

## Florida

Florida has both deep-draft and shallow-draft navigation within and along its borders. The Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) begins its 1300 mile at Port St. Joe, FL. The approximate 125 miles of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, along the southern border of the state is an important waterway connecting the Gulf States from Texas to Florida and barges can be moved inland on various river systems including the Mississippi River, Alabama-Tombigbee Waterway System, and the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint River. The Florida portion of the GIWW contains the ports of Panama City and Pensacola, ranked 97<sup>st</sup> and 149<sup>th</sup>, respectively in terms of tonnage for the nation.

**Florida 2008 Tonnage by Commodity Groups, Shipped From, To and Within the State**

*Shallow and Deep Draft Commodities (values in millions of dollars)*

Commodity	Shipped	Received	Within	Total	Value
Coal	**	10,307,153	0	10,307,153	\$392
Petroleum	103,178	29,741,830	**	29,845,008	\$4,195
Crude Petroleum	**	0	0	0	**
Aggregates	4,822,077	408,052	0	5,230,129	\$2,589
Grain	**	**	0	0	\$2
Chemicals	1,088,866	3,865,658	0	4,954,524	\$1,564
Ores/Minerals	**	**	0	0	**
Iron/Steel	**	78,022	0	138,492	\$127
Other	693,283	831,178	66,745	1,530,736	\$2,312
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,707,404</b>	<b>45,231,893</b>	<b>66,745</b>	<b>52,006,042</b>	<b>\$11,181</b>

*\*\* Insufficient barge operators to release this tonnage – included in "Other Commodities"*

*Chart includes Foreign and Domestic Traffic*

*Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce Statistics*



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As shown in Table 1, 87% of Florida’s tonnage was received from other States and Foreign entities. 66% of the tonnage received was petroleum and petroleum products, coming mostly from Louisiana. 72% of Florida’s shipments were Aggregates. Only 2% (1,261,192 tons) of the tonnage shipped/received in Florida was from Foreign countries in 2008.

<b>2008 Florida Waterborne Commerce</b>							
<b>Shipped to and from Other States and Countries</b>							
<b>Shallow and Deep Draft Commodities</b>							
<i>(tonnage in thousands of tons; values in millions of dollars)</i>							
<b>Shipments</b>	<b>Commodity</b>			<b>Shipments</b>	<b>Commodity</b>		
<b>To</b>	<b>Tons</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Top</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Tons</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Top</b>
<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>3,706</b>	<b>\$3,093</b>	<b>Aggregates</b>	<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>22,169</b>	<b>\$2,462</b>	<b>Petroleum</b>
<b>Alabama</b>	<b>2,262</b>	<b>\$193</b>	<b>Aggregates</b>	<b>Texas</b>	<b>12,902</b>	<b>\$1,716</b>	<b>Petroleum</b>
<b>Texas</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>\$23</b>	<b>Crude Petro</b>	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>4,473</b>	<b>\$661</b>	<b>Coal</b>
<b>Tennessee</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>\$30</b>	<b>Iron/Steel</b>	<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>4,339</b>	<b>\$640</b>	<b>Petroleum</b>
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>\$1</b>	<b>Iron/Steel</b>	<b>West Virginia</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>\$7</b>	<b>Coal</b>
<b>Foreign</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>\$750</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Foreign</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>\$1,523</b>	<b>Others</b>
<i>Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce Statistics</i>							
<i>OT - Offshore Transfer of Commodities</i>							

As shown in Table 2, Louisiana ships to and receives most of the goods going through Florida ports. 49% of the tonnage received at Florida was from Louisiana and 55% of Florida shipments were bound for Louisiana ports in 2008.

Florida has 2 major ports on the GIWW, Panama City and Pensacola. They shipped/received 2,731,990 and 830, 563 respectively. 61% of Panama City's tonnage and 76% of Pensacola's tonnage is domestic.