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**August 2006 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico
Rose 10.2 Percent from August 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 was 10.2 percent higher in August 2006 than in August 2005, reaching \$66.4 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 North American surface transportation trade rose 18.6 percent in August from July (*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 August was up 40.8 percent compared to August 2001, and up 91.2 percent compared to August 1996, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*). Imports in August were up 99.5 percent compared to August 1996, while exports were up 81.3 percent.

U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada

U.S.–Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$42.2 billion in August, up 7.2 percent compared to August 2005 (*Table 4*). The value of imports carried by truck was 2.1 percent higher in August 2006 than August 2005, while the value of exports carried by truck was 8.5 percent higher.

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

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U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Mexico

U.S. – Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$24.1 billion in August, up 16.0 percent compared to August 2005 (*Table 6*). The value of imports carried by truck was 16.7 percent higher in August 2006 than August 2005 while the value of exports carried by truck was 13.5 percent higher.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in August with \$7.5 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. August transborder numbers include data received by BTS as of Oct. 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 September transborder numbers on Nov. 30.

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	66,355	12.3	10.2
September	54,913	61,166		11.4	
October	56,880	63,985		12.5	
November	56,134	62,894		12.0	
December	52,065	59,104		13.5	
Year-to-date	413,570	450,838	506,134	9.0	12.3
Annual	633,563	697,987		10.2	

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		August 2005	July 2006	August 2006	Percent Change July 2006–Aug. 2006	Percent Change August 2005-2006
All Surface Modes	Imports	34,506	32,064	37,736	17.7	9.4
	Exports	25,681	23,875	28,618	19.9	11.4
	Total	60,188	55,939	66,354	18.6	10.2
Truck	Imports	22,255	20,685	24,142	16.7	8.5
	Exports	20,514	19,024	22,631	19.0	10.3
Rail	Imports	6,788	6,094	7,605	24.8	12.0
	Exports	2,861	2,760	3,514	27.3	22.8
Pipeline	Imports	4,434	4,106	4,881	18.9	10.1
	Exports	159	192	175	-8.8	10.5

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. August 2006 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Compared with August of Prior Years

Compared to August in...	Percent Change		Total Surface Trade
	Imports	Exports	
2005	9.4	11.4	10.2
2004	20.8	28.1	23.8
2003	45.4	50.1	47.4
2002	41.1	43.2	42.0
2001	41.2	40.2	40.8
2000	33.8	29.4	31.9
1999	55.3	52.7	54.1
1998	91.8	77.7	85.4
1997	100.8	73.9	88.2
1996	99.5	81.3	91.2

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

Mode		August 2005	July 2006	August 2006	Percent Change July 2006–Aug. 2006	Percent Change August 2005-2006
All Surface Modes	Imports	22,887	20,267	23,924	18.0	4.5
	Exports	16,492	14,947	18,299	22.4	11.0
	Total	39,379	35,214	42,223	19.9	7.2
Truck	Imports	12,472	10,769	12,730	18.2	2.1
	Exports	13,148	11,728	14,269	21.7	8.5
Rail	Imports	5,136	4,455	5,438	22.1	5.9
	Exports	1,504	1,565	2,041	30.4	35.7
Pipeline	Imports	4,434	4,104	4,872	18.7	9.9
	Exports	116	148	114	-22.5	-1.1

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

Rank	State	August 2006
1	Michigan	6,149
2	Illinois	3,107
3	New York	2,840
4	Ohio	2,787
5	California	2,544
6	Pennsylvania	1,976
7	Texas	1,894
8	Washington	1,768
9	Indiana	1,490
10	Tennessee	1,362

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

Mode		August 2005	July 2006	August 2006	Percent Change July 2006– Aug. 2006	Percent Change August 2005-2006
All Surface Modes	Imports	11,620	11,797	13,812	17.1	18.9
	Exports	9,189	8,927	10,319	15.6	12.3
	Total	20,809	20,725	24,132	16.4	16.0
Truck	Imports	9,783	9,915	11,412	15.1	16.7
	Exports	7,366	7,296	8,362	14.6	13.5
Rail	Imports	1,652	1,639	2,167	32.2	31.1
	Exports	1,357	1,196	1,473	23.2	8.6
Pipeline	Imports	0	1	9	558.9	NA
	Exports	43	45	61	36.9	41.6

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 August 2006 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	August 2006
1	Texas	7,480
2	California	4,303
3	Michigan	2,478
4	Illinois	862
5	Arizona	762
6	New York	526
7	Ohio	515
8	Tennessee	506
9	Indiana	460
10	North Carolina	455

Source: BTS Transborder Freight Data,
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