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January Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 16.9 Percent from January 2005 (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 16.9 percent higher in January 2006 than in January 2005, reaching \$61.2 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 increase from January 2005 was the largest rise from the same month in the previous year since a 19.0 percent increase in August 2004 from August 2003. Year-to-year percentage changes for 2004 and 2005 were reported in previous BTS releases which can be found at http://www.bts.gov/press_releases/north_american_surface_freight_data.html.

Total North American surface transportation trade rose 3.5 percent in January from December (*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.

Total North American surface transportation trade value in January was up 32.1 percent compared to January 2001, and up 98.3 percent compared to January 1996, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*). Imports in January were up 112.5 percent compared to January 1996, while exports were up 81.1 percent.

U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada

U.S.–Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$40.0 billion in January, up 16.2 percent compared to January 2005 (*Table 4*). The value of imports carried by truck was 9.6 percent higher in January 2006 than January 2005 while the value of exports carried by truck was 14.1 percent higher.

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

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U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Mexico

U.S. – Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$21.2 billion in January, up 18.3 percent compared to January 2005 (*Table 6*). The value of imports carried by truck was 13.2 percent higher in January 2006 than January 2005 while the value of exports carried by truck was 17.3 percent higher.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in January with \$7.0 billion (*Table 7*).

The Transborder 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. January transborder numbers include data received by BTS as of March 13.

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 February transborder numbers on April 28.

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

Month	2005	2006	Percent Change 2005-2006
January	52,334	61,189	16.9
February	53,592		
March	59,436		
April	58,297		
May	57,870		
June	59,431		
July	49,690		
August	60,188		
September	61,166		
October	63,985		
November	62,894		
December	59,104		
Year-to-date	52,334	61,189	16.9
Annual	697,987		

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Dataset,
<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		January 2005	December 2005	January 2006	Percent Change Dec. 2005-Jan. 2006	Percent Change January 2005-2006
All Surface Modes	Imports	30,096	34,525	36,051	4.4	19.8
	Exports	22,239	24,579	25,138	2.3	13.0
	Total	52,334	59,104	61,189	3.5	16.9
Truck	Imports	19,175	20,142	21,318	5.8	11.2
	Exports	17,433	19,197	20,103	4.7	15.3
Rail	Imports	5,804	7,497	7,638	1.9	31.6
	Exports	2,529	3,049	2,863	-6.1	13.2
Pipeline	Imports	3,843	5,402	5,555	2.8	44.5
	Exports	402	279	235	-15.7	-41.6

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>; Numbers may not add to totals due to rounding.

Table 3: January 2006 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Compared with January of Prior Years

Compared to January in...	Percent Change		Total Surface Trade
	Imports	Exports	
2005	19.8	13.0	16.9
2004	36.9	29.9	33.9
2003	42.9	35.7	39.8
2002	52.0	42.8	48.1
2001	34.0	29.5	32.1
2000	47.8	34.5	42.0
1999	78.3	58.5	69.6
1998	96.5	56.2	77.7
1997	103.7	69.1	88.0
1996	112.5	81.1	98.3

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		January 2005	December 2005	January 2006	Percent Change Dec. 2005- Jan. 2006	Percent Change January 2005-2006
All Surface Modes	Imports	20,222	23,378	24,275	3.8	20.0
	Exports	14,201	15,850	15,722	-0.8	10.7
	Total	34,423	39,228	39,996	2.0	16.2
Truck	Imports	10,737	11,152	11,768	5.5	9.6
	Exports	10,889	12,353	12,430	0.6	14.1
Rail	Imports	4,547	5,562	5,626	1.2	23.7
	Exports	1,405	1,617	1,576	-2.6	12.2
Pipeline	Imports	3,843	5,402	5,555	2.8	44.5
	Exports	392	212	177	-16.4	-54.8

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 January 2006 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)**

Rank	State	January 2006
1	Michigan	6,059
2	Illinois	3,140
3	New York	2,928
4	Ohio	2,356
5	California	2,335
6	Texas	1,783
7	Washington	1,622
8	Pennsylvania	1,551
9	Tennessee	1,370
10	Indiana	1,266

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Dataset,
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Table 6. U.S. Merchandise Trade with Mexico by Surface Modes of Transportation
(millions of dollars)

Mode		January 2005	December 2005	January 2006	Percent Change Dec. 2005-Jan. 2006	Percent Change January 2005-2006
All Surface Modes	Imports	9,874	11,147	11,776	5.6	19.3
	Exports	8,038	8,729	9,416	7.9	17.1
	Total	17,912	19,876	21,192	6.6	18.3
Truck	Imports	8,438	8,991	9,550	6.2	13.2
	Exports	6,544	6,844	7,674	12.1	17.3
Rail	Imports	1,257	1,936	2,011	3.9	60.0
	Exports	1,124	1,432	1,287	-10.1	14.5
Pipeline	Imports	0	0	0	NA	NA
	Exports	10	67	58	-13.5	469.9

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 January 2006 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	January 2006
1	Texas	7,048
2	California	3,292
3	Michigan	2,304
4	Arizona	990
5	Illinois	661
6	Ohio	483
7	Tennessee	473
8	Indiana	423
9	New York	374
10	North Carolina	368

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

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