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April Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico
Rose 5.9 Percent from April 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 5.9 percent higher in April 2006 than in April 2005, reaching \$61.7 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 9.5 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.

Total North American surface transportation trade value in April was up 31.9 percent compared to April 2001, and up 78.9 percent compared to April 1996, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*). Imports in April were up 91.7 percent compared to April 1996, while exports were up 64.5 percent.

U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada

U.S.–Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$40.6 billion in April, up 6.5 percent compared to April 2005 (*Table 4*). The value of imports carried by truck was 4.0 percent higher in April 2006 than April 2005 while the value of exports carried by truck was 6.1 percent higher.

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

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U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Mexico

U.S. – Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$21.1 billion in April, up 4.7 percent compared to April 2005 (*Table 6*). The value of imports carried by truck was 1.8 percent higher in April 2006 than April 2005 while the value of exports carried by truck was 5.6 percent higher.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in April with \$6.7 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. April transborder numbers include data received by BTS as of June 13.

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 May transborder numbers on July 31.

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

Month	2004	2005	2006	Percent Change 2004-2005	Percent Change 2005-2006
January	45,686	52,334	61,189	14.6	16.9
February	48,170	53,592	59,804	11.3	11.6
March	56,269	59,436	68,213	5.6	14.8
April	53,195	58,297	61,742	9.6	5.9
May	53,155	57,870		8.9	
June	55,422	59,431		7.2	
July	48,096	49,690		3.3	
August	53,577	60,188		12.3	
September	54,913	61,166		11.4	
October	56,880	63,985		12.5	
November	56,134	62,894		12.0	
December	52,065	59,104		13.5	
Year-to-date	203,320	223,659	250,947	10.0	12.2
Annual	633,563	697,987		10.2	

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		April 2005	March 2006	April 2006	Percent Change Mar. 2006– Apr. 2006	Percent Change April 2005-2006
All Surface Modes	Imports	33,201	38,440	35,126	-8.6	5.8
	Exports	25,096	29,772	26,616	-10.6	6.1
	Total	58,297	68,213	61,742	-9.5	5.9
Truck	Imports	21,455	24,751	22,102	-10.7	3.0
	Exports	19,706	23,615	20,871	-11.6	5.9
Rail	Imports	6,940	8,068	7,471	-7.4	7.7
	Exports	3,134	3,556	3,255	-8.5	3.9
Pipeline	Imports	3,429	4,378	4,227	-3.4	23.3
	Exports	251	368	187	-49.2	-25.3

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. April 2006 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Compared with April of Prior Years

Compared to April in...	Percent Change		Total Surface Trade
	Imports	Exports	
2005	5.8	6.1	5.9
2004	15.5	16.8	16.1
2003	32.4	31.1	31.8
2002	31.3	32.9	32.0
2001	31.8	32.2	31.9
2000	35.6	26.9	31.7
1999	57.2	44.4	51.4
1998	71.3	45.8	59.3
1997	81.5	55.8	69.5
1996	91.7	64.5	78.9

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Dataset,
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Table 4. U.S. Merchandise Trade with Canada by Surface Modes of Transportation
(millions of dollars)

Mode		April 2005	March 2006	April 2006	Percent Change Mar. 2006– Apr. 2006	Percent Change April 2005-2006
All Surface Modes	Imports	21,635	24,644	23,097	-6.3	6.8
	Exports	16,491	19,359	17,518	-9.5	6.2
	Total	38,126	44,002	40,615	-7.7	6.5
Truck	Imports	11,901	13,522	12,379	-8.4	4.0
	Exports	12,868	15,238	13,648	-10.4	6.1
Rail	Imports	5,115	5,707	5,440	-4.7	6.4
	Exports	1,748	2,048	1,967	-4.0	12.5
Pipeline	Imports	3,429	4,378	4,225	-3.5	23.2
	Exports	239	310	120	-61.3	-49.6

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 April 2006 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	April 2006
1	Michigan	6,267
2	Illinois	3,020
3	New York	2,764
4	Ohio	2,585
5	California	2,473
6	Texas	1,989
7	Washington	1,535
8	Pennsylvania	1,506
9	Indiana	1,395
10	Tennessee	1,213

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

Mode		April 2005	March 2006	April 2006	Percent Change Mar. 2006-Apr. 2006	Percent Change April 2005-2006
All Surface Modes	Imports	11,566	13,796	12,029	-12.8	4.0
	Exports	8,605	10,414	9,098	-12.6	5.7
	Total	20,172	24,210	21,127	-12.7	4.7
Truck	Imports	9,553	11,229	9,722	-13.4	1.8
	Exports	6,838	8,376	7,222	-13.8	5.6
Rail	Imports	1,825	2,361	2,031	-14.0	11.3
	Exports	1,385	1,508	1,288	-14.6	-7.1
Pipeline	Imports	0	0	2	NA	NA
	Exports	12	58	67	15.7	456.4

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 April 2006 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	April 2006
1	Texas	6,673
2	California	3,500
3	Michigan	2,260
4	Arizona	871
5	Illinois	724
6	Ohio	489
7	Tennessee	437
8	New York	420
9	North Carolina	375
10	Pennsylvania	373

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

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