



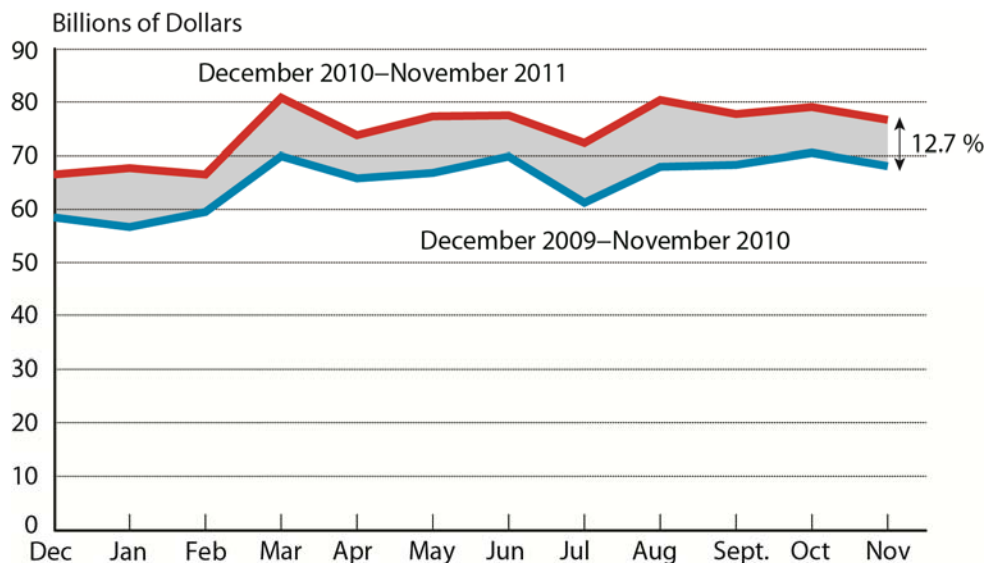
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November 2011 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 12.7 Percent from November 2010

North American Surface Trade, December 2009 - November 2011



Trade using surface transportation between the United States and its North American neighbors, Canada and Mexico, was 12.7 percent higher in November 2011 than in November 2010, totaling \$76.7 billion (*Table 1*), according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

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BTS, a part of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, reported that the November 2011 value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico, the United States' North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) partners, rose 30.1 percent in two years from November 2009, and 26.4 percent from November 2008 (*Table 3*).

The value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico in November increased by 18.3 percent when compared to November 2006, and also increased by 72.6 percent when compared to November 2001, a period of 10 years. Imports in November were up 64.3 percent since November 2001, while exports were up 83.5 percent (*Table 3*). See [Transborder Press Releases](#) for historic data. Values in this press release are not adjusted for inflation.

Surface transportation includes freight movements by truck, rail, pipeline, mail, Foreign Trade Zones, and [other](#). In November, 84.8 percent of U.S. trade by value with Canada and Mexico moved via land, 10.8 percent moved by vessel, and 4.4 percent moved by air (*Table 8*).

The value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico decreased 3.0 percent in November 2011 from October 2011 (*Table 2*). Month-to-month changes can be affected by seasonal variations and other factors.

U.S.-Canada and U.S.-Mexico surface transportation trade both increased compared to November 2010 with U.S.-Canada reaching \$44.3 billion, a 12.2 percent increase, and U.S.-Mexico reaching \$32.4 billion, a 13.3 percent increase. For trade numbers by mode, see *Table 4* for Canada and *Table 6* for Mexico.

In November trade by state, Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada as it has in previous years, at \$5.7 billion, a 26.7 percent increase from November 2010 (*Table 5*). Texas also continued to lead all states in surface trade with Mexico at \$11.2 billion, a 9.5 percent increase from November 2010 (*Table 7*).

The news release and summary tables can be found at www.bts.gov. More information on TransBorder Freight Data, data from previous months, and individual state data are available online on the BTS website at <http://www.bts.gov/programs/international/transborder/>. BTS will release December 2011 TransBorder numbers on Tuesday, Feb. 28.

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

Month	2009	2010	2011	Percent Change 2009-2010	Percent Change 2010-2011
January	47,459	56,697	67,734	19.5	19.5
February	47,938	59,492	66,534	24.1	11.8
March	51,055	69,943	80,822	37.0	15.6
April	49,729	65,831	73,767	32.4	12.1
May	47,881	66,805	77,318	39.5	15.7
June	50,753	69,859	77,521	37.6	11.0
July	51,545	61,260	72,363	18.8	18.1
August	54,254	67,964	80,406	25.3	18.3
September	57,294	68,324	77,725	19.3	13.8
October	61,400	70,565	79,040	14.9	12.0
November	58,922	68,060	76,672	15.5	12.7
December	58,465	66,530		13.8	
Year-to- date	578,231	724,800	829,902	25.3	14.5
Annual	636,695	791,329		24.3	

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

Note: Numbers might 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 2010	October 2011	November 2011	Percent Change October - November 2011	Percent Change November 2010 - 2011
All Surface Modes	Imports	36,544	42,265	41,251	-2.4	12.9
	Exports	31,516	36,775	35,421	-3.7	12.4
	Total	68,060	79,040	76,672	-3.0	12.7
Truck	Imports	23,761	26,746	26,311	-1.6	10.7
	Exports	24,660	28,345	27,338	-3.6	10.9
Rail	Imports	7,222	8,800	8,134	-7.6	12.6
	Exports	3,912	5,035	4,838	-3.9	23.6
Pipeline	Imports	4,413	5,363	5,581	4.1	26.5
	Exports	482	740	714	-3.5	48.2

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

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Table 3. November 2011 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Compared with November of Prior Years

Compared to November in...	Percent Change		
	Imports	Exports	Total Surface Trade
2010	12.9	12.4	12.7
2009	30.2	30.1	30.1
2008	25.7	27.2	26.4
2007	4.0	15.4	9.0
2006	12.1	26.5	18.3
2005	13.4	33.6	21.9
2004	28.9	46.8	36.6
2003	50.9	67.7	58.2
2002	57.4	76.1	65.5
2001	64.3	83.5	72.6

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

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

Mode		November 2010	October 2011	November 2011	Percent Change October - November 2011	Percent Change November 2010 - 2011
All Surface Modes	Imports	20,461	24,187	23,336	-3.5	14.1
	Exports	19,012	22,259	20,952	-5.9	10.2
	Total	39,472	46,445	44,289	-4.6	12.2
Truck	Imports	10,373	11,943	11,473	-3.9	10.6
	Exports	14,667	16,949	15,993	-5.6	9.0
Rail	Imports	4,893	5,846	5,445	-6.9	11.3
	Exports	2,133	2,809	2,556	-9.0	19.8
Pipeline	Imports	4,398	5,341	5,560	4.1	26.4
	Exports	306	494	474	-4.1	54.6

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

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Table 5. Top 10 States Trading with Canada by Surface Modes of Transportation
Ranked by November 2011 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

State	November 2010		November 2011		Percent Change November 2010-2011
	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	
Michigan	4,536	1	5,748	1	26.7
Illinois	3,742	2	4,202	2	12.3
California	2,847	4	2,815	3	-1.1
Ohio	2,486	5	2,699	4	8.6
Texas	2,159	6	2,632	5	21.9
New York	2,868	3	2,300	6	-19.8
Pennsylvania	1,502	8	1,815	7	20.8
Washington	1,644	7	1,557	8	-5.3
Minnesota	1,187	10	1,509	9	27.1
Indiana	1,227	9	1,495	10	21.8

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

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

Mode		November 2010	October 2011	November 2011	Percent Change October - November 2011	Percent Change November 2010 - 2011
All Surface Modes	Imports	16,083	18,079	17,915	-0.9	11.4
	Exports	12,504	14,516	14,469	-0.3	15.7
	Total	28,587	32,595	32,384	-0.6	13.3
Truck	Imports	13,389	14,803	14,839	0.2	10.8
	Exports	9,993	11,396	11,344	-0.5	13.5
Rail	Imports	2,328	2,955	2,689	-9.0	15.5
	Exports	1,780	2,226	2,281	2.5	28.2
Pipeline	Imports	15	23	21	-7.8	40.1
	Exports	175	246	240	-2.5	37.0

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Table 7. Top 10 States Trading with Mexico by Surface Modes of Transportation
Ranked by November 2011 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

State	November 2010		November 2011		Percent Change November 2010-2011
	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	
Texas	10,271	1	11,247	1	9.5
California	4,399	2	5,157	2	17.2
Michigan	3,109	3	3,659	3	17.7
Illinois	908	4	1,061	4	16.8
Arizona	799	5	1,004	5	25.8
Ohio	780	6	804	6	3.1
Tennessee	572	7	686	7	19.8
Indiana	505	8	573	8	13.5
North Carolina	453	9	539	9	18.9
Pennsylvania	411	10	435	10	5.9

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

Note: Percent changes based on numbers prior to rounding

Table 8. Percent of U.S. Trade by Value with Canada and Mexico by Major Modes
November 2011 (Actual U.S. dollars)

Mode	Total Trade Value	Percent
All Modes	90,400,969,872	100.0
All Land Modes	76,672,319,963	84.8
Air	3,978,241,322	4.4
Vessel	9,750,408,587	10.8

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

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