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## 2024 Border Traffic Statistics Issued by the Bridge and Tunnel Operators Association (BTOA)

Today the Bridge and Tunnel Operators Association (BTOA) released border crossing numbers for the year 2024 between the Province of Ontario and the States of Michigan and New York.

2024 marked the first full year of normal border operations following the COVID-19 pandemic. Border restrictions were in place to varying degrees from March of 2020 to May of 2023. However, overall 2024 traffic compared to pre-pandemic 2019 was still down 8.4%. Cars were down 10% and trucks were down 0.6%.

In 2024, compared to 2023, overall car crossings increased by 8.74%. Truck crossings decreased by 0.95%. Combined there were 30,933,341 car, truck and bus crossings, an increase of 6.53% or 1,893,785 more vehicles.

The data for each individual crossing is as follows:

		2023	2024	Change	Percent
Ambassador Bridge	Passenger Cars	3,589,318	3,946,009	356,691	9.94%
	Trucks	2,566,476	2,280,569	(285,907)	-11.14%
	Buses & Misc.	-	-	-	0.00%
	TOTAL	6,155,794	6,226,578	70,784	1.15%
Blue Water Bridge	Passenger Cars	2,009,411	2,130,793	121,382	6.04%
	Trucks	1,621,461	1,858,505	237,044	14.62%
	Buses & Misc.	2,130	2,522	392	18.40%
	TOTAL	3,633,002	3,991,820	358,818	9.88%
Detroit-Windsor Tunnel	Passenger Cars	3,680,355	3,835,684	155,329	4.22%
	Trucks	18,473	17,372	(1,101)	-5.96%
	Buses & Misc.	13,939	17,552	3,613	25.92%
	TOTAL	3,712,767	3,870,608	157,841	4.25%
Ogdensburg Bridge	Passenger Cars	466,324	520,026	53,702	11.52%
	Trucks	68,406	69,850	1,444	2.11%
	Buses & Misc.	299	265	(34)	-11.37%
	TOTAL	535,029	590,141	55,112	10.30%
Peace Bridge	Passenger Cars	3,394,026	3,739,580	345,554	10.18%
	Trucks	1,081,496	1,054,481	(27,015)	-2.50%
	Buses & Misc.	9,118	8,018	(1,100)	-12.06%
	TOTAL	4,484,640	4,802,079	317,439	7.08%

		2023	2024	Change	Percent
Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Bridge Authority	Passenger Cars	869,201	1,007,715	138,514	15.94%
	Trucks	68,238	67,935	(303)	-0.44%
	Buses & Misc.	33,467	34,181	714	2.13%
	TOTAL	970,906	1,109,831	138,925	14.31%
Seaway International Bridge	Passenger Cars	2,383,279	2,517,127	133,848	5.62%
	Trucks	63,328	65,292	1,964	3.10%
	Buses & Misc.	-	-	-	0.00%
	TOTAL	2,446,607	2,582,419	135,812	5.55%
Thousand Islands Bridge	Passenger Cars	1,501,506	1,577,626	76,120	5.07%
	Trucks	384,115	392,889	8,774	2.28%
	Buses & Misc.	-	-	-	0.00%
	TOTAL	1,885,621	1,970,515	84,894	4.50%
Lewiston-Queenston Bridge	Passenger Cars	2,128,962	2,330,279	201,317	9.46%
	Trucks	783,904	786,082	2,178	0.28%
	Buses & Misc.	4,228	4,438	210	4.97%
	TOTAL	2,917,094	3,120,799	203,705	6.98%
Rainbow Bridge	Passenger Cars	1,907,766	2,220,162	312,396	16.37%
	Trucks	0	-	0	0.00%
	Buses & Misc.	11,700	14,052	2,352	20.10%
	TOTAL	1,919,466	2,234,214	314,748	16.40%
Whirlpool Rapids Bridge	Passenger Cars	378,630	434,337	55,707	14.71%
	Trucks	-	-	-	0.00%
	Buses & Misc.	-	-	-	0.00%
	TOTAL	378,630	434,337	55,707	14.71%
TOTALS	Passenger Cars	22,308,778	24,259,338	1,950,560	8.74%
	Trucks	6,655,897	6,592,975	(62,922)	-0.95%
	Buses & Misc.	74,881	81,028	6,147	8.21%
	GRAND TOTAL	29,039,556	30,933,341	1,893,785	6.52%

<sup>\*</sup>Some crossings do not segregate "Buses & Misc." and are included in "Passenger Cars".

Notwithstanding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on border crossings, traffic has been declining since the year 2000.

Overall, traffic in 2024 comprised 30,933,341 vehicles, 40.93% lower than in 2000 when 52,367,401 vehicles traversed the border. This equates to a decline of 21,434,060 vehicles. For individual crossing data, see the attached document entitled "2000 – 2024 Comparative Traffic Volume Analysis of Bridge & Tunnel Operators Association (BTOA) Crossings."

## **Bridge and Tunnel Operators Association**

The Bridge and Tunnel Operators Association (BTOA) is a binational membership organization representing the international bridge and tunnel crossings between the Province of Ontario and the States of Michigan, New York, and Minnesota. Members of the BTOA include the: Aazhogan Bridge, Federal Bridge Corporation Limited and Michigan Department of Transportation operating the Blue Water Bridge, Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority, Detroit Windsor Tunnel LLC and the Windsor Detroit Borderlink Limited operating the Detroit Windsor Tunnel, Niagara Falls Bridge Commission, Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority, Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Authority, Seaway International Bridge Corporation, Ambassador Bridge, and the Thousand Islands Bridge Authority.