THE ECONOMIC ROLE OF FREIGHT IN THE ATLANTA DISTRICT

Overview

Employment in the Atlanta district totals 260,000 jobs, worth $11.5 billion in income and $18.5 billion in Gross Regional Product. The distribution of raw materials, intermediate, and final goods to, from, and within the Atlanta district are important components of the Texas economy. Without freight, the Atlanta economy would come to a stop.

Jobs in the Freight Transportation Industry

The transportation and handling of freight in the Atlanta district generates 6,600 jobs. Trucking is 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 rail, water, and pipeline transportation also have impacts in the district.

Direct Employment by Mode

Freight Infrastructure in the Atlanta District

- 511 Miles on the Texas Highway Freight Network
- Three major (Class I) railroad companies: BNSF Railway Company; Kansas City Southern Railway Company; and Union Pacific Railroad Company
- Four short line railroads

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Economic Importance of Freight in the Atlanta District

**Freight supports**

- **29%** of district jobs

**or over**

- 1 in 4 jobs

**Freight-supported jobs generate about**

- **35%** of district wages

**Freight-dependent businesses generate about**

- **38%** of district Gross Regional Product

Freight Moving in the Atlanta District

29 million tons of freight worth $22 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.

Movement in Tons and Value

- **20** Million Tons
  - 69% within
  - 28% outbound
  - 3% inbound

- **$11** Billions of $-
  - 50% within
  - 46% outbound
  - 4% inbound

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