

## PORT OF ENTRY

# PORT OF GALVESTON

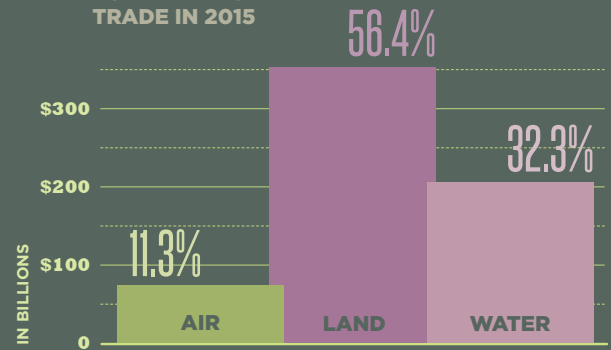
Texas' location and diverse economy offer unique trade opportunities and make it a critical gateway to global business. Our state boasts **29 OFFICIAL PORTS** of entry facilitating nearly **\$650 BILLION** in international trade in 2015. Trade through Texas supports an estimated **1.6 MILLION TEXAS JOBS** and adds **\$224.3 BILLION** to GSP annually.

Ports of entry play a crucial role in making Texas the world's **10TH LARGEST ECONOMY**. They affect every part of our state, from our largest cities to rural counties. As the state's chief financial officer, I hope highlighting their benefits will emphasize their importance to strong, diverse and growing regional economies.



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### TOTAL TEXAS TRADE IN 2015



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## ABOUT PORT OF GALVESTON

THE PORT OF GALVESTON IS ONE OF 10 SEAPORTS ALONG TEXAS' 367-MILE GULF OF MEXICO COASTLINE. THE PORT IS LOCATED NEAR THE MOUTH OF THE HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL, THE BUSIEST WATERWAY IN THE U.S.



### BY THE NUMBERS

The Port of Galveston's contributions to the Texas economy are estimated to include:

**TOTAL TRADE (2015)** **\$5.46 BILLION**

**DIRECT AND INDIRECT EMPLOYMENT** **20,400**

**GSP** **\$2.9 BILLION**

### DESTINATION: VACATION

The Port of Galveston is Texas' primary cruise port, and tourism makes up a large portion of the economic activity the port generates. More than 1.67 million cruise passengers moved through the port in 2015, spending \$56 million on shore and another \$18.1 million on cruise-related services. The port is ranked as the fourth-busiest cruise port by passenger volume in North America and the seventh-busiest in the world.

THE PORT OF GALVESTON BECAME THE PRINCIPAL PORT FOR THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS IN 1836, MAKING IT THE OLDEST COMMERCIAL PORT IN THE STATE.

Source: Texas Department of Transportation

Sources: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, REMI

## TENANT HIGHLIGHT: WALLENIUS WILHELMSSEN LOGISTICS

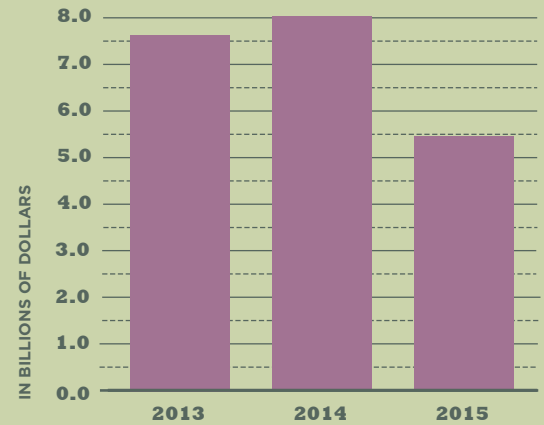
In 2015, the Port of Galveston partnered with Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics to complete a 4,400-square-foot vehicle processing center (VPC) capable of importing and processing 33,000 cars and trucks annually. The center serves BMW and Mini Cooper dealers in and around Texas. The VPC began receiving shipments in 2016 and is

**EXPECTED TO INCREASE IMPORTS TO THE PORT BY \$1.3 BILLION ANNUALLY.**

This new project, along with two others by other tenants, represents a \$33 million public-private investment in the port.

Source: Port of Galveston

## OVERALL TRADE VALUE



Source: Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

## PORT OF GALVESTON: IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

### IMPORTS:

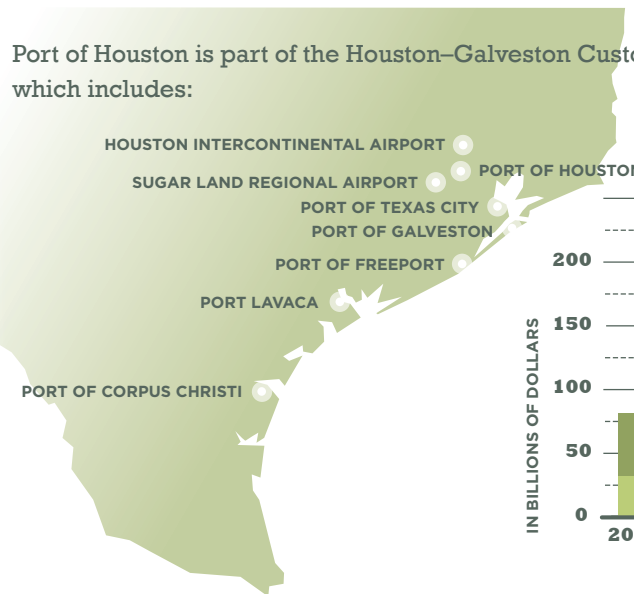
**MACHINERY**  
**VEHICLES**  
**Fertilizers**  
**PRODUCE**

### EXPORTS:

**MACHINERY**  
**CEREALS & GRAINS**  
**MINERAL OILS**  
**Chemicals**

## HOUSTON-GALVESTON CUSTOMS DISTRICT

Port of Houston is part of the Houston-Galveston Customs District, which includes:



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## CONCLUSION

The Port of Galveston accounts for **\$5.5 BILLION** of the **\$204 BILLION** in trade that travels through Texas' seaports. To keep those products moving, the port employs a net estimated **20,400 WORKERS**, and contributes **\$2.9 BILLION** to the state's gross state product.

The Port of Galveston's diverse capabilities have helped Texas become the nation's largest exporter — and the world's 10th-largest economy.

## THE PORT OF GALVESTON IS ONE OF 29 OFFICIAL TEXAS PORTS OF ENTRY.

To see a complete list, plus more in-depth regional data, visit:

[comptroller.texas.gov/economy/economic-data/](http://comptroller.texas.gov/economy/economic-data/)