



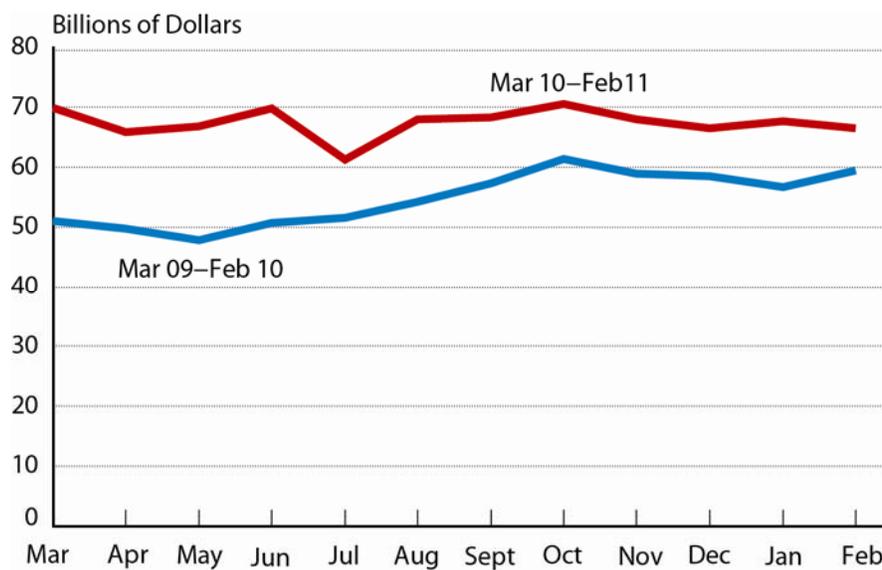
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### February 2011 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 11.8 Percent from February 2010 (State Rankings in Tables 5 and 7)

North American Surface Trade, Mar 2009-Feb 2011



Trade using surface transportation between the United States and its North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) partners Canada and Mexico was 11.8 percent higher in February 2011 than in February 2010, reaching \$66.5 billion, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (*Table 1*).

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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 February 2011 rose 38.8 percent in two years from February 2009, which at \$47.9 billion had the lowest amount of trade of any month since February 2004 (*Tables 3, 1*). Trade value in February 2011 was down 4.1 percent from the early recession level of February 2008 (Table 3). See [Transborder Press Releases](#) for historic data. Values in this press release are not adjusted for inflation.

Freight value in February fell 1.8 percent from January 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 February, 86.4 percent of U.S. trade by value with Canada and Mexico moved on land, 9.3 percent moved by vessel, and 4.3 percent moved by air.

The value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico in February was up 11.3 percent compared to February 2006, and up 48.4 percent compared to February 2001, a period of 10 years. Imports in February were up 43.1 percent compared to February 2001, while exports were up 55.3 percent (*Table 3*).

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

U.S.–Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$40.0 billion in February, up 10.1 percent compared to February 2010. For trade numbers by mode, see Table 4.

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in February with \$5.0 billion (*Table 5*).

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

U.S.–Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$ 26.6 billion in February, up 14.5 percent compared to February 2010. For trade numbers by mode, see Table 6.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in February with \$ 9.1 billion (*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. February TransBorder numbers include data received by BTS as of April 12.

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 March TransBorder numbers on May 31.

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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
<b>February</b>	<b>47,938</b>	<b>59,492</b>	<b>66,534</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>11.8</b>
March	51,055	69,943		37.0	
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>95,398</b>	<b>116,189</b>	<b>134,268</b>	<b>21.8</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		February 2010	January 2011	February 2011	Percent Change January - February 2011	Percent Change February 2010 - 2011
All Surface Modes	Imports	32,545	36,740	36,277	-1.3	11.5
	Exports	26,947	30,993	30,257	-2.4	12.3
	Total	59,492	67,734	66,534	-1.8	11.8
Truck	Imports	19,865	22,547	22,307	-1.1	12.3
	Exports	20,894	24,101	23,527	-2.4	12.6
Rail	Imports	6,764	7,460	7,252	-2.8	7.2
	Exports	3,583	3,634	3,748	3.2	4.6
Pipeline	Imports	4,979	5,466	5,554	1.6	11.6
	Exports	341	780	711	-8.8	108.8

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

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

Compared to February in...	Percent Change		
	Imports	Exports	Total Surface Trade
<b>2010</b>	11.5	12.3	11.8
<b>2009</b>	41.8	35.4	38.8
<b>2008</b>	-8.2	1.3	-4.1
<b>2007</b>	6.8	17.8	11.5
<b>2006</b>	4.8	20.1	11.3
<b>2005</b>	17.6	33.0	24.2
<b>2004</b>	30.3	48.8	38.1
<b>2003</b>	42.7	64.4	51.8
<b>2002</b>	51.2	70.7	59.5
<b>2001</b>	43.1	55.3	48.4

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

Mode		February 2010	January 2011	February 2011	Percent Change January - February 2011	Percent Change February 2010 - 2011
All	Imports	19,226	21,635	21,234	-1.9	10.4
Surface	Exports	17,047	18,625	18,717	0.5	9.8
Modes	Total	36,273	40,260	39,952	-0.8	10.1
Truck	Imports	9,076	10,121	10,039	-0.8	10.6
	Exports	13,004	14,310	14,402	0.6	10.8
Rail	Imports	4,563	5,163	4,901	-5.1	7.4
	Exports	2,067	1,940	2,048	5.5	-0.9
Pipeline	Imports	4,964	5,446	5,536	1.7	11.5
	Exports	280	416	475	14.2	69.6

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

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

Rank	State	February 2011
1	Michigan	5,007
2	Illinois	3,946
3	Ohio	2,475
4	New York	2,427
5	California	2,364
6	Texas	2,187
7	Washington	1,564
8	Pennsylvania	1,540
9	Minnesota	1,392
10	Indiana	1,313

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

Mode		February 2010	January 2011	February 2011	Percent Change January - February 2011	Percent Change February 2010 - 2011
All	Imports	13,319	15,105	15,043	-0.4	12.9
Surface	Exports	9,900	12,368	11,540	-6.7	16.6
Modes	Total	23,219	27,473	26,583	-3.2	14.5
Truck	Imports	10,789	12,426	12,268	-1.3	13.7
	Exports	7,890	9,790	9,125	-6.8	15.6
Rail	Imports	2,201	2,297	2,350	2.3	6.8
	Exports	1,515	1,693	1,700	0.4	12.2
Pipeline	Imports	14	20	18	-9.9	21.7
	Exports	61	365	237	-35.1	290.0

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

Rank	State	February 2011
1	Texas	9,077
2	California	3,761
3	Michigan	3,126
4	Arizona	981
5	Illinois	931
6	Ohio	758
7	Tennessee	547
8	Indiana	493
9	North Carolina	431
10	Georgia	424

Source: BTS TransBorder Freight Data,  
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