

# PORT OF ENTRY

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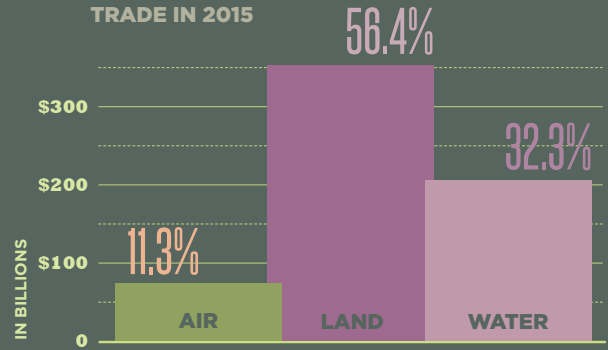
Texas' location and diverse economy offer unique trade opportunities and make it a critical gateway to global business. Our state boasts **29 OFFICIAL PORTS** of entry facilitating nearly **\$650 BILLION** in international trade in 2015. Trade through Texas supports an estimated **1.6 MILLION TEXAS JOBS**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

THE PORT OF HOUSTON IS THE NATION'S BUSIEST PORT FOR FOREIGN WATERBORNE CARGO. OVERALL THE PORT HANDLED A TOTAL OF 234.3 MILLION TONS IN 2015. THE PORT HOUSES MORE THAN 150 INDUSTRIAL COMPANIES. MORE THAN 56,000 EMPLOYEES WORK IN OPERATIONS RELATED TO MOVING CARGO THROUGH THE PORT.



The Port of Houston is the largest of the 10 seaports along Texas' 367-mile Gulf of Mexico coastline. The Houston Ship Channel was officially opened in 1914, and today this 52-mile-long waterway is the busiest in the U.S.

- A 25-mile-long complex of diversified public and private facilities
- A shipping channel 45 feet deep and 530 feet wide



### ROOM TO GROW

Between 2012 and 2016, the Port of Houston and the surrounding industries it supports received an estimated \$35 billion in private investment. Magellan Midstream currently plans to construct a \$335 million marine terminal. In addition, the Port of Houston Authority has invested \$50 million for four super post-Panamax cranes, each nearly 30 stories tall, and committed \$1.6 billion during the next five years to expand container terminals at Barbours Cut and Bayport and deepen their channels to 45 feet.

SINCE 2011, THE PORT OF HOUSTON HAS SEEN A SHIFT FROM LIQUID BULK CARGO TO MORE LABOR-INTENSIVE CONTAINERIZED CARGO AND STEEL, RESULTING IN A NET INCREASE IN DIRECT EMPLOYMENT.

Source: Port of Houston Authority and Martin Associates

### BY THE NUMBERS

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



Sources: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, REMI

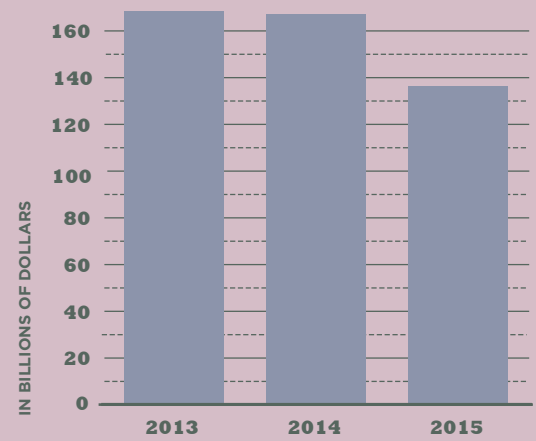
## SPOTLIGHT: PORT OF HOUSTON AUTHORITY

The Port of Houston Authority, created by the Texas Legislature in 1927, oversees and manages the Port of Houston and the Houston Ship Channel. The Port Authority also owns and maintains the public terminals within the Port of Houston, including the nation's largest break-bulk terminal (that is, for cargo that must be loaded individually), as well as

**THE LARGEST CONTAINER PORT ON THE U.S GULF COAST.**

Source: Port of Houston Authority

## OVERALL TRADE VALUE



Note: Trade value decrease is directly related to the lower price of oil, as a significant portion of imports comes from oil-producing countries.  
Source: Texas Centers for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

### PORT OF HOUSTON: IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

#### IMPORTS:

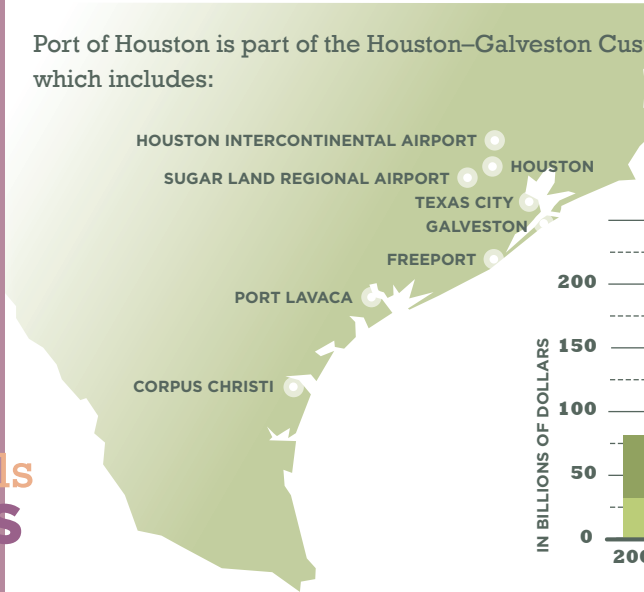
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**Machinery**  
**STEEL**

#### EXPORTS:

**FUELS**  
**Machinery**  
**Chemicals**  
**PLASTICS**

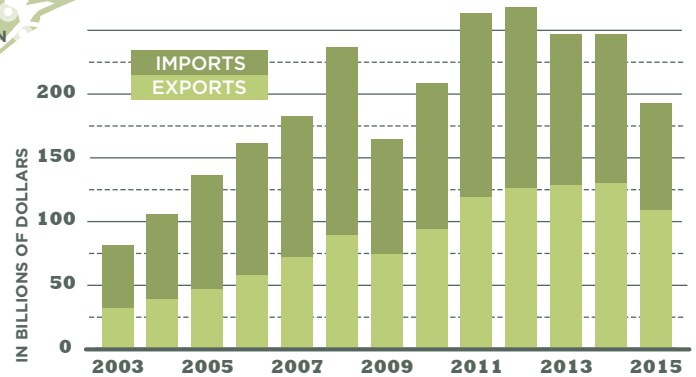
## HOUSTON-GALVESTON CUSTOMS DISTRICT

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



**THE PORT OF HOUSTON IS THE LARGEST IMPORTER AND EXPORTER OF PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN THE U.S.**

Source: Port of Houston Authority



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## CONCLUSION

The Port of Houston is a key part of Texas' seaport network, which accounted for **\$204 BILLION** in trade in 2015. In that year, the port accounted for nearly **\$137 BILLION** in trade, supporting **509,000 TEXAS JOBS** and generating **\$73 BILLION** in gross state

product. Port of Houston's size and diverse capabilities have helped Texas become the nation's largest exporter — and the world's 10th largest economy.

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

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

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