

# CALIFORNIA

## California's Maritime Industry Reflects California Values

ENVIRONMENT      TRADE      JOBS      SAFETY

Maritime is a critical part of California's legacy and future. Today's industry reflects California values.

Together we provide:

- A robust workforce
- Living wage careers
- A strong economy and supply chain
- Environmental sustainability

With 840 miles of coastline and nearly 300 miles of inland waterways, California is one of the most important maritime states. It is home to the busiest port in the country (Los Angeles) as well as the second (Long Beach) and tenth-busiest (Oakland). Combined, these three ports handle half of all container cargo in the United States.

The U.S. and countries around the world rely on California's maritime industry. Without California's tugboats assisting ships into and out of port, imports and exports would never make it to market. California vessels also move goods across the ocean to destinations such as Hawaii and even Antarctica. Harbor tugs and fueling barges are an essential part of California's supply chain, serving as a needed lynchpin for the economy. And in addition to moving vital cargo, California's maritime industry does the essential construction and dredging work that keeps our ports open.

Moving goods by water emits less carbon than any other mode of freight transportation. State-of-the-art California vessels operate cleanly, efficiently and safely, protecting the air, water and health of our communities.

California depends on a robust maritime economy. American maritime companies provide thousands of family wage careers that keep commerce moving and cannot be exported, thanks to the Jones Act, which requires vessels in domestic commerce to be owned, built, and crewed by Americans.



Nearly \$300 billion worth of manufactured goods (electronics, appliances, machinery, etc.) move through California's waterways each year.



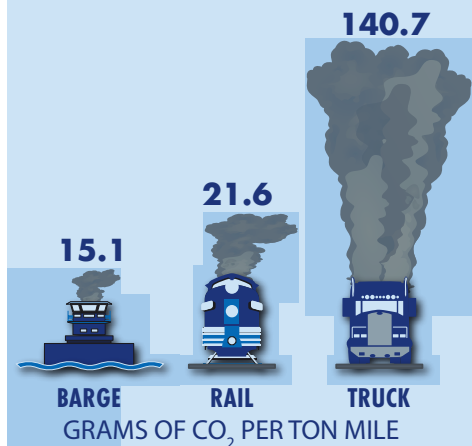
More than 2 million jobs are linked to California's maritime industry nationwide.



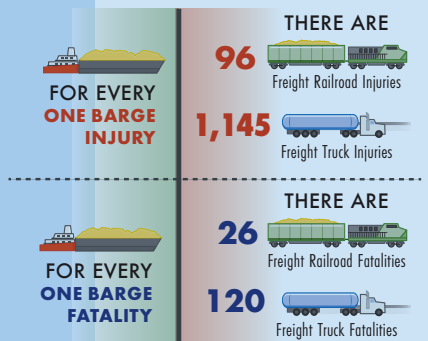
California's waterways are a key link in California's agricultural industry; \$34 billion worth of agricultural products are moved on California waters each year.

### POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

WHICH MODE IS THE MOST ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY?



WHICH MODE IS THE SAFEST?



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The industry provides thousands of family wage careers in California. These non-exportable jobs offer a strong ladder of advancement without the need for a college degree, or college debt.



Tugboat captains are licensed every 5 years by the Coast Guard and have a minimum of 11,520 hours of training – more than a commercial airline pilot.



Thanks to the Jones Act, goods moved on California waters are moved by American-owned, American-crewed, and American-built vessels. These vessels are the eyes and ears of the waterways – helping provide security to the nation.



## CALIFORNIA ECONOMIC IMPACT

HOW DOES MARINE TRANSPORT BENEFIT CALIFORNIA'S ECONOMY?

**51,450**  
MARITIME JOBS

**\$12.2 BILLION**  
ANNUAL ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION

MORE THAN  
**\$3.6 BILLION**  
MARITIME-RELATED LABOR INCOME

### 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](http://www.americanwaterways.com).

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