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## **Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 3.1 Percent from December 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 3.1 percent higher in December 2007 than in December 2006, reaching \$60.9 billion, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (*Table 1*).

The value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico fell 13.4 percent in December from November (*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 December was up 49.3 percent compared to December 2002, and up 73.5 percent compared to December 1997, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*). Imports in December were up 82.0 percent compared to December 1997, while exports were up 63.6 percent.

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

U.S.–Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$39.6 billion in December, up 3.7 percent compared to December 2006 (*Table 4*). The value of imports carried by truck was 6.7 percent lower in December 2007 than December 2006, while the value of exports carried by truck was 5.0 percent higher.

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in December with \$5.7 billion (*Table 5*).

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

U.S.–Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$21.3 billion in December, up 2.1 percent compared to December 2006 (*Table 6*). The value of imports carried by truck was 6.9 percent higher in December 2007 than December 2006 while the value of exports carried by truck was 3.3 percent lower.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in December with \$6.5 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. December TransBorder numbers include data received by BTS as of Feb. 14.

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 annual TransBorder numbers on March 11 and January TransBorder numbers on March 31.

**Table 1. Value of Monthly U.S. Surface Transportation 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	<b>60,649</b>	16.9	<b>-0.9</b>
February	53,592	59,804	<b>59,667</b>	11.6	<b>-0.2</b>
March	59,436	68,213	<b>69,768</b>	14.8	<b>2.3</b>
April	58,297	61,742	<b>65,015</b>	5.9	<b>5.3</b>
May	57,870	65,994	<b>69,423</b>	14.0	<b>5.2</b>
June	59,431	66,898	<b>69,526</b>	12.6	<b>3.9</b>
July	49,690	55,939	<b>61,823</b>	12.6	<b>10.5</b>
August	60,188	66,354	<b>69,158</b>	10.2	<b>4.2</b>
September	61,166	63,295	<b>66,771</b>	3.5	<b>5.5</b>
October	63,985	66,846	<b>74,249</b>	4.5	<b>11.1</b>
November	62,894	64,805	<b>70,352</b>	3.0	<b>8.6</b>
December	59,104	59,049	<b>60,902</b>	-0.1	<b>3.1</b>
Annual	697,987	760,127	<b>797,303</b>	8.9	<b>4.9</b>

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. Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico by Mode of Transportation  
(millions of dollars)**

Mode		December 2006	November 2007	December 2007	Percent Change Nov. 2007 – Dec. 2007	Percent Change December 2006-2007
All Surface Modes	Imports	33,910	39,660	34,497	-13.0	1.7
	Exports	25,139	30,693	26,405	-14.0	5.0
	Total	59,049	70,352	60,902	-13.4	3.1
Truck	Imports	21,009	25,293	20,892	-17.4	-0.6
	Exports	19,360	23,734	19,775	-16.7	2.1
Rail	Imports	7,680	8,210	7,137	-13.1	-7.1
	Exports	3,385	4,278	3,836	-10.3	13.3
Pipeline	Imports	3,988	4,684	5,116	9.2	28.3
	Exports	327	259	466	80.1	42.6

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 is not equal to the sum of truck, rail and pipeline modes, it also includes shipments made by 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](http://www.bts.gov/transborder/TBDR_DataFields.html).

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

Compared to December in...	Percent Change		Total Surface Trade
	Imports	Exports	
<b>2006</b>	1.7	5.0	3.1
<b>2005</b>	-0.1	7.4	3.0
<b>2004</b>	16.3	17.9	17.0
<b>2003</b>	33.0	35.5	34.1
<b>2002</b>	46.2	53.6	49.3
<b>2001</b>	58.3	60.5	59.2
<b>2000</b>	34.6	37.9	36.1
<b>1999</b>	47.6	36.0	42.3
<b>1998</b>	69.3	57.2	63.8
<b>1997</b>	82.0	63.6	73.5

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

Mode		December 2006	November 2007	December 2007	Percent Change Nov. 2007 – Dec. 2007	Percent Change December 2006-2007
All Surface Modes	Imports	21,748	24,798	21,903	-11.7	0.7
	Exports	16,439	20,405	17,707	-13.2	7.7
	Total	38,187	45,204	39,610	-12.4	3.7
Truck	Imports	11,465	13,090	10,694	-18.3	-6.7
	Exports	12,672	15,939	13,312	-16.5	5.0
Rail	Imports	5,314	5,898	5,060	-14.2	-4.8
	Exports	1,924	2,341	2,296	-1.9	19.4
Pipeline	Imports	3,978	4,668	5,099	9.2	28.2
	Exports	259	179	277	54.7	7.3

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 December 2007 Surface Trade Value  
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	December 2007
1	Michigan	5,664
2	Illinois	3,398
3	Ohio	2,520
4	New York	2,437
5	California	2,341
6	Texas	2,035
7	Washington	1,678
8	Pennsylvania	1,594
9	Minnesota	1,372
10	Indiana	1,121

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

Mode		December 2006	November 2007	December 2007	Percent Change Nov. 2007 – Dec. 2007	Percent Change December 2006-2007
All Surface Modes	Imports	12,162	14,861	12,593	-15.3	3.5
	Exports	8,700	10,287	8,698	-15.4	-0.0
	Total	20,862	25,149	21,292	-15.3	2.1
Truck	Imports	9,544	12,203	10,198	-16.4	6.9
	Exports	6,687	7,795	6,463	-17.1	-3.3
Rail	Imports	2,366	2,312	2,077	-10.2	-12.2
	Exports	1,461	1,937	1,540	-20.5	5.4
Pipeline	Imports	10	16	17	7.1	78.7
	Exports	68	80	189	137.4	176.2

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 December 2007 Surface Trade Value  
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	December 2007
1	Texas	6,503
2	California	3,756
3	Michigan	2,188
4	Illinois	770
5	Arizona	770
6	Ohio	553
7	Tennessee	519
8	North Carolina	447
9	Pennsylvania	376
10	New York	327

Source: BTS TransBorder Freight Data,  
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