



Monthly Railway Carloadings

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Highlights

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The traditional winter slowdown in business for Canada's railways between December and January is becoming almost a thing of the past.

Loadings declined in January this year compared with December, but only slightly. In total, railways loaded 23.3 million metric tonnes of freight in January, down only 1.3% from the previous month. It was the smallest decline from December to January in the last three years.

Business has been picking up for railways in January. In fact, on a year-over-year basis, tonnage increased at its fastest pace in three years this January.

Loadings this year were 6.1% higher than they were in January 2005, well above the year-over-year pace measured during the previous two years.

Loadings of non-intermodal goods reached 21.1 million tonnes in January, down 1.3% from the revised 21.4 million tonnes in December 2005. About 266,000 railcars were needed to load all of January's non-intermodal freight.

On a commodity basis, potash loadings fell by about a third from December. Loadings of wood from all related commodity groupings showed strong gains. All metallic ores and concentrates showed some decline while their derivatives, the metallic products groupings, all progressed.

Intermodal loadings, that is containers and trailers hauled on flat cars, amounted to 2.2 million tonnes, virtually unchanged from December.

Traffic received from Canadian connections dropped by 12.1% from December. Part of this drop was due to three short line carriers having been bought by a larger carrier. This reduced the total number of carriers in Canada and the total volume of goods exchanged between Canadian carriers.

Freight coming from the United States, either destined for or passing through Canada, reached 2.4 million tonnes, up 4.4% from December.

Traffic from the United States is showing a profile similar to non-intermodal loadings, where January figures have been continuously increasing since 2003.

Note: Data on railway carloadings have undergone some revisions since the last release.

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Table 1

Railway Carloading Statistics for Non-Intermodal Traffic by Commodity in Canada - Total¹

Commodity	January 2006		January 2005	
	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	17,414	1,575,627	16,165	1,452,667
Other cereal grains	5,925	470,233	3,460	273,177
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	2,199	195,143	594	49,360
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	4,880	389,698	2,026	159,331
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	543	43,208	230	17,549
Animal feed and products	1,699	139,204	2,534	204,703
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	1	5	0	0
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	1,021	80,361	1,031	79,439
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	2,661	211,020	2,018	161,585
Sugar	472	41,226	482	42,477
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	321	19,079	200	12,692
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	94	7,496	64	5,087
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	2,823	250,699	2,417	214,587
Salt	1,539	136,933	1,498	134,569
Phosphate rock	689	60,683	919	82,808
Sulphur	7,473	715,163	6,202	600,977
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ²	6,400	543,441	4,524	374,489
Iron ores and concentrates	28,171	2,577,323	27,971	2,562,018
Copper ores and concentrates	1,078	95,353	1,184	104,080
Nickel ores and concentrates	1,880	141,514	3,034	220,564
Lead ores and concentrates	201	15,498	217	16,733
Zinc ores and concentrates	735	62,979	814	69,739
Other metallic ores and concentrates	2,630	240,595	2,773	252,792
Coal	25,942	2,622,436	25,072	2,491,770
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	2,386	184,227	2,153	164,237
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	5,697	464,178	5,309	431,353
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	8,253	523,435	8,343	526,630
Coal coke and petroleum coke	1,908	138,391	1,827	116,812
Other refined petroleum and coal products	2,765	215,518	2,648	205,005
Sulphuric acid	2,509	225,113	2,308	205,039
Alumina	2,776	253,646	2,820	254,971
Other basic chemicals	7,685	668,786	7,811	680,264
Potash	8,249	783,455	13,366	1,273,512
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	4,091	342,500	4,485	375,837
Other chemical products and preparations	668	55,751	692	58,385
Plastic and rubber	3,954	339,079	4,124	350,165
Logs and other wood in the rough	4,708	270,512	4,386	258,267
Wood chips	6,084	356,232	5,241	312,883
Lumber	16,650	1,388,644	14,238	1,164,404
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	7,278	564,453	6,441	485,734
Wood pulp	11,477	929,824	11,456	920,206
Newsprint	7,086	457,848	6,603	424,588
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	5,684	384,623	6,168	391,497
Cement	1,909	176,415	1,662	151,423
Other non-metallic mineral products	544	45,629	592	47,280
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	6,144	518,963	5,113	428,810
Copper, primary or semi-finished	424	35,615	408	34,103
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	2,887	238,745	2,458	198,184
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	842	66,798	764	61,215
Articles of base metal	1,269	95,555	589	40,504
Machinery	85	4,080	89	2,822
Automobiles and mini-vans	8,578	151,169	7,850	142,241
Freight motor vehicles	6,902	127,659	6,416	114,450
Other vehicles	24	218	5	77
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	2,677	76,678	2,905	84,987
Other transportation equipment	1,707	48,721	879	33,052
Metallic waste and scrap	3,112	241,383	2,421	184,533
Non-metallic waste and scrap	754	40,545	612	33,728
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	157	9,491	286	17,879
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	264	10,079	435	19,976
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	545	15,420	529	16,237
Less than carload shipments	...	20	...	0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³	265,523	21,084,314	249,861	19,794,483

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

Table 2
Railway Carloading Statistics for Non-Intermodal Traffic by Commodity in Canada - Eastern Division

Commodity	January 2006		January 2005	
	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	470	41,814	459	40,648
Other cereal grains	373	30,394	124	9,395
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	21	1,747	16	1,288
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	2	148	41	3,304
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	73	5,018	69	5,140
Animal feed and products	499	39,825	1,320	104,002
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	1	5	0	0
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	61	4,821	55	4,538
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	280	21,194	219	16,473
Sugar	359	31,230	400	35,252
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	37	3,274	13	1,069
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	46	3,533	26	1,920
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	829	73,792	916	79,083
Salt	703	62,657	844	75,871
Phosphate rock	689	60,683	919	82,808
Sulphur	123	10,864	141	12,456
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ²	5,847	494,807	4,186	344,896
Iron ores and concentrates	28,171	2,577,323	27,971	2,562,018
Copper ores and concentrates	298	26,468	548	47,605
Nickel ores and concentrates	1,880	141,514	3,034	220,564
Lead ores and concentrates	201	15,498	217	16,733
Zinc ores and concentrates	581	50,199	745	63,996
Other metallic ores and concentrates	2,564	234,722	2,684	244,855
Coal	2,090	178,579	2,632	237,606
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	1,894	145,305	1,760	133,954
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	3,044	243,712	2,932	236,391
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	3,807	243,256	3,990	254,939
Coal coke and petroleum coke	933	60,602	1,123	63,015
Other refined petroleum and coal products	1,177	88,192	1,246	93,311
Sulphuric acid	2,159	193,885	2,020	179,268
Alumina	2,774	253,471	2,820	254,971
Other basic chemicals	3,075	260,842	3,005	253,773
Potash	457	41,820	967	88,473
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	314	28,044	245	21,871
Other chemical products and preparations	577	48,891	608	51,921
Plastic and rubber	1,594	130,083	2,010	167,650
Logs and other wood in the rough	2,690	140,564	2,558	132,652
Wood chips	1,544	86,988	1,211	73,233
Lumber	3,937	322,502	3,820	304,682
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	2,743	199,545	2,544	180,252
Wood pulp	4,170	328,124	4,096	317,571
Newsprint	6,022	384,125	5,655	361,915
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	4,434	299,516	4,782	299,131
Cement	995	91,684	931	84,931
Other non-metallic mineral products	350	29,585	408	32,384
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	5,385	454,344	4,386	365,726
Copper, primary or semi-finished	330	28,048	322	27,180
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	2,857	236,329	2,438	196,564
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	354	30,082	367	31,568
Articles of base metal	649	47,851	476	32,134
Machinery	63	2,767	64	1,797
Automobiles and mini-vans	7,307	132,029	6,647	125,171
Freight motor vehicles	6,506	122,054	5,973	107,926
Other vehicles	24	218	5	77
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	2,677	76,678	2,904	84,902
Other transportation equipment	1,336	37,525	789	28,421
Metallic waste and scrap	2,090	164,574	1,525	120,640
Non-metallic waste and scrap	302	20,357	287	18,799
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	65	4,091	114	8,744
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	258	9,874	431	19,782
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	457	12,676	443	13,763
Less than carload shipments	...	20	...	0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³	125,548	9,110,361	123,481	8,981,002

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

Table 3

Railway Carloading Statistics for Non-Intermodal Traffic by Commodity in Canada - Western Division

Commodity	January 2006		January 2005	
	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	16,944	1,533,813	15,706	1,412,019
Other cereal grains	5,552	439,839	3,336	263,782
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	2,178	193,396	578	48,072
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	4,878	389,550	1,985	156,027
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	470	38,190	161	12,409
Animal feed and products	1,200	99,379	1,214	100,701
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	0	0	0	0
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	960	75,540	976	74,901
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	2,381	189,826	1,799	145,112
Sugar	113	9,996	82	7,225
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	284	15,805	187	11,623
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	48	3,963	38	3,167
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	1,994	176,907	1,501	135,504
Salt	836	74,276	654	58,698
Phosphate rock	0	0	0	0
Sulphur	7,350	704,299	6,061	588,521
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ²	553	48,634	338	29,593
Iron ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Copper ores and concentrates	780	68,885	636	56,475
Nickel ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Lead ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Zinc ores and concentrates	154	12,780	69	5,743
Other metallic ores and concentrates	66	5,873	89	7,937
Coal	23,852	2,443,857	22,440	2,254,164
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	492	38,922	393	30,283
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	2,653	220,466	2,377	194,962
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	4,446	280,179	4,353	271,691
Coal coke and petroleum coke	975	77,789	704	53,797
Other refined petroleum and coal products	1,588	127,326	1,402	111,694
Sulphuric acid	350	31,228	288	25,771
Alumina	2	175	0	0
Other basic chemicals	4,610	407,944	4,806	426,491
Potash	7,792	741,635	12,399	1,185,039
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	3,777	314,456	4,240	353,966
Other chemical products and preparations	91	6,860	84	6,464
Plastic and rubber	2,360	208,996	2,114	182,515
Logs and other wood in the rough	2,018	129,948	1,828	125,615
Wood chips	4,540	269,244	4,030	239,650
Lumber	12,713	1,066,142	10,418	859,722
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	4,535	364,908	3,897	305,482
Wood pulp	7,307	601,700	7,360	602,635
Newsprint	1,064	73,723	948	62,673
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	1,250	85,107	1,386	92,366
Cement	914	84,731	731	66,492
Other non-metallic mineral products	194	16,044	184	14,896
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	759	64,619	727	63,084
Copper, primary or semi-finished	94	7,567	86	6,923
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	30	2,416	20	1,620
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	488	36,716	397	29,647
Articles of base metal	620	47,704	113	8,370
Machinery	22	1,313	25	1,025
Automobiles and mini-vans	1,271	19,140	1,203	17,070
Freight motor vehicles	396	5,605	443	6,524
Other vehicles	0	0	0	0
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	0	0	1	85
Other transportation equipment	371	11,196	90	4,631
Metallic waste and scrap	1,022	76,809	896	63,893
Non-metallic waste and scrap	452	20,188	325	14,929
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	92	5,400	172	9,135
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	6	205	4	194
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	88	2,744	86	2,474
Less than carload shipments	...	0	...	0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³	139,975	11,973,953	126,380	10,813,481

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Table 4

Railway Carloading Statistics for Non-Intermodal Traffic by Commodity in Canada (YTD) - Total¹

Commodity	January 2006 to January 2006		January 2005 to January 2005	
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Wheat	17,414	1,575,627	16,165	1,452,667
Other cereal grains	5,925	470,233	3,460	273,177
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Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	543	43,208	230	17,549
Animal feed and products	1,699	139,204	2,534	204,703
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Sulphur	7,473	715,163	6,202	600,977
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
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Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	3,807	243,256	3,990	254,939
Coal coke and petroleum coke	933	60,602	1,123	63,015
Other refined petroleum and coal products	1,177	88,192	1,246	93,311
Sulphuric acid	2,159	193,885	2,020	179,268
Alumina	2,774	253,471	2,820	254,971
Other basic chemicals	3,075	260,842	3,005	253,773
Potash	457	41,820	967	88,473
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	314	28,044	245	21,871
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Plastic and rubber	1,594	130,083	2,010	167,650
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Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	354	30,082	367	31,568
Articles of base metal	649	47,851	476	32,134
Machinery	63	2,767	64	1,797
Automobiles and mini-vans	7,307	132,029	6,647	125,171
Freight motor vehicles	6,506	122,054	5,973	107,926
Other vehicles	24	218	5	77
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	2,677	76,678	2,904	84,902
Other transportation equipment	1,336	37,525	789	28,421
Metallic waste and scrap	2,090	164,574	1,525	120,640
Non-metallic waste and scrap	302	20,357	287	18,799
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	65	4,091	114	8,744
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	258	9,874	431	19,782
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	457	12,676	443	13,763
Less than carload shipments	...	20	...	0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³	125,548	9,110,361	123,481	8,981,002

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Table 6
Railway Carloading Statistics for Non-Intermodal Traffic by Commodity in Canada (YTD) - Western Division

Commodity	January 2006 to January 2006		January 2005 to January 2005	
	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	16,944	1,533,813	15,706	1,412,019
Other cereal grains	5,552	439,839	3,336	263,782
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	2,178	193,396	578	48,072
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	4,878	389,550	1,985	156,027
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	470	38,190	161	12,409
Animal feed and products	1,200	99,379	1,214	100,701
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	0	0	0	0
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	960	75,540	976	74,901
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	2,381	189,826	1,799	145,112
Sugar	113	9,996	82	7,225
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	284	15,805	187	11,623
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	48	3,963	38	3,167
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	1,994	176,907	1,501	135,504
Salt	836	74,276	654	58,698
Phosphate rock	0	0	0	0
Sulphur	7,350	704,299	6,061	588,521
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ²	553	48,634	338	29,593
Iron ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Copper ores and concentrates	780	68,885	636	56,475
Nickel ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Lead ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Zinc ores and concentrates	154	12,780	69	5,743
Other metallic ores and concentrates	66	5,873	89	7,937
Coal	23,852	2,443,857	22,440	2,254,164
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	492	38,922	393	30,283
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	2,653	220,466	2,377	194,962
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	4,446	280,179	4,353	271,691
Coal coke and petroleum coke	975	77,789	704	53,797
Other refined petroleum and coal products	1,588	127,326	1,402	111,694
Sulphuric acid	350	31,228	288	25,771
Alumina	2	175	0	0
Other basic chemicals	4,610	407,944	4,806	426,491
Potash	7,792	741,635	12,399	1,185,039
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	3,777	314,456	4,240	353,966
Other chemical products and preparations	91	6,860	84	6,464
Plastic and rubber	2,360	208,996	2,114	182,515
Logs and other wood in the rough	2,018	129,948	1,828	125,615
Wood chips	4,540	269,244	4,030	239,650
Lumber	12,713	1,066,142	10,418	859,722
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	4,535	364,908	3,897	305,482
Wood pulp	7,307	601,700	7,360	602,635
Newsprint	1,064	73,723	948	62,673
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	1,250	85,107	1,386	92,366
Cement	914	84,731	731	66,492
Other non-metallic mineral products	194	16,044	184	14,896
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	759	64,619	727	63,084
Copper, primary or semi-finished	94	7,567	86	6,923
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	30	2,416	20	1,620
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	488	36,716	397	29,647
Articles of base metal	620	47,704	113	8,370
Machinery	22	1,313	25	1,025
Automobiles and mini-vans	1,271	19,140	1,203	17,070
Freight motor vehicles	396	5,605	443	6,524
Other vehicles	0	0	0	0
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	0	0	1	85
Other transportation equipment	371	11,196	90	4,631
Metallic waste and scrap	1,022	76,809	896	63,893
Non-metallic waste and scrap	452	20,188	325	14,929
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	92	5,400	172	9,135
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	6	205	4	194
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	88	2,744	86	2,474
Less than carload shipments	...	0	...	0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³	139,975	11,973,953	126,380	10,813,481

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Table 7
Railway Carloading Statistics for Intermodal and Non-Intermodal Traffic in Canada - Total¹

	January 2006			January 2005		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³			21,084,314			19,794,483
Container-on-flat-car	132,491	229,061	2,102,557	124,424	211,816	2,020,579
Trailer-on-flat-car	5,001	.	72,761	6,332	.	99,730
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	2,434,050	.	.	2,247,118
Total traffic carried³			25,693,682			24,161,910
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	16,197	28,022	218,062	16,738	28,292	229,127
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	1,196	.	17,611	1,590	.	23,531
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	3,519,834	.	.	4,085,673

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Table 8
Railway Carloading Statistics for Intermodal and Non-Intermodal Traffic in Canada - Eastern Division

	January 2006			January 2005		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³			9,110,361			8,981,002
Container-on-flat-car	67,733	117,319	1,113,571	68,484	116,160	1,153,088
Trailer-on-flat-car	4,667	.	66,594	5,900	.	91,450
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	720,721	.	.	691,788
Total traffic carried³			11,011,247			10,917,328
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	5,201	10,107	63,394	5,000	9,344	64,735
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	186	.	3,210	714	.	13,612
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	2,863,298	.	.	3,234,258

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Table 9
Railway Carloading Statistics for Intermodal and Non-Intermodal Traffic in Canada - Western Division

	January 2006			January 2005		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³			11,973,953			10,813,481
Container-on-flat-car	64,758	111,742	988,986	55,940	95,656	867,491
Trailer-on-flat-car	334	.	6,167	432	.	8,280
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	1,713,329	.	.	1,555,330
Total traffic carried³			14,682,435			13,244,582
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	10,996	17,915	154,668	11,738	18,948	164,392
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	1,010	.	14,401	876	.	9,919
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	656,536	.	.	851,415

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

Table 10

Railway Carloading Statistics for Intermodal and Non-Intermodal Traffic in Canada (YTD) - Total¹

	January 2006 to January 2006			January 2005 to January 2005		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³			21,084,314			19,794,483
Container-on-flat-car	132,491	229,061	2,102,557	124,424	211,816	2,020,579
Trailer-on-flat-car	5,001	.	72,761	6,332	.	99,730
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	2,434,050	.	.	2,247,118
Total traffic carried³			25,693,682			24,161,910
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	16,197	28,022	218,062	16,738	28,292	229,127
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	1,196	.	17,611	1,590	.	23,531
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	3,519,834	.	.	4,085,673

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

Table 11

Railway Carloading Statistics for Intermodal and Non-Intermodal Traffic in Canada (YTD) - Eastern Division

	January 2006 to January 2006			January 2005 to January 2005		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³			9,110,361			8,981,002
Container-on-flat-car	67,733	117,319	1,113,571	68,484	116,160	1,153,088
Trailer-on-flat-car	4,667	.	66,594	5,900	.	91,450
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	720,721	.	.	691,788
Total traffic carried³			11,011,247			10,917,328
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	5,201	10,107	63,394	5,000	9,344	64,735
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	186	.	3,210	714	.	13,612
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	2,863,298	.	.	3,234,258

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

Table 12

Railway Carloading Statistics for Intermodal and Non-Intermodal Traffic in Canada (YTD) - Western Division

	January 2006 to January 2006			January 2005 to January 2005		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³			11,973,953			10,813,481
Container-on-flat-car	64,758	111,742	988,986	55,940	95,656	867,491
Trailer-on-flat-car	334	.	6,167	432	.	8,280
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	1,713,329	.	.	1,555,330
Total traffic carried³			14,682,435			13,244,582
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	10,996	17,915	154,668	11,738	18,948	164,392
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	1,010	.	14,401	876	.	9,919
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	656,536	.	.	851,415

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

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 and non-intermodal¹ traffic of the previous month. 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 Canada². 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.

Users of **Railway Carloadings (Monthly)** current and historical data should be aware of a break in the continuity of these data. Starting with the January 1999 reference period, the commodities presented in the **Railway Carloadings (Monthly)** publication were modified to conform to the Standard Classification of Transported Goods (SCTG) and the number of carriers surveyed more than doubled from the eighteen carriers surveyed prior to 1999.

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.ca.)

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

2. 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.

Footnotes:

1. Data included in table 1 and 4 represent about 40 railway carriers.
2. Includes carloadings of gypsum.
3. Excludes goods transported in containers or trailers on flat cars.

Symbols:

- . not available for any reference period
- .. not available for a specific reference period
- ... not applicable
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- 0^s value rounded to 0 (zero) where there is a meaningful distinction between true zero and the value that was rounded
- ^p preliminary
- ^r revised
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