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February Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Fell 0.2 Percent from February 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 in February 2007 amounted to \$59.7 billion, 0.2 percent less than in February 2006, 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 fell 1.6 percent in February from January (*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 February was up 43.0 percent compared to February 2002, and up 75.8 percent compared to February 1997, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*). Imports in February were up 86.8 percent compared to February 1997, while exports were up 63.0 percent.

U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada

U.S.–Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$38.1 billion in February, down 3.4 percent compared to February 2006 (*Table 4*). The value of imports carried by truck was 0.2 percent lower in February 2007 than February 2006, while the value of exports carried by truck was 4.1 percent higher.

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in February with \$5.8 billion (*Table 5*).

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U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Mexico

U.S. – Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$21.5 billion in February, up 5.9 percent compared to February 2006 (*Table 6*). The value of imports carried by truck was 10.7 percent higher in February 2007 than February 2006 while the value of exports carried by truck was 0.5 percent lower.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in February with \$6.5 billion (*Table 7*).

The Transborder Freight Data are 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. February Transborder numbers include data received by BTS as of April 13.

The news release and summary tables can be found at <http://www.dot.gov/affairs/briefing.htm>. 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 March Transborder numbers on May 31.

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		14.8	
April	58,297	61,742		5.9	
May	57,870	65,994		14.0	
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	105,926	120,993	120,316	14.2	-0.6
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		February 2006	January 2007	February 2007	Percent Change Jan. 2007 - Feb. 2007	Percent Change February 2006-2007
All Surface Modes	Imports	34,603	35,009	33,978	-2.9	-1.8
	Exports	25,201	25,640	25,689	0.2	1.9
	Total	59,804	60,649	59,667	-1.6	-0.2
Truck	Imports	21,156	22,308	22,141	-0.7	4.7
	Exports	19,802	20,288	20,290	0.0	2.5
Rail	Imports	7,080	6,864	6,696	-2.4	-5.4
	Exports	3,073	3,034	3,090	1.8	0.6
Pipeline	Imports	5,319	4,298	3,968	-7.7	-25.4
	Exports	244	295	285	-3.4	16.6

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/ntda/tbscd/srfin.html>; Numbers may not add to totals due to rounding.

Table 3. February 2007 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Compared with February of Prior Years

Compared to February in...	Percent Change		Total Surface Trade
	Imports	Exports	
2006	-1.8	1.9	-0.2
2005	10.2	12.9	11.3
2004	22.0	26.4	23.9
2003	33.6	39.5	36.1
2002	41.6	44.9	43.0
2001	34.0	31.9	33.1
2000	34.0	25.1	30.0
1999	58.6	49.8	54.7
1998	76.0	48.3	62.9
1997	86.8	63.0	75.8

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

Mode		February 2006	January 2007	February 2007	Percent Change Jan. 2007 - Feb. 2007	Percent Change February 2006-2007
All Surface Modes	Imports	23,167	22,660	21,275	-6.1	-8.2
	Exports	16,295	16,065	16,841	4.8	3.3
	Total	39,462	38,725	38,116	-1.6	-3.4
Truck	Imports	11,733	11,785	11,709	-0.6	-0.2
	Exports	12,761	12,547	13,281	5.9	4.1
Rail	Imports	5,307	5,322	4,692	-11.8	-11.6
	Exports	1,683	1,724	1,657	-3.9	-1.6
Pipeline	Imports	5,319	4,288	3,960	-7.6	-25.5
	Exports	186	216	254	17.3	36.7

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 February 2007 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	February 2007
1	Michigan	5,789
2	Illinois	2,687
3	Ohio	2,484
4	New York	2,451
5	California	2,348
6	Texas	1,880
7	Washington	1,477
8	Pennsylvania	1,353
9	Indiana	1,334
10	Tennessee	1,260

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

Mode		February 2006	January 2007	February 2007	Percent Change Jan. 2007 - Feb. 2007	Percent Change February 2006-2007
All Surface Modes	Imports	11,436	12,349	12,703	2.9	11.1
	Exports	8,906	9,576	8,848	-7.6	-0.7
	Total	20,342	21,924	21,551	-1.7	5.9
Truck	Imports	9,423	10,523	10,432	-0.9	10.7
	Exports	7,041	7,741	7,009	-9.5	-0.5
Rail	Imports	1,774	1,541	2,005	30.0	13.0
	Exports	1,389	1,310	1,433	9.4	3.1
Pipeline	Imports	0	10	8	-21.1	NA
	Exports	59	79	31	-60.1	-46.6

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 February 2007 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	February 2007
1	Texas	6,539
2	California	3,570
3	Michigan	2,147
4	Arizona	922
5	Illinois	800
6	Tennessee	561
7	Ohio	508
8	New York	434
9	Pennsylvania	408
10	Indiana	391

Source: BTS TransBorder Freight Data,
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