U.S. Rail-Carried Trade with Canada and Mexico

U.S. trade with Mexico via rail more than tripled from $20.4 billion in 1999 to $64.5 billion in 2012 recovering from 2009 recession level of $34.6 billion. U.S. trade with Canada by rail increased 78 percent from $58.0 billion in 1999 to $103.0 billion in 2012 up from 2009 recession level of $61.0 billion. Source is USDOT/Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Transborder Surface Freight Data; http://transborder.bts.gov/programs/international/transborder/TBDR_QA.html
In 2012, rail accounted for 23 percent of the trade with Canada by rail or truck ($103.0 billion out of $444.5 billion). With respect to trade with Mexico, rail accounted for 17 percent by rail or truck ($64.5 billion out of $387.7 billion).

On the Mexican border, Laredo, TX, continues to be the dominant port, accounting for 50 percent of all rail traffic, by value.
On the Canadian border, Port Huron, MI, continues to lead other ports, with over $26 billion in trade by rail, while Detroit is a close second with over $24 billion. They are followed by Buffalo/Niagara Falls which has declined from a peak in 1999 of over $15 million to nearly $13 billion in 2012.
Top Commodities—U.S. Trade with Canada

By value, transportation equipment is the largest commodity group for both U.S. exports and imports by rail to/from Canada.
## U.S. Rail-Carried Exports to Canada: 2012

**By Value (Billions USD)**
- Transp. Equip. 9.8
- All Other 23.3
- Total 33.1

**Top Flows:**
- Transp. Eq. Mich. to Ontario 1.9
- Transp. Eq. Ohio to Ontario 1.5

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Data

## U.S. Rail-Carried Imports from Canada: 2012

**By Value (Billions USD)**
- Transp. Equip. 31.4
- All Other 38.5
- Total 69.9

**By Weight (Millions of short Tons)**
- Fertilizer 9.7
- Wood 9.2
- Mineral Fuels (e.g. coal) 1.9
- All Other 44.4
- Total 71.2

**Top Flows:**
- Transp. Eq. Ontario to Mich. 17.2
- Transp. Eq. Ontario to Calif. 13.0

**Top Flows:**
- Transp. Eq. Canada to Mich. 1.9
- Fertilizers: Canada to OR 1.9
- Mineral Fuels: Canada to TX 1.8
- Transp. Eq.: Canada to Cal. 1.6

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Data

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**Top Commodities—U.S. Trade with Mexico:**

By value, transportation equipment dominates U.S. exports and imports by rail to/from Mexico.
U.S. Rail-Carried Exports to Mexico: 2012

By Value (Billions US$)
- Transp. Equip. 6.7
- All Other 20.9
- Total 27.6

Top flows:
- Transp. Eq. TX to Fed. District 1.09
- Transp. Eq. TX to Guanajuato 1.01
- Transp. Eq. Mich. to Fed. District 0.84

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Data

U.S. Rail-Carried Imports from Mexico: 2012

By Value (Billions US$)
- Transp. Equip. 28.1
- All Other 3.8
- Total 35.9

By Weight (Millions of Short Tons)
- Transp. Eq. 3.6
- Beverages, spirits, vinegar 2.3
- All Other 4.9
- Total 10.8

Top flows:
- Transp. Eq. Mexico to Mich. 21.4
- Beverages, spirits, vinegar Mexico to Illinois 2.7

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Data