

## North American Transborder Freight declined 0.9% in August 2024 from August 2023

# North American Transborder Freight August 2024 \$136.7 billion



Truck Freight: \$90.7 billion



Rail Freight: \$16.9 billion



**3.3%** from same month last year



-4.3% from same month last year

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, TransBorder Freight Data, https://data.bts.gov/stories/s/myhq-rm6q

The statistics in this release do not reflect changes in tonnage moved.

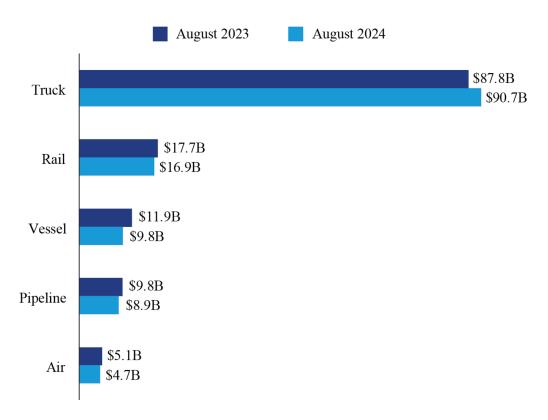
## **Total Transborder Freight by Border in August 2024, Compared to August 2023:**

Transborder freight between the U.S. and North American countries Canada and Mexico:

- Total transborder freight: \$136.7 billion of transborder freight moved by all modes of transportation, down 0.9% compared to August 2023
- Freight between the U.S. and Canada: \$ 63.0 billion, down 6.4% from August 2023
- Freight between the U.S. and Mexico: \$73.8 billion, up 4.2% from August 2023
  - o Mexico continued to lead Canada in freight dollar value for the last 18 months.
- Trucks moved \$90.7 billion of freight, up 3.3% compared to August 2023
- Railways moved \$16.9 billion of freight, down 4.3% compared to August 2023
- Vessels moved \$9.8 billion of freight, down 17.2% compared to August 2023
  - Vessels moved 19.6% less mineral fuels.
- Pipelines moved \$8.9 billion of freight, down 9.0% compared to August 2023

• Air moved \$4.7 billion of freight, down 8.8% compared to August 2023

Figure 1: North American Freight by Mode, August 2023 and 2024



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# **Total Transborder Freight by Border and Mode:**

<b>U.SCanada (both directions)</b> (Dollars in Billions)		-	U.SMexico (both directions) (Dollars in Billions)	
Truck	\$36.0	Truck	\$54.7	
Pipeline	\$8.3	Rail	\$8.3	
Rail	\$8.7	Vessel	\$6.3	
Vessel	\$3.5	Air	\$1.8	
Air	\$2.9	Pipeline	\$0.6	

Detroit, Port Huron, and Buffalo are the top truck ports for U.S. freight flows with Canada, while Laredo, El Paso, and Otay Mesa are the top truck ports with Mexico. Detroit, Port Huron, and International Falls are the top rail connection ports for U.S. freight flows with Canada, while Laredo,

Eagle Pass, and El Paso are the top rail connection ports with Mexico. Chicago, Port Huron, and Minneapolis are the top pipeline connection regions for U.S. energy freight flows with Canada. El Paso, Hidalgo, and Laredo are the top pipeline connection regions with Mexico. Port of Boston, Arthur, and Portland are the top water port connections for U.S. energy flows with Canada. Port of Houston, Arthur, and Texas City are the top water port connections for U.S. energy flows on the Southern border.

### U.S. – Canada and Mexico Freight Breakdown

U.SCanada Trade Breakdown			U.SMexico Trade Breakdown		
Top three truck ports			Top three truck ports		
Detroit, MI	\$9.4	billion	Laredo, TX	\$25.4 billion	
Port Huron, MI	\$6.8	billion	El Paso-Ysleta, TX	\$7.5 billion	
Buffalo, NY	\$6.3	billion	Otay Mesa, CA	\$5.6 billion	
Top three truck commodities			Top three truck commodities		
Computers/parts	\$6.1	billion	Computers/parts	\$14.0 billion	
Vehicles/parts	\$4.9	billion	Electrical machinery	\$12.0 billion	
Electrical machinery	\$2.6	billion	Vehicles/parts	\$7.8 billion	
Top three rail ports			Top three rail ports		
Detroit, MI	\$2.7	billion	Laredo, TX	\$4.3 billion	
Port Huron, MI	\$1.8	billion	Eagle Pass, TX	\$2.5 billion	
Buffalo, NY	\$1.0	billion	Nogales, AZ	\$0.6 billion	
Top three rail commodities			Top three rail commodities		
Vehicles/parts	\$3.7	billion	Vehicles/parts	\$4.1 billion	
Mineral fuel	\$0.7	billion	Computers/parts	\$0.6 billion	
Plastics	\$0.6	billion	Mineral fuel	\$0.5 billion	

### **Reporting Notes**

All monetary values are in current US dollars and are not adjusted for inflation or seasonality. For previous statistical releases and summary tables, see <u>transborder releases</u>. See <u>transborder freight</u> <u>data</u> for data from previous months, and additional state, port, and commodity data. BTS has scheduled the next release of transborder numbers for Friday, November 15, 2024.