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## **May 2008 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 6.8 Percent from May 2007 (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 was 6.8 percent higher in May 2008 than in May 2007, reaching \$74.1 billion, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (*Table 1*).

The value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico fell 0.3 percent in May from April (*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 88 percent of U.S. trade by value with Canada and Mexico moves on land.

The value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico in May was up 51.9 percent compared to May 2003, and up 93.9 percent compared to May 1998, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*). Imports in May were up 101.6 percent compared to May 1998, while exports were up 84.9 percent.

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

U.S.–Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$48.9 billion in May, up 10.5 percent compared to May 2007 (*Table 4*). The value of imports carried by truck was 6.2 percent lower in May 2008 than May 2007, while the value of exports carried by truck was 10.0 percent higher.

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in May with \$5.9 billion (*Table 5*).

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

U.S.–Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$25.2 billion in May, up 0.2 percent compared to May 2007 (*Table 6*). The value of imports carried by truck was 0.9 percent higher in May 2008 than May 2007 while the value of exports carried by truck was 3.6 percent lower.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in May with \$8.1 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. May TransBorder numbers include data received by BTS as of July 11.

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/transborder/>. BTS will release June TransBorder numbers on Aug. 28.

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

Month	2006	2007	2008	Percent Change 2006-2007	Percent Change 2007-2008
January	61,189	60,649	<b>65,160</b>	-0.9	<b>7.4</b>
February	59,804	59,667	<b>69,406</b>	-0.2	<b>16.3</b>
March	68,213	69,768	<b>70,787</b>	2.3	<b>1.5</b>
April	61,742	65,015	<b>74,317</b>	5.3	<b>14.3</b>
May	65,994	69,423	<b>74,128</b>	5.2	<b>6.8</b>
June	66,898	69,526		3.9	
July	55,939	61,823		10.5	
August	66,354	69,158		4.2	
September	63,295	66,771		5.5	
October	66,846	74,249		11.1	
November	64,805	70,352		8.6	
December	59,049	60,902		3.1	
Jan-May	316,942	324,521	<b>353,798</b>	2.4	<b>9.0</b>
Annual	760,127	797,303		4.9	

Source: BTS TransBorder Freight Data, <http://www.bts.gov/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		May 2007	April 2008	May 2008	Percent Change Apr. 2008 – May 2008	Percent Change May 2007-2008
All Surface Modes	Imports	38,917	42,226	41,374	-2.0	6.3
	Exports	30,507	32,090	32,754	2.1	7.4
	Total	69,423	74,317	74,128	-0.3	6.8
Truck	Imports	25,207	24,859	24,498	-1.5	-2.8
	Exports	23,483	24,482	24,701	0.9	5.2
Rail	Imports	7,866	8,063	8,253	2.4	4.9
	Exports	4,118	4,447	4,432	-0.3	7.6
Pipeline	Imports	4,400	7,655	7,110	-7.1	61.6
	Exports	499	600	634	5.7	27.1

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Pipeline export data are not currently available for March 2008.

**Table 3. May 2008 Surface Trade with Canada and  
Mexico Compared with May of Prior Years**

Compared to May in...	Percent Change		Total Surface Trade
	Imports	Exports	
<b>2007</b>	6.3	7.4	6.8
<b>2006</b>	11.0	14.0	12.3
<b>2005</b>	27.3	29.1	28.1
<b>2004</b>	37.0	42.7	39.5
<b>2003</b>	49.2	55.4	51.9
<b>2002</b>	50.1	56.3	52.8
<b>2001</b>	45.7	54.4	49.4
<b>2000</b>	50.8	51.6	51.1
<b>1999</b>	81.1	78.2	79.8
<b>1998</b>	101.6	84.9	93.9

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

Mode		May 2007	April 2008	May 2008	Percent Change Apr. 2008 – May 2008	Percent Change May 2007-2008
All Surface Modes	Imports	24,344	27,636	26,728	-3.3	9.8
	Exports	19,941	21,222	22,211	4.7	11.4
	Total	44,285	48,859	48,939	0.2	10.5
Truck	Imports	13,290	12,858	12,471	-3.0	-6.2
	Exports	15,135	16,185	16,649	2.9	10.0
Rail	Imports	5,542	5,791	5,947	2.7	7.3
	Exports	2,365	2,394	2,576	7.6	8.9
Pipeline	Imports	4,386	7,640	7,096	-7.1	61.8
	Exports	455	529	489	-7.7	7.4

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 May 2008 Surface Trade Value  
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	May 2008
1	Michigan	5,949
2	Illinois	4,615
3	New York	3,548
4	California	3,114
5	Ohio	3,093
6	Texas	2,712
7	Pennsylvania	1,935
8	Washington	1,823
9	Minnesota	1,822
10	Indiana	1,517

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

Mode		May 2007	April 2008	May 2008	Percent Change Apr. 2008 – May 2008	Percent Change May 2007-2008
All Surface Modes	Imports	14,572	14,590	14,646	0.4	0.5
	Exports	10,566	10,868	10,542	-3.0	-0.2
	Total	25,138	25,458	25,189	-1.1	0.2
Truck	Imports	11,917	12,001	12,026	0.2	0.9
	Exports	8,348	8,298	8,051	-3.0	-3.6
Rail	Imports	2,325	2,272	2,306	1.5	-0.8
	Exports	1,753	2,054	1,856	-9.6	5.9
Pipeline	Imports	13	15	15	-4.4	8.5
	Exports	44	71	146	105.7	228.8

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 May 2008 Surface Trade Value  
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	May 2008
1	Texas	8,095
2	California	4,245
3	Michigan	2,532
4	Arizona	970
5	Illinois	961
6	Ohio	653
7	Tennessee	478
8	North Carolina	464
9	New York	458
10	Pennsylvania	426

Source: BTS TransBorder Freight Data,

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