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✈ Screened passenger traffic at Canadian airports, November 2024



Source: Statcan

In November 2024, 4.4 million passengers passed through pre-board security screening at checkpoints operated at Canada's eight largest airports, 6.5% higher than in November 2023 and 7.3% above the pre-COVID-19 pandemic level in November 2019. In November 2024, *domestic* screened passenger traffic was 9.0% higher than in November 2023, with all airports posting increases. In November 2024, *all of Canada's eight largest* airports experienced higher year-over-year total screened passenger volumes.

Screened passenger traffic at Canadian airports, November 2024, January 9, 2025, www.statcan.gc.ca

✈ GOAL Aircraft Leasing and Porter Airlines complete Sale and Leaseback Agreement for Two new Embraer E195-E2 Aircraft

GOAL Aircraft Leasing (GOAL), a leading aircraft leasing and asset management company, has completed a successful sale and leaseback agreement with Porter Airlines for two (2) Embraer E195-E2 aircraft. The aircraft will be operated by Porter Airlines under long-term lease agreements. This transaction underscores GOAL's expertise in structuring customized leasing solutions that align with the operational and financial strategies of leading airlines. The sale and leaseback arrangement enables Porter Airlines to leverage the operational efficiencies of the next-generation Embraer E195-E2 aircraft while optimizing their capital allocation.

GOAL Aircraft Leasing and Porter Airlines complete Sale and Leaseback Agreement for Two new Embraer E195-E2 Aircraft, January 7, 2025, www.flyporter.com

✈ Designation of large and small airlines for 2025 – CTA Update

The Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA) has updated the list of large and small airlines for 2025. According to the *Air Passenger Protection Regulations*, large airlines are those that have carried more than two million passengers in each of the two preceding years. All other airlines are considered small. This designation has an impact on the requirements that apply to airlines. Specifically for small airlines, these requirements will be different with regards to: 1. Compensation; 2. Rebooking; and 3. Refunds. Further details are provided on the CTA website.

Designation of large and small airlines for 2025 – CTA Update, January 8, 2025, www.cta-otc.gc.ca

US/WORLD

✈️ US hits JetBlue with \$2 million penalty over chronic flight delays



Source: AJOT

The U.S. Transportation Department has imposed a \$2 million penalty on JetBlue Airways for operating four chronically delayed flights on domestic routes - the first time it has imposed such a fine on an airline for the prohibited scheduling practice. USDOT said on December 3, 2025 that as part of a consent agreement with the airline, JetBlue will pay a \$1 million fine and the remainder will go to compensate customers affected by its chronic delays or any future disruptions within the next year. As part of the settlement, JetBlue has agreed to provide vouchers worth a minimum of \$75 for passengers for future flight cancellations or delays of three hours or more caused by the airline within the next year. JetBlue, which did not immediately comment, told USDOT it did not admit liability but agreed to settle to avoid the expense and uncertainty of litigation.

US hits JetBlue with \$2 million penalty over chronic flight delays, January 3, 2025, www.ajot.com

✈️ INVESTING IN AMERICA: Biden-Harris Administration Announces More Than \$332 Million in Grants from Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to Modernize Airports in 32 States

On January 8, 2025, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced more than \$332 million for 171 grants across 32 states to modernize airports through the Airport Infrastructure Grants (AIG) program. In total, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law included \$25 billion over five years for airport and air traffic control infrastructure improvements. The AIG funds can be used for airport planning, development, sustainability, terminal expansions, baggage system upgrades, runway safety enhancements, and noise compatibility projects.

INVESTING IN AMERICA: Biden-Harris Administration Announces More Than \$332 Million in Grants from Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to Modernize Airports in 32 States, January 8, 2025, www.dot.gov

✈️ Passenger Demand Up 8.1% in November



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for November 2024 global passenger demand with the following highlights: 1. *Total demand*, measured in revenue passenger kilometers (RPK), was up 8.1% compared to November 2023. Total capacity, measured in available seat kilometers (ASK), was up 5.7% year-on-year. The November load factor was 83.4% (+1.9 ppt compared to November 2023), an all-time high for November. 2. *International demand* rose 11.6% compared to November 2023. Capacity was up 8.6% year-on-year, and the load factor was 83.4% (+2.3 ppt compared to November 2023). Strong performance by carriers in Europe and Asia-Pacific drove this double-digit expansion in demand. 3. *Domestic demand* rose 3.1% compared to November 2023. Capacity was up 1.5% year-on-year and the load factor was 83.5% (+1.2 ppt compared to November 2023).

Passenger Demand Up 8.1% in November, January 9, 2025, www.iata.org

Air Cargo Demand up 8.2% in November 2024 - 16th Month of Consecutive Growth



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for November 2024 global air cargo markets showing: 1. Total demand, measured in cargo tonne-kilometers (CTK), rose by 8.2% compared to November 2023 levels (9.5% for international operations) for a 16th consecutive month of growth. 2. Capacity, measured in available cargo tonne-kilometers (ACTK), increased by 4.6% compared to November 2023 (6.5% for international operations). "It was a good November for air cargo with 8.2% demand growth nearly doubling the 4.6% growth in cargo capacity. Fuel costs tracked at 22% below previous-year levels and tight market conditions supported yield growth at 7.8%.

Air Cargo Demand up 8.2% in November 2024 - 16th Month of Consecutive Growth, January 9, 2025, www.iata.org



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CN to Report Fourth-Quarter and Full-Year 2024 Financial and Operating Results on January 30, 2025

CN will issue its fourth-quarter and full-year 2024 financial and operating results after the market close on January 30, 2025. CN's senior officers will review the results and the railway's outlook in a conference call starting at 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time on January 30, 2025. Tracy Robinson, CN President and Chief Executive Officer, will lead the call. Parties wishing to participate via telephone may dial 1-800-715-9871 (Canada/U.S.), or 1-647-932-3411 (International), using 1405609 as the passcode. Participants are advised to dial in 10 minutes prior to the call.

CN to Report Fourth-Quarter and Full-Year 2024 Financial and Operating Results on January 30, 2025, January 6, 2025, www.cn.ca

CPKC to report fourth-quarter and full-year 2024 results on Jan. 29, 2025

Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) will release its fourth-quarter and full-year 2024 financial and operating results after the market close on Jan. 29, 2025. CPKC will discuss its results with the financial community in a conference call beginning at 4:30 p.m. ET (2:30 p.m. MT) on Jan. 29, 2025.

CPKC to report fourth-quarter and full-year 2024 results on Jan. 29, 2025, January 8, 2025, www.cpkc.ca

CPKC Automotive Closed-Loop



Source: Statcan

How a concept became an innovative new service, thanks to synergies created by CPKC's transnational network. Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) predicted at its 2023 Investor Day that the then-newly formed single-line transnational railroad would by 2028 generate \$250 million of synergy revenue growth from its automotive business. "We'll hit that number in 2025, three years early," says Jonathan Wahba, Senior Vice President Sales and Marketing. That quarter-billion dollars is a sizable chunk of the overall nearly \$800 million in merger synergies CPKC expected to achieve by fourth-quarter 2024.

[CPKC Automotive Closed-Loop, January 7, 2025, www.railwayage.com](http://www.railwayage.com)

US/WORLD

AAR: U.S. Rail Volume Up for 2024



Source: Railway Age

For the 52-week period ending Dec. 28, 2024, total U.S. rail traffic of 25,178,586 carloads and intermodal units was up 3.4% from same point in 2023, according to the Association of American Railroads (AAR). This is based on intermodal gains (up 9.3% to 13,842,174 units) compensating for carload losses (down 2.9% to 11,336,412 units). Total carloads for the week ending December 28 were 184,028 carloads, up 1.1 percent compared with the same week in 2023, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 205,672 containers and trailers, up 9.0 percent compared to 2023. Six of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2023. They included miscellaneous carloads, up 2,130 carloads, to 7,448; grain, up 1,727 carloads, to 19,478; and nonmetallic minerals, up 1,102 carloads, to 19,822. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2023 included metallic ores and metals, down 1,732 carloads, to 16,265; coal, down 1,265 carloads, to 50,787; and forest products, down 485 carloads, to 7,214. North American rail volume for the week ending December 28, 2024, on 9 reporting U.S., Canadian and Mexican railroads totalled 275,294 carloads, up 1.3 percent compared with the same week last year, and 266,932 intermodal units, up 4.1 percent compared with last year. Total combined weekly rail traffic in North America was 542,226 carloads and intermodal units, up 2.6 percent. North American rail volume for the first 52 weeks of 2024 was 34,885,113 carloads and intermodal units, up 2.3 percent compared with 2023.

[AAR: U.S. Rail Volume Up for 2024, January 5, 2025, www.railwayage.com](https://www.railwayage.com)

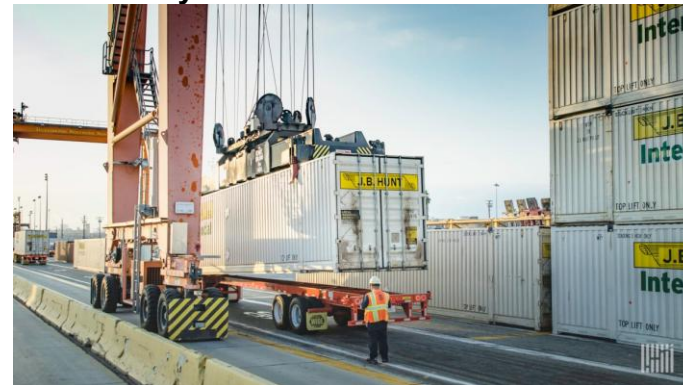
BNSF: Intermodal Metrics ‘Showing Signs of Recovery’



Source: Railway Age

BNSF intermodal operating metrics for the week ending Dec. 31, 2025 declined, but the railroad said they “are showing signs of recovery, returning to pre-holiday levels with significant improvements in velocity.” [BNSF: Intermodal Metrics ‘Showing Signs of Recovery’, January 6, 2025, www.railwayage.com](https://www.railwayage.com)

At TRB: How high-tech mapping can grow intermodal, and a data reality check



Source: Freightwaves

Here’s what supply chain stakeholders know for certain about intermodal transportation: It involves freight moving between air, land and sea. Beyond that, well, there are more questions than answers. The 104th annual meeting of the Transportation Research Board provided a fertile setting for more than 13,000 educators, regulators and private businesses to consider diversified research into how to get from here to there, and the elusive goal of making it all more efficient.

[At TRB: How high-tech mapping can grow intermodal, and a data reality check, January 9, 2025, www.freightwaves.com](https://www.freightwaves.com)

AAR: Carloads Down, Intermodal Up in First Week of 2025



Source: Railway Age

Total U.S. rail traffic for the week ending Jan. 4, 2025 (Week 1) was up 1.0% from the prior-year period, with intermodal gains offsetting carload losses, according to the Association of American Railroads' (AAR) latest report. Total carloads were 198,500 carloads, down 4.6 percent compared with the same week in 2024, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 222,910 containers and trailers, up 6.6 percent compared to 2024. Four of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2024. They included chemicals, up 2,664 carloads, to 31,747; petroleum and petroleum products, up 919 carloads, to 10,852; and forest products, up 156 carloads, to 8,006. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2024 included coal, down 5,075 carloads, to 56,471; motor vehicles and parts, down 2,987 carloads, to 6,448; and metallic ores and metals, down 2,455 carloads, to 17,631. Canadian railroads reported 80,417 carloads for the week, down 6.1 percent, and 61,767 intermodal units, up 3.8 percent compared with the same week in 2024. For the first week of 2025, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 142,184 carloads, containers and trailers, down 2.0 percent.

AAR: Carloads Down, Intermodal Up in First Week of 2025, January 8, 2025, www.railwayage.com; and AAR reports rail traffic for the week ending January 04, 2025, January 8, 2025, www.ajot.com



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Cargo ship stuck in St. Lawrence Seaway since Christmas successfully refloated



Source: Financial Post

A ship that had been stuck in the St. Lawrence River northeast of Montreal since Christmas Eve was successfully refloated on January 7, 2025. The Canadian Coast Guard says the MV Maccoa has been escorted by tugboats to a dock at Sorel-Tracy, Que. The coast guard announced earlier in the day that a second attempt to refloat the ship was slated to begin at 8 a.m. A global marine traffic website on January 7, 2025 morning showed three tugboats surrounding the Cyprus-flagged 185-metre bulk carrier, which ran aground in the early hours of Dec. 24 near Vercheres, Que., after a power failure. *Cargo ship stuck in St. Lawrence Seaway since Christmas successfully refloated, January 7, 2025, www.financialpost.ca*

DP World partners with Gemini Cooperation to strengthen Canadian cargo operations



Source: AJOT

DP World, a global leader in logistics and supply chain solutions, announces a new partnership with the Gemini Cooperation to enhance cargo operations throughout Canada. Beginning in February 2025, DP World will introduce several new container services at its terminals at the Port of Vancouver, Port of Prince Rupert and Port Saint John. The agreement with the new Gemini Cooperation between Maersk A/S and Hapag-Lloyd AG will allow DP World to present additional options for cargo loading and discharge in Vancouver, Prince Rupert and Saint John. By leveraging its network of terminals across Canada, DP World can provide enhanced resilience in the event of disruption. This collaboration will strengthen trade connections between Asia, Europe, and North America. Vancouver and Prince Rupert will handle key shipping services to and from Asia, while Saint John will manage services connecting to Northern Europe. *DP World partners with Gemini Cooperation to strengthen Canadian cargo operations, January 7, 2025, www.ajot.com*

New Port of Vancouver navigation aids to enhance marine traffic safety and fluidity in eastern Burrard Inlet

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority has commissioned the installation of new navigation aids in eastern Burrard Inlet that will enable safer and more efficient ship movements through the busy Second Narrows waterway. This work includes installing two solar-powered range lights and a sector light off Berry Point, and illuminating the pillars of the Second Narrows Rail Bridge. Installation will start mid-January and is scheduled to be completed in the spring, with the navigation aids expected to be turned on and trialed by the Pacific Pilotage Authority and BC Coast Pilots starting late-April. “The new navigation aids will enhance marine safety and offer ship operators moving through the Second Narrows and terminals located in eastern Burrard Inlet more flexibility in their scheduling—in line with our role as a Canada Port Authority to oversee the safe and efficient movement of goods and vessels on port waters,” said Sean Baxter, the port authority’s Acting Director of Marine Operations and Harbour Master. “They will also boost efficiency and fluidity by allowing nighttime eastbound transits for larger ships—increasing the transit windows available for cargo vessels to move through the Second Narrows traffic control zone by up to 38%.”

New Port of Vancouver navigation aids to enhance marine traffic safety and fluidity in eastern Burrard Inlet, January 8, 2025, www.portmetrovancover.com

Vancouver braces for congestion, high rail dwells through January



Source: JOC

Port of Vancouver stakeholders expect they will have to navigate at least three more weeks of congestion as Canada’s largest port works to clear a backlog of rail containers that built up in December. A confluence of factors — including vessel bunching at Asian load ports,

a pre-Lunar New Year cargo surge, a strike by dockworker foremen in November and shorter trains due to winter operating conditions — combined to cause congestion at the port and reduce Vancouver’s railcar availability last month. As a result, the average rail container dwell time at the port’s four container terminals spiked to 6.9 days in December, the highest since, last March 2024

Vancouver braces for congestion, high rail dwells through January, January 9, 2025, www.joc.com

US/WORLD

US port labor talks resume with spotlight on automation



Source: AJOT

Contract talks covering 45,000 dockworkers on the U.S. East and Gulf Coasts are set to restart on January 7, 2025 in a labor dispute that will help set the pace of automation at ports stretching from Maine to Texas. The International Longshoremen’s Association wants to eliminate past labor contract concessions on automation - notably the use of semi-automated cranes that stack containers on docks - arguing they pose a threat to jobs. The United States Maritime Alliance (USMX) employer group, meanwhile, argues those rail-mounted gantry cranes are key to remaining competitive as ports, most notably in China, lead the way on automation. If the two sides do not reach a deal by Jan. 15, 2025 workers at container ports that handle more than half of U.S. ocean imports could start a strike just days before President-elect Donald Trump’s Jan. 20, 2025 inauguration. A three-day strike by the ILA last October triggered a spike in shipping prices and cargo backlogs at the 36 affected ports. The union and employers, which have issued dueling statements in recent weeks, did not comment separately for this article.

US port labor talks resume with spotlight on automation, January 6, 2025, www.ajot.com

ILA, USMX reach tentative deal that avoids another port strike



Source: JOC

The International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) and the United States Maritime Alliance (USMX) late Wednesday, January 8, 2025 said they have reached a tentative agreement on a new master contract that covers ports from Maine to Texas. While the deal needs approval from ILA locals and USMX members, it avoids another port strike and ensures shippers of labor peace along the US East and Gulf coasts for the next six years. The ILA and the USMX said in separate statements the agreement includes language that covers the contentious issue of port automation and new technologies. The deal was reached a week before a Jan. 15 strike deadline that was set in October at the end of the three-day ILA strike that was settled with an agreement on wages.

ILA, USMX reach tentative deal that avoids another port strike, January 8, 2025, www.joc.com



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Ontario pushes reset button on MELT for new truck drivers



Source Today's Trucking

The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has hit the reset button on mandatory entry-level training (MELT) for commercial truck driver Class A licences. The MTO has ordered driver certification program organizations and registered career college course providers to clarify how they create and incorporate standardized lesson plan requirements into their curriculum. In a bulletin, the ministry stated that it has developed a new sample lesson plan template as a guide that meets standard requirements which will provide an additional resource to help ensure consistency and quality. The updated curriculum, including lesson plans, must be resubmitted to the Ministry of Colleges and Universities (MCU) by July 1, 2025. In the province, truck driving schools must be registered as career colleges.

Ontario pushes reset button on MELT for new truck drivers, January 6, 2025, www.todaystrucking.com

Government of Canada freezes toll rates for 2025 for the Confederation Bridge

The Minister of Transport and Internal Trade, the Honourable Anita Anand, announced that 2025 tolls will remain frozen for a third year at current rates, for the Confederation Bridge. The bridge operator, Strait Crossing Bridge Limited (SCBL), will receive funding from Transport Canada to prevent a toll increase. As announced in Budget 2024, funding was provided to freeze tolls in 2025 and 2026. The Government of Canada will negotiate the 2026 toll freeze with the bridge operator next year. Freezing tolls for 2025 on the Confederation Bridge will provide relief to bridge users, particularly Prince Edward Island residents and businesses, who have been significantly impacted by high inflation during this critical time of economic recovery and rebuilding.

Government of Canada freezes toll rates for 2025 for the Confederation Bridge, December 2024, www.tc.gc.ca

Ontario Announces Plan to Enhance Border Security, Partner with Law Enforcement, as U.S. Tariff Threats Continue



Source: Cantruck

In the face of continued tariff threats from president-elect Trump, Ontario announced “Operation Deterrence,” a preparedness and planning framework to increase security at international border points. The plan focuses on tackling suspicious and criminal activities, such as transportation of illegal guns and drugs – as well as human trafficking – by employing highly visible and coordinated enforcement activities.

Ontario Announces Plan to Enhance Border Security, Partner with Law Enforcement, as U.S. Tariff Threats Continue, January 8, 2025, www.cantruck.ca

Goodyear to sell Dunlop brand to Sumitomo Rubber Industries



Source: Todays Trucking

Goodyear announced that it has signed a definitive agreement to sell the Dunlop brand, comprising trademarks and intangible assets necessary for operations of the brand business in Europe, North America and Oceania for consumer, commercial and other specialty tires, together with certain associated intellectual property, to Sumitomo Rubber Industries (SRI). SRI will pay Goodyear approximately \$701 million for the transfer of the Dunlop brand, a “transition fee” for support in transitioning the Dunlop brand to SRI, and the purchase of Dunlop tire inventory, according to a news release. The transaction also provides for additional ongoing offtake, licensing

and other arrangements. “This is another important milestone as we continue to execute against our Goodyear Forward transformation plan. We are optimizing our portfolio and reducing leverage to drive sustainable and substantial shareholder value creation,” said Mark Stewart, Goodyear chief executive officer and president, in a release. *Goodyear to sell Dunlop brand to Sumitomo Rubber Industries, January 8, 2025, www.todaystrucking.com*

US/WORLD



Borderlands Mexico: US wins multibillion-dollar corn dispute with Mexico



Source: Freightwaves

A five-year battle over Mexico’s ban on imports of genetically modified (GM) corn grown in the U.S. ended after a panel ruled the ban violated the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). The USMCA panel agreed with the U.S. on all seven legal claims, issuing its finding on Dec. 20 that Mexico’s GM corn ban is not based on science and prohibits market access that Mexico agreed to provide as part of the trade agreement. “The panel’s ruling reaffirms the United States’ longstanding concerns about Mexico’s biotechnology policies and their detrimental impact on U.S. agricultural exports,” U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai said in a [news release](#).

Borderlands Mexico: US wins multibillion-dollar corn dispute with Mexico, January 5, 2025, www.freightwaves.com

M&A activity redrawing regional LTL map in US Midwest and beyond



Source: JOC

The US less-than-truckload (LTL) market is entering a new phase of consolidation in early 2025, led by regional LTL trucking companies building greater density and reach. The action is hottest perhaps in the Midwest, where the shutdown of Holland, a regional subsidiary of Yellow, in 2023 left a hole in the LTL market that has not been filled. There is a need for LTL carriers that can provide premium on-time, next-day service at scale across the region stretching from Ohio and the Great Lakes to the Great Plains. Cost pressures and the need to expand and grow are pushing some smaller carriers toward acquisition by larger regional or national carriers. As M&A activity continues, shippers may see regional LTL pricing stabilize or change marginally. *M&A activity redrawing regional LTL map in US Midwest and beyond, January 6, 2025, www.joc.com*

New York trucking group says Manhattan tolls burden industry

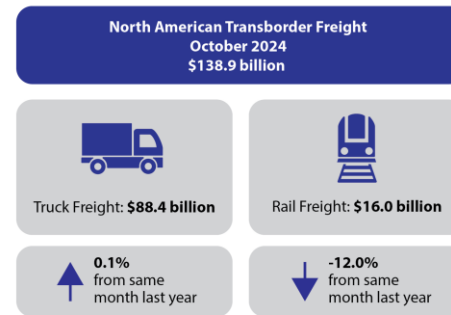


Source: Freightwaves

January 6, 2025 marked the first weekday since the implementation of the first-of-its-kind congestion pricing program in New York City by Gov. Kathy Hochul, a move that is drawing protests from the Trucking Association of New York. The program imposed tolls for entering or exiting Manhattan's "congestion relief zone" starting January 5, 2025. Under the new program, "small," one-unit trucks will pay \$14.40 to enter the area, while "large" two-unit trucks will be charged \$21.60. This zone covers streets and avenues at or below 60th Street, excluding the bordering West Side Highway, FDR Drive and Hugh L. Carey Tunnel main roads. Hochul has said the tolls are designed to unclog street traffic, reduce pollution and better deliver public transit to millions of New Yorkers. Opponents argue the program penalizes residents and small businesses already struggling with high inflation. The governor put the congestion pricing plan on pause "indefinitely" after it was proposed last May. But it was revived in November with toll prices reduced by 40%.

New York trucking group says Manhattan tolls burden industry, January 6, 2025, www.freightwaves.com

North American Transborder Freight rose 0.3% in October 2024 from October 2023



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

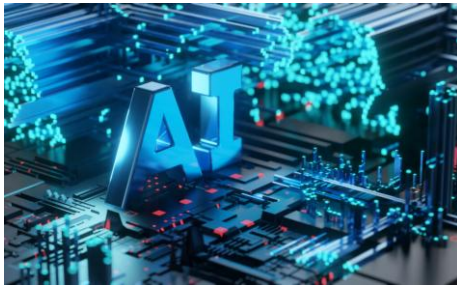
Source: BTS

Transborder freight between the U.S. and North American countries Canada and Mexico was as follows: 1. Total transborder freight: \$138.9 billion of transborder freight moved by all modes of transportation, up 0.3% compared to October 2023; 2. Freight between the U.S. and Canada: \$64.3 billion, down 2.2% from October 2023; 3. Freight between the U.S. and Mexico: \$74.6 billion, up 2.5% from October 2023; 4. Mexico continued to lead Canada in freight dollar value for the last 20 months; 5. Trucks moved \$88.4 billion of freight, up 0.1% compared to October 2023; 6. Railways moved \$16.0 billion of freight, down 12.0% compared to October 2023; 7. Vessels moved

\$9.6 billion of freight, down 13.6% compared to October 2023 - Vessels moved 25.2% less mineral fuels by dollar value; 8. Pipelines moved \$8.0 billion of freight, down 20.7% compared to October 2023 - Pipelines moved 20.6% less mineral fuels by dollar value; 9. Air moved \$4.7 billion of freight, down 3.3% compared to October 2023. Transborder trade between Canada and US were as follows: \$33.1b Road; \$7.5b Pipeline; \$7.7bRail; \$3.1bVessel; \$2.7bAir.

North American Transborder Freight rose 0.3% in October 2024 from October 2023, January 8, 2025, www.bts.gov

AI-driven threats to dominate trucking cybersecurity issues in 2025



Source: Today's Trucking

Cybersecurity will be one of the most pressing challenges for the trucking industry in 2025, according to the latest National Motor Freight Traffic Association (NMFTA) [trucking cybersecurity trends report](#). The association says that as artificial intelligence (AI)- powered phishing campaigns grow more advanced, cyber-enabled cargo theft becomes increasingly sophisticated, and machine learning (ML)-based defence systems evolve rapidly, businesses will need to focus on enhanced detection and response tools and ongoing cybersecurity training for employees. The report highlights several trends set to reshape the trucking sector's cybersecurity priorities. Among them are the growing efficiency of phishing attacks, increased adoption of zero-trust architecture, and growing threats to assets and internet of things (IoT) devices.

AI-driven threats to dominate trucking cybersecurity issues in 2025, January 9, 2025, www.todaystrucking.com



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Canadian international merchandise trade, November 2024



Source: Statcan

In November 2024, Canada's merchandise exports increased 2.2% and imports rose 1.8%. As a result, Canada's merchandise trade deficit with the world narrowed from \$544 million in October to \$323 million in November. Following a 1.7% increase in October 2024, total exports rose 2.2% in November. The gain was broad-based, with 9 of the 11 product sections rising. Higher prices were partly responsible for the monthly increase in exports; in real (or volume) terms, total exports rose 0.5%. The fall in the Canadian dollar has an impact on the numbers.

Canadian international merchandise trade, November 2024, January 7, 2025, www.statcan.gc.ca

Canadian international merchandise trade by mode of transport, 2023



Source: Statcan

On January 7, 2024, the introduction of a new data table for Canada's international merchandise trade by mode of transport offers further insight into how goods move across Canada's borders. Data by mode of transport can reveal the impact of disruptions in transportation, such as supply chain issues, labour disruptions and natural disasters. These data can be used to better inform strategic decision-making to improve not only the efficiency of supply chains and transportation systems, but also policy related to the transportation of goods. Canada's imports are heavily reliant on road transportation, particularly for imports from the United States, because of the countries' shared border. Imports by road accounted for just over one-half (52.2%) of Canada's total import value in 2023, mostly from the United States. Similar to imports, exports by road also grew following the economic downturn, more than doubling from 2009 to 2019. For more data please check Statistics Canada website.

Canadian international merchandise trade by mode of transport, 2023, January 7, 2025, www.statcan.gc.ca

National tourism indicators, third quarter 2024



Source: Statcan

Tourism spending in Canada declined 0.3% in the 2024 third quarter, following a 0.6% increase in the 2024 second quarter. Foreign tourism demand was down 2.7% in the 2024 third quarter, while domestic tourism demand increased 0.5%. Tourism gross domestic product (GDP) decreased 0.6% in the third quarter due to a 2.6% decline in accommodation services, while the number of jobs attributable to tourism was unchanged. By comparison, economy-wide real GDP by industry rose 0.3% in the third quarter. On a nominal basis, tourism's share of GDP dropped to 1.53%.

National tourism indicators, third quarter 2024, January 9, 2025, www.statcan.gc.ca

US/WORLD

Freight Analysis Framework Experimental County to County Commodity Flow Product

The Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) released the first version of county-to-county commodity flow dataset based on 2022 Freight Analysis Framework (FAF) commodity flows. This experimental product includes estimates of county-level freight tonnage for the year of 2022 for five commodity group and five modes. The five commodity types are aggregated based on the 42 original commodity code in FAF5.6.1. The four modes include truck/air, rail, water, multiple modes and mail, and pipeline. The experimental product includes two sets of files for users to test and explore.

Freight Analysis Framework Experimental County to County Commodity Flow Product, January 3, 2025, www.bts.gov

New EU rules to improve Gender Balance in corporate boards enter into application

The Gender Balance on Corporate Boards Directive entered into application at the end of 2024, aiming for a more balanced gender representation on the boards of listed companies across all EU Member States. The Directive sets a target for EU large listed companies of 40% of the underrepresented sex among their non-executive directors and 33% among all directors. The deadline for the transposition by Member States was 28th December 2024, and companies must meet the targets by 30 June 2026.

New EU rules to improve Gender Balance in corporate boards enter into application, January 3, 2025, www.europa.eu



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* Supply Chain - Recent Grad/Full Time, Honeywell, United States

About the Role

As a Supply Chain Analyst here at Honeywell, you will play a crucial role in optimizing our supply chain operations and ensuring the efficient flow of goods and materials. You will work closely with cross-functional teams to analyze data, identify areas for improvement, and implement strategies to enhance supply chain efficiency. Your work will directly impact our ability to meet customer demands, reduce costs, and maintain a competitive edge in the market.

In This Role, You Will:

- Analyze supply chain data and identify trends, patterns, and opportunities for improvement
- Collaborate with cross-functional teams to develop and implement supply chain strategies
- Monitor inventory levels and ensure timely replenishment to meet production demands Coordinate with suppliers and logistics partners to optimize transportation and delivery processes
- Identify and implement cost-saving initiatives to improve supply chain Efficiency
- Utilize supply chain management software and tools to track and manage inventory

Location: This position is available in multiple locations across the United States.

Pay Range

The annual salary range for this position is \$68,000/yr-\$87,500/yr. Please note that this salary information serves as a general guideline.

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Honeywell considers various factors when extending an offer, including but not limited to the scope and responsibilities of the position, the candidate's work experience, education and training, key skills, as well as market and business considerations.

Minimum Qualifications

- Must be currently pursuing a bachelor's degree (or higher) from an accredited college or university in Supply Chain, Manufacturing Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Operations, Procurement, or similar Field
- Must have graduate from an accredited college or university between December 2024 and May 2025 and be available to begin full-time work between January 2025 - July 2025

Must have obtained degree within 12 months of the date of hire.

To apply, please visit: <https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/4010951285>

* Logistics and Inventory Specialist, ORBCOMM, Ottawa, ON

Are you ready to make a significant impact in an innovative environment? At ORBCOMM, we're on the hunt for a passionate Logistics and Inventory Specialist who thrives in a fast-paced, agile setting. We want you to transform your ideas into action and drive our mission forward!

Why You'll Love Working Here

As a key member of our Manufacturing team, you will be responsible for coordinating shipments and pickups, ensuring compliance with trade agreements, supporting logistics, managing inventory, and reviewing and negotiating courier charges.

This is an onsite role, where you can engage in in-person collaboration at our Ottawa, ON office.

This role is a temporary position projected to last until June 2025.

What You'll Do

- Arrange transportation for all outgoing shipments, coordinating pickup and delivery.
- Prepare shipping documentation for all outgoing shipments.
- Ensure compliance with current trade agreements.
- Work closely with Order Management to ensure we are meeting our customers' logistic requirements.
- Provide logistical support to our internal customers.
- Update ERP, logistics and shipping systems as required.
- Review/approve freight charges from our couriers.
- Work with our couriers to ensure we are being provided with the best pricing possible.
- Ensuring by physical counting the receipt of such goods and the storage in the right area.
- Picking inventory for shipments.
- Maintain inventory accuracy through cycle count program.
- Perform basic material handling activities: unloading trucks, receiving parts, material movements, order fulfillment, cycle counts and inventory error investigation.

Who You Are

You're a strategic thinker with a knack for operational excellence, ready to tackle multiple priorities with agility and grace. If you have:

- Over 5 years of experience in international shipping.
- Proficient in JDE ERP System.
- Post-secondary education in a related field.
- Knowledgeable in all modes of transport (courier, ocean, air, and ground).
- Preferred certifications in Logistics/Trade Compliance or Hazardous Handling/Shipping.
- Capable of multitasking and working independently in a fast-paced environment.
- Customer service-oriented.
- Strong team player.
- Proficient in computer operation and MS programs.

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* **Logistics Coordinator, Cascades, Schenectady, NY**

At Cascades in Schenectady, NY you can develop your full potential, sustainably, by applying your expertise within the Container Board Packaging Division of our team as the Logistics Supervisor:

- Coordinate and manage daily shipping activities to meet delivery schedules and optimize trailer/transport loading.
- Supervise shipping and receiving employees to ensure efficient warehouse operations and inventory accuracy.
- Implement and monitor health and safety processes and standard operating procedures (SOPs) for logistics activities.
- Communicate proactively with Customer Service on production timelines and resolve potential delays in real time.
- Oversee the external warehouse management strategy and implement cyclical counting processes based on business rules.

Bring out the best in yourself! Every day, our colleagues choose to respect their true nature by contributing with passion to our mission.

You too, put forward your strengths:

- Proven experience in logistics or warehouse supervision and a solid understanding of logistics processes.
- Strong leadership skills to inspire a collaborative team environment and promote safety and operational excellence.
- Excellent communication skills to ensure smooth coordination between departments and proactive problem-solving abilities.
- Demonstrated sense of responsibility, autonomy, and an ethical approach to your work.

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