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May Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 5.2 Percent from May 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 5.2 percent higher in May 2007 than in May 2006, reaching \$69.4 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 the value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico rose 6.8 percent in May from April (*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 May was up 43.1 percent compared to May 2002, and up 94.5 percent compared to May 1997, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*). Imports in May were up 100.6 percent compared to May 1997, while exports were up 87.2 percent.

U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada

U.S.–Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$44.3 billion in May, up 3.2 percent compared to May 2006 (*Table 4*). The value of imports carried by truck was 2.2 percent lower in May 2007 than May 2006, while the value of exports carried by truck was 2.6 percent higher.

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in May with \$6.9 billion (*Table 5*).

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U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Mexico

U.S. – Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$25.1 billion in May, up 8.9 percent compared to May 2006 (*Table 6*). The value of imports carried by truck was 10.5 percent higher in May 2007 than May 2006 while the value of exports carried by truck was 2.9 percent higher.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in May with \$7.8 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. May TransBorder numbers include data received by BTS as of July 12.

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 June TransBorder numbers on Aug. 30.

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		12.6	
July	49,690	55,939		12.6	
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	281,529	316,942	324,522	12.6	2.4
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		May 2006	April 2007	May 2007	Percent Change Apr. 2007 - May 2007	Percent Change May 2006-2007
All Surface Modes	Imports	37,257	36,912	38,917	5.4	4.5
	Exports	28,737	28,103	30,507	8.6	6.2
	Total	65,994	65,015	69,423	6.8	5.2
Truck	Imports	24,377	23,492	25,207	7.3	3.4
	Exports	22,861	21,790	23,483	7.8	2.7
Rail	Imports	7,440	7,551	7,866	4.2	5.7
	Exports	3,599	3,775	4,118	9.1	14.4
Pipeline	Imports	4,367	4,418	4,400	-0.4	0.8
	Exports	260	410	499	21.8	91.8

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/programs/international/transborder/tbdr;>
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Table 3. May 2007 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Compared with May of Prior Years

Compared to May in...	Percent Change		Total Surface Trade
	Imports	Exports	
2006	4.5	6.2	5.2
2005	19.7	20.3	20.0
2004	28.9	32.9	30.6
2003	40.3	44.7	42.2
2002	41.2	45.6	43.1
2001	37.1	43.8	39.9
2000	41.8	41.2	41.5
1999	70.4	65.9	68.4
1998	89.6	72.3	81.6
1997	100.6	87.2	94.5

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)

Mode		May 2006	April 2007	May 2007	Percent Change Apr. 2007 - May 2007	Percent Change May 2006-2007
All Surface Modes	Imports	24,201	23,776	24,344	2.4	0.6
	Exports	18,712	18,546	19,941	7.5	6.6
	Total	42,914	42,322	44,285	4.6	3.2
Truck	Imports	13,590	12,761	13,290	4.1	-2.2
	Exports	14,746	14,307	15,135	5.8	2.6
Rail	Imports	5,383	5,436	5,542	1.9	2.9
	Exports	2,136	2,188	2,365	8.1	10.7
Pipeline	Imports	4,367	4,408	4,386	-0.5	0.5
	Exports	193	361	455	25.9	135.2

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 May 2007 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	May 2007
1	Michigan	6,935
2	Illinois	3,015
3	New York	2,892
4	Ohio	2,758
5	California	2,717
6	Texas	2,201
7	Washington	1,902
8	Pennsylvania	1,633
9	Indiana	1,631
10	Minnesota	1,335

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

Mode		May 2006	April 2007	May 2007	Percent Change Apr. 2007 - May 2007	Percent Change May 2006-2007
All Surface Modes	Imports	13,056	13,136	14,572	10.9	11.6
	Exports	10,024	9,557	10,566	10.6	5.4
	Total	23,080	22,693	25,138	10.8	8.9
Truck	Imports	10,788	10,730	11,917	11.1	10.5
	Exports	8,115	7,482	8,348	11.6	2.9
Rail	Imports	2,056	2,115	2,325	9.9	13.0
	Exports	1,464	1,587	1,753	10.5	19.8
Pipeline	Imports	0	10	13	34.0	NA
	Exports	67	49	44	-8.7	-33.7

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 May 2007 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	May 2007
1	Texas	7,846
2	California	4,029
3	Michigan	2,732
4	Arizona	972
5	Illinois	890
6	Ohio	597
7	Tennessee	573
8	Indiana	531
9	Wisconsin	486
10	Pennsylvania	481

Source: BTS TransBorder Freight Data,
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