THE ECONOMIC ROLE OF FREIGHT IN THE LUBBOCK DISTRICT

Overview

Employment in the Lubbock district totals 290,000 jobs, worth $14.4 billion in income and $23.7 billion in Gross Regional Product. The distribution of raw materials, intermediate, and final goods to, from, and within the Lubbock district are important components of the Texas economy. Without freight, the Lubbock economy would come to a stop.

Jobs in the Freight Transportation Industry

The transportation and handling of freight in the Lubbock district generates 14,800 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 pipeline transportation also have impacts in the district.

Direct Employment by Mode

- Truck: 7,580
- Pipeline: 110
- Couriers and Messengers: 1090
- Warehousing and Storage: 5,130
- Postal Service: 870
- Air: 20

Freight Infrastructure in the Lubbock District

- 860 Miles on the Texas Highway Freight Network
- One major (Class I) railroad company: BNSF Railway Company
- One short line railroad
- One major cargo handling airport

The information provided comes from the TxDOT Economic Role of Freight in Texas Study and represents year 2018.
**Economic Impact of Freight in the Lubbock District**

**Annual Impact of Direct Freight Employment**
- 26,000 jobs
- $1.6 billion in income
- $1.9 billion in Gross Regional Product

**Total Annual Economic Impact of Freight**  
(Total impacts of freight employment plus direct impacts of freight-dependent industries)
- 74,000 jobs
- $4.2 billion in income
- $7.1 billion in Gross Regional Product
- $1.3 billion in Federal, state and local tax revenue

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**Economic Importance of Freight in the Lubbock District**

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

- **Freight-supported jobs** generate about 30% of district wages

- **Freight-dependent businesses** generate about 30% of district Gross Regional Product

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**Freight Moving in the Lubbock District**

194 million tons of freight worth $38 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.