THE ECONOMIC ROLE OF THE I-45 CORRIDOR IN TEXAS

Freight Activity Along I-45

Freight-intensive industries are those industries whose cost to move goods comprise a higher-than-average portion of their business costs. More than 85,000 freight-intensive businesses are located along the I-45 Corridor. These businesses are major producers, consumers, and/or generators of goods along the corridor. These industries move 53 million tons of freight on the I-45 Corridor, annually, valued at $95 billion, and spend $6.2 billion to truck the freight into and out of their facilities.

Source: Cambridge Systematics analysis of TRANSEARCH data using the Texas Statewide Analysis Model.

Freight-intensive industries along I-45 employ nearly 1.9 million people annually. The largest industries are in the following sectors:

- Retail Trade Sector: 23%
- Food Services Sector: 19%
- Construction Sector: 15%
- Wholesale Trade Sector: 14%
- Transportation and Warehousing Sector: 13%

The information provided comes from the TxDOT Economic Role of Freight in Texas Study and represents year 2018.
Annual Economic Impact of the I-45 Corridor from Employment in the Freight-Intensive Industries and Spending on Truck Freight Transportation

Nearly 3.5 million jobs
$295 billion in personal income
$427 billion in Gross State Product
$67 billion in Federal, state and local tax revenue

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Economic Impact of Employment in the Freight-Intensive Industries

The total annual economic contribution (direct plus indirect plus induced) from employment in the freight-intensive industries along the I-45 Corridor represents:

- **3.4 million jobs**
- **291 billion** in personal income
- **421 billion** in Gross State Product
- **65.7 billion** in tax revenues, which includes
  - **35.3 billion** in Federal taxes
  - **30.4 billion** in state/local taxes

Source: Cambridge Systematics analysis using TREDIS.

Economic Impact of Truck Freight Transportation Spending by Freight-Intensive Industries

The annual spending on truck transportation by the freight-intensive industries along the I-45 Corridor supports additional jobs and economic activity along the corridor and throughout the State, including:

- **76,000 jobs**
- **4 billion** in personal income
- **6 billion** in Gross State Product
- **806 billion** in tax revenues, which includes
  - **474 billion** in Federal taxes
  - **332 billion** in state/local taxes

Source: Cambridge Systematics analysis using TREDIS.