

# PORT OF ENTRY

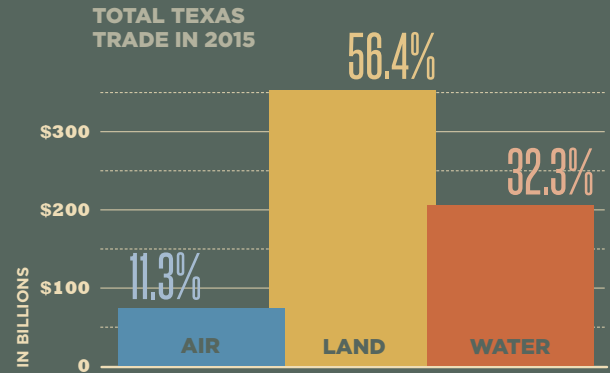
# LAREDO

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 LAREDO

Laredo's five border crossings accounted for **\$204 BILLION** – 32 percent – of all international trade in Texas in 2015. They represent the largest commercial crossing from Mexico into Texas, as trains, commercial trucks and even pedestrians transport goods across its bridges.

Our analysis found that Laredo's inland port creates some **363,000** net Texas jobs and contributes **\$52 BILLION** to the state's gross domestic product.

## LAREDO BRIDGE SYSTEM

Top imports from Mexico:  
**MOTOR VEHICLES AND AUTOMOTIVE PARTS**

Top exports to Mexico:  
**AUTOMOTIVE PARTS, AUTOMOBILES & PETROLEUM PRODUCTS**



### IN 2015:

- Two million trucks or about 51 percent of all truck traffic crossing into Texas from Mexico.
- More than 3,600 trains hauling some 400,000 rail cars.
- 3.5 million pedestrians and 5.2 million personal vehicles.

THE WORLD TRADE BRIDGE IS USED BY MORE THAN 12,000 COMMERCIAL VEHICLES DAILY.

Source: Texas Centers for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

## LAREDO BRIDGE SYSTEM BY THE NUMBERS

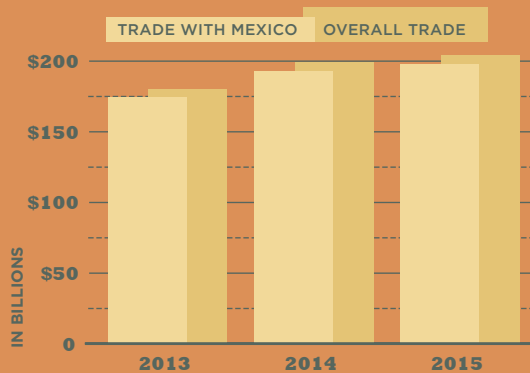
Laredo's border crossings account for:

**32%** OF ALL INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXAS

**363,000** JOBS

**\$52 BILLION** IN TEXAS GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

Mexico provides the bulk of trade passing through Laredo.



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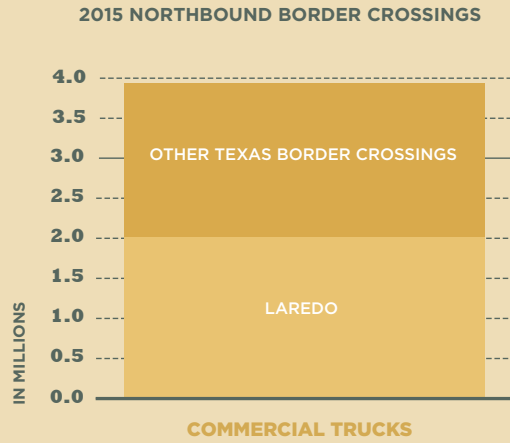
Laredo's border crossings include five bridges

between the U.S. and Mexico. Four of these are city-owned vehicular bridges. The fifth is a railroad bridge owned and operated by Kansas City Southern Railway Company, though the city controls southbound operations, employing 182 people and collecting \$60 million in tolls. In addition to bridge employees, the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol employs 1,950 customs field officers and 1,770 Border Patrol agents.

Source: Laredo Bridge System City of Laredo

## LAREDO BORDER CROSSING ACTIVITY

Nearly 11 million pedestrians, cars and trucks crossed into Laredo from Mexico in 2015. Northbound truck traffic jumped by 27.1 percent from 2010 to 2015, while traffic from other vehicles rose by 8.2 percent and pedestrian traffic fell by 2 percent.

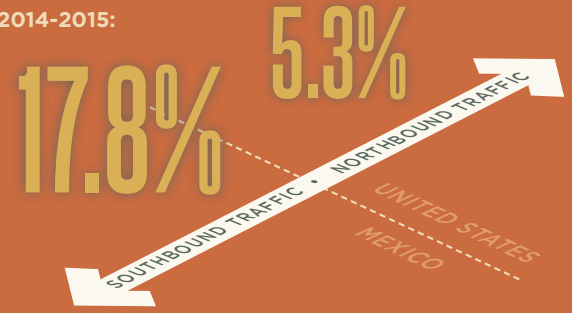


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## COMMERCIAL TRUCK TRAFFIC

Laredo's commercial cross-border truck traffic has increased steadily.

2014-2015:



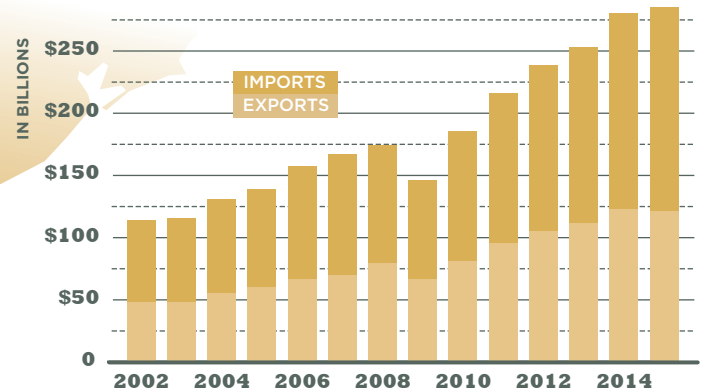
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LAREDO IS THE LARGEST COMMERCIAL CROSSING FROM MEXICO INTO TEXAS.

## LAREDO CUSTOMS DISTRICT

Laredo border crossings are part of the larger Laredo Customs District. The district accounted for \$284 billion in trade in 2015, making it the third-largest U.S. customs district by value, behind Los Angeles and New York.

### LAREDO CUSTOMS DISTRICT INCLUDES:



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

LAREDO IS ONE OF 11 LAND PORTS OF ENTRY ALONG TEXAS' 1,254-MILE BORDER WITH MEXICO.

Source: Texas Centers for Border Economic and Enterprise Development

## CONCLUSION

As the largest commercial crossing from Mexico into Texas, Laredo allows millions of commercial vehicles to transport goods between our state and Mexico. It also serves as a key piece of the Texas land port network, which in 2015 accounted for **\$204 BILLION** in trade from 2 million trucks and more than 3,600 trains.

Trucks, trains and pedestrians use Laredo's bridges, creating healthy growth in trade that boosts the local economy and stimulates industries from retail to warehousing, and has helped build Texas into the nation's largest exporter — and the world's **10TH LARGEST ECONOMY**.

## LAREDO 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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