

Fifteen public seaports line Florida's Atlantic and Gulf coasts

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Jacksonville • Key West • Manatee • Miami • Palm Beach
Panama City • Pensacola • Port St. Joe • St. Petersburg • Tampa*

- Florida **ranked seventh** among the nation's top exporting states in 2013.
- Waterborne international trade moving through these seaports was valued at \$85.9 billion in 2013, **increasing for the fifth year in a row**. This \$85.9 billion represented 53.5 percent of Florida's \$160.5 billion total international trade.
- Of the \$85.9 billion in waterborne international trade, \$43.4 billion were imports and \$42.5 billion were exports. **Exports represented 50.5 percent of the state's total international trade value**, and imports represented almost 49.5 percent.
- A recent Florida Ports Council Economic Analysis has shown that maritime cargo and cruise activities at Florida ports **generated more than 680,000 direct and indirect jobs**, and **\$96 billion in total economic value**. These activities **contribute \$2.4 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 nationally 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 3.2 million containers in FY 2013**. PortMiami, Port Everglades, JAXPORT and Port of Palm Beach rank among the nation's top 25 container ports.
- The cruise industry also generates significant economic activity through its Florida-based operations, accounting for **60.2 percent of all U.S. cruise embarkations**. In FY 2013 alone, nearly 14.1 million passengers embarked and disembarked from Florida seaports.
- Florida is home to the corporate and administrative offices of **all of the top cruise lines**. Nearly 55 percent of direct cruise line employment --14,000 jobs -- occurs in Florida. Overall, the cruise industry is responsible for almost 130,000 jobs in Florida.