The Port of Houston Authority (Port Houston) was created by the state of Texas and is the local sponsor of the Houston Ship Channel.

- Port Houston is an autonomous governmental subdivision of the state of Texas.
- Authorized by Harris County voters and established in 1911.
- Creates jobs and facilitates economic development.
- Provides channel fire and emergency services.
- Operates nine public terminals, handling a diverse mix of containers and general and bulk cargoes.
- Vessels calling at Port Houston connect region to all major trade lanes.
- Sponsors an award-winning environmental program.
- Created and sustains more than 3,300 acres of marsh habitat.

For more information, visit our website at PortHouston.com.
THE GREATER
Port of Houston

Centered along the 52-mile-long channel, the Greater Port of Houston consists of nearly 200 public and private facilities:

- Houston Ship Channel officially opened in 1914
- 8,300+ vessel calls annually
- 20,000+ ship movements annually
- More than 200,000 barge transits annually
- 201.5 million short tons of international cargo handled in 2018
- Mexico top import and export trading partner
- Petroleum and petroleum products are the leading import and export commodities

RANKINGS

NO. 1
U.S. port in Waterborne Tonnage

NO. 1
Container port on the U.S. Gulf of Mexico

Houston Ship Channel
Economic Impact:

Port Houston is the local sponsor of the Houston Ship Channel and is a part of the greater Port of Houston.

U.S.

3.2 million
jobs
$801.9 billion
in economic value
$38.1 billion
in tax revenue

Texas

1.35 million
jobs
$339 billion
in statewide
economic value (20% of Texas GDP)
$74.3 billion
in personal income and consumption expenditures
$5.6 billion
in state and local tax revenue