THE ECONOMIC ROLE OF FREIGHT IN THE AMARILLO DISTRICT

Overview
Employment in the Amarillo district totals 241,000 jobs, worth $14 billion in income and $25 billion in Gross Regional Product. The distribution of raw materials, intermediate, and final goods to, from, and within the Amarillo district are important components of the Texas economy. Without freight, the Amarillo economy would come to a stop.

Jobs in the Freight Transportation Industry
The transportation and handling of freight in the Amarillo district generated 5,340 jobs in 2018. Trucking was the largest employer in freight transportation in the district, followed by Warehousing and Storage. Other freight modes and handling activities, including couriers and messengers, support activities to transportation and warehousing, the U.S. Postal Service, and pipeline transportation also have impacts in the district.

Direct Employment by Mode

Freight Infrastructure in the Amarillo District
- 864 Miles on the Texas Highway Freight Network
- Two major (Class I) railroad companies: BNSF Railway Company and Union Pacific Railroad Company
- Three short line railroads

The top five commodities by tonnage moving on the Texas Multimodal Freight Network in the district are:
- Farm products (14M Tons)
- Nonmetallic minerals (11M Tons)
- Food products (6M Tons)
- Coal, petroleum or coal products (4M Tons)
- Chemicals (8M Tons)
Economic Impact of Freight in the Amarillo District

Annual Impact of Direct Freight Employment
- 8,430 jobs
- $512 million in income
- $602 million in Gross Regional Product

Total Annual Economic Impact of Freight
(Total impacts of freight employment plus direct impacts of freight-dependent industries)
- 61,000 jobs
- $4.5 billion in income
- $9.8 billion in Gross Regional Product
- $1.7 billion in Federal, state and local tax revenue

Economic Importance of Freight in the Amarillo District

Freight supports
- 25% of district jobs
  or
- 1 in 4 jobs

Freight-supported jobs generate about
- 33% of district wages

Freight-dependent businesses generate about
- 40% of district Gross Regional Product

Freight Moving in the Amarillo District

52 million tons of freight worth $43 billion originated in, was destined for, or moved within the district. Inbound freight represents imports into the district; outbound freight represents exports from the district; and, within movements represents freight that both originate and terminate in the district.