

# FLORIDA

## Florida's Maritime Industry Reflects Florida Values

JOB S ENVIRONMENT TRADE RESILIENCE

Maritime is a critical part of Florida's identity. Today's industry is a reflection of Florida values.

Together we promote:

- A robust workforce
- A healthy environment, and
- International trade

The Sunshine State is defined by its relationship to the water. With 1,540 miles of inland and intracoastal waterways, Florida is the number two state for maritime jobs in America. Tens of thousands of Floridians work hard year-round to keep goods moving on the water, bringing in billions of dollars in labor revenue every year. This maritime workforce is safeguarded by the Jones Act – the law that ensures port-to-port U.S. commerce is handled by American workers on American-built vessels owned by American companies – and this allows the Florida maritime industry to keep people employed in good, family-wage jobs without the need for a college degree.

Florida is a land of incredible natural beauty, protected by the stewardship of the maritime industry. Maritime transportation is the lowest carbon-emitting method of moving freight, using only a fraction of the fuel of rail or highway transportation. Moving goods by water is as environmentally responsible as it is economically efficient.

Florida is a key gateway for goods from around the world. The fleet of assist vessels allow containerships to access Florida's ports and unload billions of dollars' worth of electronics, appliances, machinery, clothing, and more. Florida's waters are a key link in the global economy, and the domestic maritime industry makes that possible.

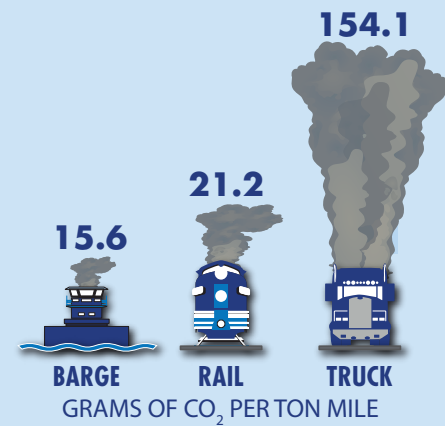


The cruise ship industry is an important part of Florida's maritime landscape. These ships, alongside hard-working tugboats, rely on busy Florida ports for their successful operations.

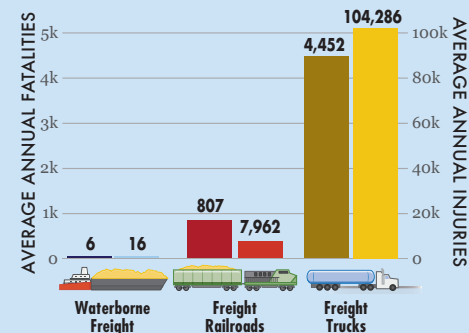


### FLORIDA ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

WHICH MODE IS THE MOST ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY?



WHICH MODE IS THE SAFEST?



Oceangoing vessels, like the one seen here, are equipped with state-of-the-art ballast water treatment systems to protect Florida's sensitive aquatic habitats.

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The domestic fleet is key to America's maritime resilience. When a hurricane batters Florida's shores, American vessels and mariners are there to carry on, keeping our economy moving.



Nearly \$70 billion worth of manufactured goods and \$24 billion in petroleum products are moved on Florida waters each year by vessels owned, built and crewed by Americans.



A critical aspect of Florida's maritime story is the link between the state and Puerto Rico. Florida connects the U.S. territory to the rest of the country, providing reliable maritime service between the island and the mainland.



## FLORIDA ECONOMIC IMPACT

HOW DOES MARITIME SUPPORT FLORIDA JOBS?

MARITIME INDUSTRY

**65,990**  
TOTAL JOBS

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DOMESTIC MARITIME JOBS

**\$3.73 BILLION**  
LABOR INCOME

JOBS SUPPORTED BY THE TOWING INDUSTRY

**12,230**

**\$735 MILLION**  
LABOR INCOME

HOW DOES MARINE TRANSPORT BENEFIT FLORIDA'S ECONOMY

INDUSTRIES DEPENDENT ON MARINE TRANSPORT

**\$23.2 BILLION**  
TOTAL REVENUE

**\$14.6 BILLION**  
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO FL GDP

TOWING INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTION

**\$549 MILLION**  
ANNUAL REVENUE

**\$1.1 BILLION**  
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO FL GDP

**\$259 MILLION**  
TOTAL TAX CONTRIBUTION

## ABOUT AWO

The American Waterways Operators is the national advocate for the U.S. tugboat, towboat and barge industry, which serves the nation as the safest, most environmentally friendly and economical mode of freight transportation. Industry vessels move more than 665 million tons of America's commerce each year on the U.S. inland and intracoastal waterways, the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf Coasts and the Great Lakes.

For more information about the importance of waterway transportation, please contact AWO at (703) 841-9300 or visit AWO's website at [www.americanwaterways.com](http://www.americanwaterways.com).

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