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February Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico
Rose 11.6 Percent from February 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 11.6 percent higher in February 2006 than in February 2005, reaching \$59.8 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 2.3 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.

Total North American surface transportation trade value in February was up 33.4 percent compared to February 2001, and up 82.1 percent compared to February 1996, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*). Imports in February were up 99.4 percent compared to February 1996, while exports were up 62.8 percent.

U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada

U.S.–Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$39.5 billion in February, up 11.6 percent compared to February 2005 (*Table 4*). The value of imports carried by truck was 3.0 percent higher in February 2006 than February 2005 while the value of exports carried by truck was 9.4 percent higher.

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in February with \$6.3 billion (*Table 5*).

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U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Mexico

U.S. – Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$20.3 billion in February, up 11.5 percent compared to February 2005 (*Table 6*). The value of imports carried by truck was 10.7 percent higher in February 2006 than February 2005 while the value of exports carried by truck was 12.2 percent higher.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in February with \$6.6 billion (*Table 7*).

The Transborder 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. February transborder numbers include data received by BTS as of April 14.

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 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	Percent Change 2005-2006
January	52,334	61,189	16.9
February	53,592	59,804	11.6
March	59,436		
April	58,297		
May	57,870		
June	59,431		
July	49,690		
August	60,188		
September	61,166		
October	63,985		
November	62,894		
December	59,104		
Year-to-date	105,926	120,993	14.2
Annual	697,987		

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Dataset,
<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 2005	January 2006	February 2006	Percent Change Jan. 2006–Feb. 2006	Percent Change February 2005-2006
All Surface Modes	Imports	30,844	36,051	34,603	-4.0	12.2
	Exports	22,748	25,138	25,201	0.3	10.8
	Total	53,592	61,189	59,804	-2.3	11.6
Truck	Imports	19,899	21,318	21,156	-0.8	6.3
	Exports	17,938	20,103	19,802	-1.5	10.4
Rail	Imports	6,676	7,638	7,080	-7.3	6.1
	Exports	2,805	2,863	3,073	7.3	9.5
Pipeline	Imports	3,240	5,555	5,319	-4.2	64.2
	Exports	219	235	244	4.1	11.7

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>; Numbers may not add to totals due to rounding.

Table 3: February 2006 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Compared with February of Prior Years

Compared to February in...	Percent Change		Total Surface Trade
	Imports	Exports	
2005	12.2	10.8	11.6
2004	24.3	24.0	24.2
2003	36.1	36.9	36.4
2002	44.2	42.2	43.4
2001	36.5	29.4	33.4
2000	36.4	22.7	30.3
1999	61.6	47.0	55.1
1998	79.2	45.5	63.3
1997	90.2	59.9	76.2
1996	99.4	62.8	82.1

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

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

Mode		February 2005	January 2006	February 2006	Percent Change Jan. 2006– Feb. 2006	Percent Change February 2005-2006
All Surface Modes	Imports	20,453	24,275	23,167	-4.6	13.3
	Exports	14,902	15,722	16,295	3.6	9.3
	Total	35,354	39,996	39,462	-1.3	11.6
Truck	Imports	11,388	11,768	11,733	-0.3	3.0
	Exports	11,663	12,430	12,761	2.7	9.4
Rail	Imports	4,967	5,626	5,307	-5.7	6.8
	Exports	1,609	1,576	1,683	6.8	4.6
Pipeline	Imports	3,240	5,555	5,319	-4.2	64.2
	Exports	179	177	186	4.8	3.9

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 February 2006 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)**

Rank	State	February 2006
1	Michigan	6,322
2	Illinois	2,869
3	New York	2,864
4	Ohio	2,581
5	California	2,283
6	Texas	1,833
7	Washington	1,583
8	Pennsylvania	1,540
9	Tennessee	1,353
10	Indiana	1,206

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

Mode		February 2005	January 2006	February 2006	Percent Change Jan. 2006–Feb. 2006	Percent Change February 2005-2006
All Surface Modes	Imports	10,392	11,776	11,436	-2.9	10.0
	Exports	7,846	9,416	8,906	-5.4	13.5
	Total	18,237	21,192	20,342	-4.0	11.5
Truck	Imports	8,511	9,550	9,423	-1.3	10.7
	Exports	6,274	7,674	7,041	-8.2	12.2
Rail	Imports	1,709	2,011	1,774	-11.8	3.8
	Exports	1,196	1,287	1,389	7.9	16.2
Pipeline	Imports	0	0	0	NA	NA
	Exports	40	58	59	1.9	46.2

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 February 2006 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	February 2006
1	Texas	6,647
2	California	3,212
3	Michigan	2,054
4	Arizona	898
5	Illinois	650
6	Ohio	487
7	Indiana	431
8	Tennessee	430
9	New York	394
10	Pennsylvania	353

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

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