

United States-Canada-Mexico Fact Sheet On Trade, Migration, and Border Crossings

General Facts

- More than 80% of all INS and Customs inspections are done at land borders (more than 400 million). Air inspections are second with just under 80 million annually. (Source: *Border Facts and Talking Points*, prepared by US Chamber of Commerce, 2001).
- Two-thirds of all NAFTA trade is transported by trucks, with goods valued at US\$429 billion in 2000. Detroit/Windsor and Laredo/Nuevo Laredo saw the highest volume of trade on each border. (Source: *Border Facts and Talking Points*, prepared by US Chamber of Commerce, 2001).

United States – Canada Border

- At 5,525 miles, the United States and Canada 's border is the longest non-militarized border in the world. This border is not a "security fence," a tightly controlled or highly fortified physical barrier, but rather a clearly demarcated legal line. (Source: Siobhan Gorman, "A Nation without Borders", *National Journal*, December 1, 2001 Number 48).

Ports of Entry

- There are seventy-nine high-volume border-crossing points between Canada and the United States. Three of these points are in Alaska, 2 are in Idaho, 10 are in Maine, 4 are in Michigan, 7 are in Minnesota, 11 are in Montana, 7 are in New York, 18 are in North Dakota, 5 are in Vermont and 12 are in Washington. (Source: US Customs Service, Mission Support Services, Office of Field Operations).

Crossings

The Northern Boundary, 2000 crossings

(Source: Siobhan Gorman, "A Nation without Borders", *National Journal*, December 1, 2001 Number 48).

State	People	Cars	Trucks	Containers
Alaska	450,000	120,000	11,000	9,700
Idaho	530,000	210,000	59,000	100,000
Maine	8.2 million	3.9 million	540,000	450,000
Michigan	34 million	12 million	2.7 million	3.2 million
Minnesota	3.2 million	1.1 million	130,000	380,000
Montana	1.5 million	490,000	200,000	220,000
New York	28 million	11 million	2 million	2.2 million
North Dakota	1.8 million	630,000	340,000	490,000
Vermont	3.3 million	1.6 million	320,000	280,000

National Trade

- The United States and Canada are the world's largest trading partners. (Source: The Ambassador Bridge, <http://www.ambassadorbridge.com/facts.html>)
- In 2000, total merchandise trade between the two countries was US\$411 billion, translating into US\$1.1 billion in goods crossing the border on an average day. When services and investment are added, the total equates to US\$1.3 billion every day. (Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administrations).

- Value of year 2000 trade between Canada and the U.S. (in millions of US dollars): (Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census)
 - U.S. Exports to Canada, \$178,940.90
 - U.S. Imports from Canada, \$230,838.30
 - U.S.-Canada Trade Balance, - \$ 51,897.40

- Eighty-seven percent of Canada’s merchandise exports cross the U.S.-Canada border. (Source: DFAIT, John Manley, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Address to U.S. Foreign Policy Association, November 5, 2001).

- Twenty-five percent of all U.S. exports are to Canada over the U.S. border. (Source: DFAIT, John Manley, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Address to U.S. Foreign Policy Association, November 5, 2001).

- Canada is the third-largest foreign investor in the United States. The stock of Canadian FDI in the U.S. in 2000 was US\$103.7 billion, amounting to 52% of total Canadian direct investment abroad. (Source: Institute for International Economics, “North American Convergence: An American Perspective”).

- The U.S. is Canada's leading agricultural market, importing nearly one-third of all food exports. Conversely, Canada is the second-largest U.S. agricultural market (after Japan), primarily importing fresh fruits, vegetables and livestock products. (Source: Travel Document Systems, <http://www.traveldocs.com/ca/economy.htm>).

- Canada is America’s primary oil and energy supplier. (Source: U.S. Department of Energy).

Vehicles

- Every year, there are roughly ten million truck trips across the Canada-U.S. border, with the value of goods carried approximating US\$400 billion. This makes road transport the dominant mode of north-south transportation. (Source: Transport Canada, <http://www.tc.gc.ca/pol/en/brochure/Default.htm>).

- Seventy percent of border traffic between the two countries uses 6 major crossings. (Source: Tom Cohen, “Canada, US Ok Border Security Plan,” Dec. 12, 2001, Associated Press).

Regional Trade

- Canada's importance to the United States is not just a border-state phenomenon. According to Canada’s Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, in 2000 Canada was the leading foreign export market for every U.S. state except Alaska, Arizona, California, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Louisiana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas and Washington. (Source: DFAIT and Embassy of Canada in Washington DC, <http://www.canadianembassy.org>).

38 US states have Canada as their Leading Export Market, 2001(in US\$ Billions)

(Source: DFAIT and Embassy of Canada in Washington DC, <http://www.canadianembassy.org>).

Alabama	\$1.76	Georgia	\$3.80
Arizona	\$.91	Illinois	\$12.95
Colorado	\$1.20	Indiana	\$7.55
Connecticut	\$1.95	Iowa	\$1.69
Delaware	\$.69	Kansas	\$1.48

Kentucky	\$3.68	Ohio	\$14.94
Maine	\$.90	Oklahoma	\$1.34
Maryland	\$.91	Pennsylvania	\$7.66
Massachusetts	\$3.83	Rhode Island	\$.41
Michigan	\$21.17	South Carolina	\$2.63
Minnesota	\$2.74	South Dakota	\$.29
Mississippi	\$.57	Tennessee	\$4.33
Missouri	\$2.85	Utah	\$.64
Montana	\$.29	Vermont	\$2.35
New Hampshire	\$.79	Virginia	\$2.25
New Jersey	\$4.47	West Virginia	\$.66
New York	\$12.02	Wisconsin	\$4.41
Nevada	\$.61	Wyoming	\$.11
North Carolina	\$5.30	Puerto Rico	\$1.17
North Dakota	\$.36		

- Canada trades more with Michigan than with any other U.S. state. Canada purchased 58% of Michigan's exports in 2000. The state sent more goods to Canada than to all other foreign markets combined. (Source: Canadian Embassy, <http://www.canadianembassy.org/trade/statetrade/mi/asp>).
- Ontario is the fourth largest trading partner of the U.S. (after Canada, Japan and Mexico), with total trade of over C\$360 billion (US\$243 billion) in 2000 that was only US\$25 billion less than total goods trade with Mexico. The U.S. is Ontario's largest export market, accounting for over 93 percent of Ontario's total exports in 2000. Ontario supplied 54 percent of all Canadian exports to the U.S. and 50 percent of Canada's total exports. (Source: Ontario Investment Service, <http://www.2ontario.com/facts/fact04.asp>).
- Ontario has reciprocity agreements on truck licensing with 41 U.S. states. (Source: Ontario Investment Service, <http://www.2ontario.com/facts/fact14.asp>).

US State Exports to Ontario, 2000 (Billions of \$US)

(Source: Statistics Canada, June 2001)

State	Value of Exports	North Carolina	\$4.73
Michigan	\$30.34	Tennessee	\$4.43
Ohio	\$19.14	Missouri	\$4.20
New York	\$12.51	Georgia	\$3.94
Illinois	\$9.83	New Jersey	\$3.30
Indiana	\$9.29	South Carolina	\$2.60
California	\$8.89	Massachusetts	\$2.60
Texas	\$7.86	Minnesota	\$2.40
Pennsylvania	\$6.67	Virginia	\$2.29
Wisconsin	\$5.06	Florida	\$2.01
Kentucky	\$4.88	Alabama	\$1.90

- Fully 27 percent of all merchandise trade between the U.S. and Canada crosses the Michigan's Ambassador Bridge. (Source: Ambassador Bridge, <http://www.ambassadorbridge.com/facts.html>).
- The Detroit/Windsor border crossings handle more than one-third of all trade volume between the U.S. and Canada and the largest part of the Mexican-Canadian trade. (Source: Ambassador Bridge, <http://www.ambassadorbridge.com/facts.html>).
- Ontario border crossings account for 60 percent of all Canadian transborder truck movements, a fact that partly reflects Ontario's predominant role among Canadian provinces within the highly integrated North American automobile industry (e.g. Detroit-Windsor). It is also a result of the nearness of Ontario to the industrial heartland of the United States, and the significant number of truck shipments cleared at Ontario border crossings that originate from, or are destined to, another province. (Source: Transport Canada, <http://www.tc.gc.ca>).

People

- Every day, more than 250,000 people arrive in the United States from Canada. Over 200 million two-way border crossings took place in 1999 at 132 legal Northern border-crossing points. (Source: US Bureau of Transportation Statistics, <http://www.bts.gov>).
- Ninety percent of Canadians live within 100 miles of the U.S.-Canada border; 75 percent of Canadians, about 22 million people, live within 186 miles of the border. (Source: Papademetriou and Meyers, *Caught in the Middle: Border Communities in An Era of Globalization*, 2001, p. 62).
- More than 40 percent of Canada's 37,000 refugee claimants in 2000 arrived via the United States. (Source: DFAIT, John Manley, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Address to US Foreign Policy Association, November 5, 2001).
- According to the Canadian government, 50 percent more criminals were stopped trying to get into Canada from the United States than the other way around in 1999. Almost half Canada's refugee claimants enter from the United States. (Source: DFAIT, John Manley, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Address to U.S. Foreign Policy Association, November 5, 2001).
- Most of the guns used in crimes in Canada are imported illegally from the United States. (Source: DFAIT, John Manley, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Address to US Foreign Policy Association, November 5, 2001).

United States – Mexico Border

- There are more than 25 border crossing points between Mexico and the Southwest United States, including 6 in Arizona, 5 in California, 1 in New Mexico and 11 in Texas. (Source: U.S. Customs Service, Mission Support Services, Office of Field Operations).

National Trade

- Mexico is the United States' second-largest trading partner and is one of the fastest-growing major export markets for U.S. goods and services. (Source: U.S.Mexico Chamber of Commerce, http://www.usmcc.org/nafta5_eng.html).

- Two-way trade between Mexico and the U.S. was estimated at \$261.7 billion in 2000. (Source: U.S. Embassy in Mexico, <http://usembassy-mexico.gov/eataglance1.htm>).
- In 2000, 89% of Mexico's exports went to the U.S., while 73.28% of its imports were from the United States. (Source: U.S. Bureau of Transportation Statistics, <http://www.bts.gov>)
- Value of year 2000 U.S. trade with Mexico (in billions of US dollars):
(Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, <http://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/balance/c2010.htm>).
 - U.S. exports to Mexico, \$111.349
 - U.S. imports from Mexico, \$135.926
 - U.S.-Mexico trade balance, - \$24.577
- U.S. exports to Mexico more than quadrupled from \$12.3 billion in 1986 to more than \$50 billion in 1994, resulting in a \$1.3 billion trade surplus in 1994. (Source: U.S. Department of State, Geographic Bureaus, Latin American Bureau, "Fact Sheet: Cooperation with Mexico: In Our National Interest").

Vehicles

- Since September 11, 12 of 23 southern ports of entry have been closed to commercial traffic. (Source: U.S. Customs Service).

Regional Trade

State Merchandise Export Totals to Mexico, 2000 (US\$ Millions)

(Source: U.S. International Trade Administration,
<http://ita.doc.gov/td/industry/otea/state/leading/mexico.txt>)

State	Value of Exports		
		Louisiana	\$.31
		Maine	\$.04
Alabama	\$.76	Maryland	\$.53
Alaska	\$.00	Massachusetts	\$ 1.14
Arizona	\$ 2.13	Michigan	\$ 16.49
Arkansas	\$.35	Minnesota	\$ 1.29
California	\$ 14.40	Mississippi	\$.58
Colorado	\$ 1.39	Missouri	\$ 1.31
Connecticut	\$ 1.11	Montana	\$.08
Delaware	\$.41	Nebraska	\$.20
Dist. of Col.	\$.31	Nevada	\$.11
Florida	\$ 1.95	New Hampshire	\$.10
Georgia	\$ 2.42	New Jersey	\$ 2.15
Hawaii	\$.00	New Mexico	\$.20
Idaho	\$.13	New York	\$ 3.28
Illinois	\$ 3.39	North Carolina	\$ 2.13
Indiana	\$ 2.50	North Dakota	\$.02
Iowa	\$.20	Ohio	\$ 5.76
Kansas	\$.70	Oklahoma	\$.49
Kentucky	\$.82	Oregon	\$.56

Pennsylvania	\$2.81	Washington	\$.59
Rhode Island	\$.09	West Virginia	\$.25
South Carolina	\$1.96	Wisconsin	\$1.06
South Dakota	\$.07	Wyoming	\$.01
Tennessee	\$1.68	Puerto Rico	\$.27
Texas	\$24.62	Virgin Islands	\$.01
Utah	\$.11	Unallocated	\$7.87
Vermont	\$.03	U.S. Total	\$111.72
Virginia	\$.85		

People

- About 10 million people live in the U.S.-Mexico border area (92% of these people live in or near the 14 sister or twin cities along the Southern border). About 20% of the population on the U.S. side of the border lives at or below the poverty line, compared with a national average of 12.4%. (Source: U.S. Mexico Chamber of Commerce, <http://www.usmcc.org/border1.html>).
- Everyday 800,000 people arrive in the U.S. from Mexico. (Source: Siobhan Gorman, “A Nation without Borders,” *National Journal*, December 1, 2001 Number 48).
- Mexicans constitute 27% of all foreign-born Americans, by far the largest group, followed by the Philippines and China with about 4% each. (Source: U.S. Embassy in Mexico, <http://usembassy-mexico.gov/eataglace1.htm>).
- In the year 2000, the U.S. processed 2,252,594 non-immigrant visa applications in Mexico, an increase of 37% from 1999 when 1,635,309 applications were processed. (Source: U.S. Embassy in Mexico, <http://usembassy-mexico.gov/eataglace1.htm>).
- Over 4 million Laser Visas were issued between April 1998 (the start of the program) and August 2001. (Source: U.S. Embassy in Mexico, <http://usembassy-mexico.gov/eataglace1.htm>).
- The ratio of Mexicans making their first border crossing-as opposed to those who cross, return and cross again- rose from 30 percent of all migrants to 53 percent. (Source: Mark Stevenson, “Report: Mexican migration to U.S. will continue,” December 5, 2001, Associated Press.)
- Deportations of Mexicans from the United States dropped by 29 percent during the first nine months of 2001, according to statistics released Monday by Mexico’s National Migration Institute. Arrests of illegal immigrants within the United States also dropped 25 percent between Oct. 1, 2000 and Sept. 30, 2001, confirming the significant reduction of clandestine movement along the border. (Source: *The News Mexico*, “Deportations of Mexicans from the United States is down 29 percent,” December 4, 2001).
- In 2000 the Border Patrol rescued 2,454 undocumented migrants from the desert, rivers and mountains. (Source: U.S. Embassy in Mexico, <http://usembassy-mexico.gov/eataglace1.htm>).