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Air Transport Updates

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Air Canada Partners with Michelin-starred Chef Masaki Hashimoto to Elevate Signature Class Dining on Japan Routes



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada has announced the addition of Michelin-starred Chef Masaki Hashimoto to its culinary panel. Based in Toronto, Chef Hashimoto is the owner of Kaiseki Yu-zen Hashimoto, one of Canada's only restaurants dedicated to the traditional art of Kaiseki cuisine. Since immigrating more than 40 years ago, he has devoted his career to mastering and sharing this multi-course culinary tradition. His exclusive creations debuted March 1 in Air Canada Signature Class, on all flights between Canada and Japan.

Air Canada Partners with Michelin-starred Chef Masaki Hashimoto to Elevate Signature Class Dining on Japan Routes, March 6, 2025, www.aircanada.ca

Canada reaches first-time air transport agreement with Ghana

On March 5, 2025, the Minister of Transport and Internal Trade, the Honourable Anita Anand, announced that Canada has recently reached a first-time air transport agreement with Ghana. The new agreement with Ghana includes: 1. The right for Canada and Ghana to designate multiple airlines to operate scheduled air services between the two countries. 2. The right for those airlines to serve any points in the two countries. 3. A capacity of 14 weekly passenger flights and 10 weekly all-cargo flights for the airlines of each country. Airlines can offer services under this new agreement immediately.

Canada reaches first-time air transport agreement with Ghana, March 5, 2025, www.tc.gc.ca

International Women's Day: Air Canada and CAE Announce the 2025 Captain Judy Cameron Scholarship Recipients



Source: Air Canada

In celebration of International Women's Day on March 8, Air Canada and CAE proudly announce the eight winners of the 2025 Captain Judy Cameron Scholarships. The two Montreal-based global aviation companies have again joined forces to award scholarships to eight women from across Canada who are pursuing careers as commercial pilots or aircraft maintenance engineers.

International Women's Day: Air Canada and CAE Announce the 2025 Captain Judy Cameron Scholarship Recipients, March 6, 2025, www.aircanada.ca

US/WORLD

✈ Passenger Demand Growth Accelerates to 10% in January



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for January 2025 global passenger demand with the following highlights: *Total demand*, measured in revenue passenger kilometers (RPK), was up 10.0% compared to January 2024. Total capacity, measured in available seat kilometers (ASK), was up 7.1% year-on-year. The January load factor was 82.1% (+2.2 ppt compared to January 2024), an all-time high for January. *International demand* rose 12.4% compared to January 2024. Capacity was up 8.7% year-on-year, and the load factor was 82.6% (+2.7 ppt compared to January 2024), an all-time high for January. *Domestic demand* rose 6.1% compared to January 2024. Capacity was up 4.5% year-on-year. The load factor was 81.2% (+1.2 ppt compared to January 2024), an all-time high for January. Willie Walsh, IATA's Director General said "We've seen a notable acceleration in demand this January, with a particularly strong performance by carriers based in the Asia-Pacific region. The record high load factors that accompany this strong demand are yet another reminder of the persistent supply chain issues in the aerospace sector."

Passenger Demand Growth Accelerates to 10% in January, January 27, 2025, www.iata.org

✈ Air Cargo Demand up 3.2% in January



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for January 2025 global air cargo markets showing: *Total demand*, measured in cargo tonne-kilometers (CTK), rose by 3.2% compared to January 2024 levels (3.6% for international operations) for an 18th consecutive month of growth. *Capacity*, measured in available cargo tonne-kilometers (ACTK), increased by 6.8% compared to January 2024 (7.3% for international operations). Willie Walsh, IATA's Director General said "January marked 18 consecutive months of growth for air cargo, but the month's 3.2% year-on-year growth is a moderation from double-digit peaks in 2024. Similarly, yields, while still above January 2024 levels, saw a 9.9% decline from December as cargo load factors also declined by an average of 1.5 percentage points. While external factors such as trade growth, declining fuel costs and expanding e-commerce remain positive for air cargo, it is important to closely watch the evolution of market conditions at this time. In particular, the wild card is the potential for tariff-driven trade policies from the US Trump Administration. Fortunately, the air cargo industry is well practiced at dealing with shifts in the operating environment."

Air Cargo Demand up 3.2% in January, February 27, 2025, www.aita.org

✈ U.S. Airlines' January 2025 Fuel Cost per Gallon up 4.2% from December 2024; Aviation Fuel Consumption down 0.6% from Pre-Pandemic January 2020

The Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) on March 4, 2025 released U.S. airlines' January 2025 fuel cost and consumption numbers indicating U.S. scheduled service airlines used 1.453 billion gallons of fuel, 8.9% less fuel than in December 2024 (1.594 billion gallons) and 0.6% less than in pre-pandemic January 2020. The cost per gallon of fuel in January 2025 (\$2.42) was up 10 cents (4.2%) from December 2024 (\$2.32) and up \$0.44 (22.2%) from January 2020. Total January 2025 fuel expenditure (\$3.52B) was down 5.1% from December 2024 (\$3.71B) and up 21.5% from pre-

pandemic January 2020. Year-over-year changes in fuel consumption and cost for January 2025 includes a 0.2% increase in domestic fuel consumption, a 10.4% decrease in domestic fuel cost, and a 10.6% decrease in cost per gallon. Domestic fuel consumption decreased 9.8% from December 2024 to January 2025, while decreasing 2.4% from January 2020. Increased fuel consumption reflects an increase in airline passenger travel over the same period.

U.S. Airlines' January 2025 Fuel Cost per Gallon up 4.2% from December 2024; Aviation Fuel Consumption down 0.6% from Pre-Pandemic January 2020, March 4, 2025, www.bts.gov

IATA World Cargo Symposium 2025: Navigating Geopolitical Shifts with Technology & Innovation



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced that the 2025 World Cargo Symposium (WCS) will focus on digitalization, sustainability and safety/security as the key issues in helping the global air cargo industry as it adapts to unfolding geopolitical shifts. "Air cargo demonstrated its resilience in adapting to the post-pandemic world. In 2024, more cargo was transported by air than ever before. But the world is moving at an even faster pace with technological advancements, geopolitical shifts, evolving risks, and changing customer needs. At WCS in Dubai, we'll collectively take stock of what's next for air cargo, focusing on digitalization, sustainability, safety/security, and e-commerce. The growing demand for air cargo underscores its critical role," said Willie Walsh, IATA's Director General. WCS is taking place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from 15 to 17 April hosted by Emirates SkyCargo and dnata. It is the second time the WCS is hosted in the United Arab Emirates, with the first in 2017.

IATA World Cargo Symposium 2025: Navigating Geopolitical Shifts with Technology & Innovation, March 5, 2025, www.iata.org



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Rail Transport Updates

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VIA Rail launches a request for qualifications for the Dorval hub project

On February 28, 2025, VIA Rail Canada (VIA Rail) launched a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to find a co-development partner for its Dorval hub project. With the launch of this RFQ, VIA Rail is seeking to meet two needs. First, investment in the Dorval station is needed to continue offering passengers facilities that meet their needs. These investments are also an opportunity for VIA Rail to advance the next phase of a project aimed at better integrating its operations with the public transit services of the Greater Montréal area, in one location, to offer passengers a more seamless experience. Second, part of its VIAAction 2030 strategic plan, VIA Rail aims to become a leader in integrated mobility.

VIA Rail launches a request for qualifications for the Dorval hub project, February 28, 2025, www.viarail.ca

VIA rail launches locomotive engineer apprenticeship program in Northern Manitoba

VIA Rail Canada (VIA Rail) is proud to announce the launch of its Locomotive Engineer Apprenticeship Program (LEAP) in Northern Manitoba, offering a unique opportunity for individuals in the region to start a rewarding career in the rail industry. As VIA Rail continues its long-term modernization efforts—including the procurement of a new fleet for its long-distance, regional, and remote routes—this program ensures the company has a highly skilled workforce ready to support the future of passenger rail in Canada and keep communities connected.

VIA rail launches locomotive engineer apprenticeship program in Northern Manitoba, March 3, 2025, www.viarail.com

Freight Rail Services Price Index, February 2025



Source: Statcan

Data for February for the Freight Rail Services Price Index (2018=100) are now available on the Statistics Canada website. The index was 129.1 for February 2025 remaining the same from the previous month. The index for February 2024 was 127.1.

Freight Rail Services Price Index, February 2025, March 3, 2025, www.statcan.gc.ca

CPKC names Cargill Elva, Elbow Lake Co-op grain elevators of the year



Source: CPKC

Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) said on March 3, 2025 it has named Cargill Elva in Canada and Elbow Lake Co-op Grain in the United States grain elevators of the year for the 2023-2024 crop year. Each crop year, CPKC presents its Elevator of the Year award to one grain customer in Canada and one in the United States in recognition of facilities that move high volumes from a single loading point while consistently demonstrating efficient railcar loading and a strong commitment to safety.

CPKC names Cargill Elva, Elbow Lake Co-op grain elevators of the year, March 3, 2025, www.cpkc.ca

CN and Iowa Northern Railway Officially Join their Operations

CN and Iowa Northern Railway Company officially joined their operations on March 1, 2025, as previously authorized by the U.S. Surface Transportation Board. With the closing of this transaction, CN and Iowa Northern can begin integrating their two railroads to better serve customers, the Iowa economy and communities along the network. Tracy Robinson, President and Chief Executive Officer, CN said “This additional investment in the United States underscores our dedication to delivering outstanding rail service while driving economic growth. CN customers and partners along this network will benefit from single-line service offering new options and access to new markets.”

CN and Iowa Northern Railway Officially Join their Operations, March 3, 2025, www.cn.ca

US/WORLD

New AAR Study Underscores ‘Substantial’ Economic Impact of U.S. Rail Transportation Industry



Source: Railway Age

A new study by the Association of American Railroads (AAR) underscores the “substantial” economic impact of the rail transportation industry in the U.S. In 2023, the rail transportation sector contributed \$233.4 billion in total economic output, supporting nearly 749,000 jobs across various industries.

New AAR Study Underscores ‘Substantial’ Economic Impact of U.S. Rail Transportation Industry, February 28, 2025, www.railwayage.com

TPM25: BNSF CEO says fighting cargo theft requires collective effort



Source: JOC

Combating cargo theft is a critically important issue for BNSF Railway, but it will require local, state and federal law enforcement to fully eradicate the increasingly organized and brazen criminal acts, the company’s CEO said. There has been a recent spike in US cargo thefts, including a Jan. 13 incident in Arizona during which thieves stole 1,985 pairs of unreleased Nike shoes worth more than \$440,000 from a BNSF train, according to the *Los Angeles Times*. In November

2024, criminals sabotaged another BNSF train in Arizona, forcing it to an emergency stop to steal.

TPM25: BNSF CEO says fighting cargo theft requires collective effort, March 5, 2025, www.joc.com

AAR: North American Rail Volume Up Through Week 9



Source: Railway Age

For the first nine weeks of the year, ending March 1, 2025, North American carload and intermodal traffic increased 2.3% from the prior-year period, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported March 5, 2025. The United States saw a gain, while Canada and Mexico experienced losses. For this week, total U.S. weekly rail traffic was 508,531 carloads and intermodal units, up 5.4 percent compared with the same week last year. Total carloads for the week ending March 1 were 222,757 carloads, up 1.4 percent compared with the same week in 2024, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 285,774 containers and trailers, up 8.8 percent compared to 2024. Six of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2024. They included coal, up 2,692 carloads, to 60,073; grain, up 1,491 carloads, to 20,924; and motor vehicles and parts, up 543 carloads, to 16,435. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2024 included nonmetallic minerals, down 1,424 carloads, to 27,396; metallic ores and metals, down 723 carloads, to 18,964; and farm products excl. grain, and food, down 224 carloads, to 17,567. Canadian railroads reported 91,245 carloads for the week, up 2.4 percent, and 66,807 intermodal units, down 6.0 percent compared with the same week in 2024. For the first nine weeks of 2025, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 1,384,628 carloads, containers and trailers, down 0.7 percent.

AAR: North American Rail Volume Up Through Week 9, March 5, 2025, www.railwayage.com



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Marine Transport Updates

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Government of Canada announces funding for Indigenous communities to purchase marine equipment and advance training opportunities in British Columbia

Transport Canada's Marine Safety Equipment and Training (MSET) Initiative provides funding to Indigenous communities along the Trans Mountain Expansion Project marine shipping route to purchase marine safety equipment and provide training to community members. It is part of the Government of Canada's commitment to listen, engage, and work with Indigenous communities to respond to marine safety concerns. In total, \$2.3 million in funding was announced through the MSET Initiative in this round of the program. The Ucluelet First Nation, Uchucklesaht Tribe (Maa-nulth), Snuneymuxw First Nation, Ditidaht First Nation, Halalt First Nation, and Toquaht Nation (Maa-nulth) are among the communities receiving funding to purchase marine safety equipment and provide training to community members.

Government of Canada announces funding for Indigenous communities to purchase marine equipment and advance training opportunities in British Columbia, March 3, 2025, www.tc.gc.ca; and Transport Canada announces funding for Indigenous communities to purchase marine equipment and advance training opportunities in British Columbia, March 3, 2025, www.tc.gc.ca

Growing port in Manitoba gives more access to international markets amid U.S. trade uncertainty



Source: Financial Post

As reliable Canadian access to the United States continues to be uncertain, one group is continuing its efforts to give the country's shippers more options for selling their goods. Arctic Gateway Group LP, which owns and operates the Port of Churchill in northern Manitoba, said it plans to double the amount of critical minerals, specifically zinc concentrate, that will be shipped out of the port. It also announced plans to triple the port's critical mineral storage capacity. *Growing port in Manitoba gives more access to international markets amid U.S. trade uncertainty, March 5, 2025, www.financialpost.ca*

US/WORLD

Red Sea, tariffs among 'decisive factors' for liner market in 2025: CMA CGM



Source: JOC

New ship deliveries, the possible resumption of Suez Canal transits and the impact of US tariffs on trade are the three key issues that will define the container shipping sector this year, CMA CGM said on February 28, 2025. "Deliveries of new vessels, combined with any developments in the Red Sea situation, will be decisive factors in shaping the market," the French carrier said while reporting its fourth-quarter and full-year 2024 results. CMA CGM expects global container volumes to grow 3% this year, the same as global GDP. CMA CGM's container volumes rose almost 8% to 23.6 million TEUs last year. "The prospect of higher tariffs announced in the United States could have an impact on shipping volumes.

Red Sea, tariffs among 'decisive factors' for liner market in 2025: CMA CGM, February 28, 2025, www.joc.com

Port Houston sees biggest January on record



Source: AJOT

Port Houston kicked off the year handling 356,407 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) in January 2025, reflecting a 7% increase compared to the same month last year. This represents the biggest

January on record for containerized cargo at Port Houston. East Asia imports soared, in preparation for lunar new year sales. Asia imports represent 56% of total container imports for Port Houston facilities, based on YTD November 2024 data. This January, loaded imports rose by 10% compared to the same month last year, while loaded exports declined by 1%. "We are starting the year strong, reaching milestones with completion and acceptance by USACE of Segment 1B for Project 11 and operations records at our terminals," said Charlie Jenkins, CEO of Port Houston. "Looking ahead, we are reminded of the importance this channel has for all users, a robust petrochemical complex, and more than 8,000 vessels calling this port every year. Our work as the advocate for the Houston Ship Channel helps us build prosperity for the region."

Port Houston sees biggest January on record, March 3, 2025, www.ajot.com

Hutchison inks \$22.8 billion deal to sell majority of port holdings to BlackRock, TiL

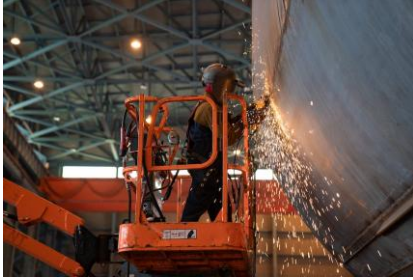


Source: JOC

Hutchison's control of its Panama ports has come under scrutiny from the Trump administration due to the company's alleged links to the Chinese government, which the company has denied. Amid growing ire within the new Trump administration over alleged Chinese influence in the operation of the Panama Canal, Hong Kong-based CK Hutchison stunned the maritime world Tuesday by announcing it had agreed to sell the majority of its Hutchison Port Holdings (HPH) global terminals network to a consortium comprised of BlackRock Group and Mediterranean Shipping Co.'s Terminal Investment Limited (TiL) in a \$22.8 billion deal. The deal announced on March 4, 2025 will see the consortium BlackRock-TiL acquire 90% of Hutchison's stake in the Panama facilities as well as the China company's 80% controlling interest in 199 berths at 43 ports in 23 countries.

Hutchison inks \$22.8 billion deal to sell majority of port holdings to BlackRock, TiL, March 4, 2025, www.joc.com; and After Trump pressure, China sells Panama port terminals to US private equity firm, MSC, March 4, 2025, www.freightwaves.com

Trump says US plans tax breaks, investment in shipbuilding



Source: Freightwaves

The Trump administration may offer tax breaks as part of a wide-ranging effort to revitalize U.S. shipbuilding and blunt the dominance of China in the global maritime industry. In a speech on March 4, 2025 to a joint session of Congress, President Donald Trump reiterated his support for the latest proposals to resurrect domestic capacity for the national defense and merchant maritime sectors. Plans include a new office of shipbuilding within the White House, part of a package of proposals included in a bill introduced in the House of Representatives on Feb. 24, 2025. "We used to make so many ships. We don't make 'em anymore very much, but we're gonna make them very fast, very soon," Trump said.

Trump says US plans tax breaks, investment in shipbuilding, March 5, 2025, www.freightwaves.com

25%, with the threat of 60% tariffs and other reciprocal charges that could land as soon as April 2025. Asia-U.S. West Coast rates fell by 18% to \$3,558 per forty-foot equivalent unit, according to the Freightos Baltic Index for the week ending Feb. 28. Asia-U.S. East Coast prices dropped 21% to \$4,490 per FEU.

As tariff window closes, trans-Pacific ocean container rates tumble, March 6, 2025, www.freightwaves.com

As tariff window closes, trans-Pacific ocean container rates tumble



Source: Freightwaves

The seasonal lull and end to frontloading by importers is driving down container rates on trans-Pacific transits to the United States. Shippers for months have pulled forward imports in a bid to stay ahead of tariffs promised by the Trump administration. Those levies are now up to



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Freight Forwarders Join Trucking Industry's Fight Against Driver Inc, Underground Economy



Source: Ontruck

CIFFA Corp, which represents freight forwarders, customs brokers, freight brokers, drayage truckers, and warehousing firms across Canada, who manage about 80% of the country's import and export trade, is joining the Canadian Trucking Alliance and others responsible stakeholders in calling for the government to put an end to the "unchecked" underground economy in trucking.

Freight Forwarders Join Trucking Industry's Fight Against Driver Inc, Underground Economy, February 28, 2025, www.ontruck.ca

Transport Canada launches free driver distraction mitigation program for fleets



Source: Today's Trucking

Transport Canada has introduced the Driver Distraction Mitigation Program for commercial vehicle drivers, providing motor carriers and drivers with tools and training to help reduce the risks associated with distracted driving. Developed in partnership with the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, the free program offers evidence- and research-based guidance on implementing distraction reduction strategies, equipping drivers with skills to better manage their attention on the road, Transport Canada said in a release. The program provides motor carriers with two key resources: an implementation guide to help fleets launch a distraction mitigation program; and driver training material designed to educate drivers on the causes and consequences of distraction.

Transport Canada launches free driver distraction mitigation program for fleets, February 28, 2025, www.todaystrucking.ca

For-hire Motor Carrier Freight Services Price Index, fourth quarter 2024



Source: Statcan

The For-hire Motor Carrier Freight Services Price Index (2021=100) is now available for the fourth quarter. The general freight truck index was 121.4 in the fourth quarter of 2024 compared to 122 in the third quarter of 2024 and 121.9 in the 2023 fourth quarter.

For-hire Motor Carrier Freight Services Price Index, fourth quarter 2024, March 3, 2025, www.statcan.gc.ca

Trucking Industry Urges Relief in the Wake of Tariffs



Source: Ontruck

The 25 percent tariffs announced last night by US President Trump will devastate a trucking industry already suffering from the worst freight economy in 40 years. "Widespread tariffs on our customers' freight to US suppliers and consumers will have shocking effects on our membership and the overall supply chain. The longer these tariffs are applied, the more strain there will be on carriers, which will lead to jobs losses and permanent closures of fleets," said Stephen Laskowski, CEO and president, Canadian Trucking Alliance. Trucking moves most (70 percent by value) of Canada-US trade. In March 2024, total value of Canada-US trade moved by all four transport modes totalled \$77 billion.

Trucking Industry Urges Relief in the Wake of Tariffs, March 4, 2025, www.ontruck.ca; and Trucking groups speak out against Trump-imposed tariffs, March 4, 2025, www.todaystrucking.ca

OTA Asks Ford to Provide Tax/Fee Relief to Compliant Carriers Grappling with Tariffs and Unfair Competition



Source: Ontruck

As Premier Ford continues to respond to US tariffs, the Ontario Trucking Association is encouraging the Ontario government to implement quick relief measures for the Ontario trucking sector, which is expecting demand for its services to be severely impacted due to the imposition of 25 percent tariffs. The Ontario trucking industry is the dominant mode moving Ontario's export economy. These tariffs, depending on their duration and application, will lead to significant closures of trucking businesses and layoffs of employees. Even before the tariffs were implemented this week, nearly one in three OTA member carriers indicated they had begun downsizing, OTA reported in a [recent survey](#). About 62% of respondents said they would need to lay off employees in the event of a prolonged trade war with the US.

OTA Asks Ford to Provide Tax/Fee Relief to Compliant Carriers Grappling with Tariffs and Unfair Competition, March 5, 2025, www.ontruck.ca

B.C. poised to toll U.S. trucks driving to Alaska through province in tariff response



Source: Today's Trucking

British Columbia Premier David Eby says Canada should maintain retaliatory measures against the United States — such as possible tolls facing commercial trucks heading to Alaska — despite some tariffs being paused for a month. Eby said during a news conference on January 6, 2025 that the province will introduce legislation in the coming days giving it the ability to levy fees on U.S. trucks traveling through the province to Alaska. The legislation, if passed, would also give B.C. the authority to remove internal trade barriers with other Canadian jurisdictions, as well as the capability for rapid response to sudden and unexpected announcements from U.S. President Donald Trump. “My message for the prime minister, for my colleagues across the country — and it’s one I’m sure they want to deliver to me too — is stand strong,” Eby said of the tariff threats. “This is unacceptable, and we’re going to ensure that the Americans understand how pissed off we are, how unified we are, how committed we are to working as a country to stand up for each other,” Eby said. “And I say we don’t let up until the president takes the threat off the table.”

B.C. poised to toll U.S. trucks driving to Alaska through province in tariff response, March 6, 2025, www.todaystrucking.com

US/WORLD

Uber teams up with Waymo to start selling driverless rides in Austin, Texas

Uber will shift into a new gear in Austin, Texas, on March 4, 2025 when its ride-hailing service will begin dispatching self-driving cars to pick up passengers. The autonomous option is being provided through a partnership that brings together Uber and robotaxi pioneer Waymo, which already sells self-driving vehicle rides through its own app in Phoenix, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Waymo is now trying to

expand into more cities by teaming up with Uber — an alliance that was announced last September.

Uber teams up with Waymo to start selling driverless rides in Austin, Texas, March 4, 2025, www.cargonews.com



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National Travel Survey, third quarter 2024



Source: Statcan

During the 2024 third quarter, Canadian residents took 105.0 million trips in Canada and abroad, up 5.3% from the same quarter in 2023 and an increase of 3.4% from the third quarter in 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic. Most of the trips from July to September 2024 were domestic (89.9%), followed by trips to the United States (7.6%) and overseas (2.5%). Total expenditures by Canadian residents spent \$27.4 billion on *domestic travel*, and although this was little changed from the third quarter of 2023, it was an increase of 26.7% from the same quarter in 2019. Total expenditures by Canadian residents during trips to the *United States* reached \$6.4 billion in the third quarter, up 5.7% from the same quarter in 2023 and an increase of 30.5% from the same quarter in 2019. Canadian visitors spent \$6.8 billion *overseas* in the third quarter of 2024, up 19.9% from the same quarter in 2023 and an increase of 38.3% from the same quarter in 2019. Spending by Canadian residents on cruises to the United States and overseas reached \$203.6 million in the third quarter of 2024. This

level was up 68.3% from the same quarter in 2023 and over double (+107.5%) compared with the third quarter of 2019.

National Travel Survey, third quarter 2024, February 28, 2025,
www.statcan.gc.ca



Visitor Travel Survey, third quarter 2024



Source: Statcan

In the third quarter, visitors from the United States and overseas countries made 11.1 million trips to Canada, up 6.6% from the same quarter in 2023. From July to September 2024, nearly four out of five non-resident trips (78.5%) were made by US resident. Meanwhile, spending by non-resident visitors to Canada totalled \$11.6 billion in the third quarter, an increase of 8.5% from the same quarter in 2023. The average expenditure stood at \$1,038 per trip during the third quarter of 2024.

Visitor Travel Survey, third quarter 2024, February 28, 2025,
www.statcan.gc.ca

Minister of Transport and Internal Trade announces creation of the Supply Chain Advisory Council

On February 28, 2025, the Honourable Anita Anand, Minister of Transport and Internal Trade, announced the establishment of the Supply Chain Advisory Council, comprised of experts and senior leaders in their fields. The non-partisan Council will provide strategic advice on strengthening supply chains to boost productivity, increase competitiveness and support trade diversification.

Minister of Transport and Internal Trade announces creation of the Supply Chain Advisory Council, February 28, 2025, www.tc.gc.ca

U.S. President Donald Trump says 25% across-the-board tariffs on imports from Canada and Mexico, with a lower 10% levy on Canadian energy, will start Tuesday.



Source: Today's Trucking

Trump says there's no room left for America's closest neighbors to negotiate a way out of the devastating duties. The president says both countries would have to build car plants and "other things" in the United States to get the levies removed. Trump's executive order to implement economy wide tariffs was delayed until Tuesday after Canada and Mexico agreed to introduce new security measures at the border. The order initially tied the tariffs to the illegal flow of people and drugs across the borders — but Trump previously said the delay would allow time for an "economic" deal. It remains unclear what the president wants to see from Canada in exchange for dropping the tariff threat for good.

U.S. President Donald Trump says 25% across-the-board tariffs on imports from Canada and Mexico, with a lower 10% levy on Canadian energy, will start Tuesday, March 3, 2025, www.todaystrucking.com

Trump will 'probably' cut Mexico and Canada tariffs - US commerce chief

US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick has said President Donald Trump will "probably" announce a deal to reduce tariffs on Canada and Mexico on Wednesday, January 5, 2025. "Both the Canadians and Mexicans were on the phone with me all day today trying to show that they'll do better" on reducing the flow of the synthetic opioid fentanyl into the US, Lutnick said in an interview with Fox Business Network. But Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs Mélanie Joly told the BBC's Newsnight that her office had not been contacted about the plan. Canada and Mexico announced retaliatory import levies on the US after Washington's 25% tariffs on its two neighbours came into effect on Tuesday.

Trump will 'probably' cut Mexico and Canada tariffs - US commerce chief, March 5, 2025, www.bbc.com

Canadian international merchandise trade, January 2025



Source: Statcan

In January, in the context of tariff threats on Canadian goods, Canada's merchandise exports increased 5.5% while imports were up 2.3%. Canada's merchandise trade surplus with the world widened from a revised \$1.7 billion in December to \$4.0 billion in January. This was the largest surplus since May 2022.

Canadian international merchandise trade, January 2025, March 6, 2025, www.statcan.gc.ca

Perspectives on country attribution in Canadian international merchandise trade statistics



Source: Statcan

In Canadian international merchandise trade statistics, import and export data are available by partner country to provide insight into the countries with which Canada trades. On March 6, 2025, the introduction of two new data tables offers more direct insight into country attributions in these trade statistics. For each table, data are available for Canada's 27 principal trading partners as well as the product sections and groups of the trade variant of the North American Product Classification System (NAPCS) 2022.

Perspectives on country attribution in Canadian international merchandise trade statistics, March 6, 2025, www.statcan.gc.ca

Trump delays tariffs for goods covered under Mexico, Canada trade deal



Source: AJOT

President Donald Trump on March 6, 2025 exempted goods from both Canada and Mexico under a North American trade pact for a month from the 25% tariffs that he had imposed earlier this week, the latest twist in fast-shifting trade policy that has whipsawed financial markets and business leaders. The exemption, which will expire on April 2, covers both of the two largest U.S. trading partners. Trump had earlier only mentioned an exemption for Mexico, but the amendment he

signed to his order for 25% levies on imports from both - which went into effect on March 4 - covers Canada as well. For Canada, the amended order also excludes duties on potash, a critical fertilizer for U.S. farmers, but does not fully cover energy products, on which Trump has imposed a separate 10% levy. A White House official said that is because not all energy products imported from Canada are covered under the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement on trade that Trump negotiated in his first term as president.

Trump delays tariffs for goods covered under Mexico, Canada trade deal, March 6, 2025, www.ajot.com

US/WORLD

BTS Updates National Transportation Statistics 2/28/2025

The Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) on February 28, 2025 released its monthly update to National Transportation Statistics (NTS), a guide to historical national-level transportation trends.

BTS Updates National Transportation Statistics 2/28/2025, February 28, 2025, www.bts.gov

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Urges D.C. Leaders to Improve Transportation Safety in our Nation's Capital as Workers Return to Office

On March 6, 2025, the U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy took action to urge Washington, D.C. leaders to restore greatness to our Nation's Capital with a focus on improving the safety and security of the city's transportation systems. In a series of letters, Secretary Duffy urged D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser, Amtrak CEO Stephen Gardner, and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) CEO Randy Clarke to prioritize improvements to passenger security, crime reduction, and roadway safety.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Urges D.C. Leaders to Improve Transportation Safety in our Nation's Capital as Workers Return to Office, March 6, 2025, www.dot.gov



Commission boosts European automotive industry's global competitiveness

The European automotive sector is at **critical turning point**, challenged by **rapid technological changes** and **increasing competition**. To address the changes ahead, President **von der Leyen** in January 2025 launched a Strategic Dialogue on the Future of the European Automotive Industry, a collaborative and inclusive process designed to tackle the sector's most pressing challenges. The Commission on March 4, 2025 puts forward an Action Plan, which builds on the Strategic Dialogue, and presents concrete actions that will ensure a robust and sustainable automotive sector and help unleash its innovative power. To maintain a strong European production base and avoid strategic dependencies, they will make available €1.8 billion to create a **secure and competitive supply chain for battery raw materials**, which will help support the growth of the European automotive industry.

Commission boosts European automotive industry's global competitiveness, March 4, 2025, www.europa.eu



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Events

Trump Tariffs and CUSMA

Thursday, March 27th at 12 pm ET/ 9 am PT/ 4 pm UK

Free 60-Minute Webinar

To register, please visit: <https://ciltna.com/events/webinar-trump-tariffs-and-cusma/>

Moderated by: Joy Nott
Partner, Trade & Customs, KPMG Canada

Welcoming remarks by: Bob Sacco
CILTNA Chair

Tim Webb
Partner, Supply Chain & Procurement,
KPMG Canada

Flavio Volpe
President, APMA - Automotive Parts
Manufacturers' Association

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Join us on Thursday, March 27 at 12 pm ET/ 9 am PT/ 4 pm UK for 60-minute webinar: "Trump Tariffs and CUSMA".

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With guest speakers Tim Webb, Partner, Supply Chain & Procurement, KPMG Canada and Flavio Volpe, President, – Automotive Parts Manufacturers' Association, APMA. Moderated by Joy Nott, Partner, Trade & Customs, KPMG Canada with welcoming remarks by CILTNA Chair, Bob Sacco.

Transportation's Top Stories Other CILT News

All are welcome. Please feel free to share this with anyone you feel would be interested in attending.

We hope to see you there!

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SAVE THE DATE

We invite you to join us for a reception/presentation by a distinguished guest speaker, Tamara Vrooman, President & CEO, Vancouver International Airport (YVR), Chair of the Greater Vancouver Gateway Council and Co-Chair of the recently-named BC Trade and Economic Security Task Force, announced by Premier Eby to advise the BC Government in its response to US tariffs and other protectionist measures.

In addition to her executive activities locally, Ms. Vrooman plays key roles in Canadian, US and International Airport organizations. Ms. Vrooman will be talking about YVR's plans to diversify its markets, expand air cargo facilities, and develop a marine cargo facility.



When: April 15, 2025
4:30pm - Registration
5:00pm to 7:00pm - Reception/Presentation

Where: Terminal City Club
837 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, BC V6C 1B6

Marian Robson, FCILT
Chair, Pacific Chapter

Registration details will follow shortly.

Job Postings

* 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.

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 Coordinator, Traffic Tech, Hamilton, ON**

What the Job Entails:

- Creating and maintaining Strong Vendor Relationships
- Negotiating with Shippers and Carriers
- Entering Data into System to create load sheets
- Shipment tracking – monitor pickup and delivery
- Preparing required shipping documentation
- Effective and professional communication with clients and carriers
- Minor Accounting Functions and data entry

What We Are Looking For:

- Must have 3+ years of previous logistics/transportation experience, in a 3PL environment preferred
- Must have Knowledge of Cross-border US/Mexico/Canada Transportation, OTR truckload, including dry van, flatbed, reefer, etc.
- Strong organization and time management skills, must be able to prioritize
- High School Diploma
- Participate in continuous changes to Customer Data procedures and insure new changes are maintained
- Problem resolution skills, detail-oriented, high level of multi-tasking skills are a must
- Possess professional phone mannerisms
- Outgoing personality; high energy; flexible
- Great attitude and desire to work hard while having fun

What We Offer:

- Robust industry with training and mentorship
- Compensation package that include Medical and Dental benefits
- Life Insurance/AD&D Insurance
- Long-term disability
- Personal and Volunteer time off
- Paid vacation after probationary period

- Dynamic environment and 'can-do' culture

This is a full-time permanent position from Monday to Friday

To apply for this job, please visit:

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* **Senior Logistics Coordinator - Customer Service, Montreal, QC**

If you are a proactive logistics professional with 3PL expertise and thrive in a fast-paced environment where challenges become opportunities, we want to hear from you.

Your Role: Senior Logistics Coordinator (Customer Service)

As a Senior Logistics Coordinator, you will be the key link between sales, operations, and customer success. You will ensure seamless shipment execution, manage customer relationships, and resolve logistics challenges with confidence and efficiency.

 This position is ideal for someone who:

- ✓ Has successfully worked as a Senior Logistics Coordinator in a 3PL company.
- ✓ Thrives under pressure and enjoys problem-solving in real-time.
- ✓ Is a strong communicator who can handle escalations with professionalism.
- ✓ Can manage multiple clients and juggle shipments without missing a detail.

Key Responsibilities

- ◆ Customer Relationship Management – Act as the primary point of contact for key clients, providing outstanding service and proactive solutions.
- ◆ Problem-Solving & Escalations – Handle shipment delays, customs issues, and other logistical challenges with quick decision-making.
- ◆ Shipment Execution & Coordination – Work closely with carriers, brokers, and internal teams to ensure on-time and compliant deliveries.
- ◆ Import/Export Documentation – Process paperwork with accuracy, ensuring customs and regulatory compliance.

- ◆ Continuous Improvement – Identify inefficiencies and propose solutions to optimize logistics workflows.

What We're Looking For

- ✓ Proven Experience – 3–5 years as a Senior Logistics Coordinator in a 3PL company (this is a must!).
- ✓ Bilingual – Strong written and verbal communication skills in French and English.
- ✓ Industry Knowledge – Strong understanding of freight, transportation, and customs regulations.
- ✓ Multi-Tasking & Detail-Oriented – Ability to manage multiple shipments while maintaining high accuracy.
- ✓ Tech-Savvy – Comfortable with logistics software and data entry.

Why Join Us?

- ✦ Competitive Compensation – Base salary + uncapped commission.
- ✦ Career Growth – Work with industry experts and get hands-on training.
- ✦ Performance-Based Recognition – Regular feedback and reward programs.
- ✦ Supportive Culture – We invest in our people, offering mentorship and a collaborative team environment.

Perks & Benefits

- ✓ In-Person Work Environment – Collaborative office setting for effective teamwork.
- ✓ Flexible Work Schedule & Casual Dress
- ✓ Health & Dental Insurance
- ✓ Paid Time Off & Company Events
- ✓ Life & Disability Insurance
- ✓ On-Site Gym & Parking
- ✓ Employee Assistance Program

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