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New Report: Regional Air Service Crucial to Canada's Economic Future, Connectivity and Way of Life



Source: CAC

The Canadian Airports Council (CAC) is encouraging federal and provincial governments to consider measures that will strengthen and support Canada's regional air service, following the release of a comprehensive new study on the state of regional connectivity across the country. Prepared by InterVISTAS Consulting and commissioned by the CAC, the report entitled "*Keeping Canada Connected: The Challenge of Regional Air Service and Federal Policy*" examines the importance of regional air service and reveals a trend line that is accelerating in the wrong direction. "Air service is the backbone of connectivity for many parts of Canada—essential to interprovincial trade, economic growth, and everyday life," said Monette Pasher, President of the Canadian Airports Council. "Regional air service is more than business, it connects Canadians to healthcare, education, trade and economic opportunities, and we need to work together to create the framework of support that is required to build our nation and connect Canadians in all corners of our country." The *Key Findings* are: 1. Flight frequency at regional airports is down 36% since 2014. From 2019 to 2024, regional airports experienced a 10% drop in domestic connectivity (International Air Transport Association, IATA, Index), and a 14% drop in overall connectivity (domestic + international). 2. A single regional route operating daily can generate

over 125 jobs and create an impact of \$40 million in economic output annually. 3. Regions hardest hit include Alberta, Manitoba, and parts of Atlantic Canada.

New Report: Regional Air Service Crucial to Canada's Economic Future, Connectivity and Way of Life, May 26, 2025, www.cac.ca

WestJet Cargo expands capacity to Japan with daily Dreamliner service



Source: AJOT

WestJet Cargo has announced the expansion of its trans-Pacific capacity with the launch of daily year-round service between Calgary and Tokyo Narita International Airport. Operated by WestJet's Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft, each flight offers 22 tons and 80 cubic meters of cargo capacity, providing consistent and reliable lift between North America and Asia. "Expanding our cargo capacity to Japan through daily Dreamliner service is a pivotal step forward for WestJet Cargo," said Julius Mooney, Director of Commercial at WestJet Cargo. "This route enables Canadian exporters and global shippers to move high-value and time-sensitive goods with speed and reliability, while also strengthening Western Canada's role as a key gateway to Asia." This enhanced service supports strong bilateral trade. Japan is exporting industrial, automotive, electronic, high-tech, and manufacturing goods through WestJet Cargo's growing network across Canada, the U.S.,

Mexico, and Europe. In return, Canadian perishables, meat, seafood, and general freight are reaching Japan faster and more efficiently than ever before.

WestJet Cargo expands capacity to Japan with daily Dreamliner service, May 26, 2025, www.ajot.com

US/WORLD

✈️ Lufthansa Cargo uses AI to process booking requests faster



Source: AJOT

Lufthansa Cargo has recently started utilizing a software solution it developed internally to automatically enter booking requests received by email into the airline's booking system. This is made possible through the use of artificial intelligence (AI) and robotic process automation (RPA). Consequently, requests for the desired route can be processed even faster. Customers then receive a fully automated booking confirmation instantly.

Lufthansa Cargo uses AI to process booking requests faster, May 27, 2025, www.ajot.com

✈️ Quarterly civil aviation statistics, fourth quarter 2024

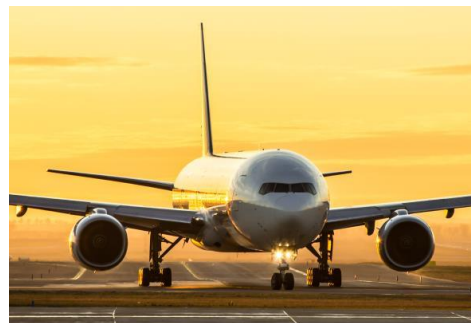


Source: Statcan

Operating revenue for the 24 largest Canadian air carriers totalled \$8.7 billion in the 2024 fourth quarter, up 8.1% compared with the same quarter of 2023. At \$7.4 billion, passenger revenue was the main revenue source for airlines in the fourth quarter of 2024, while air cargo generated \$672.2 million in revenue. On an annual basis, the 24 largest Canadian air carriers earned \$35.2 billion in operating revenue in 2024, up 5.6% from 2023.

Quarterly civil aviation statistics, fourth quarter 2024, May 288, 2025, www.statcan.gc.ca

✈️ Aircraft movement and civil aviation statistics, March 2025

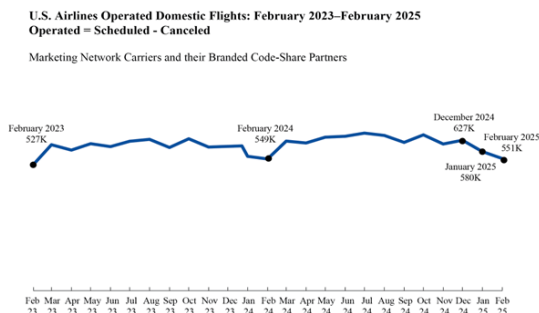


Source: Statcan

Major Canadian airlines flew 7.5 million passengers on scheduled and charter flights in March, down 1.7% from March 2024. Aircraft movements at Canada's major and select small airports totalled 457,016 in March 2025, up 2.9% from the previous year. Local movements rose 7.8% year over year, while itinerant movements increased 0.5%. Consult the Aviation Data Visualization Hub to explore aircraft movement statistics and monthly civil aviation statistics in an interactive format.

Aircraft movement and civil aviation statistics, March 2025, May 288, 2025, www.statcan.gc.ca

✈️ Airline Service Quality Performance Data – February 2025



Source: BTS

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) on May 28, 2025 released its Airline Service Quality Performance data compiled for the month of **February 2025** for on-time performance, mishandled baggage, mishandled wheelchairs, and scooters. For additional information and interactive charts on transportation's role in aviation, please visit BTS' [Aviation Facts and Figures](#). BTS regularly updates [TranStats](#), with both [Marketing Carrier On-Time Performance \(Beginning January 2018\)](#) and the [Reporting Carrier On-Time Performance \(1987-present\)](#).

Airline Service Quality Performance Data – February 2025, May 28, 2025, www.bts.gov

✈️ Air Cargo Demand up 5.8% in April



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for April 2025 global air cargo markets showing: 1. Total demand, measured in cargo tonne-kilometers (CTK), rose by 5.8% compared to April 2024 levels (+6.5% for international operations). 2. Capacity, measured in available cargo tonne-kilometers (ACTK), increased by 6.3% compared to April 2024 (+6.9% for international operations). Willie Walsh, IATA's Director General said "Air cargo demand grew

strongly in April, with volumes up 5.8% year-on-year, building on March's solid performance. Seasonal demand for fashion and consumer goods—front-loading ahead of US tariff changes—and lower jet fuel prices have combined to boost air cargo. With available capacity at record levels and yields improving, the outlook for air cargo is encouraging. While April brought good news, stresses in world trade are no secret. Shifts in trade policy, particularly in the US, are already reshaping demand and export dynamics. Airlines will need to remain flexible as the situation develops over the coming months."

Air Cargo Demand up 5.8% in April, May 29, 2025, www.iata.org

✈️ Passenger Growth Accelerates to 8% in April



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for April 2025 global passenger demand with the following highlights: 1. **Total demand**, measured in revenue passenger kilometers (RPK), was up 8.0% compared to April 2024. Total capacity, measured in available seat kilometers (ASK), was up 6.5% year-on-year. The April load factor was 83.6% (+1.1 ppt compared to April 2024). 2. **International demand** rose 10.8% compared to April 2024. Capacity was up 8.5% year-on-year, and the load factor was 84.1% (+1.7 ppt compared to April 2024), the highest ever for April. 3. **Domestic demand** increased 3.3% compared to April 2024. Capacity was up 3.1% year-on-year. The load factor was 82.7% (+0.1 ppt compared to April 2024). "April was a positive month for travel. Growth strengthened, especially for international demand which saw record load factors for the month. The return of the transatlantic market to growth is particularly encouraging. But there are some signs of fragility of consumer and business confidence with continued weakness in the US domestic market and a sharp fall in North American premium class travel," said Willie Walsh, IATA's Director General. "As we gather in New Delhi, India for the 81st IATA Annual General Meeting and World Air Transport Summit, it is notable that Indian domestic growth is

running at over 10%. The development of India's air connectivity in recent years has been nothing short of phenomenal, making this year's gathering a timely and powerful reminder for all on how aviation connectivity drives growth and development," said Walsh.

Passenger Growth Accelerates to 8% in April, May 29, 2025,
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CN to Invest \$290 Million in Saskatchewan and \$475 Million in Quebec to Build Capacity and Power Sustainable Growth

CN announced on May 26, 2025 plans to invest approximately \$290 million CAD in Saskatchewan and approximately \$475 million CAD in Quebec, as part of its 2025 capital investment program. This investment will support track maintenance and strategic infrastructure initiatives in the province. This includes major projects to support customer initiatives and our agriculture industry partners to improve the movement of grain and fertilizers, etc.. These investments will help ensure the safe movement of goods and support long-term sustainable growth in Saskatchewan and across CN's network and support long-term sustainable growth in Quebec and across CN's network.

CN to Invest \$290 Million in Saskatchewan to Build Capacity and Power Sustainable Growth, May 26, 2025, www.cn.ca; and CN to Invest \$475 Million in Quebec to Build Capacity and Power Sustainable Growth, , May 26, 2025, www.cn.ca



Via Rail workers give Unifor strike mandate, could take action as soon as June 22



Source: National Post

Unifor says almost 98 per cent of the Via Rail workers it represents have voted to give the union the power to launch a strike next month. The union alleges the company is pushing for major concessions and has failed to meet its members' monetary demands. The union says members belonging to Unifor Council 4000 and Local 100 gave it a 97.5 per cent strike mandate. Council 4000 represents 1,800 workers in Via Rail stations, call centres, administrative offices and onboard service, while Local 100's members include 700 skilled trades and mechanical workers. The strike mandate does not mean these workers will immediately walk off the job because the union is going through a federal conciliation process. Unifor says the conciliation period which ends May 31 will be followed by a 21-day cooling-off, so it won't be able to strike before June 22.

Via Rail workers give Unifor strike mandate, could take action as soon as June 22, May 26, 2025, www.nationalpost.ca

Via Rail subsidiary paid Quebec marketing firm \$330K as it pivoted to high-speed rail



Source: Financial Post

A federal Crown corporation paid more than \$330,000 to an outside marketing firm to rebrand a planned passenger rail project between Toronto and Quebec City and boost its popularity. Documents obtained by The Canadian Press detail how the corporation, concerned about “widespread disinterest” in a high-frequency rail corridor announced in 2021, decided to change its name and pivot to high-speed rail instead. As part of that shift, the VIA Rail Canada Inc. subsidiary hired a Quebec-based firm, Cossette Communication Inc., to develop a marketing plan that would reflect a new direction — signalled by the Crown corporation’s chief executive, Martin Imbleau — to ensure the project placed a greater emphasis on speed. VIA’s work with the marketing firm dates back to at least 2023, when it signed a contract to develop a “brand narrative”

Via Rail subsidiary paid Quebec marketing firm \$330K as it pivoted to high-speed rail May 28, 2025, www.financialpost.ca

Province Breaks Ground on Ontario Line’s Queen Station

The Ontario government has started excavation work at the Ontario Line’s Queen Station, marking another milestone in the province’s plan to protect Ontario by building world-class transit, reducing gridlock and creating thousands of good-paying jobs in Canada’s fastest-growing city. “Under the leadership of Premier Ford, we’re building the Ontario Line to keep people moving across the city with faster, more reliable transit,” said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation. “The Ontario Line is a game-changer for our economy, connecting more people to housing and supporting thousands of good-paying construction jobs at a time when we must protect Ontario workers and businesses from growing threats south of the border.”

Province Breaks Ground on Ontario Line’s Queen Station, May 28, 2025, www.mto.gov.on.ca

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AAR: North American Rail Volume Rises Through Week 21



Source: Railway Age

North American carload and intermodal traffic for the first 21 weeks of 2025 (ending May 24) was up 3.3% from the prior-year period, according to the Association of American Railroads’ (AAR) latest rail traffic report. While the United States and Canada both saw gains, Mexico experienced a loss. For this week, total U.S. weekly rail traffic was 488,709 carloads and intermodal units, up 0.7 percent compared with the same week last year. Five of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2024. They included coal, up 6,096 carloads, to 56,416; miscellaneous carloads, up 1,703 carloads, to 10,537; and nonmetallic minerals, up 1,090 carloads, to 32,051. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2024 included petroleum and petroleum products, down 778 carloads, to 10,559; chemicals, down 358 carloads, to 33,088; and forest products, down 247 carloads, to 8,343. Canadian railroads reported 87,174 carloads for the week, up 2.9 percent, and 72,688 intermodal units, up 2.6 percent compared with the same week in 2024. For the first 21 weeks of 2025, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 3,407,247 carloads, containers and trailers, up 0.7 percent.

AAR: North American Rail Volume Rises Through Week 21, May 28, 2025, www.railwayage.com; and AAR Reports Weekly Rail Traffic for the Week Ending May 24, 2025, May 28, 2025, www.aar.org

Supreme Court rules in favor of Utah crude oil railway



Source: Freightwaves

The Surface Transportation Board's environmental review of the proposed Uinta Basin Railway was proper, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on May 29, 2025 in an 8-0 decision that overturns a lower court's order that blocked construction of the 88-mile Utah railroad. The STB in December 2021 approved the project, noting that the transportation merits of the rail line outweighed its potential environmental impacts. The line would be used to transport waxy crude oil from the remote Uinta Basin to a connection with Union Pacific's former Rio Grande main line. From there the crude would be hauled to Gulf Coast refineries. Eagle County, Colorado, and several environmental groups subsequently filed suit against the STB and the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition, the Utah group seeking to build the railway. Supreme Court rules in favor of Utah crude oil railway, May 29, 2025, www.freightwaves.com



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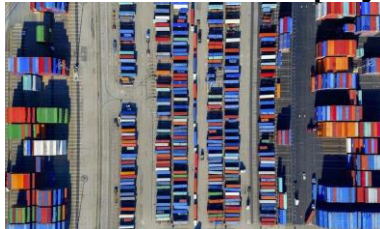
Prince Rupert Port Authority - Monthly traffic summary for April 2025

For the Port of Prince Rupert for April 2025, total traffic in terms of TEUs changed 16% i.e. to 64,121 from 55,144. Total import traffic for April 2025 changed 14% i.e. to 36,141 from 31,598. Total export traffic for April 2025 changed 19% i.e. to 27,981 from 23,546. Year to date (Y-T-D) total traffic for 2025 increased 4% i.e. to 256,593 TEUs from 246,592 in 2024. Total imports (Y-T-D) for this period changed - 1% and total exports for this period increase 10%.

Prince Rupert Port Authority - Monthly traffic summary for April 2025, May 29, 2025, www.rupertport.com

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Drewry: China-US container rates up by double digits



Source: Freightwaves

Container freight rates out from China to the United States are surging after the trading partners agreed to pause tariffs. Freight rates from Shanghai to New York surged 19% or \$704 to \$4,350 per 40-foot container, and those from Shanghai to Los Angeles shot up 16% or

\$423 to \$3,136 per 40-foot container, according to maritime consultant Drewry. Rates from New York to Rotterdam, Netherlands, Europe's busiest port, increased just 1% or \$10 to \$824 per container. Prices from Shanghai to Rotterdam, Shanghai to Genoa, Italy, and Rotterdam to New York fell 1% to \$2,035, \$2,742 and \$1,961, respectively. Rates from Rotterdam to Shanghai and Los Angeles to Shanghai were unchanged. In a note, Drewry said it expects an increase in trans-Pacific spot rates in the coming week due to a shortage in capacity following the latest U.S.-China trade developments.

Drewry: China-US container rates up by double digits, May 23, 2026, www.freightwaves.com

Ocean carriers bring in more trans-Pacific container services amid rate surge



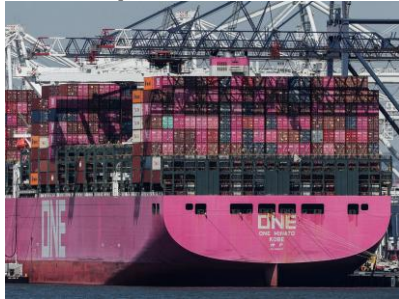
Source: JOC

Maersk and Hapag-Lloyd are adding a new trans-Pacific express service to the US West Coast, while Mediterranean Shipping Co. looks to restart a suspended East Coast service. The moves signal new confidence about trans-Pacific demand as rates continue to strengthen going into June 2025. Maersk and Hapag-Lloyd said in statements on Monday May 26, 2025 that the Gemini Cooperation vessel-sharing

agreement between them would offer a new express service connecting China and South Korea to the West Coast, branded respectively as the TP9/WC6.

Ocean carriers bring in more trans-Pacific container services amid rate surge, May 27, 2025, www.joc.com

Port Authority of New York and New Jersey reports agency volumes for April 2025



Source: AJOT

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey today announced that its commercial airports recorded their third-busiest April ever in April 2025, welcoming 11.9 million passengers. The Port of New York and New Jersey maintained strong growth, with cargo activity growing 6 percent from April 2024. The PATH commuter rail system recorded its second busiest month since the pandemic, welcoming 5.2 million passengers and reaching 74 percent of pre-pandemic ridership, while the agency's vehicular crossings continued robust performance on par with prior years.

Port Authority of New York and New Jersey reports agency volumes for April 2025, May 28, 2025, www.ajot.com

Federal court ruling blocking tariffs resets shipping outlook

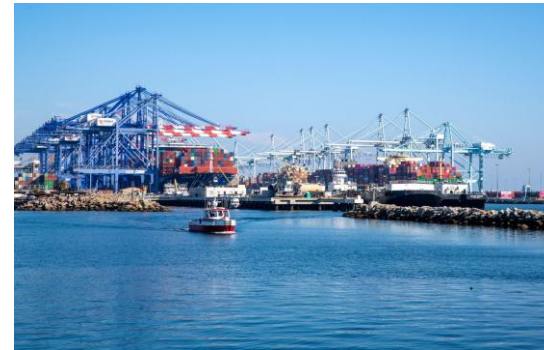


Source: JOC

A federal trade court's striking down of President Donald Trump's series of tariffs against most of its trading partners resets shipping expectations after months of whiplash but adds yet more uncertainty for importers. The US Court of International Trade on May 28, 2025 blocked Trump's use of emergency powers to impose a 10% tax across most countries and the 145% tariff hanging over US imports from China amid a 90-day reprieve. The decision will almost certainly be appealed, adding uncertainty to importers.

Federal court ruling blocking tariffs resets shipping outlook, May 28, 2025, www.joc.com

Appeals court temporarily restores US tariffs



Source: JOC

US importers ended May 29, 2025 with little clarity on the permanence of sweeping tariffs after an appeals court allowed President Donald Trump's tax to go forward for a least a week-and-a-half. The US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit's decision May 29, 2025 to pause the International Trade Court's rejection of the tariffs on May 28, 2025, citing a lack of constitutionality, comes in the early days of peak season and with inbound capacity from Asia generally booked through next month. The appeals court laid out a briefing schedule through June 9, 2025 but did not detail its reasoning for the pause.

Appeals court temporarily restores US tariffs, May 29, 2025, www.joc.com



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CTA raises concerns about Canada Post



Source: Today's Trucking

As a Canada Post strike looms, the Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) has raised concerns about the future of the Crown corporation. This, after a report from the Industrial Inquiry Commissioner that included suggestions from the union and management that the organization extend its reach into the handling of parcel delivery. "Expansion of parcel delivery, however, provides an opportunity – although it is very far from a sure thing – for Canada Post to continue its USO [Universal Service Obligation] and move toward sustainability. As discussed below, both Canada Post and CUPW [Canadian Union of Postal Workers] agree that a parcel-centric Canada Post is its future," the report said. "Both management and unions are attempting to identify the best path forward for Canada Post. However, the question which must be asked is – does a government organization need to be in this space competing against the private sector?" responded CTA president and CEO Stephen Laskowski in a press release. The alliance also said it will be asking the Minister of Procurement, Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), and Canada Post to introduce measures that would eliminate the ability of for-hire trucking

companies using forced labor and misclassified labor to compete for contracts sent out to bid by Canada Post.

CTA raises concerns about Canada Post, May 22, 2025, www.todaystrucking.com

Canada Post and union resume talks as overtime ban threatens delivery delays



Source: National Post

A mediator will work with the parties who have been deadlocked for months in efforts to secure a new collective bargaining agreement. Canada Post was set to meet with negotiators from its union Sunday (May 25, 2025) amid warnings of mail delivery delays tied to a national ban on overtime for postal workers. Sunday's meeting will be the first of the weekend, a spokesperson for the Crown corporation said. A mediator will be on hand to work with the parties who have been deadlocked for months in efforts to secure a new collective bargaining agreement. Canada Post presented its latest offers to the union on Wednesday (May 21), which included a hike in pay and plans to roll out a fleet of part-time workers. The Canadian Union of Postal Workers has yet to offer a formal response to the proposals, but its request for a two-week "truce" to consider the deal was rejected by the employer. 'The people will be with us': Inside the thoughts of Canada

Post workers considering a strike On Sunday, the union said its negotiators had “worked hard to carefully evaluate the offers and prepare responses” ahead of the day’s meeting with the employer and the mediators. In an email, CUPW criticized Canada Post for rejecting its truce proposal, which it said left negotiators with only a few days to comb through the legal wording of the 700-page offer. “If instability hangs over these negotiations, it’s due to Canada Post’s uncompromising stance and time management,” the union wrote in a statement. The most recent agreement between the parties, which was extended by the industrial relations board after Ottawa intervened in the month-long holiday season strike late last year, expired Thursday (May 22).

Canada Post and union resume talks as overtime ban threatens delivery delays, May 25, 2025, www.nationalpost.ca

Canada Post puts forward ‘final offers’ to union, posts \$1.3B loss for 2024



Source: Canadian Press

Canada Post said it notched nearly \$1.3 billion in operating losses last year as the beleaguered institution laid out its “final offers” to the union representing 55,000 workers after negotiations resumed on Wednesday (May 28, 2025). The Crown corporation has now posted seven consecutive annual losses, amounting to \$3.8 billion before tax since 2018, it said. Included in its latest proposal are an end to compulsory overtime, signing bonuses of between \$500 and \$1,000 and cost-of-living payments that are triggered at a lower inflation threshold. Management’s earlier offer of a nearly 14 per cent cumulative wage hike over four years remains unchanged, as does a plan to hire part-time staff for weekend delivery — a major sticking point in the talks.

Canada Post puts forward ‘final offers’ to union, posts \$1.3B loss for 2024, May 28, 2025, www.canadianpress.ca



Trucking’s historic slump: How overcapacity and undocumented drivers reshaped the industry



Source: Freightwaves

The trucking industry has faced its longest and deepest downturn in history, beginning in March 2022. This prolonged slump, known as the Great Freight Recession, has driven many trucking companies out of business. A sluggish goods economy contributed, but the primary cause is excess capacity. During the COVID-19 pandemic, high freight rates and government stimulus, coupled with cheap credit, spurred an influx of new trucking companies. Unfortunately, this overcorrection flooded the market with capacity, causing freight rates to collapse. To avoid bankruptcy, trucking firms slashed costs. The largest expense—driver wages—proved challenging to cut, as experienced, documented drivers resisted reductions. Many small firms turned to hiring drivers without work permits to reduce expenses. These workers often obtained Commercial Driver’s Licenses (CDLs) in the U.S. without passing a domestic CDL test. Some states accepted foreign CDLs without verifying the driver’s experience or qualifications, meaning many never proved they could safely operate an 80,000-pound truck. Additionally, some drivers lacked proficiency in English, complicating communication and compliance. Trucking became a lifeline for many immigrants, offering steady work, decent pay, and a place to live, as most truckers reside in their vehicles. For many, it marked a significant improvement over poverty in their home countries. These undocumented workers often accepted lower wages than their American counterparts and endured poor working conditions and unsafe equipment.

Trucking’s historic slump: How overcapacity and undocumented drivers reshaped the industry, May 26, 2025, www.freightwaves.com

CTA Hopeful PM's Mandate Aligned with Trucking Industry



Source: Ontruck

The Canadian Trucking Alliance looks forward to working with Prime Minister Mark Carney and his cabinet on several government priorities the PM outlined in his mandate letter this week. In a letter to Carney, CTA wrote that many of the PM's goals are aligned with the trucking industry, including the need to remove interprovincial trade barriers; turnaround a stagnant economy and restore productivity; immigration reform, securing the Canada-US border; and addressing border security concerns, while executing the very difficult task of striking a new trade deal with the US in the midst of a trade war. CTA also reminded the Prime Minister that businesses in the trucking sector are not immune to these cascading effects, but their predicament has been further exacerbated by other crises, namely the proliferation of the underground economy, which is creating unfettered and expanding lawlessness in the trucking sector.

CTA *Hopeful PM's Mandate Aligned with Trucking Industry*, May 26, 2025, www.ontruck.ca

Reducing internal trade barriers tops priorities for businesses: KPMG poll



Source: Today's Trucking

A new report says nearly two-thirds of Canadian businesses want the government to work to reduce the barriers to internal trade to improve

productivity. A KPMG poll of 250 business leaders in Canada found that 64% of those surveyed say the government should remove interprovincial trade barriers and harmonize regulations and credentials as a top priority. The online survey, conducted between May 9 and May 20, 2025 also found that 82% of business leaders believe eliminating interprovincial trade barriers will improve their company's efficiency and productivity. Among other top priorities identified by business leaders in the survey was a comprehensive tax review to improve competitiveness at 58%, while 56% said they want the government to streamline processes and expedite resource and major infrastructure projects. The poll comes ahead of the speech from the throne on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 that is expected to lay out the new Liberal government's priorities. Prime Minister Mark Carney was elected last month on promises to improve Canada's economic resilience and nation-building projects in the face of U.S. tariffs.

Reducing internal trade barriers tops priorities for businesses: KPMG poll, May 27, 2025, www.todaystrucking.com

New WSIB Measures to Bolster Compliance with WSIB, Combat Driver Inc



Source: Ontruck

Ontario Minister of Labour David Piccini and the Ford Government this week introduced *Working for Workers Seven Act, 2025*, which builds on progress from its previous six *Acts*, by introducing new measures to protect workers in the face of U.S. tariffs, create safer workplaces for a stronger workforce and fight worker abuse. While the act contains many elements significant to Ontario workers and businesses, it includes a clear signal to the Ontario trucking industry that the province is serious about protecting workers. New measures would authorize the WSIB to impose penalties on employers who provide false or misleading statements in connection with claims, fail to keep and produce accurate payroll records or evade WSIB premiums. To support this, *Working for Workers Seven* will also create a new offence for not paying WSIB premiums and increasing fines for employers

convicted of two or more counts of the same offence in the same legal proceeding under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997.
New WSIB Measures to Bolster Compliance with WSIB, Combat Driver Inc. May 29, 2025, www.ontrcuck.ca

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ECONOMIC TRUCKING TRENDS: Truck tonnage, trailer orders fall, while spot market gets anticipated Roadcheck bump



Source: Today's Trucking

We have mixed indicators to consider this week, with for-hire truck tonnage giving back gains from early in 2025 while the spot market surged thanks to the Roadcheck inspection blitz. Trailer orders are in a rut, as fleets continue to be cautious about how they deploy capital. Trucking conditions improved in March 2025, but industry forecaster FTR warns there are tougher times ahead as the impact of tariffs is felt along the supply chain. For-hire truck tonnage in the U.S. slipped 0.3% in April 2025, on the heels of a 1.5% decline in March 2025, wiping out much of the gains from the beginning of the year. "After surging 2.8% in February, and hitting the highest level since late May 2024, tonnage fell a combined 1.8% in March and April," said ATA chief economist Bob Costello. "Unfortunately, a recovery that was expected this year hasn't transpired as the industry deals with a freight market in flux from tariffs and softening economic indicators."

ECONOMIC TRUCKING TRENDS: Truck tonnage, trailer orders fall, while spot market gets anticipated Roadcheck bump, May 23, 2025, www.todaystrucking.com

Truckload rates continue upward trend but growth slows: RXO

Spot truckload rates across North America continued to rise year-over-year in the first quarter of 2025, though the pace of that growth has slowed, according to RXO's latest *Curve* market forecast update. The

North Carolina-based transportation solutions provider reported a 9.1 per cent year-over-year increase in spot rates for Q1, down from 11.6 per cent in the previous quarter. The report noted early-quarter volatility driven by post-holiday shipping and weather, followed by a return to pre-peak levels for capacity and rates.

Truckload rates continue upward trend but growth slows: RXO, May 28, 2025, www.insidelogistics.com

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Announces Over \$1.5 Billion to Repair Roads and Bridges Damaged by Natural Disasters, Including Hurricane Helene

In an ongoing effort to support national hurricane preparedness and help communities move quickly to recover from devastating storms, U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy on May 28, 2025 announced more than \$1.5 billion in federal funding to help states and U.S. territories accelerate repairs to roads, bridges and other transportation infrastructure damaged by natural disasters, including more than \$683 million to repair damage caused by Hurricane Helene. Secretary Duffy visited some of the hardest hit areas as one of his first actions when taking office. Repairs resulting from these events will receive federal reimbursement funding under the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Emergency Relief (ER) program.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Announces Over \$1.5 Billion to Repair Roads and Bridges Damaged by Natural Disasters, Including Hurricane Helene, May 28, 2025, www.dot.gov



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 **Canada March retail sales rise 0.8%; seen up 0.5% in April**



Source: AJOT

Canadian retail sales grew by 0.8% in March 2025 from February 2025, more than analysts had forecast, and looked set to increase by 0.5% in April 2025, Statistics Canada data indicated on Friday (May 23). The largest increase was the 4.8% gain posted by motor vehicle and parts dealers, the first rise in three months. Analysts suggested one reason was consumers rushing to buy cars before U.S. tariffs took effect in April. Analysts had expected a 0.7% increase in March. "Canadian consumers haven't tightened the purse strings much it seems in the face of tariff uncertainty," said Andrew Grantham, senior economist at CIBC Capital Markets. In March 2025, sales were up in six of nine subsectors, representing 58.9% of retail trade. In volume terms, retail sales increased by 0.9%. Bank of Canada Governor Tiff Macklem said on Thursday (May 22) he expected second-quarter growth to be "quite a bit weaker" than the first quarter, and that it could be worse in subsequent quarters if the uncertainty around tariffs

continued. Currency swap market bets show odds of a 25 basis point rate cut in June 2025 at 32%, unchanged from before the data release. *Canada March retail sales rise 0.8%; seen up 0.5% in April, May 2, 2025, www.ajot.com*

 **Ontario invests \$3.1B in Indigenous-led critical minerals supply chain**



Source: Inside Logistics

The Ontario government is investing \$3.1 billion to support Indigenous participation in the province's growing critical minerals sector, aiming to establish a made-in-Ontario supply chain grounded in shared ownership and opportunity. The Progressive Conservative government announced the funding package includes \$3 billion through the new Indigenous Opportunities Financing Program, which will help Indigenous partners expand into high-growth sectors beyond electricity. An additional \$70 million over four years will go to the Indigenous Participation Fund to build community capacity in regions with significant mineral activity. The province will also provide \$10 million over three years in scholarships for Indigenous postsecondary students pursuing careers in resource development.

US/WORLD

Trump pushes EU to cut tariffs or face extra duties, FT reports



Source: AJOT

President Donald Trump's trade negotiators are pushing the EU to make unilateral tariff reductions on U.S. goods, saying without concessions the bloc will not progress in talks to avoid additional 20% "reciprocal" duties. U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer is preparing to tell European Trade Commissioner Maros Sefcovic on Friday (May 23, 2025) that a recent "explanatory note" shared by Brussels for the talks falls short of U.S. expectations, the newspaper said, citing unnamed sources. Reuters was unable to immediately verify the report. The Office of the United States Trade Representative did not respond to a Reuters request for comment outside regular business hours. "The priority for the EU is to seek a fair, balanced deal with the U.S., one that our massive trade and investment relationship deserves," Olof Gill, the European Commission spokesperson for trade, told Reuters in an email. The European Union continues to actively engage with the U.S., with Commissioner Sefcovic due to speak to Greer on Friday, Gill added. The FT reported that the European Union has been pushing for a jointly agreed framework text for the talks but the two sides remain too far apart. The U.S. imposed 25% tariffs on EU cars, steel and aluminium in March and 20% tariffs on other EU goods in April. It then halved the 20% rate until July 8, setting a 90-day window for talks to reach a more comprehensive tariff deal. In response, the 27-nation EU suspended its own plans to impose retaliatory tariffs on some U.S. goods and proposed zero duties for all industrial goods on both sides.



National AccessAbility Week – Message from the Chair

As we recognize *National AccessAbility Week* from May 25 to May 31, 2025, I am proud to reflect on the Canadian Transportation Agency's (CTA) ongoing commitment to help achieve consistent, cohesive, and connected transportation services for persons with disabilities. The CTA is dedicated to ensuring that transportation services are accessible to all Canadians. Our efforts include: 1. Engaging with the community to understand their experiences and needs, ensuring that our policies and services reflect their insights; 2. Continuing to enforce our regulations, to help ensure that transportation services are barrier-free; and 3. Providing comprehensive training for our staff on accessibility and disability inclusion, fostering a culture of understanding and respect. One of our key focuses continues to be issues related to mobility aids, as this remains the highest volume of complaints we receive. We have been actively working with stakeholders on several fronts to raise awareness on the importance of mobility aids and the services provided to passengers who rely on them. For example, in partnership with the National Research Council Canada and Transport Canada, earlier this year job aids for transportation industry mobility aid handlers, consisting of visual aids to help them quickly recall their training during operations, were developed. Mobility aids are the extension of a person's body and need to be protected and returned to the people who depend on them so that they can complete their travel journey autonomously.

National AccessAbility Week – Message from the Chair, May 26, 2025, www.otc-cta.gc.ca



Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Slashes Red Tape Across FHWA, NHTSA, and FMCSA to Unburden Americans of Costly Regulations

Secretary of Transportation Sean P. Duffy announced on May 29, 2025, 52 deregulatory actions across Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). In total, the deregulatory package will rescind, withdraw, or amend burdensome regulations that do not enhance safety. These actions also help streamline the Code of Federal Regulations by deleting over 73,000 words from the Federal Register.

Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Slashes Red Tape Across FHWA, NHTSA, and FMCSA to Unburden Americans of Costly Regulations, May 29, 2025, www.dot.gov



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Join Pacific Chapter Executive Member, Johanne Jayaratne CMILT, who will be speaking and representing the Pacific Chapter of CILTNA at the Conference.

Starts: 02 Jun 2025 @ 12:00pm PDT

Ends: 04 Jun 2025 @ 5:00pm PDT

Where: Delta by Marriott Hotel, 540 Victoria Street, Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada, V2C 2B2

Click here to view the agenda: <https://ciltna.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/BCAC25-Agenda-Outline-Single-Page-May-7.pdf>

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The 36th Annual Conference on Transportation Innovation and Cost Savings – September 25, 2025

This year's conference will take place on Thursday, September 25, 2025 at The Toronto Hunt Club, 1355 Kingston Road, Scarborough, ON, M1N 1R1.

In addition to a full day of engaging content, the conference includes a continental breakfast, lunch and many opportunities for networking. The Conference will also feature a number of industry leaders delivering their perspectives on transportation issues, including transport law and automotive logistics.

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Job Postings

* Warehouse Co-ordinator, Integra LifeSciences, Oakville, ON

We are seeking a Warehouse Coordinator who will play a crucial role in ensuring the efficient and accurate flow of goods within our warehouse. Your responsibilities will encompass the entire shipping and receiving process, from receiving inbound shipments to processing outbound deliveries. You'll be responsible for the accurate and timely storage of inventory, guaranteeing inventory accuracy and stock availability to fulfill customer orders. If you're a team player with a strong work ethic and a "can get it done" attitude, we want you!

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Unload incoming trucks and receive, unload, and place incoming inventory items appropriately.
- Inspect products for defects and damages.
- Handle cold chain/temperature-sensitive products according to Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).
- Pick, process, package, and ship orders accurately.
- Organize stocks and maintain inventory.
- Examine incoming and outgoing shipments.
- Organize warehouse space.
- Check, verify, and fill customer invoices.
- Cycle count/audit inventory to ensure accuracy of product received and shipped.
- Abide by all company safety policies and procedures.
- Contribute ideas to improve or optimize warehousing procedures.
- Maintain a clean and organized warehouse daily.
- Perform any and all other duties as assigned by the Warehouse Supervisor.
- Give and welcome constructive feedback; contribute to building a positive team spirit.
- Treat others with respect; work with integrity and ethically; uphold organizational values.
- Maintain an orderly work area.
- Ability to multitask in a fast-paced environment.

Desired Minimum Qualifications:

- High school diploma.
- Warehouse experience.
- Basic computer skills: data entry, Microsoft Outlook, and Internet.
- Ability to learn new software, including ERP and shipping systems.
- Ability to communicate clearly through oral and written instruction.
- "Can get it done" attitude.

Tools and Equipment Used:

- General office equipment such as computers, phones, fax machines, etc.

- Warehouse equipment (e.g., pallet jacks, forklifts, etc. - specify if required).

Physical Requirements:

- Ability to repeatedly sit, listen, speak, and interact with other associates.
- Ability to go to all areas of the company.
- Ability to frequently lift and/or move up to 25 pounds and occasionally lift and/or move up to 75 pounds.
- Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

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*** Ocean Freight Coordinator, Stoakley-Stewart Consultants Ltd., Montreal, QC**

Company Description

As a leader in the freight forwarding industry, this company's successes and ingenuity are complemented by its global presence, and ultimately result in being one of the largest transportation providers in the world. Solutions, not numbers, are responsible for their success. Their commitment to develop successful solutions, which put information technologies and their vast network of resources to work for their clientele, is what has enabled this 3PL front-runner to lead the world in innovative logistics design.

Compensation

Highly competitive and comprehensive compensation package, commensurate with experience! Your exciting, fulfilling and lucrative TOTAL REWARDS plan will include the following:

Base Salary of \$45,000 to \$55,000

Health & Wellness Benefits – They care about your health

Paid Vacation – It is important to disconnect and revitalize

Personal Days – To help balance personal and professional commitments

Career Growth – Your dedication will not go unnoticed and you will grow within the company

The Opportunity

Are you passionate about providing top-notch service and keeping everything on track? As an Ocean Freight Coordinator, you'll be a key member of the operation, ensuring smooth and efficient logistics for Montreal Ocean Freight and Logistics accounts. You'll be a go-to person for both this industry-leader's clients and their internal teams, delivering exceptional support and keeping everyone informed and satisfied.

In this very important role, you will be empowered and entrusted to:

Offer outstanding client service that makes this leader organization's clients feel valued and understood.

Monitor and report on the performance of their customers and vendors, ensuring everything runs like a well-oiled machine.

Be a primary point of contact, answering questions, solving problems, and facilitating seamless communication between their clients and their team.

If you thrive in a dynamic environment and love the idea of being at the center of logistics excellence, we want to hear from you!

Position Description

Coordinate transportation and movement of goods based on customer demands, including ocean, cross-border, domestic, FTL, LTL, and assist other departments when needed.

Maintain communication via email, phone, internal TMS systems, and verbal interactions between external and internal customers.

Ensure shipment accuracy and minimize delays.

Provide and track service quotations for customers.

Advise clients on transportation and payment methods, issue freight bills and invoices to brokers or customers, and ensure proper record retention and documentation.

Track and trace vendor orders, reporting any anomalies.

Arrange "white glove" services for customers, including unpacking, packing, and transporting sensitive equipment.

Coordinate pickup and delivery orders with trucking companies, airlines, and/or bonded facilities.

Maintain prompt and accurate communication with customers, external branches, and subcontractors.

Perform light warehouse duties, such as moving pallets with a pallet jack and small boxes when required.

Perform various other duties as needed.

Experience

Experience in 3PL, load brokering operations, or dispatch operations is an asset.

Qualifications

General knowledge of the freight forwarding NVOCC environment.

Ability to understand and meet customer needs and requirements, providing quality service.

Strong verbal and written communication skills.

Excellent time management and task prioritization skills.

Ability to remain calm in stressful situations, work under pressure, and meet deadlines.

Critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Basic knowledge of Microsoft Office products, including Excel and Word.

Education

High School Diploma

Transportation of Dangerous Goods certificate is an asset

Additional Information

Job Type - Permanent, Full-Time

Industries - Freight Forwarding

Job Categories - Logistics/Distribution/Warehousing

Manages Others - No

Required Travel - No

Relocation Assistance – No

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*** Logistics Coordinator, Forte Village Resort, North Tonawanda, NY**

Job Summary:

Buffalo Pumps is seeking a detail-oriented and proactive Logistics Coordinator to support and enhance our shipping and order fulfillment processes. This role plays a critical part in ensuring that all pumps and parts are accurately documented, labeled, and shipped according to customer and regulatory requirements. As a member of the Production Planning Department, the Logistics Coordinator will collaborate closely with manufacturing, sales, and shipping teams to manage outbound

logistics, maintain accurate records, and deliver exceptional service to our global customer base.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Receive and record weights and dimensions for all outgoing parts and pumps.
- Utilize our ERP system to reserve parts for shipment, ensuring proper handling and packaging.
- Create and print packing lists and commercial invoices for shipments.
- Enter tracking information from daily shipping reports into ERP.
- Facilitate the photographing of marine and commercial pump orders prior to shipment.
- Monitor carrier performance, track open shipments, and ensure on-time delivery and freight compliance.
- Work with sales to resolve shipping discrepancies or urgent order requests.
- Collaborate with freight providers to schedule pickups, secure quotes, and confirm bookings.
- Help maintain inventory of shipping materials and coordinate restocking needs.
- Support internal process improvements related to shipping accuracy, customer documentation, and freight cost controls.
- Ensure compliance with DOT, ITAR, and international export regulations.
- Perform other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Technical Operations Manager.

Requirements:

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE

- Previous experience working with an MRP based production planning and scheduling system.
- Experience with preparation of freight/traffic paperwork, including export shipping papers.
- 1-3 years of experience in a shipping or logistics role is desired.

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*** Logistics Coordinator, Genpro Inc., New Jersey, United States**

Position Summary:

The Logistics Coordinator is responsible for the transactional part of the logistics cycle. The Logistics Planner will oversee all Customer/Carrier Activities, Load Planning, Operations, Pricing/Rating analysis and tracking.

Essential duties and responsibilities:

- Support efforts to increase account volume and profitability through load planning, brokerage, track & trace, and rate management.
- Use transportation management systems to optimize shipments, balancing service quality and cost efficiency.
- Track and oversee transportation shipments from start to final delivery, ensuring timely and efficient operations.
- Develop strong communication with customers and carriers to ensure capacity, service standards, and proactive issue resolution.
- Analyze key performance indicators, recommend improvements, and provide data-driven insights to stakeholders.
- Assist in maintaining account plans, ensuring sustainability and expansion of services while balancing customer needs with profitability.
- Required to work rotational Saturdays, and be on call as needed, and perform other assigned duties.

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Job requirements:

- 3+ years of experience in road logistics planning/coordinating for a brokerage or 3pl.
- 2+ years of relevant experience transporting perishable commodities.
- Demonstrated knowledge of transportation rules and regulations required.
- Demonstrated computer skills including experience with Microsoft Word, Excel and data entry systems.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.

You'll truly appreciate what Genpro Inc. has to offer:

- Exceptional Culture - We prioritize connection through our quarterly town hall meetings, monthly festivities, and holiday gatherings, fostering a strong sense of community.
- Diversity & Inclusion - We value the unique perspectives of each team member, believing that this diversity is essential for a collaborative atmosphere filled with innovative ideas.
- Opportunities for Growth - Our hire-to-retire philosophy ensures that employees have unparalleled chances for career progression and professional growth.
- Rewarding Referral Program - Our team loves what they do, and there's nothing better than inviting friends to join in on the excitement!
- Employee-Focused Organization - Our team members are central to our mission, and we believe that a satisfied and engaged team delivers exceptional performance.
- Benefits - We provide a competitive PTO, health/dental/vision coverage, 401K match.
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