

Service bulletin

Monthly Railway Carloadings

February 2013



Highlights

- Freight carried by Canadian railways reached 25.7 million tonnes in February, a 1.0% rise over the same month last year. The gain was entirely due to increased rail traffic within Canada as shipments from the United States fell during the month.
- Within Canada, combined loadings of non-intermodal freight (i.e., cargo moved via box cars or loaded in bulk) and intermodal freight (i.e., cargo moved via containers and trailers on flat cars) rose 1.5% to 22.7 million tonnes.
- Non-intermodal loadings rose 1.3% to 20.4 million tonnes in February. Strong freight volumes related to potash; fuel oils and crude petroleum; and fresh, chilled or dried vegetables were key factors behind this growth as less than half of the 64 commodity classifications loaded by the railways rose during the month.
- The increase in fuel oils and crude petroleum loadings represents both the highest volume of shipments and the rate of growth the commodity has seen for the month of February since 1999.
- On the other side of the spectrum, the largest declines in loadings were observed for shipments of wheat, colza seeds (canola) and iron ores and concentrates. The decline in these commodities alone was greater than the drop in tonnage from the remaining commodities that fell during the month.
- Intermodal loadings advanced 3.1% to 2.3 million tonnes in February. The gain reflected increased loadings of both containerized cargo shipments and trailers loaded on flat cars.
- The Western Division accounted for 60.6% of the domestic freight loadings, up 1.3% from the same month in 2012 to 13.7 million tonnes. The remainder was loaded in the Eastern Division, which saw a slightly stronger rate of growth than its counterpart, increasing 1.8% to 8.9 million tonnes. For statistical purposes, cargo loadings from Thunder Bay, Ontario, to the Pacific Coast are classified to the Western Division while loadings from Armstrong, Ontario, to the Atlantic Coast are classified to the Eastern Division.
- Rail shipments from the United States fell during the month of February, declining 2.9% to 3.0 million tonnes. The drop was solely attributable to non-intermodal loadings, which decreased 4.0% to 2.8 million tonnes.

Statistical tables

Table 1

Railway carloading statistics for non-intermodal traffic by commodity in Canada — Total

| | February 2013 | | February 2012 | |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| | Number of rail cars | Metric tonnes | Number of rail cars | Metric tonnes |
| Wheat | 14,997 | 1,421,854 | 19,454 | 1,830,545 |
| Other cereal grains | 4,012 | 333,918 | 4,521 | 385,532 |
| Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables | 3,660 | 343,692 | 1,423 | 129,550 |
| Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts | 7 | 117 | 27 | 470 |
| Colza seeds (canola) | 6,944 | 568,937 | 10,478 | 859,383 |
| Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product | 3,778 | 342,002 | 3,239 | 291,279 |
| Animal feed and products | 3,082 | 277,373 | 2,540 | 219,936 |
| Meat, fish, seafood and preparations | 16 | 234 | 3 | 58 |
| Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products | 1,015 | 74,857 | 1,224 | 90,459 |
| Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours | 4,273 | 369,541 | 5,068 | 431,674 |
| Sugar | 291 | 25,263 | 388 | 33,025 |
| Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified | 281 | 15,285 | 313 | 17,252 |
| Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages | 1,345 | 110,007 | 1,131 | 90,211 |
| Sand, gravel and crushed stone | 1,780 | 161,891 | 1,775 | 166,212 |
| Salt | 856 | 80,516 | 812 | 74,464 |
| Phosphate rock | 588 | 53,106 | 499 | 44,877 |
| Sulphur | 4,643 | 438,332 | 5,149 | 491,524 |
| Gypsum | 1,202 | 117,056 | x | x |
| Other non-metallic minerals ¹ | 756 | 65,331 | 1,941 | 182,728 |
| Iron ores and concentrates | 23,964 | 2,176,843 | 25,700 | 2,329,345 |
| Copper ores and concentrates | 761 | 71,409 | 834 | 76,085 |
| Nickel ores and concentrates | 1,887 | 139,624 | 754 | 59,691 |
| Lead ores and concentrates | 156 | 11,206 | 214 | 15,347 |
| Zinc ores and concentrates | 729 | 59,717 | 1,023 | 82,872 |
| Other metallic ores and concentrates | 2,961 | 272,066 | 2,828 | 263,247 |
| Coal | 30,178 | 3,153,324 | 28,692 | 3,003,117 |
| Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel | 1,472 | 116,719 | 2,048 | 159,309 |
| Fuel oils and crude petroleum | 12,989 | 1,072,084 | 8,244 | 675,671 |
| Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's) | 6,971 | 436,253 | 6,499 | 411,270 |
| Coal coke and petroleum coke | 3,053 | 233,195 | 2,852 | 203,961 |
| Other refined petroleum and coal products | 5,225 | 420,075 | 4,428 | 355,915 |
| Sulphuric acid | 2,664 | 239,288 | 2,377 | 214,197 |
| Alumina | 3,492 | 321,604 | 2,639 | 246,803 |
| Other basic chemicals | 7,536 | 637,471 | 7,693 | 645,475 |
| Potash | 14,874 | 1,472,193 | 10,576 | 1,038,849 |
| Fertilizers (excluding potash) | 4,098 | 334,535 | 4,662 | 383,479 |
| Other chemical products and preparations | 743 | 50,597 | 893 | 53,407 |
| Plastic and rubber | 3,692 | 301,906 | 3,823 | 306,087 |
| Logs and other wood in the rough | 572 | 36,462 | 646 | 40,617 |
| Wood chips | 3,050 | 178,732 | 3,517 | 207,179 |
| Lumber | 9,581 | 791,595 | 9,954 | 819,511 |
| Other wood products (plywood, veneer) | 4,019 | 344,246 | 3,499 | 300,499 |
| Wood pulp | 7,991 | 683,837 | 8,383 | 711,056 |
| Newsprint | 2,143 | 145,011 | 2,286 | 155,315 |
| Paper and paperboard, except printed products | 2,711 | 195,589 | 2,828 | 194,623 |
| Cement | 1,487 | 146,450 | 1,762 | 173,665 |
| Other non-metallic mineral products | 242 | 19,674 | 188 | 12,214 |
| Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished | 3,950 | 338,098 | 4,489 | 384,973 |
| Copper, primary or semi-finished | 169 | 14,614 | 142 | 12,364 |
| Aluminum, primary or semi-finished | 2,446 | 209,788 | 2,303 | 197,509 |
| Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished | 1,068 | 88,684 | 842 | 74,116 |
| Articles of base metal | 1,134 | 79,147 | 1,088 | 73,573 |
| Machinery | 457 | 6,030 | 453 | 6,021 |
| Automobiles and mini-vans | 10,817 | 204,318 | 12,165 | 220,913 |
| Freight motor vehicles | 6,403 | 114,416 | 7,640 | 136,348 |
| Other vehicles | 50 | 510 | 52 | 745 |
| Parts and accessories for motor vehicles | 688 | 16,266 | 698 | 16,809 |
| Other transportation equipment | 524 | 19,045 | 425 | 13,202 |
| Metallic waste and scrap | 3,008 | 241,831 | 3,892 | 304,658 |
| Non-metallic waste and scrap | 754 | 42,899 | 948 | 49,771 |
| Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods | 281 | 8,554 | 177 | 6,156 |
| Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated | 4 | 230 | 19 | 212 |
| Mixed loads or unidentified freight | 8,342 | 119,761 | 8,823 | 126,439 |
| Less than carload shipments | ... | 35 | ... | 24 |
| Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ² | 252,862 | 20,365,243 | 253,983 | 20,101,818 |

1. Includes loadings of gypsum.

2. Excludes goods transported in containers or trailers on flat cars.

Table 2
Railway carloading statistics for non-intermodal traffic by commodity in Canada — Eastern Division

| | February 2013 | | February 2012 | |
|--|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| | Number of rail cars | Metric tonnes | Number of rail cars | Metric tonnes |
| Wheat | 445 | 40,558 | 767 | 70,221 |
| Other cereal grains | 1,273 | 111,249 | 1,140 | 102,321 |
| Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables | 63 | 5,737 | 29 | 2,696 |
| Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts | 7 | 117 | 27 | 470 |
| Colza seeds (canola) | 40 | 3,184 | 0 | 0 |
| Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product | 3,016 | 274,935 | 2,296 | 208,625 |
| Animal feed and products | 1,177 | 101,444 | 1,025 | 83,926 |
| Meat, fish, seafood and preparations | 16 | 234 | 3 | 58 |
| Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products | 258 | 12,982 | 276 | 13,567 |
| Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours | 559 | 45,689 | 718 | 57,456 |
| Sugar | 272 | 23,840 | 350 | 30,269 |
| Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified | 87 | 1,633 | 91 | 1,712 |
| Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages | 1,314 | 107,463 | 1,100 | 87,692 |
| Sand, gravel and crushed stone | 624 | 52,275 | 457 | 39,866 |
| Salt | 267 | 25,612 | 248 | 22,862 |
| Phosphate rock | 588 | 53,106 | 499 | 44,877 |
| Sulphur | 142 | 12,175 | 178 | 16,036 |
| Gypsum | 1,090 | 106,407 | x | x |
| Other non-metallic minerals ¹ | 648 | 55,358 | 1,672 | 158,414 |
| Iron ores and concentrates | 23,964 | 2,176,843 | 25,700 | 2,329,345 |
| Copper ores and concentrates | 180 | 15,147 | 202 | 16,250 |
| Nickel ores and concentrates | 1,881 | 139,081 | 754 | 59,691 |
| Lead ores and concentrates | 156 | 11,206 | 214 | 15,347 |
| Zinc ores and concentrates | 645 | 52,388 | 884 | 70,650 |
| Other metallic ores and concentrates | 2,960 | 272,053 | 2,827 | 263,182 |
| Coal | 1,323 | 109,585 | 1,380 | 114,783 |
| Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel | 984 | 77,968 | 1,578 | 123,183 |
| Fuel oils and crude petroleum | 5,040 | 417,432 | 4,289 | 344,453 |
| Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's) | 3,336 | 212,561 | 2,966 | 193,005 |
| Coal coke and petroleum coke | 1,368 | 87,142 | 1,205 | 65,571 |
| Other refined petroleum and coal products | 1,421 | 109,539 | 1,697 | 132,534 |
| Sulphuric acid | 2,334 | 210,422 | 1,987 | 180,165 |
| Alumina | 3,492 | 321,604 | 2,639 | 246,803 |
| Other basic chemicals | 3,473 | 280,953 | 3,592 | 287,389 |
| Potash | 616 | 61,937 | 534 | 53,630 |
| Fertilizers (excluding potash) | 330 | 26,990 | 383 | 31,621 |
| Other chemical products and preparations | 643 | 42,585 | 772 | 44,082 |
| Plastic and rubber | 1,496 | 105,378 | 1,659 | 111,797 |
| Logs and other wood in the rough | 343 | 21,656 | 423 | 27,041 |
| Wood chips | 826 | 51,083 | 895 | 56,991 |
| Lumber | 2,353 | 188,507 | 2,170 | 175,704 |
| Other wood products (plywood, veneer) | 902 | 66,307 | 617 | 42,880 |
| Wood pulp | 2,333 | 198,275 | 2,017 | 165,817 |
| Newsprint | 1,874 | 126,611 | 1,953 | 132,506 |
| Paper and paperboard, except printed products | 2,067 | 144,930 | 2,056 | 133,441 |
| Cement | 600 | 59,646 | 666 | 65,703 |
| Other non-metallic mineral products | 166 | 13,030 | 148 | 8,812 |
| Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished | 3,527 | 300,614 | 3,884 | 331,063 |
| Copper, primary or semi-finished | 169 | 14,614 | 142 | 12,364 |
| Aluminum, primary or semi-finished | 2,407 | 206,429 | 2,271 | 194,691 |
| Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished | 668 | 55,818 | 461 | 42,718 |
| Articles of base metal | 507 | 33,284 | 779 | 49,451 |
| Machinery | 436 | 4,620 | 445 | 5,602 |
| Automobiles and mini-vans | 8,906 | 178,390 | 9,658 | 187,488 |
| Freight motor vehicles | 6,055 | 109,082 | 7,382 | 132,582 |
| Other vehicles | 50 | 510 | 51 | 660 |
| Parts and accessories for motor vehicles | 688 | 16,266 | 698 | 16,809 |
| Other transportation equipment | 93 | 5,409 | 159 | 4,216 |
| Metallic waste and scrap | 1,839 | 154,715 | 2,331 | 189,524 |
| Non-metallic waste and scrap | 415 | 31,718 | 474 | 35,234 |
| Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods | 265 | 7,436 | 127 | 3,013 |
| Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mixed loads or unidentified freight | 8,334 | 119,139 | 8,821 | 126,366 |
| Less than carload shipments | ... | 35 | ... | 24 |
| Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ² | 113,351 | 7,872,936 | 114,766 | 7,765,249 |

1. Includes loadings of gypsum.

2. Excludes goods transported in containers or trailers on flat cars.

Table 3
Railway carloading statistics for non-intermodal traffic by commodity in Canada — Western Division

| | February 2013 | | February 2012 | |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| | Number of rail cars | Metric tonnes | Number of rail cars | Metric tonnes |
| Wheat | 14,552 | 1,381,296 | 18,687 | 1,760,324 |
| Other cereal grains | 2,739 | 222,669 | 3,381 | 283,211 |
| Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables | 3,597 | 337,955 | 1,394 | 126,854 |
| Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Colza seeds (canola) | 6,904 | 565,753 | 10,478 | 859,383 |
| Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product | 762 | 67,067 | 943 | 82,654 |
| Animal feed and products | 1,905 | 175,929 | 1,515 | 136,010 |
| Meat, fish, seafood and preparations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products | 757 | 61,875 | 948 | 76,892 |
| Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours | 3,714 | 323,852 | 4,350 | 374,218 |
| Sugar | 19 | 1,423 | 38 | 2,756 |
| Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified | 194 | 13,652 | 222 | 15,540 |
| Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages | 31 | 2,544 | 31 | 2,519 |
| Sand, gravel and crushed stone | 1,156 | 109,616 | 1,318 | 126,346 |
| Salt | 589 | 54,904 | 564 | 51,602 |
| Phosphate rock | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sulphur | 4,501 | 426,157 | 4,971 | 475,488 |
| Gypsum | 112 | 10,649 | x | x |
| Other non-metallic minerals ¹ | 108 | 9,973 | 269 | 24,314 |
| Iron ores and concentrates | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Copper ores and concentrates | 581 | 56,262 | 632 | 59,835 |
| Nickel ores and concentrates | 6 | 543 | 0 | 0 |
| Lead ores and concentrates | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Zinc ores and concentrates | 84 | 7,329 | 139 | 12,222 |
| Other metallic ores and concentrates | 1 | 13 | 1 | 65 |
| Coal | 28,855 | 3,043,739 | 27,312 | 2,888,334 |
| Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel | 488 | 38,751 | 470 | 36,126 |
| Fuel oils and crude petroleum | 7,949 | 654,652 | 3,955 | 331,218 |
| Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's) | 3,635 | 223,692 | 3,533 | 218,265 |
| Coal coke and petroleum coke | 1,685 | 146,053 | 1,647 | 138,390 |
| Other refined petroleum and coal products | 3,804 | 310,536 | 2,731 | 223,381 |
| Sulphuric acid | 330 | 28,866 | 390 | 34,032 |
| Alumina | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other basic chemicals | 4,063 | 356,518 | 4,101 | 358,086 |
| Potash | 14,258 | 1,410,256 | 10,042 | 985,219 |
| Fertilizers (excluding potash) | 3,768 | 307,545 | 4,279 | 351,858 |
| Other chemical products and preparations | 100 | 8,012 | 121 | 9,325 |
| Plastic and rubber | 2,196 | 196,528 | 2,164 | 194,290 |
| Logs and other wood in the rough | 229 | 14,806 | 223 | 13,576 |
| Wood chips | 2,224 | 127,649 | 2,622 | 150,188 |
| Lumber | 7,228 | 603,088 | 7,784 | 643,807 |
| Other wood products (plywood, veneer) | 3,117 | 277,939 | 2,882 | 257,619 |
| Wood pulp | 5,658 | 485,562 | 6,366 | 545,239 |
| Newsprint | 269 | 18,400 | 333 | 22,809 |
| Paper and paperboard, except printed products | 644 | 50,659 | 772 | 61,182 |
| Cement | 887 | 86,804 | 1,096 | 107,962 |
| Other non-metallic mineral products | 76 | 6,644 | 40 | 3,402 |
| Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished | 423 | 37,484 | 605 | 53,910 |
| Copper, primary or semi-finished | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Aluminum, primary or semi-finished | 39 | 3,359 | 32 | 2,818 |
| Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished | 400 | 32,866 | 381 | 31,398 |
| Articles of base metal | 627 | 45,863 | 309 | 24,122 |
| Machinery | 21 | 1,410 | 8 | 419 |
| Automobiles and mini-vans | 1,911 | 25,928 | 2,507 | 33,425 |
| Freight motor vehicles | 348 | 5,334 | 258 | 3,766 |
| Other vehicles | 0 | 0 | 1 | 85 |
| Parts and accessories for motor vehicles | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other transportation equipment | 431 | 13,636 | 266 | 8,986 |
| Metallic waste and scrap | 1,169 | 87,116 | 1,561 | 115,134 |
| Non-metallic waste and scrap | 339 | 11,181 | 474 | 14,537 |
| Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods | 16 | 1,118 | 50 | 3,143 |
| Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated | 4 | 230 | 19 | 212 |
| Mixed loads or unidentified freight | 8 | 622 | 2 | 73 |
| Less than carload shipments | ... | 0 | ... | 0 |
| Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ² | 139,511 | 12,492,307 | 139,217 | 12,336,569 |

1. Includes loadings of gypsum.

2. Excludes goods transported in containers or trailers on flat cars.

Table 4
Railway carloading statistics for non-intermodal traffic by commodity in Canada (year to date) — Total

| | January 2013 to February 2013 | | January 2012 to February 2012 | |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| | Number of rail cars | Metric tonnes | Number of rail cars | Metric tonnes |
| Wheat | 33,986 | 3,219,214 | 37,448 | 3,524,080 |
| Other cereal grains | 9,094 | 754,216 | 9,406 | 797,194 |
| Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables | 6,364 | 596,447 | 2,471 | 223,588 |
| Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts | 22 | 380 | 28 | 486 |
| Colza seeds (canola) | 14,292 | 1,172,892 | 22,735 | 1,860,177 |
| Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product | 7,860 | 713,249 | 6,472 | 584,990 |
| Animal feed and products | 5,879 | 523,875 | 5,581 | 484,127 |
| Meat, fish, seafood and preparations | 20 | 300 | 5 | 83 |
| Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products | 2,104 | 157,826 | 2,398 | 178,180 |
| Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours | 9,280 | 800,921 | 10,308 | 877,056 |
| Sugar | 708 | 60,907 | 833 | 70,767 |
| Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified | 603 | 34,146 | 674 | 38,215 |
| Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages | 2,713 | 222,218 | 2,416 | 195,981 |
| Sand, gravel and crushed stone | 3,165 | 287,902 | 3,661 | 343,055 |
| Salt | 1,890 | 177,428 | 1,816 | 166,634 |
| Phosphate rock | 1,302 | 117,584 | 1,284 | 115,610 |
| Sulphur | 9,697 | 911,732 | 10,261 | 975,374 |
| Gypsum | 2,534 | 247,021 | x | x |
| Other non-metallic minerals ¹ | 1,622 | 140,689 | 3,392 | 318,054 |
| Iron ores and concentrates | 48,695 | 4,414,551 | 49,889 | 4,512,216 |
| Copper ores and concentrates | 1,527 | 143,295 | 1,541 | 141,221 |
| Nickel ores and concentrates | 4,058 | 300,451 | 2,124 | 162,559 |
| Lead ores and concentrates | 302 | 21,807 | 356 | 25,509 |
| Zinc ores and concentrates | 1,827 | 148,846 | 1,940 | 156,919 |
| Other metallic ores and concentrates | 5,842 | 536,287 | 5,232 | 485,774 |
| Coal | 56,698 | 5,919,233 | 58,698 | 6,128,959 |
| Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel | 3,721 | 288,202 | 4,285 | 333,741 |
| Fuel oils and crude petroleum | 26,707 | 2,198,259 | 15,634 | 1,275,149 |
| Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's) | 14,895 | 933,273 | 13,472 | 853,214 |
| Coal coke and petroleum coke | 6,043 | 454,824 | 5,560 | 395,815 |
| Other refined petroleum and coal products | 10,443 | 840,188 | 8,466 | 679,022 |
| Sulphuric acid | 5,317 | 477,426 | 4,915 | 443,048 |
| Alumina | 7,076 | 651,496 | 4,923 | 458,714 |
| Other basic chemicals | 15,896 | 1,353,779 | 16,057 | 1,348,551 |
| Potash | 26,464 | 2,599,584 | 18,089 | 1,762,006 |
| Fertilizers (excluding potash) | 8,716 | 714,056 | 9,228 | 761,280 |
| Other chemical products and preparations | 1,509 | 101,050 | 1,804 | 107,250 |
| Plastic and rubber | 7,867 | 640,494 | 7,473 | 605,571 |
| Logs and other wood in the rough | 1,151 | 72,480 | 1,232 | 78,045 |
| Wood chips | 5,826 | 341,392 | 6,399 | 378,428 |
| Lumber | 19,818 | 1,627,726 | 19,233 | 1,582,846 |
| Other wood products (plywood, veneer) | 8,078 | 692,164 | 6,893 | 589,527 |
| Wood pulp | 16,595 | 1,419,543 | 17,071 | 1,452,876 |
| Newsprint | 4,662 | 317,791 | 4,643 | 316,110 |
| Paper and paperboard, except printed products | 5,558 | 399,235 | 6,261 | 434,406 |
| Cement | 3,136 | 309,534 | 3,350 | 330,228 |
| Other non-metallic mineral products | 396 | 30,939 | 353 | 23,653 |
| Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished | 8,214 | 702,259 | 9,712 | 828,161 |
| Copper, primary or semi-finished | 316 | 27,336 | 288 | 25,081 |
| Aluminum, primary or semi-finished | 5,103 | 438,805 | 4,527 | 389,940 |
| Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished | 2,146 | 179,907 | 1,659 | 144,913 |
| Articles of base metal | 2,491 | 172,673 | 1,955 | 130,417 |
| Machinery | 897 | 13,314 | 794 | 9,276 |
| Automobiles and mini-vans | 21,422 | 404,806 | 23,665 | 439,793 |
| Freight motor vehicles | 12,000 | 214,009 | 14,116 | 252,128 |
| Other vehicles | 94 | 1,401 | 112 | 2,997 |
| Parts and accessories for motor vehicles | 1,394 | 33,050 | 1,351 | 32,370 |
| Other transportation equipment | 1,155 | 39,132 | 1,150 | 35,832 |
| Metallic waste and scrap | 6,439 | 513,583 | 7,633 | 596,160 |
| Non-metallic waste and scrap | 1,498 | 82,628 | 1,874 | 100,091 |
| Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods | 615 | 18,523 | 349 | 12,076 |
| Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated | 6 | 288 | 30 | 377 |
| Mixed loads or unidentified freight | 17,046 | 245,185 | 17,452 | 252,511 |
| Less than carload shipments | ... | 64 | ... | 55 |
| Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ² | 512,794 | 41,173,815 | 502,977 | 39,828,466 |

1. Includes loadings of gypsum.

2. Excludes goods transported in containers or trailers on flat cars.

Table 5
Railway carloading statistics for non-intermodal traffic by commodity in Canada (year to date) — Eastern Division

| | January 2013 to February 2013 | | January 2012 to February 2012 | |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| | Number of rail cars | Metric tonnes | Number of rail cars | Metric tonnes |
| Wheat | 1,472 | 135,738 | 1,662 | 152,331 |
| Other cereal grains | 2,558 | 221,863 | 1,901 | 169,527 |
| Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables | 173 | 15,480 | 73 | 6,682 |
| Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts | 22 | 380 | 28 | 486 |
| Colza seeds (canola) | 71 | 5,607 | 0 | 0 |
| Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product | 6,225 | 569,305 | 4,965 | 454,539 |
| Animal feed and products | 2,316 | 198,442 | 2,354 | 194,078 |
| Meat, fish, seafood and preparations | 20 | 300 | 5 | 83 |
| Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products | 508 | 26,715 | 513 | 25,218 |
| Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours | 1,494 | 121,125 | 1,621 | 129,523 |
| Sugar | 649 | 56,620 | 747 | 64,483 |
| Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified | 160 | 2,835 | 175 | 3,204 |
| Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages | 2,644 | 216,736 | 2,349 | 190,493 |
| Sand, gravel and crushed stone | 1,040 | 87,880 | 932 | 81,803 |
| Salt | 550 | 52,705 | 510 | 47,024 |
| Phosphate rock | 1,302 | 117,584 | 1,283 | 115,572 |
| Sulphur | 366 | 29,409 | 350 | 31,564 |
| Gypsum | 2,269 | 221,919 | x | x |
| Other non-metallic minerals ¹ | 1,364 | 117,090 | 2,868 | 270,602 |
| Iron ores and concentrates | 48,695 | 4,414,551 | 49,889 | 4,512,216 |
| Copper ores and concentrates | 396 | 33,673 | 350 | 28,344 |
| Nickel ores and concentrates | 4,051 | 299,821 | 2,124 | 162,559 |
| Lead ores and concentrates | 302 | 21,807 | 356 | 25,509 |
| Zinc ores and concentrates | 1,624 | 131,087 | 1,722 | 137,877 |
| Other metallic ores and concentrates | 5,841 | 536,274 | 5,231 | 485,709 |
| Coal | 2,332 | 190,639 | 2,903 | 240,919 |
| Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel | 2,828 | 218,876 | 3,111 | 244,582 |
| Fuel oils and crude petroleum | 10,492 | 863,411 | 8,374 | 669,310 |
| Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's) | 7,317 | 466,771 | 6,206 | 403,208 |
| Coal coke and petroleum coke | 3,040 | 198,006 | 2,492 | 138,901 |
| Other refined petroleum and coal products | 2,927 | 227,585 | 3,505 | 273,928 |
| Sulphuric acid | 4,605 | 414,947 | 4,133 | 374,859 |
| Alumina | 7,075 | 651,400 | 4,923 | 458,714 |
| Other basic chemicals | 7,233 | 592,958 | 7,543 | 607,513 |
| Potash | 1,208 | 121,451 | 1,389 | 139,583 |
| Fertilizers (excluding potash) | 650 | 53,484 | 781 | 65,122 |
| Other chemical products and preparations | 1,297 | 84,295 | 1,535 | 85,866 |
| Plastic and rubber | 3,273 | 231,107 | 3,092 | 212,728 |
| Logs and other wood in the rough | 651 | 40,598 | 759 | 48,886 |
| Wood chips | 1,619 | 99,948 | 1,664 | 106,136 |
| Lumber | 4,917 | 388,893 | 4,122 | 330,664 |
| Other wood products (plywood, veneer) | 1,805 | 131,544 | 1,233 | 83,813 |
| Wood pulp | 4,622 | 390,528 | 3,825 | 316,745 |
| Newsprint | 4,100 | 279,354 | 4,019 | 274,423 |
| Paper and paperboard, except printed products | 4,182 | 291,533 | 4,742 | 315,507 |
| Cement | 1,181 | 117,422 | 1,290 | 127,659 |
| Other non-metallic mineral products | 268 | 19,895 | 266 | 16,266 |
| Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished | 7,330 | 624,439 | 8,439 | 714,362 |
| Copper, primary or semi-finished | 316 | 27,336 | 288 | 25,081 |
| Aluminum, primary or semi-finished | 5,027 | 432,271 | 4,486 | 386,387 |
| Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished | 1,318 | 111,737 | 833 | 77,241 |
| Articles of base metal | 1,173 | 76,736 | 1,520 | 96,403 |
| Machinery | 860 | 10,743 | 783 | 8,668 |
| Automobiles and mini-vans | 18,116 | 359,891 | 19,237 | 381,272 |
| Freight motor vehicles | 11,408 | 205,039 | 13,610 | 244,960 |
| Other vehicles | 94 | 1,401 | 109 | 2,789 |
| Parts and accessories for motor vehicles | 1,394 | 33,050 | 1,351 | 32,370 |
| Other transportation equipment | 165 | 8,017 | 418 | 12,398 |
| Metallic waste and scrap | 3,930 | 329,095 | 4,574 | 371,412 |
| Non-metallic waste and scrap | 769 | 58,494 | 919 | 70,293 |
| Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods | 584 | 16,478 | 272 | 7,124 |
| Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated | 0 | 0 | 1 | 30 |
| Mixed loads or unidentified freight | 17,030 | 243,852 | 17,446 | 252,207 |
| Less than carload shipments | ... | 64 | ... | 55 |
| Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ² | 233,248 | 16,248,234 | 228,201 | 15,507,810 |

1. Includes loadings of gypsum.

2. Excludes goods transported in containers or trailers on flat cars.

Table 6
Railway carloading statistics for non-intermodal traffic by commodity in Canada (year to date) — Western Division

| | January 2013 to February 2013 | | January 2012 to February 2012 | |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| | Number of rail cars | Metric tonnes | Number of rail cars | Metric tonnes |
| Wheat | 32,514 | 3,083,476 | 35,786 | 3,371,749 |
| Other cereal grains | 6,536 | 532,353 | 7,505 | 627,667 |
| Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables | 6,191 | 580,967 | 2,398 | 216,906 |
| Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Colza seeds (canola) | 14,221 | 1,167,285 | 22,735 | 1,860,177 |
| Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product | 1,635 | 143,944 | 1,507 | 130,451 |
| Animal feed and products | 3,563 | 325,433 | 3,227 | 290,049 |
| Meat, fish, seafood and preparations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products | 1,596 | 131,111 | 1,885 | 152,962 |
| Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours | 7,786 | 679,796 | 8,687 | 747,533 |
| Sugar | 59 | 4,287 | 86 | 6,284 |
| Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified | 443 | 31,311 | 499 | 35,011 |
| Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages | 69 | 5,482 | 67 | 5,488 |
| Sand, gravel and crushed stone | 2,125 | 200,022 | 2,729 | 261,252 |
| Salt | 1,340 | 124,723 | 1,306 | 119,610 |
| Phosphate rock | 0 | 0 | 1 | 38 |
| Sulphur | 9,331 | 882,323 | 9,911 | 943,810 |
| Gypsum | 265 | 25,102 | x | x |
| Other non-metallic minerals ¹ | 258 | 23,599 | 524 | 47,452 |
| Iron ores and concentrates | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Copper ores and concentrates | 1,131 | 109,622 | 1,191 | 112,877 |
| Nickel ores and concentrates | 7 | 630 | 0 | 0 |
| Lead ores and concentrates | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Zinc ores and concentrates | 203 | 17,759 | 218 | 19,042 |
| Other metallic ores and concentrates | 1 | 13 | 1 | 65 |
| Coal | 54,366 | 5,728,594 | 55,795 | 5,888,040 |
| Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel | 893 | 69,326 | 1,174 | 89,159 |
| Fuel oils and crude petroleum | 16,215 | 1,334,848 | 7,260 | 605,839 |
| Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's) | 7,578 | 466,502 | 7,266 | 450,006 |
| Coal coke and petroleum coke | 3,003 | 256,818 | 3,068 | 256,914 |
| Other refined petroleum and coal products | 7,516 | 612,603 | 4,961 | 405,094 |
| Sulphuric acid | 712 | 62,479 | 782 | 68,189 |
| Alumina | 1 | 96 | 0 | 0 |
| Other basic chemicals | 8,663 | 760,821 | 8,514 | 741,038 |
| Potash | 25,256 | 2,478,133 | 16,700 | 1,622,423 |
| Fertilizers (excluding potash) | 8,066 | 660,572 | 8,447 | 696,158 |
| Other chemical products and preparations | 212 | 16,755 | 269 | 21,384 |
| Plastic and rubber | 4,594 | 409,387 | 4,381 | 392,843 |
| Logs and other wood in the rough | 500 | 31,882 | 473 | 29,159 |
| Wood chips | 4,207 | 241,444 | 4,735 | 272,292 |
| Lumber | 14,901 | 1,238,833 | 15,111 | 1,252,182 |
| Other wood products (plywood, veneer) | 6,273 | 560,620 | 5,660 | 505,714 |
| Wood pulp | 11,973 | 1,029,015 | 13,246 | 1,136,131 |
| Newsprint | 562 | 38,437 | 624 | 41,687 |
| Paper and paperboard, except printed products | 1,376 | 107,702 | 1,519 | 118,899 |
| Cement | 1,955 | 192,112 | 2,060 | 202,569 |
| Other non-metallic mineral products | 128 | 11,044 | 87 | 7,387 |
| Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished | 884 | 77,820 | 1,273 | 113,799 |
| Copper, primary or semi-finished | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Aluminum, primary or semi-finished | 76 | 6,534 | 41 | 3,553 |
| Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished | 828 | 68,170 | 826 | 67,672 |
| Articles of base metal | 1,318 | 95,937 | 435 | 34,014 |
| Machinery | 37 | 2,571 | 11 | 608 |
| Automobiles and mini-vans | 3,306 | 44,915 | 4,428 | 58,521 |
| Freight motor vehicles | 592 | 8,970 | 506 | 7,168 |
| Other vehicles | 0 | 0 | 3 | 208 |
| Parts and accessories for motor vehicles | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other transportation equipment | 990 | 31,115 | 732 | 23,434 |
| Metallic waste and scrap | 2,509 | 184,488 | 3,059 | 224,748 |
| Non-metallic waste and scrap | 729 | 24,134 | 955 | 29,798 |
| Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods | 31 | 2,045 | 77 | 4,952 |
| Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated | 6 | 288 | 29 | 347 |
| Mixed loads or unidentified freight | 16 | 1,333 | 6 | 304 |
| Less than carload shipments | ... | 0 | ... | 0 |
| Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ² | 279,546 | 24,925,581 | 274,776 | 24,320,656 |

1. Includes loadings of gypsum.

2. Excludes goods transported in containers or trailers on flat cars.

Table 7
Railway carloading statistics for intermodal and non-intermodal traffic in Canada — Total

| | February 2013 | | | February 2012 | | |
|---|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Units | TEUs ¹ | Metric tonnes | Units | TEUs ¹ | Metric tonnes |
| Total non-intermodal traffic loaded | . | . | 20,365,243 | . | . | 20,101,818 |
| Container-on-flat-car | 148,296 | 279,183 | 2,243,856 | 141,918 | 268,844 | 2,174,268 |
| Trailer-on-flat-car | 3,986 | . | 59,091 | 4,067 | . | 58,915 |
| Traffic received from United States connections | . | . | 2,990,129 | . | . | 3,078,983 |
| Total traffic carried | . | . | 25,658,319 | . | . | 25,413,984 |
| Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections | 12,716 | 25,590 | 181,286 | 10,382 | 21,332 | 151,773 |
| Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections | 1,756 | . | 24,127 | 1,780 | . | 25,394 |
| Traffic received from Canadian connections | . | . | 2,538,323 | . | . | 2,454,445 |

1. Estimated numbers.

Note(s): Unit of measure "TEUs" means: twenty-foot equivalent units.

Table 8
Railway carloading statistics for intermodal and non-intermodal traffic in Canada — Eastern Division

| | February 2013 | | | February 2012 | | |
|---|---------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | Units | TEUs ¹ | Metric tonnes | Units | TEUs ¹ | Metric tonnes |
| Total non-intermodal traffic loaded | . | . | 7,872,936 | . | . | 7,765,249 |
| Container-on-flat-car | 62,883 | 121,480 | 1,012,559 | 60,584 | 118,669 | 970,170 |
| Trailer-on-flat-car | 3,758 | . | 54,947 | 3,669 | . | 50,286 |
| Traffic received from United States connections | . | . | 772,750 | . | . | 760,057 |
| Total traffic carried | . | . | 9,713,192 | . | . | 9,545,762 |
| Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections | 5,943 | 12,645 | 72,172 | 4,719 | 10,160 | 61,044 |
| Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections | 0 | . | 0 | 1 | . | 6 |
| Traffic received from Canadian connections | . | . | 2,101,526 | . | . | 1,861,349 |

1. Estimated numbers.

Note(s): Unit of measure "TEUs" means: twenty-foot equivalent units.

Table 9

Railway carloading statistics for intermodal and non-intermodal traffic in Canada — Western Division

| | February 2013 | | | February 2012 | | |
|---|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Units | TEUs ¹ | Metric tonnes | Units | TEUs ¹ | Metric tonnes |
| Total non-intermodal traffic loaded | . | . | 12,492,307 | . | . | 12,336,569 |
| Container-on-flat-car | 85,413 | 157,703 | 1,231,297 | 81,334 | 150,175 | 1,204,098 |
| Trailer-on-flat-car | 228 | . | 4,144 | 398 | . | 8,629 |
| Traffic received from United States connections | . | . | 2,217,379 | . | . | 2,318,926 |
| Total traffic carried | . | . | 15,945,127 | . | . | 15,868,222 |
| Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections | 6,773 | 12,945 | 109,114 | 5,663 | 11,172 | 90,729 |
| Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections | 1,756 | . | 24,127 | 1,779 | . | 25,388 |
| Traffic received from Canadian connections | . | . | 436,797 | . | . | 593,096 |

1. Estimated numbers.

Note(s): Unit of measure "TEUs" means: twenty-foot equivalent units.

Table 10

Railway carloading statistics for intermodal and non-intermodal traffic in Canada (year to date) — Total

| | January 2013 to February 2013 | | | January 2012 to February 2012 | | |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Units | TEUs ¹ | Metric tonnes | Units | TEUs ¹ | Metric tonnes |
| Total non-intermodal traffic loaded | . | . | 41,173,815 | . | . | 39,828,466 |
| Container-on-flat-car | 305,671 | 578,509 | 4,631,588 | 284,740 | 538,114 | 4,351,368 |
| Trailer-on-flat-car | 8,204 | . | 122,296 | 7,816 | . | 114,956 |
| Traffic received from United States connections | . | . | 5,807,145 | . | . | 6,010,103 |
| Total traffic carried | . | . | 51,734,844 | . | . | 50,304,893 |
| Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections | 26,389 | 52,765 | 381,542 | 20,266 | 41,634 | 299,692 |
| Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections | 3,582 | . | 50,269 | 3,700 | . | 54,152 |
| Traffic received from Canadian connections | . | . | 5,236,337 | . | . | 4,942,629 |

1. Estimated numbers.

Note(s): Unit of measure "TEUs" means: twenty-foot equivalent units.

Table 11
Railway carloading statistics for intermodal and non-intermodal traffic in Canada (year to date) — Eastern Division

| | January 2013 to February 2013 | | | January 2012 to February 2012 | | |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Units | TEUs ¹ | Metric tonnes | Units | TEUs ¹ | Metric tonnes |
| Total non-intermodal traffic loaded | . | . | 16,248,234 | . | . | 15,507,810 |
| Container-on-flat-car | 128,602 | 249,435 | 2,078,341 | 117,734 | 230,036 | 1,895,228 |
| Trailer-on-flat-car | 7,670 | . | 111,709 | 7,038 | . | 97,965 |
| Traffic received from United States connections | . | . | 1,547,620 | . | . | 1,499,847 |
| Total traffic carried | . | . | 19,985,904 | . | . | 19,000,850 |
| Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections | 12,633 | 26,521 | 159,358 | 9,176 | 19,755 | 121,148 |
| Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections | 1 | . | 11 | 2 | . | 14 |
| Traffic received from Canadian connections | . | . | 4,366,433 | . | . | 3,797,956 |

1. Estimated numbers.

Note(s): Unit of measure "TEUs" means: twenty-foot equivalent units.

Table 12
Railway carloading statistics for intermodal and non-intermodal traffic in Canada (year to date) — Western Division

| | January 2013 to February 2013 | | | January 2012 to February 2012 | | |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Units | TEUs ¹ | Metric tonnes | Units | TEUs ¹ | Metric tonnes |
| Total non-intermodal traffic loaded | . | . | 24,925,581 | . | . | 24,320,656 |
| Container-on-flat-car | 177,069 | 329,074 | 2,553,247 | 167,006 | 308,078 | 2,456,140 |
| Trailer-on-flat-car | 534 | . | 10,587 | 778 | . | 16,991 |
| Traffic received from United States connections | . | . | 4,259,525 | . | . | 4,510,256 |
| Total traffic carried | . | . | 31,748,940 | . | . | 31,304,043 |
| Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections | 13,756 | 26,244 | 222,184 | 11,090 | 21,879 | 178,544 |
| Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections | 3,581 | . | 50,258 | 3,698 | . | 54,138 |
| Traffic received from Canadian connections | . | . | 869,904 | . | . | 1,144,673 |

1. Estimated numbers.

Note(s): Unit of measure "TEUs" means: twenty-foot equivalent units.

Methodology and concepts

The **Railway Carloadings (Monthly)** publication presents essential data for timely analysis of the Rail Transport Industry and its contribution to the Canadian economy. Approximately 40 rail carriers report each month on their total intermodal¹ and non-intermodal² traffic. For non-intermodal traffic, the carriers report the number of cars and tonnes by commodity of revenue-generating freight that they have loaded in Canada. For intermodal freight, the carriers report the number of units and tonnes for containers-on-flat-cars (C.O.F.C.) and trailers-on-flat-cars (T.O.F.C.), with no commodity detail. The carriers also report the total tonnage of revenue freight received from United States connections.

The total quantity of freight carried in Canada is the sum of the non-intermodal and intermodal freight loaded and the traffic received from U.S. connections. Additional information provided includes the number of units and tonnes of C.O.F.C. and T.O.F.C. received from U.S. connections and the total tonnes of cargo that the carriers received from other Canadian connections. This freight that is exchanged among Canadian based carriers is counted only once in the total quantity of freight moved as it is counted only when loaded. For intermodal freight, twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) are derived from the dimensions of the freight-laden containers. Empty containers are not included in these statistics.

The data are collected via questionnaires and electronic reports that are filed with Statistics Canada eight working days after the reference month. These questionnaires are captured and edited and the data are then aggregated to produce tables for all of Canada and the Eastern and Western divisions of Canada.³ Tables show the data for the reference month and the year-to-date. These year-to-date figures include revisions of data from previous months.

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2. Non-Intermodal traffic is freight carried in bulk or loaded in box cars.

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