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**July 2008 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 15.9 Percent from  
July 2007  
(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 15.9 percent higher in July 2008 than in July 2007, reaching \$71.6 billion, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (*Table 1*).

The value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico fell 3.4 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 88 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 this July was up 68.1 percent compared to July 2003, and up 123.6 percent compared to July 1998, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*). Imports in July 2008 were up 129.8 percent compared to July 1998, while exports were up 116.2 percent.

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

U.S.–Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$46.9 billion in July, up 19.8 percent compared to July 2007 (*Table 4*). The value of imports carried by truck was 2.6 percent higher in July 2008 than July 2007, while the value of exports carried by truck was 16.2 percent higher.

Illinois led all states in surface trade with Canada in July 2008 with \$5.0 billion (*Table 5*).

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

U.S.–Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$24.8 billion this July, up 9.0 percent compared to July 2007 (*Table 6*). The value of imports carried by truck was 7.2 percent higher in July 2008 than July 2007 while the value of exports carried by truck was 13.8 percent higher.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in July 2008 with \$8.1 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 of Sept. 11.

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. 30.

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

Month	2006	2007	2008	Percent Change 2006-2007	Percent Change 2007-2008
January	61,189	60,649	<b>65,160</b>	-0.9	<b>7.4</b>
February	59,804	59,667	<b>69,406</b>	-0.2	<b>16.3</b>
March	68,213	69,768	<b>70,787</b>	2.3	<b>1.5</b>
April	61,742	65,015	<b>74,317</b>	5.3	<b>14.3</b>
May	65,994	69,423	<b>74,128</b>	5.2	<b>6.8</b>
June	66,898	69,526	<b>74,139</b>	3.9	<b>6.6</b>
July	55,939	61,823	<b>71,628</b>	10.5	<b>15.9</b>
August	66,354	69,158		4.2	
September	63,295	66,771		5.5	
October	66,846	74,249		11.1	
November	64,805	70,352		8.6	
December	59,049	60,902		3.1	
Jan-July	439,778	455,870	<b>499,565</b>	3.7	<b>9.6</b>
Annual	760,127	797,303		4.9	

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

Note: Numbers may not add to totals due to rounding. Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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

Mode		July 2007	June 2008	July 2008	Percent Change June 2008 – July 2008	Percent Change July 2007- 2008
All Surface Modes	Imports	35,138	41,749	40,241	-3.6	14.5
	Exports	26,685	32,390	31,387	-3.1	17.6
	Total	61,823	74,139	71,628	-3.4	15.9
Truck	Imports	21,979	24,441	23,038	-5.7	4.8
	Exports	20,611	24,838	23,762	-4.3	15.3
Rail	Imports	6,914	8,242	6,981	-15.3	1.0
	Exports	3,227	4,559	4,598	0.9	42.5
Pipeline	Imports	4,753	7,601	8,551	12.5	79.9
	Exports	288	494	612	24.0	112.8

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Pipeline export data are not currently available for March 2008.

**Table 3. July 2008 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Compared with July of Prior Years**

Compared to July in...	Percent Change		Total Surface Trade
	Imports	Exports	
<b>2007</b>	14.5	17.6	15.9
<b>2006</b>	25.5	31.5	28.0
<b>2005</b>	40.2	49.6	44.2
<b>2004</b>	42.9	57.4	48.9
<b>2003</b>	63.2	74.9	68.1
<b>2002</b>	67.2	81.0	73.0
<b>2001</b>	66.7	87.7	75.3
<b>2000</b>	66.5	75.3	70.3
<b>1999</b>	89.6	94.9	91.9
<b>1998</b>	129.8	116.2	123.6

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

Mode		July 2007	June 2008	July 2008	Percent Change June 2008 – July 2008	Percent Change July 2007-2008
All Surface Modes	Imports	22,118	27,338	26,794	-2.0	21.1
	Exports	16,986	21,561	20,068	-6.9	18.1
	Total	39,104	48,899	46,862	-4.2	19.8
Truck	Imports	11,327	12,756	11,623	-8.9	2.6
	Exports	12,867	16,437	14,952	-9.0	16.2
Rail	Imports	4,836	5,837	5,292	-9.3	9.4
	Exports	1,824	2,711	2,730	0.7	49.7
Pipeline	Imports	4,738	7,587	8,527	12.4	80.0
	Exports	245	420	477	13.4	94.8

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**Table 5. Top 10 States Trading with Canada by Surface Modes of Transportation**  
Ranked by July 2008 Surface Trade Value  
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	July 2008
1	Illinois	5,034
2	Michigan	4,799
3	New York	2,959
4	California	2,884
5	Ohio	2,879
6	Washington	2,591
7	Texas	2,540
8	Pennsylvania	2,042
9	Minnesota	2,011
10	Indiana	1,325

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

Mode		July 2007	June 2008	July 2008	Percent Change June 2008 – July 2008	Percent Change July 2007-2008
All Surface Modes	Imports	13,020	14,411	13,447	-6.7	3.3
	Exports	9,700	10,829	11,319	4.5	16.7
	Total	22,719	25,240	24,766	-1.9	9.0
Truck	Imports	10,652	11,684	11,416	-2.3	7.2
	Exports	7,744	8,401	8,810	4.9	13.8
Rail	Imports	2,077	2,405	1,689	-29.8	-18.7
	Exports	1,404	1,847	1,868	1.1	33.1
Pipeline	Imports	15	15	24	61.1	60.7
	Exports	43	74	136	84.2	215.0

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 July 2008 Surface Trade Value  
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	July 2008
1	Texas	8,097
2	California	4,355
3	Michigan	1,908
4	Illinois	975
5	Arizona	819
6	Ohio	699
7	North Carolina	487
8	Tennessee	462
9	Pennsylvania	450
10	New York	442

Source: BTS TransBorder Freight Data,

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