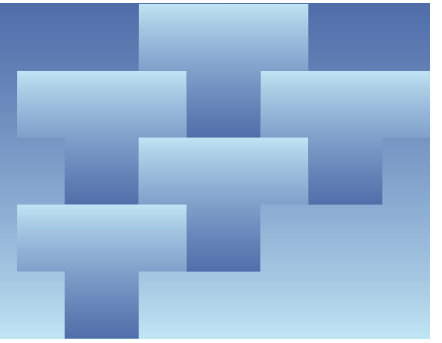




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Highlights

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In February, railway carloadings were down in almost all commodity groupings. In total, 22.5 million metric tonnes of goods were loaded on Canadian railways, 3.6% less than in January.

Total tonnage of non-intermodal categories reached 20.4 million metric tonnes in February, down 4% from January. Iron ore and concentrates as well as canola seeds were the only two commodity groupings that showed increases in loadings. About 256,000 railcars were needed to load all of February's non-intermodal freight.

Intermodal loadings, that is, containers and trailers hauled on flat cars, remained steady at just over 2.0 million metric tonnes.

Freight coming from the United States either destined for or passing through Canada reached 2.1 million tonnes, down 7.8% from January.

On a year-over-year basis, all modes showed lower volumes than February of last year. While the non-intermodal tonnage was only slightly lower than February 2005, intermodal traffic was down 2.7% and traffic received from the United States was down 7.5%.

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	February 2006		February 2005	
	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	15,462	1,396,366	16,216	1,452,741
Other cereal grains	4,329	346,424	4,101	329,740
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	2,075	184,465	1,770	154,400
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	5,985	475,657	3,060	242,650
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	367	28,756	337	25,047
Animal feed and products	1,597	131,323	1,913	155,114
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	1	4	0	0
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	954	74,404	923	72,079
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	2,377	187,416	2,147	167,633
Sugar	368	32,275	389	34,117
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	247	15,568	161	10,523
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	89	6,846	66	5,239
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	2,570	224,379	3,068	266,712
Salt	1,277	113,602	1,369	122,508
Phosphate rock	457	41,007	908	81,931
Sulphur	6,702	641,962	6,033	582,594
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ²	5,289	439,075	5,217	433,960
Iron ores and concentrates	35,122	3,194,598	27,405	2,508,114
Copper ores and concentrates	1,023	90,743	1,257	110,805
Nickel ores and concentrates	1,439	109,050	3,010	218,535
Lead ores and concentrates	199	15,345	192	14,805
Zinc ores and concentrates	662	57,299	738	62,907
Other metallic ores and concentrates	4,884	466,978	5,006	475,971
Coal	23,758	2,400,794	26,043	2,589,826
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	2,099	160,748	1,576	118,712
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	5,134	416,868	5,129	415,971
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	6,625	422,622	7,350	463,901
Coal coke and petroleum coke	1,705	120,878	1,613	106,334
Other refined petroleum and coal products	2,538	196,880	2,514	194,494
Sulphuric acid	2,388	213,472	2,166	192,469
Alumina	2,691	246,478	2,752	245,143
Other basic chemicals	7,376	641,798	7,616	661,202
Potash	7,824	750,366	15,683	1,495,914
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	4,005	336,048	4,951	417,187
Other chemical products and preparations	666	56,385	703	59,292
Plastic and rubber	3,914	337,362	3,926	337,074
Logs and other wood in the rough	4,601	265,507	4,626	276,945
Wood chips	5,974	351,175	5,572	334,650
Lumber	16,095	1,342,004	14,721	1,195,463
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	6,577	510,186	6,443	487,105
Wood pulp	10,576	849,450	11,070	888,017
Newsprint	6,435	414,920	6,236	398,710
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	4,576	308,984	5,423	348,679
Cement	1,856	172,140	1,751	160,438
Other non-metallic mineral products	444	37,913	590	45,262
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	5,386	454,272	5,641	467,911
Copper, primary or semi-finished	413	34,930	318	26,180
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	2,551	210,731	2,490	200,904
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	646	50,471	772	63,188
Articles of base metal	1,130	83,703	655	45,621
Machinery	129	5,660	81	2,517
Automobiles and mini-vans	8,426	147,008	8,695	154,471
Freight motor vehicles	7,159	125,855	7,379	130,701
Other vehicles	10	78	20	380
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	2,772	79,990	3,057	89,209
Other transportation equipment	1,671	48,305	1,089	39,055
Metallic waste and scrap	2,843	221,699	2,369	181,477
Non-metallic waste and scrap	659	35,769	642	34,743
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	156	10,158	306	18,776
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	295	13,846	514	24,805
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	618	17,551	495	14,661
Less than carload shipments	.	11	.	0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³	256,196	20,366,557	258,263	20,455,512

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

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

Commodity	February 2006		February 2005	
	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	464	41,335	683	61,063
Other cereal grains	282	22,894	175	13,609
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	27	2,195	19	1,528
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	1	77	22	1,693
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	172	13,983	52	3,433
Animal feed and products	646	52,496	1,010	80,086
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	1	4	0	0
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	32	2,577	70	5,557
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	256	19,147	261	19,660
Sugar	302	26,586	333	29,183
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	45	3,981	14	1,180
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	26	1,747	25	1,869
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	939	79,438	1,121	91,466
Salt	784	69,729	723	65,239
Phosphate rock	457	41,007	908	81,931
Sulphur	101	8,890	133	11,685
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ²	4,774	393,490	4,877	404,192
Iron ores and concentrates	35,122	3,194,598	27,405	2,508,114
Copper ores and concentrates	334	29,517	678	59,075
Nickel ores and concentrates	1,439	109,050	3,010	218,535
Lead ores and concentrates	199	15,345	192	14,805
Zinc ores and concentrates	515	45,129	685	58,504
Other metallic ores and concentrates	4,856	464,488	4,901	466,579
Coal	1,880	160,839	2,537	220,891
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	1,614	122,572	1,219	91,994
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	2,627	210,126	2,582	207,641
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	3,318	213,777	3,815	243,359
Coal coke and petroleum coke	961	63,013	960	56,177
Other refined petroleum and coal products	1,148	86,655	1,202	90,224
Sulphuric acid	2,108	188,399	1,855	164,936
Alumina	2,691	246,478	2,751	245,053
Other basic chemicals	2,920	248,818	3,056	257,214
Potash	443	40,702	1,028	93,865
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	226	20,014	239	21,220
Other chemical products and preparations	592	50,905	622	52,986
Plastic and rubber	1,757	145,513	1,908	159,301
Logs and other wood in the rough	2,644	138,976	2,781	148,875
Wood chips	1,597	91,353	1,267	77,905
Lumber	4,160	340,215	4,233	336,473
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	2,397	173,126	2,363	167,748
Wood pulp	3,654	274,982	3,959	304,780
Newsprint	5,382	342,086	5,174	328,836
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	3,484	234,443	4,161	263,881
Cement	1,010	94,404	807	73,567
Other non-metallic mineral products	294	25,190	413	32,032
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	4,722	396,869	4,940	405,844
Copper, primary or semi-finished	327	28,266	233	19,660
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	2,535	209,476	2,474	199,605
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	237	19,809	392	33,629
Articles of base metal	556	40,558	519	35,649
Machinery	109	4,916	62	1,474
Automobiles and mini-vans	6,967	124,406	7,075	130,589
Freight motor vehicles	6,724	119,545	7,073	125,814
Other vehicles	9	61	4	68
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	2,772	79,990	3,057	89,209
Other transportation equipment	1,391	38,255	951	32,231
Metallic waste and scrap	1,878	148,228	1,456	114,454
Non-metallic waste and scrap	240	15,697	282	18,200
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	67	4,285	128	8,780
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	289	13,581	508	24,502
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	534	15,700	407	12,244
Less than carload shipments	.	11	.	0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³	128,038	9,409,942	125,790	9,089,896

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Table 3

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

Commodity	February 2006		February 2005	
	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	14,998	1,355,031	15,533	1,391,678
Other cereal grains	4,047	323,530	3,926	316,131
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	2,048	182,270	1,751	152,872
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	5,984	475,580	3,038	240,957
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	195	14,773	285	21,614
Animal feed and products	951	78,827	903	75,028
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	0	0	0	0
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	922	71,827	853	66,522
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	2,121	168,269	1,886	147,973
Sugar	66	5,689	56	4,934
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	202	11,587	147	9,343
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	63	5,099	41	3,370
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	1,631	144,941	1,947	175,246
Salt	493	43,873	646	57,269
Phosphate rock	0	0	0	0
Sulphur	6,601	633,072	5,900	570,909
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ²	515	45,585	340	29,768
Iron ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Copper ores and concentrates	689	61,226	579	51,730
Nickel ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Lead ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Zinc ores and concentrates	147	12,170	53	4,403
Other metallic ores and concentrates	28	2,490	105	9,392
Coal	21,878	2,239,955	23,506	2,368,935
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	485	38,176	357	26,718
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	2,507	206,742	2,547	208,330
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	3,307	208,845	3,535	220,542
Coal coke and petroleum coke	744	57,865	653	50,157
Other refined petroleum and coal products	1,390	110,225	1,312	104,270
Sulphuric acid	280	25,073	311	27,533
Alumina	0	0	1	90
Other basic chemicals	4,456	392,980	4,560	403,988
Potash	7,381	709,664	14,655	1,402,049
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	3,779	316,034	4,712	395,967
Other chemical products and preparations	74	5,480	81	6,306
Plastic and rubber	2,157	191,849	2,018	177,773
Logs and other wood in the rough	1,957	126,531	1,845	128,070
Wood chips	4,377	259,822	4,305	256,745
Lumber	11,935	1,001,789	10,488	858,990
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	4,180	337,060	4,080	319,357
Wood pulp	6,922	574,468	7,111	583,237
Newsprint	1,053	72,834	1,062	69,874
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	1,092	74,541	1,262	84,798
Cement	846	77,736	944	86,871
Other non-metallic mineral products	150	12,723	177	13,230
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	664	57,403	701	62,067
Copper, primary or semi-finished	86	6,664	85	6,520
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	16	1,255	16	1,299
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	409	30,662	380	29,559
Articles of base metal	574	43,145	136	9,972
Machinery	20	744	19	1,043
Automobiles and mini-vans	1,459	22,602	1,620	23,882
Freight motor vehicles	435	6,310	306	4,887
Other vehicles	1	17	16	312
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	0	0	0	0
Other transportation equipment	280	10,050	138	6,824
Metallic waste and scrap	965	73,471	913	67,023
Non-metallic waste and scrap	419	20,072	360	16,543
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	89	5,873	178	9,996
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	6	265	6	303
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	84	1,851	88	2,417
Less than carload shipments	.	0	.	0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³	128,158	10,956,615	132,473	11,365,616

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Table 4
Railway Carloading Statistics for Non-Intermodal Traffic by Commodity in Canada (YTD) - Total¹

Commodity	January 2006 to February 2006		January 2005 to February 2005	
	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	32,790	2,964,889	32,381	2,905,408
Other cereal grains	10,211	813,300	7,561	602,917
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	4,267	379,090	2,364	203,760
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	10,863	865,149	5,086	401,981
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	910	71,810	567	42,596
Animal feed and products	3,281	269,561	4,447	359,817
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	2	9	0	0
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	1,967	154,192	1,954	151,518
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	5,032	398,249	4,165	329,218
Sugar	834	73,007	871	76,594
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	568	34,647	361	23,215
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	182	14,274	130	10,326
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	5,393	475,074	5,485	481,299
Salt	2,816	250,540	2,867	257,077
Phosphate rock	1,146	101,690	1,827	164,739
Sulphur	14,170	1,360,918	12,235	1,183,571
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ²	11,674	981,207	9,741	808,449
Iron ores and concentrates	63,343	5,776,852	55,426	5,075,063
Copper ores and concentrates	2,096	185,657	2,441	214,885
Nickel ores and concentrates	3,319	250,564	6,044	439,099
Lead ores and concentrates	400	30,843	409	31,538
Zinc ores and concentrates	1,397	120,322	1,552	132,646
Other metallic ores and concentrates	9,745	930,665	10,010	951,855
Coal	49,358	4,989,510	51,115	5,081,596
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	4,485	344,975	3,729	282,949
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	10,824	881,233	10,438	847,324
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	14,848	944,281	15,693	990,531
Coal coke and petroleum coke	3,606	258,736	3,440	223,146
Other refined petroleum and coal products	5,271	410,963	5,162	399,499
Sulphuric acid	4,885	437,532	4,474	397,508
Alumina	5,467	500,124	5,572	500,114
Other basic chemicals	15,040	1,309,718	15,427	1,341,466
Potash	15,816	1,507,505	29,049	2,769,426
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	8,032	672,955	9,436	793,024
Other chemical products and preparations	1,330	111,648	1,395	117,677
Plastic and rubber	7,837	673,985	8,050	687,239
Logs and other wood in the rough	9,313	536,208	9,012	535,212
Wood chips	12,057	707,331	10,813	647,533
Lumber	32,703	2,726,947	28,959	2,359,867
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	13,811	1,070,832	12,884	972,839
Wood pulp	22,003	1,775,097	22,526	1,808,223
Newsprint	13,512	872,315	12,839	823,298
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	10,240	692,637	11,591	740,176
Cement	3,764	348,454	3,413	311,861
Other non-metallic mineral products	983	83,161	1,182	92,542
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	11,523	972,743	10,754	896,721
Copper, primary or semi-finished	837	70,545	726	60,283
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	5,434	449,110	4,948	399,088
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	1,487	117,207	1,536	124,403
Articles of base metal	2,385	178,115	1,244	86,125
Machinery	213	9,655	170	5,339
Automobiles and mini-vans	17,002	298,181	16,545	296,712
Freight motor vehicles	14,060	253,459	13,795	245,151
Other vehicles	34	296	25	457
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	5,448	156,669	5,962	174,196
Other transportation equipment	3,293	93,892	1,968	72,107
Metallic waste and scrap	5,947	461,540	4,790	366,010
Non-metallic waste and scrap	1,402	75,399	1,254	68,471
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	309	19,581	592	36,655
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	559	23,925	949	44,781
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	1,155	32,564	1,024	30,898
Less than carload shipments	.	31	.	0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³	522,679	41,571,567	510,405	40,478,018

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Table 5

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

Commodity	January 2006 to February 2006		January 2005 to February 2005	
	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	934	83,149	1,142	101,711
Other cereal grains	655	53,304	299	23,004
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	48	3,942	35	2,816
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	3	225	63	4,997
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	245	19,001	121	8,573
Animal feed and products	1,133	91,548	2,330	184,088
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	2	9	0	0
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	93	7,398	125	10,095
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	536	40,356	480	36,133
Sugar	660	57,772	733	64,435
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	82	7,255	27	2,249
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	71	5,212	51	3,789
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	1,768	153,230	2,037	170,549
Salt	1,487	132,387	1,567	141,110
Phosphate rock	1,146	101,690	1,827	164,739
Sulphur	224	19,754	274	24,141
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ²	10,618	888,071	9,063	749,088
Iron ores and concentrates	63,343	5,776,852	55,426	5,075,063
Copper ores and concentrates	632	55,985	1,226	106,680
Nickel ores and concentrates	3,319	250,564	6,044	439,099
Lead ores and concentrates	400	30,843	409	31,538
Zinc ores and concentrates	1,096	95,328	1,430	122,500
Other metallic ores and concentrates	9,651	922,302	9,816	934,526
Coal	3,970	339,418	5,169	458,497
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	3,508	267,877	2,979	225,948
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	5,662	453,839	5,514	444,032
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	7,123	456,910	7,805	498,298
Coal coke and petroleum coke	1,894	123,717	2,083	119,192
Other refined petroleum and coal products	2,306	174,456	2,448	183,535
Sulphuric acid	4,255	381,231	3,875	344,204
Alumina	5,465	499,949	5,571	500,024
Other basic chemicals	5,983	509,311	6,061	510,987
Potash	900	82,522	1,995	182,338
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	540	48,038	484	43,091
Other chemical products and preparations	1,166	99,390	1,230	104,907
Plastic and rubber	3,348	275,472	3,918	326,951
Logs and other wood in the rough	5,335	279,607	5,339	281,527
Wood chips	3,140	178,274	2,478	151,138
Lumber	8,095	662,535	8,053	641,155
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	5,134	372,185	4,907	348,000
Wood pulp	7,784	599,622	8,055	622,351
Newsprint	11,400	726,027	10,829	690,751
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	7,906	533,163	8,943	563,012
Cement	2,005	186,088	1,738	158,498
Other non-metallic mineral products	647	55,015	821	64,416
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	10,100	850,715	9,326	771,570
Copper, primary or semi-finished	657	56,314	555	46,840
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	5,388	445,439	4,912	396,169
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	591	49,895	759	65,197
Articles of base metal	1,196	87,758	995	67,783
Machinery	172	7,683	126	3,271
Automobiles and mini-vans	14,274	256,463	13,722	255,760
Freight motor vehicles	13,229	241,584	13,046	233,740
Other vehicles	33	279	9	145
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	5,448	156,669	5,961	174,111
Other transportation equipment	2,662	73,333	1,740	60,652
Metallic waste and scrap	3,964	312,320	2,981	235,094
Non-metallic waste and scrap	533	35,266	569	36,999
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	128	8,308	242	17,524
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	547	23,455	939	44,284
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	989	28,507	850	26,007
Less than carload shipments	.	31	.	0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³	255,623	18,734,841	251,552	18,298,921

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

Commodity	January 2006 to February 2006		January 2005 to February 2005	
	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	31,856	2,881,740	31,239	2,803,697
Other cereal grains	9,556	759,996	7,262	579,913
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	4,219	375,148	2,329	200,944
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	10,860	864,924	5,023	396,984
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	665	52,809	446	34,023
Animal feed and products	2,148	178,013	2,117	175,729
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	0	0	0	0
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	1,874	146,794	1,829	141,423
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	4,496	357,893	3,685	293,085
Sugar	174	15,235	138	12,159
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	486	27,392	334	20,966
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	111	9,062	79	6,537
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	3,625	321,844	3,448	310,750
Salt	1,329	118,153	1,300	115,967
Phosphate rock	0	0	0	0
Sulphur	13,946	1,341,164	11,961	1,159,430
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ²	1,056	93,136	678	59,361
Iron ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Copper ores and concentrates	1,464	129,672	1,215	108,205
Nickel ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Lead ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Zinc ores and concentrates	301	24,994	122	10,146
Other metallic ores and concentrates	94	8,363	194	17,329
Coal	45,388	4,650,092	45,946	4,623,099
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	977	77,098	750	57,001
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	5,162	427,394	4,924	403,292
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	7,725	487,371	7,888	492,233
Coal coke and petroleum coke	1,712	135,019	1,357	103,954
Other refined petroleum and coal products	2,965	236,507	2,714	215,964
Sulphuric acid	630	56,301	599	53,304
Alumina	2	175	1	90
Other basic chemicals	9,057	800,407	9,366	830,479
Potash	14,916	1,424,983	27,054	2,587,088
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	7,492	624,917	8,952	749,933
Other chemical products and preparations	164	12,258	165	12,770
Plastic and rubber	4,489	398,513	4,132	360,288
Logs and other wood in the rough	3,978	256,601	3,673	253,685
Wood chips	8,917	529,057	8,335	496,395
Lumber	24,608	2,064,412	20,906	1,718,712
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	8,677	698,647	7,977	624,839
Wood pulp	14,219	1,175,475	14,471	1,185,872
Newsprint	2,112	146,288	2,010	132,547
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	2,334	159,474	2,648	177,164
Cement	1,759	162,366	1,675	153,363
Other non-metallic mineral products	336	28,146	361	28,126
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	1,423	122,028	1,428	125,151
Copper, primary or semi-finished	180	14,231	171	13,443
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	46	3,671	36	2,919
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	896	67,312	777	59,206
Articles of base metal	1,189	90,357	249	18,342
Machinery	41	1,972	44	2,068
Automobiles and mini-vans	2,728	41,718	2,823	40,952
Freight motor vehicles	831	11,875	749	11,411
Other vehicles	1	17	16	312
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	0	0	1	85
Other transportation equipment	631	20,559	228	11,455
Metallic waste and scrap	1,983	149,220	1,809	130,916
Non-metallic waste and scrap	869	40,133	685	31,472
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	181	11,273	350	19,131
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	12	470	10	497
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	166	4,057	174	4,891
Less than carload shipments	.	0	.	0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³	267,056	22,836,726	258,853	22,179,097

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

	February 2006			February 2005		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³			20,366,557			20,455,512
Container-on-flat-car	127,087	220,002	2,013,446	126,667	215,988	2,045,894
Trailer-on-flat-car	5,387	.	75,578	6,387	.	100,619
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	2,107,072	.	.	2,278,681
Total traffic carried³			24,562,653			24,880,706
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	16,024	27,905	209,686	17,531	29,881	233,700
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	1,463	.	22,166	1,643	.	23,425
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	3,855,619	.	.	4,257,087

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

	February 2006			February 2005		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³			9,409,942			9,089,896
Container-on-flat-car	68,103	118,845	1,113,151	68,569	116,955	1,143,473
Trailer-on-flat-car	5,033	.	69,073	6,015	.	93,608
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	596,231	.	.	639,739
Total traffic carried³			11,188,397			10,966,716
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	4,976	9,776	57,088	5,208	9,843	65,577
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	216	.	3,710	641	.	12,329
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	3,240,744	.	.	3,408,623

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

	February 2006			February 2005		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³			10,956,615			11,365,616
Container-on-flat-car	58,984	101,157	900,295	58,098	99,033	902,421
Trailer-on-flat-car	354	.	6,505	372	.	7,011
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	1,510,841	.	.	1,638,942
Total traffic carried³			13,374,256			13,913,990
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	11,048	18,129	152,598	12,323	20,038	168,123
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	1,247	.	18,456	1,002	.	11,096
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	614,875	.	.	848,464

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Table 10

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

	January 2006 to February 2006			January 2005 to February 2005		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³			41,571,567			40,478,018
Container-on-flat-car	252,636	437,986	4,018,827	251,091	427,804	4,066,473
Trailer-on-flat-car	10,375	.	148,245	12,719	.	200,349
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	4,392,261	.	.	4,525,799
Total traffic carried³			50,130,900			49,270,639
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	31,745	55,179	420,174	34,269	58,173	462,827
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	2,670	.	39,946	3,235	.	46,956
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	7,612,296	.	.	8,342,760

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Table 11

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

	January 2006 to February 2006			January 2005 to February 2005		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³			18,734,841			18,298,921
Container-on-flat-car	133,381	232,549	2,186,783	137,053	233,115	2,296,561
Trailer-on-flat-car	9,690	.	135,592	11,915	.	185,058
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	1,285,209	.	.	1,331,527
Total traffic carried³			22,342,425			22,112,067
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	10,124	19,794	119,368	10,208	19,187	130,312
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	404	.	6,959	1,355	.	25,941
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	6,348,511	.	.	6,642,881

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Table 12

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

	January 2006 to February 2006			January 2005 to February 2005		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³			22,836,726			22,179,097
Container-on-flat-car	119,255	205,437	1,832,044	114,038	194,689	1,769,912
Trailer-on-flat-car	685	.	12,653	804	.	15,291
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	3,107,052	.	.	3,194,272
Total traffic carried³			27,788,475			27,158,572
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	21,621	35,385	300,806	24,061	38,986	332,515
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	2,266	.	32,987	1,880	.	21,015
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	1,263,785	.	.	1,699,879

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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
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- ^r revised
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