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May Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 14.0 Percent from May 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 14.0 percent higher in May 2006 than in May 2005, reaching \$66.0 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 rose 6.9 percent in May from April (*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 May was up 33.0 percent compared to May 2001, and up 81.8 percent compared to May 1996, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*). Imports in May were up 91.0 percent compared to May 1996, while exports were up 71.2 percent.

U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada

U.S.–Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$42.9 billion in May, up 13.2 percent compared to May 2005 (*Table 4*). The value of imports carried by truck was 9.9 percent higher in May 2006 than May 2005, while the value of exports carried by truck was 12.8 percent higher.

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in May with \$6.6 billion (*Table 5*).

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U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Mexico

U.S. – Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$23.1 billion in May, up 15.6 percent compared to May 2005 (*Table 6*). The value of imports carried by truck was 16.1 percent higher in May 2006 than May 2005 while the value of exports carried by truck was 17.7 percent higher.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in May with \$7.3 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. May transborder numbers include data received by BTS as of July 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 June transborder numbers on Aug. 29.

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	65,994	8.9	14.0
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	256,475	281,529	316,942	9.8	12.6
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		May	April	May	Percent	Percent
		2005	2006	2006	Change	Change
					Apr. 2006–	May
					May 2006	2005-2006
All Surface Modes	Imports	32,503	35,126	37,257	6.1	14.6
	Exports	25,367	26,616	28,737	8.0	13.3
	Total	57,870	61,742	65,994	6.9	14.0
Truck	Imports	21,659	22,102	24,377	10.3	12.6
	Exports	19,967	20,871	22,861	9.5	14.5
Rail	Imports	6,786	7,471	7,440	-0.4	9.6
	Exports	3,106	3,255	3,599	10.6	15.9
Pipeline	Imports	2,939	4,227	4,367	3.3	48.6
	Exports	347	187	260	39.0	-25.0

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

Compared to May in...	Percent Change		Total Surface Trade
	Imports	Exports	
2005	14.6	13.3	14.0
2004	23.4	25.2	24.2
2003	34.3	36.3	35.2
2002	35.1	37.1	36.0
2001	31.2	35.5	33.0
2000	35.8	33.0	34.6
1999	63.1	56.3	60.1
1998	81.5	62.3	72.6
1997	92.0	76.4	84.9
1996	91.0	71.2	81.8

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		May 2005	April 2006	May 2006	Percent Change Apr. 2006–May 2006	Percent Change May 2005-2006
All Surface Modes	Imports	21,128	23,097	24,201	4.8	14.5
	Exports	16,778	17,518	18,712	6.8	11.5
	Total	37,906	40,615	42,914	5.7	13.2
Truck	Imports	12,364	12,379	13,590	9.8	9.9
	Exports	13,070	13,648	14,746	8.0	12.8
Rail	Imports	4,899	5,440	5,383	-1.0	9.9
	Exports	1,803	1,967	2,136	8.6	18.4
Pipeline	Imports	2,939	4,225	4,367	3.4	48.6
	Exports	295	120	193	60.9	-34.5

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 May 2006 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	May 2006
1	Michigan	6,607
2	Illinois	3,124
3	New York	2,971
4	Ohio	2,905
5	California	2,550
6	Texas	1,996
7	Pennsylvania	1,860
8	Indiana	1,472
9	Washington	1,405
10	Tennessee	1,212

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

Mode		May 2005	April 2006	May 2006	Percent Change Apr. 2006– May 2006	Percent Change May 2005-2006
All Surface Modes	Imports	11,375	12,029	13,056	8.5	14.8
	Exports	8,588	9,098	10,024	10.2	16.7
	Total	19,963	21,127	23,080	9.2	15.6
Truck	Imports	9,295	9,722	10,788	11.0	16.1
	Exports	6,897	7,222	8,115	12.4	17.7
Rail	Imports	1,887	2,031	2,056	1.3	9.0
	Exports	1,303	1,288	1,464	13.7	12.4
Pipeline	Imports	0	2	0	NA	NA
	Exports	52	67	67	-0.2	29.6

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 May 2006 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	May 2006
1	Texas	7,278
2	California	3,709
3	Michigan	2,479
4	Arizona	916
5	Illinois	806
6	Ohio	563
7	New York	501
8	Tennessee	485
9	North Carolina	439
10	Indiana	439

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

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