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THE ECONOMIC ROLE OF FREIGHT IN THE TYLER DISTRICT

Overview

Employment in the Tyler district totals 390,000 jobs, worth $18.6 billion in income and $30.7 billion in Gross Regional Product. The distribution of raw materials, intermediate, and final goods to, from, and within the Tyler district are important components of the Texas economy. Without freight, the Tyler economy would not be as robust.

Jobs in the Freight Transportation Industry

The transportation and handling of freight in the Tyler district generates 8,710 jobs. Warehousing and Storage is the largest employer in freight transportation in the district, followed by Trucking. 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

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Freight Infrastructure in the Tyler District

- 819 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
Economic Importance of Freight in the Tyler District

**Freight supports**

21% of district jobs

or

1 in 5 jobs

**Freight-supported jobs generate about**

26% of district wages

**Freight-dependent businesses generate about**

29% of district Gross Regional Product

### Economic Impact of Freight in the Tyler District

**Annual Impact of Direct Freight Employment**

- 18,000 jobs
- $1.2 billion in income
- $1.6 billion in Gross Regional Product

**Total Annual Economic Impact of Freight**

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

- 83,000 jobs
- $4.8 billion in income
- $8.8 billion in Gross Regional Product
- $1.7 billion in Federal, state and local tax revenue

### Freight Moving in the Tyler District

40 million tons of freight worth $28 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

- **Inbound**
  - Millions of Tons: 8
  - Billions of $: $1
  - Percentage: 42%
- **Within**
  - Millions of Tons: 17
  - Billions of $: $14
  - Percentage: 45%
- **Outbound**
  - Millions of Tons: 15
  - Billions of $: $13
  - Percentage: 51%

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