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## **July Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 3.3 Percent from July 2004**

Trade using surface transportation between the United States and its North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) partners Canada and Mexico rose 3.3 percent in July 2005 from July 2004 to a total of \$49.7 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 fell 16.4 percent in July from June (*Table 2*). Month-to-month changes can be affected by seasonal variations and other factors. Trucks carried 64 percent of imports and 79 percent of exports by value.

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 July was up 20.0 percent compared to July 2002, and up 94.7 percent compared to July 1995, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*). Imports in July were up 107.4 percent compared to July 1995, while exports were up 79.6 percent.

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

U.S. – Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$31.8 billion in July, up 4.8 percent compared to July 2004 (*Table 4*). Trucks carried 53 percent of imports and 79 percent of exports by value. The value of imports carried by truck rose 0.6 percent in July 2005 from July 2004 while the value of exports rose 7.7 percent.

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in July with \$3.6 billion (*Table 5*).

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

U.S. – Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$17.9 billion in July, up 0.8 percent compared to July 2004 (*Table 6*). Trucks carried 85 percent of imports and 80 percent of exports by value. The value of imports carried by truck rose 1.9 percent in July 2005 from July 2004 while the value of exports fell 1.3 percent.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in July with \$5.6 billion (*Table 7*).

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. July transborder numbers include data received by BTS as of Sept. 16, 2005.

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/>. BTS will release August transborder numbers on Oct. 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	49,690	3.3
August	53,577		
September	54,913		
October	56,880		
November	56,134		
December	52,065		
Year-to-date	359,993	390,650	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		July 2004	June 2005	July 2005	Percent Change June - July	Percent Change July 2004-2005
All Surface Modes	Imports	28,154	33,724	28,705	-14.9	2.0
	Exports	19,942	25,707	20,985	-18.4	5.2
	Total	48,096	59,431	49,690	-16.4	3.3
Truck	Imports	18,265	22,301	18,476	-17.2	1.2
	Exports	15,987	20,437	16,637	-18.6	4.1
Rail	Imports	5,381	6,482	5,276	-18.6	-2.0
	Exports	1,967	2,845	2,273	-20.1	15.6
Pipeline	Imports	3,181	3,792	3,624	-4.4	13.9
	Exports	246	184	205	11.3	-16.7

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: July 2005 Surface Trade Compared with July of Prior Years**

Compared to July in...	Percent Change		
	Imports	Exports	Total Surface Trade
2004	2.0	5.2	3.3
2003	16.4	16.9	16.6
2002	19.2	21.0	20.0
2001	18.9	25.5	21.6
2000	18.8	17.2	18.1
1999	35.2	30.3	33.1
1998	63.9	44.5	55.1
1997	66.6	39.6	54.1
1996	71.2	52.9	63.0
1995	107.4	79.6	94.7

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

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

Mode		July 2004	June 2005	July 2005	Percent Change June - July	Percent Change July 2004-2005
All Surface Modes	Imports	18,148	22,097	18,778	-15.0	3.5
	Exports	12,219	16,961	13,040	-23.1	6.7
	Total	30,368	39,058	31,817	-18.5	4.8
Truck	Imports	9,956	12,601	10,013	-20.5	0.6
	Exports	9,528	13,416	10,264	-23.5	7.7
Rail	Imports	3,904	4,757	4,029	-15.3	3.2
	Exports	1,113	1,556	1,138	-26.9	2.2
Pipeline	Imports	3,181	3,792	3,624	-4.4	13.9
	Exports	241	149	154	3.3	-36.0

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

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**Table 5. Top 10 States Trading with Canada  
by Surface Modes of Transportation, Ranked  
by July 2005 Surface Trade Value  
(millions of dollars)**

Rank	State	July 2005
1	Michigan	3,551
2	Illinois	2,397
3	California	2,133
4	New York	2,105
5	Ohio	1,912
6	Texas	1,499
7	Washington	1,310
8	Pennsylvania	1,300
9	Minnesota	990
10	Tennessee	968

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

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

Mode		July 2004	June 2005	July 2005	Percent Change June - July	Percent Change July 2004-2005
All Surface Modes	Imports	10,005	11,626	9,927	-14.6	-0.8
	Exports	7,723	8,747	7,945	-9.2	2.9
	Total	17,728	20,373	17,872	-12.3	0.8
Truck	Imports	8,308	9,700	8,462	-12.8	1.9
	Exports	6,458	7,021	6,372	-9.2	-1.3
Rail	Imports	1,478	1,724	1,247	-27.7	-15.6
	Exports	854	1,289	1,136	-11.9	32.9
Pipeline	Imports	0	0	0	NA	NA
	Exports	6	35	51	44.6	771.2

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

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

Rank	State	July 2005
1	Texas	5,649
2	California	3,333
3	Michigan	1,341
4	Illinois	642
5	Arizona	613
6	Ohio	442
7	Indiana	409
8	Tennessee	397
9	New York	353
10	North Carolina	347

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

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