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## **2006 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 8.9 Percent from 2005**

Trade using surface transportation between the United States and its North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) partners Canada and Mexico was 8.9 percent higher in 2006 than in 2005, reaching \$760 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 freight valued at \$126.5 billion entered the U.S. from Mexico by truck in 2006 while \$93.0 billion of freight was exported to Mexico by truck (*Table 6*).

Freight valued at \$149.9 billion entered the U.S. from Canada by truck in 2006 while \$164.3 billion of freight was exported to Canada by truck (*Table 4*).

Total U.S. - North American surface transportation imports rose 8.3 percent in 2006 from 2005, and exports rose by 9.7 percent during the same time period (*Table 2*).

Surface transportation consists largely of freight movements by truck, rail and pipeline. About 90 percent of U.S. merchandise trade by value with Canada and Mexico moves on land.

Total U.S. - North American surface transportation trade value in 2006 was up 38.9 percent compared to 2001, and up 85.2 percent compared to 1996, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*).

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

U.S.-Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$488 billion in 2006, up 6.5 percent compared to 2005 (*Table 4*). The value of imports carried by truck was 4.3 percent higher in 2006 than 2005 while the value of exports carried by truck was 8.7 percent higher.

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in 2006 with \$71.6 billion (*Table 5*).

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## U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Mexico

U.S. – Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$272 billion in 2006, up 13.5 percent compared to 2005 (*Table 6*). The value of imports carried by truck was 12.6 percent higher in 2006 than 2005 while the value of exports carried by truck was 11.6 percent higher.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in 2006 with \$84.6 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. TransBorder numbers include data received by BTS as of Feb. 16.

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/>.

**Table 1. Value of Annual U.S. Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Compared to 2006**

Year	Amount millions of dollars	Percent Change vs. 2006
1996	410,382	85.2
1997	425,977	78.4
1998	451,736	68.3
1999	501,250	51.6
2000	575,713	32.0
2001	547,312	38.9
2002	540,795	40.6
2003	562,776	35.1
2004	633,563	20.0
2005	697,987	8.9
2006	760,127	

Source: BTS TransBorder Freight Data,  
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**Table 2. U.S. Merchandise Trade with Canada and Mexico by Surface Modes of Transportation**

Mode		2005 millions of dollars	2006 millions of dollars	Percent Change 2005-2006
All Surface Modes	Imports	400,803	434,094	8.3
	Exports	297,184	326,032	9.7
	Total	697,987	760,127	8.9
Truck	Imports	255,963	276,348	8.0
	Exports	234,563	257,310	9.7
Rail	Imports	81,388	89,122	9.5
	Exports	35,070	39,749	13.3
Pipeline	Imports	48,766	53,921	10.6
	Exports	2,937	2,887	-1.7

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: 2006 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Compared with Prior Years**

2006 Compared to	Percent Change		
	Imports	Exports	Total Surface Trade
2005	8.3	9.7	8.9
2004	19.1	21.1	20.0
2003	34.7	35.6	35.1
2002	40.4	40.8	40.6
2001	38.8	39.0	38.9
2000	34.1	29.4	32.0
1999	55.7	46.5	51.6
1998	78.0	56.8	68.3
1997	90.5	64.5	78.4
1996	97.7	70.8	85.2

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**Table 4. U.S. Merchandise Trade with Canada by Surface Modes of Transportation**

Mode		2005 millions of dollars	2006 millions of dollars	Percent Change 2005-2006
All Surface Modes	Imports	265,402	278,889	5.1
	Exports	192,907	209,283	8.5
	Total	458,310	488,172	6.5
Truck	Imports	143,696	149,884	4.3
	Exports	151,222	164,318	8.7
Rail	Imports	60,606	63,258	4.4
	Exports	19,322	22,478	16.3
Pipeline	Imports	48,766	53,865	10.5
	Exports	2,394	2,180	-8.9

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 2006 Surface Trade Value

Rank	State	2006 millions of dollars
1	Michigan	71,580
2	Illinois	36,958
3	New York	33,621
4	Ohio	32,433
5	California	30,312
6	Texas	22,876
7	Pennsylvania	19,577
8	Washington	18,134
9	Indiana	16,277
10	Tennessee	15,375

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**Table 6. U.S. Merchandise Trade with Mexico by Surface Modes of Transportation**

Mode		2005 millions of dollars	2006 millions of dollars	Percent Change 2005-2006
All Surface Modes	Imports	135,400	155,205	14.6
	Exports	104,277	116,749	12.0
	Total	239,677	271,954	13.5
Truck	Imports	112,268	126,464	12.6
	Exports	83,341	92,992	11.6
Rail	Imports	20,782	25,864	24.5
	Exports	15,748	17,271	9.7
Pipeline	Imports	0	55	NA
	Exports	543	707	30.2

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**Table 7. Top 10 States Trading with Mexico  
by Surface Modes of Transportation**  
Ranked by 2006 Surface Trade Value

Rank	State	2006 millions of dollars
1	Texas	84,585
2	California	46,798
3	Michigan	28,849
4	Arizona	10,042
5	Illinois	9,298
6	Ohio	6,269
7	Tennessee	5,905
8	New York	5,510
9	Indiana	5,058
10	North Carolina	4,931

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