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June Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 7.2 Percent from June 2004

Trade using surface transportation between the United States and its North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) partners Canada and Mexico rose 7.2 percent in June 2005 compared to June 2004 to a total of \$59.4 billion, 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 surface transportation trade rose 2.7 percent in June from May (*Table 2*). Trucks carried 66 percent of imports and 80 percent of exports by value (*Table 3*). 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 surface transportation trade value in June was up 28.8 percent compared to June 2002, and up 87.1 percent compared to June 1995, a period of 10 years (*Table 4*). Imports in June were up 99.7 percent compared to June 1995, while exports were up 72.8 percent (*Table 4*).

U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada

U.S. – Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$39.1 billion in June, up 8.4 percent compared to June 2004 (*Table 5*). Trucks carried 57 percent of imports and 79 percent of exports by value (*Table 6*). The value of imports carried by truck rose 3.3 percent in June 2005 compared to June 2004 while the value of exports rose 13.0 percent.

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in June with \$6.1 billion (*Table 7*).

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U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Mexico

U.S. – Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$20.3 billion in June, up 5.1 percent compared to June 2004 (*Table 8*). Trucks carried 83 percent of imports and 80 percent of exports by value (*Table 9*). The value of imports carried by truck rose 4.8 percent in June 2005 compared to June 2004 while the value of exports rose 5.7 percent.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in June with \$6.5 billion (*Table 10*).

The Transborder Surface Freight Dataset is 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. June transborder numbers include data received by BTS as of July 15, 2005.

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 July transborder numbers on Sept. 27.

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

Month	2004	2005	Percent Change 2004-2005
January	45,686	52,334	14.6
February	48,170	53,592	11.3
March	56,269	59,436	5.6
April	53,195	58,297	9.6
May	53,155	57,870	8.9
June	55,422	59,431	7.2
July	48,096		
August	53,577		
September	54,913		
October	56,880		
November	56,134		
December	52,065		
Year-to-date	311,897	340,960	9.3
Annual	633,563		

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Dataset,
<http://www.bts.gov/transborder/>

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

Mode		June 2004	May 2005	June 2005	Percent Change May-June	Percent Change June 2004-2005
All Surface Modes	Imports	32,463	32,503	33,724	3.8	3.9
	Exports	22,959	25,367	25,707	1.3	12.0
	Total	55,422	57,870	59,431	2.7	7.2
Truck	Imports	21,454	21,659	22,301	3.0	3.9
	Exports	18,516	19,967	20,437	2.4	10.4
Rail	Imports	6,885	6,786	6,482	-4.5	-5.9
	Exports	2,493	3,106	2,845	-8.4	14.1
Pipeline	Imports	3,170	2,939	3,792	29.0	19.6
	Exports	117	347	184	-46.8	57.6

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Dataset, <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 Surface Freight data "Sources and Reliability" statement: <http://www.bts.gov/ntda/tbscd/srfin.html>

Table 3. Modal Shares of U.S. Merchandise Trade with Canada and Mexico by Surface Modes of Transportation – June 2005

	MODE	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
IMPORTS	Truck	22,301	66.1
	Rail	6,482	19.2
	Pipeline	3,792	11.2
	3-Mode Total	32,575	96.6
EXPORTS	Truck	20,437	79.5
	Rail	2,845	11.1
	Pipeline	184	0.7
	3-Mode Total	23,466	91.3

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Table 4: June 2005 Surface Trade Compared with June of Prior Years

Compared to June in...	Percent Change		
	Imports	Exports	Total Surface Trade
2004	3.9	12.0	7.2
2003	25.7	24.7	25.3
2002	29.9	27.3	28.8
2001	21.0	23.1	21.9
2000	19.1	15.2	17.4
1999	40.0	34.8	37.7
1998	66.7	48.3	58.2
1997	78.3	55.4	67.7
1996	79.7	59.9	70.5
1995	99.7	72.8	87.1

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Dataset,
<http://www.bts.gov/transborder/>

**Table 5. U.S. Merchandise Trade with Canada by Surface Modes of Transportation
(millions of dollars)**

Mode		June 2004	May 2005	June 2005	Percent Change	Percent Change
					May- June	June 2004-2005
All Surface Modes	Imports	21,076	21,128	22,097	4.6	4.8
	Exports	14,957	16,778	16,961	1.1	13.4
	Total	36,033	37,906	39,058	3.0	8.4
Truck	Imports	12,194	12,364	12,601	1.9	3.3
	Exports	11,872	13,070	13,416	2.6	13.0
Rail	Imports	4,979	4,899	4,757	-2.9	-4.4
	Exports	1,452	1,803	1,556	-13.7	7.1
Pipeline	Imports	3,170	2,939	3,792	29.0	19.6
	Exports	114	295	149	-49.6	30.3

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Dataset, <http://www.bts.gov/transborder/>

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Table 6. Modal Share of U.S. Merchandise Trade with Canada by Surface Modes of Transportation – June 2005

	MODE	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
IMPORTS	Truck	12,601	57.0
	Rail	4,757	21.5
	Pipeline	3,792	17.2
	3-Mode Total	21,150	95.7
EXPORTS			
	MODE	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
EXPORTS	Truck	13,416	79.1
	Rail	1,556	9.2
	Pipeline	149	0.9
	3-Mode Total	15,121	89.2

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Dataset, <http://www.bts.gov/transborder/>

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Table 7. Top 10 States Trading with Canada by Surface Modes of Transportation, Ranked by June 2005 Surface Trade Value (millions of dollars)

Rank	State	June 2005
1	Michigan	6,113
2	Illinois	2,776
3	Ohio	2,578
4	New York	2,538
5	California	2,447
6	Texas	1,601
7	Washington	1,498
8	Pennsylvania	1,389
9	Indiana	1,286
10	Tennessee	1,129

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Dataset, <http://www.bts.gov/transborder/>

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Table 8. U.S. Merchandise Trade with Mexico by Surface Modes of Transportation (millions of dollars)

Mode		June 2004	May 2005	June 2005	Percent Change May-June	Percent Change June 2004-2005
All Surface Modes	Imports	11,388	11,375	11,626	2.2	2.1
	Exports	8,002	8,588	8,747	1.8	9.3
	Total	19,390	19,963	20,373	2.1	5.1
Truck	Imports	9,260	9,295	9,700	4.4	4.8
	Exports	6,664	6,897	7,021	1.8	5.7
Rail	Imports	1,906	1,887	1,724	-8.6	-9.5
	Exports	1,041	1,303	1,289	-1.1	23.9
Pipeline	Imports	0	0	0	NA	NA
	Exports	3	52	35	-31.3	1,231.3

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Dataset, <http://www.bts.gov/transborder/>

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Table 9. Modal Share of U.S. Merchandise Trade with Mexico by Surface Modes of Transportation – June 2005

	MODE	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
IMPORTS	Truck	9,700	83.4
	Rail	1,724	14.8
	Pipeline	0	0.0
	3-Mode Total	11,425	98.3
EXPORTS	Truck	7,021	80.3
	Rail	1,289	14.7
	Pipeline	35	0.4
	3-Mode Total	8,345	95.4

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Dataset, <http://www.bts.gov/transborder/>

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**Table 10. Top 10 States Trading with Mexico
by Surface Modes of Transportation, Ranked
by June 2005 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)**

Rank	State	June 2005
1	Texas	6,506
2	California	3,638
3	Michigan	1,876
4	Illinois	711
5	Arizona	705
6	Ohio	513
7	Indiana	476
8	Tennessee	439
9	New York	388
10	Georgia	382

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Dataset,
<http://www.bts.gov/transborder/>

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