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**BTS Releases North American Surface Trade Numbers for November 2004;
Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 12.5 Percent
From November 2003 (State Rankings on Pages 3 and 4)**

More than \$54.9 billion worth of goods crossed the border by surface transportation between the United States and its North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) partners Canada and Mexico in November 2004, 12.5 percent more than November 2003, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics reported today (*Table 1*).

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 surface transportation trade fell 3.5 percent in November 2004 from October 2004 (*Table 2*). Month-to-month changes can be affected by seasonal variations and other factors.

Total surface transportation trade value was up 23.5 percent compared to November 2001 and 70.7 percent from November 1994, the year NAFTA took effect (*Table 3*). Exports increased 47.6 percent compared to November 1994 while imports over that same time rose 92.3 percent (*Table 3*).

U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada

U.S. – Canada surface transportation trade rose 10.8 percent to \$35.0 billion in November 2004 from November 2003. Carrying the largest amount by value, exports by truck increased 3.3 percent from November 2003 while imports by truck rose 19.1 percent (*Table 4*).

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 rose 13.8 percent to \$19.9 billion in November from November 2003. Carrying the largest amount by value, imports by truck increased 15.9 percent from November 2003 while exports by truck rose 13.4 percent (*Table 6*).

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in November with \$6.5 billion (*Table 7*).

The Transborder Surface 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. November transborder numbers include data received by BTS as of Jan. 14.

The press 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 December transborder numbers on Feb. 28.

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

Month	2003	2004	Percent Change 2003-2004
January	43,756	45,686	4.4
February	43,835	48,170	9.9
March	49,358	56,269	14.0
April	46,842	53,195	13.6
May	48,813	53,155	8.9
June	47,432	55,422	16.9
July	42,607	48,096	12.9
August	45,024	53,577	19.0
September	48,867	54,913	12.4
October	52,362	56,880	8.6
November	48,456	54,870	12.5
December	45,425		
Year to Date	517,352	580,233	12.2
Annual	562,780		

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

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Table 2. U.S. Merchandise Trade with Canada and Mexico using Surface Transportation
(millions of dollars)

Mode		November 2003	October 2004	November 2004	Percent Change Oct.-Nov. 2004	Percent Change November 2003-2004
All Surface Modes	Imports	27,339	32,586	32,005	-1.8	17.1
	Exports	21,116	24,294	22,865	-5.9	8.3
	Total	48,456	56,880	54,870	-3.5	12.5
Truck	Imports	17,641	21,288	20,764	-2.5	17.7
	Exports	16,883	19,352	18,066	-6.6	7.0
Rail	Imports	6,333	6,984	6,677	-4.4	5.4
	Exports	2,492	2,814	2,733	-2.9	9.7
Pipeline	Imports	2,486	3,281	3,465	5.6	39.4
	Exports	44	158	90	-43.0	104.8

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>

Table 3: November 2004 Surface Trade Compared with November of Prior Years: Percent Change

Compared to November in...	Imports	Exports	Total Surface Trade
2003	17.1	8.3	13.2
2002	22.1	13.7	18.5
2001	27.5	18.4	23.5
2000	13.6	5.8	10.2
1999	26.3	11.4	19.7
1998	48.9	27.1	39.0
1997	63.9	32.6	49.2
1996	66.3	37.2	52.8
1995	81.3	56.8	70.2
1994	92.3	47.6	70.7

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

Mode		November 2003	October 2004	November 2004	Percent Change Oct.-Nov. 2004	Percent Change November 2003-2004
All Surface Modes	Imports	17,555	21,045	20,908	-0.6	19.1
	Exports	13,398	15,455	14,052	-9.1	4.9
	Total	30,953	36,499	34,960	-4.2	10.8
Truck	Imports	9,711	11,817	11,569	-2.1	19.1
	Exports	10,669	12,270	11,020	-10.2	3.3
Rail	Imports	4,717	5,102	4,988	-2.2	5.7
	Exports	1,424	1,444	1,416	-1.9	-0.6
Pipeline	Imports	2,486	3,281	3,465	5.6	39.4
	Exports	39	137	82	-40.1	110.6

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Dataset, <http://www.bts.gov/transborder/>
For Note: See Table 2

**Table 5. Top 10 States Trading with Canada
using Surface Transportation, ranked
by November 2004 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)**

Rank	State	November 2004
1	Michigan	5,910
2	Illinois	2,448
3	New York	2,415
4	California	2,328
5	Ohio	2,261
6	Texas	1,398
7	Pennsylvania	1,280
8	Washington	1,240
9	Indiana	1,130
10	Tennessee	1,019

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

Mode		November 2003	October 2004	November 2004	Percent Change Oct.-Nov. 2004	Percent Change November 2003-2004
All Surface Modes	Imports	9,784	11,542	11,097	-3.9	13.4
	Exports	7,718	8,840	8,813	-0.3	14.2
	Total	17,502	20,381	19,910	-1.9	13.8
Truck	Imports	7,931	9,471	9,195	-2.9	15.9
	Exports	6,213	7,082	7,046	-0.5	13.4
Rail	Imports	1,616	1,882	1,690	-10.2	4.6
	Exports	1,068	1,370	1,317	-3.8	23.4
Pipeline	Imports	0	0	0	NA	NA
	Exports	5	21	8	-62.3	59.2

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Dataset, <http://www.bts.gov/transborder/>
For Note: See Table 2

**Table 7. Top 10 States Trading with Mexico
using Surface Transportation, ranked by
November 2004 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)**

Rank	State	November 2004
1	Texas	6,468
2	California	3,635
3	Michigan	2,126
4	Arizona	629
5	Illinois	628
6	Ohio	517
7	Indiana	483
8	Tennessee	430
9	New York	369
10	North Carolina	361

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Dataset,
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