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### **Decline in Person Crossings from Mexico and Canada into the United States**

Friday, April 29, 2011 - The Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) today released [\*A Decade of Decline in Person Crossings From Mexico and Canada into the United States\*](#), a review of the 10-year decline in border crossings by individuals by mode of transportation. Crossings along U.S. land borders declined 37 percent from 2000 to 2009, from about 400 million persons to 252 million. Crossings at the Canadian border declined most rapidly, falling 40 percent from 2000 to 2009. Crossings along the Mexican border also decreased, falling 36 percent. In 2009, there were about 252 million person crossings into the United States from Mexico and Canada. The majority of those crossings, 75 percent, took place along the Mexican border. Personal vehicles were used for most of the crossings, 77 percent, along both borders. An additional 17 percent of total crossings were by pedestrians. This report examines the trends in person crossings by mode rather than reasons for the decline. See [North American Border Crossing/Entry Data](#) for more information. Contact Dave Smallen: 202-366-5568.