



FLORIDA SEAPORTS

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FAST FACTS

Fifteen public seaports line Florida's Atlantic and Gulf coasts

*Canaveral • Citrus • Everglades • Fernandina • Fort Pierce
Jacksonville • Key West • Manatee • Miami • Panama City • Palm Beach
Pensacola • Port St. Joe • St. Petersburg • Tampa*

- Florida **ranked fourth** among the nation's top exporting states in 2011.
- Waterborne international trade moving through these seaports was valued at \$82.7 billion in 2011, **increasing by 18.7 percent** from the \$69.7 billion recorded in 2010. This \$82.7 billion represented 55.4 percent of Florida's \$149.4 billion total international trade.
- Of the \$82.7 billion in waterborne international trade, \$39.9 billion were imports and \$42.8 billion were exports. **Exports represented 51.7 percent of the state's total international trade value**, and imports represented 48.3 percent.
- A Florida Ports Council Economic Analysis has shown that maritime cargo activities at Florida ports **generated more than 550,000 direct and indirect jobs** and \$66 billion in total economic value. These activities **contribute \$1.7 billion in state and local tax revenues**.
- According to a study commissioned by the Florida Department of Transportation, **every \$1.00 invested in the seaports yields \$6.90 to the state's economy**.
- Employment in the seaport industry is one of the fastest growing sectors in the U.S. with a **projected growth rate of 20 percent** (the average for all other occupations is 14 percent). The average annual wage for seaport-related jobs is also one of the highest average wages for a non-advanced degree job at \$54,400 per year.
- Florida's seaports moved **more than 3 million containers in FY 2011**. Port Miami, Port Everglades, the Port of Jacksonville and the Port of Palm Beach rank among the nation's top 20 container ports.
- The cruise industry also generates significant economic activity through its Florida-based operations, accounting for **59.7 percent of all U.S. cruise embarkations**. In FY 2011 alone, 13.3 million passengers embarked and disembarked from Florida seaports.
- Florida is home to the corporate and administrative offices of **all of the top cruise lines**. At least 45 percent of direct cruise line employment --14,000 jobs -- occurs in Florida. Overall, the cruise industry is responsible for more than 123,000 jobs in Florida.

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