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### **December 2010 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 13.8 Percent from December 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 13.8 percent higher in December 2010 than in December 2009, reaching \$66.5 billion, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (*Table 1*).

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 2.2 percent in December 2010 from November 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 December, 84.8 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 December was up 12.6 percent compared to December 2005, and up 48.6 percent compared to December 2000, a period of 10 years. Imports in December were up 41.9 percent compared to December 2000, while exports were up 57.7 percent (*Table 3*).

#### **U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada**

U.S.–Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$39.8 billion in December, up 12.2 percent compared to December 2009. The value of imports carried by truck was 17.7 percent higher in December 2010 compared to December 2009, while the value of exports carried by truck was 10.4 percent higher during this period (*Table 4*).

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in December with \$4.7 billion (*Table 5*).

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### U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Mexico

U.S.–Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$26.8 billion in December, up 16.3 percent compared to December 2009. The value of imports carried by truck was 16.3 percent higher in December 2010 than December 2009 while the value of exports carried by truck was 18.7 percent higher (*Table 6*).

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in December with \$9.5 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. December TransBorder numbers include data received by BTS as of Feb. 16.

The news release and summary tables can be found at <http://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 January TransBorder numbers on March 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	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	70,565	-15.5	14.9
November	60,661	58,922	68,060	-2.9	15.5
<b>December</b>	<b>52,910</b>	<b>58,465</b>	<b>66,530</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>13.8</b>
<b>Annual</b>	<b>829,875</b>	<b>636,695</b>	<b>791,329</b>	<b>-23.3</b>	<b>24.3</b>

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		December 2009	November 2010	December 2010	Percent Change November - December 2010	Percent Change December 2009 - 2010
All Surface Modes	Imports	32,030	36,544	36,345	-0.5	13.5
	Exports	26,435	31,516	30,185	-4.2	14.2
	Total	58,465	68,060	66,530	-2.2	13.8
Truck	Imports	19,223	23,761	22,480	-5.4	16.9
	Exports	20,600	24,660	23,390	-5.1	13.5
Rail	Imports	6,451	7,222	7,106	-1.6	10.2
	Exports	3,317	3,912	3,785	-3.2	14.1
Pipeline	Imports	5,125	4,413	5,157	16.9	0.6
	Exports	373	482	549	13.9	47.2

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

Compared to December in...	Percent Change		Total Surface Trade
	Imports	Exports	
<b>2009</b>	13.5	14.2	13.8
<b>2008</b>	25.7	25.8	25.7
<b>2007</b>	5.4	14.3	9.2
<b>2006</b>	7.2	20.1	12.7
<b>2005</b>	5.3	22.8	12.6
<b>2004</b>	22.5	34.8	27.8
<b>2003</b>	40.1	54.9	46.5
<b>2002</b>	54.0	75.6	63.1
<b>2001</b>	66.7	83.5	74.0
<b>2000</b>	41.9	57.7	48.6

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

Mode		December 2009	November 2010	December 2010	Percent Change November - December 2010	Percent Change December 2009 - 2010
All	Imports	18,926	20,461	21,432	4.7	13.2
Surface	Exports	16,521	19,012	18,330	-3.6	10.9
Modes	Total	35,447	39,472	39,762	0.7	12.2
Truck	Imports	8,836	10,373	10,399	0.3	17.7
	Exports	12,776	14,667	14,106	-3.8	10.4
Rail	Imports	4,121	4,893	4,707	-3.8	14.2
	Exports	1,825	2,133	2,095	-1.8	14.8
Pipeline	Imports	5,107	4,398	5,142	16.9	0.7
	Exports	251	306	227	-26.0	-9.8

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**Table 5. Top 10 States Trading with Canada**  
**by Surface Modes of Transportation**

Ranked by December 2010 Surface Trade Value

(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	December 2010
1	Michigan	4,672
2	Illinois	3,824
3	New York	3,276
4	California	2,462
5	Ohio	2,394
6	Texas	2,300
7	Washington	1,551
8	Pennsylvania	1,486
9	Minnesota	1,288
10	Indiana	1,202

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

Mode		December 2009	November 2010	December 2010	Percent Change November - December 2010	Percent Change December 2009 - 2010
All	Imports	13,104	16,083	14,913	-7.3	13.8
Surface	Exports	9,914	12,504	11,855	-5.2	19.6
Modes	Total	23,018	28,587	26,768	-6.4	16.3
Truck	Imports	10,387	13,389	12,081	-9.8	16.3
	Exports	7,824	9,993	9,284	-7.1	18.7
Rail	Imports	2,330	2,328	2,399	3.0	2.9
	Exports	1,491	1,780	1,690	-5.0	13.3
Pipeline	Imports	18	15	15	4.0	-13.1
	Exports	122	175	322	83.8	165.0

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

Rank	State	December 2010
1	<b>Texas</b>	<b>9,459</b>
2	<b>California</b>	<b>4,073</b>
3	<b>Michigan</b>	<b>2,922</b>
4	<b>Arizona</b>	<b>979</b>
5	<b>Illinois</b>	<b>915</b>
6	<b>Ohio</b>	<b>686</b>
7	<b>Tennessee</b>	<b>497</b>
8	<b>Indiana</b>	<b>445</b>
9	<b>Georgia</b>	<b>414</b>
10	<b>North Carolina</b>	<b>399</b>

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