



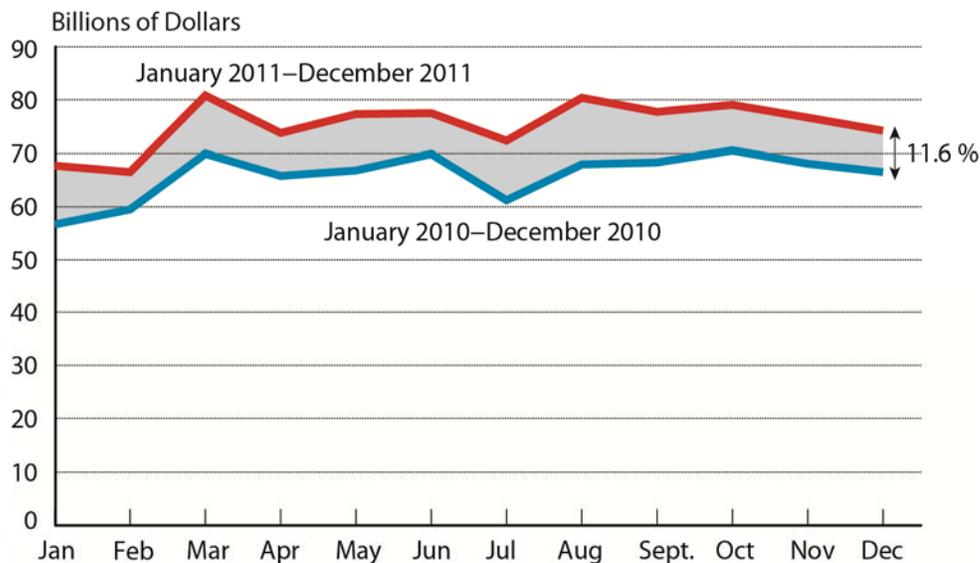
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December 2011 Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico Rose 11.6 Percent from December 2010

North American Surface Trade, January 2010 - December 2011



Trade using surface transportation between the United States and its North American neighbors, Canada and Mexico, was 11.6 percent higher in December 2011 than in December 2010, totaling \$74.2 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 December 2011 value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico, the United States' North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) partners, rose 27.0 percent in the past two years from December 2009, and 40.3 percent from December 2008 (*Table 3*).

The value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico in December increased by 25.7 percent when compared to December 2006, and also increased by 94.1 percent when compared to December 2001, a period of 10 years. Imports in December were up 85.7 percent since December 2001, while exports were up 105.2 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 December, 85.5 percent of U.S. trade by value with Canada and Mexico moved via land, 10.0 percent moved by vessel, and 4.5 percent moved by air (*Table 8*).

The value of U.S. surface transportation trade with Canada and Mexico decreased 3.2 percent in December 2011 from November 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 December 2010 with U.S.-Canada reaching \$44.2 billion, an 11.2 percent increase, and U.S.-Mexico reaching \$30.0 billion, a 12.1 percent increase. For trade numbers by mode, see Table 4 for Canada and Table 6 for Mexico.

In December trade by state, Michigan led all states in surface trade with Canada as it has in previous years, at \$5.6 billion, a 19.7 percent increase from December 2010 (*Table 5*). Texas also continued to lead all states in surface trade with Mexico at \$10.3 billion, an 8.7 percent increase from December 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 has scheduled release of January TransBorder numbers for March 27.

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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	74,230	13.8	11.6
Annual	636,695	791,329	904,133	24.3	14.3

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

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Table 2. U.S. Surface Trade with Canada and Mexico by Surface Modes of Transportation
(millions of dollars)

Mode		December 2010	November 2011	December 2011	Percent Change November - December 2011	Percent Change December 2010 - 2011
All Surface Modes	Imports	36,345	41,251	40,469	-1.9	11.3
	Exports	30,185	35,421	33,761	-4.7	11.8
	Total	66,530	76,672	74,230	-3.2	11.6
Truck	Imports	22,480	26,311	23,999	-8.8	6.8
	Exports	23,390	27,338	26,126	-4.4	11.7
Rail	Imports	7,106	8,134	8,689	6.8	22.3
	Exports	3,785	4,838	4,463	-7.7	17.9
Pipeline	Imports	5,157	5,581	6,398	14.6	24.1
	Exports	549	714	583	-18.3	6.3

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

Compared to December in...	Percent Change		
	Imports	Exports	Total Surface Trade
2010	11.3	11.8	11.6
2009	26.3	27.7	27.0
2008	40.0	40.7	40.3
2007	17.3	27.9	21.9
2006	19.3	34.3	25.7
2005	17.2	37.4	25.6
2004	36.4	50.7	42.6
2003	56.0	73.3	63.4
2002	71.5	96.4	82.0
2001	85.7	105.2	94.1

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		December 2010	November 2011	December 2011	Percent Change November - December 2011	Percent Change December 2010 - 2011
	Exports	18,330	20,952	20,404	-2.6	11.3
	Total	39,762	44,289	44,223	-0.1	11.2
Truck	Imports	10,399	11,473	10,541	-8.1	1.4
	Exports	14,106	15,993	15,702	-1.8	11.3
Rail	Imports	4,707	5,445	5,805	6.6	23.3
	Exports	2,095	2,556	2,355	-7.9	12.4
Pipeline	Imports	5,142	5,560	6,375	14.7	24.0
	Exports	227	474	348	-26.6	53.3

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

Ranked by December 2011 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

State	December 2010		December 2011		Percent Change December 2010 - 2011
	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	
Michigan	4,672	1	5,592	1	19.7
Illinois	3,824	2	4,756	2	24.4
California	2,462	4	2,844	3	15.5
Ohio	2,394	5	2,626	4	9.7
Texas	2,300	6	2,518	5	9.5
New York	3,276	3	2,336	6	-28.7
Pennsylvania	1,486	8	1,687	7	13.5
Washington	1,551	7	1,635	8	5.4
Minnesota	1,288	9	1,617	9	25.6
Indiana	1,202	10	1,425	10	18.5

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		December 2010	November 2011	December 2011	Percent Change November - December 2011	Percent Change December 2010 - 2011
All Surface Modes	Imports	14,913	17,915	16,649	-7.1	11.6
	Exports	11,855	14,469	13,357	-7.7	12.7
	Total	26,768	32,384	30,007	-7.3	12.1
Truck	Imports	12,081	14,839	13,458	-9.3	11.4
	Exports	9,284	11,344	10,424	-8.1	12.3
Rail	Imports	2,399	2,689	2,884	7.3	20.2
	Exports	1,690	2,281	2,108	-7.6	24.7
Pipeline	Imports	15	21	22	7.7	45.1
	Exports	322	240	236	-1.9	-26.8

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

Ranked by December 2011 Surface Trade Value
(millions of dollars)

State	December 2010		December 2011		Percent Change December 2010-2011
	Value	Rank	Value	Rank	
Texas	9,459	1	10,282	1	8.7
California	4,073	2	4,459	2	9.5
Michigan	2,922	3	3,649	3	24.9
Illinois	915	5	1,021	4	11.5
Arizona	979	4	994	5	1.5
Ohio	686	6	746	6	8.7
Tennessee	497	7	627	7	26.3
North Carolina	399	10	560	8	40.4
Indiana	445	8	509	9	14.2
Connecticut	397	11	465	10	17.0

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
December 2011 (Current U.S. dollars)

Mode	Total Trade Value	Percent
All Modes	86,775,358,953	100.0
All Surface Modes	74,230,256,915	85.5
Air	3,870,958,239	4.5
Vessel	8,674,143,799	10.0

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

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