# **Canada's Competitiveness Position**

Total Logistics Costs and Logistics Performance





- Provide an international comparison of Canada's total logistics costs relative to GDP and Logistics Performance against those of selected countries.
- Provide a breakdown of the composition of Canada's Total Logistics Costs and the World Bank Logistics Performance Index for policy guidance.
- Look at the productivity in the sector.

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# TOTAL LOGISTICS COSTS INTERNATIONAL BENCHMARKING

# - At a logistics cost to GDP ratio of 9%, Canada is comparable to South Korea and Taiwan.

- China's logistics cost relative to their GDP is the highest at 18%, while the United States has the smallest relative share at 8.2%.



Logistics Cost as a % of GDP for Selected Countries, 2015

### Source: Armstrong and Associates, Inc

- Logistics costs relative to GDP seem to exhibit regional trends, as European countries tend to have lower relative percentages.

- The South American and some Asia-Pacific nations have higher relative percentages.



# Logistics as a share of GDP North America, 2015

- On a North American basis, Canada is between Mexico and the United States in terms of logistics cost relative to GDP.



# TOTAL LOGISTICS COSTS BY MODE AND SECTOR

# **Composition of US Logistics Cost, 2015**

- •The U.S. is the benchmark, given their lowest cost relative to their GDP.
- •Transportation costs represent about 63% of logistics costs, of which trucking and parcel delivery make up 80% of that cost.
- The road mode make up 40%, Rail and air freight make up 5% each.
- Carrying costs represent roughly 30% and other administrative costs about 6%.

Component	Sub-component	Billions	%	2015 US Business Logistics Costs							
Transportation Costs	Trucking - TL	279	20%	-		Ê					
	Trucking Private	240	17%	Transportation Costs	Trucking - TL						\$279
	Parcel	82	6%		Trucking Private					\$24	40
	Airfreight	67	5%		Parcel		\$8	2			
	Trucking - LTL	64	5%		Airfreight		\$67		5		
	Rail - Carload	61	4%		Trucking - LTL		\$64	9.			
	Water	48	3%		Rail - Carload		\$61				
	Pipeline	30	2%		Water	8	\$48				
	Rail - Intermodal	20	1%		Dinalina	¢20					
Transportation Costs Total		890	63%			\$30	1 1 1 1 1 1				
Inventory Carrying Costs	Financial	158	11%	/entory /ing Costs	Rail - Intermodal	\$20					
	Storage	141	10%		Financial				\$158		
	Other	128	9%		Storage			\$1	.41		
Inventory Carrying Costs Total		427	30%	Carr	Other	8		\$128			
Other	Carriers' Support Activities	46	3%	e.	Carriers' Support Activities		\$46				
	Shippers' Administrative Costs	45	3%	oth	- Shippers' Administrative Costs		\$45				
Other Total		91	6%	8		\$0 \$ <sup>1</sup>	0 \$1	00 \$15	0 \$200	\$25(	) \$300
Grand Total		1,408	100%	00% 510 510 510 510 5250 5250 5250 5250 525					\$500		

# U.S. Drill Down

- According to the U.S. Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals, logistics costs relative to GDP have decreased from 8.4% to 7.8%\* from 2006 to 2015.
- •This is due to lower inventory carrying costs from lower interest rates, as well as a small decrease in relative transport cost.
- •In nominal terms, logistics costs have increased as the US economy has recovered from the 2008/2009 recession.
- •Spending on freight transportation generally increases as economic activity expands but as a share of GDP it has remained pretty stable at around 5%.



\*Note: The percentage in this table (7.8%) differs from those on slides 5,6, & 7 (8.2%) due to different data sources. The source of 10 variance is being investigated.

Source: U.S. Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals

# Composition of Canadian Logistics Cost, 2014\*

- Estimates for Canada have been derived in accordance with the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals methodology.
- Trucking costs are by far the largest component of logistics costs, accounting for almost 60% of the total.
- Inventory carrying costs represent the second largest component at almost 25%.

Component	Sub-component	Millions (CDN)	%
Transport	For-Hire Trucking	53,270	29.5%
	Private Trucking	50,074	27.7%
	Rail	13,021	7.2%
	Pipeline		3.0%
	Freight Forwarders	5,024	2.8%
	Marine	2,738	1.5%
	Air	1,161	0.6%
<b>Transport Total</b>		130,633	72%
<b>Carrying Cost</b>		42,996	24%
Administrative		6,945	4%
Grand Total		180,574	100%



\*Estimates for 2015 are not yet available due to latency of contingent data sources, i.e.) TCOD, retail Inventory).

### Total Logistics Cost Components: U.S. vs. Canada, 2014

Given the geographic size and dispersion of urban areas for Canada transport costs as a component of Total Logistics costs are 10% higher than the United States.

- Conversely, Canadian carrying costs are relatively less than the United States.

Component	Sub-Component	US	Canada	
Administrative Costs	Logistics Administration	3.9		
	Shipper Related Costs	0.7		
	Subtotal	4.6	3.8	
	Interest	0.1		
Carrying Costs	Taxes, Obsolescence, Depreciation, Insurance	22.8		
	Warehousing	9.9		
	Subtotal	32.9	23.8	
	Air	1.9	0.6	
	Forwarders	2.8	2.8	
	Oil Pipelines	1.2	3.0	
Transportation	Railroads	5.5	7.2	
Costs	Truck-Intercity	33.5	E7 0	
	Truck-Local	14.9	51.Z	
	Water	2.8	1.5	
	Subtotal	62.6	72.3	
	100	100		



- From a national accounts perspective the *Retail, Transportation and Warehousing* and *Wholesale trade* sectors are the sectors traditionally associated with logistics.

- As a share of GDP, *Retail* and *Wholesale trade* have increased 1.1% and 1.4%, over the last 20 years.

- The Transportation and Warehousing sector has remained stable at 4.4% of GDP.

- The net effect is a 2.5% increase in the share of these industries in the overall economy.



## Modal Comparison: Truck vs. Rail

- Trucking generally favours higher value goods travelling shorter distances, while rail traditionally handles larger volumes and farther distances.

- This translates to a higher proportion of the final value of goods tied up in transport by rail rather than trucking.



<sup>1</sup> Source: TC international Trade Database

<sup>2</sup> Source: TCOD, TC Rail Traffic Database



# COMMODITY SPECIFIC TRANSPORT COSTS

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- The relative proportion of transport costs to sales varies across industries.
- Generally, transport costs make up a smaller proportion of higher value goods.



2016, Canadian Transportation Cost as a % of Sales

Source: KPMG 2016 Cost Competiveness Study

## Segmented Transport Costs: Grain

-Almost 40% of the cost of transport for grain is attributed to rail.
-30% is attributed to the prairie and port terminal operations.
-Marine transport to destination represents around 23% of the total transport cost.





2013/2014 grain crop year defined as August 2013 to July 2014.

Source: Publically available information, Quorum Corporation; U.S. Wheat associates

# Segmented Transport Costs: Intermodal



Source: Drewry, Port Metro Vancouver, Rail Traffic Database, CN Rail publically available quote

# THE ROLE OF INVENTORY IN TOTAL LOGISTICS COSTS

# Monthly U.S. Total Business Inventory and Sales Jan 2011- Jun 2016

- Higher inventory levels impact logistics costs through higher costs in insurance, obsolescence and warehousing.
- Business sales in the U.S. business sector have been slowing and actually began decreasing mid-2014.
- Inventories were consistently rising during that time and have only recently begun to stabilize. This has resulted in a steadily rising inventory-to-sales ratio, typically a leading indicator for economic volatility.



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# Monthly Manufacturing Inventory to Sales Ratio

- The rising trend in the inventory-to-sales ratio is even more pronounced in Canada, relative to the United States.





### **Retail Supply Chains**

- The rising prominence of e-commerce is disrupting traditional retail supply chains.

- The advent of 2-day delivery service for online shopping necessitates a re-positioning of typical warehousing and "last-mile" logistics.

- This represents a potential structural driver for increasing inventory, and thus potentially higher logistics costs.



Source: US. Bureau of the Census

research.stlouisfed.org

# **Retail Supply Chains**

- Several retail segments are undergoing significant growth in e-commerce volume.

- Shipping to consumers directly from distribution centres or from retail outlets, represent "Omni-Channel" solutions, but increase complexity and cost for retailers.





## **Retail Supply Chains**

-The geographic dispersion of Canadian urban centres does not bode well for economies of scale to meet urban demand in a timely manner.

- E-commerce shipments in urban areas that are closer to traditional freight hubs seem to be growing at faster rates.





Source: YOY Parcel Volume Growth, January–December (2014 and 2015). Data retrieved from 2,690 Canada Post e-commerce customers. 24

# LOGISTIC PERFORMANCE



- The World Bank's Logistics Performance Index is a benchmarking tool to help countries identify challenges and opportunities in trade logistics and performance.
- It represents a composite of six sub-components of logistics.
- As of 2016, the LPI compared 163 countries based on a worldwide survey of global freight forwarders and express carriers.
- Canada's overall LPI ranked 14<sup>th</sup> best in the world in 2016, down slightly from 12<sup>th</sup> in 2014.







1: The frequency with which shipments reach consignees within scheduled or expected delivery times

- 2: The ability to track and trace consignments
- 3: The competence and quality of logistics services
- 4: The ease of arranging competitively priced shipments
- 5: The quality of trade and transport infrastructure
- 6: The efficiency of customs and border clearance

-The World Bank has been tabulating these indices since 2007. The last three iterations are the most comparable among them.

- In 2016, Canada performed better in the *Customs* component, but worse in *Timeliness, Logistics quality and competence* and *International Shipments*.

	Annual Rank			
LPI Component	2012	2014	2016	<b>Top Country</b>
Timeliness <sup>1</sup>	3	11	25	Luxembourg
Tracking and tracing <sup>2</sup>	14	8	9	Sweden
Logistics quality and competence <sup>3</sup>	13	10	15	Germany
International shipments <sup>4</sup>	18	23	29	Luxembourg
Infrastructure <sup>5</sup>	12	10	9	Germany
Customs <sup>6</sup>	17	20	6	Singapore

- Geography seems to be a factor for International Shipments, as the top three ranked countries are Luxembourg, Hong Kong and Belgium.

- This does not seem to be the case for *Timeliness* as Germany is ranked number 2.

#### **Correlation Analysis:**

- When looking at the determinants of logistics performance there is a negative relationship between higher logistics costs relative to GDP and performance in the World Bank Index.

- Also, there is a positive relationship between GDP per Capita and logistics performance.

- There does not seem to be a relationship with the size of a country in terms of people or area and logistics performance.



# EXAMPLES OF SUPPLY CHAIN PERFORMANCE METRICS

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West Coast Import Container Fluidity

### Monthly average transit time for Marine, Port and Inland Rail segments.



### **GRAIN SUPPLY CHAIN PERFORMANCE METRICS:** First Quarter 2016

Monthly updates as of June 9, 2016





Source: U.S. Wheat Associates

#### Chart 7: Grain Stocks and Total to Move at Prairie Elevators











#### Chart 3: Port of Vancouver Grain Vessel Loading 2.5 1200 1000 2.0 Ξ 800600400400200200 Loaded 0.0 May 15 Jun-15 141-25 AUBITS sep.15 NOVIS APTILS octrins Decils Jan 16 Feb-16 Mar.16 Tonnes per Berth Hour Tonnes per Berth Hour - 3 year Avg. - Tonnes Loaded -Tonnes Loaded - 3 year Avg







# BORDER WAIT TIMES

# Performance Metrics: Border Wait Times

# (2015 vs Historical Average)

		Border Wait Tim	e	Border Wait Time					
		(minutes) - Medi	ian	(minutes) - 95th Percentile					
Border Crossing	2015 Q2	Year to Date	3 Year Avg	2015 Q2	Year to Date	3 Year Avg			
Pacific Highway	15.3	15.5	14.3	46.3	45.3	40.8			
Huntingdon	15.6	14.1	13.7	35.7	34.5	32.5			
Coutts	12.3	12.4	14.1	26.6	26.8	30.2			
North Portal	13.4	13.5	12.6	27.6	27.6	27.3			
Emerson	14.7	15.1	14.5	27.6	28.7	27.7			
Sault Ste Marie	13.6	13.3	13.7	30.3	30.5	29.2			
Windsor	15.5	15.3	16.0	43.7	43.3	44.6			
Sarnia	14.8	15.1	15.0	30.3	33.6	36.3			
Queenston	12.5	12.5	14.3	36.6	36.4	40.9			
Fort Erie	12.4	12.0	13.9	51.0	48.0	43.9			
Landsdowne	17.2	17.0	16.1	34.6	33.5	32.5			
Lacolle	11.9	11.9	12.5	29.7	29.3	32.0			
Rock Island	11.4	10.8	11.9	30.5	31.1	32.0			
St. Stephen	7.1	6.9	7.5	16.5	17.7	19.1			

Source: Transport Canada

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# ROAD PERFORMANCE METRICS

Hwy 401 Directional Daily Average Travel Time

> Actual Travel Time Hwy401 WB Pickering / HWY 427 Length = 65 km





# PRODUCTIVITY OF THE SECTOR

### Competitiveness

• Productivity analysis measures quantity of production inputs relative to outputs. In this case we are measuring the year-toyear growth rates.

• Since the de-regulation of the transport sector in the late 1980's competition has provided the incentive to spur productivity improvements.

• The economic benefits of greater productivity can be internalized by carriers through retained earnings or passed on to freight shippers through better freight rates.

\*The trucking time series ends in 2008 due to the termination of key input data by Statistics Canada.



### Competitiveness

• Freight rates can be measured as carriers' output prices.

•The ratio of input prices to output prices is a measure of price performance. Again, we are measuring the year-to-year growth rates.

• Previous productivity improvements have allowed carriers to pass on cost savings to shippers in the form of lower prices in the face of rising input prices.

• Freight rail price performance grew steadily from 1986 to 2000, but has since levelled off. This implies that carriers are re-investing their gains from productivity through capital investments or distributing earnings to shareholders.



- An important source of productivity improvement is through investment in information, communication and technology (ICT) capital.

-New and potentially disruptive technologies are being tested within manufacturing and transportation sectors to improve the visibility of supply chains, better forecast demand and utilize assets.

-These technologies have the ability to drastically alter freight characteristics, supply chain structure, improve carrier performance and ultimately decrease the total logistics cost.

#### Logistics industry disruptors

#### **Technology adoption**

- · Autonomous vehicles, IoT
- Artificial intelligence
- "Uberization"
- 3D printing
- Big data
- Alternative fuels

#### **Consumer requirements**

- . "Want it now"
- Personalization
- Millennial preferences
- Omnichannel shopping
- · Aging consumer needs

Note: IoT is the Internet of Things. Sources: CSCMP; A.T. Kearney Logistics industry

#### Macroeconomic trends

- Globalization
- Volatile commodity prices
- Climate disruption
- Urbanization

#### **Operational constraints**

- Free trade agreements
- Environmental legislation
- Safety requirements
- Resource availability