PORT OF BROWNSVILLE

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Port Description
The Port of Brownsville is the only deep water seaport directly on the U.S.-Mexico border servicing a wide range of industries across North America. It is the largest land-owning public port authority in the country with more than 40,000 acres. The port transships more steel into Mexico than any other U.S. port and is a major gateway for shipping refined petroleum products, green energy components, and aggregates, among other commodities.

Intermodality
• Road: Highway connections to I-69 E, I-69 C, I-2, SH 550, SH 48 and SH 4. The port’s overweight corridor offers overweight trucks unimpeded access to commercial international bridges to Mexico. There are 10 million consumers within a 3-hour drive of the port.
• Rail: Brownsville & Rio Grande International Railway offers on-port rail services and connection to Class 1 rail providers Union Pacific, BNSF, and KSCM
• Barge: Direct access to GIWW (M-10, M-69)
• Air: Air freight service at Brownsville/South Padre Island International airport
• Pipeline: Access to U.S. and Mexico terminals

Other Highlights
The Port of Brownsville is seeing major expansion projects come to fruition: the Valley Crossing and Rio Grande pipelines; the South Port Connector Road, which received a $1.53 million TxDOT grant opened in March 2022; construction of a sixth oil cargo dock; rehabilitation of a grain elevator, liquid cargo dock and bulk cargo dock; rehabilitation of internal roads and utility infrastructure; expansion of patios and laydown areas to accommodate project cargo and wind energy components.

Annual Truck Traffic 438,000  Annual Rail Cars 65,865  Direct Jobs 4,000+

Other Highlights
The Port of Brownsville is deepening its ship channel from 42 to 52 feet. The Brazos Island Harbor Channel Improvement Project has received congressional authorization and $68 million in funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Once completed, the channel will be one of the deepest in the Gulf of Mexico.

Port Facilities

Docks & Wharves
• 6 liquid cargo docks
• 12 general cargo docks
• 1 bulk cargo dock/grain elevator

Brownsville Fishing Harbor
• Three 14-ft fishing basins
• 10,000 linear feet of docks
• Houses up to 500 fishing boats

Land & Storage
• Largest port authority in U.S. with more than 40,000 acres
• 1 million+ sf covered storage
• 3 million+ open storage
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Tonnage

Year | Total Imports | Total Exports | Total Domestic
---|---|---|---
2020 | 4 | 2 | 6
2019 | 4 | 2 | 6
2018 | 4 | 2 | 6
2017 | 4 | 2 | 6
2016 | 4 | 2 | 6

Source: Port of Brownsville

Major Commodities

**EXPORTS**
- Refined Petroleum Products; Paraffin Wax; Latex
- Steel and Other Metals
- Iron Ores and Minerals
- Aggregates and Cement
- Wind Energy Components
- Grain

**IMPORTS**
- Refined Petroleum Products; Paraffin Wax; Latex
- Steel and Other Metals
- Iron Ores and Minerals
- Aggregates and Cement
- Wind Energy Components
- Sugar

Capital Improvement Projects

**Port Capital Projects**
- Brazos Island Harbor Channel Deepening
- Bulk Cargo Dock No. 3 Rehabilitation and Expansion
- Fishing Harbor Wastewater Treatment Plant

**Connectivity Projects**
- Port Access Improvements: South Port Connector Road; Completion of SH 550
- Regional Mobility Improvements at SH 48 and East Loop Connector
- Reconstruct Rail Bridge near SH 48/FM 511

**Port Access Improvement Grants from TxDOT**
- South Port Connector Road ($1.53 million)

Ship Channel Information

**Ship Channel Name:** Brazos Island Harbor Channel (aka Brownsville Ship Channel)

**Current Depth:** 42 feet

**Authorized Depth:** 52 feet

**Projects:** Brazos Island Harbor Channel Improvement Project (federally authorized, 22.5% funded)