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2019 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 2019 between the Province of Ontario and the States of Michigan and New York.

In 2019, compared to 2018, overall car crossings decreased by 0.58%. Truck crossings declined by 2.72%. Combined there were 33,731,955 car, truck and bus crossings, a decrease of 1.01% or 343,645 vehicles.

The data for each individual crossing is as follows:

		2018	2019	Change	Percent
Ambassador Bridge	Passenger Cars	4,645,011	4,423,950	(221,061)	-4.76%
	Trucks	2,593,503	2,551,517	(41,986)	-1.62%
	Buses & Misc.	-	-	-	0.00%
	TOTAL	7,238,514	6,975,467	(263,047)	-3.63%
Blue Water Bridge	Passenger Cars	3,036,666	2,944,860	(91,806)	-3.02%
	Trucks	1,654,306	1,596,580	(57,726)	-3.49%
	Buses & Misc.	5,292	5,002	(290)	-5.48%
	TOTAL	4,696,264	4,546,442	(149,822)	-3.19%
Detroit-Windsor Tunnel*	Passenger Cars	3,820,748	4,177,293	356,545	9.33%
	Trucks	20,211	11,146	(9,065)	-44.85%
	Buses & Misc.	30,754	31,478	724	2.35%
	TOTAL	3,871,713	4,219,917	348,204	8.99%
Ogdensburg Bridge	Passenger Cars	593,616	591,772	(1,844)	-0.31%
	Trucks	80,584	74,529	(6,055)	-7.51%
	Buses & Misc.	348	257	(91)	-26.15%
	TOTAL	674,548	666,558	(7,990)	-1.18%

		2018	2019	Change	Percent
Peace Bridge**	Passenger Cars	4,112,579	4,021,927	(90,652)	-2.20%
	Trucks	1,136,686	1,073,541	(63,145)	-5.56%
	Buses & Misc.	21,380	20,700	(680)	-3.18%
	TOTAL	5,270,645	5,116,168	(154,477)	-2.93%
Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Bridge Authority	Passenger Cars	1,363,032	1,264,240	(98,792)	-7.25%
	Trucks	91,988	88,909	(3,079)	-3.35%
	Buses & Misc.	-	-	-	0.00%
	TOTAL	1,455,020	1,353,149	(101,871)	-7.00%
Seaway International Bridge	Passenger Cars	2,302,539	2,349,169	46,630	2.03%
	Trucks	75,348	69,072	(6,276)	-8.33%
	Buses & Misc.	-	-	-	0.00%
	TOTAL	2,377,887	2,418,241	40,354	1.70%
Thousand Islands Bridge	Passenger Cars	1,580,041	1,663,274	83,233	5.27%
	Trucks	389,096	382,678	(6,418)	-1.65%
	Buses & Misc.	-	-	-	0.00%
	TOTAL	1,969,137	2,045,952	76,815	3.90%
Lewiston-Queenston Bridge	Passenger Cars	2,601,489	2,639,335	37,846	1.45%
	Trucks	780,952	789,404	8,452	1.08%
	Buses & Misc.	7,276	6,546	(730)	-10.03%
	TOTAL	3,389,717	3,435,285	45,568	1.34%
Rainbow Bridge	Passenger Cars	2,572,724	2,494,218	(78,506)	-3.05%
	Trucks	0	-	0	0.00%
	Buses & Misc.	20,664	20,294	(370)	-1.79%
	TOTAL	2,593,388	2,514,512	(78,876)	-3.04%
Whirlpool Rapids Bridge***	Passenger Cars	538,767	440,264	(98,503)	-18.28%
	Trucks	-	-	-	0.00%
	Buses & Misc.	-	-	-	0.00%
	TOTAL	538,767	440,264	(98,503)	-18.28%
TOTALS	Passenger Cars	27,167,212	27,010,302	(156,910)	-0.58%
	Trucks	6,822,674	6,637,376	(185,298)	-2.72%
	****Buses & Misc.	85,714	84,277	(1,437)	-1.68%
	GRAND TOTAL	34,075,600	33,731,955	(343,645)	-1.01%

*The Detroit-Windsor Tunnel continued to have intermittent night time closures but much less than in 2018 when it was generally closed Sunday – Thursday evenings 8:00pm – 5:30am to accommodate a major renovation project.

** Due to construction, one lane of the three lane Peace Bridge was completely closed from January 1 - May 15. Oversize and overweight trucks were prohibited from January 1 – May 15.

***Whirlpool Bridge was closed to all traffic April 1 – May 5 for adjacent demolition work.

****Some crossings do not segregate "Buses & Misc." and are included in "Passenger Cars".

Overall, traffic in 2019 comprised 33,731,955 vehicles, 35.6% lower than in 2000 when 52,367,401 vehicles traversed the border. For individual crossing data, see the attached document entitled "2000 – 2019 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 and New York. Members of the BTOA include the: 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 Tunnel Corporation 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.

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