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**August Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 4.2 Percent from August 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 was 4.2 percent higher in August 2007 than in August 2006, reaching \$69.2 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 value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico rose 11.9 percent in August from July (*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 August was up 48.0 percent compared to August 2002, and up 96.2 percent compared to August 1997, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*). Imports in August were up 109.4 percent compared to August 1997, while exports were up 81.1 percent.

U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada

U.S.–Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$43.1 billion in August, up 2.0 percent compared to August 2006 (*Table 4*). The value of imports carried by truck was 3.7 percent lower in August 2007 than August 2006, while the value of exports carried by truck was 3.8 percent higher.

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in August with \$6.5 billion (*Table 5*).

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U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Mexico

U.S. – Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$26.1 billion in August, up 8.1 percent compared to August 2006 (*Table 6*). The value of imports carried by truck was 8.9 percent higher in August 2007 than August 2006 while the value of exports carried by truck was 2.5 percent higher.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in August with \$8.0 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. August TransBorder numbers include data received by BTS as of Oct. 11.

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 September TransBorder numbers on Nov. 29.

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	69,768	14.8	2.3
April	58,297	61,742	65,015	5.9	5.3
May	57,870	65,994	69,423	14.0	5.2
June	59,431	66,898	69,526	12.6	3.9
July	49,690	55,939	61,823	12.6	10.5
August	60,188	66,354	69,158	10.2	4.2
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	450,838	506,132	525,028	12.3	3.7
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		August 2006	July 2007	August 2007	Percent Change July 2007 - August 2007	Percent Change August 2006-2007
All Surface Modes	Imports	37,736	35,138	39,356	12.0	4.3
	Exports	28,618	26,685	29,802	11.7	4.1
	Total	66,354	61,823	69,158	11.9	4.2
Truck	Imports	24,142	21,979	24,681	12.3	2.2
	Exports	22,631	20,611	23,377	13.4	3.3
Rail	Imports	7,605	6,914	8,419	21.8	10.7
	Exports	3,514	3,227	3,663	13.5	4.2
Pipeline	Imports	4,881	4,753	4,733	-0.4	-3.0
	Exports	175	288	189	-34.2	8.0

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

Note: Numbers may not add to totals due to rounding. 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 "Data Fields" Section of the TransBorder web page: http://www.bts.gov/transborder/TBDR_DataFields.html.

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

Compared to August in...	Percent Change		Total Surface Trade
	Imports	Exports	
2006	4.3	4.1	4.2
2005	14.1	16.0	14.9
2004	26.0	33.4	29.1
2003	51.6	56.3	53.6
2002	47.1	49.1	48.0
2001	47.3	46.0	46.7
2000	39.6	34.8	37.5
1999	62.0	59.0	60.7
1998	100.0	85.0	93.3
1997	109.4	81.1	96.2

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

Mode		August 2006	July 2007	August 2007	Percent Change July 2007 - August 2007	Percent Change August 2006-2007
All Surface Modes	Imports	23,924	22,118	24,029	8.6	0.4
	Exports	18,299	16,986	19,049	12.1	4.1
	Total	42,223	39,104	43,078	10.2	2.0
Truck	Imports	12,730	11,327	12,255	8.2	-3.7
	Exports	14,269	12,867	14,809	15.1	3.8
Rail	Imports	5,438	4,836	5,801	19.9	6.7
	Exports	2,041	1,824	2,019	10.7	-1.1
Pipeline	Imports	4,872	4,738	4,722	-0.4	-3.1
	Exports	114	245	139	-43.3	21.5

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 August 2007 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	August 2007
1	Michigan	6,520
2	Illinois	3,241
3	Ohio	2,908
4	New York	2,850
5	California	2,846
6	Texas	2,233
7	Washington	1,744
8	Pennsylvania	1,498
9	Minnesota	1,390
10	Indiana	1,360

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

Mode		August 2006	July 2007	August 2007	Percent Change July 2007 - August 2007	Percent Change August 2006-2007
All Surface Modes	Imports	13,812	13,020	15,326	17.7	11.0
	Exports	10,319	9,700	10,753	10.9	4.2
	Total	24,132	22,719	26,079	14.8	8.1
Truck	Imports	11,412	10,652	12,426	16.7	8.9
	Exports	8,362	7,744	8,568	10.6	2.5
Rail	Imports	2,167	2,077	2,618	26.0	20.9
	Exports	1,473	1,404	1,643	17.1	11.6
Pipeline	Imports	9	15	12	-21.9	28.1
	Exports	61	43	51	17.1	-17.2

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 August 2007 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	August 2007
1	Texas	8,043
2	California	4,419
3	Michigan	3,100
4	Illinois	918
5	Arizona	764
6	Ohio	585
7	Tennessee	538
8	North Carolina	522
9	New York	501
10	Indiana	501

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