was 17.4 percent higher during this period.

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in September with \$5.4 billion (*Table 5*).

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U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Mexico

U.S.–Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$28.1 billion in September, up 24.8 percent compared to September 2009 (*Table 6*). The value of imports carried by truck was 23.3 percent higher in September 2010 than September 2009 while the value of exports carried by truck was 20.7 percent higher.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in September with \$10.2 billion. This is the second straight month in which Texas trade with Mexico by surface modes exceeded \$10 billion.

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. September TransBorder numbers include data received by BTS as of Nov. 10.

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/programs/international/transborder/>. BTS will release October TransBorder numbers on Jan. 5.

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	59,492	-30.9	24.1
March	70,787	51,055	69,943	-27.9	37.0
April	74,317	49,729	65,831	-33.1	32.4
May	74,128	47,881	66,805	-35.4	39.5
June	74,139	50,753	69,859	-31.5	37.6
July	71,628	51,545	61,260	-28.0	18.8
August	72,254	54,254	67,964	-24.9	25.3
September	71,801	57,294	68,324	-20.2	19.3
October	72,683	61,400		-15.5	
November	60,661	58,922		-2.9	
December	52,910	58,465		10.5	
Year-to-date	643,620	457,908	586,175	-28.9	28.0
Annual	829,875	636,695		-23.3	

Source: BTS TransBorder Freight Data, <http://www.bts.gov/programs/international/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		September 2009	August 2010	September 2010	Percent Change August- September 2010	Percent Change September 2009 - 2010
All Surface Modes	Imports	30,817	36,465	36,573	0.3	18.7
	Exports	26,476	31,500	31,752	0.8	19.9
	Total	57,294	67,964	68,324	0.5	19.3
Truck	Imports	20,017	23,227	23,484	1.1	17.3
	Exports	21,057	24,861	24,981	0.5	18.6
Rail	Imports	5,648	7,480	7,466	-0.2	32.2
	Exports	3,169	3,844	3,858	0.3	21.7
Pipeline	Imports	4,161	4,662	4,489	-3.7	7.9
	Exports	185	413	281	-31.9	51.8

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

Compared to September in...	Percent Change		
	Imports	Exports	Total Surface Trade
2009	18.7	19.9	19.3
2008	-9.3	0.8	-4.8
2007	-2.7	8.7	2.3
2006	0.9	17.3	7.9
2005	3.1	23.6	11.7
2004	16.3	35.4	24.4
2003	30.2	52.9	39.8
2002	39.6	62.0	49.2
2001	49.4	76.4	60.9
2000	30.6	49.9	38.9

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

Mode		September 2009	August 2010	September 2010	Percent Change August- September 2010	Percent Change September 2009 - 2010
All	Imports	18,154	20,725	20,604	-0.6	13.5
Surface	Exports	16,612	19,155	19,616	2.4	18.1
Modes	Total	34,766	39,880	40,220	0.9	15.7
Truck	Imports	9,527	10,488	10,550	0.6	10.7
	Exports	13,028	14,882	15,293	2.8	17.4
Rail	Imports	3,776	4,856	4,757	-2.0	26.0
	Exports	1,838	2,162	2,136	-1.2	16.2
Pipeline	Imports	4,148	4,646	4,474	-3.7	7.9
	Exports	99	227	130	-42.6	30.8

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

Rank	State	September 2010
1	Michigan	5,437
2	Illinois	3,627
3	California	2,794
4	Ohio	2,515
5	New York	2,329
6	Texas	2,228
7	Pennsylvania	1,675
8	Washington	1,522
9	Indiana	1,370
10	Minnesota	1,230

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

Mode		September 2009	August 2010	September 2010	Percent Change August- September 2010	Percent Change September 2009 - 2010
All	Imports	12,663	15,740	15,969	1.5	26.1
Surface	Exports	9,864	12,345	12,136	-1.7	23.0
Modes	Total	22,527	28,085	28,105	0.1	24.8
Truck	Imports	10,490	12,740	12,934	1.5	23.3
	Exports	8,029	9,979	9,688	-2.9	20.7
Rail	Imports	1,872	2,624	2,709	3.2	44.7
	Exports	1,331	1,682	1,721	2.3	29.4
Pipeline	Imports	14	16	15	-4.9	11.6
	Exports	86	186	151	-18.8	76.0

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

Rank	State	September 2010
1	Texas	10,212
2	California	4,062
3	Michigan	3,410
4	Illinois	923
5	Ohio	790
6	Arizona	675
7	Tennessee	546
8	Georgia	505
9	Indiana	483
10	Pennsylvania	433

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