THE ECONOMIC ROLE OF FREIGHT IN THE BEAUMONT DISTRICT

Overview

Employment in the Beaumont district totals 279,000 jobs, worth $16 billion in income and $36 billion in Gross Regional Product. The distribution of raw materials, intermediate, and final goods to, from, and within the Beaumont district are important components of the Texas economy. Without freight, the Beaumont economy would come to a stop.

Jobs in the Freight Transportation Industry

The transportation and handling of freight in the Beaumont district generates 13,190 jobs. Rail is the largest employer in freight transportation in the district, followed by Warehousing and Storage and Trucking. Other freight modes and handling activities, including couriers and messengers, support activities to transportation and warehousing, the U.S. Postal Service, and, water and pipeline transportation also have impacts in the district.

Freight Infrastructure in the Beaumont District

- 731 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
- Two short line railroads
- Three deep water ports including Beaumont, Cedar Bayou, and Port Arthur
- Extensive pipeline network
- Shallow draft port facilities on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway

Moving the Goods, Fueling the Economy

The top five commodities by tonnage moving on the Texas Multimodal Freight Network in the district are:

- Petroleum or coal products (90M Tons)
- Crude petroleum (55M Tons)
- Chemicals (45M Tons)
- Nonmetallic minerals (15M Tons)
- Waste or scrap materials (5M Tons)
The information provided comes from the TxDOT Economic Role of Freight in Texas Study and represents year 2018.

Economic Importance of Freight in the Beaumont District

Freight supports

25% of district jobs

or

1 in 4 jobs

Freight-supported jobs generate about

40% of district wages

Freight-dependent businesses generate about

57% of district Gross Regional Product

Economic Impact of Freight in the Beaumont District

Annual Impact of Direct Freight Employment

- 28,700 jobs
- $2.4 billion in income
- $3.3 billion in Gross Regional Product

Total Annual Economic Impact of Freight

(Total impacts of freight employment plus direct impacts of freight-dependent industries)

- 70,000 jobs
- $6.5 billion in income
- $20.8 billion in Gross Regional Product
- $2.8 billion in Federal, state and local tax revenue

Freight Moving in the Beaumont District

234 million tons of freight worth $151 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

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