



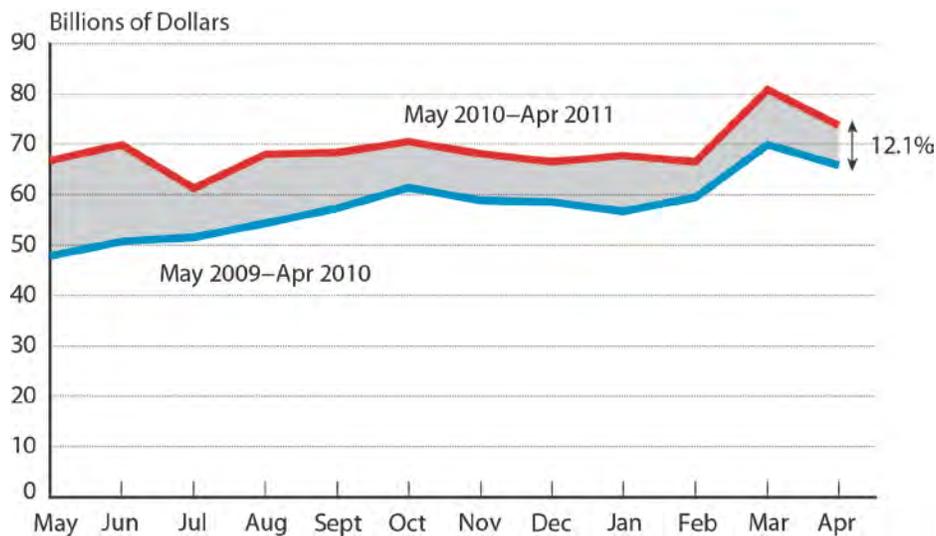
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April 2011 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 12.1 Percent from April 2010

North American Surface Trade, May 2009 - April 2011



Trade using surface transportation between the United States and its North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) partners Canada and Mexico was 12.1 percent higher in April 2011 than in April 2010, reaching \$73.8 billion (*Table 1*), according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

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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 April 2011 rose 48.3 percent in two years from April 2009 but remained 0.7 percent below the early recession level of April 2008 (*Table 3*). See [Transborder Press Releases](#) for historic data. Values in this press release are not adjusted for inflation.

Surface transportation includes freight movements by truck, rail, pipeline, mail, Foreign Trade Zones and [other](#). In April, 84.7 percent of U.S. trade by value with Canada and Mexico moved on land, 11.1 percent moved by vessel, and 4.2 percent moved by air.

The value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico in April was up 19.5 percent compared to April 2006, and up 57.6 percent compared to April 2001, a period of 10 years. Imports in April were up 48.3 percent compared to April 2001, while exports were up 70.0 percent (*Table 3*).

Freight value in April 2011 fell 8.7 percent from the previous month (*Table 2*). Month-to-month changes can be affected by seasonal variations and other factors.

U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada and Mexico

U.S.-Canada and U.S.-Mexico surface transportation trade both increased when compared to April 2010 with U.S.-Canada totaling \$44.6 billion, an 11.8 percent increase, and U.S.-Mexico totaling \$29.1 billion, a 12.4 percent increase. For trade numbers by mode, see Table 4 for Canada and Table 6 for Mexico.

In April trade by state, Michigan continued to lead all states in surface trade with Canada at \$5.8 billion, up 6.6 percent from April 2010 (*Table 5*). Texas continued to lead all states in surface trade with Mexico at \$10.1 billion, up 10.8 percent from April 2010 (*Table 7*).

Commodity Trade

The top three commodities imported from Canada and Mexico have remained the same over the last year. The top three commodities imported from Canada by all land modes in April were mineral fuels, oils, and waxes; vehicles; and computer-related machinery and parts, totaling \$12 billion (*Table 8*). The top three commodities imported from Mexico by all land modes in April were vehicles, computer-related machinery, and electrical machinery and parts, totaling \$10.5 billion (*Table 10*).

The largest increase in U.S.-Canada commodity in the last year was mineral fuels, oils, and waxes, up 17.0 percent, and the largest increase in U.S.-Mexico trade was computer-related machinery and parts, up 18.2 percent (*Tables 8 and 10*).

Electrical machinery, vehicles, and computer-related machinery and parts are exported from the United States to be assembled in Canada and Mexico, and then imported back to the U.S. as finished goods.

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The top three commodities exported to Canada and Mexico by all land modes are vehicles, computer-related machinery, and electrical machinery and parts, totaling \$9.4 billion for Canada and \$5.8 billion for Mexico. These top three commodities exported to Canada and Mexico remained the same over the last year. The commodities that increased the most in U.S.-Canada trade were computer-related machinery, up 16.6 percent, and in U.S.-Mexico trade were electrical machinery and parts, up 21.4 percent (*Tables 9 and 11*).

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. April TransBorder numbers include data received by BTS as of June 9.

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 May TransBorder numbers on Aug. 2.

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

Month	2009	2010	2011	Percent Change 2009-2010	Percent Change 2010-2011
January	47,459	56,697	67,734	19.5	19.5
February	47,938	59,492	66,534	24.1	11.8
March	51,055	69,943	80,822	37.0	15.6
April	49,729	65,831	73,767	32.4	12.1
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	
Year-to-date	196,182	251,962	288,857	28.4	14.6
Annual	636,695	791,329		24.3	

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

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Table 2. U.S. Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico by Mode of Transportation
(millions of dollars)

Mode		April 2010	March 2011	April 2011	Percent Change March – April 2011	Percent Change April 2010 - 2011
All Surface Modes	Imports	35,785	43,409	39,543	-8.9	10.5
	Exports	30,045	37,413	34,224	-8.5	13.9
	Total	65,831	80,822	73,767	-8.7	12.1
Truck	Imports	22,776	27,489	24,626	-10.4	8.1
	Exports	23,404	29,036	26,329	-9.3	12.5
Rail	Imports	7,222	8,358	8,199	-1.9	13.5
	Exports	4,020	4,817	4,528	-6.0	12.6
Pipeline	Imports	4,922	5,954	5,510	-7.5	11.9
	Exports	380	729	981	34.5	158.2

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

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

Compared to April in...	Percent Change		Total Surface Trade
	Imports	Exports	
2010	10.5	13.9	12.1
2009	48.0	48.7	48.3
2008	-6.4	6.6	-0.7
2007	7.1	21.8	13.5
2006	12.6	28.6	19.5
2005	19.1	36.4	26.5
2004	30.1	50.1	38.7
2003	49.0	68.5	57.5
2002	47.8	70.8	57.7
2001	48.3	70.0	57.6

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

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

Mode		April 2010	March 2011	April 2011	Percent Change March - April 2011	Percent Change April 2010 - 2011
All Surface Modes	Imports	20,908	25,379	23,120	-8.9	10.6
	Exports	19,018	23,343	21,519	-7.8	13.1
	Total	39,926	48,722	44,639	-8.4	11.8
Truck	Imports	10,497	12,493	11,055	-11.5	5.3
	Exports	14,654	18,077	16,465	-8.9	12.4
Rail	Imports	4,892	5,722	5,678	-0.8	16.1
	Exports	2,319	2,692	2,514	-6.6	8.4
Pipeline	Imports	4,906	5,936	5,483	-7.6	11.8
	Exports	293	400	692	72.9	136.0

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

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Table 5. Top 10 States Trading with Canada by Surface Modes of Transportation
Ranked by April 2011 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

State	April 2011		April 2010		Percent Change April 2010-2011
	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	
Michigan	5,824	1	5,461	1	6.6
Illinois	4,507	2	3,535	2	27.5
Ohio	2,768	3	2,573	3	7.6
Texas	2,636	4	2,097	6	25.7
New York	2,596	5	2,449	5	6.0
California	2,450	6	2,524	4	-2.9
Washington	1,788	7	1,577	7	13.4
Pennsylvania	1,662	8	1,458	8	14.0
Indiana	1,572	9	1,413	9	11.3
Minnesota	1,261	10	851	12	48.2

Source: BTS TransBorder Freight Data, <http://www.bts.gov/transborder/>
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Table 6. U.S. Merchandise Trade with Mexico by Surface Modes of Transportation
(millions of dollars)

Mode		April 2010	March 2011	April 2011	Percent Change March - April 2011	Percent Change April 2010 – 2011
All Surface Modes	Imports	14,878	18,030	16,423	-8.9	10.4
	Exports	11,027	14,070	12,705	-9.7	15.2
	Total	25,905	32,099	29,128	-9.3	12.4
Truck	Imports	12,279	14,996	13,572	-9.5	10.5
	Exports	8,750	10,959	9,864	-10.0	12.7
Rail	Imports	2,330	2,636	2,521	-4.4	8.2
	Exports	1,700	2,125	2,014	-5.2	18.4
Pipeline	Imports	16	18	26	47.3	65.5
	Exports	87	329	289	-12.1	233.2

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Table 7. Top 10 States Trading with Mexico by Surface Modes of Transportation

Ranked by April 2011 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

State	April 2011		April 2010		Percent Change April 2010-2011
	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	
Texas	10,132	1	9,144	1	10.8
California	4,202	2	3,866	2	8.7
Michigan	3,269	3	2,841	3	15.1
Illinois	1,062	4	824	5	28.8
Arizona	1,044	5	954	4	9.5
Ohio	804	6	690	6	16.4
Indiana	540	7	455	8	18.7
Tennessee	504	8	534	7	-5.6
Georgia	471	9	381	12	23.7
North Carolina	454	10	402	9	13.1

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

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

Table 8. Top 3 Commodities by Imports Value for U.S. - Canada Trade by All Land Modes

Ranked by April 2011 Imports Value (millions of dollars)

Rank	Commodity Code	Commodity Description	April 2010		April 2011		Percent Change April 2010-2011
			Imports Value	Percent of Total	Imports Value	Percent of Total	
1	27	Mineral Fuels; Oils and Waxes	5,466	26.1	6,395	27.7	17.0
2	87	Vehicles Other than Railway	3,922	18.8	4,169	18.0	6.3
3	84	Computer-Related Machinery and Parts	1,312	6.3	1,438	6.2	9.6
		Total, top 3 commodities	10,701	51.2	12,003	51.9	12.2
		Total, all commodities	20,908	100.0	23,120	100.0	10.6

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

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Table 9. Top 3 Commodities by Exports Value for U.S. - Canada Trade by All Land Modes

Ranked by April 2011 Exports Value (millions of dollars)

Rank	Commodity Code	Commodity Description	April 2010		April 2011		Percent Change April 2010-2011
			Exports Value	Percent of Total	Exports Value	Percent of Total	
1	87	Vehicles Other than Railway	3,951	20.8	4,163	19.3	5.37
2	84	Computer-Related Machinery and Parts	3,027	15.9	3,530	16.4	16.62
3	85	Electrical Machinery; Equipment and Parts	1,502	7.9	1,716	8.0	14.29
		Total, top 3 commodities	8,479	44.6	9,409	43.7	11.0
		Total, all commodities	19,018	100.0	21,519	100.0	13.2

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

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Table 10. Top 3 Commodities by Imports Value for U.S. - Mexico Trade by All Land Modes

Ranked by April 2011 Imports Value (millions of dollars)

Rank	Commodity Code	Commodity Description	April 2010		April 2011		Percent Change April 2010-2011
			Imports Value	Percent of Total	Imports Value	Percent of Total	
1	85	Electrical Machinery; Equipment and Parts	4,003	26.9	4,113	25.0	2.8
2	87	Vehicles Other than Railway	3,120	21.0	3,354	20.4	7.5
3	84	Computer-Related Machinery and Parts	2,584	17.4	3,055	18.6	18.2
		Total, top 3 commodities	9,706	65.2	10,522	64.1	8.4
		Total, all commodities	14,878	100.0	16,423	100.0	10.4

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

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**Table 11. Top 3 Commodities by Exports Value for U.S. - Mexico Trade
by All Land Modes**
Ranked by April 2011 Exports Value (millions of dollars)

Rank	Commodity Code	Commodity Description	April 2010		April 2011		Percent Change April 2010-2011
			Exports Value	Percent of Total	Exports Value	Percent of Total	
1	85	Electrical Machinery; Equipment and Parts	2,288	20.7	2,343	18.4	2.4
2	84	Computer-Related Machinery and Parts	1,828	16.6	2,218	17.5	21.4
3	87	Vehicles Other than Railway	1,150	10.4	1,248	9.8	8.5
		Total, top 3 commodities	5,266	47.8	5,809	45.7	10.3
		Total, all commodities	11,027	100.0	12,705	100.0	15.2

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

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