



# FLORIDA SEAPORTS: CONNECTING COMMERCE

The Florida Ports Council (FPC), is a nonprofit corporation that serves as the professional association for Florida's 15 public seaports and their management, providing leadership through a collective voice in the areas of data and research, state and federal advocacy, and marketing and communication.

Florida's network of seaports is one of the state's greatest economic assets, positively affecting every region and every resident. Whether moving over a hundred million tons of cargo annually or millions of cruise passengers, Florida's seaports generate and support a vast array of commerce and the FPC believes a strong, strategic, public/private partnership between Florida's ports and state and local government will enable our diverse seaports to continue their vast economic contributions to every region of our state.



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## FLORIDA PORTS SUPPORT...

# 900,000



**DIRECT AND  
INDIRECT JOBS**



**\$40 billion**  
in personal  
income



**\$117.6 billion** in  
total economic  
activity



**\$4.2 billion** in  
local and state  
tax revenue

## VITAL ECONOMICS

Waterborne international trade moving through Florida's seaports was valued at **\$83.2 billion** in 2017, representing **55% of Florida's total international trade**.

## INVESTMENTS

Over the next 5 years, Florida ports plan to invest **\$3.3 billion** to enhance and modernize freight infrastructure, ensuring domestic and global competitiveness.

## LOGISTICS

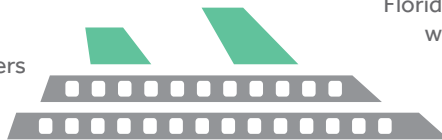
Growth in e-commerce and the logistics industry has placed ports in the position to move more goods faster, farther, and cost effectively.

Florida's warehousing and distribution center sector increased **43%** from 1995 to 2015 with no indication of slowing down.

## TOURISM DRIVER

# 62%

of all US cruisers  
sail through a  
Florida port.



Florida broke records in 2017 with **16.1 million visitors** traveling through one of the state's seven cruise ports.

FLORIDA WELCOMED THE LARGEST CRUISE SHIP *IN THE WORLD* IN 2018.

Florida is home to the  
**3 BUSIEST**  
cruise ports in the world.

## ACCESS TO CONSUMERS



**21 million**  
residents in  
Florida



**117 million**  
visitors  
annually



**1,100**  
new residents  
per day



**35 percent**  
growth in  
population by  
2030

## CONNECTIVITY

Florida's multimodal freight delivery network allows for growth in cargo tonnage and the value in cargo.

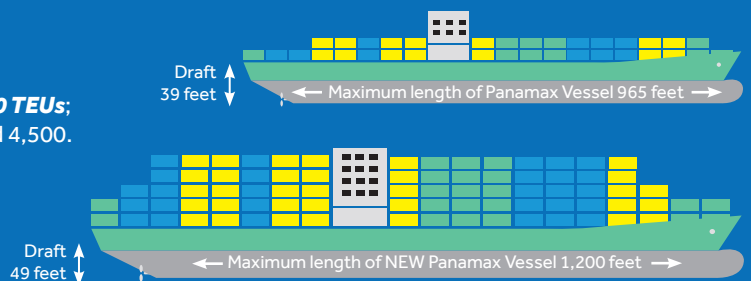


Florida ranked **seventh** among the nation's top exporting states in 2017.

Florida's **premier geographical location** makes it a gateway for trade transiting the Panama canal.

## INCREASING CAPACITY

A new Panamax vessel can carry **12,500 TEUs**; previous Panamax ships could only hold 4,500. Florida has invested **billions of dollars** to modernize facilities and increase channel depths, enabling us to accept these larger vessels.



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