

# PORT OF ENTRY

George Bush Intercontinental Airport

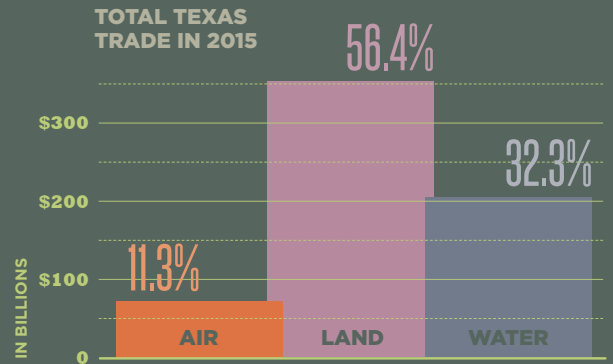
# IAH CARGO

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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Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## ABOUT GEORGE BUSH INTERCONTINENTAL AIRPORT

Cargo activity at Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) accounted for 429,000 metric tons of freight in 2015. In that year, IAH ranked 18th in the nation and 59th in the world for trade tonnage, including more than 208,000 metric tons of imports and exports.

IAH SERVES A DOZEN ALL-CARGO AIRLINES AND RECEIVES 22 REGULARLY SCHEDULED ALL-CARGO INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS EACH WEEK.

Source: Houston Airport System

## CARGO OPERATIONS

IAH opened in 1969. Today, it covers 11,000 acres with five passenger terminals. IAH handles more than 1,100 metric tons of cargo and serves more than 117,000 passengers each day. Twenty-two regularly scheduled all-cargo flights arrive weekly.

IAH cargo operations include:

- the IAH Perishables Center, for time- and temperature-sensitive freight;
- a full-service U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal/Plant Health Inspection Service center; and
- 60,000 square feet of apron space, enough for up to 20 Boeing 747 cargo aircraft.

## BY THE NUMBERS

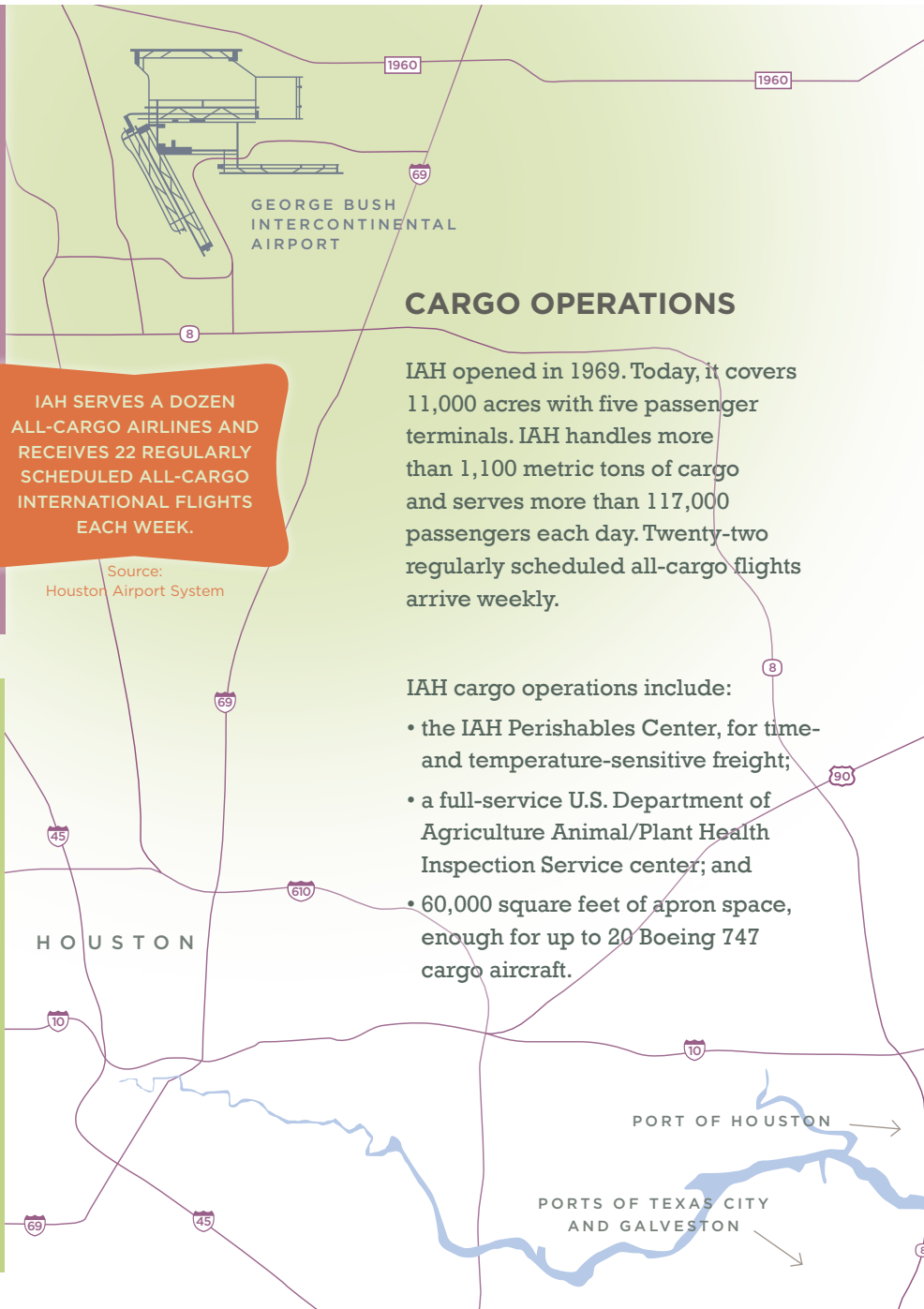
IAH contributions to the Texas economy are estimated to include:

**TOTAL TRADE (2015)** **\$15 BILLION**

**DIRECT AND INDIRECT EMPLOYMENT** **38,000**

**GSP** **\$5.4 BILLION**

Sources: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, REMI



## SPOTLIGHT: IAH CARGOCENTER

IAH includes two separate cargo areas, the original IAH Central Cargo facility and the newer, 120-acre IAH CargoCenter, which opened in 2003. IAH cargo operations all have access to the airport's five runways, which can accommodate any cargo aircraft including the world's largest, the Antonov AN-225.

IAH RANKS AS THE 9TH BUSIEST AIRPORT IN THE WORLD.

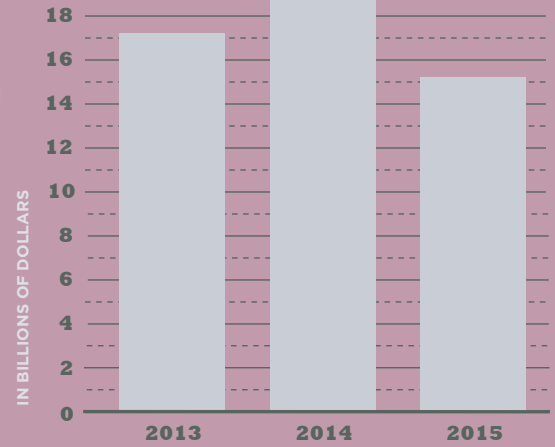
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THE 120-ACRE IAH CARGOCENTER IS NEARLY THE SIZE OF 3 NRG STADIUMS



Source: Harris County Houston Sports Authority

## TOTAL TRADE VALUE



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## GEORGE BUSH INTERCONTINENTAL AIRPORT: IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

IMPORTS: **ELECTRONICS**

**industrial machinery**

**PERISHABLES**

EXPORTS:

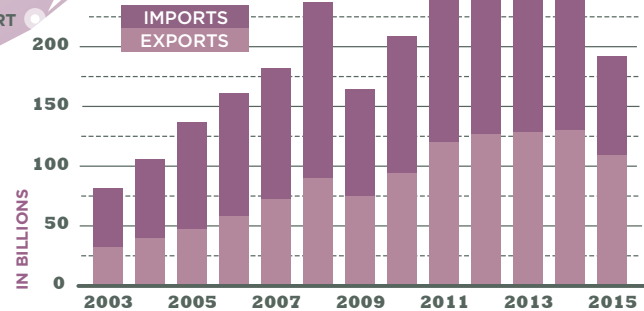
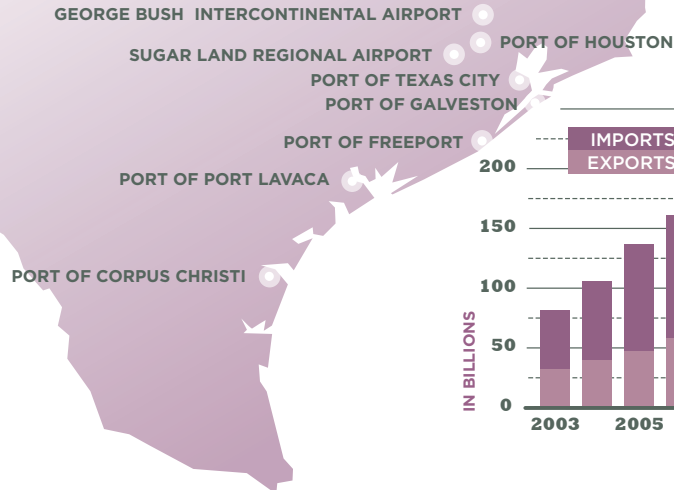
**INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY**

**aircraft components**

**ELECTRONICS**

## HOUSTON CUSTOMS DISTRICT

The IAH port of entry is part of the larger Houston-Galveston Customs District, which includes:



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## CONCLUSION

George Bush Intercontinental Airport is a key part of Texas' airport network, which accounted for **\$71.1 BILLION** in international trade in 2015. In that year, IAH accounted for about **\$15 BILLION** in trade, supporting **38,000 TEXAS JOBS** and

generating **\$5.4 BILLION** in gross state product. The airport's size and diverse capabilities have helped Texas become the nation's largest exporter — and the world's 10th largest economy.

## IAH 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/)