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THE ECONOMIC ROLE OF FREIGHT IN THE WICHITA FALLS DISTRICT

Overview

Employment in the Wichita Falls district totals 154,000 jobs, worth $6.6 billion in income and $13 billion in Gross Regional Product. The distribution of raw materials, intermediate, and final goods to, from, and within the Wichita Falls district are important components of the Texas economy. Without freight, the Wichita Falls economy would come to a stop.

Jobs in the Freight Transportation Industry

The transportation and handling of freight in the Wichita Falls district generates 2,960 jobs. Trucking is the largest employer in freight transportation in the district, followed by Warehousing and Storage. Other handling activities include couriers and messengers, and the U.S. Postal Service also have impacts in the district.

Direct Employment by Mode

- **Truck**: 1,540
- **Couriers and Messengers**: 190
- **Warehousing and Storage**: 820
- **Postal Service**: 410

Total: 2,960

Freight Infrastructure in the Wichita Falls District

- 486 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
Economic Importance of Freight in the Wichita Falls District

**Freight supports**

28% of district jobs

or over

1 in 4 jobs

**Freight-supported jobs generate about**

27% of district wages

**Freight-dependent businesses generate about**

41% of district Gross Regional Product

Freight Moving in the Wichita Falls District

14 million tons of freight worth $9.3 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**
  - 7% within
  - 50% between
  - 43% within
  - $4 billion

- **Outbound**
  - 3% within
  - 54% between
  - 43% within
  - $5 billion

All values as of 2018.

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