THE ECONOMIC ROLE OF FREIGHT IN THE BROWNWOOD DISTRICT

Overview

Employment in the Brownwood district totals 75,000 jobs, worth $2.8 billion in income and $5.3 billion in Gross Regional Product. The distribution of raw materials, intermediate, and final goods to, from, and within the Brownwood district are important components of the Texas economy. Without freight, the Brownwood economy would come to a stop.

Jobs in the Freight Transportation Industry

The transportation and handling of freight in the Brownwood district generates 2,150 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 transportation also have impacts in the district.

Direct Employment by Mode

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

- Nonmetallic minerals (18M Tons)
- Farm products (2M Tons)
- Clay, concrete, glass, stone (1M Tons)
- Food products (1M Tons)
- Warehousing and distribution (1M Tons)

Freight Infrastructure in the Brownwood District

- 457 Miles on the Texas Highway Freight Network
- Two major (Class I) railroad companies: BNSF Railway Company and Union Pacific Railroad Company
- Two short line railroads

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Economic Impact of Freight in the Brownwood District

Annual Impact of Direct Freight Employment
- 3,500 jobs
- $222 million in income
- $279 million in Gross Regional Product

Total Annual Economic Impact of Freight
(Total impacts of freight employment plus direct impacts of freight-dependent industries)
- 26,500 jobs
- $1 billion in income
- $2.1 billion in Gross Regional Product
- $437 million in Federal, state and local tax revenue

Economic Importance of Freight in the Brownwood District

Freight supports

- 35% of district jobs
- 1 in 3 jobs

Freight-supported jobs generate about
- 35% of district wages

Freight-dependent businesses generate about
- 39% of district Gross Regional Product

Freight Moving in the Brownwood District

23 million tons of freight worth $5.1 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

- Million Tons
  - Inbound: 4
  - Within: 1
  - Outbound: 18

- Billions of $
  - Inbound: $2
  - Within: $0.1
  - Outbound: $3

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