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Florida's Maritime Industry Reflects Florida Values

JOBS 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.

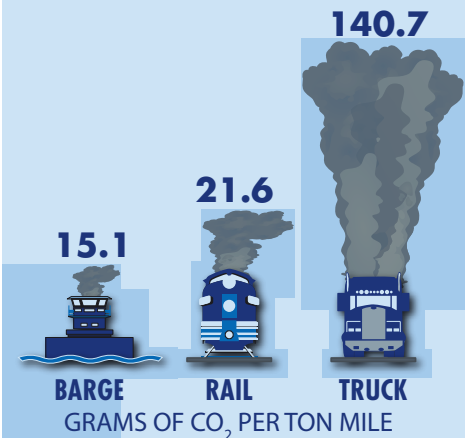


▲ The cruise ship industry is an important part of Florida's maritime landscape. These ships, alongside hard-working tugboats, rely on busy Florida ports for their successful operations.

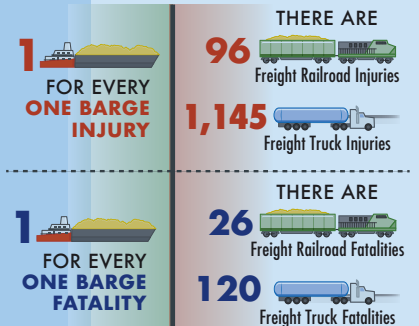


ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

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

#2

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 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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