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### **November 2010 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 15.5 Percent from November 2009 (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 15.5 percent higher in November 2010 than in November 2009, reaching \$68.1 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, reported that the value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico fell 3.6 percent in November 2010 from October 2010 (*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. In November, 86.1 percent of U.S. trade by value with Canada and Mexico moved on land.

The value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico in November was up 8.2 percent compared to November 2005, and up 36.7 percent compared to November 2000, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*). Imports in November were up 29.7 percent compared to November 2000, while exports were up 45.8 percent.

#### **U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada**

U.S.–Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$39.5 billion in November, up 12.6 percent compared to November 2009 (*Table 4*). The value of imports carried by truck was 11.5 percent higher in November 2010 compared to November 2009, while the value of exports carried by truck was 12.6 percent higher during this period.

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in November with \$4.5 billion (*Table 5*).

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### U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Mexico

U.S.–Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$28.6 billion in November, up 19.7 percent compared to November 2009 (*Table 6*). The value of imports carried by truck was 22.4 percent higher in November 2010 than November 2009 while the value of exports carried by truck was 21.9 percent higher.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in November with \$10.3 billion.

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. November TransBorder numbers include data received by BTS as of Jan. 14.

The news release and summary tables can be found at [www.bts.gov](http://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/programs/international/transborder/>. BTS will release December TransBorder numbers on March 1.

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

Month	2008	2009	2010	Percent Change 2008-2009	Percent Change 2009-2010
January	65,160	47,459	56,697	-27.2	19.5
February	69,406	47,938	59,492	-30.9	24.1
March	70,787	51,055	69,943	-27.9	37.0
April	74,317	49,729	65,831	-33.1	32.4
May	74,128	47,881	66,805	-35.4	39.5
June	74,139	50,753	69,859	-31.5	37.6
July	71,628	51,545	61,260	-28.0	18.8
August	72,254	54,254	67,964	-24.9	25.3
September	71,801	57,294	68,324	-20.2	19.3
October	72,683	61,400	70,565	-15.5	14.9
<b>November</b>	<b>60,661</b>	<b>58,922</b>	<b>68,060</b>	<b>-2.9</b>	<b>15.5</b>
December	52,910	58,465		10.5	
<b>Year-to-date</b>	<b>776,965</b>	<b>578,231</b>	<b>724,800</b>	<b>-25.6</b>	<b>25.3</b>
<b>Annual</b>	<b>829,875</b>	<b>636,695</b>		<b>-23.3</b>	

Source: BTS TransBorder Freight Data, <http://www.bts.gov/programs/international/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		November 2009	October 2010	November 2010	Percent Change October - November 2010	Percent Change November 2009 - 2010
All Surface Modes	Imports	31,693	37,490	36,544	-2.5	15.3
	Exports	27,229	33,074	31,516	-4.7	15.7
	Total	58,922	70,565	68,060	-3.6	15.5
Truck	Imports	20,236	24,603	23,761	-3.4	17.4
	Exports	21,225	25,607	24,660	-3.7	16.2
Rail	Imports	6,126	7,615	7,222	-5.2	17.9
	Exports	3,480	4,149	3,912	-5.7	12.4
Pipeline	Imports	4,187	4,104	4,413	7.5	5.4
	Exports	281	861	482	-44.0	71.7

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**Table 3. November 2010 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Compared with November of Prior Years**

Compared to November in...	Percent Change		
	Imports	Exports	Total Surface Trade
<b>2009</b>	15.3	15.7	15.5
<b>2008</b>	11.4	13.1	12.2
<b>2007</b>	-7.9	2.7	-3.3
<b>2006</b>	-0.7	12.5	5.0
<b>2005</b>	0.4	18.9	8.2
<b>2004</b>	14.2	30.6	21.2
<b>2003</b>	33.7	49.2	40.5
<b>2002</b>	39.4	56.7	46.9
<b>2001</b>	45.6	63.2	53.2
<b>2000</b>	29.7	45.8	36.7

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

Mode		November 2009	October 2010	November 2010	Percent Change October - November 2010	Percent Change November 2009 - 2010
All	Imports	18,168	20,796	20,461	-1.6	12.6
Surface	Exports	16,880	19,894	19,012	-4.4	12.6
Modes	Total	35,048	40,690	39,472	-3.0	12.6
Truck	Imports	9,299	11,014	10,373	-5.8	11.5
	Exports	13,026	15,543	14,667	-5.6	12.6
Rail	Imports	3,923	4,884	4,893	0.2	24.7
	Exports	1,899	2,219	2,133	-3.9	12.3
Pipeline	Imports	4,172	4,085	4,398	7.7	5.4
	Exports	208	208	306	47.5	47.7

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**Table 5. Top 10 States Trading with Canada**  
**by Surface Modes of Transportation**

Ranked by November 2010 Surface Trade Value  
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	November 2010
1	Michigan	4,536
2	Illinois	3,742
3	New York	2,868
4	California	2,847
5	Ohio	2,486
6	Texas	2,159
7	Washington	1,644
8	Pennsylvania	1,502
9	Indiana	1,227
10	Minnesota	1,187

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

Mode		November 2009	October 2010	November 2010	Percent Change October - November 2010	Percent Change November 2009 - 2010
All	Imports	13,525	16,695	16,083	-3.7	18.9
Surface	Exports	10,349	13,180	12,504	-5.1	20.8
Modes	Total	23,875	29,875	28,587	-4.3	19.7
Truck	Imports	10,937	13,589	13,389	-1.5	22.4
	Exports	8,199	10,064	9,993	-0.7	21.9
Rail	Imports	2,203	2,731	2,328	-14.7	5.7
	Exports	1,580	1,929	1,780	-7.8	12.6
Pipeline	Imports	15	19	15	-21.5	1.5
	Exports	73	653	175	-73.2	140.1

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**Table 7. Top 10 States Trading with Mexico by Surface Modes of Transportation**

Ranked by November 2010 Surface Trade Value

(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	November 2010
1	Texas	10,271
2	California	4,399
3	Michigan	3,109
4	Illinois	908
5	Arizona	799
6	Ohio	780
7	Tennessee	572
8	Indiana	505
9	North Carolina	453
10	Pennsylvania	411

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