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Illinois' Maritime Industry Reflects Illinois Values

SUSTAINABILITY JOBS COMMERCE SAFETY

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

Together we promote:

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

Illinois contains the link between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River, and is bounded by the Mississippi and Ohio rivers and Lake Michigan. These incredible waterway resources make Illinois the keystone of America's inland waterways system, and one of the top maritime states in the country.

Illinois' robust maritime industry was foundational to building the state's economy in its early days and is critical to the future of sustainable commerce. Thousands of Illinoisans are employed in the maritime industry, moving millions of tons of Midwestern agricultural products every year. These are jobs that cannot be exported, thanks to the Jones Act, which requires vessels in domestic commerce to be owned, built, and crewed by Americans.

Moving goods by barge is the most fuel-efficient mode of transportation. This means less greenhouse gases emitted and cleaner air for Illinois citizens. In addition to being the most environmentally sustainable form of freight transportation, maritime is also the safest; moving cargo off our highways and rails and onto the water reduces traffic fatalities and congestion.



Over 77 million tons of freight move on Illinois' waterways every year. The state's waterways system is a critical link in the efficient movement of products that we use every day.



More than \$13 billion worth of freight is moved on Illinois' 1,100 miles of navigable waterways each year.



ILLINOIS ECONOMIC IMPACT

HOW DOES MARITIME SUPPORT ILLINOIS JOBS?

MARITIME INDUSTRY

19,500
TOTAL JOBS

\$1.3 BILLION
LABOR INCOME

HOW DOES MARINE TRANSPORT BENEFIT ILLINOIS' ECONOMY?

INDUSTRIES DEPENDENT ON MARINE TRANSPORT

\$132.6 BILLION
TOTAL OUTPUT

\$37.6 BILLION
GROSS STATE OUTPUT

\$2.1 BILLION
STATE/LOCAL TAX REVENUE

Nearly \$2 billion worth of grain is moved by barge in Illinois every year, feeding people all over the country and the world.



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



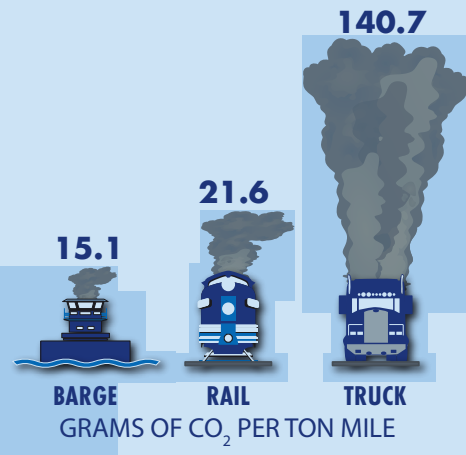
▶ Thanks to the Jones Act, goods moved on Illinois waters are moved by American-owned, American-crewed, and American-built vessels. These vessels are the eyes and ears of the waterways – helping provide security to the nation.

Towboat 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.

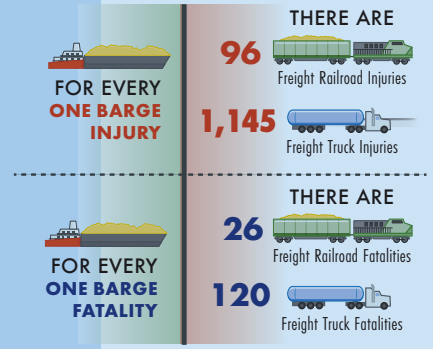


POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

WHICH MODE IS THE MOST ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY?



WHICH MODE IS THE SAFEST?



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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