



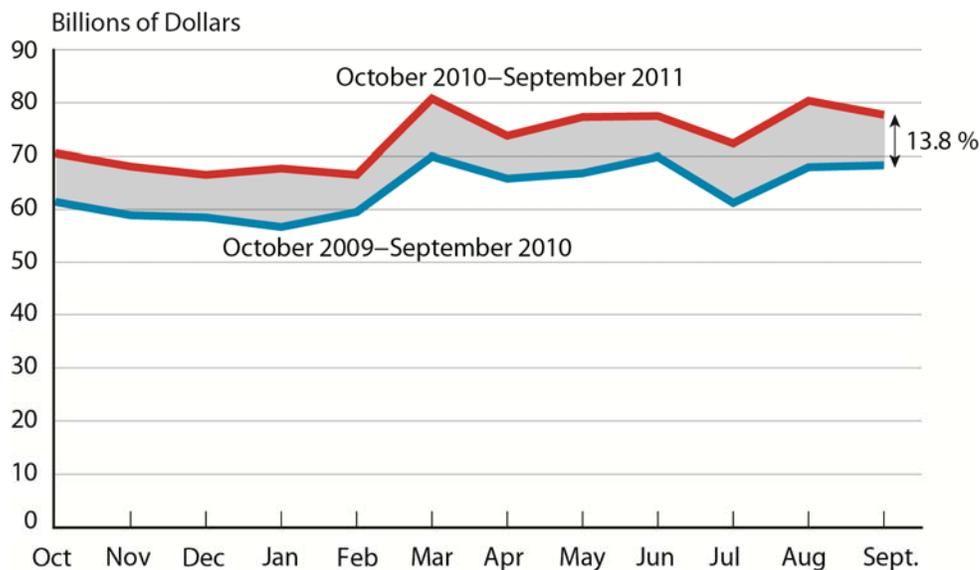
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### September 2011 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 13.8 Percent from September 2010

North American Surface Trade, October 2009 - September 2011



Trade using surface transportation between the United States and its North American neighbors, Canada and Mexico, was 13.8 percent higher in September 2011 than in September 2010, totaling \$77.7 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, the United States' North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) partners, in September 2011 rose 35.7 percent in two years from September 2009 and 8.3 percent in three years from September 2008 (*Table 3*).

The value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico in September increased by 22.8 percent when compared to September 2006, and also increased by 83.0 percent when compared to September 2001, a period of 10 years. Imports in September were up 71.3 percent since September 2001, while exports were up 99.0 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 September, 85.6 percent of U.S. trade by value with Canada and Mexico moved via land, 9.8 percent moved by vessel, and 4.5 percent moved by air (*Table 8*).

The value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico decreased 3.3 percent in September 2011 from August 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 September 2010 with U.S.-Canada reaching \$46.1 billion, a 14.7 percent increase, and U.S.-Mexico reaching \$31.6 billion, a 12.5 percent increase. For trade numbers by mode, see *Table 4* for Canada and *Table 6* for Mexico.

In September trade by state, Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada as it has in previous years, at \$6.0 billion, a 9.6 percent increase from September 2010 (*Table 5*). Texas also continued to lead all states in surface trade with Mexico at \$11.1 billion, an 8.4 percent increase from September 2010 (*Table 7*). The value of surface trade between Connecticut and Mexico, mostly in precious metals and jewelry, showed an unusually large increase of 94 percent between September 2010 and September 2011, compared to the overall U.S. -Mexico increase of 12.5 percent..

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 October TransBorder numbers on Jan. 4, 2012.

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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
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
<b>September</b>	<b>57,294</b>	<b>68,324</b>	<b>77,725</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>13.8</b>
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>457,908</b>	<b>586,175</b>	<b>674,190</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>15.0</b>
<b>Annual</b>	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		September	August	September	Percent	Percent
		2010	2011	2011	Change August - September 2011	Change September 2010 - 2011
All Surface Modes	Imports	36,573	42,685	41,914	-1.8	14.6
	Exports	31,752	37,722	35,811	-5.1	12.8
	Total	68,324	80,406	77,725	-3.3	13.8
Truck	Imports	23,484	26,684	26,250	-1.6	11.8
	Exports	24,981	29,328	27,824	-5.1	11.4
Rail	Imports	7,466	7,951	8,597	8.1	15.1
	Exports	3,858	4,853	4,688	-3.4	21.5
Pipeline	Imports	4,489	6,492	5,917	-8.9	31.8
	Exports	281	861	767	-11.0	172.5

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

Compared to September in...	Percent Change		
	Imports	Exports	Total Surface Trade
2010	14.6	12.8	13.8
2009	36.0	35.3	35.7
2008	4.0	13.7	8.3
2007	11.5	22.7	16.4
2006	15.7	32.3	22.8
2005	18.1	39.4	27.1
2004	33.2	52.7	41.5
2003	49.2	72.4	59.1
2002	60.0	82.7	69.7
2001	71.3	99.0	83.0

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		September 2010	August 2011	September 2011	Percent Change August - September 2011	Percent Change September 2010 - 2011
All Surface Modes	Imports	20,604	24,839	24,482	-1.4	18.8
	Exports	19,616	22,648	21,637	-4.5	10.3
	Total	40,220	47,488	46,119	-2.9	14.7
Truck	Imports	10,550	11,895	11,965	0.6	13.4
	Exports	15,293	17,406	16,712	-4.0	9.3
Rail	Imports	4,757	5,281	5,730	8.5	20.5
	Exports	2,136	2,608	2,553	-2.1	19.5
Pipeline	Imports	4,474	6,465	5,884	-9.0	31.5
	Exports	130	572	432	-24.4	232.5

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

State	September 2010		September 2011		Percent Change September 2010-2011
	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	
<b>Michigan</b>	5,437	<b>1</b>	5,958	<b>1</b>	9.6
<b>Illinois</b>	3,627	<b>2</b>	4,423	<b>2</b>	21.9
<b>Ohio</b>	2,515	<b>4</b>	2,892	<b>3</b>	15.0
<b>California</b>	2,794	<b>3</b>	2,798	<b>4</b>	0.2
<b>New York</b>	2,329	<b>5</b>	2,634	<b>5</b>	13.1
<b>Texas</b>	2,228	<b>6</b>	2,623	<b>6</b>	17.8
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	1,675	<b>7</b>	1,905	<b>7</b>	13.7
<b>Washington</b>	1,522	<b>8</b>	1,732	<b>8</b>	13.8
<b>Minnesota</b>	1,230	<b>10</b>	1,610	<b>9</b>	30.9
<b>Indiana</b>	1,370	<b>9</b>	1,477	<b>10</b>	7.8

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)**

<b>Mode</b>		<b>September 2010</b>	<b>August 2011</b>	<b>September 2011</b>	<b>Percent Change August - September 2011</b>	<b>Percent Change September 2010 - 2011</b>
All Surface Modes	Imports	15,969	17,845	17,432	-2.3	9.2
	Exports	12,136	15,073	14,174	-6.0	16.8
	Total	28,105	32,919	31,606	-4.0	12.5
Truck	Imports	12,934	14,790	14,284	-3.4	10.4
	Exports	9,688	11,923	11,113	-6.8	14.7
Rail	Imports	2,709	2,670	2,866	7.4	5.8
	Exports	1,721	2,244	2,134	-4.9	24.0
Pipeline	Imports	15	27	33	21.9	112.8
	Exports	151	289	334	15.5	120.9

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

State	September 2010		September 2011		Percent Change September 2010-2011
	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	
Texas	10,212	1	11,068	1	8.4
California	4,062	2	4,825	2	18.8
Michigan	3,410	3	3,636	3	6.6
Illinois	923	4	1,017	4	10.2
Ohio	790	5	867	5	9.7
Arizona	675	6	834	6	23.5
Tennessee	546	7	653	7	19.5
Indiana	483	9	607	8	25.7
Connecticut	269	19	524	9	94.3
North Carolina	430	11	518	10	20.4

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**  
September 2011 (Actual U.S. dollars)

Mode	Total Trade Value	Percent
All Modes	90,771,112,765	100.0
All Land Modes	77,724,778,878	85.6
Air	4,108,965,213	4.5
Vessel	8,937,368,674	9.8

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

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