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Highlights:

- In November 2000, the freight loaded by railways in Canada (excluding intermodal traffic) totalled 21.5 million metric tonnes. This represented an increase of 0.5% compared to November 1999.
- The intermodal tonnage, represented by "container-on-flat-cars" (C.O.F.C.) and "trailer-on-flat-cars" (T.O.F.C.) increased by 16.8% compared to the same period in 1999, to reach 2.4 million metric tonnes.
- The five main loaded commodities were: coal (3.3 million metric tonnes), iron ores and concentrates (3.2 million metric tonnes), wheat (1.6 million metric tonnes), potash (1.1 million metric tonnes) and lumber (1.0 million metric tonnes).
- The cumulative freight loaded (excluding intermodal traffic) for the first eleven months of 2000 reached 233.6 million metric tonnes.

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TABLE 1. Revenue Freight Loaded on Lines in Canada - Total¹

		November 2000				November 1999		
MRC code	Commodity		Cars	Metric tonnes		Cars	Metric tonne	
1	Wheat		17,388	1 552 296		19,631	1 753 330	
2	Other cereal grains		6,701	525 809		5,345	424 213	
3 4	Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts		4,196	355 465		2,580	213 271	
5	Colza seeds (Canola)		6,879	538 402		7,053	560 759	
6	Other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products		1,691	134 753		1,502	121 10	
7	Feed, cereal straw, eggs and other animal products		1,502	118 751		1,759	140 799	
8	Meat, fish, seafood, and preparations		-			-		
9	Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products		1,214	88 802		1,282	91 618	
10 11	Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours Sugar		2,460 274	193 163 23 802		2,395 384	185 362 31 877	
12	Prepared foodstuffs n.e.c.		84	4 752		24	1 092	
13	Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages		52	4 044		67	5 03	
14	Sand, gravel and crushed stone		2,770	231 818		1,935	163 203	
15	Salt		1,170	108 787		1,242	115 812	
16	Phosphate rock		611	55 244		280	25 56	
17	Sulphur		6,681	640 146		5,457	514 05	
18 19	Gypsum Other non-metallic minerals ²		x 5,982	x 494 731		x 6,981	597 862	
20	Iron ores and concentrates		32,912	3 175 961		32,008	3 238 946	
21	Copper ores and concentrates		1,463	129 447		1,225	107 686	
22	Nickel ores and concentrates		2,565	186 154		3,384	245 593	
23	Lead ores and concentrates		876	72 642		672	51 96°	
24	Zinc ores and concentrates		1,176	103 754		1,051	84 609	
25	Other metallic ores and concentrates		118	9 991		81	6 86	
26	Coal		33,071	3 336 633		35,500	3 465 079	
27 28	Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel		1,610 4,297	116 424 341 711		1,787 3,691	126 38 ⁴ 297 709	
20 29	Fuel oils and crude petroleum Gaseous hydrocarbons, including LPGs		4,297 7,342	475 753		7,136	443 740	
30	Coal coke and petroleum coke		2,330	134 167		1,800	115 588	
31	Other refined petroleum and coal products		2,054	154 324		1,670	122 939	
32	Sulphuric acid		2,248	200 483		2,417	212 14	
33	Alumina		4,861	446 609		5,123	470 74	
34	Other basic chemicals		7,837	661 917		7,249	597 924	
35	Potash		11,260	1 057 949		12,939	1 194 379	
36	Fertilizers (excluding potash)		4,464	375 205		4,596	379 309	
37 38	Other chemical products and preparations Plastic and rubber		1,005 3,699	84 829 309 222		956 3,090	81 246 248 875	
39	Logs and other wood in the rough		3,881	209 499		2,994	141 472	
40	Wood chips		7,526	457 337		7,225	433 462	
41	Lumber		12,948	1 006 780		12,980	971 425	
42	Other wood products (plywood, veneer, etc)		5,006	369 154		4,812	344 290	
43	Wood pulp		9,134	717 934		10,170	780 777	
44	Newsprint		6,687	408 360		6,891	415 554	
45 46	Paper and paperboard, except printed products Cement		3,995	249 012		3,496	213 421	
46 47	Other non-metallic mineral products		1,822 1,202	163 940 102 250		2,057 1,238	184 470 100 108	
48	Iron and steel - primary or semi-finished		3,541	286 695		3,270	260 005	
49	Copper - primary or semi-finished		605	49 382		667	54 604	
50	Aluminum - primary or semi-finished		1,466	115 387		1,604	125 552	
51	Other non-ferrous metal - primary or semi-finished		486	38 488		474	37 738	
52	Articles of base metal		1,020	70 892		1,017	74 828	
53	Machinery		212	9 079		258	15 706	
54	Automobiles and mini-vans		9,787	190 563		9,302	161 367	
55 56	Freight motor vehicles Other vehicles		9,966	182 316 12 282		10,732	191 841	
56 57	Parts and accessories for motor vehicles		602 1,766	58 957		146 2,444	4 538 73 029	
58	Other transportation equipment		1,487	25 090		1,535	37 787	
59	Metallic waste and scrap		2,356	176 287		2,397	180 540	
60	Non-metallic waste and scrap		1,046	67 054		1,012	58 192	
61	Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods		339	17 867		231	11 30°	
62	Pool car traffic of freight forwarders and shipper associations		1,236	52 676		1,546	59 008	
63	Mixed loads or unidentified freight		496	21 662		442	18 350	
64	Less-than-carload shipments			-				
	Total non-Intermodal Traffic Loaded ³	Units	273,455 TEUs ^e	21 502 877	Units	273,232 TEUs ^e	21 386 02	
	Container-on-flat-car (C.O.F.C.)	138,282	278,157	2 318 898	117,299	237,066	1 937 423	
	Trailer-on-flat-car (T.O.F.C.)	7,236		126 469	8,519		155 819	
	Traffic received from United States connections			2 252 381			2 092 620	
	TOTAL TRAFFIC CARRIED			26 200 625			25 571 883	
	Traffic received from Canadian connections			4 379 212			4 049 401	
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	C.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	14,517	28,608	188 791	17,983	34,777	235 789	

TABLE 2. Revenue Freight Loaded on Lines in Canada - Eastern Division

		November 2000				November 1999		
MRC code	Commodity		Cars	Metric tonnes		Cars	Metric tonnes	
1	Wheat		458	40 789		408	36 793	
2	Other cereal grains		379 86	33 560 7 284		530 93	47 395 8 416	
4	Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts		-	7 204		-		
5	Colza seeds (Canola)		58	4 247		127	10 549	
6	Other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products		95	8 432		103	9 104	
7 8	Feed, cereal straw, eggs and other animal products Meat, fish, seafood, and preparations		390	30 644		527	40 277	
9	Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products		33	2 487		33	2 242	
10	Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours		139	10 619		165	12 373	
11	Sugar		271	23 543		370	30 665	
12 13	Prepared foodstuffs n.e.c. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages		20 16	1 258 1 065		12 22	325 1 354	
14	Sand, gravel and crushed stone		1,153	87 221		876	69 831	
15	Salt		862	82 587		989	93 929	
16	Phosphate rock		611	55 244		280	25 562	
17 18	Sulphur Gypsum		84 x	7 382 x		76 x	6 855 x	
19	Other non-metallic minerals ²		5,549	457 199		6,372	544 179	
20	Iron ores and concentrates		32,912	3 175 961		32,008	3 238 946	
21	Copper ores and concentrates		835	73 005		762	66 361	
22	Nickel ores and concentrates		2,565	186 154		3,384	245 593	
23 24	Lead ores and concentrates Zinc ores and concentrates		116 1,176	10 348 103 754		314 929	23 886 73 747	
25	Other metallic ores and concentrates		10	732		13	798	
26	Coal		4,166	395 770		3,311	258 075	
27	Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel		1,307	93 866		1,191	84 447	
28	Fuel oils and crude petroleum		2,492	202 702		2,056	168 864	
29 30	Gaseous hydrocarbons, including LPGs Coal coke and petroleum coke		4,087 1,578	269 405 74 841		3,808 1,058	236 501 58 822	
31	Other refined petroleum and coal products		1,310	94 874		1,128	79 362	
32	Sulphuric acid		1,999	178 523		1,897	166 991	
33	Alumina		4,861	446 609		5,122	470 658	
34	Other basic chemicals		2,649	206 572		2,904	225 253	
35 36	Potash Fertilizers (excluding potash)		841 375	77 025 32 874		706 80	64 450 6 767	
37	Other chemical products and preparations		717	60 034		668	56 699	
38	Plastic and rubber		2,067	167 671		1,812	140 405	
39	Logs and other wood in the rough		2,350	101 316		2,325	99 033	
40 41	Wood chips Lumber		1,457 4,698	86 818 351 624		1,311 4,999	75 060 357 853	
42	Other wood products (plywood, veneer, etc)		2,288	173 616		2,216	161 443	
43	Wood pulp		3,385	252 339		3,838	280 861	
44	Newsprint		5,042	304 471		5,049	302 338	
45 46	Paper and paperboard, except printed products		3,400	209 942		3,086	188 071	
46 47	Cement Other non-metallic mineral products		948 818	84 182 70 618		931 637	81 939 49 205	
48	Iron and steel - primary or semi-finished		2,855	233 610		2,816	224 366	
49	Copper - primary or semi-finished		518	43 242		546	45 865	
50	Aluminum - primary or semi-finished		1,441	113 465		1,553	121 360	
51 52	Other non-ferrous metal - primary or semi-finished Articles of base metal		286 534	24 795 36 484		341 429	28 642 29 975	
53	Machinery		192	8 640		195	12 471	
54	Automobiles and mini-vans		8,612	175 779		8,035	144 854	
55	Freight motor vehicles		9,758	179 685		10,561	189 484	
56	Other vehicles		601	12 234		73	1 727	
57 58	Parts and accessories for motor vehicles Other transportation equipment		1,766 1,129	58 957 14 188		2,444 1,326	73 029 29 892	
59	Metallic waste and scrap		1,357	106 092		1,433	114 940	
60	Non-metallic waste and scrap		440	27 067		552	33 377	
61	Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods		78	6 091		38	2 558	
62	Pool car traffic of freight forwarders and shipper associations		1,233	52 521		1,543	58 884	
63 64	Mixed loads or unidentified freight Less-than-carload shipments		446 	19 936 -		368	15 586 -	
	Total non-Intermodal Traffic Loaded ³		131,899	9 451 990		130,779	9 329 282	
		Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	
	Container-on-flat-car (C.O.F.C.) Trailer-on-flat-car (T.O.F.C.)	88,974 4,334	177,626 	1 465 564 64 637	77,898 5,167	155,189 	1 229 454 91 040	
	Traffic received from United States connections			2 192 882			1 619 400	
	TOTAL TRAFFIC CARRIED			13 175 073			12 269 176	
	Traffic received from Canadian connections			3 632 833			3 226 227	
	C.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	14,231	28,014	185 090	16,392	31,591	213 728	
	C.O.I .C. Included in receipts from 0.5. connections	,=0 .	20,011	.00 000	.0,00=	01,001		

TABLE 3. Revenue Freight Loaded on Lines in Canada - Western Division

		November 2000				November 1999		
MRC code	Commodity		Cars	Metric tonnes		Cars	Metric tonnes	
1	Wheat		16,930	1 511 507		19,223	1 716 537	
2 3	Other cereal grains Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables		6,322 4,110	492 249 348 181		4,815 2,487	376 818 204 855	
4	Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts		4,110	340 101		2,467	204 655	
5	Colza seeds (Canola)		6,821	534 155		6,926	550 206	
6	Other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products		1,596	126 321		1,399	112 001	
7	Feed, cereal straw, eggs and other animal products		1,112	88 107		1,232	100 522	
8 9	Meat, fish, seafood, and preparations Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products		- 1,181	- 86 315		- 1,249	- 89 376	
10	Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours		2,321	182 544		2,230	172 989	
11	Sugar		3	259		14	1 212	
12	Prepared foodstuffs n.e.c.		64	3 494		12	767	
13	Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages		36	2 979		45	3 677	
14 15	Sand, gravel and crushed stone Salt		1,617 308	144 597 26 200		1,059 253	93 372 21 883	
16	Phosphate rock		-	20 200		-	21005	
17	Sulphur		6,597	632 764		5,381	507 200	
18	Gypsum		x	X		x	х	
19	Other non-metallic minerals ²		433	37 532		609	53 683	
20	Iron ores and concentrates		-	-		400	44 205	
21 22	Copper ores and concentrates Nickel ores and concentrates		628	56 442		463	41 325	
23	Lead ores and concentrates		760	62 294		358	28 075	
24	Zinc ores and concentrates		-	-		122	10 862	
25	Other metallic ores and concentrates		108	9 259		68	6 063	
26	Coal		28,905	2 940 863		32,189	3 207 004	
27	Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel		303	22 558		596	41 937	
28	Fuel oils and crude petroleum		1,805	139 009		1,635	128 845	
29 30	Gaseous hydrocarbons, including LPGs Coal coke and petroleum coke		3,255 752	206 348 59 326		3,328 742	207 239 56 766	
31	Other refined petroleum and coal products		732 744	59 450		542	43 577	
32	Sulphuric acid		249	21 960		520	45 154	
33	Alumina		-	-		1	86	
34	Other basic chemicals		5,188	455 345		4,345	372 671	
35	Potash		10,419	980 924		12,233	1 129 929	
36	Fertilizers (excluding potash)		4,089	342 331		4,516	372 542	
37 38	Other chemical products and preparations Plastic and rubber		288 1,632	24 795 141 551		288 1,278	24 547 108 470	
39	Logs and other wood in the rough		1,531	108 183		669	42 439	
40	Wood chips		6,069	370 519		5,914	358 402	
41	Lumber		8,250	655 156		7,981	613 572	
42	Other wood products (plywood, veneer, etc)		2,718	195 538		2,596	182 847	
43	Wood pulp		5,749	465 595		6,332	499 916	
44	Newsprint Programme and according to the description of the descriptio		1,645	103 889		1,842	113 216	
45 46	Paper and paperboard, except printed products Cement		595 874	39 070 79 758		410 1,126	25 350 102 531	
47	Other non-metallic mineral products		384	31 632		601	50 903	
48	Iron and steel - primary or semi-finished		686	53 085		454	35 639	
49	Copper - primary or semi-finished		87	6 140		121	8 739	
50	Aluminum - primary or semi-finished		25	1 922		51	4 192	
51	Other non-ferrous metal - primary or semi-finished		200	13 693		133	9 096	
52	Articles of base metal		486	34 408		588	44 853	
53 54	Machinery Automobiles and mini-vans		20 1,175	439 14 784		63 1,267	3 235 16 513	
55	Freight motor vehicles		208	2 631		1,207	2 357	
56	Other vehicles		1	48		73	2 811	
57	Parts and accessories for motor vehicles		-	-		-	-	
58	Other transportation equipment		358	10 902		209	7 895	
59	Metallic waste and scrap		999	70 195		964	65 600	
60	Non-metallic waste and scrap		606	39 987		460	24 815	
61 62	Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods		261 3	11 776 155		193 3	8 743 124	
63	Pool car traffic of freight forwarders and shipper associations Mixed loads or unidentified freight		50	1 726		74	2 764	
64	Less-than-carload shipments			-			-	
	Total non-Intermodal Traffic Loaded ³		141,556	12 050 887		142,453	12 056 739	
		Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	
	Container-on-flat-car (C.O.F.C.) Trailer-on-flat-car (T.O.F.C.)	49,308 2,902	100,531	853 334 61 832	39,401 3,352	81,877	707 969 64 779	
	Traffic received from United States connections			59 499			473 220	
	TOTAL TRAFFIC CARRIED			13 025 552			13 302 707	
	Traffic received from Canadian connections			746 379			823 174	
	C.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	286	594	3 701	1,591	3,186	22 061	
	T.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	143		1 672	1,002		16 394	

TABLE 4. Revenue Freight Loaded on Lines in Canada - Total¹

MDO		January 2000 to November 2000			Janu	anuary 1999 to November 1999		
MRC code	Commodity		Cars	Metric tonnes		Cars	Metric tonnes	
1	Wheat		218,183	19 585 385		182,646	16 364 092	
2	Other cereal grains		52,627 28,573	4 129 240 2 380 860		42,521 19,184	3 373 245 1 574 106	
3 4	Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts		20,573	2 300 000		19,104	1 574 100	
5	Colza seeds (Canola)		48,850	3 854 347		43,092	3 427 394	
6	Other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products		9,671	785 729		6,518	533 543	
7 8	Feed, cereal straw, eggs and other animal products		17,853 4	1 417 026 301		17,790 31	1 412 025 2 160	
9	Meat, fish, seafood, and preparations Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products		12,149	882 273		12,388	890 945	
10	Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours		25,453	1 988 373		23,576	1 828 322	
11	Sugar		3,290	282 111		3,802	312 316	
12	Prepared foodstuffs n.e.c.		680	40 534		306	18 644	
13 14	Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages Sand, gravel and crushed stone		667 33,736	51 063 2 795 598		666 23,099	49 328 1 969 849	
15	Salt		11,887	1 111 453		12,757	1 190 453	
16	Phosphate rock		4,540	410 799		774	68 312	
17	Sulphur		72,217	6 838 363		73,474	6 922 433	
18	Gypsum Other per metallic minerale ²		71,021	4 454 490		55,815	4 715 316	
19 20	Other non-metallic minerals ² Iron ores and concentrates		7,685 379,667	780 814 36 491 762		6,801 317,497	684 776 29 336 566	
21	Copper ores and concentrates		15,471	1 366 372		12,207	1 080 227	
22	Nickel ores and concentrates		30,082	2 176 035		37,206	2 693 768	
23	Lead ores and concentrates		12,008	987 228		7,084	572 021	
24	Zinc ores and concentrates		12,116	1 073 406		4,758	408 569	
25 26	Other metallic ores and concentrates Coal		1,053 365,470	90 251 36 389 540		1,068 394,893	89 868 38 931 120	
27	Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel		19,627	1 413 092		19,673	1 376 965	
28	Fuel oils and crude petroleum		38,087	3 051 694		36,977	2 975 273	
29	Gaseous hydrocarbons, including LPGs		62,095	3 954 788		59,848	3 777 093	
30	Coal coke and petroleum coke		20,275	1 222 995		18,137	1 138 306	
31 32	Other refined petroleum and coal products Sulphuric acid		24,720 24,695	1 871 768 2 199 038		23,479 23,033	1 762 563 2 039 375	
33	Alumina		50,969	4 667 219		51,459	4 711 842	
34	Other basic chemicals		84,371	7 063 752		81,462	6 787 367	
35	Potash		140,798	13 396 729		134,930	12 373 290	
36	Fertilizers (excluding potash)		56,169	4 717 906		54,855	4 588 893	
37 38	Other chemical products and preparations Plastic and rubber		11,178 37,376	950 833 3 080 112		8,173	684 996 2 825 386	
39	Logs and other wood in the rough		37,376 41,454	2 177 867		34,829 40,584	2 231 537	
40	Wood chips		83,841	5 059 991		83,604	4 893 671	
41	Lumber		139,394	10 665 343		138,990	10 266 391	
42	Other wood products (plywood, veneer, etc)		52,743	3 847 398		45,869	3 239 565	
43	Wood pulp		103,989	8 133 309		105,486	8 051 571	
44 45	Newsprint Paper and paperboard, except printed products		76,371 46,076	4 654 903 2 866 763		72,574 45,008	4 332 481 2 866 754	
46	Cement		26,026	2 330 858		24,095	2 138 334	
47	Other non-metallic mineral products		11,796	972 836		9,686	756 885	
48	Iron and steel - primary or semi-finished		41,839	3 381 052		31,664	2 485 753	
49	Copper - primary or semi-finished		6,964	565 538		12,797	1 081 667	
50 51	Aluminum - primary or semi-finished Other non-ferrous metal - primary or semi-finished		17,104 5,264	1 338 617 421 387		17,886 4,760	1 397 448 377 030	
52	Articles of base metal		12,666	890 464		14,829	1 052 644	
53	Machinery		2,327	106 777		2,258	113 994	
54	Automobiles and mini-vans		98,712	1 765 886		90,729	1 568 848	
55	Freight motor vehicles		105,229	1 843 627		102,763	1 814 184	
56 57	Other vehicles Parts and accessories for motor vehicles		3,681 22,803	81 330 714 423		800 24,848	27 183 758 886	
58	Other transportation equipment		14,131	294 712		12,443	314 320	
59	Metallic waste and scrap		24,914	1 877 619		25,422	1 877 391	
60	Non-metallic waste and scrap		11,247	682 495		10,304	584 909	
61	Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods		3,291	180 556		4,052	191 712	
62	Pool car traffic of freight forwarders and shipper associations		14,162	624 307		18,246	714 213	
63 64	Mixed loads or unidentified freight Less-than-carload shipments		5,298	234 470 4		3,814	140 032 8 017	
	Total non-Intermodal Traffic Loaded ³		2,976,635	233 665 781		2,790,319	216 776 157	
		Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	
	Container-on-flat-car (C.O.F.C.) Trailer-on-flat-car (T.O.F.C.)	1,394,603 86,301	2,814,861	22 801 943 1 595 035	1,239,899 77,739	2,524,671 	20 200 774 1 450 290	
	Traffic received from United States connections			22 114 259			20 398 881	
	TOTAL TRAFFIC CARRIED			280 177 018			258 826 102	
	Traffic received from Canadian connections			42 676 140			44 562 075	
	C.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	160,159	315,738	2 100 565	158,481	308,694	2 073 504	

TABLE 5. Revenue Freight Loaded on Lines in Canada - Eastern Division

MDC		January 2000 to November 2000			Janu	nuary 1999 to November 1999		
MRC code	Commodity		Cars	Metric tonnes		Cars	Metric tonne	
1	Wheat		4,549	409 258		6,128	550 112	
2	Other cereal grains		4,115	366 050		4,305	378 650	
3 4	Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts		635	54 033		538	46 949	
5	Colza seeds (Canola)		761	57 337		842	67 89	
6	Other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products		1,065	94 422		754	66 27	
7	Feed, cereal straw, eggs and other animal products		5,871	456 119		5,986	463 85	
8	Meat, fish, seafood, and preparations		4	301		19	1 42	
9	Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products		465	34 362		466	33 54	
10	Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours		2,075	154 851		2,132	158 62	
11 12	Sugar Prepared foodstuffs n.e.c.		3,147 208	268 968 13 311		3,547 78	289 01 4 15	
13	Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages		249	16 384		263	16 02	
14	Sand, gravel and crushed stone		14,513	1 098 390		9,277	752 66	
15	Salt		9,368	894 519		10,338	983 78	
16	Phosphate rock		4,536	410 463		774	68 31	
17	Sulphur		881	78 550		857	76 85	
18	Gypsum		67,844	4 174 573		52,733	4 442 93	
19	Other non-metallic minerals ²		5,696	602 639		4,842	509 09	
20	Iron ores and concentrates		379,667	36 491 762		317,496	29 336 48	
21	Copper ores and concentrates		9,216	805 577		8,249	727 10	
22	Nickel ores and concentrates		30,082	2 176 035		37,206	2 693 76	
23	Lead ores and concentrates		5,565	465 609		965	75 39	
24	Zinc ores and concentrates		11,086	982 894		3,871	330 18	
25	Other metallic ores and concentrates		138	10 278		183	11 42	
26	Coal		35,738	2 990 898		30,533	2 546 64	
27	Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel		14,118	1 031 188		14,043	979 18	
28	Fuel oils and crude petroleum		18,473	1 538 145		18,890	1 551 87	
29	Gaseous hydrocarbons, including LPGs		36,179	2 309 147 684 159		35,874	2 263 92 ⁻ 608 80	
30 31	Coal coke and petroleum coke Other refined petroleum and coal products		13,339 15,372	1 125 825		11,200 14,224	1 026 23	
32	Sulphuric acid		21,516	1 917 703		19,978	1 768 74	
33	Alumina		50,931	4 664 406		51,443	4 710 48	
34	Other basic chemicals		32,154	2 513 614		30,608	2 409 37	
35	Potash		9,529	872 403		9,121	835 98	
36	Fertilizers (excluding potash)		4,533	404 907		3,641	320 39	
37	Other chemical products and preparations		8,581	733 450		6,201	518 59	
38	Plastic and rubber		22,651	1 815 830		20,570	1 616 44	
39	Logs and other wood in the rough		27,846	1 219 633		23,824	1 102 809	
40	Wood chips		15,417	894 528		14,416	780 840	
41	Lumber		52,257	3 845 386		50,387	3 591 04	
42	Other wood products (plywood, veneer, etc)		24,062	1 798 669		21,866	1 594 77	
43	Wood pulp		40,501	2 994 514		40,988	2 943 70	
44	Newsprint		57,495	3 474 458		53,651	3 149 10	
45	Paper and paperboard, except printed products		39,963	2 464 162		36,409	2 275 49	
46	Cement		12,436	1 104 436		11,645	1 018 122	
47	Other non-metallic mineral products		7,590	628 279		4,775	351 947	
48	Iron and steel - primary or semi-finished		35,439	2 883 671		27,647	2 179 19	
49	Copper - primary or semi-finished		5,634	468 140		11,485	988 027	
50	Aluminum - primary or semi-finished		16,474	1 292 664		17,150	1 342 009	
51 52	Other non-ferrous metal - primary or semi-finished		3,371	292 889		3,114	264 583	
52 53	Articles of base metal Machinery		7,341 2,036	515 202 92 961		7,745 1,706	538 755 84 753	
53 54	Automobiles and mini-vans		82,376	1 552 712		75,922	1 375 619	
55	Freight motor vehicles		102,760	1 810 464		100,858	1 785 994	
56	Other vehicles		3,205	65 438		191	4 29	
57	Parts and accessories for motor vehicles		22,801	714 384		24,848	758 886	
58	Other transportation equipment		11,155	205 820		10,176	235 38	
59	Metallic waste and scrap		14,437	1 149 201		15,266	1 192 36	
60	Non-metallic waste and scrap		5,187	320 630		5,204	307 46	
61	Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods		1,114	79 309		1,865	86 40	
62	Pool car traffic of freight forwarders and shipper associations		14,105	622 425		18,204	712 97	
63	Mixed loads or unidentified freight		4,433	204 090		3,344	124 15	
64	Less-than-carload shipments			4			8 017	
	Total non-Intermodal Traffic Loaded ³		1,454,285	103 412 410		1,320,861	92 037 910	
		Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonne	
	Container-on-flat-car (C.O.F.C.) Trailer-on-flat-car (T.O.F.C.)	888,679 54,041	1,777,675 	14 310 854 910 312	795,272 45,772	1,613,188	12 713 095 816 152	
	Traffic received from United States connections			21 088 220			15 514 86	
	TOTAL TRAFFIC CARRIED			139 721 796			121 082 02	
	Traffic received from Canadian connections			34 854 463			36 381 867	
	C.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	157,602	310,269	2 063 788	154,237	300,103	2 010 317	
	T.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	30,491		490 900	19,727	300,103	338 794	

TABLE 6. Revenue Freight Loaded on Lines in Canada - Western Division

		Janu	ary 2000 to Nov	vember 2000	Janua	nuary 1999 to November 1999		
MRC	Commodity		Cars	Metric tonnes		Cars	Metric tonnes	
1	Wheat		213,634	19 176 127		176,518	15 813 980	
2	Other cereal grains		48,512	3 763 190		38,216	2 994 595	
3 4	Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts		27,938	2 326 827		18,646	1 527 157	
5	Colza seeds (Canola)		48,089	3 797 010		42,250	3 359 501	
6	Other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products		8,606	691 307		5,764	467 270	
7	Feed, cereal straw, eggs and other animal products		11,982	960 907		11,804	948 169	
8	Meat, fish, seafood, and preparations		-	- 047.044		12	736	
9 10	Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours		11,684 23,378	847 911 1 833 522		11,922 21,444	857 398 1 669 697	
11	Sugar		143	13 143		255	23 305	
12	Prepared foodstuffs n.e.c.		472	27 223		228	14 491	
13	Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages		418	34 679		403	33 307	
14	Sand, gravel and crushed stone		19,223	1 697 208		13,822	1 217 188	
15 16	Salt Phosphate rock		2,519 4	216 934 336		2,419	206 669	
17	Sulphur		71,336	6 759 813		72,617	6 845 583	
18	Gypsum		3,177	279 917		3,082	272 386	
19	Other non-metallic minerals ²		1,989	178 175		1,959	175 682	
20	Iron ores and concentrates					1	79	
21 22	Copper ores and concentrates Nickel ores and concentrates		6,255	560 795		3,958	353 118	
23	Lead ores and concentrates		6,443	521 619		6,119	496 626	
24	Zinc ores and concentrates		1,030	90 512		887	78 389	
25	Other metallic ores and concentrates		915	79 973		885	78 447	
26	Coal		329,732	33 398 642		364,360	36 384 475	
27	Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel		5,509	381 904		5,630	397 782	
28 29	Fuel oils and crude petroleum Gaseous hydrocarbons, including LPGs		19,614 25,916	1 513 549 1 645 641		18,087 23,974	1 423 403 1 513 172	
30	Coal coke and petroleum coke		6,936	538 836		6,937	529 500	
31	Other refined petroleum and coal products		9,348	745 943		9,255	736 325	
32	Sulphuric acid		3,179	281 335		3,055	270 635	
33	Alumina		38	2 813		16	1 355	
34 35	Other basic chemicals		52,217	4 550 138		50,854 125,809	4 377 997	
36	Potash Fertilizers (excluding potash)		131,269 51,636	12 524 326 4 312 999		51,214	11 537 301 4 268 499	
37	Other chemical products and preparations		2,597	217 383		1,972	166 401	
38	Plastic and rubber		14,725	1 264 282		14,259	1 208 940	
39	Logs and other wood in the rough		13,608	958 234		16,760	1 128 728	
40	Wood chips		68,424	4 165 463		69,188	4 112 831	
41 42	Lumber Other wood products (plywood, veneer, etc)		87,137 28,681	6 819 957 2 048 729		88,603 24,003	6 675 348 1 644 788	
43	Wood pulp		63,488	5 138 795		64,498	5 107 871	
44	Newsprint		18,876	1 180 445		18,923	1 183 375	
45	Paper and paperboard, except printed products		6,113	402 601		8,599	591 255	
46	Cement		13,590	1 226 422		12,450	1 120 212	
47 48	Other non-metallic mineral products Iron and steel - primary or semi-finished		4,206 6,400	344 557 497 381		4,911 4,017	404 938 306 556	
49	Copper - primary or semi-finished		1,330	97 398		1,312	93 640	
50	Aluminum - primary or semi-finished		630	45 953		736	55 439	
51	Other non-ferrous metal - primary or semi-finished		1,893	128 498		1,646	112 447	
52	Articles of base metal		5,325	375 262		7,084	513 889	
53	Machinery		291	13 816		552	29 241	
54 55	Automobiles and mini-vans Freight motor vehicles		16,336 2,469	213 174 33 163		14,807 1,905	193 229 28 190	
56	Other vehicles		476	15 892		609	22 893	
57	Parts and accessories for motor vehicles		2	39		-	-	
58	Other transportation equipment		2,976	88 892		2,267	78 932	
59	Metallic waste and scrap		10,477	728 418		10,156	685 027	
60	Non-metallic waste and scrap		6,060	361 865		5,100	277 444	
61 62	Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods Pool car traffic of freight forwarders and shipper associations		2,177 57	101 247 1 882		2,187 42	105 310 1 237	
63	Mixed loads or unidentified freight		865	30 380		470	15 877	
64	Less-than-carload shipments			-			-	
	Total non-Intermodal Traffic Loaded ³		1,522,350	130 253 371		1,469,458	124 738 247	
		Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	
	Container-on-flat-car (C.O.F.C.)	505,924	1,037,186	8 491 089	444,627	911,483	7 487 679	
	Trailer-on-flat-car (T.O.F.C.)	32,260		684 723	31,967	911,403	634 138	
	Traffic received from United States connections		•••	1 026 039			4 884 018	
	TOTAL TRAFFIC CARRIED		•••	140 455 222		•••	137 744 082	
	Traffic received from Canadian connections C.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	2,557	5,469	7 821 677 36 777	4,244	8,591	8 180 208 63 187	
	T.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	2,337	5,409	30 388	11,199	0,591	169 801	
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See foot	tnote(s) at the end of Chart 1.							

Freight Loaded - Daily Average 1



Daily average calculated by dividing total freight loaded by the number of days in the month.

Methodology and concepts

The Monthly Carloadings publication is published monthly to collect data which is essential for the analysis of the Railway Transport Industry and the assessment of its contribution to the Canadian economy. The data is also used by various Government Departments to develop policy and to monitor the industry. Close to 40 carriers participate in this survey. These carriers must report the number of cars and tonnes of revenue freight for: non-intermodal traffic loaded, traffic received from other rail carriers, intermodal traffic loaded and intermodal traffic received from U.S. connections. The twenty equivalent units (TEUs) are estimated using the dimension of containers used for the intermodal transport of freight. The empty containers returned, are not included.

The data is collected through the use of a questionnaire, which has to be returned to Statistics Canada on or before the eighth working day following the reference month. Manual and automated edits are performed on the received data. Afterwards, carriers' data are aggregated and presented in the different tables of the publication. These tables show data for: Canada, Eastern and Western divisions¹. The cumulative data are contained in tables 4, 5 and 6 as well as the revised data of the previous months.

In 1999, the monthly Railway Carloadings survey was affected by the implementation of SCTG. The categories of the current publication consist of an aggregation of the SCTG categories. Comparison of the new and old series of goods is not necessarily appropriate. The impact on bulk commodities such as wheat, potash and coal are negligible. However, the comparison of residual categories or of manufactured products categories is not appropriate. It is also worth noting that, starting in January 1999, the number of carriers surveyed has more than doubled from the eighteen carriers surveyed previously.

A list of goods included in each of the new categories used in the monthly Railway Carloadings survey is available on demand. For further information, please contact Francesca Thibeault, Transportation Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0T6, (Telephone: 613-951-0123, fax: 613-951-0009, Internet: thibfra@statcan.ca).

Footnotes:

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

Symbols:

- ... figures not appropriate or not applicable.
- nil or zero.
- revised figures.
- estimated figures.
- confidential figures.

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