Port Description

The Port of Port Isabel is a deep water port that was established in 1929 to serve the construction, agricultural produce, and oil and gas production industries. The port is located just 4.5 miles from the South Padre Island jetties and shipped upwards of 30,000 tons in 2020 to domestic destinations. The port is also home to a shrimp dock and serves a thriving commercial shrimping fleet.

Intermodality

- **Road**: Highway connections to SH 100 and SH 48
- **Barge**: Direct access to GIWW (M-10, M-69)
- **Air**: 38 miles to Valley International Airport (HRL)

Other Highlights

Truck traffic at the Port of Port Isabel has seen tremendous increases in the past 2 years as the industry has shifted toward using more barges to support dry and liquid bulk markets that is then loaded onto trucks at the port.

The Port of Port Isabel is working through master planning of facility improvements. Other projects the port has been considering include creating a docking space and laydown area for future wind farm cargo and adding a 16-acre placement area for dredged material. Maintenance dredging on the Port of Port Isabel’s channel and turning basin is conducted regularly by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Annual Truck Traffic: 25,000
Direct Jobs: 500

Port Facilities

**Docks & Wharves**
- 1,150 deep water docks
- 2,100 deep water frontage
- Shrimp dock

**Cargo Handling**
- 45 acres available for lease
- Extensive alongside repairs for large vessels
- Roll on/off wharf-to-ship capabilities

Capital Improvement Projects

**Connectivity Projects**
- Port Access Congested Bypass Road to SH 48

**Port Access Improvement Grants from TxDOT**
- Port Road Rehabilitation ($2.47 million)

**Other**

Breakbulk Port  Energy Port  Commercial Fishing Port  Ro/Ro Port  Other
**PORT OF PORT ISABEL**

**Commercial Fishing***

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*The commercial fishing data includes both Port of Port Isabel and Port of Brownsville.

**Ship Channel Information**

**Ship Channel Name:** Port Isabel Channel  
**Current Depth:** 36 ft  
**Authorized Depth:** 36 ft  
**Projects:** Ongoing channel maintenance