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**September Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 5.5 Percent from
September 2006
(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 5.5 percent higher in September 2007 than in September 2006, reaching \$66.8 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 the value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico fell 3.5 percent in September from August (*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.

The value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico in September was up 45.8 percent compared to September 2002, and up 78.4 percent compared to September 1997, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*). Imports in September were up 88.8 percent compared to September 1997, while exports were up 66.6 percent.

U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada

U.S.–Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$42.7 billion in September, up 5.6 percent compared to September 2006 (*Table 4*). The value of imports carried by truck was 0.5 percent lower in September 2007 than September 2006, while the value of exports carried by truck was 8.5 percent higher.

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in September with \$6.6 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 September, up 5.4 percent compared to September 2006 (*Table 6*). The value of imports carried by truck was 5.6 percent higher in September 2007 than September 2006 while the value of exports carried by truck was 0.8 percent lower.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in September with \$7.5 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. September TransBorder numbers include data received by BTS as of Nov. 9.

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 October TransBorder numbers on Jan. 7, 2008.

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

Month	2005	2006	2007	Percent Change 2005-2006	Percent Change 2006-2007
January	52,334	61,189	60,649	16.9	-0.9
February	53,592	59,804	59,667	11.6	-0.2
March	59,436	68,213	69,768	14.8	2.3
April	58,297	61,742	65,015	5.9	5.3
May	57,870	65,994	69,423	14.0	5.2
June	59,431	66,898	69,526	12.6	3.9
July	49,690	55,939	61,823	12.6	10.5
August	60,188	66,354	69,158	10.2	4.2
September	61,166	63,295	66,771	3.5	5.5
October	63,985	66,846		4.5	
November	62,894	64,805		3.0	
December	59,104	59,049		-0.1	
Year-to-date	512,004	569,427	591,799	11.2	3.9
Annual	697,987	760,127		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		September 2006	August 2007	September 2007	Percent Change Aug. 2007 – Sept. 2007	Percent Change September 2006-2007
All Surface Modes	Imports	36,232	39,356	37,574	-4.5	3.7
	Exports	27,063	29,802	29,197	-2.0	7.9
	Total	63,295	69,158	66,771	-3.5	5.5
Truck	Imports	23,439	24,681	23,977	-2.9	2.3
	Exports	21,410	23,377	22,524	-3.6	5.2
Rail	Imports	7,131	8,419	8,299	-1.4	16.4
	Exports	3,297	3,663	3,990	8.9	21.0
Pipeline	Imports	4,192	4,733	4,125	-12.9	-1.6
	Exports	195	189	391	106.7	100.2

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

Note: Numbers may not add to totals due 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, other and unknown modes of transportation. For additional detail refer to the "Data Fields" Section of the TransBorder web page: http://www.bts.gov/transborder/TBDR_DataFields.html.

Table 3. September 2007 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Compared with September of Prior Years

Compared to September in...	Percent Change		
	Imports	Exports	Total Surface Trade
2006	3.7	7.9	5.5
2005	5.9	13.7	9.2
2004	19.4	24.5	21.6
2003	33.7	40.6	36.6
2002	43.5	49.0	45.8
2001	53.5	62.2	57.2
2000	34.2	37.9	35.8
1999	55.0	52.6	54.0
1998	74.9	64.0	70.0
1997	88.8	66.6	78.4

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

Mode		September 2006	August 2007	September 2007	Percent Change Aug. 2007 – Sept. 2007	Percent Change September 2006-2007
All Surface Modes	Imports	22,916	24,029	23,300	-3.0	1.7
	Exports	17,488	19,049	19,354	1.6	10.7
	Total	40,404	43,078	42,654	-1.0	5.6
Truck	Imports	12,674	12,255	12,610	2.9	-0.5
	Exports	13,789	14,809	14,961	1.0	8.5
Rail	Imports	4,832	5,801	5,702	-1.7	18.0
	Exports	1,885	2,019	2,278	12.8	20.9
Pipeline	Imports	4,180	4,722	4,113	-12.9	-1.6
	Exports	140	139	325	134.0	132.6

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 September 2007 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	September 2007
1	Michigan	6,620
2	Illinois	3,274
3	New York	2,973
4	Ohio	2,728
5	California	2,642
6	Texas	2,178
7	Pennsylvania	1,547
8	Indiana	1,460
9	Washington	1,447
10	Tennessee	1,308

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

Mode		September 2006	August 2007	September 2007	Percent Change Aug. 2007 – Sept. 2007	Percent Change September 2006-2007
All Surface Modes	Imports	13,316	15,326	14,274	-6.9	7.2
	Exports	9,574	10,753	9,843	-8.5	2.8
	Total	22,890	26,079	24,118	-7.5	5.4
Truck	Imports	10,765	12,426	11,367	-8.5	5.6
	Exports	7,621	8,568	7,563	-11.7	-0.8
Rail	Imports	2,299	2,618	2,597	-0.8	13.0
	Exports	1,412	1,643	1,712	4.1	21.2
Pipeline	Imports	12	12	12	-0.1	-4.4
	Exports	56	51	67	31.7	19.2

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Table 7. Top 10 States Trading with Mexico
by Surface Modes of Transportation

Ranked by September 2007 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	September 2007
1	Texas	7,451
2	California	4,071
3	Michigan	2,922
4	Illinois	808
5	Arizona	656
6	Ohio	585
7	Tennessee	516
8	North Carolina	482
9	Pennsylvania	437
10	New York	409

Source: BTS TransBorder Freight Data,
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