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## **April Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 5.3 Percent from April 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 valued at \$65.0 billion in April 2007, 5.3 percent higher than in April 2006 for the biggest percentage increase from the same month of the previous year since August 2006, 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 fell 6.8 percent in April from March (*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 April was up 38.9 percent compared to April 2002, and up 78.4 percent compared to April 1997, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*). Imports in April were up 90.8 percent compared to April 1997, while exports were up 64.5 percent.

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

U.S.–Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$42.3 billion in April, up 4.2 percent compared to April 2006 (*Table 4*). The value of imports carried by truck was 3.1 percent higher in April 2007 than April 2006, while the value of exports carried by truck was 4.8 percent higher.

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in April with \$6.7 billion (*Table 5*).

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

U.S. – Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$22.7 billion in April, up 7.4 percent compared to April 2006 (*Table 6*). The value of imports carried by truck was 10.4 percent higher in April 2007 than April 2006 while the value of exports carried by truck was 3.6 percent higher.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in April with \$6.9 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. April TransBorder numbers include data received by BTS as of June 20.

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 May TransBorder numbers on July 31.

**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	<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		14.0	
June	59,431	66,898		12.6	
July	49,690	55,939		12.6	
August	60,188	66,354		10.2	
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	223,659	250,947	<b>255,099</b>	12.2	<b>1.7</b>
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		April 2006	March 2007	April 2007	Percent Change Mar. 2007 - Apr. 2007	Percent Change April 2006-2007
All Surface Modes	Imports	35,126	39,912	36,912	-7.5	5.1
	Exports	26,616	29,856	28,103	-5.9	5.6
	Total	61,742	69,768	65,015	-6.8	5.3
Truck	Imports	22,102	25,910	23,492	-9.3	6.3
	Exports	20,871	23,191	21,790	-6.0	4.4
Rail	Imports	7,471	8,465	7,551	-10.8	1.1
	Exports	3,255	4,018	3,775	-6.1	16.0
Pipeline	Imports	4,227	4,313	4,418	2.4	4.5
	Exports	187	271	410	51.2	118.9

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/programs/international/transborder/tbdr;>  
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**Table 3. April 2007 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Compared with April of Prior Years**

Compared to April in...	Percent Change		Total Surface Trade
	Imports	Exports	
<b>2006</b>	5.1	5.6	5.3
<b>2005</b>	11.2	12.0	11.5
<b>2004</b>	21.4	23.3	22.2
<b>2003</b>	39.1	38.4	38.8
<b>2002</b>	37.9	40.3	38.9
<b>2001</b>	38.5	39.6	38.9
<b>2000</b>	42.5	34.0	38.7
<b>1999</b>	65.2	52.5	59.5
<b>1998</b>	80.0	54.0	67.8
<b>1997</b>	90.8	64.5	78.4

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		April 2006	March 2007	April 2007	Percent Change Mar. 2007 - Apr. 2007	Percent Change April 2006-2007
All Surface Modes	Imports	23,097	25,187	23,776	-5.6	2.9
	Exports	17,518	19,865	18,546	-6.6	5.9
	Total	40,615	45,053	42,322	-6.1	4.2
Truck	Imports	12,379	13,737	12,761	-7.1	3.1
	Exports	13,648	15,306	14,307	-6.5	4.8
Rail	Imports	5,440	6,188	5,436	-12.2	-0.1
	Exports	1,967	2,343	2,188	-6.6	11.2
Pipeline	Imports	4,225	4,282	4,408	2.9	4.3
	Exports	120	222	361	62.8	200.6

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 April 2007 Surface Trade Value  
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	April 2007
1	Michigan	6,661
2	Illinois	2,942
3	New York	2,852
4	Ohio	2,722
5	California	2,601
6	Texas	2,045
7	Washington	1,757
8	Pennsylvania	1,569
9	Indiana	1,451
10	Tennessee	1,254

Source: BTS TransBorder Freight Data,  
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**Table 6. U.S. Merchandise Trade with Mexico by Surface Modes of Transportation**  
(millions of dollars)

Mode		April 2006	March 2007	April 2007	Percent Change Mar. 2007 - Apr. 2007	Percent Change April 2006-2007
All Surface Modes	Imports	12,029	14,724	13,136	-10.8	9.2
	Exports	9,098	9,991	9,557	-4.3	5.0
	Total	21,127	24,715	22,693	-8.2	7.4
Truck	Imports	9,722	12,173	10,730	-11.8	10.4
	Exports	7,222	7,885	7,482	-5.1	3.6
Rail	Imports	2,031	2,277	2,115	-7.1	4.1
	Exports	1,288	1,676	1,587	-5.3	23.2
Pipeline	Imports	2	31	10	-67.8	NA
	Exports	67	49	49	-1.1	-27.5

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 April 2007 Surface Trade Value  
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	April 2007
1	Texas	6,869
2	California	3,819
3	Michigan	2,471
4	Arizona	898
5	Illinois	766
6	Ohio	535
7	Tennessee	510
8	Pennsylvania	450
9	New York	433
10	Indiana	426

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

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