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# July Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 10.5 Percent from July 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 10.5 percent higher in July 2007 than in July 2006, reaching \$61.8 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 11.1 percent in July from June (*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 July was up 49.3 percent compared to July 2002, and up 91.7 percent compared to July 1997, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*). Imports in July were up 104.0 percent compared to July 1997, while exports were up 77.6 percent.

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

U.S.—Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$39.1 billion in July, up 11.0 percent compared to July 2006 (*Table 4*). The value of imports carried by truck was 5.2 percent higher in July 2007 than July 2006, while the value of exports carried by truck was 9.7 percent higher.

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in July with \$4.5 billion (*Table 5*).

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

U.S. – Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$22.7 billion in July, up 9.6 percent compared to July 2006 (*Table 6*). The value of imports carried by truck was 7.4 percent higher in July 2007 than July 2006 while the value of exports carried by truck was 6.1 percent higher.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in July with \$6.9 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. July TransBorder numbers include data received by BTS as September 11.

The news release and summary tables can be found at <a href="www.bts.gov">www.bts.gov</a>. More information on TransBorder Freight Data and data from previous months are posted on the BTS website at <a href="http://www.bts.gov/transborder/">http://www.bts.gov/transborder/</a>. BTS will release August TransBorder numbers on Oct. 31.

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

				Percent Change	Percent Change
Month	2005	2006	2007	2005-2006	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		10.2	
September	61,166	63,295		3.5	
October	63,985	66,846		4.5	
November	62,894	64,805		3.0	
December	59,104	59,049		-0.1	
Year-to-date	390,650	439,778	455,870	12.6	3.7
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		July 2006	June 2007	July 2007	Percent Change June 2007 - July 2007	Percent Change July 2006-2007
All Surface Modes	Imports	32,064	39,561	35,138	-11.2	9.6
	Exports	23,875	29,965	26,685	-10.9	11.8
	Total	55,939	69,526	61,823	-11.1	10.5
Truck	Imports Exports	20,685 19,024	24,497 23,017	21,979 20,611	-10.3 -10.4	6.3 8.3
Rail	Imports	6,094	8,402	6,914	-17.7	13.5
	Exports	2,760	3,640	3,227	-11.3	16.9
Pipeline	Imports Exports	4,106 192	5,246 617	4,753 288	-9.4 -53.3	15.8 49.8

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

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: <a href="http://www.bts.gov/programs/international/transborder/tbdr">http://www.bts.gov/programs/international/transborder/tbdr</a>; Numbers may not add to totals due to rounding.

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

	Percent Change			
Compared to July in	Imports	Exports	Total Surface Trade	
2006	9.6	11.8	10.5	
2005	22.4	27.2	24.4	
2004	24.8	33.8	28.5	
2003	42.5	48.7	45.1	
2002	46.0	53.9	49.3	
2001	45.5	59.6	51.3	
2000	45.4	49.1	47.0	
1999	65.5	65.7	65.6	
1998	100.6	83.8	93.0	
1997	104.0	77.6	91.7	

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)

**Percent Percent** Change Change July June July June 2007 -July Mode 2006 2007 2007 July 2007 2006-2007 20,267 25,072 22,118 9.1 **Imports** -11.8 All Surface 16,986 **Exports** 14,947 19,925 -14.8 13.6 Modes Total 35,214 44,997 39,104 -13.1 11.0 10,769 12,940 11,327 -12.5 5.2 **Imports** Truck **Exports** 11,728 15,195 12,867 -15.3 9.7 **Imports** 4,455 4,836 8.6 5,788 -16.4 Rail **Exports** 1,565 2,095 1,824 -13.016.6 -9.5 **Imports** 4,104 5,233 4,738 15.4

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

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**Exports** 

**Pipeline** 

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**Table 5. Top 10 States Trading with Canada** by Surface Modes of Transportation

Ranked by July 2007 Surface Trade Value

(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	July 2007
1	Michigan	4,467
2	Illinois	3,151
3	New York	2,855
4	Ohio	2,415
5	California	2,409
6	Washington	2,167
7	Texas	2,125
8	Pennsylvania	1,406
9	Minnesota	1,295
10	Indiana	1,223

Source: BTS TransBorder Freight Data,

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

Mode		July 2006	June 2007	July 2007	Percent Change June 2007 - July 2007	Percent Change July 2006-2007
All Surface	Imports	11,797	14,489	13,020	-10.1	10.4
Modes	Exports	8,927	10,040	9,700	-3.4	8.6
Modes	Total	20,725	24,529	22,719	-7.4	9.6
Truck	Imports	9,915	11,557	10,652	-7.8	7.4
	Exports	7,296	7,822	7,744	-1.0	6.1
Rail	Imports	1,639	2,614	2,077	-20.5	26.8
	Exports	1,196	1,545	1,404	-9.1	17.4
Pipeline	Imports	1	13	15	9.4	980.1
	Exports	45	63	43	-31.7	-3.2

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

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: <a href="http://www.bts.gov/programs/international/transborder/tbdr">http://www.bts.gov/programs/international/transborder/tbdr</a>; Numbers may not add to totals due to rounding. NA – not applicable

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

Ranked by July 2007 Surface Trade Value

(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	July 2007
1	Texas	6,946
2	California	3,875
3	Michigan	2,297
4	Illinois	836
5	Arizona	720
6	Ohio	529
7	Tennessee	476
8	New York	450
9	Indiana	446
10	North Carolina	444

Source: BTS TransBorder Freight Data,

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