

Service bulletin

Monthly Railway Carloadings

November 2009



Highlights

- The volume of cargo carried by Canadian railways dropped in November, as both commodity loadings in Canada as well as traffic received from the United States declined.
- Total freight traffic originating in Canada and received from the United States fell to 23.1 million metric tonnes in November, down 8.2% from November 2008.
- Compared with November 2008, freight loaded in Canada fell 5.9% to 21.1 million metric tonnes in November. The Canadian railway industry's core transportation systems, non-intermodal and intermodal, both contributed to the drop in cargo loaded.
- Non-intermodal freight loadings, which are typically carried in bulk or loaded in box cars, declined 6.2% to 19.0 million metric tonnes. The decrease was the result of reduced loadings in the majority of the commodity groups carried by the railways. The commodity groups with the largest declines in tonnage were coal, potash, wheat, nickel ores and concentrates and newsprint.
- Despite these declines, there were several commodity groups that registered strong gains. Loadings of other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products led the pack, followed by fresh, chilled or dried vegetables.
- Intermodal freight loadings, transported through containers and trailers loaded onto flat cars, decreased 3.3% to 2.1 million metric tonnes in November, compared with the same month the previous year.
- Rail freight traffic coming from the United States fell to about 2.0 million metric tonnes, down 27.0% from November 2008. Both non-intermodal and intermodal freight transported from the United States contributed to the decline.
- From a geographic perspective, 56.3% of the overall volume of cargo loaded by Canadian railways was in the Western Division of Canada, with the remainder loaded in the Eastern Division. 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.

Statistical tables

Table 1

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

	November 2009		November 2008	
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	19,654	1,826,071	23,282	2,151,643
Other cereal grains	4,182	345,913	4,115	336,240
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	3,669	334,471	2,211	200,817
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	59	1,095	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	8,199	669,242	7,130	581,104
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	5,848	519,581	1,552	126,763
Animal feed and products	2,287	191,732	2,253	184,961
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	145	3,642	1	66
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	1,243	92,392	1,208	94,985
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	3,191	256,134	2,736	220,465
Sugar	297	25,765	411	36,443
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	610	20,303	295	18,464
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	419	22,635	225	16,200
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	2,598	214,540	2,863	240,430
Salt	806	70,624	1,063	93,601
Phosphate rock	773	69,407	1,063	94,577
Sulphur	4,697	448,877	4,751	454,858
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ¹	3,245	291,586	3,647	327,295
Iron ores and concentrates	33,259	2,771,311	31,209	2,822,978
Copper ores and concentrates	1,172	104,370	960	85,055
Nickel ores and concentrates	370	28,023	2,493	189,903
Lead ores and concentrates	120	8,616	212	16,348
Zinc ores and concentrates	925	75,216	1,081	89,450
Other metallic ores and concentrates	4,738	451,315	5,087	484,711
Coal	25,088	2,581,015	28,506	2,953,389
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	2,945	221,984	2,185	164,071
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	5,999	486,135	5,455	428,094
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	6,111	380,625	6,592	420,541
Coal coke and petroleum coke	2,269	175,743	2,284	161,951
Other refined petroleum and coal products	2,365	177,922	2,467	192,323
Sulphuric acid	2,048	186,398	2,294	207,083
Alumina	2,627	240,301	3,110	285,269
Other basic chemicals	7,133	604,931	6,288	545,582
Potash	8,348	803,067	11,738	1,150,439
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	4,490	375,661	5,010	418,848
Other chemical products and preparations	617	45,044	602	51,284
Plastic and rubber	2,930	237,473	2,514	218,982
Logs and other wood in the rough	918	54,200	1,677	107,019
Wood chips	3,158	189,782	4,204	252,622
Lumber	7,482	623,307	9,093	766,174
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	2,618	217,429	3,087	248,643
Wood pulp	7,876	662,438	7,876	645,595
Newsprint	2,278	157,163	4,538	306,633
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	3,920	263,828	4,342	309,441
Cement	2,166	207,967	2,400	227,156
Other non-metallic mineral products	172	12,359	192	16,111
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	2,688	224,010	3,800	319,363
Copper, primary or semi-finished	277	23,956	228	19,164
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	2,512	213,176	3,258	275,130
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	686	58,481	644	46,912
Articles of base metal	1,048	72,499	1,304	95,054
Machinery	230	3,550	92	5,105
Automobiles and mini-vans	8,884	163,954	9,309	163,205
Freight motor vehicles	5,946	103,052	4,322	82,504
Other vehicles	38	980	253	5,216
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	591	17,837	690	20,495
Other transportation equipment	2,483	31,392	2,451	37,423
Metallic waste and scrap	2,161	165,640	1,832	139,466
Non-metallic waste and scrap	514	23,256	697	38,192
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	153	6,493	116	7,755
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	105	4,475	133	5,706
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	6,784	99,467	303	9,631
Less than carload shipments	...	48	...	11
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ²	241,164	18,959,899	245,734	20,214,939

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

	November 2009		November 2008	
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	791	70,922	216	18,629
Other cereal grains	851	71,675	799	70,147
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	260	22,563	100	8,214
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	59	1,095	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	11	721	27	2,202
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	4,173	379,764	233	19,304
Animal feed and products	1,243	104,148	815	64,926
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	144	3,578	1	66
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	263	12,140	66	4,985
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	444	34,811	434	34,066
Sugar	274	23,980	392	34,706
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	390	8,437	37	1,982
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	294	14,692	140	9,920
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	998	69,730	892	64,983
Salt	252	20,565	263	21,251
Phosphate rock	773	69,407	1,063	94,577
Sulphur	222	19,204	225	19,298
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ¹	2,968	266,007	3,185	285,079
Iron ores and concentrates	33,259	2,771,311	31,209	2,822,978
Copper ores and concentrates	581	50,760	392	34,635
Nickel ores and concentrates	370	28,023	2,485	189,160
Lead ores and concentrates	120	8,616	212	16,348
Zinc ores and concentrates	755	61,114	1,044	86,835
Other metallic ores and concentrates	4,738	451,315	5,085	484,535
Coal	1,907	171,026	2,373	212,774
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	2,147	161,431	1,662	126,481
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	3,015	238,863	3,239	256,612
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	2,595	166,214	2,744	177,725
Coal coke and petroleum coke	700	41,261	796	44,996
Other refined petroleum and coal products	1,226	86,928	1,203	91,389
Sulphuric acid	1,744	159,300	2,006	181,422
Alumina	2,627	240,301	3,110	285,269
Other basic chemicals	3,250	263,569	2,703	232,686
Potash	84	8,464	633	60,657
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	300	23,872	387	33,599
Other chemical products and preparations	552	39,693	562	47,971
Plastic and rubber	1,019	66,936	834	69,668
Logs and other wood in the rough	689	39,014	1,061	65,150
Wood chips	1,030	67,395	1,281	81,624
Lumber	1,442	116,369	2,176	181,071
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	485	32,917	858	59,789
Wood pulp	1,956	156,102	2,300	177,925
Newsprint	2,178	149,431	4,165	278,678
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	3,147	205,822	3,167	222,263
Cement	1,201	114,865	1,158	110,740
Other non-metallic mineral products	87	4,800	100	8,856
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	2,416	199,848	3,231	270,098
Copper, primary or semi-finished	222	19,348	161	14,058
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	2,508	212,882	3,226	272,350
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	320	27,929	231	13,410
Articles of base metal	569	36,109	528	37,457
Machinery	219	2,870	77	4,215
Automobiles and mini-vans	7,323	141,706	7,430	136,239
Freight motor vehicles	5,527	97,323	3,971	77,325
Other vehicles	12	74	10	73
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	591	17,837	690	20,495
Other transportation equipment	691	3,903	1,183	20,995
Metallic waste and scrap	1,262	97,663	867	67,486
Non-metallic waste and scrap	209	12,353	334	24,014
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	112	3,919	61	4,424
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	102	4,430	129	5,629
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	6,764	97,761	302	9,561
Less than carload shipments	...	48	...	11
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ²	116,461	8,095,154	110,264	8,374,011

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

	November 2009		November 2008	
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	18,863	1,755,149	23,066	2,133,014
Other cereal grains	3,331	274,238	3,316	266,093
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	3,409	311,908	2,111	192,603
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	8,188	668,521	7,103	578,902
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	1,675	139,817	1,319	107,459
Animal feed and products	1,044	87,584	1,438	120,035
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	1	64	0	0
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	980	80,252	1,142	90,000
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	2,747	221,323	2,302	186,399
Sugar	23	1,785	19	1,737
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	220	11,866	258	16,482
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	125	7,943	85	6,280
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	1,600	144,810	1,971	175,447
Salt	554	50,059	800	72,350
Phosphate rock	0	0	0	0
Sulphur	4,475	429,673	4,526	435,560
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ¹	277	25,579	462	42,216
Iron ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Copper ores and concentrates	591	53,610	568	50,420
Nickel ores and concentrates	0	0	8	743
Lead ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Zinc ores and concentrates	170	14,102	37	2,615
Other metallic ores and concentrates	0	0	2	176
Coal	23,181	2,409,989	26,133	2,740,615
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	798	60,553	523	37,590
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	2,984	247,272	2,216	171,482
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	3,516	214,411	3,848	242,816
Coal coke and petroleum coke	1,569	134,482	1,488	116,955
Other refined petroleum and coal products	1,139	90,994	1,264	100,934
Sulphuric acid	304	27,098	288	25,661
Alumina	0	0	0	0
Other basic chemicals	3,883	341,362	3,585	312,896
Potash	8,264	794,603	11,105	1,089,782
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	4,190	351,789	4,623	385,249
Other chemical products and preparations	65	5,351	40	3,313
Plastic and rubber	1,911	170,537	1,680	149,314
Logs and other wood in the rough	229	15,186	616	41,869
Wood chips	2,128	122,387	2,923	170,998
Lumber	6,040	506,938	6,917	585,103
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	2,133	184,512	2,229	188,854
Wood pulp	5,920	506,336	5,576	467,670
Newsprint	100	7,732	373	27,955
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	773	58,006	1,175	87,178
Cement	965	93,102	1,242	116,416
Other non-metallic mineral products	85	7,559	92	7,255
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	272	24,162	569	49,265
Copper, primary or semi-finished	55	4,608	67	5,106
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	4	294	32	2,780
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	366	30,552	413	33,502
Articles of base metal	479	36,390	776	57,597
Machinery	11	680	15	890
Automobiles and mini-vans	1,561	22,248	1,879	26,966
Freight motor vehicles	419	5,729	351	5,179
Other vehicles	26	906	243	5,143
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	0	0	0	0
Other transportation equipment	1,792	27,489	1,268	16,428
Metallic waste and scrap	899	67,977	965	71,980
Non-metallic waste and scrap	305	10,903	363	14,178
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	41	2,574	55	3,331
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	3	45	4	77
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	20	1,706	1	70
Less than carload shipments	...	0	...	0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ²	124,703	10,864,745	135,470	11,840,928

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 November 2009		January 2008 to November 2008	
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	220,939	20,433,994	173,462	15,941,389
Other cereal grains	57,271	4,777,877	57,639	4,565,349
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	33,123	3,015,454	23,241	2,102,025
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	112	2,057	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	94,740	7,761,846	76,248	6,222,701
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	21,601	1,883,266	9,387	771,307
Animal feed and products	24,093	1,973,754	25,200	2,023,268
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	227	6,641	24	1,436
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	14,234	1,047,561	13,202	1,028,585
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	34,068	2,744,612	29,520	2,366,754
Sugar	3,570	314,702	4,196	365,049
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	3,658	170,476	2,961	204,121
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	4,229	236,661	1,917	141,404
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	22,203	1,944,286	36,210	3,194,554
Salt	8,077	709,856	8,828	785,203
Phosphate rock	9,270	831,706	9,784	878,930
Sulphur	53,614	5,126,685	66,810	6,385,966
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ¹	28,727	2,640,918	47,664	4,176,168
Iron ores and concentrates	302,236	26,998,057	353,434	31,858,785
Copper ores and concentrates	12,231	1,084,651	11,222	989,321
Nickel ores and concentrates	10,115	781,112	28,755	2,195,775
Lead ores and concentrates	2,085	150,987	2,361	182,204
Zinc ores and concentrates	9,866	803,413	9,063	760,676
Other metallic ores and concentrates	53,289	5,083,340	56,779	5,414,925
Coal	258,834	26,791,405	312,938	32,292,457
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	36,229	2,741,404	30,011	2,283,320
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	57,374	4,663,020	58,286	4,666,161
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	59,353	3,738,036	59,769	3,807,086
Coal coke and petroleum coke	21,817	1,564,236	22,669	1,570,199
Other refined petroleum and coal products	27,603	2,132,902	29,686	2,295,713
Sulphuric acid	24,765	2,247,606	28,726	2,593,331
Alumina	30,050	2,746,733	33,256	3,051,211
Other basic chemicals	75,915	6,504,625	76,667	6,664,184
Potash	60,909	5,929,974	159,029	15,588,966
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	48,188	4,017,491	50,685	4,238,782
Other chemical products and preparations	7,203	496,463	10,676	906,460
Plastic and rubber	34,587	2,837,793	37,987	3,307,104
Logs and other wood in the rough	10,319	634,340	17,263	1,009,157
Wood chips	35,944	2,140,744	47,241	2,843,328
Lumber	82,612	6,892,064	111,711	9,378,818
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	31,032	2,515,338	38,784	3,150,643
Wood pulp	85,344	7,123,447	103,142	8,448,252
Newsprint	35,578	2,414,009	52,546	3,530,339
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	41,226	2,860,227	47,322	3,318,555
Cement	21,026	2,023,738	26,264	2,481,292
Other non-metallic mineral products	2,231	157,343	2,502	215,476
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	27,934	2,316,934	66,170	5,445,585
Copper, primary or semi-finished	3,424	291,563	4,218	349,678
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	29,041	2,460,358	33,556	2,803,561
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	7,167	601,197	7,529	582,404
Articles of base metal	11,370	783,098	14,528	1,047,991
Machinery	3,117	53,516	1,358	64,339
Automobiles and mini-vans	81,828	1,405,808	93,732	1,566,337
Freight motor vehicles	50,117	887,680	64,233	1,187,727
Other vehicles	359	5,647	769	15,309
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	5,598	173,586	12,238	361,225
Other transportation equipment	24,855	255,154	23,393	325,952
Metallic waste and scrap	26,261	2,047,641	31,312	2,371,362
Non-metallic waste and scrap	5,854	284,043	7,419	430,799
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	2,341	111,000	1,320	79,910
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	1,246	53,221	2,643	113,122
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	79,542	1,156,191	3,269	97,727
Less than carload shipments	...	696	...	2,288
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ²	2,471,771	196,584,183	2,772,754	227,042,045

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 November 2009		January 2008 to November 2008	
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	10,983	994,566	4,970	435,315
Other cereal grains	16,742	1,498,215	4,064	349,505
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	943	81,223	395	32,189
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	112	2,057	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	25	1,686	138	11,285
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	14,455	1,293,813	1,735	141,689
Animal feed and products	10,616	853,498	8,743	690,354
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	212	5,681	9	476
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	2,689	124,780	678	51,299
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	6,826	535,746	3,876	299,579
Sugar	3,242	285,717	3,767	331,090
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	1,043	21,112	434	28,954
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	3,362	175,127	1,267	89,768
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	5,635	448,907	9,586	767,367
Salt	2,883	238,494	3,043	259,806
Phosphate rock	9,269	831,688	9,784	878,930
Sulphur	2,979	258,640	2,103	184,229
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ¹	25,263	2,322,510	42,994	3,753,104
Iron ores and concentrates	302,236	26,998,057	353,433	31,858,726
Copper ores and concentrates	5,823	509,207	5,016	436,559
Nickel ores and concentrates	10,076	777,593	28,656	2,186,681
Lead ores and concentrates	2,084	150,899	2,361	182,204
Zinc ores and concentrates	9,077	738,633	8,468	713,674
Other metallic ores and concentrates	53,277	5,082,355	56,665	5,405,075
Coal	20,532	1,789,330	21,983	1,938,799
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	27,644	2,092,749	22,551	1,725,105
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	29,928	2,387,294	32,732	2,611,471
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	30,431	1,939,053	30,370	1,957,855
Coal coke and petroleum coke	9,999	593,112	10,592	606,660
Other refined petroleum and coal products	13,582	1,006,422	13,680	1,026,145
Sulphuric acid	21,851	1,988,874	25,211	2,280,834
Alumina	30,046	2,746,376	33,255	3,051,121
Other basic chemicals	36,159	3,024,590	33,395	2,865,645
Potash	2,000	195,901	7,221	663,990
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	3,925	325,889	2,488	216,737
Other chemical products and preparations	6,326	424,769	10,217	870,308
Plastic and rubber	11,828	811,912	14,780	1,246,259
Logs and other wood in the rough	6,339	375,480	12,128	671,888
Wood chips	11,597	740,737	15,549	989,195
Lumber	16,694	1,342,196	25,426	2,102,706
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	6,748	446,082	9,351	692,914
Wood pulp	20,113	1,589,096	31,215	2,427,104
Newsprint	32,295	2,184,255	46,019	3,092,669
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	31,275	2,100,179	34,237	2,347,320
Cement	12,061	1,157,358	13,412	1,264,374
Other non-metallic mineral products	1,215	69,574	979	86,834
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	24,590	2,028,462	58,906	4,815,743
Copper, primary or semi-finished	2,744	233,757	3,306	280,182
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	28,862	2,445,621	33,274	2,779,696
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	3,316	279,590	2,790	200,802
Articles of base metal	4,656	285,158	5,044	358,630
Machinery	2,915	43,509	958	41,333
Automobiles and mini-vans	62,212	1,129,666	71,567	1,245,745
Freight motor vehicles	46,813	841,899	58,861	1,110,111
Other vehicles	220	1,795	363	6,692
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	5,598	173,586	12,237	361,209
Other transportation equipment	10,967	98,207	13,988	200,586
Metallic waste and scrap	15,131	1,202,005	15,678	1,206,648
Non-metallic waste and scrap	2,475	167,704	3,409	258,780
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	1,689	69,456	592	37,860
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	1,221	52,736	2,604	112,272
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	79,204	1,131,952	3,235	96,515
Less than carload shipments	...	696	...	2,288
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ²	1,175,053	83,747,231	1,285,788	96,938,883

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 November 2009		January 2008 to November 2008	
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	209,956	19,439,428	168,492	15,506,074
Other cereal grains	40,529	3,279,662	53,575	4,215,844
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	32,180	2,934,231	22,846	2,069,836
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	94,715	7,760,160	76,110	6,211,416
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	7,146	589,453	7,652	629,618
Animal feed and products	13,477	1,120,256	16,457	1,332,914
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	15	960	15	960
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	11,545	922,781	12,524	977,286
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	27,242	2,208,866	25,644	2,067,175
Sugar	328	28,985	429	33,959
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	2,615	149,364	2,527	175,167
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	867	61,534	650	51,636
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	16,568	1,495,379	26,624	2,427,187
Salt	5,194	471,362	5,785	525,397
Phosphate rock	1	18	0	0
Sulphur	50,635	4,868,045	64,707	6,201,737
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ¹	3,464	318,408	4,670	423,064
Iron ores and concentrates	0	0	1	59
Copper ores and concentrates	6,408	575,444	6,206	552,762
Nickel ores and concentrates	39	3,519	99	9,094
Lead ores and concentrates	1	88	0	0
Zinc ores and concentrates	789	64,780	595	47,002
Other metallic ores and concentrates	12	985	114	9,850
Coal	238,302	25,002,075	290,955	30,353,658
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	8,585	648,655	7,460	558,215
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	27,446	2,275,726	25,554	2,054,690
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	28,922	1,798,983	29,399	1,849,231
Coal coke and petroleum coke	11,818	971,124	12,077	963,539
Other refined petroleum and coal products	14,021	1,126,480	16,006	1,269,568
Sulphuric acid	2,914	258,732	3,515	312,497
Alumina	4	357	1	90
Other basic chemicals	39,756	3,480,035	43,272	3,798,539
Potash	58,909	5,734,073	151,808	14,924,976
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	44,263	3,691,602	48,197	4,022,045
Other chemical products and preparations	877	71,694	459	36,152
Plastic and rubber	22,759	2,025,881	23,207	2,060,845
Logs and other wood in the rough	3,980	258,860	5,135	337,269
Wood chips	24,347	1,400,007	31,692	1,854,133
Lumber	65,918	5,549,868	86,285	7,276,112
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	24,284	2,069,256	29,433	2,457,729
Wood pulp	65,231	5,534,351	71,927	6,021,148
Newsprint	3,283	229,754	6,527	437,670
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	9,951	760,048	13,085	971,235
Cement	8,965	866,380	12,852	1,216,918
Other non-metallic mineral products	1,016	87,769	1,523	128,642
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	3,344	288,472	7,264	629,842
Copper, primary or semi-finished	680	57,806	912	69,496
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	179	14,737	282	23,865
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	3,851	321,607	4,739	381,602
Articles of base metal	6,714	497,940	9,484	689,361
Machinery	202	10,007	400	23,006
Automobiles and mini-vans	19,616	276,142	22,165	320,592
Freight motor vehicles	3,304	45,781	5,372	77,616
Other vehicles	139	3,852	406	8,617
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	0	0	1	16
Other transportation equipment	13,888	156,947	9,405	125,366
Metallic waste and scrap	11,130	845,636	15,634	1,164,714
Non-metallic waste and scrap	3,379	116,339	4,010	172,019
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	652	41,544	728	42,050
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	25	485	39	850
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	338	24,239	34	1,212
Less than carload shipments	...	0	...	0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ²	1,296,718	112,836,952	1,486,966	130,103,162

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

	November 2009			November 2008		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded	.	.	18,959,899	.	.	20,214,939
Container-on-flat-car	131,351	248,396	2,033,017	138,386	260,128	2,102,723
Trailer-on-flat-car	5,725	.	72,548	6,148	.	74,777
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	2,012,402	.	.	2,758,566
Total traffic carried	.	.	23,077,866	.	.	25,151,005
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	7,514	15,111	112,428	17,023	31,451	233,995
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	1,649	.	24,245	1,785	.	27,013
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	2,027,371	.	.	2,578,208

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

	November 2009			November 2008		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded	.	.	8,095,154	.	.	8,374,011
Container-on-flat-car	64,889	124,498	1,050,110	70,320	134,246	1,111,051
Trailer-on-flat-car	5,413	.	65,359	5,637	.	64,170
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	588,597	.	.	568,278
Total traffic carried	.	.	9,799,220	.	.	10,117,510
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	3,802	7,711	52,653	3,882	7,909	50,808
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	84	.	1,161	123	.	1,995
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	1,346,271	.	.	2,165,791

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

	November 2009			November 2008		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded	.	.	10,864,745	.	.	11,840,928
Container-on-flat-car	66,462	123,898	982,907	68,066	125,882	991,672
Trailer-on-flat-car	312	.	7,189	511	.	10,607
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	1,423,805	.	.	2,190,288
Total traffic carried	.	.	13,278,646	.	.	15,033,495
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	3,712	7,400	59,775	13,141	23,542	183,187
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	1,565	.	23,084	1,662	.	25,018
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	681,100	.	.	412,417

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 November 2009			January 2008 to November 2008		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded	.	.	196,584,183	.	.	227,042,045
Container-on-flat-car	1,430,041	2,720,128	22,061,707	1,658,647	2,984,328	25,341,140
Trailer-on-flat-car	64,221	.	796,301	73,662	.	947,521
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	19,957,503	.	.	31,769,769
Total traffic carried	.	.	239,399,694	.	.	285,100,475
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	96,197	188,995	1,404,267	248,333	434,076	3,419,239
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	19,354	.	284,903	21,492	.	314,643
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	21,482,795	.	.	31,964,640

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 November 2009			January 2008 to November 2008		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded	.	.	83,747,231	.	.	96,938,883
Container-on-flat-car	716,507	1,382,171	11,596,286	844,468	1,532,424	13,579,867
Trailer-on-flat-car	60,068	.	702,630	68,728	.	844,055
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	5,734,429	.	.	7,206,353
Total traffic carried	.	.	101,780,576	.	.	118,569,158
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	48,811	98,321	638,826	60,658	121,388	758,878
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	226	.	3,307	1,404	.	26,731
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	15,574,146	.	.	26,680,459

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 November 2009			January 2008 to November 2008		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded	.	.	112,836,952	.	.	130,103,162
Container-on-flat-car	713,534	1,337,957	10,465,421	814,179	1,451,904	11,761,273
Trailer-on-flat-car	4,153	.	93,671	4,934	.	103,466
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	14,223,074	.	.	24,563,416
Total traffic carried	.	.	137,619,118	.	.	166,531,317
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	47,386	90,674	765,441	187,675	312,688	2,660,361
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	19,128	.	281,596	20,088	.	287,912
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	5,908,649	.	.	5,284,181

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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