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**February 2008 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 16.3 Percent
from February 2007
(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 16.3 percent higher in February 2008 than in February 2007, reaching \$69.4 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 rose 6.5 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.

The value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico in February was up 58.3 percent compared to February 2003, and up 89.5 percent compared to February 1998, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*). Imports in February were up 104.8 percent compared to February 1998, while exports were up 72.5 percent.

U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada

U.S.–Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$45.0 billion in February, up 18.1 percent compared to February 2007 (*Table 4*). The value of imports carried by truck was 7.1 percent higher in February 2008 than February 2007, while the value of exports carried by truck was 10.2 percent higher.

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in February with \$6.5 billion (*Table 5*).

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U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Mexico

U.S.–Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$24.4 billion in February, up 13.3 percent compared to February 2007 (*Table 6*). The value of imports carried by truck was 10.0 percent higher in February 2008 than February 2007 while the value of exports carried by truck was 12.5 percent higher.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in February with \$7.6 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. February TransBorder numbers include data received by BTS as of April 10.

The news release and summary tables can be found at www.bts.gov. Additional information on TransBorder Freight Data as well as data from previous months is available on the BTS website at <http://www.bts.gov/transborder/>. BTS will release March TransBorder numbers on May 29.

Month	2006	2007	2008	Percent Change 2006-2007	Percent Change 2007-2008
January	61,189	60,649	65,160	-0.9	7.4
February	59,804	59,667	69,406	-0.2	16.3
March	68,213	69,768		2.3	
April	61,742	65,015		5.3	
May	65,994	69,423		5.2	
June	66,898	69,526		3.9	
July	55,939	61,823		10.5	
August	66,354	69,158		4.2	
September	63,295	66,771		5.5	
October	66,846	74,249		11.1	
November	64,805	70,352		8.6	
December	59,049	60,902		3.1	
2-month total	120,993	120,316	134,566	-0.6	11.8
Annual	760,127	797,303		4.9	

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

Note: Numbers may not add to totals due to rounding. Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding.

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**Table 2. U.S. Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico by Mode of Transportation
(millions of dollars)**

Mode		February 2007	January 2008	February 2008	Percent Change Jan. 2008 – Feb. 2008	Percent Change February 2007-2008
All Surface Modes	Imports	33,978	36,648	39,533	7.9	16.3
	Exports	25,689	28,512	29,874	4.8	16.3
	Total	59,667	65,160	69,406	6.5	16.3
Truck	Imports	22,141	22,495	24,013	6.7	8.5
	Exports	20,290	21,887	22,522	2.9	11.0
Rail	Imports	6,696	6,630	7,524	13.5	12.4
	Exports	3,090	3,827	4,257	11.2	37.8
Pipeline	Imports	3,968	6,006	6,738	12.2	69.8
	Exports	285	418	354	-15.4	24.2

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

Note: Numbers may not add to totals due to rounding. Percent changes based on numbers prior 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.

**Table 3. February 2008 Surface Trade with Canada
and Mexico Compared with February of Prior Years**

Compared to February in...	Percent Change		
	Imports	Exports	Total Surface Trade
2007	16.3	16.3	16.3
2006	14.2	18.5	16.1
2005	28.2	31.3	29.5
2004	42.0	47.0	44.1
2003	55.5	62.3	58.3
2002	64.8	68.6	66.4
2001	56.0	53.4	54.8
2000	55.9	45.4	51.2
1999	84.6	74.2	80.0
1998	104.8	72.5	89.5

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

Mode		February 2007	January 2008	February 2008	Percent Change Jan. 2008 – Feb. 2008	Percent Change February 2007-2008
All Surface Modes	Imports	21,275	23,752	25,600	7.8	20.3
	Exports	16,841	18,290	19,398	6.1	15.2
	Total	38,116	42,043	44,998	7.0	18.1
Truck	Imports	11,709	11,584	12,536	8.2	7.1
	Exports	13,281	13,922	14,636	5.1	10.2
Rail	Imports	4,692	4,947	5,364	8.4	14.3
	Exports	1,657	2,069	2,438	17.8	47.1
Pipeline	Imports	3,960	5,984	6,724	12.4	69.8
	Exports	254	353	273	-22.8	7.5

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 February 2008 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	February 2008
1	Michigan	6,469
2	Illinois	4,086
3	New York	3,290
4	Ohio	2,743
5	California	2,522
6	Washington	2,256
7	Texas	2,138
8	Pennsylvania	1,669
9	Minnesota	1,477
10	Indiana	1,395

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

Mode		February 2007	January 2008	February 2008	Percent Change Jan. 2008 – Feb. 2008	Percent Change February 2007-2008
All Surface Modes	Imports	12,703	12,895	13,933	8.0	9.7
	Exports	8,848	10,222	10,476	2.5	18.4
	Total	21,551	23,117	24,409	5.6	13.3
Truck	Imports	10,432	10,911	11,477	5.2	10.0
	Exports	7,009	7,965	7,886	-1.0	12.5
Rail	Imports	2,005	1,683	2,159	28.3	7.7
	Exports	1,433	1,757	1,819	3.5	26.9
Pipeline	Imports	8	22	14	-36.2	87.4
	Exports	31	65	81	24.8	158.8

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 February 2008 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	February 2008
1	Texas	7,632
2	California	3,899
3	Michigan	2,661
4	Arizona	983
5	Illinois	831
6	Ohio	653
7	Tennessee	494
8	North Carolina	490
9	Georgia	434
10	Indiana	400

Source: BTS TransBorder Freight Data,

<http://www.bts.gov/transborder/>

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