

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 2014.
- Waterborne international trade moving through these seaports was valued at \$86.8 billion in 2014, **increasing for the sixth year in a row**. This \$86.8 billion represented 55.7 percent of Florida's \$155.8 billion total international trade.
- Of the \$86.8 billion in waterborne international trade, \$45.7 billion were imports and \$41.1 billion were exports. Exports represented 47.3 percent of the state's waterborne trade value, and imports represented almost 52.7 percent.
- A recent Florida Ports Council Economic Analysis has shown that maritime cargo and cruise activities at Florida ports **generated nearly 700,000 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 3.3 million containers in FY 2014**. 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 **62 percent of all U.S. cruise embarkations**. In FY 2014 alone, nearly 15.6 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.