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**December Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Fell 0.1 Percent from
December 2005
(State Rankings in Tables 5 and 7)**

Trade using surface transportation between the United States and its North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) partners Canada and Mexico in December 2006, at \$59.0 billion, was 0.1 percent lower than in December 2005, the first decline from the same month of the previous year since August 2003, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (*Table 1*).

BTS, a part of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA), reported that total North American surface transportation trade fell 8.9 percent in December from November (*Table 2*). Month-to-month changes can be affected by seasonal variations and other factors.

Surface transportation consists largely of freight movements by truck, rail and pipeline. About 90 percent of U.S. trade by value with Canada and Mexico moves on land.

Total North American surface transportation trade value in December was up 54.4 percent compared to December 2001, and up 76.8 percent compared to December 1996, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*). Imports in December were up 95.6 percent compared to December 1996, while exports were up 56.6 percent.

U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada

U.S.–Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$38.2 billion in December, down 2.7 percent compared to December 2005 (*Table 4*). The value of imports carried by truck was 2.8 percent higher in December 2006 than December 2005, while the value of exports carried by truck was 2.6 percent higher.

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in December with \$6.1 billion (*Table 5*).

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U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Mexico

U.S. – Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$20.9 billion in December, up 5.0 percent compared to December 2005 (*Table 6*). The value of imports carried by truck was 6.2 percent higher in December 2006 than December 2005 while the value of exports carried by truck was 2.3 percent lower.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in December with \$6.0 billion (*Table 7*).

The TransBorder Freight Data are a special extract of the official U.S. foreign trade statistics. The data are tabulated for BTS monthly by the U.S. Census Bureau's Foreign Trade Division. December TransBorder numbers include data received by BTS as of Feb. 16.

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/transborder/>. BTS will release January TransBorder numbers on March 29, 2007.

Table 1. Value of Monthly U.S. Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico
(millions of dollars)

Month	2004	2005	2006	Percent Change 2004-2005	Percent Change 2005-2006
January	45,686	52,334	61,189	14.6	16.9
February	48,170	53,592	59,804	11.3	11.6
March	56,269	59,436	68,213	5.6	14.8
April	53,195	58,297	61,742	9.6	5.9
May	53,155	57,870	65,994	8.9	14.0
June	55,422	59,431	66,898	7.2	12.6
July	48,096	49,690	55,939	3.3	12.6
August	53,577	60,188	66,354	12.3	10.2
September	54,913	61,166	63,295	11.4	3.5
October	56,880	63,985	66,846	12.5	4.5
November	56,134	62,894	64,805	12.0	3.0
December	52,065	59,104	59,049	13.5	-0.1
Year-to-date	633,563	697,987	760,127	10.2	8.9
Annual	633,563	697,987	760,127	10.2	8.9

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

Note: Numbers may not add to totals due to rounding.

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Table 2. U.S. Merchandise Trade with Canada and Mexico by Surface Modes of Transportation
(millions of dollars)

Mode		December 2005	November 2006	December 2006	Percent Change Nov. 2006 – Dec. 2006	Percent Change December 2005-2006
All Surface Modes	Imports	34,525	36,794	33,910	-7.8	-1.8
	Exports	24,579	28,011	25,139	-10.3	2.3
	Total	59,104	64,805	59,049	-8.9	-0.1
Truck	Imports	20,142	23,817	21,009	-11.8	4.3
	Exports	19,197	21,774	19,360	-11.1	0.8
Rail	Imports	7,497	7,653	7,680	0.4	2.4
	Exports	3,049	3,686	3,385	-8.2	11.0
Pipeline	Imports	5,402	4,184	3,988	-4.7	-26.2
	Exports	279	247	327	32.3	17.4

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

Note: The value of all surface modes is not equal to the sum of truck, rail and pipeline modes. The value of trade for all surface modes includes shipments made by truck, rail, pipeline, mail, foreign trade zones, other and unknown modes of transportation. For additional detail refer to the TransBorder Freight Data "Sources and Reliability" statement: <http://www.bts.gov/ntda/tbscd/srfin.html>; Numbers may not add to totals due to rounding.

Table 3. December 2006 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Compared with December of Prior Years

Compared to December in...	Percent Change		Total Surface Trade
	Imports	Exports	
2005	-1.8	2.3	-0.1
2004	14.3	12.2	13.4
2003	30.7	29.0	30.0
2002	43.7	46.2	44.8
2001	55.6	52.8	54.4
2000	32.4	31.3	31.9
1999	45.1	29.5	38.0
1998	66.4	49.7	58.9
1997	78.9	55.7	68.2
1996	95.6	56.6	76.8

Source: BTS TransBorder Freight Data,
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Table 4. U.S. Merchandise Trade with Canada by Surface Modes of Transportation
(millions of dollars)

Mode		December 2005	November 2006	December 2006	Percent Change Nov. 2006 – Dec. 2006	Percent Change December 2005-2006
All Surface Modes	Imports	23,378	22,828	21,748	-4.7	-7.0
	Exports	15,850	17,709	16,439	-7.2	3.7
	Total	39,228	40,537	38,187	-5.8	-2.7
Truck	Imports	11,152	12,479	11,465	-8.1	2.8
	Exports	12,353	13,852	12,672	-8.5	2.6
Rail	Imports	5,562	5,288	5,314	0.5	-4.4
	Exports	1,617	1,937	1,924	-0.7	19.0
Pipeline	Imports	5,402	4,176	3,978	-4.7	-26.4
	Exports	212	192	259	34.9	22.1

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

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Table 5. Top 10 States Trading with Canada
by Surface Modes of Transportation
Ranked by December 2006 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	December 2006
1	Michigan	6,121
2	Illinois	2,805
3	Ohio	2,547
4	New York	2,517
5	California	2,508
6	Texas	1,824
7	Pennsylvania	1,421
8	Washington	1,373
9	Tennessee	1,214
10	Indiana	1,192

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

Mode		December 2005	November 2006	December 2006	Percent Change Nov. 2006 – Dec. 2006	Percent Change December 2005-2006
All Surface Modes	Imports	11,147	13,966	12,162	-12.9	9.1
	Exports	8,729	10,302	8,700	-15.6	-0.3
	Total	19,876	24,268	20,862	-14.0	5.0
Truck	Imports	8,991	11,338	9,544	-15.8	6.2
	Exports	6,844	7,922	6,687	-15.6	-2.3
Rail	Imports	1,936	2,365	2,366	0.0	22.2
	Exports	1,432	1,749	1,461	-16.4	2.0
Pipeline	Imports	0	8	10	22.6	NA
	Exports	67	56	68	23.2	2.3

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

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Table 7. Top 10 States Trading with Mexico
by Surface Modes of Transportation
Ranked by December 2006 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	December 2006
1	Texas	6,004
2	California	3,787
3	Michigan	2,426
4	Arizona	780
5	Illinois	738
6	Tennessee	490
7	Ohio	456
8	Pennsylvania	411
9	New York	359
10	North Carolina	359

Source: BTS TransBorder Freight Data,
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