

PORT OF ENTRY

Ports of entry within the state of Texas accounted for nearly **\$740 BILLION** in international trade in 2018. Texas has **29 OFFICIAL PORTS** of entry that serve as critical gateways to global trade. Each port, whether an airport, land port or seaport, serves many domestic and international economic activities across multiple industries. Each Texas port plays a distinctive role in the state's transportation network and contributes to the state and local economies.

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PORT OF HOUSTON

THE PORT OF HOUSTON'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TEXAS ECONOMY INCLUDE:

TOTAL TRADE (2018)

\$159.8 BILLION

DIRECT AND INDIRECT EMPLOYMENT

712,600

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

\$107.6 BILLION

Sources: REMI, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

ABOUT THE PORT OF HOUSTON



The Port of Houston is one of 10 seaports along Texas' 367-mile Gulf of Mexico coastline. It is part of the Houston-Galveston Customs District, which includes the George Bush Intercontinental Airport, the Sugar Land Regional Airport, the Port of Texas City, the Port of Galveston, the Port of Freeport, the Port of Port Lavaca and the Port of Corpus Christi. The Texas Legislature created the Port of Houston Authority in 1927 to oversee and manage the Port of Houston and the Houston Ship Channel, which is the deep-water ship channel connecting the port to the Gulf of Mexico.

The Houston Ship Channel was officially opened in 1914, and today it is one of the busiest U.S. waterways.

IN 2018, THE PORT OF HOUSTON HANDLED MORE THAN 182 BILLION TONS OF CARGO.

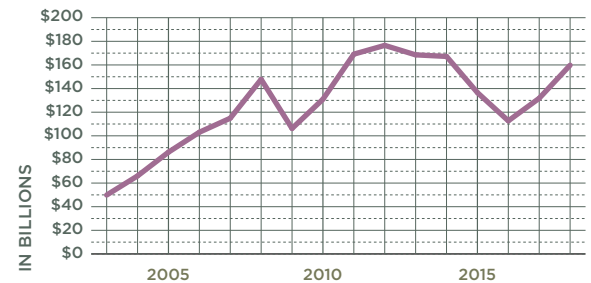
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TOP IMPORTS: PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, MACHINERY

TOP EXPORTS: PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, CHEMICALS

TOP TRADING PARTNERS: MEXICO, CHINA, BRAZIL

PORT OF HOUSTON: ALL TRADE, 2003-2018

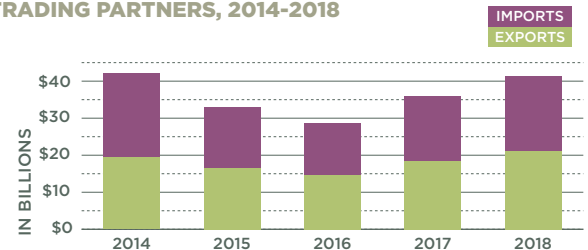


Shipping activity through this port accounted for **\$159.8 BILLION** in trade in 2018, 220 percent more than in 2003 (\$49.9 billion).

This seaport's trade, as a percentage of the total through all 10 Texas seaports, has fluctuated from as low as 55.4 percent in 2003 to as high as 67.4 percent in 2016.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, USA Trade Online

PORT OF HOUSTON: TOTAL TRADE WITH TOP TRADING PARTNERS, 2014-2018



Mexico, China and Brazil together accounted for about 26 percent of the total trade through this port in 2018, which has remained steady since 2014.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, USA Trade Online

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THE PORT OF HOUSTON IS ONE OF 29 OFFICIAL TEXAS PORTS OF ENTRY.

See a select list, plus more in-depth regional data: comptroller.texas.gov/economy/economic-data/ports