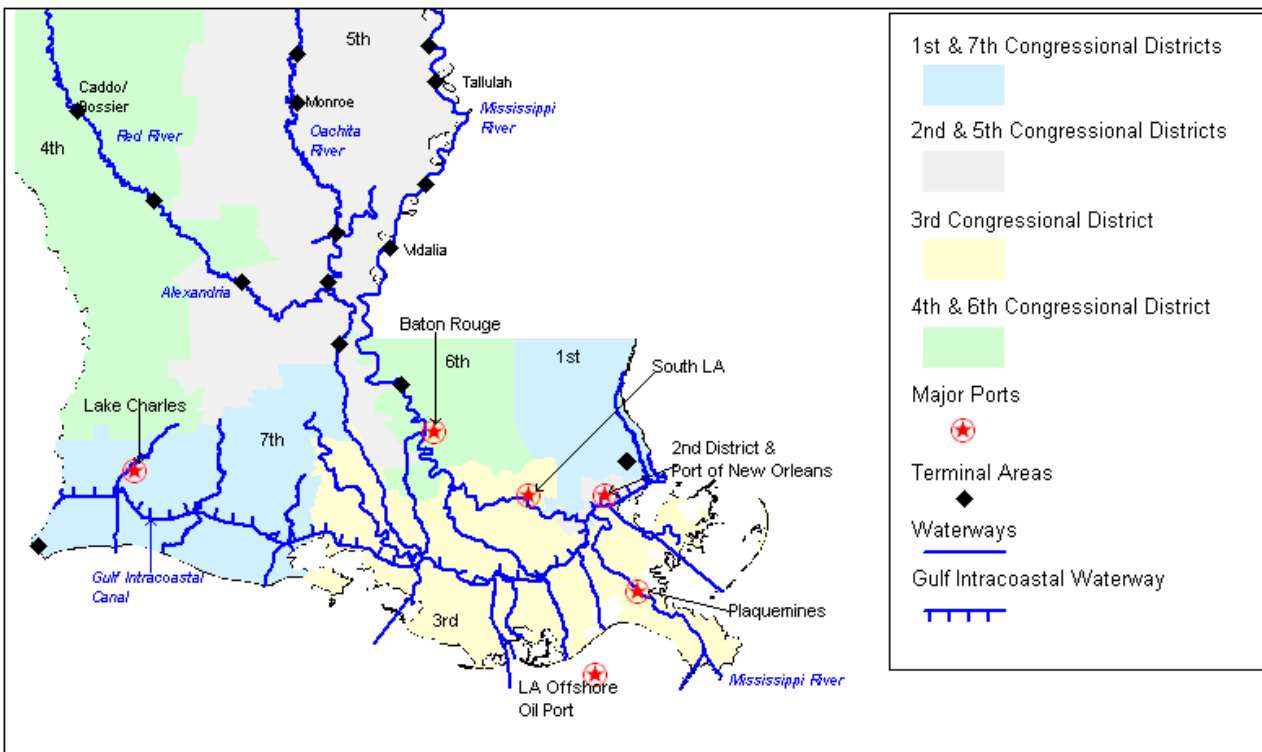


Louisiana: Gateway to America's Marine Transportation System Connecting the Mississippi River System, the Intracoastal Waterway, and the World

Louisiana's waterways transportation system is a key part of the nation's economy.

- Home to **three of the top ten U.S. ports**: **South Louisiana**, the largest (between New Orleans and Baton Rouge), **New Orleans**, the seventh, and **Baton Rouge**, the tenth.
- **388 million tons** moved on the waterways in 2004, **45%** of surface freight in the state.
- Home to more than **100 towing companies**, operating over **700 towboats** and over **4,400 barges** and employing approximately **4,600 crew members** and **1,000 shoreside personnel**. They transport cargo on the inland and coastal waterways and assist ships with docking, bunkering, and other services.

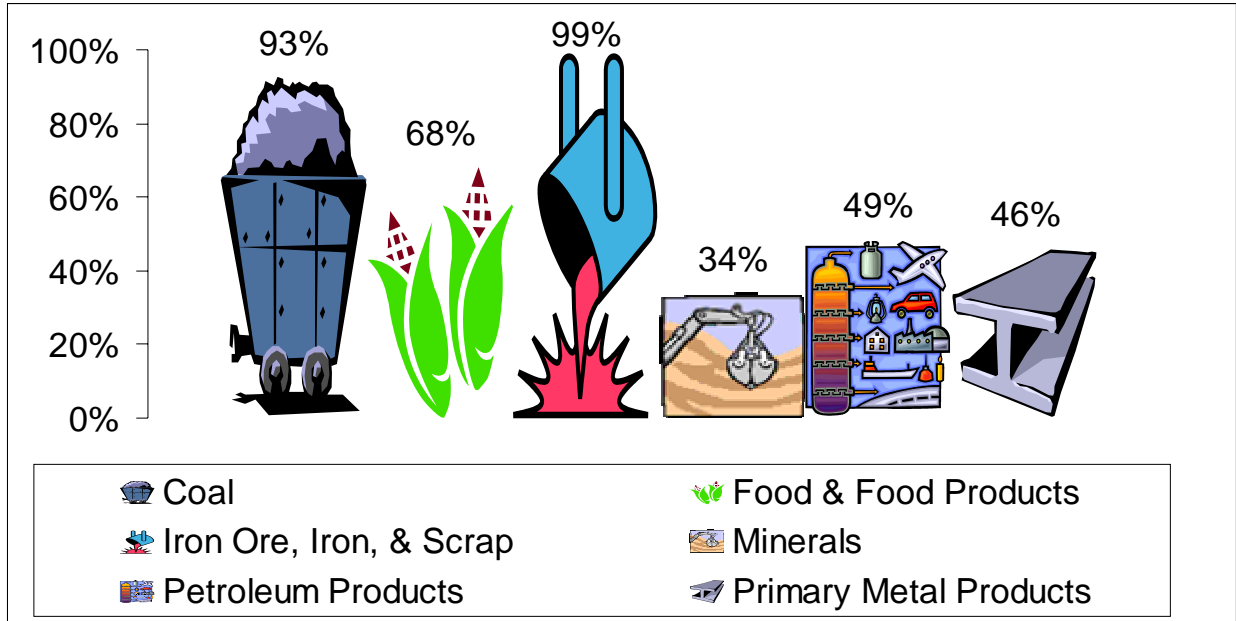
Waterways System in Louisiana



Towing Vessel and Barge Transits Through Major Ports of Louisiana

Port	Towing Vessel	Barge	Total Transits
Baton Rouge	18,378	30,986	49,364
Lake Charles	6,240	14,311	20,551
New Orleans	23,175	37,450	60,625
Plaquemines	5,325	25,708	31,033
South Louisiana	26,963	95,343	122,671

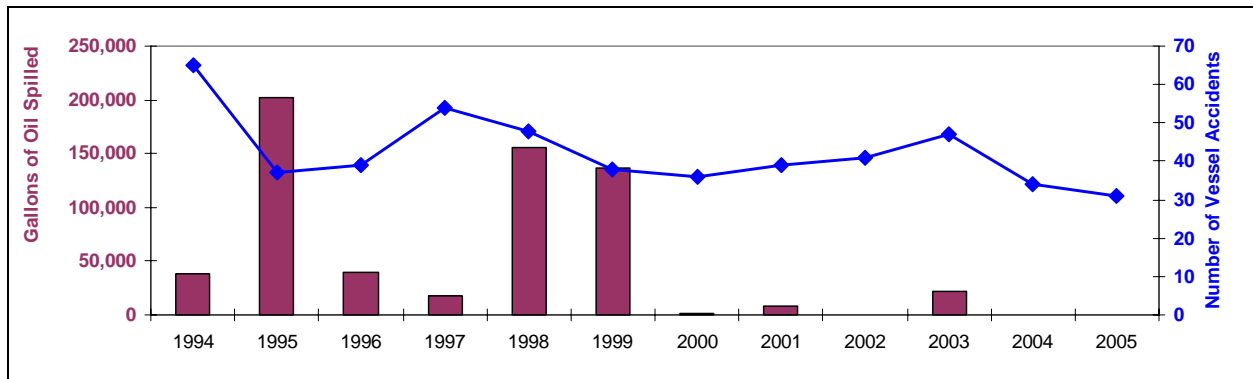
Waterways Share of Surface Transportation in Louisiana for Selected Commodity Groups



Among the surface transportation modes (waterways, rail and truck), waterways are the largest mode for key inputs to utilities, and the agriculture, manufacturing, and construction industries.

Safety: Decline in Significant Oil Spills and Major Vessel Accidents

Downward trends are evident in spills and accidents, with record low years in 2004 and 2005.



Gallons Spilled in Significant Oil Spills (101+ Gallons) in Louisiana

1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
38,262	202,470	40,034	17,815	156,013	137,042	1,000	8,470	0	21,462	0	0

Number of Major Vessel Accidents in Louisiana

1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
65	37	39	54	48	38	36	39	41	47	34	31

A major vessel accident meets one or more of these criteria: \$50,001 + in damages; any injury, missing, or death; 101 + gallons of pollutant spilled; Coast Guard casualty class of significant, serious, or major.

