

IMTC

INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY & TRADE CORRIDOR PROGRAM

The International Mobility and Trade Corridor Program (IMTC) is a binational coalition of government, business interests, and non-governmental entities that supports improvements to safety, mobility, and security for the Cascade Gateway – the five land border ports-of-entry connecting Western Washington State and Lower Mainland British Columbia.

The IMTC Program is run by the Whatcom Council of Governments (WCOG), a U.S. metropolitan planning organization (MPO) in Bellingham, Washington. Being largely composed of government agency representatives, the IMTC coalition does not advocate for regulatory or legislative changes. Rather, through the IMTC Program, participants **coordinate planning**, **identify shared system needs**, and **optimize investments and operations through collaboration, innovation, and partnership**.

28 years of coordinated border planning for the Cascade Gateway region

Over \$50 million (USD) of projects funded in the U.S. and Canada

Binationally recognized as a model of cross-border collaboration



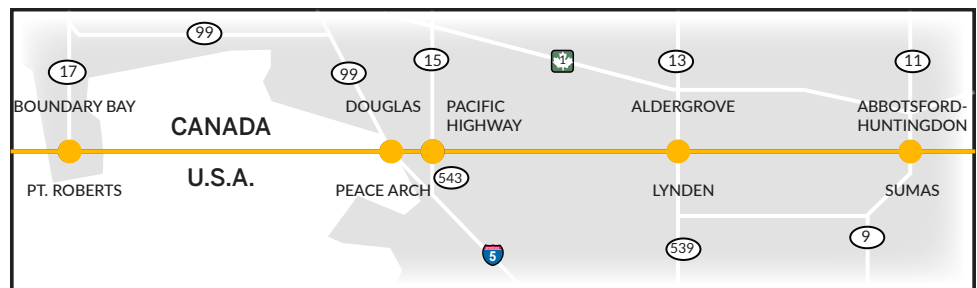
GOALS & STRATEGIES

1. Coordinate planning
2. Improve regional cross-border trade and transportation data
3. Support infrastructure improvements
4. Support coordinated implementation of U.S. and Canadian border policy
5. Improve operations

PARTICIPANTS

B.C. Ministry of Transportation • B.C. Trucking Association
• Border Policy Research Institute (WWU) • Canada Border Services Agency • Canadian Consulate • Chambers of Commerce • Duty Free Stores • Port of Bellingham • TransLink
• Transport Canada • U.S. Border Patrol • U.S. Consulate • U.S. Customs & Border Protection • U.S. Federal Highway Administration • U.S. General Services Administration • Vancouver Airport Authority (YVR) • Whatcom Council of Governments • WA State Department of Transportation

THE CASCADE GATEWAY



2024 - 2025 IMTC PROJECTS

IMTC stakeholders oversee regional border-related projects that meet program goals and improve the operations of our regional border crossings.

THE CASCADE GATEWAY ADVANCED BORDER INFORMATION SYSTEM (ABIS) PROJECT

WCOG was awarded \$458,000 from the FY 2022 SMART Grants Stage I Program to evaluate technologies to replace aging border wait time systems, resulting in a high-level design. In 2024, the ABIS Implementation Project was 1 of 8 projects awarded funding through Stage II funding. WSDOT will receive \$6,599,400 to implement the project.

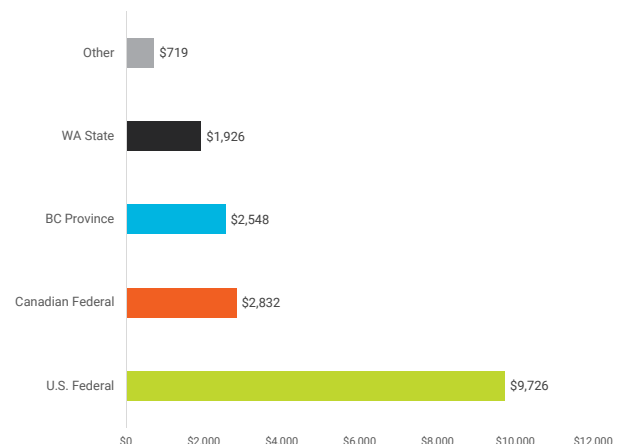
2025/2026 PERSONAL VEHICLE INTERCEPT SURVEY

IMTC participants have identified the need to periodically evaluate trip details of travelers crossing at the Cascade Gateway ports-of-entry. These surveys help inform regional investment strategies, and provide insight into travel trends. This study is underway and will conclude in Spring 2026.

2026 FIFA WORLD CUP GAMES PREPARATIONS

IMTC stakeholders are collaboratively planning for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, as both Seattle, WA and Vancouver, BC are host cities. Data is shared as it's made available.

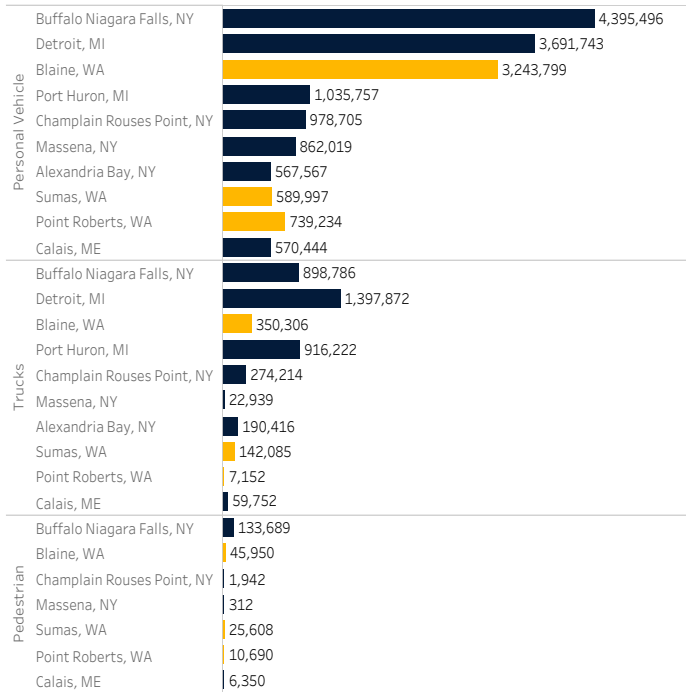
IMTC FUNDING BY SOURCE (1999-2025)



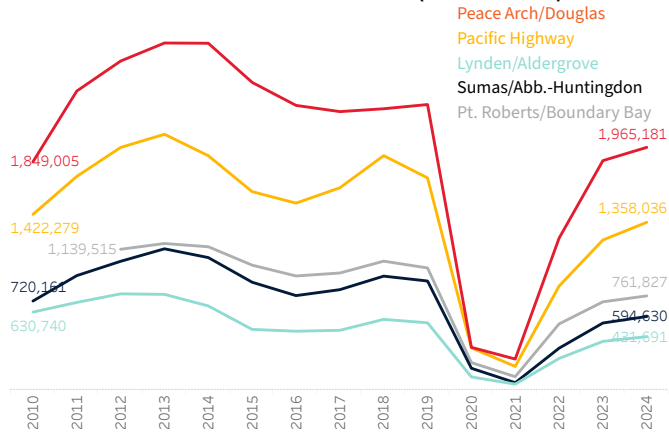
Listed in U.S. dollars (in thousands). Does not include \$24,557,500 from U.S. Federal Highway Administration for I-5 improvements at Exit 276 related to the Peace Arch redesign.

NATIONAL RANKINGS BY VOLUME (2024)

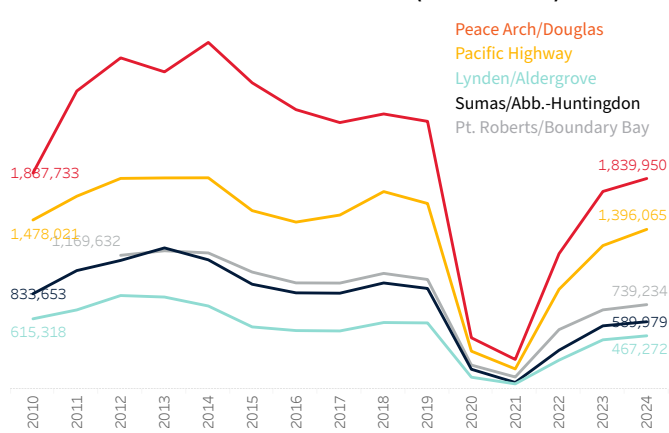
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NORTHBOUND AUTO VOLUMES (2010-2024)

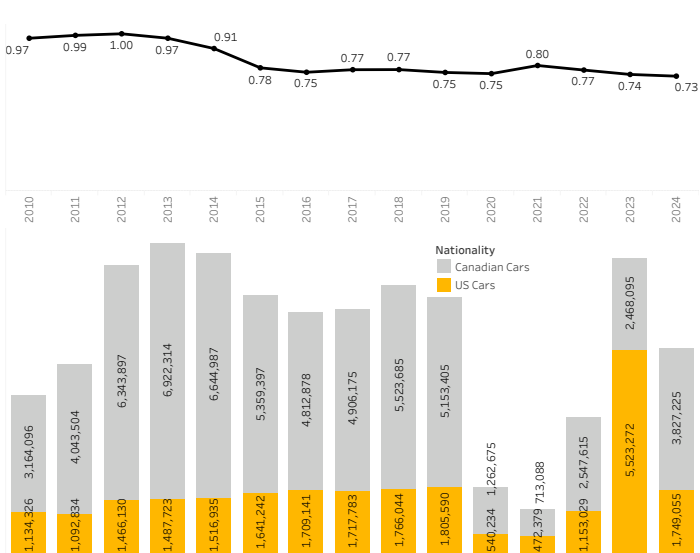


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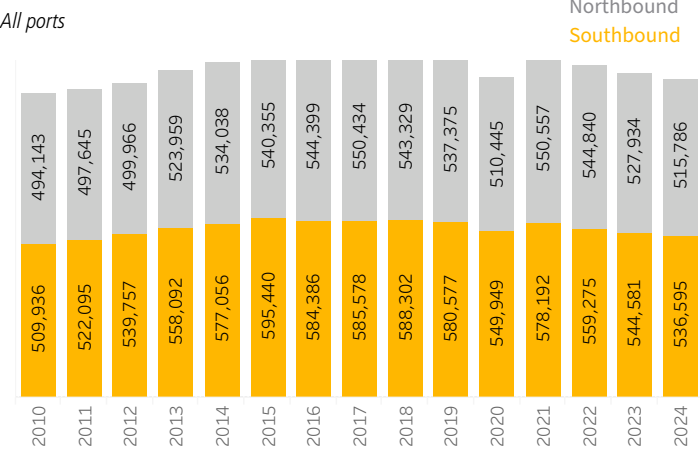


EXCHANGE RATE & AUTO TRIPS (2010-2024)

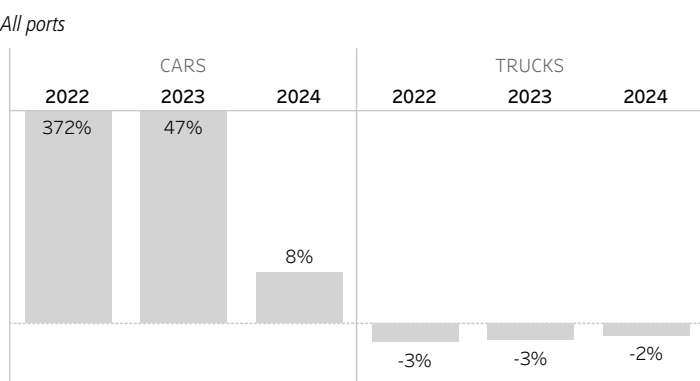
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TRUCK VOLUMES (2010-2024)



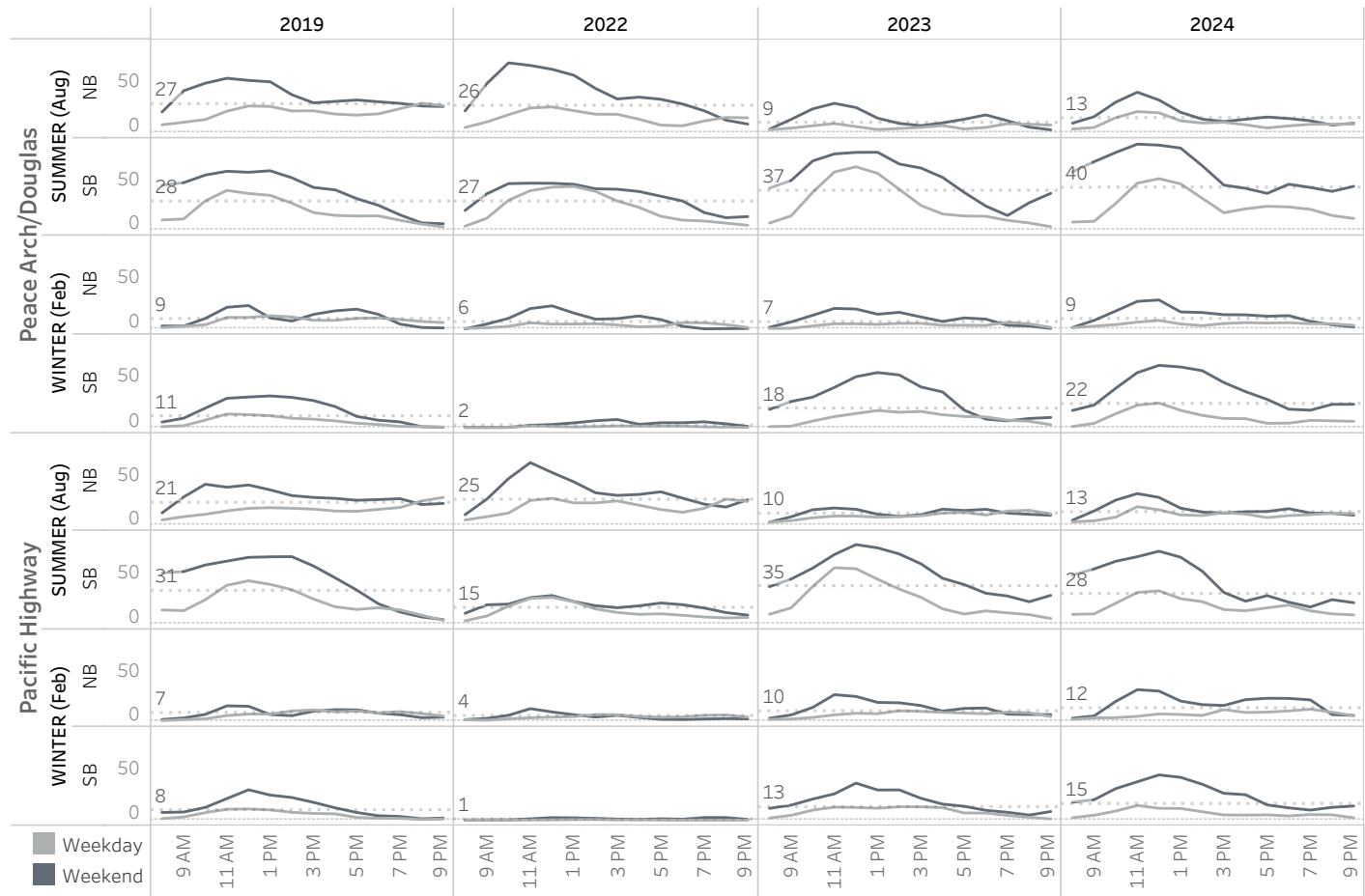
YOY CHANGE IN VOUME, BOTH DIRECTIONS



Data Sources: Bank of Canada, Canada Border Services Agency, Cascade Gateway Border Data Warehouse (www.cascadegatewaydata.com), Statistics Canada, U.S. Bureau of Transportation Statistics, U.S. Customs & Border Protection.
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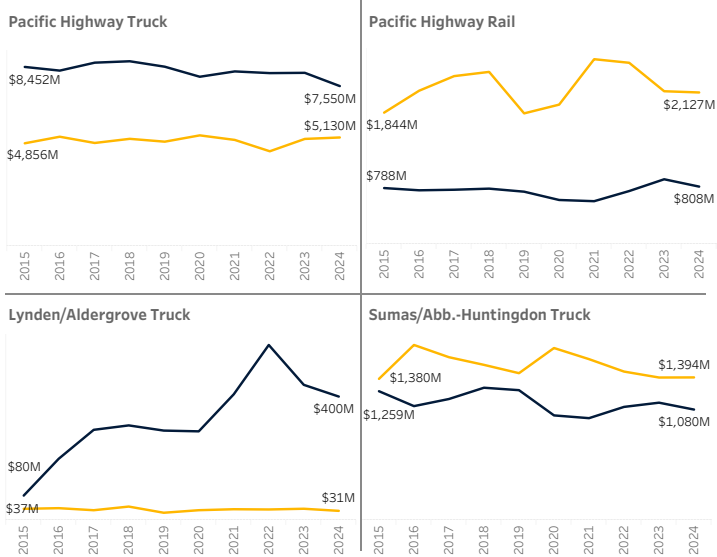
AVERAGE BORDER WAIT TIME

Wait times in minutes, Peace Arch/Douglas & Pacific Highway Ports, by year, season, & direction



TRADE VALUE BY PORT

2015-2024, U.S. to Canada and Canada to U.S. by year, port, and mode, in USD (millions)



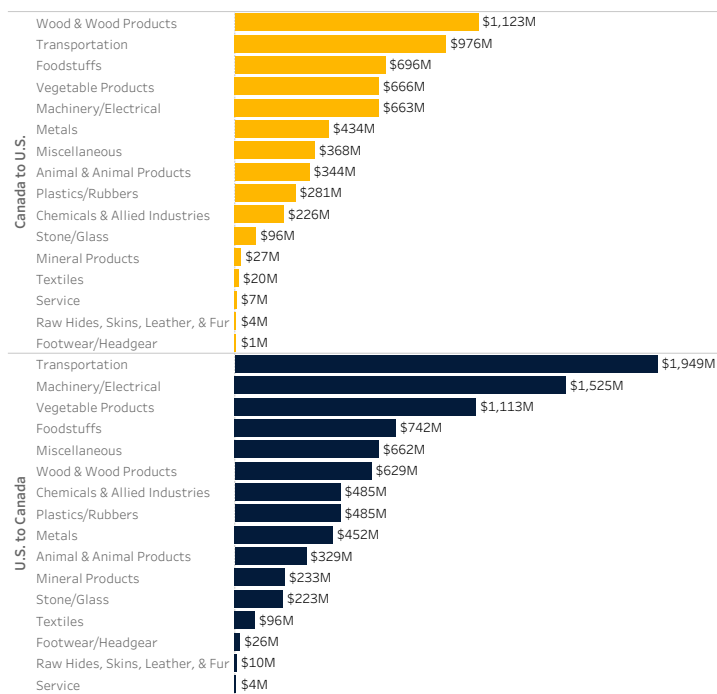
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Note: Trade value figures are based on declared trade value and adjusted to 2000 U.S. Dollars based on U.S. Department of Labor Statistics import and export price indices.

2024 TRUCK COMMODITIES

U.S. to Canada and Canada to U.S. by commodity, Pacific Highway, Lynden/Aldergrove, & Sumas/Abbotsford-Huntingdon combined, in USD (millions)



ANNUAL BORDER VOLUME COMPARISONS

By port, mode, and direction

			2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Peace Arch/ Douglas	STANDARD	SB	1,089,666	236,132	200,857	784,806	1,097,282	1,050,748
		NB	1,153,759	139,097	207,130	763,392	1,146,444	1,182,255
	NEXUS	SB	1,232,431	211,006	54,929	399,437	629,766	789,202
		NB	1,158,504	205,746	42,732	465,853	711,374	782,926
Pacific Highway	STANDARD	SB	986,005	219,354	146,668	589,748	828,667	925,110
		NB	963,643	211,145	158,966	538,137	770,832	880,890
	NEXUS	NB	754,111	129,403	31,315	303,081	443,808	477,146
		SB	635,898	113,558	31,302	283,192	425,879	470,955
	TRUCK	NB	385,377	360,303	394,115	391,921	374,855	366,030
		SB	369,776	340,483	382,716	360,326	356,048	350,306
Lynden/ Aldergrove	STANDARD	SB	579,535	105,812	47,712	254,837	432,115	410,147
		NB	446,817	87,704	45,448	218,401	333,671	360,209
	NEXUS	NB	96,855	17,197	1,258	36,389	59,419	71,482
		SB	44,442	50,509	42,075	47,855	45,931	44,204
Sumas/Abb- Huntingdon	STANDARD	SB	708,703	141,139	59,777	337,129	544,289	484,582
		NB	657,109	134,797	56,993	281,649	445,532	484,169
	NEXUS	NB	225,122	40,402	1,434	56,303	96,526	110,461
		SB	155,551	30,303	0	4,242	9,751	105,397
	TRUCK	SB	154,508	155,013	151,670	151,094	142,602	142,085
		NB	107,417	102,133	101,292	101,838	100,629	103,220
Pt Roberts/ Boundary Bay	STANDARD	SB	535,028	140,895	106,926	344,278	404,975	429,559
		NB	506,473	139,097	94,890	294,002	381,345	398,389
	NEXUS	NB	481,671	81,719	12,326	240,550	332,185	363,438
		SB	423,530	70,619	679	177,145	288,430	309,675

PEACE ARCH/DOUGLAS MONTHLY BORDER VOLUMES

2019-2024 by direction, month, and mode

			NB						SB					
			2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Peace Arch/ Douglas	Jan	STANDARD	78,051	32,636	8,100	18,359	72,432	72,667	75,735	68,516	8,656	19,194	71,469	67,572
		NEXUS	84,343	81,741	0	9,229	48,943	49,578	88,950	84,572	256	8,069	40,864	43,809
	Feb	STANDARD	68,142	33,971	7,462	24,456	71,201	80,855	63,205	68,275	6,449	28,273	69,705	75,985
		NEXUS	71,794	85,820	0	10,798	46,085	56,331	75,465	87,770	1,762	9,288	38,940	50,692
	Mar	STANDARD	100,139	19,419	9,244	34,184	88,762	103,103	84,162	29,430	8,213	35,662	83,708	90,507
		NEXUS	97,986	38,181	0	13,930	54,920	66,075	102,787	38,588	1,927	12,439	47,755	60,102
	Apr	STANDARD	98,522	3,938	9,643	64,875	89,726	94,671	90,021	4,801	8,452	67,047	87,072	85,717
		NEXUS	104,670	4	0	38,340	56,810	68,928	109,157	69	2,116	33,640	48,679	61,666
	May	STANDARD	104,443	4,882	11,126	72,779	95,346	101,818	93,949	6,239	9,090	75,241	91,185	88,965
		NEXUS	106,577	0	0	46,433	61,642	70,278	117,962	7	2,363	40,137	54,675	72,998
	Jun	STANDARD	102,642	6,522	12,211	72,306	100,356	101,993	91,170	8,103	9,867	75,452	98,567	91,120
		NEXUS	100,096	0	0	48,505	64,085	65,628	108,905	0	2,610	43,015	56,790	70,719
	Jul	STANDARD	117,661	6,804	15,647	87,928	130,550	124,382	117,164	8,127	12,106	91,145	121,338	104,786
		NEXUS	106,411	0	0	50,225	69,174	73,771	113,894	0	3,244	44,430	63,657	76,696
	Aug	STANDARD	128,998	6,575	29,103	86,661	125,978	122,788	125,750	8,127	23,432	89,352	120,851	110,081
		NEXUS	106,805	0	399	51,833	70,401	73,373	118,507	0	4,957	41,981	62,828	79,233
	Sep	STANDARD	96,022	6,477	22,661	74,889	104,509	104,476	97,039	8,570	25,565	80,274	102,749	91,635
		NEXUS	98,628	0	5,330	50,071	63,767	63,959	103,390	0	4,729	42,375	57,770	71,452
	Oct	STANDARD	88,206	6,580	20,195	81,925	90,377	86,068	88,374	9,586	26,542	81,159	86,125	78,480
		NEXUS	98,597	0	6,370	54,176	58,708	64,714	103,055	0	3,045	46,956	53,700	66,920
	Nov	STANDARD	83,292	5,518	25,207	71,013	83,739	88,425	79,725	7,964	28,220	71,428	78,566	75,140
		NEXUS	89,531	0	8,955	47,499	56,294	63,837	93,392	0	9,557	39,897	50,193	65,274
	Dec	STANDARD	87,641	5,775	36,531	74,017	93,468	101,009	83,372	8,394	34,265	70,579	85,947	90,760
		NEXUS	93,066	0	21,678	44,814	60,545	66,454	96,967	0	18,363	37,210	53,915	69,641

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