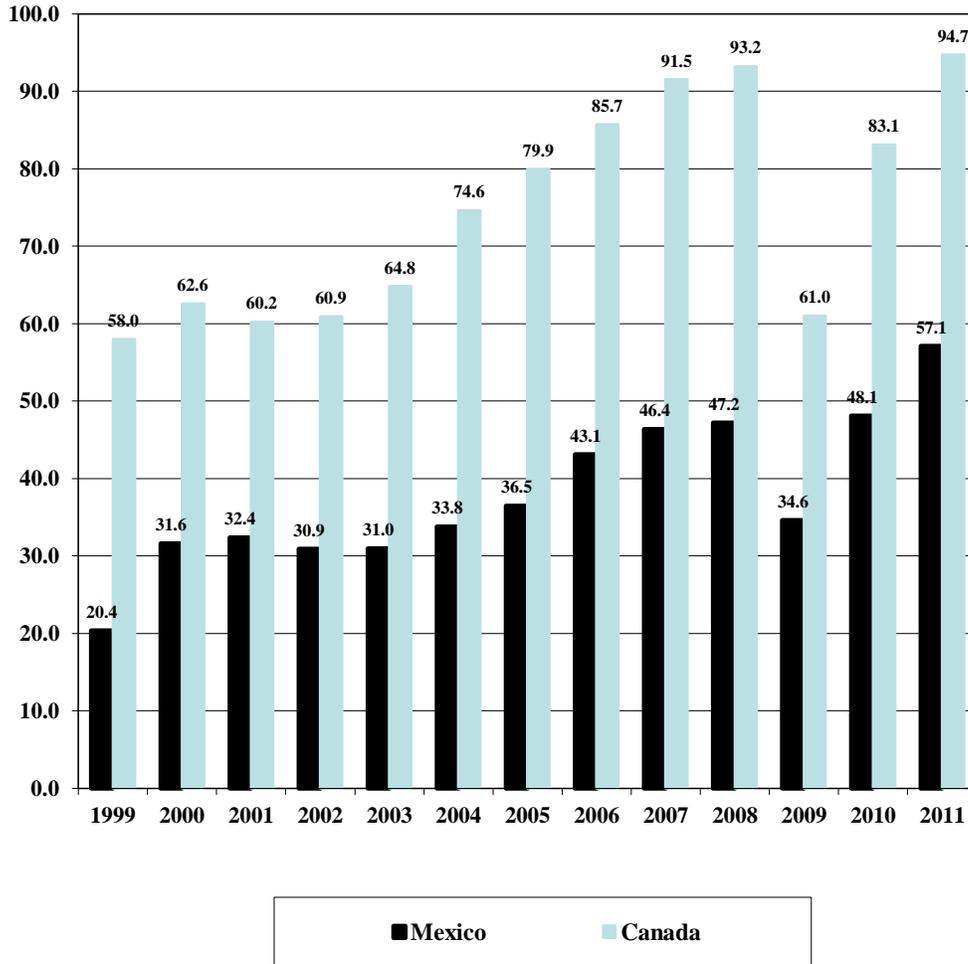


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## **U.S. Rail-Carried Trade with Canada and Mexico**

U.S. trade with Mexico via rail nearly tripled from \$20.4 billion in 1999 to \$57.1 billion in 2011 recovering from 2009 recession level of \$34.6 billion. U.S. trade with Canada by rail increased 63 percent from \$58.0 billion in 1999 to \$94.7 billion in 2011 up from 2009 recession level of \$61.0 billion. (Source: USDOT/Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Transborder Surface Freight Data; <http://www.bts.gov/programs/international/transborder/> )

# Trade With Canada & Mexico by Rail 1999-2011 Value in Billions US Dollars



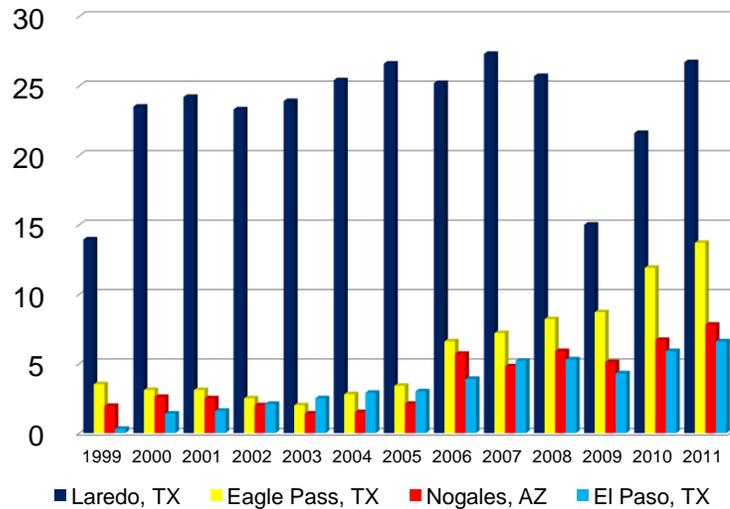
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In 2011, rail accounted for 22 percent of the trade with Canada by rail or truck (\$94.7 billion out of \$425.4 billion). With respect to trade with Mexico, rail accounted for 16 percent by rail or truck (\$57.2 billion out of \$352.4 billion).

On the Mexican border, Laredo, TX, continues to be the dominant port, accounting for 47 percent of all rail traffic, by value.

## U.S. Trade With Mexico by Top Rail Ports: 1999 - 2011

Value in Billions of U.S. Dollars

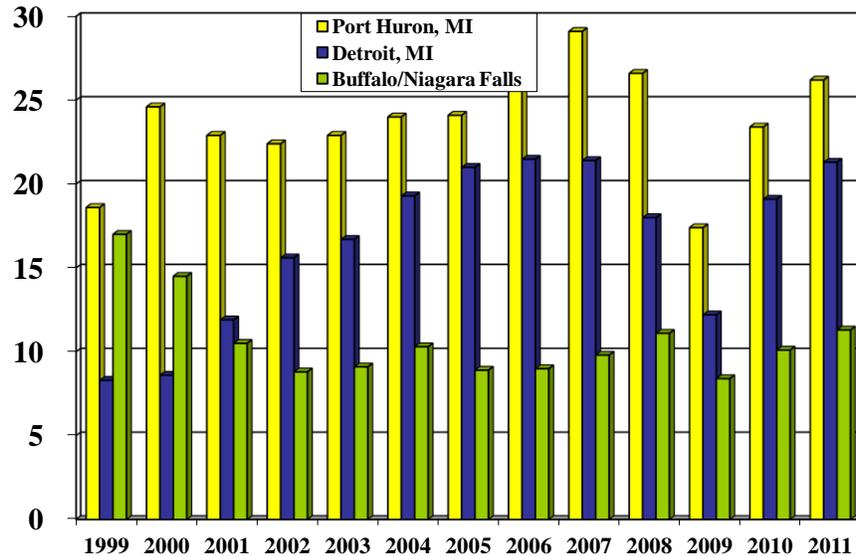


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On the Canadian border, Port Huron, MI, continues to lead other ports, with over \$26 billion in trade by rail, while Detroit is second with over \$22 billion. Buffalo/Niagara Falls has declined from a peak in 1999 of over \$15 million to \$11 billion in 2011.

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## 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: 2011

### By Value (Billions US\$)

Transp. Equip.	9.0
All Other	20.6
Total	29.6

### Top flows:

Transp. Eq.	
Mich. to Ontario	1.7
Transp. Eq.	
Ohio to Ontario	1.4

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Data

## U.S. Rail-Carried Imports from Canada: 2011

### By Value (Billions US\$)

• Transp. Equip.	26.1
• All Other	<u>39.0</u>
• Total	65.1

### By Weight (Millions of Short Tons)

• Fertilizer	11.4
• Wood	8.3
• All Other	<u>49.1</u>
• Total	68.8

### Top flows:

• Transp. Eq.	
Ontario to Mich.	15.4
• Transp. Eq.	
Ontario to Calif.	9.2

### Top flows:

• Fertilizers: Canada to OR	3.0
• Fertilizers: Canada to IL	2.2
• Transp. Eq.: Canada to Mich.	1.8

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Data

### 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: 2011**

### **By Value (Billions US\$)**

• Transp. Equip.	5.5
• All Other	<u>19.4</u>
• Total	24.9

### **Top flows:**

• Transp. Eq. TX to Fed. District	0.98
• Transp. Eq. MI to Fed. District	0.89

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Data

## U.S. Rail-Carried Imports from Mexico: 2011

### By Value (Billions US\$)

- Transp. Equip. 23.9
- All Other 8.4
- Total 32.3

### • Top flows:

- Transp. Eq.  
Mexico to Mich. 18.4

### By Weight (Millions of Short Tons)

- Transp. Eq. 3.3
- Beverages, spirits, vinegar 2.1
- All Other 5.9
- Total 11.3

### • Top flows:

- Transp. Eq.  
Mexico to Mich. 2.5
- Beverages, spirits, vinegar  
Mexico to Illinois 2.1

Source: BTS Transborder Surface Freight Data