



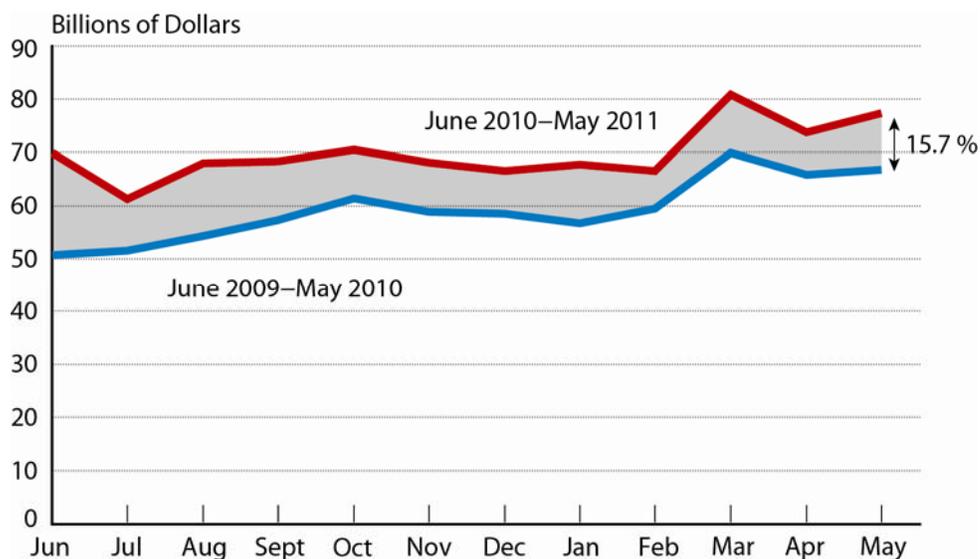
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May 2011 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 15.7 Percent from May 2010

North American Surface Trade, June 2009 - May 2011



Trade using surface transportation between the United States and its North American neighbors, Canada and Mexico, was 15.7 percent higher in May 2011 than in May 2010, totaling \$77.3 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 May 2011 rose 61.5 percent in two years from May 2009, but has still only risen 4.3 percent above the early recession level of May 2008 (*Table 3*).

The value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico in May increased by 17.2 percent when compared to May 2006, and also increased by 55.9 percent when compared to May 2001, a period of 10 years. Imports in May were up 46.4 percent since May 2001, while exports were up 68.5 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 May, 84.8 percent of U.S. trade by value with Canada and Mexico moved via land, 11.1 percent moved by vessel, and 4.1 percent moved by air (*Table 8*).

The value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico gained 4.8 percent in May 2011 from April 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 May 2010 with U.S.-Canada reaching \$46.3 billion, a 15.1 percent increase, and U.S.-Mexico reaching \$31.0 billion, a 16.6 percent increase. For trade numbers by mode, see *Table 4* for Canada and *Table 6* for Mexico.

In May trade by state, Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada as it has in previous years, at \$6.3 billion, a 15.6 percent increase from May 2010 (*Table 5*). Texas also continued to lead all states in surface trade with Mexico at \$11.2 billion, an 18.8 percent increase from May 2010 (*Table 7*).

BTS has also recently released annual data on U.S. transshipments through Canada or Mexico to the public in a new [database](#). Transshipments are shipments of merchandise from a country of origin to a country of ultimate destination through an intermediary country. U.S. transshipment data provide information on U.S. international merchandise transshipped through Canada or Mexico prior to reaching its ultimate destination, as well as shipments from their ultimate origin through Canada or Mexico to the U.S.

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 June TransBorder numbers on Aug. 30.

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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		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	224,063	318,767	366,174	30.6	14.9
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		May 2010	April 2011	May 2011	Percent Change April - May 2011	Percent Change May 2010 - 2011
All Surface Modes	Imports	36,160	39,543	41,574	5.1	15.0
	Exports	30,646	34,224	35,744	4.4	16.6
	Total	66,805	73,767	77,318	4.8	15.7
Truck	Imports	23,121	24,626	26,156	6.2	13.1
	Exports	24,021	26,329	27,275	3.6	13.5
Rail	Imports	7,430	8,199	8,302	1.3	11.7
	Exports	4,045	4,528	4,931	8.9	21.9
Pipeline	Imports	4,959	5,510	6,096	10.6	22.9
	Exports	308	981	1,021	4.1	232.1

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

Notes: Numbers may not add to totals due to rounding. Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding. The value of trade for all surface modes is not equal to the sum of truck, rail and pipeline modes, it also includes shipments made by mail, foreign trade zones, and other transportation. For additional detail refer to the "Data Fields" Section of the TransBorder web page:

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

Compared to May in...	Percent Change		
	Imports	Exports	Total Surface Trade
2010	15.0	16.6	15.7
2009	62.4	60.4	61.5
2008	0.5	9.1	4.3
2007	6.8	17.2	11.4
2006	11.6	24.4	17.2
2005	27.9	40.9	33.6
2004	37.7	55.7	45.5
2003	49.9	69.6	58.4
2002	50.8	70.6	59.3
2001	46.4	68.5	55.9

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		May 2010	April 2011	May 2011	Percent Change April - May 2011	Percent Change May 2010 - 2011
All Surface Modes	Imports	20,936	23,120	24,060	4.1	14.9
	Exports	19,269	21,519	22,229	3.3	15.4
	Total	40,204	44,639	46,288	3.7	15.1
Truck	Imports	10,586	11,055	11,769	6.5	11.2
	Exports	14,918	16,465	16,808	2.1	12.7
Rail	Imports	5,025	5,678	5,561	-2.1	10.7
	Exports	2,333	2,514	2,760	9.8	18.3
Pipeline	Imports	4,946	5,483	6,077	10.8	22.9
	Exports	248	692	701	1.3	182.2

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

State	May 2010		May 2011		Percent Change May 2010-2011
	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	
Michigan	5,465	1	6,315	1	15.6
Illinois	3,550	2	4,687	2	32.0
Ohio	2,696	4	2,811	3	4.3
New York	2,283	5	2,644	4	15.8
Texas	2,228	6	2,504	5	12.4
California	2,773	3	2,204	6	-20.5
Washington	1,421	9	1,678	7	18.1
Pennsylvania	1,622	7	1,653	8	1.9
Indiana	1,424	8	1,565	9	9.9
Minnesota	1,212	10	1,524	10	25.7

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		May 2010	April 2011	May 2011	Percent Change April - May 2011	Percent Change May 2010 - 2011
All Surface Modes	Imports	15,224	16,423	17,514	6.6	15.0
	Exports	11,377	12,705	13,515	6.4	18.8
	Total	26,601	29,128	31,029	6.5	16.6
Truck	Imports	12,535	13,572	14,387	6.0	14.8
	Exports	9,103	9,864	10,467	6.1	15.0
Rail	Imports	2,405	2,521	2,741	8.7	13.9
	Exports	1,711	2,014	2,170	7.8	26.8
Pipeline	Imports	13	26	19	-29.9	43.8
	Exports	59	289	321	11.0	440.9

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

State	May 2010		May 2011		Percent Change May 2010-2011
	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	
Texas	9,391	1	11,157	1	18.8
California	4,001	2	4,342	2	8.5
Michigan	2,879	3	3,387	3	17.6
Arizona	989	4	1,188	4	20.1
Illinois	887	5	1,142	5	28.7
Ohio	708	6	818	6	15.5
Tennessee	509	7	571	7	12.2
Indiana	446	8	538	8	20.5
Connecticut	277	18	486	9	75.6
North Carolina	409	9	476	10	16.4

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

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding

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

Mode	Total Trade Value	Percent
All Modes	91,125,981,086	100.0
All Land Modes	77,317,578,500	84.8
Air	3,695,421,870	4.1
Vessel	10,112,980,716	11.1

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

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