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Trucking companies in Canada (those with annual revenue of \$1.3 million or more) hauled more freight in 2011 than in 2010. Total weight transported was 601 million tonnes, up 4.8% from the year before but below the record high of 604 million tonnes reported in 2007.

The increase was primarily a result of the growth of freight hauled within Canada. The weight of goods shipped domestically rose 5.1% to 520 million tonnes in 2011. This tonnage was slightly below the pre-economic downturn level set in 2007. Domestic shipments accounted for 87% of total weight and 69% of total revenue. Carriers earned an average of 15.5 cents per tonne-kilometre for these shipments.

Meanwhile, the weight of goods hauled between Canada and the United States or Mexico increased 3.5% from 2010 to 80 million tonnes in 2011. However, this was down from 83 million tonnes in 2007.

Ontario remained the principal origin for freight shipped within Canada. Shipments originating in Ontario represented 141 million tonnes of freight in 2011. Alberta accounted for 133 million tonnes and Quebec, 95 million tonnes. Together, these three provinces accounted for 71% of the domestic shipments of goods by weight.

Of the total weight transported, 73% was carried a distance of 25 kilometres or more. The average long-distance shipment weighed 9.4 tonnes and was hauled 751 kilometres. The average local shipment weighed 16.1 tonnes and travelled 10 kilometres.

The top commodities transported were general freight, gravel and crushed stone, wood products, prepared food stuffs, and crude petroleum. Combined, their tonnage represented almost half of the total weight transported.

Note to readers

Data for 2011 and revisions for 2010 from the Trucking Commodity Origin and Destination Survey are now available.

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