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June 2009 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Fell 31.5 Percent from June 2008 (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 31.5 percent lower in June 2009 than in June 2008, dropping to \$50.8 billion in the sixth consecutive month with a year-to-year decline of greater than 27 percent, 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 rose 6.0 percent in June 2009 from May 2009 (*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 88 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 June was down 8.4 percent compared to June 2004, and up 17.6 percent compared to June 1999, a period of 10 years (*Table 3*). Imports in June were up 11.8 percent compared to June 1999, while exports were up 24.9 percent.

U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Canada

U.S.–Canada surface transportation trade totaled \$31.0 billion in June, down 36.6 percent compared to June 2008 (*Table 4*). The value of imports carried by truck was 34.8 percent lower in June 2009 compared to June 2008, while the value of exports carried by truck was 28.8 percent lower during this period.

Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada in June with \$2.9 billion (*Table 5*).

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U.S. Surface Transportation Trade with Mexico

U.S.–Mexico surface transportation trade totaled \$19.7 billion in June, down 21.8 percent compared to June 2008 (*Table 6*). The value of imports carried by truck was 18.0 percent lower in June 2009 than June 2008 while the value of exports carried by truck was 14.3 percent lower.

Texas led all states in surface trade with Mexico in June with \$6.8 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. June TransBorder numbers include data received by BTS as of Aug. 12.

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 July TransBorder numbers on Sept. 30.

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

Month	2007	2008	2009	Percent Change 2007 - 2008	Percent Change 2008 - 2009
January	60,649	65,160	47,459	7.4	-27.2
February	59,667	69,406	47,938	16.3	-30.9
March	69,768	70,787	51,055	1.5	-27.9
April	65,015	74,317	49,729	14.3	-33.1
May	69,423	74,128	47,881	6.8	-35.4
June	69,526	74,139	50,753	6.6	-31.5
July	61,823	71,628		15.9	
August	69,158	72,254		4.5	
September	66,771	71,801		7.5	
October	74,249	72,683		-2.1	
November	70,352	60,661		-13.8	
December	60,902	52,910		-13.1	
Year-to-date	394,047	427,937	294,816	8.6	-31.1
Annual	797,303	829,875		4.1	

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		June 2008	May 2009	June 2009	Percent Change May 2009 - June 2009	Percent Change June 2008 - 2009
All Surface Modes	Imports	41,749	25,595	26,932	5.2	-35.5
	Exports	32,390	22,286	23,820	6.9	-26.5
	Total	74,139	47,881	50,753	6.0	-31.5
Truck	Imports	24,441	17,233	17,902	3.9	-26.8
	Exports	24,838	17,447	18,913	8.4	-23.9
Rail	Imports	8,242	4,448	4,348	-2.2	-47.2
	Exports	4,559	2,750	2,731	-0.7	-40.1
Pipeline	Imports	7,601	2,904	3,760	29.5	-50.5
	Exports	494	304	219	-27.8	-55.6

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Table 3. June 2009 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Compared with June of Prior Years

Compared to June in...	Percent Change		
	Imports	Exports	Total Surface Trade
2008	-35.5	-26.5	-31.5
2007	-31.9	-20.5	-27.0
2006	-29.0	-17.7	-24.1
2005	-20.1	-7.3	-14.6
2004	-17.0	3.8	-8.4
2003	0.4	15.6	7.0
2002	3.7	18.0	10.0
2001	-3.3	14.0	4.1
2000	-4.9	6.8	0.2
1999	11.8	24.9	17.6

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

Mode		June 2008	May 2009	June 2009	Percent Change May 2009 - June 2009	Percent Change June 2008 - 2009
All	Imports	27,338	14,799	15,971	7.9	-41.6
Surface	Exports	21,561	14,435	15,037	4.2	-30.3
Modes	Total	48,899	29,234	31,008	6.1	-36.6
Truck	Imports	12,756	8,022	8,322	3.7	-34.8
	Exports	16,437	11,091	11,709	5.6	-28.8
Rail	Imports	5,837	3,098	3,235	4.4	-44.6
	Exports	2,711	1,661	1,560	-6.1	-42.5
Pipeline	Imports	7,587	2,892	3,745	29.5	-50.6
	Exports	420	259	166	-35.7	-60.5

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Table 5. Top 10 States Trading with Canada
by Surface Modes of Transportation
Ranked by June 2009 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	June 2009
1	Michigan	2,948
2	Illinois	2,939
3	California	2,247
4	New York	2,036
5	Ohio	1,958
6	Texas	1,469
7	Pennsylvania	1,301
8	Washington	1,050
9	Indiana	856
10	Tennessee	839

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

Mode		June 2008	May 2009	June 2009	Percent Change May 2009 - June 2009	Percent Change June 2008 - 2009
All	Imports	14,411	10,796	10,962	1.5	-23.9
Surface	Exports	10,829	7,851	8,783	11.9	-18.9
Modes	Total	25,240	18,647	19,745	5.9	-21.8
Truck	Imports	11,684	9,211	9,579	4.0	-18.0
	Exports	8,401	6,356	7,204	13.3	-14.3
Rail	Imports	2,405	1,350	1,114	-17.5	-53.7
	Exports	1,847	1,089	1,171	7.6	-36.6
Pipeline	Imports	15	12	15	29.8	3.2
	Exports	74	45	53	17.7	-27.9

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Table 7. Top 10 States Trading with Mexico
by Surface Modes of Transportation
Ranked by June 2009 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

Rank	State	June 2009
1	Texas	6,751
2	California	3,571
3	Michigan	1,223
4	Arizona	746
5	Illinois	693
6	Ohio	498
7	North Carolina	407
8	Tennessee	399
9	Pennsylvania	360
10	New Jersey	344

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