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Air Canada Provides Update on Air Canada Express Flight AC8646



Source: CBC

A Jazz Aviation Mitsubishi CRJ-900 was involved in an accident upon landing at New York LaGuardia on March 22, 2026. Flight AC8646, operated by Air Canada Express carrier Jazz Aviation LP (Jazz), originated from Montréal. The preliminary passenger list indicates the airplane was carrying approximately 72 passengers and four crew members, although this is subject to confirmation. The incident occurred at approximately 11:30 pm. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey confirmed that the Captain and the First Officer were killed in this accident. We are deeply saddened by the loss of two Jazz employees, and our deepest condolences go out to the entire Jazz community and their families. Air Canada cannot confirm the exact number of injuries or if there are other fatalities at this time. Emergency services are on site taking care of injured passengers, and some have been transported to local hospitals. No further details are available at this time; however, Air Canada and Jazz will continue to issue regular updates as information becomes known. Air Canada and Jazz Aviation teams are preparing to make their way to the site and details will be provided through additional statements as soon as possible. Air Canada and Jazz Aviation are cooperating with the

Transportation Safety Board of Canada and the National Transportation Safety Board in the United States in the investigation of the cause of this incident.

Air Canada Provides Update on Air Canada Express Flight AC8646, March 23, 2026, www.aircanada.ca

'Everybody was flying everywhere': Passengers describe Air Canada Express plane crash in New York

'It was chaos. It didn't feel like there was anybody in control'. Passengers described the mayhem aboard an Air Canada Express flight that crashed into a fire truck at New York's LaGuardia Airport late Sunday, March 22, 2026 killing both pilots and leaving dozens injured. Jack Cabot told Fox News the Jazz Aviation flight operated on behalf of Air Canada "came down really hard" around 11:40 p.m. and "stopped really quickly." About two seconds later, "we just had an absolute, like, slam," Cabot said. "Everybody was flying everywhere. The plane was sort of veering off left and right," he said. "It was chaos. It didn't feel like there was anybody in control." A flight attendant aboard the plane that collided with a fire truck on the runway of New York's LaGuardia airport Sunday night was found alive on the tarmac still strapped into a jump seat. The woman was later identified by her daughter as Solange Tremblay of Lachute, about 80 kilometres outside Montreal. "It's a miracle she is even alive," Sarah Lépine told National Post in a Facebook message. In audio from the air traffic control tower, someone from the control tower demands the fire truck stop. But it was too late for the plane on Runway 4. "Stop, stop, stop, stop. Truck one, stop," said the unnamed control tower official. The pilot and co-pilot were killed in the crash. About 41 people were taken to hospital, but 32 of them had been released by Monday, March 23, 2026 morning, leaving nine in hospital with serious injuries. A Canadian airline pilot, who did not want to be identified, said Monday

that there's no way the pilots could have avoided the crash at the last second. "Not in that phase of flight," said the airline pilot who spoke on condition of anonymity. "They had just landed. They were decelerating. They were at about a hundred miles an hour. No, they didn't have enough speed to go around. They were in the ground phase. They didn't have enough time, nor did they have enough runway.

"Everybody was flying everywhere": Passengers describe Air Canada Express plane crash in New York, March 23, 2026, www.nationalpost.ca

Investigators focused on air-control staffing, final minutes of cockpit audio before LaGuardia collision: NTSB



Source: CBC

'Many, many things' would have gone wrong for such a major incident to happen, board chair says
National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) investigators on Tuesday, March 24, 2025 inspect the wreckage of an Air Canada Express jet that collided with a fire truck at LaGuardia Airport. (National Transportation Safety Board).
1. The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) provided more details on Tuesday on its investigation into the deadly collision between an Air Canada Express jet and a Port Authority fire truck at New York's LaGuardia airport.
2. Investigators are focusing on the final three minutes of audio from the cockpit recorder, as well as staffing in the airport's air traffic control tower.
3. The NTSB chair said she would caution against "pointing fingers" at air traffic controllers, who work in "a heavy workload environment" day in and day out.
4. She said "many, many" layers of protection would have had to fail for such a collision to happen.
5. Two pilots died in the collision. Radio-Canada sources identified them as Antoine Forest and Mackenzie Gunther.

Investigators focused on air-control staffing, final minutes of cockpit audio before LaGuardia collision: NTSB March 24, 2026, www.cbc.ca

Update 1: Air Canada Provides Additional Information on Air Canada Express Flight AC8646

Michael Rousseau, President and CEO of Air Canada said "On behalf of everyone at Air Canada, I want to express my deep sympathies to everybody affected, and my deepest condolences to the family and friends of the two Jazz pilots who tragically lost their lives. We remain focused on the needs of our passengers and the Jazz crew members, along with their families and loved ones. I extend my thanks and gratitude to the Air Canada team members and the first responders on site, as well as employees of other airlines for their assistance, and to the medical teams for their care for our passengers and the crew. This is a difficult time for everyone, including all of us at Air Canada."

Update 1: Air Canada Provides Additional Information on Air Canada Express Flight AC8646, March 24, 2026, www.aircanada.ca

Update 2: Air Canada Provides Additional Information on Air Canada Express Flight AC8646

The Air Canada Special Assistance Team remains in New York and is continuing their work providing support to passengers, the crew and loved ones of those involved in Air Canada Express flight 8646, operated by Jazz Aviation, on March 22. As of March 25, 2026, four of the injured passengers and crew remain in hospital. The aircraft has been released and Air Canada's Maintenance teams who are on site in New York, will move the aircraft as soon as it is safe, to a secured hangar. Once the aircraft is in the hangar, Air Canada teams will begin the process of reuniting people with baggage and personal belongings. Items will be safely returned as soon as possible, although the process of sorting and identifying all belongings from the aircraft will take time. Air Canada and Jazz Aviation are cooperating with the Transportation Safety Board of Canada and the National Transportation Safety Board in the United States in the investigation of the cause of this accident.

Update 2: Air Canada Provides Additional Information on Air Canada Express Flight AC8646, March 25, 2026, www.aircanada.ca

Aircraft movement and civil aviation statistics, January 2026



Source: Statcan

Major Canadian airlines flew 7.0 million passengers on scheduled and charter services in January 2026, up 1.1% from January 2025. Aircraft movements at Canada's major and select small airports totalled 340,758 in January 2026, down 10.5% from the same month in the previous year. Local movements fell 20.6% year over year, while itinerant movements declined 6.1%. The number of passenger-kilometres rose 3.5% year over year to 19.7 billion in January 2026, while capacity increased 1.5% to 23.9 billion available seat-kilometres. The passenger load factor (the ratio of passenger-kilometres to available seat-kilometres) was 82.7% in January, up from 81.0% observed in January 2025. Each passenger travelled an average of 2,825 kilometres in January 2026, up 2.4% from the same month a year earlier. Level I carriers flew 192,000 hours (+0.5%) in January and generated \$2.6 billion (+9.2%) in total operating revenue. Transborder movements (to and from the United States) fell 9.5% in January 2026, the largest monthly year-over-year decrease since the downward trend began in April 2025.

Aircraft movement and civil aviation statistics, January 2026, March 26, 2026, www.statcan.gc.ca

US/WORLD

Staff absences soar at some US airports as ICE agents prepare to screen travelers



Source: AJOT

Absences among transportation security workers this weekend reached their highest since a partial government shutdown began five weeks ago, the Department of Homeland Security said on Sunday, March 22, 2026, as immigration enforcement agents prepared to fill in for them at some of the busiest U.S. airports. Nationwide, about 11.5% of Transportation Security Administration staff were absent on Saturday, March 21, 2026 DHS said, but that figure soared to 42.4% at George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, 33.4% at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York and 33.6% at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Overall, more than 9% of TSA employees have been absent from work over the past seven days, leading to lengthy lines for passengers trying to get to their gates, according to DHS. To help fill the staffing gaps, hundreds of Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents will deploy to airports starting on Monday, March 23, 2026 officials have said. DHS said on Sunday it would not publicly share details about the ICE deployment, in order to preserve operational security. Sources briefed on the matter said the current plan calls for deploying ICE agents to 14 locations, although that figure may change. Tens of thousands of airport security personnel have been working without pay for weeks while congressional Democrats and Republicans argue over a budget for DHS.

Staff absences soar at some US airports as ICE agents prepare to screen travelers, March 22, 2026, www.ajot.com



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Rail Transport Updates

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Toronto Commuter Operating Contract Extension Signed



Source: Railway Age

Alstom has signed a five-year extension to its operations and fleet maintenance contract for the GO Transit commuter network and UP Express airport service in Toronto, Canada. The contract, which will run until 2031, was awarded by Ontario public transport agency Metrolinx. It is worth \$C1.3 billion (\$947.9 million). Alstom currently deploys nearly 1,300 staffers to operate and provide fleet maintenance for GO Transit and the UP Express service connecting Union station with Toronto Pearson International Airport. GO Transit commuter services recorded 117,020 passenger-journeys in 2024-25 and UP Express 56,494, achieving more than 97% punctuality on infrastructure shared with other operators, according to Alstom.

Toronto Commuter Operating Contract Extension Signed, March 20, 2026, www.railwayage.com

CPKC publishes update on low carbon transition strategy



Source: CPKC

Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) on March 23, 2026 published its Climate Insights report, an overview of CPKC's climate governance and strategic approach to climate change. CPKC also published its second Climate Mileposts report, providing an update on CPKC's progress toward lower carbon freight rail and stronger network resilience. "These reports showcase CPKC's dedication to responsible growth and leadership in climate action, reflecting our vision for a more sustainable rail network across North America through innovation and environmental stewardship," said Keith Creel, CPKC President and Chief Executive Officer. The newly released Climate Insights report provides an overview of CPKC's climate governance and strategic approach to climate change, including the processes implemented to identify, assess and manage climate-related risks and opportunities. Climate Insights replaces our 2021 Climate Strategy and 2023 Commitment to Climate Action, consolidating CPKC's approach to climate governance, risk management and emissions reductions within a single document.

CPKC publishes update on low carbon transition strategy, March 23, 2026, www.cpkc.ca

Railway carloadings, January 2026



Source: Statcan

Canadian railways transported 30.9 million tonnes of freight in January, down 4.2% compared with January 2025. While the overall freight volume was down in January 2026, it was just above the previous five-year average of 30.7 million tonnes for the month of January. The freight traffic decline in January 2026 reflected lower volumes across all types of rail operations: non-intermodal loadings (mainly commodities), intermodal loadings (mainly containers) as well as freight loadings from US rail connections. Major highlights were: loadings of coal led the decline in January; loadings of some agricultural and food products in January helped to partially offset the above-noted declines; and intermodal shipments—mainly containers—originating in Canada declined for the first time after increasing year over year for 10 consecutive months.

Railway carloadings, January 2026, March 25, 2026, www.statcan.gc.ca

US/WORLD

Vena says UP, NS have capacity to handle merger-related growth



Source: Freightwaves

Union Pacific has enough capacity to handle projected merger-related traffic growth thanks in part to the 24% reduction in active trains on the network since it fully adopted Precision Scheduled Railroading in 2019, Chief Executive Jim Vena told an investor conference last week. UP and Norfolk Southern have said that their merger should produce an 11% surge in volume, including diverting 2 million truckloads annually to rail. “This is real important,” Vena says. “People ask us, ‘What’s the railroad like? What kind of capacity do you have?’” Since 2019, UP has boosted train length by 25% while handling its tonnage on 24% fewer trains. “That’s who we are at Union Pacific,” he says.

Vena says UP, NS have capacity to handle merger-related growth, March 24, 2026, www.freightwaves.com

AAR: North American Rail Volume Up Slightly Through Week 11



Source: Railway Age

North American carload and intermodal traffic for the first 11 weeks of 2026 (ending March 21) was up 2.1% from the prior-year period, according to the Association of American Railroads’ (AAR) latest rail traffic report. The United States, Canada and Mexico all experienced gains. Total carloads for the week ending March 21 were 227,583 carloads, up 1.2 percent compared with the same week in 2025, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 274,669 containers and trailers, up 1.2 percent compared to 2025. Five of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an increase compared with the same week in 2025. They included chemicals, up 2,158 carloads, to 36,302; coal, up 918 carloads, to 58,312; and grain, up 749 carloads, to 22,989. Commodity groups that posted decreases compared with the same week in 2025 included metallic ores and metals, down 1,122 carloads, to 19,087; forest products, down 361 carloads, to 7,841; and nonmetallic minerals, down 319 carloads, to 29,289. Canadian railroads reported 90,910 carloads for the week, down 2.7 percent, and 73,440 intermodal units, down 4.4 percent compared with the same week in 2025. For the first 11 weeks of 2026, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 1,763,891 carloads, containers and trailers, up 1.3 percent.

*AAR: North American Rail Volume Up Slightly Through Week 11,
March 25, 2026, www.railwayage.com*



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Port of Vancouver: Container Traffic for February 2026



Source: Images

For the Port of Metro Vancouver, total traffic for the month of February 2026 in terms of TEUs changed 2.74% to 299,210 TEUs compared to 291,236 TEUs for the same month in 2025. Inbound traffic was 150,529 TEUs and outbound traffic was 148,681 TEUs, a change of -2.2% and 8.27% (i.e. from 153,916 TEUs and 137,321 TEUs) compared to February in 2025.

Port of Vancouver: Accumulated container statistics January-December 2025, February 25, 2026, www.portmetrovancover.com

Port of Prince Rupert: Container Traffic for February 2026



Source: Images

For the Port of Prince Rupert for the month of February 2026 total traffic in terms of TEUs changed **55%** compared to the same period in 2025, i.e. to 68,679 TEUs from 44,196 TEUs. Inbound traffic in terms of TEUs increased 55% (i.e. to 38,494 TEUs from 24,914 TEUs) and exports increased 30,186% (i.e. to 30,186 TEUs from 19,283 TEUs) compared to February in 2025.

Port of Prince Rupert: Container Traffic for February 25, 2026, www.rupertport.ca

US/WORLD

US resin shippers look to tap new customers amid Iran war



Source: JOC

US resin exports have ticked higher as the war in the Middle East shuts off the largest source of global plastics supply. The sustainability of the export demand, though, hinges largely on the war's duration and the capacity of North American producers to make more resin. Export container bookings for resins hit 6,191 on March 16, according to maritime visibility provider Vizion. That compares with the nearly 3,500 to 4,500 daily bookings typically made throughout all of 2026. The first week of March 2026 saw the highest number of export resin bookings, 22,653, since the last week of January. European resin prices have moved enough to attract more US imports, but Asian markets will need a longer period of high prices to pull more imports from the US.

US resin shippers look to tap new customers amid Iran war, March 20, 2026, www.joc.com

FMC rejects requests by carriers to waive waiting period for Middle East surcharges



Source: JOC

The US Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) on Monday, March 23, 2026 unanimously rejected separate requests from four ocean carriers to waive a 30-day notice period to implement surcharges tied to the war in the Middle East, forcing the four to wait until early April to charge their shipper customers. CMA CGM, Hapag-Lloyd, Maersk and

Zim Integrated Shipping Services, as required by US shipping law, filed 30-day notices with the FMC in early March informing the agency of their intent to implement special surcharges on customers in order to recoup the higher operating costs tied to spiking fuel prices and the disruption to ships. The war in the Middle East is triggering US surcharges that carriers seek to implement in early April for shipments to and from the region.

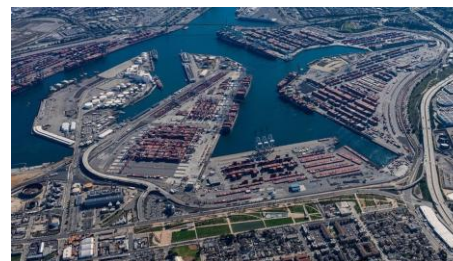
FMC rejects requests by carriers to waive waiting period for Middle East surcharges, March 23, 2026, www.joc.com

Port of Oakland moves 163,254 TEUs in February as exports continue to outperform imports

The Port of Oakland processed 163,254 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) in February 2026, a 16.7% decline from January and a 14.5% decrease year over year, as vessel activity slowed due in part to observation of the Lunar New Year. Vessel calls declined from 86 in January to 72 in February, due partially to planned blank sailings tied to factory closures during Lunar New Year. Blank sailings are pre-scheduled vessel cancellations used by carriers to align capacity with demand. Despite fewer ship arrivals, export volumes remained a bright spot. The Port handled 86,796 export TEUs, outpacing 76,458 import TEUs and reinforcing Oakland's role as a key gateway for U.S. agricultural and refrigerated commodities. "February's volume was shaped in large part by seasonal vessel scheduling around Lunar New Year," said **Bryan Brandes, Port of Oakland Maritime Director**. "Even with fewer vessel calls, Oakland's export business remained comparatively resilient, reflecting the Port's continued role as a leader in refrigerated and agricultural cargo."

Port of Oakland moves 163,254 TEUs in February as exports continue to outperform imports, March 23, 2026, www.ajot.com

California ports ask state for \$1B for infrastructure in FY2027



Source: Frreightwaves

Port of Los Angeles-Long Beach executives joined politicians, longshore labor and other stakeholders to call on the state to include \$1 billion in fiscal 2027 as part of a coordinated investment strategy across California's 11 deepwater ports. The group emphasized global suppliers' need for predictable and sustained investments on March 20 at a media briefing overlooking Los Angeles Harbor, the busiest U.S. maritime cargo gateway. "Today I urge California to step up to the import and export challenges of our time and make a significant 2027 spending commitment to ports, including five investment categories," said Rep. Mike Gipson (D-Carson), who chairs the Select Committee on Ports and Goods Movement, reported by the Los Angeles Daily News. "Activities at ports like the Port of Los Angeles in my assembly district support 3.1 million jobs, generate \$134 billion in worker income and add \$38 billion in tax revenue."

California ports ask state for \$1B for infrastructure in FY2027, March 24, 2026, www.freightwaves.com

Ocean Carriers Adapt to Hormuz Shutdown With Overland Routes



Source: Maritime-Executive

The Strait of Hormuz shutdown has focused the world's attention on the flow of commodities out of the Arabian Gulf, including 20 percent of the world's oil and 30 percent of its fertilizer. But just as importantly, cargo shipments are not getting in, and the region is dependent upon imports for most of its food. Most of the world's leading container lines have suspended cargo bookings into the Gulf market because they cannot get past the Strait. Alternatives exist overland through Saudi Arabia and the UAE, but capacity is limited and costs are high. On Wednesday, Maersk chairman Robert Maersk Uggla said that there was a "pressing need" for food imports into the Gulf market, including cold chain deliveries. "As the Strait of Hormuz is closed for now we try to find other ways to bring the cargo into the Gulf," he told Reuters.

Ocean Carriers Adapt to Hormuz Shutdown With Overland Routes, March 25, 2026, www.maritime-executive.com

Imports fall 14.5% y/y at Port of Oakland



Source: Freightwaves

The Port of Oakland processed 163,254 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) in February 2026, down 16.7% from January 2026 and 14.5% year-over-year. The northern California hub said vessel calls declined from 86 in January to 72 in February, due partially to planned blank sailings during Lunar New Year. Changing trade patterns have also seen carriers shift more U.S. imports to hubs in Mexico and Canada, where they can be railed or trucked into U.S. markets. Export volumes totalled 86,796 export TEUs, about 9.5% below year-ago levels, but ahead of 76,458 import TEUs that decreased 19.6%.

Imports fall 14.5% y/y at Port of Oakland, March 26, 2026, www.freightwaves.com



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Urban public transit, January 2026



Source: Statcan

In January 2026, urban transit ridership in Canada stood at 126.6 million passenger trips, down 4.1% from January 2025, or 5.4 million fewer trips. This was the ninth straight month of year-over-year decrease. Transit agency operating revenue (excluding subsidies) edged down 1.3% (-\$4.2 million) from January 2025 to \$317.5 million in January 2026.

Urban public transit, January 2026, March 20, 2026, www.statcan.gc.ca

Ontario Investing \$1.3 Billion to Operate and Maintain GO Transit and UP Express Service

The Ontario government has signed a five-year, \$1.3-billion contract extension with Alstom to continue operating and maintaining GO Transit and UP Express fleets. This investment will help protect Ontario workers by supporting more than 1,100 good-paying jobs across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area over the next five years, while also delivering safe and reliable service for more than 120,000

daily riders. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Ontario's Minister of Transportation said "Today's announcement delivers on our government's plan to protect Ontario by ensuring Ontario tax dollars continue to support Ontario workers. By signing this contract with Alstom to operate and maintain GO Transit and UP Express fleets, we are helping ensure riders continue to receive the safe and reliable service they depend on as we expand transit across the region."

Ontario Investing \$1.3 Billion to Operate and Maintain GO Transit and UP Express Service, March 20, 2026, www.mto.gov.on.ca

CTA Calls on Canada Post to Commit to Supply Chain Integrity Following Standing Committee Testimony



Source: Ontruck

Following today's appearance by Canada Post officials before the Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, the Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) is calling on Joël Lightbound, Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement, to ensure the Crown corporation truly sets the gold standard for procurement and labour rights in the Canadian trucking industry, as it claims. During the hearing, which focused on the prevalence of the "Driver Inc." model and forced labour within federal supply chains, Canada Post was asked to address criticism of its current vetting processes for third-party freight contractors. Although

Canada Post senior executives repeatedly asserted during the hearing that Driver Inc. and non-compliance do not exist within its supply chain, evidence presented by committee members cast doubt on those claims. Nonetheless, under questioning Canada Post's CEO committed to taking closer examination of its contractor base and signalled publicly the Crown corporation will not do businesses with fleets engaged with these exploitative and illegal practices.

CTA Calls on Canada Post to Commit to Supply Chain Integrity Following Standing Committee Testimony, March 23, 2026, www.ontruck.ca

Safety Measures for Highway 11/17 a Positive Step; 24/7 Enforcement and Long-Term Infrastructure Clarity Still Required



Source: Ontruck

The Ontario Trucking Association (OTA) welcomes the Government of Ontario's recent announcement of new safety and enforcement measures to address truck safety concerns along the Highway 11/17 corridor. For the last two years, the OTA has been championing the need for improved truck safety in Northern Ontario, echoing [calls from hundreds of concerned truck drivers](#) and locals who travel these routes daily. While these new initiatives and investments represent a constructive step toward addressing the unique highway safety challenges of Northern Ontario, the OTA says the plan still falls short of the more robust commitment which is critical to resolve the region's out of control truck safety crisis.

Safety Measures for Highway 11/17 a Positive Step; 24/7 Enforcement and Long-Term Infrastructure Clarity Still Required, March 24, 2026, www.ontruck.ca

Government of Canada invests in Canadian innovation to combat auto theft

On March 25, 2025, the Minister of Transport and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, the Honourable Steven MacKinnon, announced that the Government of Canada will provide \$1.6 million in funding for three Canadian projects developing innovative vehicle anti-theft technologies. Funded through the Vehicle Theft Prevention challenge under the Innovative Solutions Canada program, these projects will advance prototype technologies designed to detect, deter, and disrupt auto theft, supporting law enforcement efforts and helping protect Canadians and their property. The three projects selected for funding are: 1. A miniaturized device that can disable vehicle components upon theft detection (Carmody Ltd., Toronto, ON); 2. An AI-powered steering wheel locking device that monitors for tampering, towing, and alarms (Steel Mirror Inc., Toronto, ON); and 3. A smart automotive switch that prevents unauthorized starts by communicating with a driver's phone (Audesse Automotive Inc., Kitchener, ON)

Government of Canada invests in Canadian innovation to combat auto theft, March 25, 2026, www.tc.gc.ca

40% of inspected trucks placed OOS during Hwy. 17 enforcement in Ontario



Source: Today's Trucking

Officers placed four of the 10 commercial motor vehicles inspected out of service during a safety initiative on Highway 17 in Laurentian Hills, Ont. Members of the Upper Ottawa Valley detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, along with Ministry of Transportation enforcement officers, conducted the blitz on March 24 with a focus on mechanical safety. In total, 40 commercial motor vehicles were stopped. Ten underwent Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance inspections, resulting in four being taken out of service. Officers laid 14 charges under the Highway Traffic Act for offences including improper brakes, failing to conduct pre-trip inspections, failing to display licence plates and logbook-related deficiencies. One additional charge was laid under the Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act. OPP officers also conducted

more than 30 roadside alcohol screening tests using an approved screening device. All drivers were found to be in compliance with the zero blood-alcohol requirement for commercial drivers.
40% of inspected trucks placed OOS during Hwy. 17 enforcement in Ontario, March 25, 2026, www.todaystrucking.com

US/WORLD

Postal Service plans 8% fuel surcharge as Iran war raises transport costs

The U.S. Postal Service is seeking permission to impose a fuel surcharge on parcel products for the first time ever to cover soaring transportation costs for gasoline and diesel fuel, which have jumped more than 30% since the invasion of Iran by the United States and Israel nearly a month ago. Parcel shipments would be charged an 8% fee, on top of their regular transportation charge, if the fee is approved. The quasi-private agency on Wednesday, March 25, 2025 sought permission from the Postal Regulatory Commission for a time-limited price adjustment on parcel shipments because of rapidly changing market prices for fuel. It would be the first time in its history that the Postal Service has applied a fuel fee, a common practice with private carriers like DHL, FedEx and UPS.

Postal Service plans 8% fuel surcharge as Iran war raises transport costs, March 25, 2026, www.freightwaves.com

EU road deaths drop by 3% in 2025

On March 24, 2026, the European Commission released preliminary figures on road fatalities for 2025, reporting around 19,400 deaths. This represents a 3% decrease from 2024, meaning that 580 fewer people died on European roads. Given the increase in vehicles on EU roads and kilometres driven, this is a significant achievement. However, the preliminary data also highlights the need for sustained efforts at all levels as most Member States are not yet on track to meet the EU's goal of halving road deaths and serious injuries by 2030.

EU road deaths drop by 3% in 2025, March 24, 2026, www.europa.eu



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Canadian Survey on Everyday Travel

"Statistics Canada is now conducting the Canadian Survey on Everyday Travel until March 21, 2027. This new important survey gathers insights to inform transportation planning, policy, and infrastructure investments across the country. The results will play a key role in supporting the Government of Canada's efforts to improve public transit, active transportation, and climate goals. If you are selected for the Canadian Survey on Everyday Travel, please participate! Your responses will help local, provincial and federal organizations plan and improve transportation systems and guide future infrastructure investments for all Canadians, including drivers, cyclists, pedestrians and public transit users."

Canadian Survey on Everyday Travel, March 25, 2026, www.statcan.gc.ca



Travel between Canada and other countries, January 2026



Source: Statcan

In January 2026, the number of Canadian-resident return trips from the United States (-22.0%) and trips to Canada by US residents (-0.3%) were both down year over year. Meanwhile, the number of Canadian-resident return trips from overseas increased 10.6%, while the number of trips to Canada by overseas residents decreased 2.1%, compared with the same month a year earlier.

Travel between Canada and other countries, January 2026, March 23, 2026, www.statcan.gc.ca



Internal trade in Canada: Value of interprovincial trade of manufactured goods and wholesale trade, 2024



Source: Statcan

The value of total interprovincial trade (including trade with and between territories) of manufactured goods rose 0.7%, from \$166.2 billion in 2023 to \$167.4 billion in 2024, while that of wholesale goods rose 1.5% to \$562.5 billion. Compared with 2023, seven provinces and one territory saw an increase in total interprovincial

trade of manufactured goods in 2024. The largest increase in the sales of manufactured goods came from factories in New Brunswick (+\$2.2 billion) and Alberta (+\$2.1 billion). By contrast, the largest declines came from factories in Ontario (-\$3.4 billion) and Quebec (-\$0.8 billion). Alberta leads the growth in interprovincial growth of wholesale trade.

Internal trade in Canada: Value of interprovincial trade of manufactured goods and wholesale trade, 2024, March 24, 2026, www.statcan.gc.ca

US/WORLD

Borderlands Mexico: Court ruling on tariffs sets off refund scramble, legal uncertainty



Source: Freightwaves

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision to strike down tariffs imposed under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) is setting off a high-stakes legal and operational scramble across the supply chain. Importers are racing to recover billions in duties while federal agencies and courts work out how refunds will be issued, according to trade attorneys at [Venable LLP](http://VenableLLP.com). During a recent webinar hosted by Venable, attorneys said the ruling fundamentally reshapes the administration's tariff authority while leaving key questions unresolved around refunds, timing and future trade policy.

Borderlands Mexico: Court ruling on tariffs sets off refund scramble, legal uncertainty, March 22, 2026, www.freightwaves.com

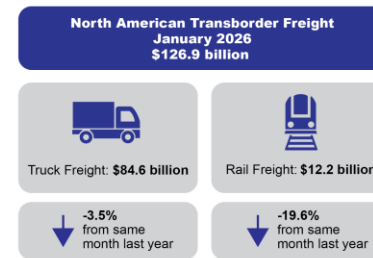
EU and Australia strengthen relations with Security and Defence Partnership and Trade Agreement

The EU and Australia on March 23, 2026 announced the adoption of a groundbreaking Security and Defence Partnership. They have also concluded negotiations for an ambitious and balanced free trade agreement (FTA) and agreed to launch formal negotiations for the association of Australia to Horizon Europe, the world's largest funding programme for research and innovation. With these steps, the EU and

Australia are delivering mutually beneficial outcomes and further reinforcing their already close relations in a time of geopolitical uncertainty.

EU and Australia strengthen relations with Security and Defence Partnership and Trade Agreement, March 23, 2026, www.europa.eu

North American Transborder Freight decreased 5.5% in January 2026 from January 2025



Source: BTS

The statistics on Transborder freight between the U.S. and North American countries Canada and Mexico for January 2026 are indicated hereafter: 1. Total transborder freight: \$126.9 billion of transborder freight moved by all modes of transportation, decreasing 5.5% compared to January 2025; 2. Freight between the U.S. and Canada: \$52.8 billion, down 18.4% from January 2025; 3. Freight between the U.S. and Mexico: \$74.1 billion, up 6.5% from January 2025; 4. Trucks moved \$84.6 billion of freight, down 3.5% compared to January 2025; 5. Railways moved \$12.2 billion of freight, down 19.6% compared to January 2025; 6. Pipelines moved \$9.3 billion of freight, down 10.3% compared to January 2025; 7. Air moved \$7.9 billion of freight, up 28.1% compared to January 2025; 8. Vessels moved \$6.6 billion of freight, down 19.7% compared to January 2025. The US-Canada transborder traffic for January 2026 are: 1. Truck \$29.6b; Pipeline \$8.3b; Rail \$5.8b; Air \$2.4b; and Vessel \$2.3b.

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The cost of war: Gulf energy infrastructure left facing a \$25 billion repair bill

War in the Middle East has triggered severe global supply disruptions in oil and gas, with reported damage and shutdowns affecting liquefied natural gas (LNG) trains, refineries, fuel terminals and critical gas-to-liquids facilities across the region. According to Rystad Energy's estimates, energy infrastructure repair and restoration costs to date

could reach at least \$25 billion, based on an initial assessment of impacted facilities, and are expected to rise further. Spending is likely to be driven primarily by engineering and construction, followed by equipment and materials. In assessing repair costs and full restoration timelines across severity tiers, one clear outlier emerges in Qatar's Ras Laffan Industrial City, where the destruction of LNG trains S4 and S6 has triggered force majeure and a 17% capacity reduction, equivalent to about 12.8 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa). However, capital alone will not be sufficient to restore the facility, with a full recovery taking up to five years. This is because the large-frame gas turbines required to power LNG main refrigeration compressors are supplied by only three original equipment manufacturers (OEM) globally, all of which entered 2026 with production backlogs of around two to four years, driven by demand from data center electrification and coal plant retirements.

The cost of war: Gulf energy infrastructure left facing a \$25 billion repair bill, March 25, 2026, www.ajot.com



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- Comprehensive overview of current tariffs affecting steel trade between Canada and the US

- In-depth conversation on the recent geopolitical shifts impacting the industry
- Exclusive live interview with François Desmarais, Vice President, Trade & Industry Affairs at the Canadian Steel Producers Association
- Discussion on how the Canadian steel industry is responding to and navigating these challenges
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BCAC26 Conference Kelowna – Opening Insightful Speaker, Dr. Suzanne Kearns

Arguably Canada's leading aviation and aerospace post-secondary educator, first class author, academic and facilitator, Dr. Kearns will launch a variety of topics designed to promote open discussion throughout our policy/programs conference.

BCAC are delighted to announce that Dr. Suzanne Kearns, Founding Director of the Waterloo Institute of Sustainable Aeronautics (WISA) and Associate Professor, Aviation, Faculty of Science and Faculty of Environment at the University of Waterloo, will be their future thoughts Opening Speaker at our 2026 Conference in Kelowna.

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Dr. Kearns is the author or co-author of six books, including the textbook "Fundamentals of International Aviation" which is used around the world in multiple translations. In 2021, she founded the Waterloo Institute for Sustainable Aeronautics (WISA), a research institute at the University of Waterloo which she leads as its Director. WISA includes more than 140 faculty members and has a mission to become the

world's leading hub for sustainable aeronautical research, technology, and education.

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Job Postings

* Analyst, Supply Chain, Indigo, Brampton, ON, Canada

About the job

Dedicated to telling stories and creating experiences, Indigo is always looking for bright, energetic and customer-focused people who can help bring our exciting mission to life in one of our more than 170 Indigo, Indigospirit, Chapters and Coles stores across Canada. We offer a variety of exciting opportunities at our retail stores, distribution centres, and home office for people who share our passions and want to be part of a dynamic and enriching culture.

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- We exist to add joy to our customers' lives each and every time they interact with us and our products
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- We treat each other the way we'd treat a valued friend
- We inspire each other to do our best work
- We seek to ignite creativity and innovation every day
- We give back to the communities in which we operate

Job Description

MISSION

The Analyst, Supply Chain ensures product availability, timely communication and supply chain flow performance in order to meet the needs of the business. This role also supports the larger supply chain group through inventory storage and processing capacity.

KEY PERFORMANCE METRICS

- Product flow visibility and optimization
- On-time delivery of inbound goods
- Supply chain issue resolution – Including inbound logistics and DC support
- Carrier and Forwarder operations alignment

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES

Functional

- Partner with merchants, planning, transportation, distribution and sourcing teams to co-ordinate flow of goods through the network
- Track purchase order movement through supply chain pipelines
- Analyze available data to provide network insights related to product flow and supply chain performance
- Consistently review and manage product availability; addressing any gaps that may impact inventory commitments
- Understand and effectively communicate all aspects of supply chain programs
- Develop and maintain effective communication to internal stakeholders and transportation partners
- Collaborate with internal partners to analyze data, identify trends, communicate findings and drive change
- Support distribution centre strategies and inbound optimization
- Maintain existing reports and publish according to agreed timelines
- Act as an advocate for the customer by placing them at the forefront of all decision-making and design processes
- Proactively identify and anticipate customer expectations and needs

- Challenge the status quo by consistently identifying areas for improvement, diagnosing issues and working to resolve them

People

- Collaborate with team to drive flexible and iterative solutions, quickly and easily
- Share technical knowledge with others and actively seek to learn from those more knowledgeable than yourself
- Help others see the impacts of their efforts and proactively engage other functions to get input
- Encourage others to freely share their point of view and be open to feedback

Cultural

- Model Indigo's beliefs and convey a positive image in everything you do
- Celebrate diversity of thought and have an open mindset
- Take an active role in fostering a culture of continual learning, taking risks without the fear of making mistakes
- Embrace, champion and influence change through your team and/or the organization

SCOPE

Reports to: Inbound Logistics Manager

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KEY RELATIONSHIPS

Internal:

- Merchant Teams
- Planning & Inventory Management
- DC Receiving
- Finance

External:

- Merchandise Vendors
- Freight Forwarders and Carriers

- Customs Brokers

Qualifications

Work Experience / Education / Certifications

- Bachelor's degree or college diploma in a similar or related field, preferably business, supply chain or logistics
- 1-3 years' relevant experience in a similar role within supply chain, retail organization or CPG
- Previous experience with SAP and WMS is considered an asset

Competencies / Skills / Attributes

- Proficient in Microsoft Office suite of programs, specifically Excel and Access
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Detail oriented with strong organizational and time management skills
- Ability to work with complex data systems and perform detailed analysis

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*** Replenishment Analyst (Evergreen), Canadian Tire Corporation, Toronto, ON, Canada**

What You'll Do

The Replenishment Analyst role is a full-time permanent position, with learning and development opportunities including exposure to senior leaders, designation/certification/schooling support and mentorship. We also provide a comprehensive and competitive benefits package that flexes to meet your individual needs.

As a Replenishment Analyst you will develop broad operational experience while managing replenishment for specific categories. Replenishment Analysts collaborate with suppliers and internal teams to manage the flow of inventory into Distribution Centres and respond to changes in demand. Working in partnership with the Category

Management, Forecasting, and Promotions teams, you will introduce exciting new products while maintaining and developing existing product assortments for promotional, regular, and seasonal demand. At the intersection of Supply Chain and Merchandising, this role is a cross-functional opportunity that is integral to the organization due to the high level of accountability and the critical impact to the bottom line.

Negotiation and supplier relationship management, collaboration with internal and external stakeholders
Data mining and analysis
Rapid problem solving and thinking on your feet
Seasonal inventory and replenishment strategy
Distribution Requirements Planning (DRP)
Supply Chain functions such as Operations Planning, Transportation, Distribution, Inventory Management
Ownership and direct accountability for results and metrics

What You Bring

Undergraduate or post graduate degree in Engineering, Math, Business or Commerce, with demonstrated interest in operations and supply chain
2+ Years Work Experience, can include Co-op or Internship experience
Strong working knowledge of Microsoft Excel and Access
Work experiences in analyst roles highly valued, especially data driven, analytical, or process improvement experience
Analytical, comfortable with data driven decision making and working with numbers
Negotiators able to gain consensus with internal and external stakeholders

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*** Supply Chain Analyst I, Kimball International, Jasper, IN, USA**

About the job

The Analyst I, Supply Chain is responsible for supporting supply chain operations by managing supplier performance, ensuring parts availability, and resolving supply disruptions for North American operations. This role leverages data analytics, problem-solving skills, and cross-functional collaboration to drive continuous improvement and operational efficiency. Proficiency in Microsoft platforms, and strong communication abilities are essential for leading meetings, supporting projects, and facilitating informed decision-making.

Responsibilities

- Monitor and ensure compliance of assigned supplier partners, monitoring performance
- Generate POs, track order status, and follow up to ensure timely delivery of parts and materials, managing invoice exceptions and supply disruptions
- Interpret and utilize data to support decision-making and identify trends or areas for improvement.
- Participate in problem-solving efforts and suggest process improvements to enhance supply chain performance.
- Contribute to projects with internal stakeholders to align on supply chain activities and ability to lead cross-functional meetings
- Own the SCAR process to ensure timely resolution of supplier quality or delivery issues.
- Coordinate with relevant teams to manage supply transitions and phase-outs of parts or suppliers with minimal disruption.
- Compile data and present findings or updates to management and cross-functional teams.
- Efficient at Microsoft Excel and PowerPoint
- Participate in activities as appropriate to ensure the success of the organization.

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* Logistics Manager, W.C. Bradley Co., Columbus, GA USA

Job Summary

The Logistics Manager is responsible for managing and continuously improving domestic and international logistics operations through data analysis, reporting, and systems optimization. This role partners closely with warehousing, finance, and supply chain teams to drive cost efficiency, service performance, and risk mitigation using data-driven insights. The position emphasizes KPI development, dashboarding, trend analysis, and decision support while overseeing day-to-day logistics execution.

This position can be based in Columbus, GA or Scottsdale, AZ
Duties and Responsibilities

Strategy & Operations

- Manage day-to-day inbound and outbound logistics operations across multiple transportation modes (ocean, air, truckload, LTL, parcel), ensuring service, cost, and compliance targets are met
- Support development and execution of logistics strategies aligned with business objectives, using analytics to guide trade-offs between cost, service, and speed
- Assist with annual logistics budgeting and forecasting through historical data analysis, scenario modeling, and variance reporting

Data Analytics & Reporting

- Design, maintain, and continuously improve logistics KPIs, dashboards, and scorecards covering cost, service, utilization, carrier performance, and inventory flow
- AI driven analyzes large datasets with from TMS, ERP, WMS, and carrier feeds to identify cost-reduction opportunities, service risks, and process inefficiencies
- Develop automated reporting and ad-hoc analyses to support leadership decision-making, budget tracking, and performance reviews
- Perform root-cause analysis on freight cost variances, accessorials, delays, claims, and service failures

Systems & Process Improvement

- Act as a power user and business owner for logistics systems (TMS, ERP, WMS), ensuring data accuracy, reporting integrity, and effective system utilization
- Support system implementations, enhancements, and integrations related to logistics analytics and reporting
- Standardize data definitions, reporting cadence, and performance metrics across logistics functions

Carrier & Vendor Management

- Support carrier sourcing, RFP analysis, lane benchmarking, and contract compliance through data-driven evaluations
- Monitor carrier performance metrics and participate in quarterly business reviews using structured analytics
- Identify and quantify savings opportunities related to rate optimization, mode shifts, consolidation, and network design

Compliance & Risk Management

- Ensure logistics data supports compliance with U.S. Customs, international trade regulations, tariffs, COO, and documentation requirements
- Monitor trends related to customs delays, duties, and regulatory risks and communicate insights to leadership

Cross-Functional Collaboration

- Partner with Finance on accruals, freight spend visibility, and budget risk communication
- Collaborate with Supply Chain, Planning, and Customer Service teams to improve end-to-end flow and service outcomes
- Present insights and recommendations clearly to both technical and non-technical stakeholders

Licensure / Certifications (Preferred)

- APICS certification (CSCP, CPIM) or equivalent
- Lean, Six Sigma, or data analytics certifications a plus

Qualification Requirements Minimum Education: Bachelor's degree in Business Administration or related field.

Minimum Work Experience: Five (5) years of international logistics experience in the consumer products industry with progressive responsibility for the transportation and importation of products across

international borders..

License(s)/Certification(s): Certified Production and Inventory Management (CPIM) or Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP) preferred.

Knowledge, Skills And Abilities Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Analytics & Technical Skills

- Advanced proficiency in Excel (pivot tables, Power Query, formulas); experience with Power BI, Tableau, or similar BI tools strongly preferred
- Strong experience analyzing data from ERP, TMS, and WMS platforms (e.g., SAP, Oracle, NetSuite, Manhattan, Blue Yonder)
- Ability to translate complex datasets into actionable insights and executive-ready summaries

Logistics & Compliance Knowledge

- Solid understanding of domestic and international transportation, freight costing, Incoterms, and carrier operations
- Working knowledge of U.S. Customs regulations, duty/tariffs, and trade compliance principles

Professional Skills

- Strong analytical, problem-solving, and critical-thinking skills
- Excellent attention to detail with the ability to see broader operational and financial impacts
- Strong communication skills, with the ability to present data-driven recommendations clearly
- Proven ability to manage multiple priorities in a fast-paced environment
- High degree of integrity, accountability, and continuous-improvement mindset

Physical Requirements Represents the appropriate physical requirements of the job in the course of the work.

Note: Reasonable accommodations may be made for individuals with disabilities in order to perform the essential functions of this job.

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E-Verify to confirm the employment eligibility of all newly hired team members. To learn more about E-Verify, including your rights and responsibilities, please visit the U.S. Citizen and Immigration Service at www.uscis.gov/e-verify.

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