

Texas

Texas has both shallow and deep draft navigation, with over 400 miles of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway being the major waterway in the state. Numerous channels and rivers link the waterway to major industrial centers in the cities of Houston, Galveston, Corpus Christi, Brownsville, Beaumont and other areas.

Texas 2008 Waterborne Commerce					
Movements To, From and Within the State					
<i>(tonnages in thousands, values in millions of dollars)</i>					
Commodity	Shipped	Received	Within	Total	Value
Coal	141	153	50	344	\$ 25
Petroleum	63,890	44,806	39,566	149,262	\$ 18,669
Crude Petroleum	3,726	183,478	1,291	188,495	\$ 18,661
Aggregates	137	6,374	1,693	8,204	\$ 1,222
Grain	16,323	200	0	16,523	\$ 2,273
Chemicals	33,447	15,716	14,932	64,095	\$ 49,502
Ores/Minerals	3,015	11,732	44	14,791	\$ 1,057
Iron/Steel	2,462	10,899	520	13,881	\$ 10,369
Other	7,240	12,635	433	20,308	\$ 59,810
TOTAL	130,381	286,993	58,529	475,903	\$ 161,588

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



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In 2008, Texas docks shipped approximately 130.4 million tons. Exports made up about 90 million tons of this amount, with chemicals such as sodium hydroxide and petroleum products such as gasoline and fuel oils making up more than two-thirds of the amount. The leading commodities shipped to domestic destinations were fuel oils, gasoline and alcohols. Receipts are dominated by foreign crude oil, with over half of the crude moving to docks in the Beaumont and Houston areas. Major commodities received from other states were fuel oils, gasoline and benzene. Texas waterways allow almost \$163 billion worth of commodities to move efficiently and economically.

Of the approximately 476 million tons listed above, about 388 million of these were carried on deep draft traffic. 47% of this traffic was carrying crude petroleum and 24% was petroleum and petroleum products.

Shipments from Texas from other States and Countries			
<i>(values in millions of dollars)</i>			
Shipments To	Commodity		
	Tons	Value	Top
Louisiana	13,856,848	\$ 3,726	Chemicals
Florida	12,902,318	\$ 1,716	Petroleum Products
Alabama	1,966,587	\$ 1,462	Chemicals
Illinois	1,190,401	\$ 319	Chemicals
Indiana	1,033,557	\$ 151	Ores/Minerals
Other Countries	90,491,405	\$ 56,057	Chemicals
Canada	1,463,071	\$ 216	Petroleum Products
Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce Statistics			

Texas docks shipped commodities via waterways to 29 other states plus Puerto Rico. Chemicals and petroleum products were the leading commodities shipped to Louisiana and Florida along the Gulf coast. Shallow draft barges moved styrene, alcohols and other chemicals to Alabama. Chemicals and Ores/Minerals were the main commodities shipped to the ports in Illinois and Indiana.

Shipments to Texas from other States and Countries			
<i>(values in millions of dollars)</i>			
Shipments From	Commodity		
	Tons	Value	Top
Louisiana	15,090,920	\$ 3,564	Petroleum Products
Alabama	1,655,078	\$ 837	Petroleum Products
Mississippi	1,402,024	\$ 580	Petroleum Products
Missouri	957,551	\$ 138	Aggregates
Illinois	801,866	\$ 557	Petroleum Products
Other Countries	259,446,179	\$ 67,210	Crude Oil
Canada	1,215,965	\$ 493	Crude Oil
Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterborne Commerce Statistics			

Petroleum products are the dominant commodity shipped to Texas. Refined petroleum products and aluminum ore were other leading imported commodities. Texas received domestic waterborne movements from 22 other states plus Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Gasoline, fuel oils and liquid natural gas were then main commodities moving to Texas from the Gulf and Midwestern states.

Major Ports in Texas						
(tons in thousands; values in billions)						
Port Name	Tons				Commodity	
	Total	Domestic	Foreign		Value	Top
			Imports	Exports		
Houston	212,208	65,808	92,019	54,381	\$ 105	Petroleum Products
Corpus Christi	76,786	21,431	43,374	11,981	\$ 11.1	Petroleum Products
Beaumont	69,484	22,688	41,168	5,682	\$ 11.9	Crude Petroleum
Texas City	52,606	13,896	33,927	4,784	\$ 7.9	Crude Petroleum
Freeport	29,842	4,135	22,971	2,736	\$ 7.1	Crude Petroleum
Pt. Arthur	31,753	10,005	14,835	6,914	\$ 4.4	Petroleum Products
Galveston	9,781	4,200	1,826	3,755	\$ 6.1	Grain
Matagorda Ship Ch	10,318	1,873	6,954	1,491	\$ 2.8	Ore/Minerals
Victoria	2,862	2,862	0	0	\$ 1.4	Aggregates
Brownsville	5,669	1,844	3,541	285	\$ 4.0	Petroleum Products
Orange	677	677	0	0	\$ 0.5	Aggregates

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

Several Texas ports are ranked among the busiest in the nation ([see map](#)). The port of Houston was second in tonnage in 2008, with over 212 million tons worth \$105 billion shipped and received. In addition to receiving the crude oil, Houston also shipped petroleum products, wheat and alcohol. Corpus Christi ranked 5th nationally and Beaumont was 7th. These ports shipped gasoline and fuel oils as well as receiving 30 million and 38 million tons of crude oil respectively. Texas City was the 13th largest port in tonnage in 2008.

