Atlas of the Land Entry Ports on the Canada-US Border

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This atlas identifies the names and locations of all legal land crossing points along the Canada – U.S. border. We omit ports-of-entry that are considered “land” ports by the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) and/or U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) but that are actually served by boat (e.g., the ferry landing at Anacortes, WA). Each depicted point is one at which a vehicle can directly travel by road (or railroad) from U.S. to Canadian soil. There are 146 in all, of which 26 are rail lines and 120 are roadways (19 bridges, 1 tunnel, and 100 roads). Two of the 120 roadways (Stewart, BC, and Four Falls, NB) lack a USCBP facility, while all others are staffed by both agencies. For record-keeping purposes, USCBP groups its 118 roadway facilities into 80 “master” ports, with data from neighboring small ports aggregated under the name of the master port.

The first edition of this atlas was published in July 2008 and proved to be a useful tool, judging by the feedback we received. This edition retains all of the information displayed in the 2008 version, while also presenting information about traffic activity. Symbols adjacent to a given port’s label indicate what range of average daily traffic (cars, trucks, and trains separately) passes through the port. The two tables on this page reveal the manner in which car and truck traffic tends to be concentrated at a relatively small number of the ports. As seen in the table below, truck traffic is more concentrated than car traffic, with 74 percent of traffic handled by just 8 ports. The table at the left reveals the importance of certain traffic corridors. The table depicts data only for cars, but the identical geographic clustering exists for trucks.
Resources Describing Land Ports-of-Entry

CBSA website providing information about each POE:
http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/contact/listing/indexpages/index-e.html

USCBP website providing information about each POE:

Online map of POEs maintained by the Canada – U.S. Transportation Border Working Group:
http://www.thetbwg.org/map_e.htm

U.S. Bureau of Transportation Statistics — Transborder Surface Freight Database, containing time series trade data at the POE level (with reference to USCBP’s 80 “master” POE names):
http://www.bts.gov/transborder/

U.S. Bureau of Transportation Statistics — Time series record of cross-border traffic volume at the POE level, based upon USCBP data (with reference to USCBP’s 80 “master” POE names):
http://www.transtats.bts.gov/BorderCrossing.aspx

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