



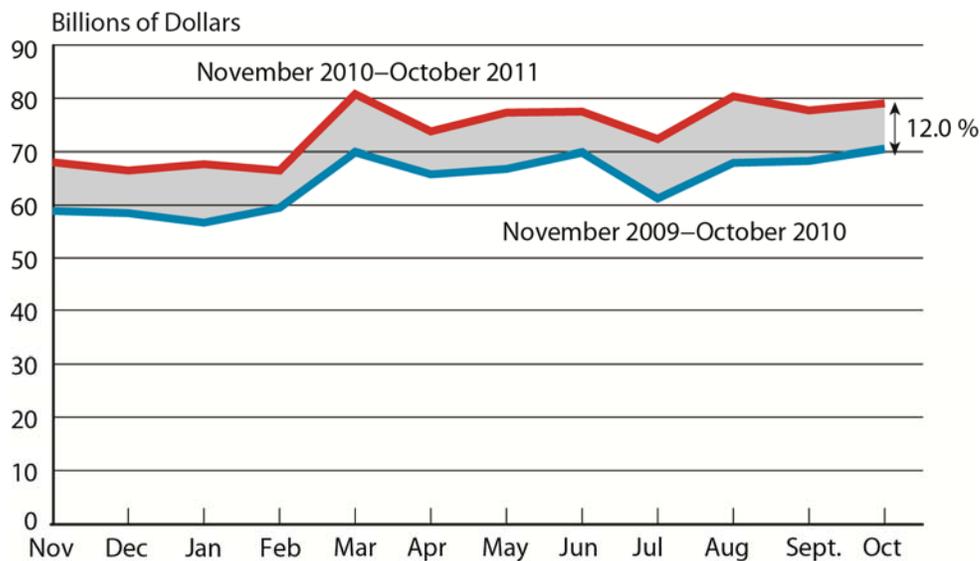
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### October 2011 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 12.0 Percent from October 2010

North American Surface Trade, November 2009 - October 2011



Trade using surface transportation between the United States and its North American neighbors, Canada and Mexico, was 12.0 percent higher in October 2011 than in October 2010, totaling \$79.0 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 value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico, the United States' North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) partners, in October 2011 rose 28.7 percent in two years from October 2009, and 8.7 percent from October 2008 (*Table 3*).

The value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico in October increased by 18.2 percent when compared to October 2006, and also increased by 65.9 percent when compared to October 2001, a period of 10 years. Imports in October were up 57.8 percent since October 2001, while exports were up 76.4 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 October, 86.1 percent of U.S. trade by value with Canada and Mexico moved via land, 9.6 percent moved by vessel, and 4.3 percent moved by air (*Table 8*).

The value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico increased 1.7 percent in October 2011 from September 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 October 2010 with U.S.-Canada reaching \$46.4 billion, a 14.1 percent increase, and U.S.-Mexico reaching \$32.6 billion, a 9.1 percent increase. For trade numbers by mode, see Table 4 for Canada and Table 6 for Mexico.

In October trade by state, Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada as it has in previous years, at \$5.7 billion, an 8.3 percent increase from October 2010 (*Table 5*). Texas also continued to lead all states in surface trade with Mexico at \$11.3 billion, a 3.8 percent increase from October 2010 (*Table 7*).

The news release and summary tables can be found at [www.bts.gov](http://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 November TransBorder numbers on Jan. 31.

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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
<b>October</b>	<b>61,400</b>	<b>70,565</b>	<b>79,040</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>12.0</b>
November	58,922	68,060		15.5	
December	58,465	66,530		13.8	
<b>Year-to-date</b>	<b>519,308</b>	<b>656,740</b>	<b>753,230</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>14.7</b>
<b>Annual</b>	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		October 2010	September 2011	October 2011	Percent Change September - October 2011	Percent Change October 2010 - 2011
All Surface Modes	Imports	37,490	41,914	42,265	0.8	12.7
	Exports	33,074	35,811	36,775	2.7	11.2
	Total	70,565	77,725	79,040	1.7	12.0
Truck	Imports	24,603	26,250	26,746	1.9	8.7
	Exports	25,607	27,824	28,345	1.9	10.7
Rail	Imports	7,615	8,597	8,800	2.4	15.6
	Exports	4,149	4,688	5,035	7.4	21.4
Pipeline	Imports	4,104	5,917	5,363	-9.4	30.7
	Exports	861	767	740	-3.4	-14.0

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

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

Compared to October in...	Percent Change		
	Imports	Exports	Total Surface Trade
2010	12.7	11.2	12.0
2009	27.7	30.0	28.7
2008	5.9	12.2	8.7
2007	0.7	13.9	6.5
2006	11.4	27.2	18.2
2005	13.6	37.3	23.5
2004	29.7	51.4	39.0
2003	41.6	63.4	50.9
2002	50.0	71.4	59.2
2001	57.8	76.4	65.9

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		October 2010	September 2011	October 2011	Percent Change September - October 2011	Percent Change October 2010 - 2011
All Surface Modes	Imports	20,796	24,482	24,187	-1.2	16.3
	Exports	19,894	21,637	22,259	2.9	11.9
	Total	40,690	46,119	46,445	0.7	14.1
Truck	Imports	11,014	11,965	11,943	-0.2	8.4
	Exports	15,543	16,712	16,949	1.4	9.0
Rail	Imports	4,884	5,730	5,846	2.0	19.7
	Exports	2,219	2,553	2,809	10.0	26.6
Pipeline	Imports	4,085	5,884	5,341	-9.2	30.7
	Exports	208	432	494	14.2	137.7

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

State	October 2010		October 2011		Percent Change October 2010-2011
	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	
<b>Michigan</b>	5,267	<b>1</b>	5,701	<b>1</b>	8.3
<b>Illinois</b>	3,356	<b>2</b>	4,390	<b>2</b>	30.8
<b>California</b>	2,912	<b>3</b>	3,266	<b>3</b>	12.2
<b>Ohio</b>	2,479	<b>4</b>	2,941	<b>4</b>	18.7
<b>Texas</b>	2,362	<b>6</b>	2,857	<b>5</b>	21.0
<b>New York</b>	2,384	<b>5</b>	2,462	<b>6</b>	3.3
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	1,606	<b>7</b>	1,878	<b>7</b>	16.9
<b>Washington</b>	1,502	<b>8</b>	1,600	<b>8</b>	6.6
<b>Minnesota</b>	1,279	<b>10</b>	1,517	<b>9</b>	18.6
<b>Indiana</b>	1,406	<b>9</b>	1,508	<b>10</b>	7.2

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		October 2010	September 2011	October 2011	Percent Change September - October 2011	Percent Change October 2010 - 2011
All Surface Modes	Imports	16,695	17,432	18,079	3.7	8.3
	Exports	13,180	14,174	14,516	2.4	10.1
	Total	29,875	31,606	32,595	3.1	9.1
Truck	Imports	13,589	14,284	14,803	3.6	8.9
	Exports	10,064	11,113	11,396	2.6	13.2
Rail	Imports	2,731	2,866	2,955	3.1	8.2
	Exports	1,929	2,134	2,226	4.3	15.4
Pipeline	Imports	19	33	23	-30.7	19.3
	Exports	653	334	246	-26.3	-62.3

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

State	October 2010		October 2011		Percent Change October 2010-2011
	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	
<b>Texas</b>	10,910	<b>1</b>	11,322	<b>1</b>	3.8
<b>California</b>	4,465	<b>2</b>	5,160	<b>2</b>	15.6
<b>Michigan</b>	3,430	<b>3</b>	3,770	<b>3</b>	9.9
<b>Illinois</b>	997	<b>4</b>	1,031	<b>4</b>	3.4
<b>Arizona</b>	783	<b>6</b>	878	<b>5</b>	12.1
<b>Ohio</b>	805	<b>5</b>	836	<b>6</b>	3.8
<b>Tennessee</b>	567	<b>7</b>	728	<b>7</b>	28.5
<b>Indiana</b>	516	<b>8</b>	584	<b>8</b>	13.3
<b>North Carolina</b>	435	<b>10</b>	524	<b>9</b>	20.5
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	428	<b>11</b>	442	<b>10</b>	3.3

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**  
October 2011 (Actual U.S. dollars)

Mode	Total Trade Value	Percent
<b>All Modes</b>	91,836,944,278	100.0
<b>All Land Modes</b>	79,040,142,447	86.1
<b>Air</b>	3,946,949,823	4.3
<b>Vessel</b>	8,849,852,008	9.6

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