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Mississippi's Maritime Industry Reflects Mississippi Values

JOBS ENERGY AGRICULTURE SAFETY

Maritime is a critical part of Mississippi's legacy and its future. Today's industry is a reflection of Mississippi values.

Together we promote:

- A robust workforce
- Living wage jobs
- A strong economy
- Moving critical products

From the Mississippi River in the west, the Tennessee and Tombigbee rivers in the east, and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway to the south, it is little surprise that Mississippi is a key maritime state.

Barges loaded with millions of tons of food products or billions of dollars' worth of energy products ply Mississippi's abundant waterways to feed and fuel our nation or head overseas as valuable American exports.

The Jones Act secures thousands of Mississippi jobs, including Mississippi's robust shipbuilding industry. Second in the nation in per-capita shipyard employment, shipbuilding is a quintessential Mississippi industry. Commercial vessels built in the Magnolia State move American goods all over the U.S., while military vessels built in Mississippi provide security around the world.

40 million tons of domestic and foreign cargo move through Mississippi's waters every year. Mississippi is a critical link in the efficient movement of the products that we use every day.

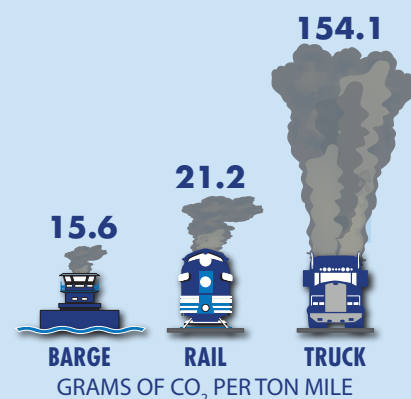


Many of Mississippi's family-owned towing companies are responsible for safely moving \$1.4 billion in petroleum products every year.

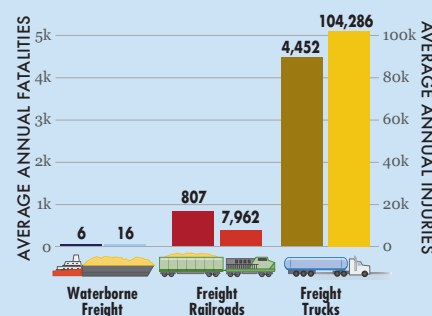


MISSISSIPPI ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

WHICH MODE IS THE MOST ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY?



WHICH MODE IS THE SAFEST?



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More than 5 million tons of food and food products are moved on Mississippi waterways each year headed for both domestic and foreign markets.



Thanks to the Jones Act, goods moved on Mississippi waters are moved by American-owned, American-crewed, and American-built vessels.

These vessels are the eyes and ears of the waterways providing security to the nation.



The industry provides thousands of good paying jobs in Mississippi. These non-exportable jobs offer a strong ladder of advancement without the need for a college degree, or college debt.



Towboat captains are licensed by the Coast Guard and have a minimum of 11,520 hours of training – more than a commercial airline pilot.



MISSISSIPPI ECONOMIC IMPACT

HOW DOES MARITIME SUPPORT MISSISSIPPI JOBS?

MARITIME INDUSTRY

13,460
TOTAL JOBS

\$728.8 MILLION
LABOR INCOME

JOBS SUPPORTED BY THE TOWING INDUSTRY

4,560
\$259 MILLION
TOTAL LABOR INCOME

HOW DOES MARINE TRANSPORT BENEFIT MISSISSIPPI'S ECONOMY?

INDUSTRIES DEPENDENT ON MARINE TRANSPORT

\$15.2 BILLION
TOTAL OUTPUT

\$4.5 BILLION
GROSS STATE OUTPUT

\$335 MILLION
STATE/LOCAL TAX REVENUE

TOWING INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTION

\$435 MILLION
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO MS GDP

\$96 MILLION
TOTAL TAX CONTRIBUTION

ABOUT AWO

The American Waterways Operators is the tugboat, towboat and barge industry's advocate, resource and united voice for safe, sustainable and efficient transportation on America's waterways, oceans and coasts. 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.

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