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BTS Releases North American Surface Trade Numbers for October; Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 8.6 Percent from October 2003 (State Rankings on Page 3 and 4)

The United States traded \$56.9 billion using surface transportation in October with its North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) partners, Canada and Mexico, 8.6 percent more than October 2003, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics of the U.S. Department of Transportation reported today (*Table 1*).

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 surface transportation trade rose 3.6 percent in October 2004 from September 2004 (*Table 2*). Month-to-month changes can be affected by seasonal variations and other factors.

Total surface transportation trade value was up 19.4 percent from October 2001 and 81.8 percent from October 1994, the year NAFTA took effect (*Table 3*). Exports increased 60.1 percent compared to October 1994 while imports over that same time rose 102.3 percent (*Table 3*).

U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada

U.S. – Canada surface transportation trade rose 10.6 percent in October from October 2003 to \$36.5 billion. Carrying the largest amount by value, exports by truck increased 9.0 percent from October 2003 while imports by truck rose 11.2 percent (*Table 4*).

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in October with \$6.1 billion (*Table 5*).

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U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Mexico

U.S. – Mexico surface transportation trade rose 5.3 percent in October from October 2003 to \$20.4 billion. Carrying the largest amount by value, imports by truck increased 5.0 percent from October 2003 while exports by truck rose 2.3 percent (*Table 6*).

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in October with \$6.6 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. October transborder numbers include data received by BTS as of Dec. 15.

The press 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 November transborder numbers on Jan. 31.

Table 1. North American Surface Transportation Trade by Value
(millions of dollars)

Month	2003	2004	Percent Change 2003-2004
January	43,756	45,686	4.4
February	43,835	48,170	9.9
March	49,358	56,269	14.0
April	46,842	53,195	13.6
May	48,813	53,155	8.9
June	47,432	55,422	16.9
July	42,607	48,096	12.9
August	45,024	53,577	19.0
September	48,867	54,913	12.4
October	52,362	56,880	8.6
November	48,456		
December	45,425		
Year to Date	468,896	525,363	12.0
Annual	562,780		

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

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**Table 2. U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada and Mexico by Mode
(millions of dollars)**

		October 2003	September 2004	October 2004	Percent Change Sept.-Oct. 2004	Percent Change October 2003-2004
By All Modes	Imports	29,858	31,458	32,586	3.6	9.1
	Exports	22,504	23,455	24,294	3.6	8.0
	Total	52,362	54,913	56,880	3.6	8.6
By Truck	Imports	19,646	20,596	21,288	3.4	8.4
	Exports	18,179	18,689	19,352	3.5	6.5
By Rail	Imports	6,592	6,858	6,984	1.8	5.9
	Exports	2,510	2,669	2,814	5.4	12.1
By Pipeline	Imports	2,484	3,072	3,281	6.8	32.1
	Exports	38	141	158	12.4	319.6

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: Percent Changes of North American Surface Transportation Trade, Imports and Exports by Value from Previous Years to 2004
(Month to Month Comparison)**

Percent Change to October 2004			
Compared to the same month in...	Import	Export	Total Surface Trade
2003	9.1	8.0	8.6
2002	15.6	13.2	14.6
2001	21.6	16.5	19.4
2000	11.2	8.4	10.0
1999	29.8	18.6	24.8
1998	42.9	29.6	36.9
1997	55.8	29.4	43.3
1996	66.7	33.2	50.6
1995	78.1	59.2	69.5
1994	102.3	60.1	81.8

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Dataset

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

		October 2003	September 2004	October 2004	Percent Change Sept.-Oct. 2004	Percent Change October 2003-2004
By All Modes	Imports	18,922	20,441	21,045	3.0	11.2
	Exports	14,077	14,943	15,455	3.4	9.8
	Total	33,000	35,385	36,499	3.1	10.6
By Truck	Imports	10,628	11,545	11,817	2.4	11.2
	Exports	11,253	11,861	12,270	3.4	9.0
By Rail	Imports	4,903	5,082	5,102	0.4	4.1
	Exports	1,397	1,452	1,444	-0.6	3.4
By Pipeline	Imports	2,484	3,072	3,281	6.8	32.1
	Exports	31	121	137	13.7	336.8

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

**Table 5. Top 10 States Trading with Canada by Surface Transportation, ranked by
September 2004 Surface Transportation Trade Value
(millions of dollars)**

October 2004 Rank	State	October 2004
1	Michigan	6,102
2	New York	2,491
3	California	2,457
4	Ohio	2,391
5	Illinois	2,347
6	Texas	1,600
7	Pennsylvania	1,314
8	Washington	1,220
9	Indiana	1,203
10	Tennessee	1,081

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**Table 6. U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Mexico By Mode
(millions of dollars)**

		October 2003	September 2004	October 2004	Percent Change Sept.-Oct. 2004	Percent Change October 2003-2004
By All Modes	Imports	10,936	11,017	11,542	4.8	5.5
	Exports	8,427	8,512	8,840	3.9	4.9
	Total	19,362	19,528	20,381	4.4	5.3
By Truck	Imports	9,018	9,051	9,471	4.6	5.0
	Exports	6,926	6,828	7,082	3.7	2.3
By Rail	Imports	1,689	1,776	1,882	6.0	11.5
	Exports	1,114	1,217	1,370	12.6	23.0
By Pipeline	Imports	0	0	0	NA	NA
	Exports	6	20	21	4.9	233.8

Key: NA = not applicable

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

**Table 7. Top 10 States Trading with Mexico by Surface Transportation, ranked by
September 2004 Surface Transportation Trade Value
(millions of dollars)**

October 2004 Rank	State	October 2004
1	Texas	6,639
2	California	3,723
3	Michigan	2,250
4	Illinois	635
5	Arizona	626
6	Ohio	537
7	Indiana	509
8	Tennessee	458
9	New York	363
10	North Carolina	350

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Dataset,
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