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North American Surface Trade Numbers for January; Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 14.6 Percent from January 2004 (State Rankings in Tables 5 and 7)

The United States traded \$52.3 billion in goods using surface transportation in January with its North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) partners Canada and Mexico, 14.6 percent more than January 2004, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) 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.

BTS, a part of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA), reported that total surface transportation trade rose 0.5 percent in January 2005 from December 2004 (*Table 2*). Month-to-month changes can be affected by seasonal variations and other factors.

Total surface transportation trade value in January was up 26.7 percent compared to January 2002 and 79.1 percent compared to January 1995, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*). Exports in January were up 61.0 percent compared to January 1995 while imports were up 95.3 percent (*Table 3*).

U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada

U.S. – Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$34.4 billion in January, up 17.9 percent compared to January 2004. Carrying the largest amount by value, exports by truck increased 13.0 percent from January 2004 while imports by truck rose 19.7 percent (*Table 4*).

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in January with \$5.3 billion (*Table 5*).

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U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Mexico

U.S. – Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$17.9 billion in January, up 8.7 percent compared to January 2004. Carrying the largest amount by value, imports by truck increased 8.8 percent compared to January 2004 while exports by truck rose 11.6 percent (*Table 6*).

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in January with \$6.0 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. January transborder numbers include data received by BTS as of March 14.

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 February transborder numbers on April 28.

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

Month	2004	2005	Percent Change 2004-2005
January	45,686	52,334	14.6
February	48,170		
March	56,269		
April	53,195		
May	53,155		
June	55,422		
July	48,096		
August	53,577		
September	54,913		
October	56,880		
November	54,870		
December	52,065		
Year to Date	45,686	52,334	14.6
Annual	633,562		

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

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

Mode		January 2004	December 2004	January 2005	Percent Change Dec. 2004 - Jan. 2005	Percent Change January 2004-2005
All Surface Modes	Imports	26,340	29,668	30,096	1.4	14.3
	Exports	19,346	22,397	22,239	-0.7	15.0
	Total	45,686	52,065	52,334	0.5	14.6
Truck	Imports	16,724	19,141	19,175	0.2	14.7
	Exports	15,497	17,758	17,433	-1.8	12.5
Rail	Imports	5,512	6,199	5,804	-6.4	5.3
	Exports	2,063	2,528	2,529	0.0	22.6
Pipeline	Imports	3,125	3,309	3,843	16.1	23.0
	Exports	122	238	402	69.0	229.0

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: January 2005 Surface Trade Compared with January of Prior Years: Percent Change

Compared to January in...	Percent		Total Surface Trade
	Imports	Exports	
2004	14.3	15.0	14.6
2003	19.3	20.1	19.6
2002	26.9	26.3	26.7
2001	11.9	14.5	13.0
2000	23.4	19.0	21.5
1999	48.9	40.2	45.1
1998	64.0	38.2	52.0
1997	70.1	49.6	60.8
1996	77.4	60.2	69.6
1995	95.3	61.0	79.1

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

Mode		January 2004	December 2004	January 2005	Percent Change Dec. 2004 - Jan. 2005	Percent Change January 2004-2005
All Surface Modes	Imports	17,059	19,306	20,222	4.7	18.5
	Exports	12,148	14,444	14,201	-1.7	16.9
	Total	29,207	33,750	34,423	2.0	17.9
Truck	Imports	8,972	10,666	10,737	0.7	19.7
	Exports	9,632	11,357	10,889	-4.1	13.0
Rail	Imports	4,172	4,527	4,547	0.4	9.0
	Exports	1,060	1,364	1,405	3.0	32.5
Pipeline	Imports	3,125	3,309	3,843	16.1	23.0
	Exports	114	226	392	73.7	243.5

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 2005 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)**

Rank	State	January 2005
1	Michigan	5,299
2	Illinois	2,485
3	New York	2,435
4	Ohio	2,293
5	California	2,082
6	Texas	1,566
7	Pennsylvania	1,290
8	Washington	1,279
9	Indiana	1,135
10	Tennessee	979

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

Mode		January 2004	December 2004	January 2005	Percent Change Dec. 2004 - Jan. 2005	Percent Change January 2004-2005
All Surface Modes	Imports	9,280	10,362	9,874	-4.7	6.4
	Exports	7,198	7,953	8,038	1.1	11.7
	Total	16,479	18,315	17,912	-2.2	8.7
Truck	Imports	7,752	8,475	8,438	-0.4	8.8
	Exports	5,865	6,401	6,544	2.2	11.6
Rail	Imports	1,340	1,672	1,257	-24.8	-6.1
	Exports	1,003	1,164	1,124	-3.5	12.0
Pipeline	Imports	0	0	0	NA	NA
	Exports	8	12	10	-17.2	24.8

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 2005 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)**

Rank	State	January 2005
1	Texas	5,972
2	California	3,050
3	Michigan	1,616
4	Arizona	708
5	Illinois	578
6	Ohio	458
7	Tennessee	422
8	Indiana	390
9	New York	371
10	North Carolina	330

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Dataset,
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