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August 2011 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 18.3 Percent from August 2010

North American Surface Trade, September 2009 - August 2011



Trade using surface transportation between the United States and its North American neighbors, Canada and Mexico, was 18.3 percent higher in August 2011 than in August 2010, totaling \$80.4 billion (*Table 1*), according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) of the U.S. Department of Transportation. This was the second time on record that U.S.–NAFTA trade by land modes exceeded \$80 billion in one month – the first time was in March 2011.

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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, the United States' North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) partners, in August 2011 rose 48.2 percent in two years from August 2009 and 11.3 percent in three years from August 2008 (*Table 3*).

The value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico in August increased by 21.2 percent when compared to August 2006, and also increased by 70.6 percent when compared to August 2001, a period of 10 years. Imports in August were up 59.7 percent since August 2001, while exports were up 84.8 percent (*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 August, 86.0 percent of U.S. trade by value with Canada and Mexico moved via land, 9.6 percent moved by vessel, and 4.4 percent moved by air (*Table 8*).

The value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico increased 11.1 percent in August 2011 from July 2011 (*Table 2*). Month-to-month changes can be affected by seasonal variations and other factors.

U.S.-Canada and U.S.-Mexico surface transportation trade both increased compared to August 2010 with U.S.-Canada reaching \$47.5 billion, a 19.1 percent increase, and U.S.-Mexico reaching \$32.9 billion, a 17.2 percent increase. For trade numbers by mode, see Table 4 for Canada and Table 6 for Mexico.

In August trade by state, Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada as it has in previous years, at \$6.4 billion, a 19.3 percent increase from August 2010 (*Table 5*). Texas also continued to lead all states in surface trade with Mexico at \$ 11.9 billion, a 16.7 percent increase from August 2010 (*Table 7*).

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 September TransBorder numbers on Nov. 29.

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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	77,318	39.5	15.7
June	50,753	69,859	77,521	37.6	11.0
July	51,545	61,260	72,363	18.8	18.1
August	54,254	67,964	80,406	25.3	18.3
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	400,614	517,851	596,465	29.3	15.2
Annual	636,695	791,329		24.3	

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

Note: Numbers might 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		August 2010	July 2011	August 2011	Percent Change July - August 2011	Percent Change August 2010 - 2011
All Surface Modes	Imports	36,465	38,788	42,685	10.0	17.1
	Exports	31,500	33,576	37,722	12.3	19.8
	Total	67,964	72,363	80,406	11.1	18.3
Truck	Imports	23,227	23,695	26,684	12.6	14.9
	Exports	24,861	25,872	29,328	13.4	18.0
Rail	Imports	7,480	7,644	7,951	4.0	6.3
	Exports	3,844	4,389	4,853	10.6	26.2
Pipeline	Imports	4,662	6,349	6,492	2.2	39.3
	Exports	413	796	861	8.3	108.6

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

Compared to August in...	Percent Change		
	Imports	Exports	Total Surface Trade
2010	17.1	19.8	18.3
2009	47.9	48.6	48.2
2008	4.6	20.0	11.3
2007	8.5	26.6	16.3
2006	13.1	31.8	21.2
2005	23.7	46.9	33.6
2004	36.6	68.9	50.1
2003	64.4	97.8	78.6
2002	59.6	88.8	72.0
2001	59.7	84.8	70.6

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		August 2010	July 2011	August 2011	Percent Change July – August 2011	Percent Change August 2010 - 2011
All Surface Modes	Imports	20,725	22,374	24,839	11.0	19.9
	Exports	19,155	20,138	22,648	12.5	18.2
	Total	39,880	42,512	47,488	11.7	19.1
Truck	Imports	10,488	10,422	11,895	14.1	13.4
	Exports	14,882	15,304	17,406	13.7	17.0
Rail	Imports	4,856	4,806	5,281	9.9	8.8
	Exports	2,162	2,335	2,608	11.7	20.6
Pipeline	Imports	4,646	6,318	6,465	2.3	39.2
	Exports	227	563	572	1.6	152.3

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 August 2011 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

State	August 2010		August 2011		Percent Change August 2010-2011
	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	
Michigan	5,358	1	6,390	1	19.3
Illinois	3,700	2	5,156	2	39.4
Ohio	2,304	4	2,970	3	28.9
Texas	2,266	5	2,700	4	19.2
New York	2,201	6	2,626	5	19.3
California	2,971	3	2,529	6	-14.9
Pennsylvania	1,655	7	1,893	7	14.4
Washington	1,467	8	1,824	8	24.3
Minnesota	1,197	10	1,653	9	38.1
Indiana	1,355	9	1,584	10	16.9

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		August 2010	July 2011	August 2011	Percent Change July – August 2011	Percent Change August 2010 - 2011
All Surface Modes	Imports	15,740	16,413	17,845	8.7	13.4
	Exports	12,345	13,438	15,073	12.2	22.1
	Total	28,085	29,851	32,919	10.3	17.2
Truck	Imports	12,740	13,273	14,790	11.4	16.1
	Exports	9,979	10,568	11,923	12.8	19.5
Rail	Imports	2,624	2,838	2,670	-5.9	1.7
	Exports	1,682	2,053	2,244	9.3	33.4
Pipeline	Imports	16	31	27	-15.1	66.0
	Exports	186	233	289	24.4	55.4

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

State	August 2010		August 2011		Percent Change August 2010-2011
	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	
Texas	10,177	1	11,873	1	16.7
California	4,002	2	4,892	2	22.3
Michigan	3,322	3	3,470	3	4.5
Illinois	969	4	1,135	4	17.1
Ohio	736	5	841	5	14.2
Arizona	703	6	819	6	16.5
Tennessee	572	7	709	7	24.0
Indiana	485	8	611	8	26.0
North Carolina	448	9	532	9	18.7
Pennsylvania	429	11	464	10	8.0

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

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding

Table 8. Percent of U.S. Trade by Value with Canada and Mexico by Major Modes
August 2011 (Actual U.S. dollars)

Mode	Total Trade Value	Percent
All Modes	93,450,211,856	100.0
All Land Modes	80,406,385,741	86.0
Air	4,084,150,953	4.4
Vessel	8,959,675,162	9.6

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

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