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**November 2006 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 3.0 Percent  
from November 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 3.0 percent higher in November 2006 than in November 2005, reaching \$64.8 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 total North American surface transportation trade fell 3.1 percent in November from October (*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 November was up 45.9 percent compared to November 2001, and up 80.4 percent compared to November 1996, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*). Imports in November were up 91.2 percent compared to November 1996, while exports were up 68.0 percent.

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

U.S.–Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$40.5 billion in November, down 1.2 percent compared to November 2005 (*Table 4*). The value of imports carried by truck was 3.2 percent lower in November 2006 than November 2005, while the value of exports carried by truck was 3.5 percent higher.

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in November with \$5.9 billion (*Table 5*).

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

U.S. – Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$24.3 billion in November, up 11.1 percent compared to November 2005 (*Table 6*). The value of imports carried by truck was 11.2 percent higher in November 2006 than November 2005 while the value of exports carried by truck was 5.4 percent higher.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in November with \$7.3 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. November transborder numbers include data received by BTS as of Jan. 16.

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 December transborder numbers on Feb. 28.

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

Month	2004	2005	2006	Percent Change 2004-2005	Percent Change 2005-2006
January	45,686	52,334	<b>61,189</b>	14.6	<b>16.9</b>
February	48,170	53,592	<b>59,804</b>	11.3	<b>11.6</b>
March	56,269	59,436	<b>68,213</b>	5.6	<b>14.8</b>
April	53,195	58,297	<b>61,742</b>	9.6	<b>5.9</b>
May	53,155	57,870	<b>65,994</b>	8.9	<b>14.0</b>
June	55,422	59,431	<b>66,898</b>	7.2	<b>12.6</b>
July	48,096	49,690	<b>55,939</b>	3.3	<b>12.6</b>
August	53,577	60,188	<b>66,354</b>	12.3	<b>10.2</b>
September	54,913	61,166	<b>63,295</b>	11.4	<b>3.5</b>
October	56,880	63,985	<b>66,846</b>	12.5	<b>4.5</b>
November	56,134	62,894	<b>64,805</b>	12.0	<b>3.0</b>
December	52,065	59,104		13.5	
Year-to-date	581,498	638,882	<b>701,078</b>	9.9	<b>9.7</b>
Annual	633,563	697,987		10.2	

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		November 2005	October 2006	November 2006	Percent Change Oct. 2006 – Nov. 2006	Percent Change November 2005-2006
All Surface Modes	Imports	36,387	37,943	36,794	-3.0	1.1
	Exports	26,507	28,902	28,011	-3.1	5.7
	Total	62,894	66,846	64,805	-3.1	3.0
Truck	Imports	23,095	25,010	23,817	-4.8	3.1
	Exports	20,899	22,530	21,774	-3.4	4.2
Rail	Imports	7,440	7,328	7,653	4.4	2.9
	Exports	3,125	3,550	3,686	3.8	17.9
Pipeline	Imports	4,753	4,392	4,184	-4.7	-12.0
	Exports	212	257	247	-3.9	16.5

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. November 2006 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Compared with November of Prior Years**

Compared to November in...	Percent Change		Total Surface Trade
	Imports	Exports	
2005	1.1	5.7	3.0
2004	15.0	16.1	15.4
2003	34.6	32.7	33.7
2002	40.4	39.3	39.9
2001	46.6	45.1	45.9
2000	30.6	29.6	30.2
1999	45.2	36.5	41.3
1998	71.1	55.8	64.1
1997	88.4	62.5	76.2
1996	91.2	68.0	80.4

Source: BTS Transborder Freight Data,  
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**Table 4. U.S. Merchandise Trade with Canada by Surface Modes of Transportation**  
(millions of dollars)

Mode		November 2005	October 2006	November 2006	Percent Change Oct. 2006 – Nov. 2006	Percent Change November 2005-2006
All Surface Modes	Imports	24,074	23,685	22,828	-3.6	-5.2
	Exports	16,974	18,100	17,709	-2.2	4.3
	Total	41,048	41,785	40,537	-3.0	-1.2
Truck	Imports	12,894	13,383	12,479	-6.8	-3.2
	Exports	13,379	14,165	13,852	-2.2	3.5
Rail	Imports	5,546	4,943	5,288	7.0	-4.6
	Exports	1,716	1,977	1,937	-2.1	12.8
Pipeline	Imports	4,753	4,381	4,176	-4.7	-12.1
	Exports	147	199	192	-3.6	30.6

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 November 2006 Surface Trade Value  
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	November 2006
1	Michigan	5,871
2	Illinois	3,175
3	Ohio	2,879
4	New York	2,815
5	California	2,653
6	Texas	1,932
7	Pennsylvania	1,513
8	Tennessee	1,357
9	Washington	1,296
10	Indiana	1,284

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

Mode		November 2005	October 2006	November 2006	Percent Change Oct. 2006 – Nov. 2006	Percent Change November 2005-2006
All Surface Modes	Imports	12,312	14,258	13,966	-2.1	13.4
	Exports	9,534	10,802	10,302	-4.6	8.1
	Total	21,846	25,061	24,268	-3.2	11.1
Truck	Imports	10,200	11,626	11,338	-2.5	11.2
	Exports	7,519	8,364	7,922	-5.3	5.4
Rail	Imports	1,894	2,385	2,365	-0.8	24.9
	Exports	1,409	1,573	1,749	11.2	24.1
Pipeline	Imports	0	12	8	-33.6	NA
	Exports	66	58	56	-4.6	-15.3

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 November 2006 Surface Trade Value  
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	November 2006
1	Texas	7,350
2	California	4,416
3	Michigan	2,578
4	Arizona	858
5	Illinois	809
6	Tennessee	576
7	Ohio	524
8	New York	514
9	Indiana	456
10	Pennsylvania	424

Source: BTS Transborder Freight Data,  
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