Florida Seaport System





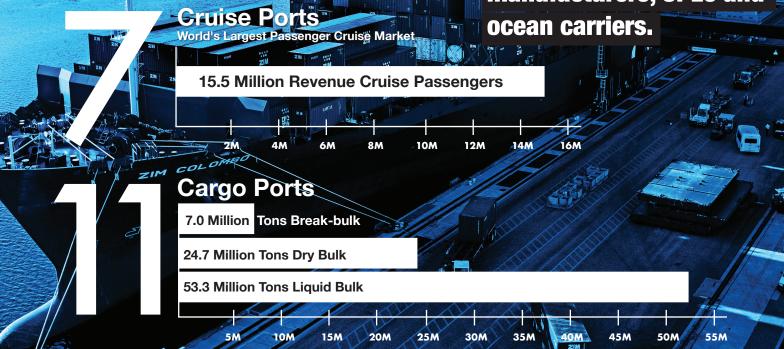
Container Ports

Service to Africa, Asia, Caribbean, Central and South America, Europe, and Mexico. 10 of the top 12 ocean carriers call on Florida Seaports.





TEU = twenty foot equivalent unit



Linking Florida to the World

Florida Facts



including on-dock and near-dock ICTF's. Highway and rail connections and distribution network improvements linking Florida's seaports with markets throughout North America.

No other U.S. state offers as many container ports and supply chain options and choices to retailers, manufacturers, 3PLs and ocean carriers. Florida's 15 public seaports create economic prosperity from waterborne commerce, supporting nearly 900,000 jobs throughout the state, and handling over **107 million tons of cargo**.

Florida's seven passenger cruise ports represent the world's largest cruise market with 19 cruise lines handling over 15.5 million revenue passengers in 2016. The world's top three cruise ports are in Florida.

Essential fuels, and other liquid commodities, as well as gravel, fertilizer and other dry materials are handled by Florida Seaports in **bulk shipments totaling over 78 million tons**.

Virtually all of our active cargo seaports handle a wide-variety of **Break-Bulk** cargos amounting to over **7 million tons**.

Florida is also very prominent in vehicle shipments, and is one of the top three U.S. states for vehicle shipments, and the number one state for vehicle exports.

Approximately 3.6 million TEUs (Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units) are handled annually by the state's ten container seaports, making Florida the number five state in total container volume. Containers carry an ever growing and broadening variety of consumer goods, manufactured items, food products and commodities each year. Over 25 different container shipping lines call at Florida Seaports, including 10 of the world's top 12 ocean carriers.

Container cargoes represent a huge growth potential for Florida's Seaports in 2013 approximately 45% of the containerized cargo consumed or originating in Florida transited through a seaport outside of the state. Therefore, Florida's Seaports could nearly double their container volumes without requiring an overall increase in market activity.

The efficiency of the entire U.S. supply chain can increase by Florida Seaports capturing more of the container volumes originating from or destined to Florida. Seaports, railroads and trucking services currently handling these cargoes and bringing them to/from Florida will be less congested and have increased capacity for other cargo flows. The Florida highway system will see less trucks from out of state, and long-range empty back-hauls will also decline. Increasing the capacities and capabilities of Florida's Seaports and overall freight network strengthens the state's ability to attract and grow large-scale and broad-based manufacturing activity.

Recent growth in Florida's container volumes, at rates higher than the national average, suggest that Florida Seaports are already beginning to capture some of these cargoes. Furthermore, shifting global logistics patterns, such as use of the expanded Panama Canal and continuing infrastructure investments, position the state's Seaports to gain an increasing share of the world's waterborne commerce for decades to come.

The vision for the Florida Department of Transportation, Seaport Office is to continue to invest in facilities and processes that improve access and capacity at Florida's Seaports to attract and handle the increasing variety of ships and cargo types that carry the basic commodities and valuable products which provide the necessities and niceties to support the prosperity and well-being of Florida's businesses, residents and visitors.











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