Service bulletin

Monthly Railway Carloadings



June 2013

Highlights

- Freight carried by Canadian railways fell 3.4% in June to 26.2 million tonnes, compared with the same month in 2012. The drop marks the first decline in freight loadings for the month of June since 2009.
- 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) decreased 4.2% to 22.7 million tonnes.
- Non-intermodal freight loadings fell 4.0% to 20.3 million tonnes as freight activity was significantly pulled down by a number of commodity groupings. These included potash (down 406 000 tonnes), coal (down 388 000 tonnes), canola (down 234 000 tonnes), and wheat (down 165 000 tonnes). In total, 32 of the 64 commodity groups carried by Canadian railways fell during the month.
- The drop in loadings occurred despite a strong push from a number of commodities that rose during the month. These included fuel oils and crude petroleum (up 393 000 tonnes); iron ores and concentrates (up 308 000 tonnes); and sand, gravel and crushed stone (up 105 000 tonnes).
- Intermodal loadings decreased 5.4% to 2.5 million tonnes. The decline was the result of a drop in containerized cargo shipments which offset robust growth from trailers loaded onto flat cars.
- From a geographic perspective, both the Western and Eastern railway divisions in Canada saw a drop in loadings in June. The Western Division, which accounted for 58.4% of the domestic freight loadings, fell 6.6% from the same month in 2012 to 13.3 million tonnes. The Eastern Division accounted for the remainder of the loadings and declined 0.5% to 9.5 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 traffic received from the United States rose 1.9% to 3.5 million tonnes. The gain in tonnage occurred mainly on the strength of intermodal freight, particularly containerized cargo shipments.

Note to readers

All the data in this release are not seasonally adjusted.





Statistical tables

Table 1 Railway carloading statistics for non-intermodal traffic by commodity in Canada — Total

	June 2013		June 2012		
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	
Wheat	14,783	1,400,387	16,688	1,565,805	
Other cereal grains	3,986	337,518	3,885	325,532	
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	2,507	235,530	1,798	166,202	
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	2,007	0	13	215	
Colza seeds (canola)	3,539	291,679	6,394	525.530	
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	741	65,734	1,224	104,468	
Animal feed and products	2,157	192,608	2,144	186,294	
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	6	89	1	17	
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	1,077	82,433	1,347	102,496	
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	3,558	309,680	4,097	345,779	
Sugar	425	36,816	379	32,219	
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	377	16,992	342	14,965	
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	1,203	98,788	1,198	97,527	
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	5,743	547,075	4,655	442,143	
Salt	412	38,255	551	50,597	
Phosphate rock	330	29,615	838	75,704	
Sulphur	4,790	449,542	4,641	432,454	
Gypsum	1,281	125,907	886	86,777	
Other non-metallic minerals ¹	768	66,813	791	68,401	
Iron ores and concentrates	30,591	2,870,595	27,160	2,562,691	
Copper ores and concentrates	699	65,280	873	80,564	
Nickel ores and concentrates	1,749	130,121	1,179	89,214	
Lead ores and concentrates	0	0	106	7,565	
Zinc ores and concentrates	356	31,285	963	79,111	
Other metallic ores and concentrates	7,611	679,067	7,145	637,656	
Coal	28,687	2,985,134	32,143	3,373,174	
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	2,253	177,983	3,410	266,262	
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	13,643	1,120,518	9,076	727,762	
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	4,858	308,150	5,147	321,723	
Coal coke and petroleum coke	3,387	261,393	3,181	241,993	
Other refined petroleum and coal products	5,517	441,978	4,971	397,077	
Sulphuric acid	2,402	215,941	2,353	210,451	
Alumina	3,531	325,885	2,587	239,934	
Other basic chemicals	7,635	647,050	7,168	605,990	
Potash	12,937	1,295,429	16,964	1,700,980	
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	3,069	245,625	3,393	276,621	
Other chemical products and preparations	1,948	149,190	1,003	63,773	
Plastic and rubber	4,089	321,530	3,663	291,111	
Logs and other wood in the rough	550	35,423	506	31,666	
Wood chips	3,108	180,735	3,116	180,575	
Lumber Other wood products (physical years)	10,244	838,949	9,853	814,638	
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	3,949	339,266	4,161	354,423	
Wood pulp	7,797	667,989	8,086	691,142	
Newsprint	2,452 2.850	166,863 205,749	2,245 2,986	151,214 210,060	
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	2,050	213,100	2,707	267,028	
Cement Other per metallic mineral products	309	23,279	198	12,954	
Other non-metallic mineral products Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	3,921	332,221	4,650	390,261	
Copper, primary or semi-finished	177	15,305	4,030	5,214	
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	2,764	238,212	2,020	171,578	
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	880	76,317	747	63,843	
Articles of base metal	1,238	82,590	1,313	87,764	
Machinery	436	8,737	863	21,791	
Automobiles and mini-vans	11,977	221,856	14,144	251,822	
Freight motor vehicles	6,405	113,960	7,729	138,561	
Other vehicles	29	819	26	177	
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	468	11.744	608	15,142	
Other transportation equipment	397	15,619	1,239	38,652	
Metallic waste and scrap	3,521	289.357	3,302	262,830	
Non-metallic waste and scrap	961	56,339	1,096	59,753	
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	399	17,353	436	17,847	
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	4	57	14	148	
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	7,602	114,503	7,497	111,581	
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Includes loadings of gypsum.
 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

	June 2013		June 2012	
_	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat				
Wheat Other cereal grains	947 2,475	85,628 216,115	1,031 1,151	94,930 102,762
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	38	3,308	22	1,920
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	13	215
Colza seeds (canola)	0	0	17	1,359
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	164	14,152	767	66,727
Animal feed and products	799	66,974	819	67,346
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	6 258	89 14,972	1 319	17 18,527
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	368	29,782	484	37,619
Sugar	410	35,755	348	29,943
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	180	3,327	172	2,961
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	1,173	96,415	1,145	93,138
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	493	43,599	497	41,692
Salt	233	21,200	231	20,288
Phosphate rock Sulphur	329 196	29,586 17,340	838 169	75,704 14,424
Gypsum	1,061	105,043	750	73,590
Other non-metallic minerals 1	687	59,373	685	58,949
Iron ores and concentrates	30,591	2,870,595	27,160	2,562,691
Copper ores and concentrates	207	17,841	203	16,788
Nickel ores and concentrates	1,745	129,765	1,179	89,214
Lead ores and concentrates	0	0	106	7,565
Zinc ores and concentrates	275 7.611	24,165	861	70,161
Other metallic ores and concentrates Coal	7,611 1,561	679,067 134,170	7,144 459	637,591 36,153
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	1,703	135,997	3,079	240,233
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	4,744	391,743	4,273	336,535
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	2,881	183,029	3,327	209,327
Coal coke and petroleum coke	1,401	88,281	1,104	64,729
Other refined petroleum and coal products	1,402	105,635	1,649	125,904
Sulphuric acid	2,085	188,183	1,915	172,220
Alumina Other basic chemicals	3,531 3,702	325,885 302,969	2,587 3,553	239,934 289,760
Potash	449	45,093	704	70,762
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	159	13,455	256	21,401
Other chemical products and preparations	1,013	69,814	948	59,564
Plastic and rubber	1,758	112,628	1,750	120,849
Logs and other wood in the rough	328	20,264	428	26,821
Wood chips	1,038	63,640	740	45,581
Lumber Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	2,453 760	194,534 52,469	2,063 788	166,008 55,899
Wood pulp	2,116	179,772	2,131	179,276
Newsprint	2,215	150,446	1,994	135,145
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	2,063	143,727	2,274	154,343
Cement	886	87,181	1,182	116,817
Other non-metallic mineral products	137	7,668	136	7,517
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	3,517	296,250	4,184	348,854
Copper, primary or semi-finished	177	15,305 233.885	60	5,214
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	2,710 461	41,354	1,974 297	167,577 26,713
Articles of base metal	462	28.748	614	36,020
Machinery	424	7,922	746	16,307
Automobiles and mini-vans	9,936	193,964	11,466	216,095
Freight motor vehicles	6,037	108,751	7,550	135,963
Other vehicles	28	759	26	177
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	468	11,744	608	15,142
Other transportation equipment Metallic waste and scrap	136 2,204	6,904 187,228	208 1,566	5,488 127,855
Non-metallic waste and scrap	2,20 4 487	37,343	477	38,172
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	370	15,778	316	12,613
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	2	8	0	0
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	7,597	114,045	7,482	110,182
Less than carload shipments		75		80
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ²	116,979	8,287,991	121,026	8,323,351

Includes loadings of gypsum.
 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

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Includes loadings of gypsum.
 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 J	une 2013	January 2012 to J	une 2012
	Number of	Metric	Number of	Metric
	rail cars	tonnes	rail cars	tonnes
Wheat	103,407	9,797,976	114,323	10,742,577
Other cereal grains Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	26,267 21.165	2,195,013 1,991,238	24,380 10,935	2,062,645 1,005,400
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	42	703	77	1,005,400
Colza seeds (canola)	40,687	3,345,062	54,763	4,483,109
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	12,682	1,137,798	13,398	1,193,281
Animal feed and products	16,068	1,435,053	15,279	1,320,607
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	52 7,008	771 531,218	15 7,642	270 576.006
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	25.757	2,234,247	29,299	2,491,788
Sugar	2,412	208.634	2,482	212,232
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	2,042	108,410	1,838	95,366
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	7,944	651,159	7,197	579,253
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	17,672	1,647,070	18,213	1,699,299
Salt Phosphate rock	4,664 3,581	436,530 322,973	4,377 4,060	399,042 366,189
Sulphur	28,831	2,719,719	29,162	2,752,801
Gypsum	8,052	787,359	7,165	704,666
Other non-metallic minerals 1	4,938	428,645	4,332	375,457
Iron ores and concentrates	185,431	16,867,048	163,688	15,045,610
Copper ores and concentrates	4,535	425,452	4,648	427,825
Nickel ores and concentrates Lead ores and concentrates	11,541 767	856,972 55,398	6,666 980	511,163 70,170
Zinc ores and concentrates	4,609	381,501	6,074	496,360
Other metallic ores and concentrates	29,078	2,621,614	27,384	2,479,844
Coal	185,871	19,401,968	171,178	17,913,218
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	11,234	885,153	17,099	1,343,506
Fuel oils and crude petroleum Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	82,578 35 641	6,806,047	48,211	3,896,970
Coal coke and petroleum coke	35,641 19,538	2,243,623 1,489,230	33,268 16,978	2,104,989 1,259,350
Other refined petroleum and coal products	33,556	2,705,738	27,182	2,178,107
Sulphuric acid	15,811	1,421,108	14,632	1,316,711
Alumina	21,369	1,971,316	15,260	1,422,079
Other basic chemicals	46,856	3,981,777	45,176	3,812,716
Potash Fertilizers (excluding potash)	96,123 25,340	9,528,229 2,062,529	78,545 25,960	7,743,122 2,133,932
Other chemical products and preparations	6,392	449,307	5,592	346,995
Plastic and rubber	24,280	1,958,365	22,463	1,815,580
Logs and other wood in the rough	3,568	229,173	3,421	214,273
Wood chips	19,042	1,113,557	20,490	1,200,945
Lumber Other wood products (played veneer)	64,244 25,671	5,286,741 2,197,469	59,602 23,544	4,906,326 2,008,563
Other wood products (plywood, veneer) Wood pulp	49,374	4,216,972	51,000	4,340,424
Newsprint	13,992	949,088	13,747	930,372
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	16,976	1,223,190	18,152	1,274,848
Cement	11,153	1,101,613	12,376	1,216,781
Other non-metallic mineral products	1,642	127,403	1,188	80,268
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished Copper, primary or semi-finished	26,222 1,063	2,238,268 91.086	29,479 786	2,489,484 68,514
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	16,799	1,450,511	13,428	1,153,023
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	6,193	529,928	5,075	442,825
Articles of base metal	7,126	489,257	6,334	414,588
Machinery	2,884	46,276	3,046	50,166
Automobiles and mini-vans Freight motor vehicles	69,443 38,461	1,302,567 686,545	75,928 43,227	1,375,207 775,310
Other vehicles	30,461	6,853	230	5,037
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	4,011	95,170	3,865	93,905
Other transportation equipment	2,977	100,778	3,946	124,515
Metallic waste and scrap	20,803	1,683,937	22,421	1,775,810
Non-metallic waste and scrap Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	5,042	283,936	6,219	335,491 60,697
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Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	16	502	114	1,300
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated Mixed loads or unidentified freight	16 49,187	502 721,371	114 47,115	1,300 685,316

Includes loadings of gypsum.
 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 Ju	une 2013	January 2012 to Ju	une 2012
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	5,215	475,247	4,905	448,621
Other cereal grains	9,837	865,324	4,905 6,681	600,547
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	381	33,902	171	15,351
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	42	703	77	1,324
Colza seeds (canola)	80	6,341	101	7,834
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	8,497	771,570	10,036	908,778
Animal feed and products	6,105	520,711	6,262	509,527
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	52	771	15	270
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	1,630	89,688	1,697	93,466
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	3,483	283,016	4,250	336,175
Sugar	2,275	198,736	2,273	196,890
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	663	11,688	634	11,601
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	7,732 3,706	634,333 320.803	6,967	561,132 306.718
Sand, gravel and crushed stone Salt	1,500	140,383	3,663 1,465	129,979
Phosphate rock	3,580	322,944	4,059	366,151
Sulphur	1,091	93,667	1,040	92,094
Gypsum	7,150	701,711	6,412	632,922
Other non-metallic minerals 1	4,339	373,047	3,593	310,001
Iron ores and concentrates	185,431	16,867,048	163,688	15,045,610
Copper ores and concentrates	1,157	98,539	1,093	89,695
Nickel ores and concentrates	11,523	855,375	6,666	511,163
Lead ores and concentrates	767	55,398	980	70,170
Zinc ores and concentrates	3,947	323,383	5,499	446,106
Other metallic ores and concentrates	29,077	2,621,601	27,382	2,479,714
Coal	8,039	679,444	5,936	496,988
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	8,445	670,026	14,294	1,125,304
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	30,548	2,531,799	23,084	1,831,223
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	18,579	1,183,178	17,878	1,148,034
Coal coke and petroleum coke	8,694 8,520	549,849	6,648 9,990	384,929 776.697
Other refined petroleum and coal products Sulphuric acid	13,659	655,387 1,232,254	12,334	1.116.320
Alumina	21,369	1,971,316	15,258	1,421,899
Other basic chemicals	22,076	1,810,505	22,195	1,806,167
Potash	3,788	380,655	3,936	395,366
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	1,998	163,243	2,073	174,684
Other chemical products and preparations	4,941	329,799	5,018	303,700
Plastic and rubber	10,201	700,697	9,945	694,514
Logs and other wood in the rough	2,160	135,360	2,259	142,233
Wood chips	6,074	373,436	5,178	323,619
Lumber	16,089	1,282,893	13,205	1,062,617
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	5,786	417,088	4,632	327,116
Wood pulp	13,989	1,183,483	12,316	1,021,903
Newsprint	12,461	844,252	11,936	810,994
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	12,487	871,470	13,522	913,761
Cement Other per metallic mineral products	4,741 908	468,651	5,244 800	517,508
Other non-metallic mineral products	23,825	62,107		46,491 2,199,775
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished Copper, primary or semi-finished	1,063	2,026,144 91,086	26,219 786	68.514
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	16,500	1,424,985	13,154	1,129,004
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	3,693	322,547	2,678	246,348
Articles of base metal	3,141	198,303	4,032	244,269
Machinery	2,797	39,307	2,897	42,764
Automobiles and mini-vans	57,258	1,135,299	60,432	1,166,623
Freight motor vehicles	36,801	661,800	42,087	758,457
Other vehicles	303	6,658	223	4,614
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	4,007	94,973	3,863	93,853
Other transportation equipment	655	26,743	987	29,197
Metallic waste and scrap	12,783	1,077,598	12,579	1,029,954
Non-metallic waste and scrap	2,576	198,798	2,877	226,404
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	1,898	66,145	1,195	43,587
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	2	8	6	107
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	49,152	718,258	47,064	680,825
Less than carload shipments	•••	403		246
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ²	744,598	52,679,130	708,369	48,978,447
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Includes loadings of gypsum.
 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 Ju	une 2013	January 2012 to June 2012	
Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
			10,293,956
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			990.049
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			4,475,275
			284,503
9,963	914,342	9,017	811,080
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5,378	441,530	5,945	482,540
22,274	1,951,231	25,049	2,155,613
137	9,898	209	15,342
			83,765
			18,121
			1,392,581
			269,063
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			2,660,707
			71,744
			65,456
			0
			338,130
			0
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			50,254
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			17,416,230
			218,202
			2,065,747
			956,955
			874,421 1,401,410
			200,391
			180
			2,006,549
			7,347,756
			1,959,248
			43,295
			1,121,066
			72,040
			877,326
			3,843,709
			1,681,447
			3,318,521
			119,378
			361,087
			699,273
734	65,296	388	33,777
			289,709
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299	25,526	274	24,019
2,500	207,381	2,397	196,477
3,985	290,954	2,302	170,319
87	6,969	149	7,402
12,185	167,268	15,496	208,584
1,660	24,745	1,140	16,853
4	195	7	423
4	197	2	52
2,322	74,035	2,959	95,318
8,020	606,339	9,842	745,856
2,466	85,138	3,342	109,087
170	10,465	376	17,110
14	494	108	1,193
35	3,113	51	4,491
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Includes loadings of gypsum.
 Excludes goods transported in containers or trailers on flat cars.

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

	June 2013			June 2012		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded Container-on-flat-car Trailer-on-flat-car Traffic received from United States connections	157,322 4,232	295,602	20,291,286 2,388,859 64,170 3,487,463	166,112 3,669	312,932	21,147,521 2,536,181 55,883 3,422,606
Total traffic carried			26,231,778			27,162,191
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Traffic received from Canadian connections	14,951 2,407	31,019	224,956 33,412 2,105,173	12,438 2,398	25,606	179,399 35,724 2,533,231

^{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

	June 2013				June 2012	
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded Container-on-flat-car Trailer-on-flat-car Traffic received from United States connections	69,029 4,040	134,105	8,287,991 1,111,241 60,760 820,875	70,871 3,352	138,678	8,323,351 1,139,525 49,022 806,114
Total traffic carried			10,280,867			10,318,012
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Traffic received from Canadian connections	6,190 0	13,811	75,218 0 1,540,324	6,315 2	13,544	81,552 13 1,975,866

^{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

	June 2013			June 2012		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded Container-on-flat-car Trailer-on-flat-car Traffic received from United States connections	88,293 192	161,497	12,003,295 1,277,618 3,410 2,666,588	95,241 317	174,254	12,824,170 1,396,656 6,861 2,616,492
Total traffic carried			15,950,911			16,844,179
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Traffic received from Canadian connections	8,761 2,407	17,208	149,738 33,412 564,849	6,123 2,396	12,062	97,847 35,711 557,365

^{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

	Janua	ary 2013 to Jur	ne 2013	January 2012 to June 2012		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded Container-on-flat-car Trailer-on-flat-car Traffic received from United States connections	949,764 26,195	1,798,112	131,768,411 14,501,211 395,438 19,516,488	923,656 22,994	1,747,924	123,403,793 14,098,971 336,938 19,515,425
Total traffic carried			166,181,548			157,355,127
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Traffic received from Canadian connections	86,153 12,269	174,819	1,277,279 173,184 14,547,349	67,578 12,476	138,457	987,509 178,797 16,867,971

^{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 June 2013			January 2012 to June 2012		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded Container-on-flat-car Trailer-on-flat-car Traffic received from United States connections	418,689 24,480	814,865	52,679,130 6,753,776 362,124 4,942,782	397,051 20,993	777,410	48,978,447 6,369,027 295,319 4,795,354
Total traffic carried			64,737,812			60,438,147
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Traffic received from Canadian connections	38,056 2	81,712	474,669 23 11,719,013	31,959 16	68,524	416,597 141 13,417,107

^{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

	Janua	ry 2013 to Jur	ne 2013	January 2012 to June 2012		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded Container-on-flat-car Trailer-on-flat-car Traffic received from United States connections	531,075 1,715	983,247	79,089,281 7,747,435 33,314 14,573,706	526,605 2,001	970,514	74,425,346 7,729,944 41,619 14,720,071
Total traffic carried			101,443,736			96,916,980
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Traffic received from Canadian connections	48,097 12,267	93,107	802,610 173,161 2,828,336	35,619 12,460	69,933	570,912 178,656 3,450,864

^{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 intermodal 1 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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The additional carriers were primarily shortline carriers whose data were previously included with the data of mainline carriers. The change in commodity classes has had negligible impact on the reporting of bulk commodities (e.g., wheat, potash and coal) which represent the majority of the total number of cars and tonnes. However, the reporting of manufactured and miscellaneous goods has changed significantly.

Details of the commodities included in each SCTG class presented in **Railway Carloadings (Monthly)** are available upon request. For further information, please contact Transportation Statistics, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0T6 (tel.: 1-866-500-8400, Internet: *TransportationStatistics@statcan.gc.ca*).

^{1.} Intermodal traffic is freight carried in containers or truck trailers that are loaded onto flat cars.

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

^{3.} The Eastern and Western Divisions, for statistical purposes, are separated by an imaginary line running from Thunder Bay to Armstrong, Ontario. Freight loaded at Thunder Bay is included in the Western Division while loadings at Armstrong are reported in the Eastern Division.

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