THE ECONOMIC ROLE OF FREIGHT IN THE YOAKUM DISTRICT

Overview

Employment in the Yoakum district totals 198,000 jobs, worth $9 billion in income and $16 billion in Gross Regional Product. The distribution of raw materials, intermediate, and final goods to, from, and within the Yoakum district are important components of the Texas economy. Without freight, the Yoakum economy would come to a stop.

Jobs in the Freight Transportation Industry

The transportation and handling of freight in the Yoakum district generates 4,250 jobs. Warehousing and Storage is the largest employer in freight transportation in the district, followed by Trucking. Other freight modes and handling activities, including water, couriers and messengers, support activities to transportation and warehousing, the U.S. Postal Service, and pipeline transportation also have impacts in the district.

Moving the Goods, Fueling the Economy

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

- Chemicals (32M Tons)
- Nonmetallic minerals (24M Tons)
- Coal (9M Tons)
- Petroleum, petroleum or coal products (6M Tons)
- Clay, concrete, glass, stone (5M Tons)

Freight Infrastructure in the Yoakum District

- 1,006 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
- Three short line railroads
- One deep water port: Calhoun
- Shallow draft port facilities on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway

Note: Water employment may be underrepresented due to census employment data that are suppressed to protect against identifying specific establishments located in less populous areas.
The information provided comes from the TxDOT Economic Role of Freight in Texas Study and represents year 2018.

### Economic Importance of Freight in the Yoakum District

**Freight supports**

- **29%** of district jobs or over
- **1 in 4 jobs**

**Freight-supported jobs**

- **30%** of district wages

**Freight-dependent businesses**

- **32%** of district Gross Regional Product

### Freight Moving in the Yoakum District

89 million tons of freight worth $51 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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