

Service bulletin**Monthly Railway Carloadings****March 2009****Highlights**

- The Canadian railway industry loaded 19.8 million metric tonnes of freight in March, down 13.8% from the same month in 2008.
- The drop in tonnage was the result of decreased non-intermodal and intermodal freight loadings.
- Compared with the same month last year, non-intermodal loadings fell 14.1% to 17.8 million metric tonnes. The decline occurred as a result of a drop in the majority of the commodities groups carried by the railways. Among the commodities groups with the largest decreases in tonnage were potash, coal, lumber, iron and steel (primary or semi-finished), and wood pulp.
- Despite the overall drop in non-intermodal loadings, wheat, colza seeds (canola) and fresh, chilled or dried vegetables registered strong gains in tonnage loaded compared with March 2008.
- Intermodal loadings stemming from containers and trailers loaded onto flat cars fell 11.7% from March 2008 to 2.0 million metric tonnes. Both equipment types (containers and trailers) saw decreased activity.
- Rail freight traffic coming from the United States dropped to 2.4 million metric tonnes, down 15.4% from March 2008.

Statistical tables

Table 1

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

	March 2009		March 2008	
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	21,895	2,026,396	15,988	1,467,668
Other cereal grains	3,836	318,884	4,314	346,939
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	4,301	391,218	2,010	181,265
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	11,143	912,481	8,009	654,340
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	744	59,876	413	34,227
Animal feed and products	2,062	168,524	2,618	202,607
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	1	64	0	0
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	1,218	95,888	1,148	89,166
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	2,905	234,108	2,770	221,955
Sugar	288	25,685	334	28,921
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	329	15,624	274	18,731
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	159	11,401	141	10,909
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	1,178	105,526	2,085	185,079
Salt	763	66,997	682	60,963
Phosphate rock	953	85,494	518	46,696
Sulphur	5,010	482,236	7,010	672,490
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ¹	2,437	219,735	3,128	254,150
Iron ores and concentrates	28,733	2,554,200	27,831	2,463,613
Copper ores and concentrates	1,246	110,774	1,019	88,995
Nickel ores and concentrates	1,931	149,106	2,747	205,921
Lead ores and concentrates	117	8,114	255	19,663
Zinc ores and concentrates	843	67,971	654	54,116
Other metallic ores and concentrates	5,086	485,376	4,997	476,682
Coal	19,997	2,069,985	31,772	3,262,674
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	2,912	222,806	2,567	195,213
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	5,321	430,188	5,196	417,778
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	5,668	354,801	5,724	371,110
Coal coke and petroleum coke	1,874	129,557	1,999	134,846
Other refined petroleum and coal products	2,719	212,500	2,405	186,786
Sulphuric acid	2,848	257,197	2,836	255,945
Alumina	3,134	286,523	2,718	248,578
Other basic chemicals	6,899	593,150	7,059	616,410
Potash	5,044	495,725	18,064	1,768,106
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	4,463	374,466	4,696	396,816
Other chemical products and preparations	518	41,610	981	85,341
Plastic and rubber	2,989	260,369	4,037	349,830
Logs and other wood in the rough	1,083	65,915	1,441	81,971
Wood chips	3,005	177,490	3,804	227,467
Lumber	7,438	622,491	10,446	877,488
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	2,554	209,023	3,431	277,145
Wood pulp	7,520	622,126	9,960	814,135
Newsprint	4,321	291,632	5,002	331,381
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	3,595	256,708	3,763	262,559
Cement	1,179	112,587	1,914	180,132
Other non-metallic mineral products	196	16,994	262	23,133
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	3,141	269,767	6,066	495,499
Copper, primary or semi-finished	372	31,450	362	30,331
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	2,730	232,756	3,049	252,917
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	587	49,967	681	55,214
Articles of base metal	893	65,945	1,345	98,169
Machinery	58	3,700	64	3,604
Automobiles and mini-vans	6,479	102,297	8,382	138,565
Freight motor vehicles	3,703	66,857	6,318	117,732
Other vehicles	52	930	11	82
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	528	15,170	873	30,028
Other transportation equipment	2,027	35,278	2,013	26,153
Metallic waste and scrap	1,771	134,914	2,678	207,356
Non-metallic waste and scrap	578	28,530	609	36,872
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	114	8,651	106	5,960
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	125	5,412	166	7,099
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	225	6,914	349	10,563
Less than carload shipments	...	45	...	72
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ²	215,838	17,758,104	252,094	20,666,156

1. Includes loadings of gypsum.

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

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

	March 2009		March 2008	
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	310	27,270	299	26,358
Other cereal grains	228	19,851	311	26,537
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	30	2,415	13	1,065
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	0	0	3	239
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	99	6,957	18	1,493
Animal feed and products	705	55,613	766	61,007
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	0	0	0	0
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	61	4,385	41	3,092
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	409	32,509	298	23,738
Sugar	271	24,154	280	24,789
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	75	1,510	63	3,834
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	105	7,393	86	6,429
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	337	30,148	584	51,658
Salt	347	29,003	293	25,591
Phosphate rock	953	85,494	518	46,696
Sulphur	376	32,146	153	13,486
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ¹	2,177	195,866	2,798	224,312
Iron ores and concentrates	28,733	2,554,200	27,831	2,463,613
Copper ores and concentrates	561	49,455	492	42,280
Nickel ores and concentrates	1,925	148,551	2,739	205,185
Lead ores and concentrates	117	8,114	255	19,663
Zinc ores and concentrates	808	64,983	595	49,395
Other metallic ores and concentrates	5,084	485,200	4,971	474,401
Coal	2,050	179,221	2,624	228,463
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	2,184	167,464	1,906	144,905
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	2,637	208,672	2,895	231,599
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	2,680	167,491	2,830	188,933
Coal coke and petroleum coke	1,020	61,126	1,070	60,485
Other refined petroleum and coal products	1,197	89,341	1,134	84,945
Sulphuric acid	2,583	233,536	2,525	228,280
Alumina	3,133	286,430	2,718	248,578
Other basic chemicals	3,128	272,471	2,891	248,775
Potash	0	0	686	62,587
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	355	29,516	136	11,780
Other chemical products and preparations	420	33,833	945	82,425
Plastic and rubber	868	71,824	1,837	154,987
Logs and other wood in the rough	649	37,842	976	51,512
Wood chips	998	63,584	1,141	72,023
Lumber	2,112	174,389	2,218	184,639
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	492	36,061	726	54,650
Wood pulp	1,784	136,574	2,979	230,867
Newsprint	3,953	265,433	4,416	291,994
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	2,616	181,499	2,729	186,376
Cement	645	61,244	785	73,251
Other non-metallic mineral products	87	7,843	114	10,841
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	2,887	247,303	5,521	448,916
Copper, primary or semi-finished	300	25,379	291	24,921
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	2,672	227,867	3,011	249,560
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	264	23,130	243	20,135
Articles of base metal	257	19,632	348	26,320
Machinery	40	2,684	52	2,821
Automobiles and mini-vans	4,564	75,556	6,195	106,675
Freight motor vehicles	3,445	62,918	5,755	109,686
Other vehicles	19	200	11	82
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	528	15,170	872	30,012
Other transportation equipment	959	17,094	1,085	15,985
Metallic waste and scrap	842	66,851	1,296	103,194
Non-metallic waste and scrap	231	16,105	301	24,081
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	67	5,762	41	2,440
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	123	5,368	163	7,024
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	205	5,764	348	10,535
Less than carload shipments	...	45	...	72
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ²	96,705	7,447,439	109,221	8,110,215

1. Includes loadings of gypsum.

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

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

	March 2009		March 2008	
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	21,585	1,999,126	15,689	1,441,310
Other cereal grains	3,608	299,033	4,003	320,402
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	4,271	388,803	1,997	180,200
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	11,143	912,481	8,006	654,101
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	645	52,919	395	32,734
Animal feed and products	1,357	112,911	1,852	141,600
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	1	64	0	0
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	1,157	91,503	1,107	86,074
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	2,496	201,599	2,472	198,217
Sugar	17	1,531	54	4,132
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	254	14,114	211	14,897
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	54	4,008	55	4,480
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	841	75,378	1,501	133,421
Salt	416	37,994	389	35,372
Phosphate rock	0	0	0	0
Sulphur	4,634	450,090	6,857	659,004
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ¹	260	23,869	330	29,838
Iron ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Copper ores and concentrates	685	61,319	527	46,715
Nickel ores and concentrates	6	555	8	736
Lead ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Zinc ores and concentrates	35	2,988	59	4,721
Other metallic ores and concentrates	2	176	26	2,281
Coal	17,947	1,890,764	29,148	3,034,211
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	728	55,342	661	50,308
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	2,684	221,516	2,301	186,179
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	2,988	187,310	2,894	182,177
Coal coke and petroleum coke	854	68,431	929	74,361
Other refined petroleum and coal products	1,522	123,159	1,271	101,841
Sulphuric acid	265	23,661	311	27,665
Alumina	1	93	0	0
Other basic chemicals	3,771	320,679	4,168	367,635
Potash	5,044	495,725	17,378	1,705,519
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	4,108	344,950	4,560	385,036
Other chemical products and preparations	98	7,777	36	2,916
Plastic and rubber	2,121	188,545	2,200	194,843
Logs and other wood in the rough	434	28,073	465	30,459
Wood chips	2,007	113,906	2,663	155,444
Lumber	5,326	448,102	8,228	692,849
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	2,062	172,962	2,705	222,495
Wood pulp	5,736	485,552	6,981	583,268
Newsprint	368	26,199	586	39,387
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	979	75,209	1,034	76,183
Cement	534	51,343	1,129	106,881
Other non-metallic mineral products	109	9,151	148	12,292
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	254	22,464	545	46,583
Copper, primary or semi-finished	72	6,071	71	5,410
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	58	4,889	38	3,357
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	323	26,837	438	35,079
Articles of base metal	636	46,313	997	71,849
Machinery	18	1,016	12	783
Automobiles and mini-vans	1,915	26,741	2,187	31,890
Freight motor vehicles	258	3,939	563	8,046
Other vehicles	33	730	0	0
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	0	0	1	16
Other transportation equipment	1,068	18,184	928	10,168
Metallic waste and scrap	929	68,063	1,382	104,162
Non-metallic waste and scrap	347	12,425	308	12,791
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	47	2,889	65	3,520
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	2	44	3	75
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	20	1,150	1	28
Less than carload shipments	...	0	...	0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ²	119,133	10,310,665	142,873	12,555,941

1. Includes loadings of gypsum.

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

Table 4
Railway carloading statistics for non-intermodal traffic by commodity in Canada (year to date) — Total

	January 2009 to March 2009		January 2008 to March 2008	
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	57,872	5,342,941	44,712	4,106,134
Other cereal grains	12,009	984,108	15,905	1,268,889
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	10,322	941,899	6,437	577,538
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	25,289	2,071,056	20,860	1,704,703
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	1,558	124,879	1,455	120,697
Animal feed and products	6,000	491,275	7,368	574,599
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	5	321	8	516
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	3,387	267,112	3,375	262,298
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	8,664	695,447	8,223	658,678
Sugar	932	82,811	1,003	86,439
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	861	46,850	822	59,084
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	521	36,985	474	36,106
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	4,272	379,611	6,104	539,412
Salt	2,418	212,893	2,507	223,766
Phosphate rock	2,536	227,551	1,761	158,814
Sulphur	14,289	1,372,009	19,101	1,834,459
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ¹	7,376	671,320	10,007	839,757
Iron ores and concentrates	80,961	7,134,358	84,805	7,468,969
Copper ores and concentrates	3,220	285,457	3,125	273,546
Nickel ores and concentrates	5,621	432,172	8,279	626,025
Lead ores and concentrates	494	37,561	588	45,341
Zinc ores and concentrates	2,314	191,513	1,943	163,030
Other metallic ores and concentrates	14,983	1,430,796	15,283	1,457,336
Coal	60,624	6,291,786	84,368	8,654,754
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	7,821	599,241	7,767	587,848
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	17,271	1,407,066	16,966	1,370,354
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	19,687	1,234,104	20,873	1,326,332
Coal coke and petroleum coke	5,297	363,717	5,750	375,945
Other refined petroleum and coal products	7,558	587,734	7,949	615,984
Sulphuric acid	7,617	688,519	8,168	736,887
Alumina	9,240	845,344	8,519	780,860
Other basic chemicals	20,571	1,783,880	20,769	1,814,095
Potash	15,071	1,463,077	48,958	4,773,649
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	13,311	1,122,652	13,562	1,138,296
Other chemical products and preparations	1,523	123,707	2,953	254,788
Plastic and rubber	8,735	761,675	11,478	994,420
Logs and other wood in the rough	3,003	184,446	4,488	252,485
Wood chips	8,414	499,230	12,073	727,766
Lumber	21,011	1,763,973	29,067	2,444,649
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	6,973	572,710	10,542	854,790
Wood pulp	23,337	1,918,978	29,232	2,395,175
Newsprint	12,748	862,565	14,798	981,486
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	11,123	797,766	12,085	842,703
Cement	3,471	330,838	5,050	473,291
Other non-metallic mineral products	473	40,960	705	62,129
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	9,137	782,091	19,174	1,565,095
Copper, primary or semi-finished	1,056	89,057	1,251	104,742
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	8,451	715,860	9,184	762,403
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	1,629	129,349	2,063	166,456
Articles of base metal	2,743	203,260	3,932	287,061
Machinery	126	7,912	189	10,958
Automobiles and mini-vans	18,081	296,078	23,184	382,119
Freight motor vehicles	9,233	158,267	17,845	324,940
Other vehicles	87	1,687	116	3,017
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	1,653	49,246	4,531	135,049
Other transportation equipment	5,765	77,245	5,725	92,956
Metallic waste and scrap	6,761	514,976	8,422	644,562
Non-metallic waste and scrap	1,665	84,934	1,854	107,450
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	518	40,132	340	19,341
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	329	14,231	569	24,752
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	754	25,393	874	27,050
Less than carload shipments	...	124	...	372
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ²	618,771	50,894,735	739,518	60,203,145

1. Includes loadings of gypsum.

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

Table 5
Railway carloading statistics for non-intermodal traffic by commodity in Canada (year to date) — Eastern Division

	January 2009 to March 2009		January 2008 to March 2008	
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	704	61,743	862	75,545
Other cereal grains	650	56,729	697	58,765
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	58	4,694	65	5,323
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	0	0	7	557
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	295	20,989	172	13,765
Animal feed and products	2,273	180,322	2,436	191,410
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	1	65	1	68
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	204	15,589	165	12,248
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	1,370	107,140	1,076	84,357
Sugar	867	76,960	845	73,941
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	122	3,413	157	12,007
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	336	23,174	313	22,926
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	999	89,325	1,817	159,401
Salt	843	69,848	912	78,809
Phosphate rock	2,536	227,551	1,761	158,814
Sulphur	957	82,118	456	40,461
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ¹	6,658	606,126	9,108	759,269
Iron ores and concentrates	80,961	7,134,358	84,804	7,468,910
Copper ores and concentrates	1,440	125,926	1,552	134,376
Nickel ores and concentrates	5,596	429,951	8,239	622,470
Lead ores and concentrates	494	37,561	588	45,341
Zinc ores and concentrates	2,101	174,340	1,736	146,606
Other metallic ores and concentrates	14,977	1,430,269	15,212	1,451,207
Coal	6,004	511,948	5,698	496,704
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	5,558	426,901	6,033	455,503
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	9,170	733,055	9,356	751,569
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	9,373	595,120	10,073	655,814
Coal coke and petroleum coke	2,810	167,625	3,400	189,451
Other refined petroleum and coal products	3,629	270,121	3,617	269,883
Sulphuric acid	6,872	621,989	7,317	660,938
Alumina	9,239	845,251	8,518	780,770
Other basic chemicals	9,766	846,390	8,394	722,077
Potash	790	76,507	2,021	184,086
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	1,101	91,075	406	34,876
Other chemical products and preparations	1,309	106,044	2,841	245,718
Plastic and rubber	2,503	206,491	5,011	421,486
Logs and other wood in the rough	1,788	105,856	3,062	160,111
Wood chips	2,946	187,129	3,975	251,345
Lumber	5,000	412,031	6,118	508,888
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	1,331	98,189	2,537	192,734
Wood pulp	5,802	452,561	8,939	694,985
Newsprint	11,580	779,736	12,952	858,816
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	8,407	589,446	8,607	588,054
Cement	1,726	164,388	2,123	196,929
Other non-metallic mineral products	214	19,426	343	31,524
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	8,087	691,297	17,382	1,411,793
Copper, primary or semi-finished	843	70,990	1,016	86,838
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	8,328	705,639	9,120	756,941
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	622	46,010	736	60,304
Articles of base metal	1,039	77,991	1,166	87,849
Machinery	89	5,390	136	6,307
Automobiles and mini-vans	12,437	217,166	17,338	297,080
Freight motor vehicles	8,461	147,360	16,486	305,384
Other vehicles	48	493	78	1,788
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	1,653	49,246	4,530	135,033
Other transportation equipment	2,579	33,474	3,640	61,362
Metallic waste and scrap	3,849	305,725	4,590	363,037
Non-metallic waste and scrap	707	49,998	857	66,337
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	348	29,805	132	8,274
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	323	14,096	561	24,581
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	632	18,104	859	26,600
Less than carload shipments	...	124	...	372
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ²	281,405	21,728,378	332,949	24,668,717

1. Includes loadings of gypsum.

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

Table 6
Railway carloading statistics for non-intermodal traffic by commodity in Canada (year to date) — Western Division

	January 2009 to March 2009		January 2008 to March 2008	
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	57,168	5,281,198	43,850	4,030,589
Other cereal grains	11,359	927,379	15,208	1,210,124
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	10,264	937,205	6,372	572,215
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	25,289	2,071,056	20,853	1,704,146
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	1,263	103,890	1,283	106,932
Animal feed and products	3,727	310,953	4,932	383,189
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	4	256	7	448
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	3,183	251,523	3,210	250,050
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	7,294	588,307	7,147	574,321
Sugar	65	5,851	158	12,498
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	739	43,437	665	47,077
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	185	13,811	161	13,180
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	3,273	290,286	4,287	380,011
Salt	1,575	143,045	1,595	144,957
Phosphate rock	0	0	0	0
Sulphur	13,332	1,289,891	18,645	1,793,998
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ¹	718	65,194	899	80,488
Iron ores and concentrates	0	0	1	59
Copper ores and concentrates	1,780	159,531	1,573	139,170
Nickel ores and concentrates	25	2,221	40	3,555
Lead ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Zinc ores and concentrates	213	17,173	207	16,424
Other metallic ores and concentrates	6	527	71	6,129
Coal	54,620	5,779,838	78,670	8,158,050
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	2,263	172,340	1,734	132,345
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	8,101	674,011	7,610	618,785
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	10,314	638,984	10,800	670,518
Coal coke and petroleum coke	2,487	196,092	2,350	186,494
Other refined petroleum and coal products	3,929	317,613	4,332	346,101
Sulphuric acid	745	66,530	851	75,949
Alumina	1	93	1	90
Other basic chemicals	10,805	937,490	12,375	1,092,018
Potash	14,281	1,386,570	46,937	4,589,563
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	12,210	1,031,577	13,156	1,103,420
Other chemical products and preparations	214	17,663	112	9,070
Plastic and rubber	6,232	555,184	6,467	572,934
Logs and other wood in the rough	1,215	78,590	1,426	92,374
Wood chips	5,468	312,101	8,098	476,421
Lumber	16,011	1,351,942	22,949	1,935,761
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	5,642	474,521	8,005	662,056
Wood pulp	17,535	1,466,417	20,293	1,700,190
Newsprint	1,168	82,829	1,846	122,670
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	2,716	208,320	3,478	254,649
Cement	1,745	166,450	2,927	276,362
Other non-metallic mineral products	259	21,534	362	30,605
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	1,050	90,794	1,792	153,302
Copper, primary or semi-finished	213	18,067	235	17,904
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	123	10,221	64	5,462
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	1,007	83,339	1,327	106,152
Articles of base metal	1,704	125,269	2,766	199,212
Machinery	37	2,522	53	4,651
Automobiles and mini-vans	5,644	78,912	5,846	85,039
Freight motor vehicles	772	10,907	1,359	19,556
Other vehicles	39	1,194	38	1,229
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	0	0	1	16
Other transportation equipment	3,186	43,771	2,085	31,594
Metallic waste and scrap	2,912	209,251	3,832	281,525
Non-metallic waste and scrap	958	34,936	997	41,113
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	170	10,327	208	11,067
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	6	135	8	171
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	122	7,289	15	450
Less than carload shipments	...	0	...	0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ²	337,366	29,166,357	406,569	35,534,428

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

	March 2009			March 2008		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded	.	.	17,758,104	.	.	20,666,156
Container-on-flat-car	124,582	237,084	1,939,452	141,631	249,223	2,198,619
Trailer-on-flat-car	6,237	.	74,080	6,191	.	82,263
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	2,439,482	.	.	2,882,710
Total traffic carried	.	.	22,211,118	.	.	25,829,748
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	18,123	32,951	251,518	22,274	37,989	307,309
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	1,857	.	26,175	2,082	.	31,024
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	2,336,076	.	.	2,993,552

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

	March 2009			March 2008		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded	.	.	7,447,439	.	.	8,110,215
Container-on-flat-car	66,267	127,874	1,067,949	75,308	133,374	1,206,310
Trailer-on-flat-car	5,767	.	64,928	5,777	.	73,986
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	541,334	.	.	693,683
Total traffic carried	.	.	9,121,650	.	.	10,084,194
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	5,077	10,088	64,706	4,348	8,594	56,979
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	122	.	1,631	152	.	3,017
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	1,903,940	.	.	2,456,885

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

	March 2009			March 2008		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded	.	.	10,310,665	.	.	12,555,941
Container-on-flat-car	58,315	109,210	871,503	66,323	115,849	992,309
Trailer-on-flat-car	470	.	9,152	414	.	8,277
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	1,898,148	.	.	2,189,027
Total traffic carried	.	.	13,089,468	.	.	15,745,554
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	13,046	22,863	186,812	17,926	29,395	250,330
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	1,735	.	24,544	1,930	.	28,007
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	432,136	.	.	536,667

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 March 2009			January 2008 to March 2008		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded	.	.	50,894,735	.	.	60,203,145
Container-on-flat-car	367,225	694,735	5,722,677	426,841	752,272	6,618,075
Trailer-on-flat-car	17,092	.	204,525	18,121	.	236,616
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	7,337,249	.	.	8,358,219
Total traffic carried	.	.	64,159,186	.	.	75,416,055
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	52,749	96,250	720,300	67,565	114,967	944,127
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	5,100	.	73,074	5,673	.	84,689
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	7,018,583	.	.	8,888,633

1. Estimated numbers.

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

Table 11
Railway carloading statistics for intermodal and non-intermodal traffic in Canada (year to date) — Eastern Division

	January 2009 to March 2009			January 2008 to March 2008		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded	.	.	21,728,378	.	.	24,668,717
Container-on-flat-car	184,728	354,869	2,989,425	218,149	385,885	3,553,007
Trailer-on-flat-car	15,635	.	174,467	16,774	.	209,422
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	1,544,008	.	.	2,040,890
Total traffic carried	.	.	26,436,278	.	.	30,472,036
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	13,474	26,898	165,493	14,213	27,871	184,206
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	127	.	1,647	484	.	9,423
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	5,822,987	.	.	7,449,345

1. Estimated numbers.

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

Table 12
Railway carloading statistics for intermodal and non-intermodal traffic in Canada (year to date) — Western Division

	January 2009 to March 2009			January 2008 to March 2008		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded	.	.	29,166,357	.	.	35,534,428
Container-on-flat-car	182,497	339,866	2,733,252	208,692	366,387	3,065,068
Trailer-on-flat-car	1,457	.	30,058	1,347	.	27,194
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	5,793,241	.	.	6,317,329
Total traffic carried	.	.	37,722,908	.	.	44,944,019
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	39,275	69,352	554,807	53,352	87,096	759,921
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	4,973	.	71,427	5,189	.	75,266
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	1,195,596	.	.	1,439,288

1. Estimated numbers.

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

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 intermodal¹ and non-intermodal² traffic. 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 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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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.

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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