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Annual civil aviation statistics: First look, 2023



Source: Statcan

Canadian air carriers transported 89.9 million passengers in 2023, an increase of 32.3% from the 67.9 million passengers carried in 2022 and accounting for 95.5% of the 94.1 million passengers carried in 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic. Domestic traffic reached 44.4 million passengers in 2023, up 23.5% from 2022 and accounting for 91.0% of the 2019 pre-pandemic level. International traffic, at 45.4 million passengers in 2023, increased 42.1% from 2022 and was slightly above (+0.2%) the 2019 pre-pandemic level. Total traffic reached 228.5 billion passenger-kilometres in 2023, 35.5% higher than in 2022 and 2.0% below the 2019 output. Each passenger travelled an average of 2,542 kilometres in 2023, 2.6% above the 2019 level (2,478 kilometres). At 3.1 million hours, total hours flown in 2023 were 5.8% below the 2019 level. Operating revenue earned by Level I to III air carriers in 2023 totalled \$35.7 billion, 21.1% higher than in 2019. Passenger revenue was 19.0% higher in 2023 than the 2019 level. Operating expenses (\$32.8 billion) also rose in 2023 and were 19.8% higher than in 2019.

Annual civil aviation statistics: First look, 2023, April 2024, June 21, 2024, www.statcan.gc.ca

Guttentag, Germany! WestJet directly connects five Canadian cities to Frankfurt through Condor Airlines codeshare agreement



Source: WestJet

Beginning on June 24, 2024, WestJet guests will gain direct access to Frankfurt International Airport (FRA) from five Canadian airports through the expansion of WestJet's long-standing partnership with Condor Airlines. Expanding upon the airlines' previous interline agreement, WestJet and Condor will codeshare for the first time in their 10-year partnership. Through the agreement, WestJet will sell itineraries on flights operated by Condor Airlines from Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Toronto and Halifax to Germany's busiest airport, with the ease of a single ticket and through checked baggage, earning WestJet Dollars throughout. Additionally, Condor guests looking to explore Canada can take advantage of WestJet's expansive domestic network with the same benefits. WestJet will also provide connectivity to the United States for Condor guests connecting through Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Toronto and Halifax later this summer.

Guttentag, Germany! WestJet directly connects five Canadian cities to Frankfurt through Condor Airlines codeshare agreement, June 24, 2024, www.westjet.ca

WesJet initiates flight cancellations in preparation for threat of strike by Aircraft Maintenance Engineers and other Tech Ops employees



Source: WestJet

WestJet has started cancelling flights, as the airline reacts to its Aircraft Maintenance Engineers and other Technical Operations employees plan to go on strike as of Friday, June 28 at 5:30 p.m. MT. This action ensures the airline can safely park its aircraft in a controlled manner, while enabling proactive communication and preventing the stranding of WestJet's guests and crew. WestJet has presented the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association (AMFA) with a Canadian industry-leading agreement that is better suited than the previously rejected tentative agreement. Just hours into day one of a mutually agreed to four-day bargaining period, the union served a strike notice. This timing could disrupt the travel plans of more than 250,000 guests scheduled to travel over the July long weekend and appears to be an attempt to force an unreasonable contract.

WesJet initiates flight cancellations in preparation for threat of strike by Aircraft Maintenance Engineers and other Tech Ops employees, June 26, 2024, www.westjet.ca

WestJet acknowledges the Minister of Labour's direction for final binding first contract arbitration with AMFA



Source: WestJet

WestJet on June 27, 2024, received confirmation that the Minister of Labour has directed the Canada Industrial Relations Board (CIRB) to assist WestJet and the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association (AMFA) in reaching a first collective agreement. The CIRB confirmed receipt and has taken actions to start the process. WestJet and AMFA will enter final binding arbitration to resolve the outstanding terms of the collective agreement. The airline acknowledges the Minister's direction to secure industrial peace, and AMFA has confirmed they will abide by the direction. Given this, a strike or lockout will not occur, and the airline will no longer proceed in cancelling flights.

WestJet acknowledges the Minister of Labour's direction for final binding first contract arbitration with AMFA, June 27, 2024, www.westjet.ca

Air Canada Wins in Five Categories, the most of any Canadian carrier, at 2024 Skytrax World Airline Awards

Air Canada has been recognized with the most awards of any Canadian airline at the 2024 Skytrax World Airline Awards, including for having the world's Best Business Class Airline Lounge Catering and also the Best Cabin Crew in Canada. The carrier was also named the Most Family Friendly Airline in North America, Best Premium Economy Class Onboard Catering in North America, and Cleanest Airline in North America.

Air Canada Wins in Five Categories, the most of any Canadian carrier, at 2024 Skytrax World Airline Awards, June 24, 2024, www.aircanada.ca

Canada concludes new air transport agreement with Argentina

On June 25, 2024, the Minister of Transport, Pablo Rodriguez, announced a new Canada-Argentina Air Transport Agreement, providing additional benefits for Canadian travellers and the air

industry. The new agreement will replace the existing Canada-Argentina Air Transport Agreement, negotiated in 1979. The new agreement will include: 1. No limits on the number of: Canadian or Argentinian airlines that can serve the market; Passenger and/or cargo flights those airlines can operate; and The cities that can be served in Canada and Argentina. 2. More flexibility for Canadian and Argentinian airlines to make connections in other countries, if they choose, to pick up and discharge passengers and/or cargo en route to their final destination in Canada or Argentina. 3. Fully open code-sharing rights, which will allow air carriers to expand their network offerings through marketing cooperation with other airlines, including airlines from other countries. 4. A modern pricing regime; and 5. Industry-standard safety, security and doing-business provisions.

Canada concludes new air transport agreement with Argentina, June 25, 2024, www.tc.gc.ca

Air Canada Expands its Sun Network with 55 Caribbean and US Destinations this Winter

Air Canada announced on June 26, 2024 that it is boosting its 2024-25 winter sun network, with increased frequencies and featuring new routes from Ottawa and Quebec City to Tulum and from Montreal to Saint Maarten. In addition, more flights are scheduled from Halifax, Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver to popular vacation destinations in Florida and the Caribbean. This winter, Air Canada plans to operate up to 50 flights departing Canada every day, serving a total of 55 Caribbean and US Sun vacation destinations. Air Canada announced today it is boosting its 2024-25 winter sun network, with increased frequencies and featuring new routes from Ottawa and Quebec City to Tulum and from Montreal to Saint Maarten.

Air Canada Expands its Sun Network with 55 Caribbean and US Destinations this Winter, June 26, 2024, www.aircanada.ca

Air Canada Offers Québec City Region a New Hotspot for This Winter with Non-stop Flights to Tulum

Air Canada announced on June 26, 2024 that it will launch new weekly flights from Québec City to Tulum, Mexico's newest airport in the Yucatan peninsula, beginning Dec. 13, 2024. The airline will also resume non-stop services from Québec City for winter 2024-25 to popular sun destinations: Orlando, Fort Lauderdale, Punta Cana and Cancun.

Air Canada Offers Québec City Region a New Hotspot for This Winter with Non-stop Flights to Tulum, June 26, 2024, www.aircanada.ca

Porter Airlines is North America's Best Regional Airline

Porter Airlines was selected as Best Regional Airline in North America at the 2024 Skytrax World Airline Awards. The category includes airlines that primarily or exclusively fly within North America. Over 100 countries participate in the world's largest airline passenger satisfaction survey to select the award winners. This year's presentation ceremony was held in London, England.

Porter Airlines is North America's Best Regional Airline, June 24, 2024, www.flyporter.ca

Porter more than doubles capacity to five Florida destinations this winter, adds West Palm Beach service

Porter Airlines is responding to strong demand for its service by more than doubling capacity to Florida this winter. The new schedule features up to 126 weekly departures across 14 routes from four Eastern Canada airports in Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Halifax.

Porter more than doubles capacity to five Florida destinations this winter, adds West Palm Beach service, June 26, 2024, www.flyporter.com

Porter Airlines inaugurates new nonstop routes connecting Montreal and California

Porter Airlines is launching two new seasonal, nonstop routes connecting Montréal-Trudeau International Airport (YUL) with Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and San Francisco International Airport (SFO). The YUL-LAX route offers four-times weekly service beginning June 27, while the YUL-SFO route operates three-times weekly starting June 28, 2024.

Porter Airlines inaugurates new nonstop routes connecting Montreal and California, June 24, 2024, www.flyport.ca

Canada's Airports Celebrate Airport Workers Day



Source: CAC

On June 26, 2024, airports across Canada will celebrate the inaugural Airport Workers Day. It is a day of recognition for the people who keep Canada moving and their vital contribution to our communities and our economies. This celebration will be part of a coordinated national event led by the Canadian Airport Council (CAC), in coordination with 35 Canadian airports showing appreciation for airport staff with in-person events taking place at airports throughout the day. As part of this day, CAC will honour five workers with national awards, drawing attention to the important work they do to keep Canadians and our economy moving.

Canada's Airports Celebrate Airport Workers Day, June 26, 2024, www.cacairports.ca

Aircraft movement and civil aviation statistics, April 2024



Source: Statcan

In April 2024, aircraft movements at Canada's major and select small airports totalled 486,993, up 7.4% from April 2023. Itinerant movements increased 5.7% year over year to 322,319 in April 2024, while local movements rose 10.9% to 164,674. At the same time, major Canadian airlines flew 7.0 million passengers on scheduled and charter services in April, with a passenger load factor of 84.1%. Aircraft movements increased in all sectors in April 2024 compared with the same month in 2023. Domestic movements increased 5.3%

compared with April 2023 to 269,604 in April 2024, with some of the largest gains being reported by airports in British Columbia, led by Pitt Meadows, Boundary Bay and Abbotsford. In April 2024, other international movements (outside the United States) were up 12.0% year over year to 17,621, while transborder movements to and from the United States increased 5.5% to 35,094. Transborder movements continued to lag pre-COVID-19 pandemic levels, down 13.4% from April 2019, whereas other international movements remained above April 2019 levels, increasing 5.5%.

Aircraft movement and civil aviation statistics, April 2024, June 27, 2024, www.statcan.gc.ca

Star Alliance named the World's Best Airline Alliance

Star Alliance has been honored with the title of World's Best Airline Alliance once again at this year's prestigious Skytrax World Airline Awards. The Alliance's newly launched Paris Charles de Gaulle airport lounge has also won the World's Best Airline Alliance Lounge title in its first year. Star Alliance CEO Theo Panagiotoulas received the awards at a ceremony held at the iconic Fairmont Windsor Park, UK. Star Alliance has been honored with the title of World's Best Airline Alliance once again at this year's prestigious Skytrax World Airline Awards.

Star Alliance named the World's Best Airline Alliance, June 27, 2024, www.aircanada.ca



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U.S. rail solutions company acquires Calgary consulting firm



Source: Inside Logistics

North American Rail Solutions (NARS), North America's largest provider of railroad design, construction, maintenance and operating services, has acquired Calgary, Alta.-based company Tri Innovations Consulting Ltd. Tri Innovations is a provider of engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) services, encompassing feasibility studies, detailed design and engineering services, supply chain management, project management, construction and fabrication management, commissioning and operations support. Tri Innovations is a full-discipline engineering company focused on energy, transportation, agriculture and renewable spaces with comprehensive expertise in facilities and terminals, industrial transportation and materials handling.

U.S. rail solutions company acquires Calgary consulting firm, June 24, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca



Ontario Celebrating Major Milestone for Eglinton Crosstown West Extension

The Ontario government has finished tunnelling the western underground portion of the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension, marking a significant milestone in the province's plan to create a reliable and continuous rapid transit line that connects communities from the east end of Toronto to Etobicoke and Mississauga.

Ontario Celebrating Major Milestone for Eglinton Crosstown West Extension, June 24, 2024, www.mto.gov.on.ca



CN Eyes Expansion of 'In-Train Wheelset Replacement Program'



Source: Railway Age

CN subsidiary Illinois Central (IC) has petitioned the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for a waiver of compliance to add a new location to its "in-train wheelset replacement program," according to an FRA notice in the Federal Register's June 25 edition. The program currently

operates under a waiver at a facility in Fulton, Ky., and has been “a resounding success,” the railroad told FRA.
CN Eyes Expansion of ‘In-Train Wheelset Replacement Program’, June 25, 2024, www.railwayage.com

It's here: VIA rail's new fleet arrives in southwestern ontario, marking full operation in the Québec city – Windsor corridor

VIA Rail Canada (VIA Rail) on June 27, 2024 highlighted the arrival of its new fleet in Southwestern Ontario (between London and Windsor) in the presence of more than fifty partners and stakeholders. The achievement of this major modernization milestone means that by the summer of 2025, the entire Québec City-Windsor corridor will be served by state-of-the-art, modern, accessible and environmentally friendly trains. The new trains will progressively replace the old fleet starting this summer, completely transforming the quality of service on VIA Rail trains for the coming decades. The highlights are: Summer 2024-Commercial entry into service of the new trains in Southwestern Ontario; End of 2024: 63% of new trains in service in the Corridor; and Summer 2025: Complete replacement of all the trains in the Corridor.

It's here: VIA rail's new fleet arrives in southwestern ontario, marking full operation in the Québec city – Windsor corridor, June 27, 2024, www.viarail.ca

US/WORLD

Norfolk Southern establish vent & burn workgroup



Source: AJOT

Norfolk Southern Corporation will convene a Vent and Burn Workgroup to integrate key learnings for the betterment of any future scenario where a vent and burn may be necessary. The Workgroup, which is an element of Norfolk Southern's recent settlement with the Department of

Justice and Environmental Protection Agency, will be composed of leaders from across stakeholder groups who have a role to play in responding to rail accidents. Over the next six months, subject to final court approval of the settlement, Norfolk Southern will hold conversations with key safety stakeholders to determine criteria for Workgroup participation. Once established, the Workgroup will assess current practices and existing protocols that are currently being utilized. "When a vent and burn procedure is being considered, the health and safety of surrounding communities and emergency responders is top priority," said Alan Shaw, President and CEO of Norfolk Southern. "We look forward to surfacing learnings that can strengthen rail safety for everyone." Conceived as part of the agreement reached between the Department of Justice, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Interior and Norfolk Southern following the Feb. 3, 2023 train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio, the Vent and Burn Workgroup establishes a formal process by which Norfolk Southern may obtain input from key stakeholders on ways to improve coordination in any future Unified Command response to a derailment.

Norfolk Southern establish vent & burn workgroup, June 21, 2024, www.ajot.com

Biden-Harris Administration Announces New Requirements for Freight Railroads to Provide Hazmat Information to First Responders

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) announced a final rule to protect firefighters and improve public safety. The final rule requires railroads to proactively provide first responders with real-time, electronic information about rail hazmat shipments to the primary Public Safety Answering Point (for example, a 9-1-1 call center or emergency responder phone app such as the [AskRail Mobile App](#)) as soon as the railroad is aware of an accident or incident involving hazardous materials.

Biden-Harris Administration Announces New Requirements for Freight Railroads to Provide Hazmat Information to First Responders, June 24, 2024, www.dot.gov

Getting Results: U.S. Department of Transportation's Efforts Early in Biden-Harris Administration Result in a Number of Final Rules to Improve Transportation Safety and Strengthen Consumer Protections

To highlight the Biden-Harris Administration's historic record of working to make our nation's transportation systems safer, DOT is sharing notable final rules and announcements that will improve and safeguard the way we move, and that will ensure travelers are better protected when spending money on travel. From air travel, to railways, to roadway safety, DOT initiated rulemakings starting in 2021. This work has resulted in: 1. A final rule announced on June 24, 2024 that will improve public safety and protect firefighters and first responders by requiring railroads to proactively provide emergency personnel with real-time information about hazardous material shipments; 2. Two final rules to improve rail safety by requiring train dispatchers and signal employees receive adequate certification and training to ensure they are able to safely carry out their duties to better protect rail workers and communities; 3. A final rule to strengthen rail safety and hold railroads accountable by establishing minimum safety requirements for the size of train crews. 4. A final rule to require railroads to provide emergency escape breathing apparatuses for train crew members and other employees who could be exposed to an inhalation hazard in the event of a hazardous material release; 5. A final rule to reduce roadway and pedestrian fatalities by creating a new Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard that will make automatic emergency braking (AEB), including pedestrian AEB, standard on all passenger cars and light trucks; 6. A final rule to promote transit safety and protect transit workers by completing the first major update to FTA's Public Transit Agency Safety Plans regulation; 7. A final rule to require that charter airlines, commuter airlines, air tour operators, and aircraft manufacturers, to develop a Safety Management System (SMS); and 8. A final rule to update regulations surrounding the transportation of hazardous materials to improve safety during shipment and increase supply chain efficiency.

Getting Results: U.S. Department of Transportation's Efforts Early in Biden-Harris Administration Result in a Number of Final Rules to Improve Transportation Safety and Strengthen Consumer Protections, June 24, 2024, www.dot.gov

Railroads to review NTSB findings, consider next steps

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) released its findings on the probable cause of the 2023 East Palestine, OH derailment and related safety recommendations. "NTSB investigators have spent over

a year analyzing the derailment's causes to inform recommendations aimed at preventing similar accidents," said Michael Rush, Senior Vice President of AAR Safety and Operations. "Railroads implemented substantial, industry-wide improvements in response to the NTSB's initial findings. With the final report, railroads will carefully evaluate key learnings and determine next steps to meaningfully advance safety." Among the recommendations, many of the NTSB findings align with positions the industry has long maintained, including the need to aggressively phase out DOT-111 tank cars from hazmat service and other tank car improvements. Following today's hearing, railroads are reviewing the complete findings and recommendations to identify the potential need for additional research surrounding bearing performance or other joint industry efforts. Since the NTSB released its preliminary findings, railroads have applied lessons learned and taken significant steps that bolster safety and address what happened in the February 2023 incident. This includes a multi-prong approach to enhance the effectiveness of wayside detectors, improve first responder preparedness and address tank car standards. These new steps complement the more than \$23 billion railroads invest annually in rail safety, employee training, infrastructure improvements and technological advancements.

Railroads to review NTSB findings, consider next steps, June 26, 2024, www.ajot.com

AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending June 22, 2024 and AAR: Carloads Down, Intermodal Up in Week 25



Source: Railway Age

The Association of American Railroads (AAR) on June 26, 2024 reported U.S. rail traffic for the week ending June 22, 2024. For this week, total U.S. weekly rail traffic was 485,557 carloads and intermodal units, up 3.6 percent compared with the same week last year. Total carloads for the week ending June 22 were 220,096

carloads, down 0.8 percent compared with the same week in 2023, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 265,461 containers and trailers, up 7.5 percent compared to 2023. Five of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2023. They included grain, up 2,851 carloads, to 17,495; chemicals, up 1,890 carloads, to 31,807; and farm products excl. grain, and food, up 1,792 carloads, to 16,878. Canadian railroads reported 87,919 carloads for the week, down 1.5 percent, and 69,471 intermodal units, up 0.2 percent compared with the same week in 2023. For the first 25 weeks of 2024, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 4,027,992 carloads, containers and trailers, up 0.8 percent. *AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending June 22, 2024, June 26, 2024, www.ajot.com; AAR: Carloads Down, Intermodal Up in Week 25, June 26, 2024, www.railwayage.com*



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Port of Montreal awarded for its environmental standards



Source: Inside Logistics

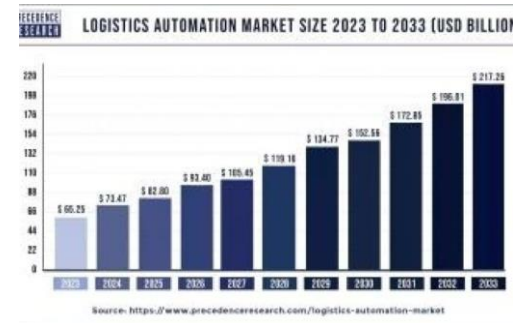
The Port of Montreal (MPA) was recognized for its sustainable development practices and environmental performance for the 17th consecutive year by Green Marine, the marine shipping industry's voluntary environmental certification program. Among the 59 participating port authorities, the MPA ranked in the top tier, with a perfect score in several categories: environmental leadership, waste management, dry bulk handling and storage, spill prevention and stormwater management, and community relations. The MPA also ranked four out of five in the category of air emissions GHG and air pollutants.

Port of Montreal awarded for its environmental standards, June 21, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca

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Investment at Port of Prince Rupert to build new export logistics hub



Source: Insidelogistics

The Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB) reached financial close last month on a \$150 million loan to the Prince Rupert Port Authority (PRPA) for the first phase of a project to build CANXPORT. The new export logistics hub will expand capacity and capabilities for rail-to-container transloading of multiple export products at the Port of Prince Rupert, improve Canadian supply chains and drive trade and economic growth. Work has begun to prepare one of Canada's busiest ports for the new facility, located a short distance from Fairview Container Terminal, which will provide access to capacity to improve the balance of import and export cargoes that will benefit the port's broader intermodal business, driving local economic and employment benefits both directly and indirectly within the community.

Investment at Port of Prince Rupert to build new export logistics hub, June 25, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca

St. Lawrence Seaway cargo tonnage up from last year



Source: Inside Logistics

May 2024 tonnage results on the binational St. Lawrence Seaway system reflect steady progress, with cargo totals trending at a five-year average. Overall, as of the end of May 2024, nearly 8.4 million tonnes of cargo transited the system, just above the figures for the same period in 2023. “Steady tonnage gains month-over-month demonstrate the reliability of the binational St. Lawrence Seaway system and the fluidity of its supply chain,” said St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation president and CEO Terence Bowles. “Not only is marine shipping on the Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Seaway system driving the North American economy, the fuel efficiency and technology employed by Canadian and U.S. vessel operators using the Seaway are lessening environmental impact.” A few cargoes which had significant increases compared to 2023 are: 1. Dry and liquid bulks, with cement up 77,000 tonnes at approximately 527,000 tonnes, and fuel up 114,000 tonnes totalling 768,000 tonnes. 2. Potash, an agricultural fertilizer, was up 287,000 tonnes for a total of 335,000 tonnes. 3. General cargo shipments of Iron and Steel up 195,000 tonnes to 580,000 tonnes.

St. Lawrence Seaway cargo tonnage up from last year, June 27, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca

US/WORLD

Port Houston sees stellar growth in container volumes up 21% in May



Source: AJOT

Port Houston handled 364,866 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) in May 2024, marking an astounding increase of 21%, or more than 64,000 TEUs, compared to the same month last year. From January through May 2024 a total of 1,758,960 TEUs moved through the Port's two container terminals, reflecting a 14% increase compared to the same period in 2023. Port Houston's cargo volumes show no signs of slowing down despite any ongoing global supply chain disruptions. Robust construction of new warehouses and distribution centers the last two years and regional consumer spending on items like furniture, hardware, and retail goods have driven loaded import volumes to an increase of 18% this month compared to last year. Furthermore, strong manufacturing in Texas has pushed loaded exports, which increased by 21% this month, totalling 131,690 TEUs, and by 15% year-to-date through May, at 655,116 TEUs.

Port Houston sees stellar growth in container volumes up 21% in May, June 21, 2024, www.ajot.com

Container rates on the rise



Source: Inside Logistics

Drewry's World Container Index (WCI) released June 20, 2024 shows an increase of seven per cent to US\$5,117 per 40-ft container, which is up 233 per cent compared with the same week last year. The latest Drewry WCI composite index of US\$5,117 per 40-ft container is 260 per cent more than the 2019 average (pre-pandemic) rates of US\$1,420. The average composite index for the year-to-date is US\$3,510 per 40-ft container, which is US\$768 higher than the 10-year average rate of US\$2,742 (which was inflated by the exceptional 2020-22 COVID-19 period).

Container rates on the rise, June 25, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca



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UBC builds green hydrogen fueling station for trucks



Source: Today's trucking

The University of British Columbia (UBC) has opened a Smart Hydrogen Energy District (SHED), capable of fueling cars and heavy-duty trucks with hydrogen. The hydrogen will be produced using solar and hydro power to operate a water electrolyzer, creating green hydrogen. UBC says it's one of the first sites to combine hydro, solar and hydrogen at a single site and also says it's B.C.'s first hydrogen station capable of filling light- and heavy-duty vehicles. "The UBC Smart Hydrogen Energy District (SHED) is yet another leap forward in building a clean economy and creating new opportunities for British Columbians," said Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation, Josie Osborne. "By integrating energy, transportation, and design, SHED not only supports our CleanBC goals but it also positions British Columbia as a world leader in the hydrogen economy. Projects like this demonstrate our commitment to producing clean energy and ensuring a prosperous future for generations to come." "Hydrogen can play a critical role in Canada's transition to a low-carbon economy," said Dr. Walter Mérida, SHED research lead and professor of mechanical engineering in the Faculty of Applied Science.

UBC builds green hydrogen fueling station for trucks, June 18, 2024, www.todaystrucking.ca



TFI International acquires Quebec food hauler

TFI International has acquired Entreposage Marco Inc., a food-grade stainless steel tank hauler based in Quebec that specializes in transporting edible products, including various edible oils, liquid cream yeast, sweeteners and fruit juices. With its head office located in Saint-Laurent, Que., TFI is a North American transportation and logistics provider that partners with a diverse group of customers in Canada, the U.S. and Mexico. Its e-commerce network spans more than 80 North American cities.

TFI International acquires Quebec food hauler, June 24, 2024, www.ctl.ca



Government of Canada invests in construction of an all-season road in the Northwest Territories

On June 24, 2024, Member of Parliament for Northwest Territories, Michael McLeod on behalf of the Minister of Transport, Pablo Rodriguez, announced an investment of up to \$25 million for the construction of an all-season road in the Northwest Territories. This investment, provided to NorZinc Ltd. under the National Trade Corridors Fund, will support the movement of goods to the local communities by providing year-round transportation access to surrounding areas.

Government of Canada invests in construction of an all-season road in the Northwest Territories, June 24, 2024, www.tc.gc.ca

Volvo's electric trucks have driven 80 million km in five years



Source: Today's Trucking

Volvo's electric trucks have driven more than 80 million kilometers or 2,000 laps around the world since Volvo launched its first electric truck models in 2019. New monitoring data for Volvo's fleet of electric trucks reveal that they have driven more than 80 million kilometers in commercial traffic around the world since 2019. Covering the same distance with equivalent diesel-powered trucks would have consumed more than 25 million liters of diesel and tailpipe carbon dioxide emissions have been reduced by 68,000 tons, according to a news release.

Volvo's electric trucks have driven 80 million km in five years, June 25, 2024, www.todaystrucking.ca

Ontario Begins Automatic Licence Plate Renewals

The Ontario government is making life easier and more convenient for more than eight million drivers by becoming the first jurisdiction in North America to introduce automatic licence plate renewals. The change takes effect on July 1, 2024 and will save vehicle owners time, amounting to more than 900,000 hours every year. "Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government is making life more affordable and convenient for drivers," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation. "First, we eliminated licence plate sticker fees for passenger vehicles, saving drivers \$120 a year for every car they own. Now, we're saving drivers valuable time and making their lives easier by automatically renewing licence plates."

Ontario Begins Automatic Licence Plate Renewals, June 26, 2024, www.mto.gov.on.ca

Ontario to Introduce License Regime Regulating Temp Agencies, Recruiters



Source: Ontruck

Ontario's Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development (MLITSD) will implement new licensing requirements for temporary help agencies, recruiters and their clients. The Ontario Trucking Association lauded the changes, which take effect on July 1, 2024 and are meant to elevate industry standards and protect workers across the province. Temporary help agencies must comply with several standards in order to achieve a licence, including having appropriate WSIB coverage, being compliant with CRA and taxation, holding a \$25,000 bond with the government to be used for any Employment Standards infractions, and confirming legislative requirements about the owners of the business.

Ontario to Introduce License Regime Regulating Temp Agencies, Recruiters, June 27, 2024, www.ontruck.org

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Survey: Driver Skills & Safety Compliance Among Fleets' Top Concerns



Source: Cantruck

Trucknews.com. J.J. Keller and Associates released its fourth annual report on the state of fleet management, *Insights on Priorities for Today's Fleet Managers*, analyzing the trending concerns among fleet managers in the U.S. and Canada over the past three years. These

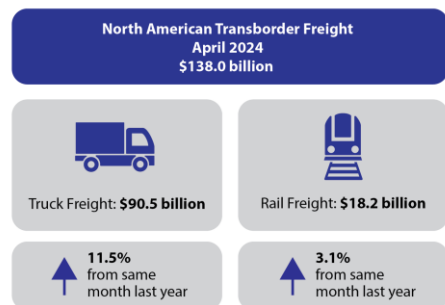
include driver training, new vehicle technology, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) compliance, vehicle maintenance, overall safety, and managing company expenses. Navigating those issues led 74% of 489 surveyed fleet managers to classify their jobs as 'moderately to extremely challenging.' The importance of driver knowledge and skills, as well as expense management have increased the most since 2023. Struggling with hours-of-service (HOS) limits and use exemptions jumped 13% while finding and retaining high-quality drivers remained a top item from prior years and grew 12% from 2023. However, the FMCSA compliance issue saw the third biggest year-over-year 'jump'. Understanding how regulations and exceptions specifically apply to them stayed on the list of top concerns, increasing 9% year over year.

Survey: *Driver Skills & Safety Compliance Among Fleets' Top Concerns*, June 21, 2024, www.cantruck.ca

Canada trade (in both directions) for April 2024 were as follows: Truck \$37.4b; Pipeline \$9.0b; Rail \$9.7b; Vessel \$3.1b; and Air \$2.9b.

North American Transborder Freight up 9.0% in April 2024 from April 2023, June 26, 2024, www.bts.gov

North American Transborder Freight up 9.0% in April 2024 from April 2023



Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, TransBorder Freight Data, <https://data.bts.gov/stories/s/mybq-rmfq>

Source: BTS

Transborder freight between the U.S. and North American countries Canada and Mexico in April 2024 compared to April 2023 were as follows: 1. Total transborder freight: \$138.0 billion of transborder freight moved by all modes of transportation, up 9.0% compared to April 2023; 2. Freight between the U.S. and Canada: \$65.5 billion, up 2.7% from April 2023; 3. Freight between the U.S. and Mexico: \$72.5 billion, up 15.4% from April 2023 - Mexico continued to lead Canada in freight dollar value for the last 14 months; 4. Trucks moved \$90.5 billion of freight, up 11.5% compared to April 2023; 5. Railways moved \$18.2 billion of freight, up 3.1% compared to April 2023; 6. Vessels moved \$9.7 billion of freight, up 5.3% compared to April 2023; 7. Pipelines moved \$9.4 billion of freight, up 13.8% compared to April 2023; 8. Air moved \$4.6 billion of freight, down 3.0% compared to April 2023. US-



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Travel between Canada and other countries, April 2024



Source: Statcan

In April 2024, the number of non-resident visitors to Canada accounted for 91.1% of the number observed in April 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic. US residents took 1.5 million trips to Canada in April 2024, and residents of overseas countries embarked on 410,700 trips. The number of returning Canadian residents reached 89.6% of the level recorded in April 2019 as Canadian residents returned from 4.5 million trips abroad in April 2024. Using seasonally adjusted data, compared with March, the number of non-resident arrivals in Canada increased 7.5% in April and returning Canadian-resident arrivals increased 0.5%. *Travel between Canada and other countries, April 2024, June 21, 2024, www.statcan.gc.ca*

Canada to curb China EV imports as Trudeau responds to Biden move



Source: AJOT

Canada is clamping down on imports of Chinese-made electric vehicles, as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government seeks to align itself with the Biden administration on trade. Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland announced the start of a 30-day public consultation period — the first stage before Canada can bring in tariffs on Chinese EVs. The government's plan to hike these tariffs was first reported by Bloomberg News last week. Freeland said the government will also examine changes to the list of electric vehicles that are eligible for federal consumer incentives, as well as "broader investment restrictions in Canada" for the EV industry. "All possible tools are on the table," she said. Speaking at a news conference in the Toronto region, Freeland said Canada's auto industry is "facing unfair competition from China's intentional, state-directed policy of overcapacity that is undermining Canada's EV sector's ability to compete in domestic and global markets." Canada has been under pressure to coordinate with Group of Seven allies on China trade policy. The White House last month unveiled plans to nearly quadruple US tariffs on Chinese-manufactured electric vehicles, up to a final rate of 102.5%, while the European

Union also plans to increase tariffs, taking those levies as high as 48% on some vehicles.

Canada to curb China EV imports as Trudeau responds to Biden move, June 24, 2024, www.ajot.com

Screened passenger traffic at Canadian airports, May 2024



Source: Statcan

In May, 4.6 million passengers passed through pre-board security screening at checkpoints operated at Canada's eight largest airports, an increase of 6.7% from May 2023. In May 2024, screened passenger traffic volumes came in 3.5% above the same month in 2019, ending a five-month run in which total passenger counts failed to surpass pre-COVID-19 pandemic volumes. Transborder (to the United States) traffic in May 2024 was 14.6% higher than the same month in 2023, marking the first month that the number of passengers screened for transborder flights surpassed pre-pandemic levels, coming in 1.7% higher than in May 2019.

Screened passenger traffic at Canadian airports, May 2024, June 25, 2024, www.statcan.gc.ca

National tourism indicators, first quarter 2024



Source: Statcan

Tourism spending in Canada grew 1.8% in the first quarter, following a 2.4% increase in the fourth quarter of 2023. Tourism gross domestic product (+1.5%) and jobs attributable to tourism (+0.9%) also rose in the first quarter of 2024. Increased tourism spending by both Canadians and international visitors in Canada contributed to the rise in the first quarter. Passenger air transport (+4.7%) contributed to nearly two-thirds of total tourism spending growth. Overall, tourism spending rose to 93.3% of its level recorded in the fourth quarter of 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic. Tourism GDP rose 1.5% in the first quarter of 2024, following a 2.2% increase in the fourth quarter of 2023. Transportation services (+5.3%) was the main contributor to the overall growth in the first quarter of 2024. Economy-wide, real GDP by industry rose 0.6% in the first quarter. On a nominal basis, tourism's share of GDP increased to 1.59%. Tourism jobs increased 0.9% in the first quarter, following a 1.3% gain in the fourth quarter of 2023. Accommodation (+1.6%) and food and beverage (+0.8%) services industries were the largest contributors to job growth in the first quarter of 2024. The total number of jobs in Canada also rose 0.9% in the first quarter, resulting in tourism's share of jobs being unchanged.

National tourism indicators, first quarter 2024, June 26, 2024, www.statcan.gc.ca

US/WORLD

INVESTING IN AMERICA: Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$1.8 Billion in Infrastructure Grants Across the Country, Putting More Projects into the Pipeline as Part of Our Infrastructure Decade

On June 26, 2024, U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg announced \$1.8 billion in awards from the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program for 148 projects across the country. Today's announcement brings the total amount of Biden-Harris Administration RAISE grants to more than \$7.2 billion for over 550 projects across the country.

INVESTING IN AMERICA: Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$1.8 Billion in Infrastructure Grants Across the Country, Putting More Projects into the Pipeline as Part of Our Infrastructure Decade, June 26, 2024, www.dot.gov

Logistics automation market expected to surge over next decade



Source: Insidelogisitcs

The global logistics automation market size is predicted to increase from US\$65.25 billion in 2023 to approximately US\$217.26 billion by 2033, according to a study published by *Precedence Research*. The logistics automation market is driven by increasing demand for new technology, beneficial properties of automation and government initiatives. In 2024, the global logistics market size accounted for US\$9.97 trillion, while the logistics market is projected to grow at 9.35 per cent of annual growth. The Europe logistics automation market size is estimated to grow from US\$17.01 billion in 2023 to reach around USS48.62 billion by 2033, expanding at a remarkable CAGR of 11.18 per cent from 2024 to 2033. The Europe logistics automation market is driven by the fast growth in both the retail and e-commerce industries.

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Video recording now available for the CILTNA US Chapter Forum | Thursday June 27 - Guest Speaker Bob Hitt on AI in Transportation & Logistics

The US Chapter Forum was held yesterday, Thursday, June 27th with guest speaker, Bob Hitt CMILT, North American Lead on the Transportation & Logistics Industry at Salesforce.

Bob addressed the topic of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Transportation & Logistics. This talk also included a brief overview of types of AI, past and future plus various AI platforms. Moving onto concerns with generative AI and the potential for the industry from adopting predictive and generative AI and what other AI applications are out there. The recording for this event can be found [HERE](#).

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