Service bulletin

Monthly Railway Carloadings



September 2013

Highlights

- Canadian railways carried 29.4 million tonnes of freight in September, a 9.0% increase over the same month last year. The rise was driven by robust demand for coal, which accounted for half of the overall growth in tonnage of domestic non-intermodal shipments.
- Rail freight originating in Canada and destined within Canada and other parts of the world advanced 8.3% to 25.8 million tonnes. These shipments are comprised of non-intermodal freight (i.e., cargo moved via box cars or loaded in bulk) and intermodal freight (i.e., cargo moved via containers and trailers on flat cars).
- Non-intermodal freight rose 6.9% in September to 284,000 carloads. The volume of these shipments reached 23.3 million tonnes, itself an increase of 8.8%. The commodities with the largest impact, from a tonnage perspective, were coal (up 946,000 tonnes), iron ores and concentrates (up 274,000 tonnes), potash (up 222,000 tonnes) and fuel oil and crude petroleum (up 214,000 tonnes).
- Intermodal freight rose 4.3% to 2.5 million tonnes in September. Both containerized cargo shipments and trailers loaded on flat cars saw increased activity during the month.
- Rail traffic received from the United States advanced 14.1% in September to 3.7 million tonnes. The gain was primarily the result of increased non-intermodal freight loadings.

Note to readers

All the data in this release are not seasonally adjusted.



Statistical tables

Table 1 Railway carloading statistics for non-intermodal traffic by commodity in Canada — Total

	September 2013		September 20	012
_	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	21,481	2,038,502	19,729	1,852,673
Other cereal grains	3,234	260,218	4,763	377.003
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	6,031	571,211	3,945	367,614
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	4	68	30	488
Colza seeds (canola)	12,226	1,015,078	13,438	1,103,097
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	994	89,763	2,233	205,034
Animal feed and products	2,633	231,412	2,483	217,678
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	6	103	19	306
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	1,028	80,094	1,099	81,915
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	3,891	331,350	4,895	423,509
Sugar	388	33,220	387	33,585
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	411	18,537	342	18,036
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	1,027	84,013	1,009	80,618 452.658
Sand, gravel and crushed stone Salt	5,311 764	495,697 70,859	4,757 451	40,309
Phosphate rock	764	70,659	818	73,886
Sulphur	4,107	385,551	4,525	424,043
Gypsum	900	87,758	1,020	98,472
Other non-metallic minerals ¹	810	70,735	686	59,818
ron ores and concentrates	35,742	3,305,689	32,785	3,031,241
Copper ores and concentrates	641	61,680	918	85,487
Nickel ores and concentrates	1,457	107,877	663	53,081
Lead ores and concentrates	0	0	284	20,526
Zinc ores and concentrates	334	29,405	886	74,092
Other metallic ores and concentrates	6,559	584.788	6,792	610,443
Coal	35,751	3,706,091	26,171	2,759,991
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	2,020	159,187	2,644	204,938
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	12,314	1,011,049	9,811	796,724
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	5,315	335,108	4,962	308,591
Coal coke and petroleum coke	2,739	224,016	3,310	262,414
Other refined petroleum and coal products	4,493	354,981	5,118	408,228
Sulphuric acid	1,965	176,026	2,082	187,673
Alumina	3,073	283,731	3,084	287,122
Other basic chemicals	7,837	668,630	7,320	624,405
Potash	12,802	1,244,115	10,585	1,021,823
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	4,261	346,124	4,640	383,732
Other chemical products and preparations	2,650	207,829	904	57,764
Plastic and rubber	3,431	270,501	3,439	278,713
Logs and other wood in the rough	530	34,301	597	37,006
Wood chips	2,845	165,820	3,184	186,598
Lumber	10,338	844,378	8,874	730,535
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	4,251	366,015	3,918	335,586
Wood pulp Newsprint	7,241 2,110	623,523 146,007	7,624 2,414	652,096 165,008
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	3,132	229,349	2,988	210,682
Cement	2,441	243,030	2,966	219,153
Other non-metallic mineral products	261	18,887	179	13,173
ron and steel, primary or semi-finished	3,875	332,693	4,346	364,979
Copper, primary or semi-finished	224	19,396	119	10,477
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	2,650	229,764	1,872	160,275
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	1,113	95,006	948	83,382
Articles of base metal	1,115	78,869	1,012	67,069
Machinery	501	11,625	581	7,325
Automobiles and mini-vans	13,614	247,864	12,565	235,926
reight motor vehicles	4,258	75,101	7,340	131,127
Other vehicles	26	418	313	7,713
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	600	14,426	467	11,680
Other transportation equipment	894	31,937	487	15,406
Metallic waste and scrap	4,256	347,725	2,919	229,775
Non-metallic waste and scrap	867	47,327	912	51,379
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	397	18,379	379	15,159
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	4	143	1	30
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	8,179	125,100	6,779	97,805
Less than carload shipments		26		53

Includes loadings of gypsum.
 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

	September 20)13	September 20	112
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
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Wheat Other cereal grains	2,037 685	184,608 54,985	1,646 533	151,780 41,058
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	56	4,819	28	2,490
Fresh, chilled or dried regetables	4	68	30	488
Colza seeds (canola)	240	19,246	68	5,437
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	778	70,704	2,090	193,342
Animal feed and products	910	74,992	937	79,459
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	6	103	19	306
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	262	15,825	255	12,500
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	470	35,991	756	60,104
Sugar	356	31,003	363	31,767
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	188	3,068	114	2,074
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	995	81,397	974	77,691
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	984	79,251	558	47,148
Salt	228	20,602	82	6,059
Phosphate rock	2	38	818	73,886
Sulphur	215	18,820	195	15,053
Gypsum	718	70,382	855	82,566
Other non-metallic minerals 1	721	62,391	602	52,344
Iron ores and concentrates	35,656	3,297,577	32,785	3,031,241
Copper ores and concentrates	8	709	267	22,785
Nickel ores and concentrates	1,454	107,599	663	53,081
Lead ores and concentrates	0	0	284	20,526
Zinc ores and concentrates	253	22,280	773	64,260
Other metallic ores and concentrates	6,512	580,577	6,792	610,443
Coal	1,520	125,127	1,137	96,591
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	1,606	128,170	2,273	176,853
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	2,938	241,245	3,470	275,000 180.585
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	2,994	189,213	2,915	
Coal coke and petroleum coke	801 1,499	51,730 114.923	1,087	69,018
Other refined petroleum and coal products Sulphuric acid	1,618	145.611	1,458 1,633	111,351 148,467
Alumina	3,073	283,731	3,084	287,122
Other basic chemicals	3,592	294,800	3,004	249,835
Potash	447	44,978	632	63,583
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	205	17,661	344	29,568
Other chemical products and preparations	911	60,372	810	50,330
Plastic and rubber	1,588	106,099	1,482	104,038
Logs and other wood in the rough	199	12,578	381	23,584
Wood chips	906	55,941	921	57,100
Lumber	2,926	227,226	2,156	172,812
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	993	72,322	696	48,240
Wood pulp	1,478	126,321	1,595	132,933
Newsprint	1,873	129.405	2.170	148,331
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	2,357	167,423	2,136	144,886
Cement	986	97,942	1,036	100,098
Other non-metallic mineral products	145	8,741	92	5,504
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	3,555	305,078	3,949	330.198
Copper, primary or semi-finished	224	19,396	119	10,477
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	2,618	226,893	1,813	155,820
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	655	57,023	532	48,945
Articles of base metal	534	33,995	633	38,224
Machinery	482	10,542	572	6,795
Automobiles and mini-vans	11,849	224,861	11,036	214,359
Freight motor vehicles	4,074	72,468	6,887	124,349
Other vehicles	25	364	310	7,597
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	600	14,426	467	11,680
Other transportation equipment	436	17,040	86	3,005
Metallic waste and scrap	2,762	232,166	1,472	119,788
Non-metallic waste and scrap	423	30,992	440	34,789
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	380	17,435	362	14,301
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	1	14	0	0
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	8,147	122,155	6,770	97,313
Less than carload shipments		26	•••	53

Includes loadings of gypsum.
 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

	September 20)13	September 20)12
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	19,444	1,853,894	18,083	1,700,893
Other cereal grains	2,549 5,975	205,233	4,230	335,945
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	5,975 0	566,392 0	3,917 0	365,124 0
Colza seeds (canola)	11,986	995,832	13,370	1,097,660
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	216	19,059	143	11,692
Animal feed and products	1,723	156,420	1,546	138,219
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	0	0	0	0
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	766	64,269	844	69,415
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	3,421	295,359	4,139	363,405
Sugar	32	2,217	24	1,818
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	223	15,469	228	15,962
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	32	2,616	35	2,927
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	4,327	416,446	4,199	405,510
Salt	536	50,257	369	34,250
Phosphate rock	0	0	0	0
Sulphur	3,892	366,731	4,330	408,990
Gypsum	182	17,376	165	15,906
Other non-metallic minerals 1	89	8,344	84	7,474
Iron ores and concentrates	86	8,112	0	0
Copper ores and concentrates	633	60,971	651	62,702
Nickel ores and concentrates	3	278	0	0
Lead ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Zinc ores and concentrates	81	7,125	113	9,832
Other metallic ores and concentrates	47	4,211	0	0
Coal	34,231	3,580,964	25,034	2,663,400
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	414	31,017	371	28,085
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	9,376	769,804	6,341	521,724
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	2,321	145,895	2,047	128,006
Coal coke and petroleum coke	1,938	172,286	2,223	193,396
Other refined petroleum and coal products	2,994	240,058	3,660	296,877
Sulphuric acid	347	30,415	449	39,206
Alumina	0	0	0	0
Other basic chemicals	4,245	373,830	4,303	374,570
Potash Fattilizare (evaluding notash)	12,355	1,199,137	9,953	958,240
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	4,056	328,463	4,296	354,164
Other chemical products and preparations	1,739 1,843	147,457	94	7,434 174,675
Plastic and rubber Logs and other wood in the rough	331	164,402 21,723	1,957 216	13,422
Wood chips	1,939	109,879	2,263	129,498
Lumber	7,412	617,152	6,718	557,723
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	3,258	293,693	3,222	287,346
Wood pulp	5,763	497,202	6,029	519,163
Newsprint Newsprint	237	16,602	244	16,677
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	775	61,926	852	65,796
Cement	1,455	145,088	1,190	119,055
Other non-metallic mineral products	116	10,146	87	7,669
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	320	27,615	397	34,781
Copper, primary or semi-finished	0	0	0	01,701
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	32	2,871	59	4,455
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	458	37,983	416	34,437
Articles of base metal	581	44,874	379	28,845
Machinery	19	1,083	9	530
Automobiles and mini-vans	1,765	23,003	1,529	21,567
Freight motor vehicles	184	2,633	453	6,778
Other vehicles	1	54	3	116
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	0	0	0	0
Other transportation equipment	458	14,897	401	12,401
Metallic waste and scrap	1,494	115,559	1,447	109,987
Non-metallic waste and scrap	444	16,335	472	16,590
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	17	944	17	858
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	3	129	1	30
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	32	2,945	9	492
Less than carload shipments		0	•••	0
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Includes loadings of gypsum.
 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

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Phosphate rock	6.506	3,128,210	33,312	3,120,827
		600,907	5,926	537,923
	3,585	323,064	6,596	595,220
Sulphur Gypsum	42,481 12,349	4,000,283 1,208,514	42,998 10,797	4,040,840 1,059,982
Other non-metallic minerals 1	7,660	666,540	6,553	568,272
Iron ores and concentrates	289,025	26,354,341	259,350	23,831,357
Copper ores and concentrates	6,648	625,084	7,130	656,188
Nickel ores and concentrates	14,878	1,107,356	9,714	748,570
Lead ores and concentrates	770	55,627	1,648	118,613
Zinc ores and concentrates	5,863	491,629	8,988	738,368
Other metallic ores and concentrates Coal	50,219 290,382	4,513,500 30,175,197	47,921 263,066	4,323,222 27,535,322
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	17,610	1,385,975	27,160	2,126,542
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	118,104	9,707,523	78,481	6,337,946
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	51,074	3,213,557	48,646	3,066,120
Coal coke and petroleum coke	29,876	2,308,377	26,241	2,003,311
Other refined petroleum and coal products	47,117	3,773,022	42,384	3,391,762
Sulphuric acid Alumina	23,686	2,127,618 2,951,550	22,226	1,999,540
Other basic chemicals	31,965 70,900	6,042,093	24,313 68,206	2,265,524 5,771,142
Potash	130,631	12,904,238	110,901	10,913,269
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	37,901	3,078,774	39,124	3,230,165
Other chemical products and preparations	14,598	1,091,613	8,280	515,734
Plastic and rubber	36,049	2,885,717	33,785	2,719,633
Logs and other wood in the rough	5,465	350,681	5,374	336,278
Wood chips Lumber	28,423 96,927	1,661,862 7,950,238	30,070 89,075	1,759,858 7,339,450
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	38,445	3,296,009	35,623	3,040,700
Wood pulp	72,641	6,208,447	75,745	6,458,246
Newsprint	21,215	1,443,660	21,145	1,432,912
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	27,666	2,015,731	27,248	1,919,903
Cement	18,618	1,843,622	19,279	1,898,742
Other non-metallic mineral products	2,500 34,828	190,134 2,995,156	1,836 42.249	127,760
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished Copper, primary or semi-finished	1,673	143,856	42,249 1,117	3,566,556 97,540
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	25,252	2,182,659	19,395	1,667,686
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	9,653	824,591	7,954	695,959
Articles of base metal	10,052	688,168	9,951	650,766
Machinery	4,243	77,543	5,439	102,267
Automobiles and mini-vans	105,427	1,962,614	111,086	2,022,965
Freight motor vehicles Other vehicles	50,398 401	896,989 9,801	62,653 769	1,123,399 18,973
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	5,683	135,089	5,485	134,741
Other transportation equipment	4,595	172,127	5,589	176,162
Metallic waste and scrap	32,812	2,657,224	32,262	2,552,651
Non-metallic waste and scrap	7,986	446,782	8,961	494,562
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	3,457	147,474	2,846	111,821
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	25	768	147	1,806
Mixed loads or unidentified freight Less than carload shipments	74,345	1,120,592 400	68,636	1,000,185 403
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Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ²	2,435,563	198,009,739	2,346,293	188,082,014

Includes loadings of gypsum.
 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 2013 to Sept	ember 2013	January 2012 to Sept	ember 2012
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	9,933	904,278	10,425	954,989
Other cereal grains	13,772	1,207,716	9,273	824,160
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	665	59,595	398	35,941
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	49	822	134	2,263
Colza seeds (canola)	351	28,135	197	15,425
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	9,800	878,633	13,721	1,247,746
Animal feed and products	8,863	741,717	9,287	762,522
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	68	1,050	41	754
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	2,385	134,035	2,527	138,549
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	4,516	360,730	6,256	494,409
Sugar	3,454	301,507	3,468	301,464
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	1,169	20,369	1,025	18,406
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	10,997	900,982	10,356	833,498
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	6,419	545,977	5,723	472,468
Salt	2,275	203,762	1,983	172,320
Phosphate rock	3,583	323,001	6,595	595,182
Sulphur	1,715	148,414	1,697	143,390
Gypsum Other and anti-life rain and 1	10,934	1,074,591	9,576	942,984
Other non-metallic minerals 1	6,731	579,894	5,536	477,682
Iron ores and concentrates	288,854	26,338,256	259,350	23,831,357
Copper ores and concentrates	1,515	129,219	1,865	154,178
Nickel ores and concentrates	14,850	1,104,838	9,714	748,570
Lead ores and concentrates	770	55,627	1,648	118,613
Zinc ores and concentrates	4,839	401,871	8,080	659,038
Other metallic ores and concentrates	50,127	4,505,394	47,918	4,323,009
Coal	14,421	1,198,218	9,582	797,162
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	13,432	1,067,517	23,169	1,817,003
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	38,912	3,205,717	34,130	2,699,901
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	27,213 12,299	1,723,280 775.629	27,129 9,225	1,724,886 551,924
Coal coke and petroleum coke	12,299	985,618	14,796	1,141,846
Other refined petroleum and coal products Sulphuric acid	20,327	1,832,971	18,642	1,687,157
Alumina	31,965	2.951.550	24,311	2,265,344
Other basic chemicals	32,726	2,693,363	31,871	2,601,197
Potash	4,987	501,244	5,480	550,532
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	2,551	210,326	3,100	262,523
Other chemical products and preparations	8,025	536,515	7,498	456,241
Plastic and rubber	15,457	1,045,770	14,952	1,033,081
Logs and other wood in the rough	3,091	193,569	3,458	216,395
Wood chips	9,261	569,262	7,670	478,000
Lumber	25,091	1,981,302	19,722	1,587,197
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	8,729	630,460	6,916	485,589
Wood pulp	19,031	1,603,871	17,979	1,496,299
Newsprint	18,958	1,288,108	18,544	1,260,137
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	20,821	1,476,111	20,112	1,363,346
Cement	7,963	787,193	8,539	839,838
Other non-metallic mineral products	1,357	88,994	1,151	67,754
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	31,118	2.667.153	37,779	3,169,971
Copper, primary or semi-finished	1,673	143,856	1,117	97,540
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	24,863	2,149,342	18,970	1,631,250
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	5,817	506,287	4,282	394,018
Articles of base metal	4,716	297,118	5,800	345,264
Machinery	4,117	68,291	5,124	87,210
Automobiles and mini-vans	87,801	1,722,438	90,163	1,738,600
Freight motor vehicles	47,909	860,027	60,607	1,092,675
Other vehicles	393	9,387	747	17,852
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	5,678	134,877	5,483	134,689
Other transportation equipment	1,409	67,481	1,268	38,655
Metallic waste and scrap	20,415	1,717,112	17,470	1,431,765
Non-metallic waste and scrap	4,010	303,954	4,214	333,688
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	3,216	133,091	2,307	84,177
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	4	33	8	205
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	74,272	1,113,949	68,571	994,872
Less than carload shipments		400		403
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ²	1,112,138	79,033,751	1,078,679	75,245,103
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Includes loadings of gypsum.
 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 2013 to Sept	tember 2013	January 2012 to Sept	ember 2012
	Number of	Metric	Number of rail cars	Metric
	rail cars	tonnes		tonnes
Wheat	151,351	14,384,714	160,172	15,054,219
Other cereal grains Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	22,243 32.272	1,796,393	29,964 20,942	2,430,348
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	32,272	3,045,710 0	20,942	1,939,194 0
Colza seeds (canola)	58,641	4,832,130	78,265	6,407,707
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	5,266	459,783	4,109	346,079
Animal feed and products	14,775	1,348,359	13,569	1,218,215
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	14,773	0	0	1,210,210
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	7,933	653,884	8,701	709,598
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	31,860	2,780,091	37,399	3,227,647
Sugar	216	15,498	302	22,486
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	2,069	145,073	1,754	122,533
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	301	24,055	328	26,179
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	27,041	2,582,233	27,589	2,648,359
Salt	4,231	397,145	3,943	365,603
Phosphate rock	2	63	1	38
Sulphur	40,766	3,851,869	41,301	3,897,450
Gypsum	1,415	133,923	1,221	116,998
Other non-metallic minerals 1	929	86,646	1,017	90,590
Iron ores and concentrates	171	16,085	0	0
Copper ores and concentrates	5,133	495,865	5,265	502,010
Nickel ores and concentrates	28	2,518	0	0
Lead ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Zinc ores and concentrates	1,024	89,758	908	79,330
Other metallic ores and concentrates	92	8,106	3	213
Coal	275,961	28,976,979	253,484	26,738,160
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	4,178	318,458	3,991	309,539
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	79,192	6,501,806	44,351	3,638,045
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	23,861	1,490,277	21,517	1,341,234
Coal coke and petroleum coke	17,577	1,532,748	17,016	1,451,387
Other refined petroleum and coal products Sulphuric acid	34,188 3,359	2,787,404 294,647	27,588 3,584	2,249,916 312,383
Alumina	0,309	294,047	3,36 4 2	180
Other basic chemicals	38,174	3,348,730	36,335	3,169,945
Potash	125,644	12,402,994	105,421	10,362,737
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	35,350	2,868,448	36,024	2,967,642
Other chemical products and preparations	6,573	555,098	782	59,493
Plastic and rubber	20,592	1,839,947	18,833	1,686,552
Logs and other wood in the rough	2,374	157,112	1,916	119,883
Wood chips	19,162	1,092,600	22,400	1,281,858
Lumber	71,836	5,968,936	69,353	5,752,253
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	29,716	2,665,549	28,707	2,555,111
Wood pulp	53,610	4,604,576	57,766	4,961,947
Newsprint	2,257	155,552	2,601	172,775
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	6,845	539,620	7,136	556,557
Cement	10,655	1,056,429	10,740	1,058,904
Other non-metallic mineral products	1,143	101,140	685	60,006
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	3,710	328,003	4,470	396,585
Copper, primary or semi-finished	0	0	0	0
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	389	33,317	425	36,436
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	3,836	318,304	3,672	301,941
Articles of base metal	5,336	391,050	4,151	305,502
Machinery	126	9,252	315	15,057
Automobiles and mini-vans	17,626	240,176	20,923	284,365
Freight motor vehicles	2,489	36,962	2,046	30,724
Other vehicles	8	414	22	1,121
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	5	212	2	52
Other transportation equipment	3,186	104,646	4,321	137,507
Metallic waste and scrap	12,397	940,112	14,792	1,120,886
Non-metallic waste and scrap	3,976	142,828	4,747	160,874
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	241	14,383	539	27,644
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	21	735	139	1,601
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	73	6,643	65	5,313
Less than carload shipments		0	***	0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ²	1,323,425	118,975,988	1,267,614	112,836,911
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Includes loadings of gypsum.
 Excludes goods transported in containers or trailers on flat cars.

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

	September 2013			September 2012		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded Container-on-flat-car Trailer-on-flat-car Traffic received from United States connections	164,162 4,908	311,074	23,288,143 2,408,950 71,350 3,673,572	157,463 3,942	300,946	21,407,127 2,319,289 58,041 3,218,360
Total traffic carried			29,442,015			27,002,817
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Traffic received from Canadian connections	13,800 1,904	28,792	210,547 26,377 2,188,302	11,252 2,143	23,213	162,301 30,490 3,043,684

^{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

	September 2013			September 2012		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded Container-on-flat-car Trailer-on-flat-car Traffic received from United States connections	67,587 4,727	132,040	8,923,468 1,066,975 68,349 788,062	67,821 3,700	134,073	8,631,410 1,071,208 52,888 769,046
Total traffic carried			10,846,854			10,524,552
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Traffic received from Canadian connections	5,900 1	13,178	75,703 5 1,623,496	5,620 0	12,111	73,707 0 2,352,586

^{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

	September 2013			September 2012		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded Container-on-flat-car Trailer-on-flat-car Traffic received from United States connections	96,575 181	179,034	14,364,675 1,341,975 3,001 2,885,510	89,642 242	166,873	12,775,717 1,248,081 5,153 2,449,314
Total traffic carried			18,595,161			16,478,265
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Traffic received from Canadian connections	7,900 1,903	15,614	134,844 26,372 564,806	5,632 2,143	11,102	88,594 30,490 691,098

^{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 2013 to September 2013			January 2012 to September 2012		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded Container-on-flat-car Trailer-on-flat-car Traffic received from United States connections	1,451,597 40,769	2,751,622	198,009,739 21,930,291 607,892 30,224,885	1,408,219 34,141	2,669,040	188,082,014 21,303,619 498,468 29,866,094
Total traffic carried			250,772,807			239,750,195
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Traffic received from Canadian connections	132,694 18,218	271,692 :	1,996,686 254,936 22,244,304	101,302 19,181	208,246	1,480,866 275,023 26,222,391

^{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 2013 to September 2013			January 2012 to September 2012		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded Container-on-flat-car Trailer-on-flat-car Traffic received from United States connections	632,691 38,206	1,232,937	79,033,751 10,139,336 558,356 6,711,242	605,364 31,453	1,186,448	75,245,103 9,677,742 442,626 7,253,252
Total traffic carried			96,442,685			92,618,723
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Traffic received from Canadian connections	57,358 3	124,796	720,369 28 17,723,883	48,864 20	105,044	643,791 204 20,837,606

^{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 2013 to September 2013			January 2012 to September 2012		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded Container-on-flat-car Trailer-on-flat-car Traffic received from United States connections	818,906 2,563	1,518,685	118,975,988 11,790,955 49,536 23,513,643	802,855 2,688	1,482,592	112,836,911 11,625,877 55,842 22,612,842
Total traffic carried			154,330,122			147,131,472
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Traffic received from Canadian connections	75,336 18,215	146,896	1,276,317 254,908 4,520,421	52,438 19,161	103,202	837,075 274,819 5,384,785

^{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 intermodal 1 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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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.

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