



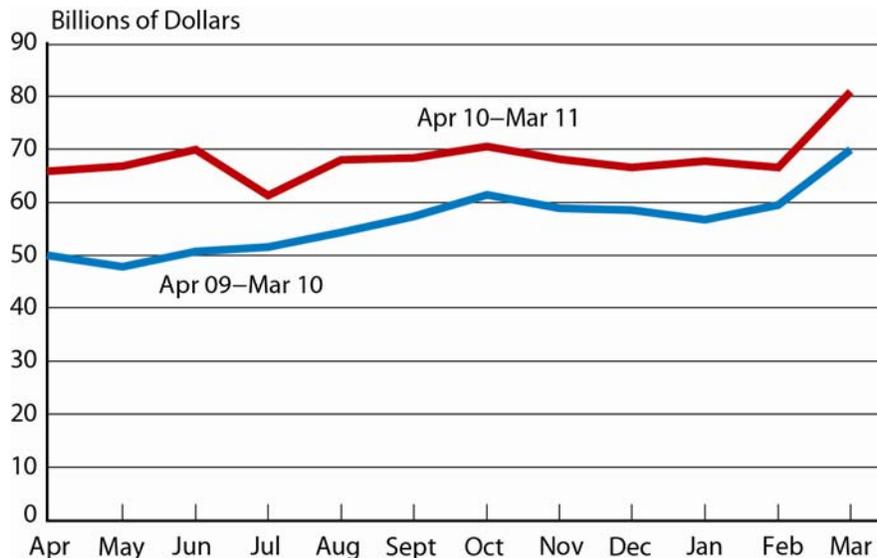
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### March 2011 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Topped \$80 Billion for First Time on Record (State Rankings in Tables 5 and 7)

North American Surface Trade, April 2009 - March 2011



Trade using surface transportation between the United States and its North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) partners Canada and Mexico was 15.6 percent higher in March 2011 than in March 2010, reaching \$80.8 billion, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (*Table 1*). March 2011 was the highest month since collection of data began in 1994, beating the previous record set in April 2008 by 8.8 percent, not adjusted for inflation.

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BTS, a part of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, reported that the value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico in March 2011 rose 58.3 percent in two years from March 2009. Trade value in March 2011 was up 14.2 percent from the early recession level of March 2008 (Table 3). See [Transborder Press Releases](#) for historic data. Values in this press release are not adjusted for inflation.

Freight value in March rose 21.5 percent from February 2011 (Table 2). Month-to-month changes can be affected by seasonal variations and other factors.

Surface transportation includes freight movements by truck, rail, pipeline, mail, Foreign Trade Zones and [other](#). In March, 85.8 percent of U.S. trade by value with Canada and Mexico moved on land, 9.8 percent moved by vessel, and 4.4 percent moved by air.

The value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico in March was up 18.5 percent compared to March 2006, and up 60.9 percent compared to March 2001, a period of 10 years. Imports in March were up 52.2 percent compared to March 2001, while exports were up 72.3 percent (Table 3).

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

U.S.–Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$48.7 billion in March, up 15.7 percent compared to March 2010. For trade numbers by mode, see Table 4.

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in March with \$6.1 billion (Table 5).

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

U.S.–Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$32.1 billion in March, up 15.3 percent compared to March 2010. March was the first month on record that U.S.–Mexico trade has exceeded \$30 billion. For trade numbers by mode, see Table 6.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in March with \$11.3 billion, the highest amount of trade on record between a U.S. state and Mexico (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. March TransBorder numbers include data received by BTS as of May 20.

The news release and summary tables can be found at [www.bts.gov](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 April TransBorder numbers on June 29.

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**Table 1. Value of Monthly U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with  
Canada and Mexico**  
(millions of dollars)

<b>Month</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>Percent Change 2009-2010</b>	<b>Percent Change 2010-2011</b>
January	47,459	56,697	67,734	19.5	19.5
February	47,938	59,492	66,534	24.1	11.8
<b>March</b>	<b>51,055</b>	<b>69,943</b>	<b>80,822</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>15.6</b>
April	49,729	65,831		32.4	
May	47,881	66,805		39.5	
June	50,753	69,859		37.6	
July	51,545	61,260		18.8	
August	54,254	67,964		25.3	
September	57,294	68,324		19.3	
October	61,400	70,565		14.9	
November	58,922	68,060		15.5	
December	58,465	66,530		13.8	
<b>Year-to-date</b>	<b>146,453</b>	<b>186,132</b>	<b>215,090</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>15.6</b>
<b>Annual</b>	<b>636,695</b>	<b>791,329</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		March 2010	February 2011	March 2011	Percent Change February - March 2011	Percent Change March 2010 - 2011
All Surface Modes	Imports	38,014	36,277	43,409	19.7	14.2
	Exports	31,929	30,257	37,413	23.6	17.2
	Total	69,943	66,534	80,822	21.5	15.6
Truck	Imports	24,177	22,307	27,489	23.2	13.7
	Exports	24,772	23,527	29,036	23.4	17.2
Rail	Imports	7,716	7,252	8,358	15.3	8.3
	Exports	4,283	3,748	4,817	28.5	12.5
Pipeline	Imports	5,219	5,554	5,954	7.2	14.1
	Exports	603	711	729	2.5	21.0

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**Table 3. March 2011 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Compared with March of Prior Years**

Compared to March in...	Percent Change		Total Surface Trade
	Imports	Exports	
<b>2010</b>	14.2	17.2	15.6
<b>2009</b>	59.8	56.6	58.3
<b>2008</b>	8.3	21.9	14.2
<b>2007</b>	8.8	25.3	15.8
<b>2006</b>	12.9	25.7	18.5
<b>2005</b>	29.1	45.0	36.0
<b>2004</b>	35.6	54.3	43.6
<b>2003</b>	51.3	81.0	63.7
<b>2002</b>	65.7	92.8	77.2
<b>2001</b>	52.2	72.3	60.9

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

March 2010	February 2011	March 2011	Percent Change February - March 2011	Percent Change March 2010 - 2011	March 2010	February 2011
All	Imports	22,007	21,234	25,379	19.5	15.3
Surface	Exports	20,098	18,717	23,343	24.7	16.1
Modes	Total	42,105	39,952	48,722	22.0	15.7
Truck	Imports	11,136	10,039	12,493	24.4	12.2
	Exports	15,273	14,402	18,077	25.5	18.4
Rail	Imports	5,073	4,901	5,722	16.8	12.8
	Exports	2,608	2,048	2,692	31.5	3.2
Pipeline	Imports	5,205	5,536	5,936	7.2	14.1
	Exports	475	475	400	-15.7	-15.8

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

Ranked by March 2011 Surface Trade Value

(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	March 2011
1	Michigan	6,118
2	Illinois	4,720
3	Ohio	3,321
4	New York	2,936
5	California	2,889
6	Texas	2,651
7	Pennsylvania	1,838
8	Washington	1,817
9	Indiana	1,661
10	Minnesota	1,449

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

Mode		March 2010	February 2011	March 2011	Percent Change February - March 2011	Percent Change March 2010 - 2011
All	Imports	16,007	15,043	18,030	19.9	12.6
Surface	Exports	11,831	11,540	14,070	21.9	18.9
Modes	Total	27,838	26,583	32,099	20.8	15.3
Truck	Imports	13,042	12,268	14,996	22.2	15.0
	Exports	9,499	9,125	10,959	20.1	15.4
Rail	Imports	2,643	2,350	2,636	12.1	-0.3
	Exports	1,675	1,700	2,125	25.0	26.9
Pipeline	Imports	14	18	18	1.7	28.5
	Exports	127	237	329	39.0	158.2

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**Table 7. Top 10 States Trading with Mexico by Surface Modes of Transportation**  
Ranked by March 2011 Surface Trade Value  
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	March 2011
1	Texas	11,341
2	California	4,442
3	Michigan	3,612
4	Arizona	1,095
5	Illinois	1,059
6	Ohio	913
7	Tennessee	617
8	Georgia	583
9	Indiana	572
10	North Carolina	547

Source: BTS TransBorder Freight Data,  
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