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**Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 7.4 Percent from
January 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 7.4 percent higher in January 2008 than in January 2007, reaching \$65.2 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 7.0 percent in January from December (*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 January was up 48.9 percent compared to January 2003, and up 89.2 percent compared to January 1998, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*). Imports in January were up 99.7 percent compared to January 1998, while exports were up 77.2 percent.

U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada

U.S.–Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$42.0 billion in January, up 8.6 percent compared to January 2007 (*Table 4*). The value of imports carried by truck was 1.7 percent lower in January 2008 than January 2007, while the value of exports carried by truck was 11.0 percent higher.

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in January with \$5.3 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 January, up 5.4 percent compared to January 2007 (*Table 6*). The value of imports carried by truck was 3.7 percent higher in January 2008 than January 2007 while the value of exports carried by truck was 2.9 percent higher.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in January with \$7.5 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. January TransBorder numbers include data received by BTS as of March 11.

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 February TransBorder numbers on April 30.

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

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		-0.2	
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	
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		January 2007	December 2007	January 2008	Percent Change Dec. 2007 – Jan. 2008	Percent Change January 2007-2008
All Surface Modes	Imports	35,009	34,497	36,648	6.2	4.7
	Exports	25,640	26,405	28,512	8.0	11.2
	Total	60,649	60,902	65,160	7.0	7.4
Truck	Imports	22,308	20,892	22,495	7.7	0.8
	Exports	20,288	19,775	21,887	10.7	7.9
Rail	Imports	6,864	7,137	6,630	-7.1	-3.4
	Exports	3,034	3,836	3,827	-0.2	26.1
Pipeline	Imports	4,298	5,116	6,006	17.4	39.7
	Exports	295	466	418	-10.3	41.8

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. January 2008 Surface Trade with Canada and
Mexico Compared with January of Prior Years**

Compared to January in...	Percent Change		
	Imports	Exports	Total Surface Trade
2007	4.7	11.2	7.4
2006	1.7	13.4	6.5
2005	21.8	28.2	24.5
2004	39.1	47.4	42.6
2003	45.2	54.0	48.9
2002	54.5	62.0	57.7
2001	36.2	46.8	40.7
2000	50.3	52.5	51.3
1999	81.3	79.8	80.6
1998	99.7	77.2	89.2

Source: BTS TransBorder Freight Data,
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Table 4. U.S. Surface Trade with Canada by Mode of Transportation
(millions of dollars)

Mode		January 2007	December 2007	January 2008	Percent Change Dec. 2007 – Jan. 2008	Percent Change January 2007-2008
All Surface Modes	Imports	22,660	21,903	23,752	8.4	4.8
	Exports	16,065	17,707	18,290	3.3	13.9
	Total	38,725	39,610	42,043	6.1	8.6
Truck	Imports	11,785	10,694	11,584	8.3	-1.7
	Exports	12,547	13,312	13,922	4.6	11.0
Rail	Imports	5,322	5,060	4,947	-2.2	-7.1
	Exports	1,724	2,296	2,069	-9.9	20.0
Pipeline	Imports	4,288	5,099	5,984	17.4	39.5
	Exports	216	277	353	27.3	63.3

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 January 2008 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	January 2008
1	Michigan	5,329
2	Illinois	4,013
3	Ohio	2,856
4	New York	2,669
5	California	2,353
6	Texas	2,124
7	Washington	1,910
8	Pennsylvania	1,767
9	Minnesota	1,452
10	Indiana	1,279

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

Mode		January 2007	December 2007	January 2008	Percent Change Dec. 2007 – Jan. 2008	Percent Change January 2007-2008
All Surface Modes	Imports	12,349	12,593	12,895	2.4	4.4
	Exports	9,576	8,698	10,222	17.5	6.7
	Total	21,924	21,292	23,117	8.6	5.4
Truck	Imports	10,523	10,198	10,911	7.0	3.7
	Exports	7,741	6,463	7,965	23.2	2.9
Rail	Imports	1,541	2,077	1,683	-19.0	9.2
	Exports	1,310	1,540	1,757	14.1	34.2
Pipeline	Imports	10	17	22	27.6	131.8
	Exports	79	189	65	-65.4	-17.2

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 January 2008 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	January 2008
1	Texas	7,519
2	California	3,890
3	Michigan	2,184
4	Arizona	991
5	Illinois	771
6	Ohio	615
7	Tennessee	480
8	North Carolina	475
9	Pennsylvania	402
10	New York	366

Source: BTS TransBorder Freight Data,

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

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