

Louisiana

The State of Louisiana borders 428 miles of the Mississippi River. This area is a vital segment of the inland waterway system, providing an economic transportation link from the Upper Midwest to the lower Mississippi Valley and the Gulf of Mexico.

In 2005, almost 260 million tons of commodities (mostly coal, petroleum products, chemicals and grain) moved to, from, and within Louisiana. These commodities had a combined value of \$107 billion. Petroleum Products comprised 27% of this tonnage, followed by grain at 23%.

Louisiana 2005 Waterborne Commerce					
To, From and Within the state					
<i>(tonnage in thousands of tons; values in millions of dollars)</i>					
Commodity	Shipped	Received	Within	Total	Value
Coal	7,207	14,739	2,268	24,214	\$1,098
Petroleum Products	39,420	10,879	19,787	70,086	\$9,138
Crude Petroleum	1,743	3,859	9,160	14,762	\$1,462
Aggregates	397	13,367	81	13,845	\$3,765
Grain	1,280	56,888	999	59,167	\$9,772
Chemicals	18,690	4,800	7,559	31,049	\$15,151
Ores/Minerals	10,158	816	2,207	13,181	\$1,710
Iron/Steel	15,561	730	281	16,572	\$5,528
Other	11,126	4,017	1,482	16,625	\$59,828
TOTAL	105,582	110,095	43,824	259,501	\$107,452

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

An analysis of the waterborne commerce data for the State of Louisiana shows that more than 105 million tons of commodities were shipped on the river system out of the state. A sizeable portion of this tonnage (over 39 million tons) consisted of petroleum products. Docks in the state received 5.5 million tons, with coal being the largest commodity. Over 43 million tons moved within the state. In 2005, the 259 million tons shipped to, from and within Louisiana were worth \$107 billion.



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2005 Louisiana Waterborne Commerce							
Shipped to and from Other States and Countries							
<i>(tonnage in thousands of tons; values in millions of dollars)</i>							
Shipments To	Commodity			Shipments From	Commodity		
	Tons	Value	Top		Tons	Value	Top
Florida	23,157	\$2,816	Petroleum	Illinois	38,568	\$4,750	Grain
Texas	15,419	\$4,221	Petroleum	Texas	10,990	\$3,746	Petroleum
Illinois	11,229	\$3,636	Chemicals	Kentucky	10,445	\$2,754	Aggregates
Kentucky	9,497	\$1,534	Iron/Steel	Missouri	7,352	\$1,038	Grain
Ohio	7,032	\$1,210	Iron/Steel	Iowa	6,062	\$979	Grain

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

Louisiana docks shipped commodities by barge to 15 states, and received commodities from 24 states, Puerto Rico and other foreign countries. The leading state shipped to was Florida, with over 23 million tons and a value of over \$2.8 billion. The leading state shipping by barge to Louisiana was Illinois, which shipped over 38 million tons, with grain being the primary commodity.

There are approximately 773 manufacturing facilities, terminals, and docks on the waterways of Louisiana that shipped and received tonnage in 2005.

Five port areas in Louisiana were ranked in the top 15 in the United States in 2005. The Port of South Louisiana was the country's busiest, with over 212 million tons shipped and received. This port is defined as Lower Mississippi River (LMR) miles 114.9 through 168.5. This port was the only one in the state with more exports than imports. The Port of New Orleans (LMR miles 81.2-114.9, plus parts of the MRGO, IHNC and Harvey Canal) ranked 8th nationally. The Port of Baton Rouge (LMR miles 168.5-253, plus the Baton Rouge Barge Canal) was 9th and the Port of Plaquemines (LMR miles 0-81.2) was 15th. The state's non-Mississippi River port, Lake Charles, ranked 13th in the U.S. with over 55 million tons shipped and received on the Calcasieu River.

There are no locks located on the Mississippi River in Louisiana.

Major Ports in Louisiana - 2005 Waterborne Commerce						
<i>(tons in thousands; values in billions)</i>						
Port Name	Tons				Commodity	
	Total	Domestic	Foreign		Value*	Top
			Imports	Exports		
S. Louisiana	212,246	117,672	43,490	51,084	\$24.8	Grains
New Orleans	70,876	37,797	21,252	11,827	\$11.3	Petroleum Products
Baton Rouge	59,293	36,889	17,585	4,819	\$8.1	Petroleum Products
Plaquemines	47,871	31,918	8,039	7,914	\$4.0	Coal
Lake Charles	52,675	20,569	27,083	5,023	\$11.3	Petroleum Products

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

* Domestic Commodity Traffic Only



