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April 2010 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 32.4 Percent from April 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 32.4 percent higher in April 2010 than in April 2009, reaching \$65.8 billion, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (*Table 1*). The 32.4 percent increase is the third consecutive monthly increase of at least 24 percent from the previous year. Freight value in April 2010 still remained 11.4 percent less than the value in April 2008, two years earlier (*Table 3*).

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 5.9 percent in April 2010 from March 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 April, 86.6 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 April was up 12.9 percent compared to April 2005, and up 40.5 percent compared to April 2000, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*). Imports in April were up 38.2 percent compared to April 2000, while exports were up 43.3 percent.

U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada

U.S.–Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$39.9 billion in April, up 32.1 percent compared to April 2009 (*Table 4*). The value of imports carried by truck was 21.5 percent higher in April 2010 compared to April 2009, while the value of exports carried by truck was 31.6 percent higher during this period.

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in April with \$5.5 billion (*Table 5*).

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U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Mexico

U.S.–Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$25.9 billion in April, up 32.8 percent compared to April 2009 (*Table 6*). The value of imports carried by truck was 31.2 percent higher in April 2010 than April 2009 while the value of exports carried by truck was 28.6 percent higher.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in April with \$9.1 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. April TransBorder numbers include data received by BTS as of June 10.

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/programs/international/transborder/>. BTS will release May TransBorder numbers on July 29.

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		-35.4	
June	74,139	50,753		-31.5	
July	71,628	51,545		-28.0	
August	72,254	54,254		-24.9	
September	71,801	57,294		-20.2	
October	72,683	61,400		-15.5	
November	60,661	58,922		-2.9	
December	52,910	58,465		10.5	
Year-to-date	279,670	196,182	251,962	-29.9	28.4
Annual	829,875	636,695		-23.3	

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		April 2009	March 2010	April 2010	Percent Change March-April 2010	Percent Change April 2009 - 2010
All Surface Modes	Imports	26,710	38,014	35,785	-5.9	34.0
	Exports	23,019	31,929	30,045	-5.9	30.5
	Total	49,729	69,943	65,831	-5.9	32.4
Truck	Imports	17,993	24,177	22,776	-5.8	26.6
	Exports	17,935	24,772	23,404	-5.5	30.5
Rail	Imports	4,549	7,716	7,222	-6.4	58.8
	Exports	2,816	4,283	4,020	-6.1	42.7
Pipeline	Imports	3,082	5,219	4,922	-5.7	59.7
	Exports	256	603	380	-37.0	48.4

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

Compared to April in...	Percent Change		Total Surface Trade
	Imports	Exports	
2009	34.0	30.5	32.4
2008	-15.3	-6.4	-11.4
2007	-3.1	6.9	1.3
2006	1.9	12.9	6.6
2005	7.8	19.7	12.9
2004	17.7	31.8	23.8
2003	34.9	48.0	40.5
2002	33.7	50.0	40.7
2001	34.2	49.2	40.7
2000	38.2	43.3	40.5

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

Mode		April 2009	March 2010	April 2010	Percent Change March-April 2010	Percent Change April 2009 - 2010
All	Imports	15,563	22,007	20,908	-5.0	34.3
Surface	Exports	14,654	20,098	19,018	-5.4	29.8
Modes	Total	30,217	42,105	39,926	-5.2	32.1
Truck	Imports	8,637	11,136	10,497	-5.7	21.5
	Exports	11,133	15,273	14,654	-4.1	31.6
Rail	Imports	3,017	5,073	4,892	-3.6	62.2
	Exports	1,646	2,608	2,319	-11.1	40.9
Pipeline	Imports	3,073	5,205	4,906	-5.7	59.6
	Exports	212	475	293	-38.3	38.2

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Table 5. Top 10 States Trading with Canada
by Surface Modes of Transportation
Ranked by April 2010 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	April 2010
1	Michigan	5,461
2	Illinois	3,535
3	Ohio	2,573
4	California	2,524
5	New York	2,449
6	Texas	2,097
7	Washington	1,577
8	Pennsylvania	1,458
9	Indiana	1,413
10	Tennessee	987

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

Mode		April 2009	March 2010	April 2010	Percent Change March-April 2010	Percent Change April 2009 - 2010
All	Imports	11,147	16,007	14,878	-7.1	33.5
Surface	Exports	8,365	11,831	11,027	-6.8	31.8
Modes	Total	19,512	27,838	25,905	-6.9	32.8
Truck	Imports	9,356	13,042	12,279	-5.8	31.2
	Exports	6,803	9,499	8,750	-7.9	28.6
Rail	Imports	1,532	2,643	2,330	-11.8	52.1
	Exports	1,170	1,675	1,700	1.5	45.3
Pipeline	Imports	9	14	16	14.3	68.8
	Exports	44	127	87	-31.9	97.6

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

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Table 7. Top 10 States Trading with Mexico
by Surface Modes of Transportation
Ranked by April 2010 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	April 2010
1	Texas	9,144
2	California	3,866
3	Michigan	2,841
4	Arizona	954
5	Illinois	824
6	Ohio	690
7	Tennessee	534
8	Indiana	455
9	North Carolina	402
10	Pennsylvania	386

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