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Highlights

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Business slipped in April for Canada's railways as slightly less freight was loaded this month than in March.

Overall, railways in Canada loaded 24.2 million tonnes of goods, 3.6% less than the month before.

A number of factors appear to have contributed to the decline. In particular, shipments of metallurgical and chemical products from Ontario's industrial sector were affected by the erection of a barricade across a highway and railway lines near Caledonia Ontario. The protest disrupted traffic along a main east-west as well as a north-south rail corridor in southern Ontario. Another factor is that April has fewer days than March.

Shipments of cars and mini-vans also edged down, but such a decline is often observed between March and April.

Total tonnage of non-intermodal categories reached 21.8 million metric tonnes, down 3.7% from March. A total of 270,417 rail cars were needed to load all of April's non-intermodal freight.

Intermodal loadings, that is, containers and trailers hauled on flat cars, fell 3.3% to just over 2.4 million metric tonnes.

Freight coming from the United States either destined for or passing through Canada reached 2.3 million tonnes, down 6% from March.

The interruption of traffic created by the blockade may also explain, in part, the drop observed in both intermodal loadings and traffic from the United States.

On a year-over-year basis, non-intermodal tonnage was 1.2% higher than April 2005 while both intermodal loadings and traffic received from the United States were virtually unchanged.

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Table 1

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

Commodity	April 2006		April 2005	
	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	19,726	1,784,564	18,187	1,630,864
Other cereal grains	3,492	278,244	3,799	296,434
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	2,608	232,371	2,314	203,407
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	2	130
Colza seeds (canola)	6,632	526,182	4,283	334,129
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	917	71,203	869	65,737
Animal feed and products	1,781	145,452	2,381	191,474
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	0	0	0	0
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	1,076	84,936	1,169	89,664
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	2,331	183,716	2,265	178,273
Sugar	481	41,650	517	45,366
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	267	15,831	229	15,172
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	80	6,179	81	6,417
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	3,704	317,011	3,291	279,141
Salt	769	68,711	1,111	99,863
Phosphate rock	449	40,419	759	68,315
Sulphur	6,779	651,418	6,821	649,711
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ²	7,272	625,939	7,748	651,058
Iron ores and concentrates	31,589	2,909,984	21,606	1,961,276
Copper ores and concentrates	1,607	139,918	1,641	145,118
Nickel ores and concentrates	2,150	163,758	2,950	214,096
Lead ores and concentrates	234	18,044	200	15,422
Zinc ores and concentrates	695	57,821	715	61,943
Other metallic ores and concentrates	5,197	494,949	4,943	468,633
Coal	24,910	2,526,242	28,026	2,815,296
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	2,592	201,556	2,431	188,985
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	4,235	342,436	4,367	353,045
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	4,947	310,862	4,288	272,490
Coal coke and petroleum coke	2,136	150,931	1,765	109,998
Other refined petroleum and coal products	2,857	224,462	2,475	191,464
Sulphuric acid	2,464	220,434	2,470	220,882
Alumina	2,901	265,608	2,861	259,578
Other basic chemicals	7,088	618,011	7,526	654,387
Potash	12,346	1,173,552	17,332	1,653,337
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	4,907	409,093	5,892	499,530
Other chemical products and preparations	764	64,448	844	70,738
Plastic and rubber	4,329	374,929	3,595	309,693
Logs and other wood in the rough	3,320	179,812	3,315	194,992
Wood chips	5,460	326,428	6,594	399,984
Lumber	17,617	1,463,740	17,295	1,413,961
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	7,801	607,401	7,425	560,417
Wood pulp	9,821	791,073	11,029	882,750
Newsprint	6,610	434,016	6,613	428,162
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	4,916	333,616	5,941	380,993
Cement	2,278	212,382	2,862	262,859
Other non-metallic mineral products	513	44,387	806	64,186
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	5,803	484,733	5,653	466,880
Copper, primary or semi-finished	445	38,667	371	31,452
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	2,681	216,861	2,714	219,746
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	744	59,240	795	65,675
Articles of base metal	1,239	92,020	1,091	79,773
Machinery	78	3,931	96	3,356
Automobiles and mini-vans	8,597	145,359	8,729	151,363
Freight motor vehicles	6,920	125,120	7,827	136,648
Other vehicles	25	851	4	59
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	2,260	65,328	2,951	87,001
Other transportation equipment	1,865	50,154	1,327	42,959
Metallic waste and scrap	3,360	263,020	3,242	250,506
Non-metallic waste and scrap	748	40,492	739	40,755
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	162	9,299	218	13,046
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	444	21,600	677	32,529
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	398	9,893	652	18,804
Less than carload shipments	...	6	...	28
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³	270,417	21,760,293	270,719	21,499,950

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

Commodity	April 2006		April 2005	
	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	282	25,464	665	58,890
Other cereal grains	220	18,223	123	9,402
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	45	3,786	32	2,605
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	77	5,961	0	0
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	162	12,957	125	8,964
Animal feed and products	708	55,798	1,048	82,427
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	0	0	0	0
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	52	4,160	63	4,920
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	260	19,615	246	18,507
Sugar	397	34,217	381	33,387
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	26	2,286	33	2,764
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	30	2,036	31	2,308
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	1,415	113,690	1,477	117,986
Salt	514	45,849	804	72,496
Phosphate rock	449	40,419	759	68,315
Sulphur	109	9,689	129	11,388
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ²	6,798	583,295	7,209	603,822
Iron ores and concentrates	31,589	2,909,984	21,606	1,961,276
Copper ores and concentrates	879	75,147	808	70,482
Nickel ores and concentrates	2,150	163,758	2,950	214,096
Lead ores and concentrates	234	18,044	200	15,422
Zinc ores and concentrates	535	45,014	672	58,373
Other metallic ores and concentrates	5,169	492,457	4,837	459,033
Coal	2,340	205,831	1,903	169,234
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	2,249	174,601	1,956	152,344
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	2,502	199,241	2,705	215,126
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	2,678	168,817	2,341	150,419
Coal coke and petroleum coke	1,495	100,368	1,123	61,145
Other refined petroleum and coal products	1,222	93,253	1,352	101,543
Sulphuric acid	2,151	192,574	2,186	195,684
Alumina	2,901	265,608	2,860	259,488
Other basic chemicals	2,860	243,901	2,965	250,587
Potash	885	81,122	1,082	98,880
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	205	18,252	548	49,694
Other chemical products and preparations	689	59,265	720	61,136
Plastic and rubber	2,032	170,889	1,826	152,863
Logs and other wood in the rough	2,614	134,348	2,560	145,289
Wood chips	1,291	80,600	1,672	108,122
Lumber	4,336	350,686	4,867	388,345
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	3,020	224,374	2,893	208,199
Wood pulp	3,423	260,775	4,277	334,139
Newsprint	5,687	368,294	5,624	361,597
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	3,662	246,672	4,688	296,720
Cement	1,455	134,927	1,441	132,103
Other non-metallic mineral products	351	30,678	516	41,696
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	5,020	417,530	4,947	405,393
Copper, primary or semi-finished	368	32,838	297	25,776
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	2,646	214,070	2,698	218,547
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	310	26,494	427	36,972
Articles of base metal	602	44,269	657	46,412
Machinery	54	2,418	79	2,591
Automobiles and mini-vans	6,662	116,319	6,998	125,883
Freight motor vehicles	6,455	118,268	7,414	131,057
Other vehicles	13	89	4	59
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	2,260	65,328	2,951	87,001
Other transportation equipment	1,510	41,742	1,099	35,175
Metallic waste and scrap	2,152	170,684	2,080	164,331
Non-metallic waste and scrap	360	23,147	340	22,118
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	85	5,124	78	5,390
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	438	21,358	670	32,299
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	391	9,681	511	14,894
Less than carload shipments	...	6	...	28
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³	131,474	9,796,290	127,553	9,165,142

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Table 3

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

Commodity	April 2006		April 2005	
	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	19,444	1,759,100	17,522	1,571,974
Other cereal grains	3,272	260,021	3,676	287,032
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	2,563	228,585	2,282	200,802
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	2	130
Colza seeds (canola)	6,555	520,221	4,283	334,129
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	755	58,246	744	56,773
Animal feed and products	1,073	89,654	1,333	109,047
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	0	0	0	0
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	1,024	80,776	1,106	84,744
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	2,071	164,101	2,019	159,766
Sugar	84	7,433	136	11,979
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	241	13,545	196	12,408
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	50	4,143	50	4,109
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	2,289	203,321	1,814	161,155
Salt	255	22,862	307	27,367
Phosphate rock	0	0	0	0
Sulphur	6,670	641,729	6,692	638,323
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ²	474	42,644	539	47,236
Iron ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Copper ores and concentrates	728	64,771	833	74,636
Nickel ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Lead ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Zinc ores and concentrates	160	12,807	43	3,570
Other metallic ores and concentrates	28	2,492	106	9,600
Coal	22,570	2,320,411	26,123	2,646,062
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	343	26,955	475	36,641
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	1,733	143,195	1,662	137,919
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	2,269	142,045	1,947	122,071
Coal coke and petroleum coke	641	50,563	642	48,853
Other refined petroleum and coal products	1,635	131,209	1,123	89,921
Sulphuric acid	313	27,860	284	25,198
Alumina	0	0	1	90
Other basic chemicals	4,228	374,110	4,561	403,800
Potash	11,461	1,092,430	16,250	1,554,457
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	4,702	390,841	5,344	449,836
Other chemical products and preparations	75	5,183	124	9,602
Plastic and rubber	2,297	204,040	1,769	156,830
Logs and other wood in the rough	706	45,464	755	49,703
Wood chips	4,169	245,828	4,922	291,862
Lumber	13,281	1,113,054	12,428	1,025,616
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	4,781	383,027	4,532	352,218
Wood pulp	6,398	530,298	6,752	548,611
Newsprint	923	65,722	989	66,565
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	1,254	86,944	1,253	84,273
Cement	823	77,455	1,421	130,756
Other non-metallic mineral products	162	13,709	290	22,490
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	783	67,203	706	61,487
Copper, primary or semi-finished	77	5,829	74	5,676
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	35	2,791	16	1,199
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	434	32,746	368	28,703
Articles of base metal	637	47,751	434	33,361
Machinery	24	1,513	17	765
Automobiles and mini-vans	1,935	29,040	1,731	25,480
Freight motor vehicles	465	6,852	413	5,591
Other vehicles	12	762	0	0
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	0	0	0	0
Other transportation equipment	355	8,412	228	7,784
Metallic waste and scrap	1,208	92,336	1,162	86,175
Non-metallic waste and scrap	388	17,345	399	18,637
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	77	4,175	140	7,656
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	6	242	7	230
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	7	212	141	3,910
Less than carload shipments	...	0	...	0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³	138,943	11,964,003	143,166	12,334,808

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

Commodity	January 2006 to April 2006		January 2005 to April 2005	
	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	72,065	6,517,772	66,907	6,000,567
Other cereal grains	16,102	1,278,383	16,169	1,275,369
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	9,723	864,878	7,128	621,923
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	3	195
Colza seeds (canola)	24,612	1,960,256	13,537	1,064,580
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	2,319	179,304	2,275	173,199
Animal feed and products	6,781	556,992	9,150	737,813
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	2	9	0	0
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	4,210	331,497	4,263	329,782
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	9,961	786,597	8,847	698,125
Sugar	1,782	155,612	1,822	159,976
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	1,126	68,244	844	54,832
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	341	27,068	291	23,128
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	11,893	1,026,530	12,491	1,080,558
Salt	4,926	438,717	5,283	474,058
Phosphate rock	2,141	190,212	3,475	313,170
Sulphur	27,508	2,650,241	26,662	2,566,724
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ²	26,092	2,210,107	24,206	2,016,612
Iron ores and concentrates	111,937	10,313,184	107,602	9,836,850
Copper ores and concentrates	4,870	427,959	5,533	488,331
Nickel ores and concentrates	7,777	591,065	12,248	889,353
Lead ores and concentrates	916	70,632	816	62,922
Zinc ores and concentrates	2,996	256,371	3,049	262,080
Other metallic ores and concentrates	19,906	1,898,721	20,301	1,929,218
Coal	100,742	10,213,143	110,049	10,975,830
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	9,691	744,474	8,280	633,484
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	21,041	1,706,222	20,622	1,670,734
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	25,634	1,625,121	26,109	1,654,291
Coal coke and petroleum coke	7,956	556,066	6,842	441,112
Other refined petroleum and coal products	11,056	863,642	10,409	805,327
Sulphuric acid	10,098	904,569	9,530	848,754
Alumina	11,294	1,033,371	11,637	1,051,677
Other basic chemicals	30,793	2,682,456	31,259	2,718,500
Potash	40,264	3,842,829	64,554	6,153,658
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	17,350	1,452,657	21,225	1,795,383
Other chemical products and preparations	2,774	232,865	3,082	259,352
Plastic and rubber	16,396	1,416,140	16,120	1,382,546
Logs and other wood in the rough	17,458	992,496	17,808	1,063,975
Wood chips	23,794	1,410,850	23,714	1,429,763
Lumber	68,848	5,734,627	64,000	5,222,696
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	29,942	2,323,082	27,905	2,111,628
Wood pulp	41,338	3,337,059	45,936	3,685,271
Newsprint	27,198	1,764,422	26,329	1,694,183
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	19,736	1,338,394	23,838	1,529,573
Cement	8,354	775,103	8,389	768,547
Other non-metallic mineral products	1,781	154,291	2,853	226,752
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	23,491	1,972,920	22,266	1,842,291
Copper, primary or semi-finished	1,711	144,712	1,457	121,909
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	11,037	908,149	10,356	836,074
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	3,035	240,501	3,220	262,921
Articles of base metal	4,977	372,917	3,506	247,681
Machinery	381	17,169	376	12,982
Automobiles and mini-vans	35,380	610,833	35,103	617,901
Freight motor vehicles	28,396	509,182	29,491	520,058
Other vehicles	77	1,320	82	1,723
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	10,794	310,548	11,905	348,535
Other transportation equipment	7,119	199,713	4,311	150,787
Metallic waste and scrap	12,811	994,020	10,859	831,947
Non-metallic waste and scrap	2,833	151,660	2,641	145,794
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	650	40,329	1,059	64,491
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	1,448	67,241	2,257	106,798
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	1,883	53,300	2,263	67,545
Less than carload shipments	...	56	...	53
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³	1,059,547	84,498,799	1,074,544	85,361,891

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Table 5
Railway Carloading Statistics for Non-Intermodal Traffic by Commodity in Canada (YTD) - Eastern Division

Commodity	January 2006 to April 2006		January 2005 to April 2005	
	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	1,652	148,264	2,423	215,976
Other cereal grains	1,049	86,324	544	41,604
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	127	10,701	143	11,512
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	261	20,360	88	7,071
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	439	33,166	310	22,114
Animal feed and products	2,541	203,833	4,385	345,707
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	2	9	0	0
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	197	15,709	267	21,381
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	1,100	82,729	989	74,324
Sugar	1,423	123,964	1,449	127,086
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	147	12,889	89	7,448
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	128	9,543	110	8,192
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	4,614	379,825	4,956	404,183
Salt	2,845	253,200	3,328	299,790
Phosphate rock	2,141	190,212	3,475	313,170
Sulphur	451	39,768	559	49,299
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ²	24,142	2,037,063	22,425	1,860,419
Iron ores and concentrates	111,937	10,313,184	107,602	9,836,850
Copper ores and concentrates	1,903	164,679	2,734	238,120
Nickel ores and concentrates	7,777	591,065	12,248	889,353
Lead ores and concentrates	916	70,632	816	62,922
Zinc ores and concentrates	2,332	201,773	2,818	242,857
Other metallic ores and concentrates	19,744	1,884,315	19,890	1,892,325
Coal	8,345	723,599	9,679	854,371
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	8,022	615,441	6,597	505,719
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	11,332	904,400	11,270	903,606
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	12,677	807,837	13,535	866,182
Coal coke and petroleum coke	4,891	316,188	4,175	237,596
Other refined petroleum and coal products	4,859	369,080	5,191	390,082
Sulphuric acid	8,782	787,148	8,321	741,285
Alumina	11,292	1,033,196	11,635	1,051,497
Other basic chemicals	12,245	1,040,960	12,603	1,064,777
Potash	2,551	234,130	4,368	399,160
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	885	78,285	1,408	126,410
Other chemical products and preparations	2,457	210,329	2,663	226,796
Plastic and rubber	7,343	611,220	7,957	665,304
Logs and other wood in the rough	11,044	577,232	11,001	595,152
Wood chips	6,123	364,499	5,632	355,352
Lumber	17,172	1,399,961	18,376	1,468,029
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	11,636	853,364	10,712	764,817
Wood pulp	13,558	1,037,128	16,640	1,289,031
Newsprint	23,149	1,481,619	22,175	1,418,280
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	15,285	1,028,647	18,605	1,178,246
Cement	4,799	444,843	4,193	382,724
Other non-metallic mineral products	1,145	100,660	1,875	150,279
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	20,544	1,719,970	19,261	1,580,752
Copper, primary or semi-finished	1,353	117,468	1,115	95,350
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	10,934	899,938	10,288	830,690
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	1,243	105,040	1,623	139,947
Articles of base metal	2,419	178,126	2,394	164,461
Machinery	321	13,744	279	8,211
Automobiles and mini-vans	28,734	509,959	28,669	523,748
Freight motor vehicles	26,547	482,093	27,911	497,349
Other vehicles	60	477	66	1,411
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	10,794	310,548	11,899	348,178
Other transportation equipment	5,689	159,163	3,732	125,628
Metallic waste and scrap	8,439	664,099	6,850	539,502
Non-metallic waste and scrap	1,169	75,936	1,207	78,092
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	298	19,410	423	29,651
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	1,433	66,669	2,237	105,881
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	1,864	52,675	1,830	55,498
Less than carload shipments	...	56	...	53
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³	509,301	37,268,343	520,043	37,730,800

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Table 6

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

Commodity	January 2006 to April 2006		January 2005 to April 2005	
	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	70,413	6,369,508	64,484	5,784,591
Other cereal grains	15,053	1,192,059	15,625	1,233,765
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	9,596	854,177	6,985	610,411
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	3	195
Colza seeds (canola)	24,351	1,939,896	13,449	1,057,509
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	1,880	146,138	1,965	151,085
Animal feed and products	4,240	353,159	4,765	392,106
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	0	0	0	0
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	4,013	315,788	3,996	308,401
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	8,861	703,868	7,858	623,801
Sugar	359	31,648	373	32,890
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	979	55,355	755	47,384
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	213	17,525	181	14,936
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	7,279	646,705	7,535	676,375
Salt	2,081	185,517	1,955	174,268
Phosphate rock	0	0	0	0
Sulphur	27,057	2,610,473	26,103	2,517,425
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ²	1,950	173,044	1,781	156,193
Iron ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Copper ores and concentrates	2,967	263,280	2,799	250,211
Nickel ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Lead ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Zinc ores and concentrates	664	54,598	231	19,223
Other metallic ores and concentrates	162	14,406	411	36,893
Coal	92,397	9,489,544	100,370	10,121,459
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	1,669	129,033	1,683	127,765
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	9,709	801,822	9,352	767,128
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	12,957	817,284	12,574	788,109
Coal coke and petroleum coke	3,065	239,878	2,667	203,516
Other refined petroleum and coal products	6,197	494,562	5,218	415,245
Sulphuric acid	1,316	117,421	1,209	107,469
Alumina	2	175	2	180
Other basic chemicals	18,548	1,641,496	18,656	1,653,723
Potash	37,713	3,608,699	60,186	5,754,498
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	16,465	1,374,372	19,817	1,668,973
Other chemical products and preparations	317	22,536	419	32,556
Plastic and rubber	9,053	804,920	8,163	717,242
Logs and other wood in the rough	6,414	415,264	6,807	468,823
Wood chips	17,671	1,046,351	18,082	1,074,411
Lumber	51,676	4,334,666	45,624	3,754,667
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	18,306	1,469,718	17,193	1,346,811
Wood pulp	27,780	2,299,931	29,296	2,396,240
Newsprint	4,049	282,803	4,154	275,903
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	4,451	309,747	5,233	351,327
Cement	3,555	330,260	4,196	385,823
Other non-metallic mineral products	636	53,631	978	76,473
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	2,947	252,950	3,005	261,539
Copper, primary or semi-finished	358	27,244	342	26,559
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	103	8,211	68	5,384
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	1,792	135,461	1,597	122,974
Articles of base metal	2,558	194,791	1,112	83,220
Machinery	60	3,425	97	4,771
Automobiles and mini-vans	6,646	100,874	6,434	94,153
Freight motor vehicles	1,849	27,089	1,580	22,709
Other vehicles	17	843	16	312
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	0	0	6	357
Other transportation equipment	1,430	40,550	579	25,159
Metallic waste and scrap	4,372	329,921	4,009	292,445
Non-metallic waste and scrap	1,664	75,724	1,434	67,702
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	352	20,919	636	34,840
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	15	572	20	917
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	19	625	433	12,047
Less than carload shipments	...	0	...	0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³	550,246	47,230,456	554,501	47,631,091

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

	April 2006			April 2005		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³			21,760,293			21,499,950
Container-on-flat-car	149,021	259,068	2,319,926	142,311	247,082	2,283,074
Trailer-on-flat-car	5,570	.	83,097	6,838	.	102,651
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	2,295,715	.	.	2,289,691
Total traffic carried³			26,459,031			26,175,366
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	17,064	29,769	229,130	18,540	31,888	243,497
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	1,430	.	22,251	1,319	.	18,641
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	3,746,175	.	.	4,594,734

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

	April 2006			April 2005		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³			9,796,290			9,165,142
Container-on-flat-car	78,857	138,922	1,279,656	80,240	139,480	1,318,052
Trailer-on-flat-car	5,066	.	73,564	6,434	.	95,435
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	651,053	.	.	710,900
Total traffic carried³			11,800,563			11,289,529
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	5,063	10,100	62,424	5,546	10,732	68,642
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	110	.	2,070	505	.	9,068
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	3,055,266	.	.	3,613,782

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

	April 2006			April 2005		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³			11,964,003			12,334,808
Container-on-flat-car	70,164	120,146	1,040,270	62,071	107,602	965,022
Trailer-on-flat-car	504	.	9,533	404	.	7,216
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	1,644,662	.	.	1,578,791
Total traffic carried³			14,658,468			14,885,837
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	12,001	19,669	166,706	12,994	21,156	174,855
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	1,320	.	20,181	814	.	9,573
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	690,909	.	.	980,952

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Table 10

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

	January 2006 to April 2006			January 2005 to April 2005		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³			84,498,799			85,361,891
Container-on-flat-car	559,394	969,193	8,843,103	534,585	917,756	8,621,418
Trailer-on-flat-car	21,593	.	311,451	26,733	.	412,634
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	9,169,501	.	.	9,181,491
Total traffic carried³			102,822,854			103,577,434
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	67,953	118,302	901,583	72,627	123,953	972,545
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	5,746	.	87,567	6,069	.	86,960
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	15,161,394	.	.	17,561,765

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Table 11

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

	January 2006 to April 2006			January 2005 to April 2005		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³			37,268,343			37,730,800
Container-on-flat-car	301,556	525,891	4,922,460	295,900	507,790	4,908,690
Trailer-on-flat-car	19,896	.	280,175	25,060	.	381,621
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	2,621,570	.	.	2,736,618
Total traffic carried³			45,092,548			45,757,729
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	21,040	41,474	250,362	21,536	40,912	271,598
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	658	.	11,564	2,468	.	46,719
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	12,505,805	.	.	13,875,973

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Table 12

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

	January 2006 to April 2006			January 2005 to April 2005		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³			47,230,456			47,631,091
Container-on-flat-car	257,838	443,302	3,920,643	238,685	409,966	3,712,728
Trailer-on-flat-car	1,697	.	31,276	1,673	.	31,013
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	6,547,931	.	.	6,444,873
Total traffic carried³			57,730,306			57,819,705
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	46,913	76,828	651,221	51,091	83,041	700,947
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	5,088	.	76,003	3,601	.	40,241
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	2,655,589	.	.	3,685,792

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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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