

Service bulletin

Monthly Railway Carloadings

January 2009



Highlights

- The Canadian railway industry loaded 18.6 million metric tonnes in January, a decrease of 17.9% from January 2008.
- The drop in loadings was the result of declines in both non-intermodal and intermodal loadings.
- Non-intermodal loadings fell 18.5% to 16.5 million metric tonnes in January. Overall, 51 of the 64 commodity groups registered decreased activity. The five commodity groupings experiencing the largest decreases in tonnage loaded were potash, coal, iron and steel (primary or semi-finished), other cereal grains and lumber. Loadings of wheat, one of the largest commodity groupings, increased 6.1% in January on a year-over-year basis.
- Intermodal loadings fell to 2.0 million metric tonnes, a decline of 13.2% from January 2008. The fall in intermodal loadings was the result of a decrease in both containers and trailers loaded onto flat cars.
- Rail freight traffic received from the U.S. decreased to 2.5 million metric tonnes, down 10.0% compared to the same period last year.

Statistical tables

Table 1

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

	January 2009		January 2008	
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	16,161	1,493,125	15,326	1,407,718
Other cereal grains	4,422	360,017	6,620	527,854
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	2,219	201,681	2,073	187,693
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	6,176	504,371	6,786	554,002
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	414	32,997	570	46,507
Animal feed and products	1,954	161,657	2,389	187,985
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	2	129	3	196
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	1,105	86,505	1,129	87,455
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	2,770	222,375	2,806	225,312
Sugar	319	28,399	344	29,504
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	271	16,550	289	21,354
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	222	15,502	193	14,550
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	1,451	129,016	2,153	189,971
Salt	943	83,267	997	89,009
Phosphate rock	730	65,523	725	65,422
Sulphur	4,674	448,250	5,929	570,249
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ¹	2,670	246,157	4,049	349,749
Iron ores and concentrates	27,715	2,397,365	29,013	2,540,061
Copper ores and concentrates	997	88,444	1,107	97,280
Nickel ores and concentrates	1,934	148,177	2,802	213,811
Lead ores and concentrates	257	19,818	202	15,576
Zinc ores and concentrates	963	80,132	661	56,460
Other metallic ores and concentrates	4,813	460,091	5,237	498,789
Coal	19,072	1,968,672	26,133	2,658,868
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	2,567	196,947	2,844	215,380
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	6,061	496,210	6,103	494,908
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	7,370	462,434	8,252	520,909
Coal coke and petroleum coke	1,761	120,318	1,936	126,711
Other refined petroleum and coal products	2,329	179,594	2,937	227,121
Sulphuric acid	2,328	210,443	2,776	250,339
Alumina	3,025	276,973	3,030	278,219
Other basic chemicals	7,375	641,534	7,035	614,591
Potash	5,955	572,885	15,508	1,504,901
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	4,396	373,385	4,491	376,127
Other chemical products and preparations	461	37,887	1,009	86,997
Plastic and rubber	2,960	257,256	3,868	337,125
Logs and other wood in the rough	937	57,982	1,296	74,196
Wood chips	3,011	179,362	4,234	257,695
Lumber	6,873	578,477	8,841	745,217
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	2,265	186,969	3,641	295,936
Wood pulp	8,248	676,249	10,129	832,549
Newsprint	4,505	305,440	5,150	342,507
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	3,775	272,837	4,480	311,997
Cement	1,218	115,598	1,575	147,368
Other non-metallic mineral products	123	10,583	212	18,090
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	3,082	264,403	6,794	556,002
Copper, primary or semi-finished	358	29,847	478	40,340
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	3,225	273,511	3,085	255,473
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	563	40,217	684	55,139
Articles of base metal	917	68,693	1,481	107,708
Machinery	28	1,466	66	4,571
Automobiles and mini-vans	5,268	89,732	6,722	109,601
Freight motor vehicles	2,286	37,297	4,724	86,251
Other vehicles	18	317	98	2,918
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	536	15,803	1,709	49,132
Other transportation equipment	1,604	23,314	1,706	34,404
Metallic waste and scrap	2,193	168,288	3,011	228,525
Non-metallic waste and scrap	557	28,841	634	34,822
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	201	15,052	113	6,513
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	86	3,710	195	8,568
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	312	10,877	291	9,643
Less than carload shipments	...	40	...	251
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ²	201,031	16,538,991	248,674	20,284,119

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Table 2
Railway carloading statistics for non-intermodal traffic by commodity in Canada — Eastern Division

	January 2009		January 2008	
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	125	10,868	250	21,798
Other cereal grains	235	20,457	195	16,174
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	6	491	15	1,228
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	0	0	2	167
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	113	8,550	91	6,700
Animal feed and products	692	55,107	851	66,280
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	1	65	1	68
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	71	5,585	72	5,150
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	448	35,024	431	33,953
Sugar	302	26,869	289	24,955
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	6	500	56	4,884
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	143	9,711	140	10,230
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	317	28,227	632	55,773
Salt	242	19,925	336	28,898
Phosphate rock	730	65,523	725	65,422
Sulphur	255	21,898	156	13,885
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ¹	2,458	227,218	3,772	325,112
Iron ores and concentrates	27,715	2,397,365	29,013	2,540,061
Copper ores and concentrates	451	39,493	539	47,094
Nickel ores and concentrates	1,926	147,464	2,781	211,913
Lead ores and concentrates	257	19,818	202	15,576
Zinc ores and concentrates	856	71,766	618	53,033
Other metallic ores and concentrates	4,810	459,828	5,213	496,697
Coal	2,101	174,416	1,997	170,899
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	1,654	127,483	2,198	166,130
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	3,257	261,845	3,290	264,557
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	3,310	213,123	4,092	264,196
Coal coke and petroleum coke	928	55,381	1,160	65,613
Other refined petroleum and coal products	1,236	91,270	1,304	97,329
Sulphuric acid	2,078	188,138	2,496	225,292
Alumina	3,025	276,973	3,029	278,129
Other basic chemicals	3,493	300,652	2,824	243,922
Potash	792	76,618	672	61,142
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	373	30,423	135	11,594
Other chemical products and preparations	405	33,147	971	83,833
Plastic and rubber	842	68,489	1,668	140,436
Logs and other wood in the rough	572	34,478	826	44,013
Wood chips	989	62,596	1,501	95,106
Lumber	1,296	106,316	1,812	149,968
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	407	29,562	900	68,681
Wood pulp	2,081	163,946	3,085	240,726
Newsprint	4,036	272,475	4,442	296,020
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	2,910	207,323	3,157	217,066
Cement	540	51,329	680	63,045
Other non-metallic mineral products	50	4,526	121	10,577
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	2,548	218,122	6,115	498,039
Copper, primary or semi-finished	288	23,879	386	33,333
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	3,207	272,123	3,075	254,696
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	187	9,338	269	21,827
Articles of base metal	423	31,807	480	36,066
Machinery	23	1,104	41	1,629
Automobiles and mini-vans	3,489	64,570	5,102	86,276
Freight motor vehicles	1,969	33,018	4,400	81,428
Other vehicles	14	122	60	1,689
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	536	15,803	1,709	49,132
Other transportation equipment	757	7,723	1,081	22,792
Metallic waste and scrap	1,326	105,152	1,707	135,478
Non-metallic waste and scrap	241	17,103	275	20,184
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	136	11,055	44	3,013
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	84	3,666	193	8,512
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	258	7,309	278	9,308
Less than carload shipments	...	40	...	251
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ²	94,020	7,324,195	113,955	8,566,978

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Table 3
Railway carloading statistics for non-intermodal traffic by commodity in Canada — Western Division

	January 2009		January 2008	
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	16,036	1,482,257	15,076	1,385,920
Other cereal grains	4,187	339,560	6,425	511,680
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	2,213	201,190	2,058	186,465
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	6,176	504,371	6,784	553,835
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	301	24,447	479	39,807
Animal feed and products	1,262	106,550	1,538	121,705
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	1	64	2	128
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	1,034	80,920	1,057	82,305
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	2,322	187,351	2,375	191,359
Sugar	17	1,530	55	4,549
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	265	16,050	233	16,470
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	79	5,791	53	4,320
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	1,134	100,789	1,521	134,198
Salt	701	63,342	661	60,111
Phosphate rock	0	0	0	0
Sulphur	4,419	426,352	5,773	556,364
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ¹	212	18,939	277	24,637
Iron ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Copper ores and concentrates	546	48,951	568	50,186
Nickel ores and concentrates	8	713	21	1,898
Lead ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Zinc ores and concentrates	107	8,366	43	3,427
Other metallic ores and concentrates	3	263	24	2,092
Coal	16,971	1,794,256	24,136	2,487,969
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	913	69,464	646	49,250
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	2,804	234,365	2,813	230,351
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	4,060	249,311	4,160	256,713
Coal coke and petroleum coke	833	64,937	776	61,098
Other refined petroleum and coal products	1,093	88,324	1,633	129,792
Sulphuric acid	250	22,305	280	25,047
Alumina	0	0	1	90
Other basic chemicals	3,882	340,882	4,211	370,669
Potash	5,163	496,267	14,836	1,443,759
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	4,023	342,962	4,356	364,533
Other chemical products and preparations	56	4,740	38	3,164
Plastic and rubber	2,118	188,767	2,200	196,689
Logs and other wood in the rough	365	23,504	470	30,183
Wood chips	2,022	116,766	2,733	162,589
Lumber	5,577	472,161	7,029	595,249
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	1,858	157,407	2,741	227,255
Wood pulp	6,167	512,303	7,044	591,823
Newsprint	469	32,965	708	46,487
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	865	65,514	1,323	94,931
Cement	678	64,269	895	84,323
Other non-metallic mineral products	73	6,057	91	7,513
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	534	46,281	679	57,963
Copper, primary or semi-finished	70	5,968	92	7,007
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	18	1,388	10	777
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	376	30,879	415	33,312
Articles of base metal	494	36,886	1,001	71,642
Machinery	5	362	25	2,942
Automobiles and mini-vans	1,779	25,162	1,620	23,325
Freight motor vehicles	317	4,279	324	4,823
Other vehicles	4	195	38	1,229
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	0	0	0	0
Other transportation equipment	847	15,591	625	11,612
Metallic waste and scrap	867	63,136	1,304	93,047
Non-metallic waste and scrap	316	11,738	359	14,638
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	65	3,997	69	3,500
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	2	44	2	56
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	54	3,568	13	335
Less than carload shipments	...	0	...	0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ²	107,011	9,214,796	134,719	11,717,141

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Colza seeds (canola)	6,176	504,371	6,784	553,835
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	301	24,447	479	39,807
Animal feed and products	1,262	106,550	1,538	121,705
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	1	64	2	128
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	1,034	80,920	1,057	82,305
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Sugar	17	1,530	55	4,549
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	265	16,050	233	16,470
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	79	5,791	53	4,320
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	1,134	100,789	1,521	134,198
Salt	701	63,342	661	60,111
Phosphate rock	0	0	0	0
Sulphur	4,419	426,352	5,773	556,364
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ¹	212	18,939	277	24,637
Iron ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Copper ores and concentrates	546	48,951	568	50,186
Nickel ores and concentrates	8	713	21	1,898
Lead ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Zinc ores and concentrates	107	8,366	43	3,427
Other metallic ores and concentrates	3	263	24	2,092
Coal	16,971	1,794,256	24,136	2,487,969
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	913	69,464	646	49,250
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	2,804	234,365	2,813	230,351
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	4,060	249,311	4,160	256,713
Coal coke and petroleum coke	833	64,937	776	61,098
Other refined petroleum and coal products	1,093	88,324	1,633	129,792
Sulphuric acid	250	22,305	280	25,047
Alumina	0	0	1	90
Other basic chemicals	3,882	340,882	4,211	370,669
Potash	5,163	496,267	14,836	1,443,759
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	4,023	342,962	4,356	364,533
Other chemical products and preparations	56	4,740	38	3,164
Plastic and rubber	2,118	188,767	2,200	196,689
Logs and other wood in the rough	365	23,504	470	30,183
Wood chips	2,022	116,766	2,733	162,589
Lumber	5,577	472,161	7,029	595,249
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	1,858	157,407	2,741	227,255
Wood pulp	6,167	512,303	7,044	591,823
Newsprint	469	32,965	708	46,487
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	865	65,514	1,323	94,931
Cement	678	64,269	895	84,323
Other non-metallic mineral products	73	6,057	91	7,513
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	534	46,281	679	57,963
Copper, primary or semi-finished	70	5,968	92	7,007
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	18	1,388	10	777
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	376	30,879	415	33,312
Articles of base metal	494	36,886	1,001	71,642
Machinery	5	362	25	2,942
Automobiles and mini-vans	1,779	25,162	1,620	23,325
Freight motor vehicles	317	4,279	324	4,823
Other vehicles	4	195	38	1,229
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	0	0	0	0
Other transportation equipment	847	15,591	625	11,612
Metallic waste and scrap	867	63,136	1,304	93,047
Non-metallic waste and scrap	316	11,738	359	14,638
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	65	3,997	69	3,500
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	2	44	2	56
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	54	3,568	13	335
Less than carload shipments	...	0	...	0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ²	107,011	9,214,796	134,719	11,717,141

1. Includes loadings of gypsum.

2. Excludes goods transported in containers or trailers on flat cars.

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

	January 2009			January 2008		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded	.	.	16,538,991	.	.	20,284,119
Container-on-flat-car	127,445	238,205	1,976,699	146,438	259,259	2,275,217
Trailer-on-flat-car	5,533	.	65,211	5,904	.	76,789
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	2,497,462	.	.	2,773,622
Total traffic carried	.	.	21,078,363	.	.	25,409,747
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	16,474	30,335	221,799	22,732	39,033	321,545
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	1,607	.	24,386	1,761	.	26,370
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	2,385,655	.	.	3,083,895

1. Estimated numbers.

Note(s): Unit of measure "TEUs" means: twenty-foot equivalent units.

Table 8
Railway carloading statistics for intermodal and non-intermodal traffic in Canada — Eastern Division

	January 2009			January 2008		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded	.	.	7,324,195	.	.	8,566,978
Container-on-flat-car	58,776	112,031	961,331	72,659	128,956	1,204,681
Trailer-on-flat-car	5,028	.	54,630	5,476	.	68,020
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	524,721	.	.	707,707
Total traffic carried	.	.	8,864,877	.	.	10,547,386
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	4,012	8,112	49,111	5,104	10,111	66,049
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	1	.	9	171	.	3,319
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	2,012,541	.	.	2,601,485

1. Estimated numbers.

Note(s): Unit of measure "TEUs" means: twenty-foot equivalent units.

Table 9
Railway carloading statistics for intermodal and non-intermodal traffic in Canada — Western Division

	January 2009			January 2008		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded	.	.	9,214,796	.	.	11,717,141
Container-on-flat-car	68,669	126,174	1,015,368	73,779	130,303	1,070,536
Trailer-on-flat-car	505	.	10,581	428	.	8,769
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	1,972,741	.	.	2,065,915
Total traffic carried	.	.	12,213,486	.	.	14,862,361
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	12,462	22,223	172,688	17,628	28,922	255,496
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	1,606	.	24,377	1,590	.	23,051
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	373,114	.	.	482,410

1. Estimated numbers.

Note(s): Unit of measure "TEUs" means: twenty-foot equivalent units.

Table 10
Railway carloading statistics for intermodal and non-intermodal traffic in Canada (year to date) — Total

	January 2009 to January 2009			January 2008 to January 2008		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded	.	.	16,538,991	.	.	20,284,119
Container-on-flat-car	127,445	238,205	1,976,699	146,438	259,259	2,275,217
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Table 12
Railway carloading statistics for intermodal and non-intermodal traffic in Canada (year to date) — Western Division

	January 2009 to January 2009			January 2008 to January 2008		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded	.	.	9,214,796	.	.	11,717,141
Container-on-flat-car	68,669	126,174	1,015,368	73,779	130,303	1,070,536
Trailer-on-flat-car	505	.	10,581	428	.	8,769
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Methodology and concepts

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

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

The total quantity of freight carried in Canada is the sum of the non-intermodal and intermodal freight loaded and the traffic received from U.S. connections. Additional information provided includes the number of units and tonnes of C.O.F.C. and T.O.F.C received from U.S. connections and the total tonnes of cargo that the carriers received from other Canadian connections. This freight that is exchanged among Canadian based carriers is counted only once in the total quantity of freight moved as it is counted only when loaded. For intermodal freight, twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) are derived from the dimensions of the freight-laden containers. Empty containers are not included in these statistics.

The data are collected via questionnaires and electronic reports that are filed with Statistics Canada eight working days after the reference month. These questionnaires are captured and edited and the data are then aggregated to produce tables for all of Canada and the Eastern and Western divisions of Canada.³ Tables show the data for the reference month and the year-to-date. These year-to-date figures include revisions of data from previous months.

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

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...	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
x	suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the <i>Statistics Act</i>
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